

NOTICE
Town of Lowell
SELECT BOARD MEETING
THE LOWELL SELECTBOARD WILL MEET ON
Tuesday February 25, 2025, AT 5:30 P.M.
AT THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING.

AGENDA:

- Addition & Deletions
- Sign Orders
- Review Minutes from February 11, 2025
- Road Commissioner Updates
- Other Business

Selectboard:
Wayne Richardson-Chm
Darren Pion
Jennifer Blay

MINUTES
SELECTBOARD MEETING
TOWN OF LOWELL
Meeting held on February 25, 2025.

Board members present:

Wayne Richardson- Chm, Darren Pion, Jennifer Blay

Christy M. Pion -Town Clerk/Selectboard Clerk/Ass't Treasurer

Marie A. Busch-Town Treasurer/Ass't Clerk

Note: All meetings are recorded on a handheld recording device.

Meeting called to order at 5:40p.m.

GUEST:

- Dotty Spoerl- Auditor
- Chad Falconer-Road Crew
- Brenda Wesolow-Zoning Member
- Sonja Blodgett-Resident

Additions and Deletions: See additions and deletions below.

- Sonja Blodgett joined the meeting with concerns on town meeting setup, Road Commissioner questions, and Sherrif not being on the warning. Here is the summary of the discussion outcome:
- ****Meeting Setup for Town Meeting Day**:**
 - Discussion about logistics for the upcoming Town Meeting Day, including the arrangement of bleachers and tables at the school.
 - The need for a designated area for children's activities and food provisions was mentioned, with plans for adult supervision.
- **Job Descriptions and Road Commissioner Role**:**
 - Review of job descriptions for the Road Commissioner position, including responsibilities and qualifications.
 - Discussion on whether the Road Commissioner should be elected or appointed, with emphasis on the need for oversight and accountability.
 - Role Clarity: There is a clear need for defined roles and responsibilities, particularly concerning the Road Commissioner position, to ensure accountability and effective governance.
- **** Sheriff's department not on Warning ****
 - The answer of why the Sheriff's department was not a part of the warning is that the Sheriff's department did not put in a request to be on the warning for this year. The Town would have needed to have this request 40 days before town meeting to have been included. Other people in the meeting

raised concerns about the effectiveness of the sheriff's department and community perceptions regarding their performance.

Sign Orders:

- Financials for the Treasurer were approved and signed by the Board.

Minutes from February 11, 2025:

- Minutes from February 11, 2025, were approved and signed by the Board unanimously.

Road Commissioner Updates:

- No updates from the Road Crew

Other Business:

- ****Budget and Financial Considerations**:**
 - Updates on the town budget, including adjustments due to errors in previous financial reports.
 - Discussion on the need for better retirement plans for town employees and the potential for improved benefits.
- ****Audit and Financial Oversight**:**
 - Plans for conducting an audit, with discussions on costs and the need for thorough financial oversight.
 - The importance of ensuring that town finances are managed effectively and transparently.
- ****Community Engagement and Communication**:**
 - Emphasis on the importance of community input and communication regarding town decisions and operations.
 - Plans to advertise job openings and community events to encourage participation.
- ****Community Involvement**:**
 - Engaging the community in discussions about town operations and decisions is crucial for fostering a sense of ownership and collaboration among residents.

Board Warrants:

➤ General Order #5	\$	3,164.22
➤ Payroll Order # 5	\$	<u>10,458.56</u>
	\$	13, 622.78

Signed for the Treasurer to draw checks totaling -

* **Note:** Full discussion details of the minutes are available in the Clerks office.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christy M. Pion

Next meeting date: March 11, 2025, at the Town Office Building.

Wayne Richardson – Chair

Christy M. Pion–Selectboard Clerk

Darren Pion-Select Person

Jennifer Blay-Select Person