

NOTICE
Town of Lowell
SELECT BOARD MEETING
THE LOWELL SELECTBOARD WILL MEET ON
Tuesday February 11, 2025, AT 5:30 P.M.
AT THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING.

AGENDA:

- Addition & Deletions
- Sign Orders
- Review Minutes from January 28, 2025
- Road Commissioner Updates
- Other Business

Selectboard:
Wayne Richardson-Chm
Darren Pion
Jennifer Blay

MINUTES
SELECTBOARD MEETING
TOWN OF LOWELL
Meeting held on February 11, 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

Additions and Deletions: See additions and deletions below.

****Town Reports: ****

- The meeting began with a review of the proof for town reports, which had minor changes from the previous year.

****Grand List Signatures:****

- An addition to the agenda was made regarding the Lowell 2024 grand list signatures, which needed to be signed to finalize last year's list.

****Audit Discussion:****

- Concerns were raised about the cost of a town-wide audit, estimated at \$36,000, which seemed high given the number of checks written for a specific project. The Treasurer explained that it was not for just the specific project, but of all of the records.
- The audit is required every seven years, and there was confusion about whether it was necessary if the spending did not exceed \$750,000.
- The timing of the audit was discussed, with a preference to schedule it close to tax time to manage cash flow better.
- Financial Management: The town is anticipating significant expenses, including loans and audit costs, and discussions about budgeting for future bridge repairs and equipment replacement were held. There was a suggestion to allocate surplus funds towards future projects rather than keeping them in savings, which could affect grant eligibility.

Sign Orders:

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

Minutes from January 28, 2024:

- Minutes from January 28, 2024, were approved and signed by the Board unanimously.

Road Commissioner Updates:

- No updates

Other Business:

- Truck weight permits were signed and approved for the following: **Jack F. Corse, Inc.**
- ****Delinquent Taxes****
 - The issue of delinquent taxes was raised, with discussions on how to encourage payment without embarrassing residents.
- ****Upcoming Projects and Traffic Management****
 - Plans for a culvert replacement project on Route 100 were discussed, including traffic management strategies to minimize disruption.
 - The contractor will be responsible for managing traffic flow and ensuring safety during the project.
- ****Community Events****
 - A potential bike race event was mentioned, with concerns about liability and the need for more information before making a decision on community support.

Board Warrants:

➤ General Order #4	\$	332,900.19
➤ Payroll Order # 4	\$	<u>7,932.35</u>
	\$	340,832.54

Signed for the Treasurer to draw checks totaling -

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christy M. Pion

Next meeting date: February 25, 2025, at the Town Office Building.

Wayne Richardson – Chair

Christy M. Pion–Selectboard Clerk

Darren Pion-Select Person

Jennifer Blay-Select Person