

NOTICE
Town of Lowell
SELECT BOARD MEETING
THE LOWELL SELECTBOARD WILL MEET ON
Tuesday November 18, 2025, AT 5:30 P.M.
AT THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING.

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AGENDA:

- **Addition & Deletion**
- **SWIP Intro Phone Discussion with Kelly Gleason**
- **Budget Discussion beginning stages**
- **Phone services discussion**
- **Sign Orders**
- **Review Minutes of November 4, 2025**
- **Road Commissioner Updates**
- **Other Business**
- **Public Comment on any agenda line if hand is raised**

Selectboard:
Jennifer Blay-Chm
Darren Pion
Wayne Richardson

MINUTES
SELECTBOARD MEETING
TOWN OF LOWELL
Meeting held on November 18, 2025

Board members present:

Jennifer Blay-Chm, Darren Pion, Wayne Richardson
Christy M. Pion -Town Clerk/Selectboard Clerk/Ass't Treasurer
Marie A. Busch-Town Treasurer/Ass't Clerk
Levi Booska-Road Foreman/ Commissioner in Training

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

Meeting called to order at 5:34 p.m.

Guest:

- Dottie Spoerl (Resident/Auditor)
- Brenda Wesolow (Resident/Zoning Member)
- Matthew Wilson (the Chronicle)
- Annie Riecke (Resident)
- Chris Collard (Resident)
- Brian Richardson (Resident)
- Joseph Lamphere (Resident)
- Sonya Blodgett (Resident)

Additions and Deletions: See additions and deletions below.

- No Additions
- One deletion- Phone services discussion, tabled until next meeting.

SWIP Intro Phone Discussion with Kelly Gleason:

SWIP (Solid Waste Implementation Plan) Renewal:

- The meeting began with a phone call to Kelly Gleason, an Environmental Compliance Manager consultant, to discuss the renewal of the town's SWIP.
- The SWIP is a state-required plan outlining the town's commitment to waste reduction, recycling, and proper disposal of hazardous materials.
- Kelly provided an overview of the plan's sections, including data reporting, accessible communications, website maintenance, outreach to schools and businesses, variable rate pricing, HHW collection events, and disaster debris management.
- A new requirement for a disaster debris plan was discussed, necessitating the identification of a staging location within the town for waste in the event of a natural disaster.
- The Select Board will review the plan and vote on its adoption at the next meeting.

Budget Discussions Beginning stages:

Budget Discussion:

- The board reviewed the road budget spreadsheet, which was updated by Dottie and Marie.
- They discussed various line items, including equipment rental, hired equipment, maintenance, asphalt, bridge expense, and payroll.
- They adjusted some line items and decided to continue the budget discussion at the next meeting.

Sign Orders:

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

Minutes from November 4, 2025:

- Minutes from November 4, 2025, were approved and signed by the Board unanimously.

Road Commissioner Updates (Levi Booska & Darren Pion):

- No updates discussed

Other Business:

Trapping Permission:

- Joseph Lamphere requested permission to trap on town land.
- The board approved Joseph’s request to trap on town land.

Northland Solar Project Discussion:

- A letter drafted by Annie was presented to the board for review and approval. The letter expresses concerns about the proposed Northland Solar Project's conflict with the town's plan and zoning regulations.
- The board discussed the possibility of hiring a lawyer to represent the town's interests in the Public Utility Commission (PUC) process regarding the solar project.
- The board decided to allocate five hours of legal counsel and schedule a special warned vote for residents to vote on whether to spend town unbudgeted funds on legal representation.
- The board discussed the possibility of residents donating to the town to support legal representation also.
- The board decided to hold a special Australian ballot vote on December 19th from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the town office.

**** Overall Conclusions: ****

- * The town is actively working to renew its SWIP and comply with state regulations.
- * The Select Board is taking the concerns of residents regarding the Northland Solar Project seriously and is exploring legal options to protect the town's interests.
- * The board is in the process of reviewing and adjusting the road budget for the upcoming year.

Board Warrants:

➤	General Order # 24	\$	5,808.62
➤	Payroll Order # 24	\$	<u>7,172.18</u>

Signed for the Treasurer to draw checks totaling - \$ 12,980.80

* Note: Full discussion details of the minutes are available in the Clerk’s office. *

Meeting adjourned at 7:17p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Christy M. Pion

Next meeting date: December 2, 2025, at the Town Office Building.

Jennifer Blay – Chair

Christy M. Pion–Selectboard Clerk

Darren Pion-Select Person

Wayne Richardson-Select Person