

**NOTICE**  
**Town of Lowell**  
**SELECT BOARD MEETING**  
**THE LOWELL SELECTBOARD WILL MEET ON**  
**Tuesday August 12, 2025, AT 5:30 P.M.**  
**AT THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING.**

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**AGENDA:**

- Addition & Deletion
- Sign Orders
- Roadside mowing discussion
- Review Minutes of July 29, 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 August 12, 2025.**

**Board members present:**

**Darren Pion, Wayne Richardson**

**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 5:32 p.m.**

**GUEST:**

- DOTTY SPOERL- RESIDENT/AUDITOR
- BRENDA WESOLOW- RESIDENT/ZONING BOARD MEMBER
- SAM THURSTON-ZONING BOARD MEMBER
- WENZDAY JANE-ZONING BOARD MEMBER
- ASHLEY CALLAHAN-ACO
- LEVI BOOSKA-ROAD FOREMAN
- SETH PIERCE-RESIDENT
- MATTHEW WILSON- CHRONICLE

**Additions and Deletions: See additions and deletions below.**

**Zoning Board:**

- Act 181/Act 250 Update: The Zoning Board presented an update from NVDA on Act 181, an addition to Act 250, which aims to streamline housing development in larger towns. It doesn't significantly affect Lowell due to its size and structure.
- The zoning board wants to move the village border on the map to include the bowling alley and general store.
- There is concern that expanding the village limits could allow for low-income housing development without Act 250 permitting, potentially impacting local input.
- The State wants to compact everybody into the village center.

**Dog Complaint:**

- A complaint was received about dogs running loose and causing issues with neighbors.
- The dog owner was reminded of their responsibility to keep their dogs on their property and under control.
- A suggestion was made to use a perimeter system to keep the dogs contained.
- The dog owner felt targeted and that the complaints were exaggerated.
- The select board will check into the other dog complaints.

**Starlink Internet:**

- Discussed switching to Starlink for faster internet service at the town office and library.
- There were concerns about linking phone service to Starlink due to potential outages.
- The decision was tabled for further discussion.

**Sign Orders:**

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

**Minutes from July 29, 2025:**

- Minutes from July 1, 2025, were approved and signed by the Board unanimously.

**Road Commissioner Updates:**

**Roads Update:** Discussed roadside mowing, chloride application, and upcoming road work.

- AJ was hired to do roadside mowing.
- The select board will chloride the roads.
- The select board will fix the culvert on Valley Road.
- Crushing and Screening: Discussed getting crushing and screening done for road materials.
- The select board will get quotes from multiple companies to find the best price.
- Safety Shirts: Discussed providing class three safety shirts for road crew members.
- The select board will investigate pricing and options for cotton or polyester shirts.

**Other Business:**

- Errors and omissions were signed for the Listers.
- Municipal weight permits were approved and signed for the following: **Kilburn Transport LLC**

**\*\*Conclusions: \*\***

- \* The zoning board will look into moving the village border on the map to include the bowling alley and general store.
- \* The select board will check into the other dog complaints.
- \* The decision on switching to Starlink was tabled for further discussion.
- \* The select board will chloride the roads.
- \* The select board will fix the culvert on Valley Road.
- \* The select board will get quotes from multiple companies to find the best price for crushing and screening.
- \* The select board will look into pricing and options for cotton or polyester safety shirts.

**Board Warrants:**

➤ General Order # 17	\$	5,763.27
➤ Payroll Order # 17	\$	<u>7,338.06</u>

Signed for the Treasurer to draw checks totaling -	\$	13,101.33
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\* **Note:** Full discussion details of the minutes are available in the Clerk’s office. \*

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christy M. Pion

Next meeting date: August 12, 2025, at the Town Office Building.

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Jennifer Blay – Chair

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Christy M. Pion–Selectboard Clerk

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Darren Pion-Select Person

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Wayne Richardson-Select Person