

NOTICE
Town of Lowell
SELECT BOARD MEETING
THE LOWELL SELECTBOARD WILL MEET ON
Tuesday July 1, 2025, AT 5:30 P.M.
AT THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING.

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AGENDA:

- Addition & Deletions
- Sign Orders
- Review Minute from June 17, 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 July 1, 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

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

Meeting called to order at 5:31 p.m.

GUEST:

- DOTTY SPOERL- RESIDENT/AUDITOR
- BRENDA WESOLOW- RESIDENT/ZONING BOARD MEMBER
- LEWIS SPENCER-FRIEND OF RESIDENT
- SETH PIERCE-RESIDENT/RECYCLING ATTENDANT
- TONYA GUARE-LPN
- JEFF HADDOCK-MD
- RHODA MCLURE-LGS PRINCIPAL

Additions and Deletions: See additions and deletions below.

Dog Complaint:

- A resident, Seth, is present to address complaints about his unregistered dog, including allegations of nipping and biting.
- Seth claims the dog was on his own property and was sprayed with bear spray by the neighbor when she was riding by on her horse.
- Another person speaks in defense of the dog and stated that the neighbors antagonize the dog.
- The board emphasizes the importance of registering the dog and keeping it leashed.
- The issue is tabled until more information is available.

School Bus Fueling:

- Rhoda McLure, school Principal, states that the school is leasing buses and needs a place to fuel them. They propose using the town garage.

- The board discusses access to the pumps and the need for accurate record-keeping.
- They agree to allow the school bus drivers (Robert and Joanne) to use the town garage pumps.
- The school will submit fuel logs bi-weekly, and the town will invoice the school.
- The possibility of purchasing a new, more accurate fuel pump is discussed.

Mobile Primary Care Clinic Proposal:

- A Nurse and a Doctor propose bringing a mobile primary care clinic to the town, offering services like primary care, urgent care, and sports physicals.
- They are exploring different financial models (non-profit vs. standard business) and insurance options.
- The town's role would primarily be providing a parking space with an outlet.
- The board is generally supportive and suggests conducting a survey to gauge community interest.
- Liability and insurance are discussed, with the understanding that the clinic would need its own coverage.

Sign Orders:

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

Minutes from June 17, 2025:

- Minutes from June 17, 2025, were approved and signed by the Board unanimously.

Road Commissioner Updates:

Road Commissioner Position:**

- The board discusses the ongoing difficulty in finding a qualified Road Commissioner.
- They review the application of a new candidate, Levi Busca, and discuss his experience.
- The board decides to interview both Levi Busca and AJ, another applicant, before calling references.
- There's a debate about whether to hire someone as a Road Commissioner with limited skills or to hire a truck driver and have the board oversee the paperwork and planning.
- Darren volunteers to be the point person for roads, overseeing the new hire and handling road-related issues.
- The board agrees to pay Darren \$25/hour for his time spent on road-related work.
- The board discusses the need to address MSHA (mining safety) regulations at the town pit.
- The board discusses the need to address beaver activity on Tillotson Road and holes developing on Mines Road.
- The board discusses the need to hire in-town trucks for hauling materials.

Other Business:

- The Board Members, Jenn, and Wayne gave Darren permission to sign the orders on their behalf while they are away for our next payroll week on July 15, 2025. There will be no meeting on this date as we do not have a Corum for this date.
- The board agrees to add a day to McKenna's schedule to scan school documents.
- The board discusses the need to schedule a date for the BCA to meet to discuss grievances.
- Liquor License were reviewed and approved by the Board for Missisquoi Lanes (d/b/a Double D Lanes)
- The board approves payment for the Hodgman Bridge completion.
- Municipal truck weight permits were approved and signed for the following: **Beacon Sales Acquisition, & Consolidated Communications.**

****Conclusions:****

- The meeting addressed a variety of town issues, from dog complaints to long-term planning.
- The board is actively seeking solutions to staffing shortages, particularly in the Road Commissioner position.
- They are open to new ideas, such as the mobile clinic, but are also mindful of budget constraints and community needs.
- The board is committed to preserving town history and ensuring the safety of its residents.

Board Warrants:

➤	General Order # 14	\$	129,321.77
➤	Payroll Order # 14	\$	<u>4,358.47</u>

Signed for the Treasurer to draw checks totaling -	\$	133,680.24
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* Note: Full discussion details of the minutes are available in the Clerks office.*
Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by Christy M. Pion
Next meeting date: July 29, 2025, at the Town Office Building.

Jennifer Blay – Chair

Christy M. Pion–Selectboard Clerk

Darren Pion-Select Person

Wayne Richardson-Select Person