

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26TH, 2021**

**STATE OF MAINE**

**PENOBSCOT, SS**

**TO: JOAN GAUTHIER, RESIDENT OF THE TOWN OF LOWELL,  
COUNTY OF PENOBSCOT, AND STATE OF MAINE.**

**GREETINGS.**

**In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to Notify and Warn the voters of the Town of Lowell, in said County, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Lowell Town Office in the Town of Lowell, County of Penobscot, State of Maine, on TUESDAY, the 26<sup>TH</sup> of OCTOBER 2021 A.D. at 6:00 o'clock in the evening to act upon articles number ONE through FIVE.**

**Article 1. Moderator:** To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

**(To follow Maine Moderator Rules for said meeting)**

**Article 2. Shoreland Zoning Ordinance:** To see if the Town will vote to approve and adopt updates to the (Lowell) Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, as promulgated by recently published Maine State guidance. These updates have been reviewed by the members of the Town Planning Board and the Town Code Enforcement Officer; no significant points of concern were identified.

RECOMMENDED PASS AS WRITTEN:

**Article 3. Cemetery Ordinance:** To see if the Town will vote to approve and adopt recent updates to the (Lowell) Cemetery Ordinance. These updates have been written by the Town Sexton in order to provide clarification of previous ordinance ambiguities, and to develop administrative processes to help ensure timely and accurate record keeping of plot ownership within the Town cemeteries.

RECOMMENDED PASS AS WRITTEN:

**Article 4. Reprogramming of funding for Tax Relief:** To notify the Town that the residual balance of TRIO account 01-05-85-03/Tannery Road Paving, totaling \$6645.00, was used by the Board of Selectmen as one source of "Other Revenues" during the most recent Town Tax Commitment process, for the purpose of tax relief to Lowell residents. Future Town paving efforts will be budgeted for as needed.

**Article 5. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA):** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to spend funding as, and to be received from the American Rescue Plan Act (aka US Federal "Covid-19" monies), totaling approximately \$38,230, in what is to be determined the highest and best use thereof. The monies allocated will be received in two distributions, one half in 2021 and one half in 2022. The legitimate usage of the funding is highly regulated by the US Treasury, and based upon published ARPA guidance and input from the Maine Municipal Association, the Board of Selectmen intends to spend the monies on one or more of the following items, if/as approved by voters;

1. a durable Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Lowell (not to exceed \$15,000)

2. a one-time premium pay distribution to Town front line workers who performed essential functions during the period of time for which ARPA funding applies (approximately \$5,000)
3. a one-time funding distribution to the Lowell Ambulance service for supplies and program efforts specifically designed to improve response operations during any possible future epidemic/pandemic scenarios (approximately \$8,000)
4. a one-time future funding addition to the annual Town Tax Commitment process under the "Other Revenues" category, for the purpose of tax relief to all Lowell residents (approximately \$10,230)

RECOMMENDED PASS AS WRITTEN:

DATED: October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**SELECTMEN / ASSESSORS / OVERSEERS OF THE POOR**

Mat McIntyre  \_\_\_\_\_

Lorris Briggs  \_\_\_\_\_

R. Mark Cofran  \_\_\_\_\_

**TOWN OF LOWELL, MAINE**

**A TRUE COPY:**

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

**JESSE MCNALLY, CLERK**

**RETURN OF THE WARRANT**

**Lowell, Maine OCTOBER 12TH, A.D., 2021**

**Pursuant to the withing warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said town, qualified as herein expressed, to meet at said time and place, and for the purposes therein named, by posting and attested copy of said warrant at the door of the Town Hall, town website, social media page, and Lincoln News, being public and conspicuous places in said town, on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of OCTOBER, A.D., 2021, being at least seven days before the meeting.**

*Joan Gauthier*

**JOAN GAUTHIER, RESIDENT OF LOWELL, MAINE**