

MINUTES

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING NOVEMBER 10, 2022

To Lori Moura of the Town of Lowell in the County of Penobscot, State of Maine. Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn said Inhabitants to meet at the Municipal Building in said Town on **Thursday, the 10th day of November 2022** at six o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on articles #1 through #4 as set out below:

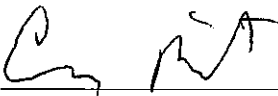
- ARTICLE 1 To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting and to vote by written ballot.
PASSED (3 WRITTEN VOTES)
- ARTICLE 2 To see if the town will vote to accept the rules of procedure set forth in the Maine Moderator's Manual 2021 edition.
PASSED

- ARTICLE 3 To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectman to dissolve the existing Town of Lowell Ambulance and Fire department and to sign and enter into a contract with the Howland Fire and Ambulance Department. This is to ensure and provide the Town of Lowell with a larger number of certified Ambulance and Fire manpower as well as modern and tested Fire and Ambulance equipment.
Recommended
A MOTION WAS MADE TO PROCEED BY WRITTEN VOTE -PASSED
PASSED (36 VOTES YES, 6 VOTES NO, 1 VOTE ABSTAINING)

- ARTICLE 4 To see if the town will vote to reallocate a sum of money to fund the contract with the Howland Fire and Ambulance department. For the remainder of 2022, November 11 to January 31 would be a contract for \$4,916.00 and would be funded from the town of Lowell's remaining 2022 Fire and ambulance budget of \$60,889. The annual contract for 2023 would be anticipated to be \$18,500 (\$50.00 per capita) and the town of Lowell's Fire and Ambulance budget would decrease from its current level of \$60,889 to the anticipated level of \$18,500 subject to adjustment as required to cover external and internal costs thus saving the town of Lowell \$42,389 at that contract cost. This will also eliminate the direct charging of ambulance no transport fees of \$300 per call with Lincoln and the ALS backup fees of \$250 with Howland now that the town of Lowell is obligated to pay as of July 1, 2022, and May 13, 2022, respectively. In addition, this will help alleviate the recent stoppage of Mutual aid previously provided by the town of Lincoln.
Recommended

PASSED


BRIAN MOURA, First Selectman


CHARLES PRIEST, Second Selectman


MARK COFRAN, Third Selectman