

**BOS SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:** MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:30 PM BY THIRD SELECTMAN MARK COFRAN.

♪ *PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE* ♪

**ROLL CALL:**

LISA WOODWARD, MARK COFRAN, BRIAN MOURA, KERRY MCINTYRE, MAT MCINTYRE, COLE AVERILL FROM EMDC, AND CHRIS FROM THE LINCOLN NEWS.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:**

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2023. MOTION BY MARK AND SECONDED BY BRIAN. VOTE 2-0.

**AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS:**

**MAIL:**

MARK OPENED MAIL. HE AND BRIAN GAVE THE MAIL FOR THE OFFICE TO LISA.

**WARRANT 47-**

A MOTION BY MARK AND SECONDED BY BRIAN, TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT, WARRANT 47, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,494.90. VOTE 2-0.

**WARRANT 48-**

A MOTION BY MARK AND SECONDED BY BRIAN, TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT, WARRANT 48, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,178.76. VOTE 2-0.

**WARRANT 49-**

A MOTION BY MARK AND SECONDED BY BRIAN, TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT, WARRANT 49, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,061.25 VOTE 2-0

**WARRANT 50-**

A MOTION BY MARK AND SECONDED BY BRIAN, TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT, WARRANT 50, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,915.30 VOTE 2-0

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

DISCUSSED MILEAGE AND TRAINING REIMBURSEMENT RATES AT BUDGET MEETING OCTOBER 3, 2023. KERRY LOOKED UP THE STATE MILEAGE RATE, .655 AND SELECTMAN CHARLES SAID THAT IS WHAT TOWN GOES BY.

**TAX COLLECTOR REPORT:**

LIENS SENT OCTOBER 4, 2023- TAX YEAR 2022-1

**OLD BUSINESS:**

GET UPDATE FROM TRAVIS VIA EMAIL OR CALL REGARDING TAX COMMITMENT

**TOWN PROJECTS/MAINTENANCE:**

PHIL STANTON WILL CUT THE OLD SECTIONS OF GALVANIZED SIDING OFF THE END OF THE BUILDING THAT HAD RUSTED OUT AND WILL REPLACE BOTH SIDES AT THE SAME HEIGHT WITH NEW SIDING AS SOON AS HE CAN ORDER THE MATERIAL.

GREAT NORTHERN ELECTRIC WILL DO THE ELECTRICAL WORK MAYBE THIS WEEK. CHECKING ON THE MATERIALS.

THE SELECTMEN HAVE ASKED RAY TO BE AVAILABLE, IF POSSIBLE, TO MOVE WHATEVER NEEDS TO BE MOVED FOR THE ELECTRICIAN TO WORK SAFELY. LISA WILL BE AVAILABLE TO LET THE ELECTRICIAN IN, A SELECTMAN WILL CALL OR MESSAGE HER IF IT IS NOT DURING OFFICE HOURS.

PDQ DOOR WILL BE SENDING OVER THE WORK ORDER TO INSTALL THE DOOR.

**BUDGET REVIEW-**

OCTOBER 31st BUDGET REVIEW MEETING AT 5:30 PM.

**BLT-** MEETING BEING HELD OCTOBER 18TH.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

BRIAN INVITED COLE AVERILL FROM EMDC TO DISCUSS INFORMATION ABOUT BRINGING A HIGH-SPEED INTERNET TO OUR COMMUNITY. THE STATE OF MAINE HAS RECEIVED \$272 MILLION FOR A BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE BUILDOUT. THIS COMMITTEE IS FOCUSED ON ACHIEVING THE BROADBAND CONNECTION. LOWELL IS SA COMMUNITY IN WHICH OVER 20% HAVE INTERNET SPEED BELOW 100/20 SPEEDS. THESE LOCATIONS ARE GOING TO BE PRIORITIZED IN 2024 BY THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS. IN THE SELECTMEN'S OPINION, LOWELL WOULD BE AN ATTRACTIVE AREA FOR INFRASTRUCTURE BUILDOUT BASED ON STATE AND FEDERAL GUIDELINES IN THE NEXT POOL OF GRANT FUNDING. WITH REMOTE WORKING MORE WIDELY ACCEPTED BEING THE NEW NORMAL THIS WOULD HELP ATTRACT PEOPLE TO THE AREA AND HELP KEEP PEOPLE FROM LEAVING. BEAD FUNDING HAS 8 YEARS TO IMPLEMENT/ DISTRIBUTE FUNDS TO TOWNS. BY 2028 ALL TOWNS AFFILIATED WITH EMDC WILL BE COVERED WITH BROADBAND. THE GRANT MONEY WILL GO TOWARD ANYTHING RELATED TO BROADBAND INCLUDING MATERIALS. DIGITAL SKILLED CLASSES WILL BE FREE OF CHARGE FOR ALL RESIDENTS IN THE PARTICIPATING AREAS. IT WILL GO DOWN PRIVATE ROADS WITH LANDOWNERS' PERMISSION.

DAVID BAILEY GENERAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION AGENT WILL BE VISITING OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023, AT 12:00PM. HE IS LOOKING TO SEE A COPY OF TOWN ORDINANCE, THE GA STATUE AND A COPY OF YOUR NOTICE POSTED IN A PLACE WHERE IT CAN BE SEEN BY THE PUBLIC AFTER OFFICE HOURS.

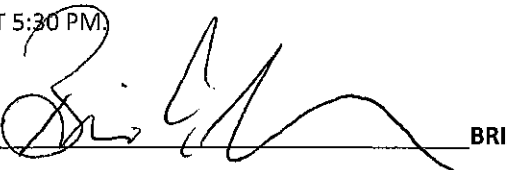
**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

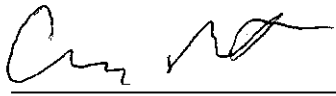
KERRY PRESENTED A CHECK FROM THE LITTLE RED SCHOOL HOUSE "OPEN HOUSE" EVENT FOR \$506 TOWARDS LOWELL CEMETERY FUND. MAT STATED THAT THE OPEN HOUSE WAS A GREAT DAY WITH A WONDERFUL TURNOUT AND AROUND 102 PEOPLE SIGNING THE GUEST BOOK. MANY ALUMNI WERE PRESENT AND TELLING STORIES. THE OLDEST ALUMNI PRESENT WAS 96-YEAR-OLD JOYCE MURCHINSON.


THE LOWELL VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY WILL BE HOSTING A TRUNK OR TREAT OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup> FROM 2-4PM AT THE LOWELL TOWN OFFICE PARKING LOT. LISA WILL BE HERE TO OPEN THE BATHROOM FOR PUBLIC USE.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A MOTION BY MARK AND SECONDED BY BRIAN TO ADJOURN AT 6:08 PM. VOTE 2-0. NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 28, 2023, AT 5:30 PM.

  
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BRIAN MOURA

  
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CHARLES PRIEST

  
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R. MARK COFRAN