

MINUTES
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY JULY 12TH, 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 MONDAY, the 12TH of JULY 2021 A.D. at 6:00 o'clock in the evening to act upon articles number ONE through FIVE.

Article 1. To Choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

(To follow Maine Moderators Rules for said meeting)

ACTIONS: A MOTION BY DENISE MYRICK AND SECONDED BY GERALD MYRICK TO NOMINATE BETTY BICKFORD. 10 VOTES CAST FOR YES AND 0 FOR NO. BETTY BICKFORD WAS ELECETED WITH 10 WRITTEN VOTES. MEETING WAS THEN TURNED OVER TO BETTY BICKFORD.

Article 2. Siding of Town Office: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and expend \$40,000.00 from Surplus, to remove the damaged and failing Masonite siding from the entire office building and replace with a higher quality vinyl siding, and to install protective aluminum wrap on all door and window frames. After nearly 15 years of exposure to the harsh weather of Maine, this expenditure is intended to restore the building façade to a professional and welcoming appearance, and to protect the Town's single largest capital asset. Additionally, annual maintenance of vinyl siding is far easier and less costly than that required for Masonite material.

RECOMMENDED PASS AS WRITTEN:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JIM MCINTYRE AND SECONDED BY DENISE MYRICK TO PASS AS WRITTEN. ARTICLE PASSED.

Article 3. Environmental Control Systems for Administrative and Meeting Hall Areas of Town Office: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and expend \$4750.00 from Surplus (*\$3650 for heat pumps and \$1100 for required electrical work*), to install two (2) energy efficient heat pump units in the building. One unit will be installed to condition the air in the functional administrative area, and the second unit will be installed to condition the air in larger Town Meeting Hall. The original building design only included a central furnace system and an air-circulator system, which has proven insufficient for building layout and current building operations. Additionally, this expenditure will serve to protect the temperature sensitive computer network infrastructure which the Town has recently invested in and will also provide for the option to have an emergency short-term "cooling or warming station" for residents in the event the Town suffers an extended power outage during severe weather.

RECOMMENDED PASS AS WRITTEN:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DENISE MYRICK AND SECONDED BY JIM MCINTYRE TO PASS AS WRITTEN. ARTICLE PASSED.

Article 4. TRIO System Improvement – Motor Vehicle Rapid Renewal Module: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and expend \$925.00 from Surplus, to purchase and install additional capability module for the TRIO accounting and business management software used by the office. In an ongoing effort to modernize and expand our services to the Town, and in response to numerous requests from the larger taxpayer customer base, this investment will improve efficiency and accuracy of office processes, as well as permitting for customers to conveniently register their motor vehicles online. NOTE: There is a recurring license renewal fee of \$187.50, which would be included in future annual budget formulations.

RECOMMENDED PASS AS WRITTEN:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DENISE MYRICK AND SECONDED BY JIM MCINTYRE TO PASS AS WRITTEN. ARTICLE PASSED.

Article 5. Transfer of "Little Red Schoolhouse": To see if the Town will accept the transfer of control to Mathew and Kerry McIntyre.

At the annual Town Meeting the Town approved the transfer of control to the McIntyre's for the purpose of restoring the Schoolhouse as a historical landmark for the town., pending final approval of the voters.

The Schoolhouse has been deteriorating for years. The McIntyre's have proposed to renovate, as close to the original as possible, the building to its former design utilizing NO Town funds or soliciting funds from the residents.

The Board of Selectmen were given the authorization to complete the details, in the best interest of the Town. Subsequent to that approval,

Mathew McIntyre was elected 1st Selectman and has not been involved in any negotiations.

The Board has reached what it considers an equitable agreement which will return the property to the Town at a future period, return the schoolhouse to the tax rolls, create a building to be used and enjoyed by residents and visitors for years to come. and preserve it as a historical showpiece of Lowell's past.

RECOMMENDED PASS AS WRITTEN:

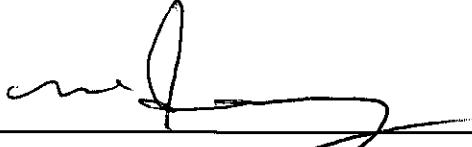
A MOTION WAS MADE BY JIM MCINTYRE AND SECONDED BY BENNY BERRY TO PASS AS WRITTEN. ARTICLE PASSED.

ADJOURNMENT: A MOTION WAS MADE BY JIM MCINTYRE AND SECONDED BY DENISE MYRICK TO ADJOURN AT 6:14PM. MOTION PASSED.

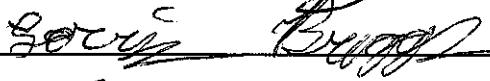
DATED: _____, 2021

SELECTMEN / ASSESSORS / OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

Mat McIntyre



Lorris Briggs



R. Mark Cofran



TOWN OF LOWELL, MAINE

A TRUE COPY:

ATTEST:

JESSE MCNALLY, CLERK

