

Town of Lewis
Regular Town Board Meeting
October 14, 2025 @ 7:00 PM
Lewis Town Hall

Present: Counselors Lanita Canavan, Terry Pulsifer, John Blades, Steven Denton and Supervisor James Monty

Public Present: Brianne Drummond, Tim Pierce, Jeff Scott & Glen Crowningshield

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Supervisor Monty.

Pledge of Allegiance

Guests: Dan Kelleher, President – ROOST

Handed out a pamphlet, "ROOST and the Champlain Region", dated October 14, 2025. See attached pamphlet. Mr. Kelleher discussed the pamphlet he handed out and how ROOST can support the Town of Lewis.

Regular Board: A motion was made to accept the September Regular Town Board meeting minutes by Steve Denton and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Supervisor's Financial Report: A motion was made to accept the Supervisor's Financial report by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Terry Pulsifer, 0 opposed, motion carried.

1. To Date Budget – In packet

Public Commentary: None

DPW/Water Report: Tests came back normal. A motion was made to accept the DPW/Water Report by John Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

- a. Water Rent Collection Report – In Packet
- b. Inspection Report – In Packet

Correspondence:

1. Essex County Auditor's Report – In Packet
2. County Calendar – In Packet
3. Landfill Report – A motion was made to accept the Landfill Report by Steve Denton and seconded by Terry Pulsifer, 0 opposed, motion carried.
4. Charter – In Packet
5. Essex County Health Department – In Packet

6. Essex County Mental Health – In Packet
7. Essex County Office of the Aging – In Packet
8. New SNAP Guidelines – In Packet
9. Essex County Landbank – In Packet
10. APA Notice – In Packet
11. NSPCA News – In Packet
12. Letter of Support for Meadowmount Smart Growth Grant – In Packet
13. Cornell Cooperative Extension – In Packet

New Business:

1. Youth Commission – (August & September 2025 Minutes) A motion was made to accept by John Blades and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.
2. Animal Control – Glenn had 2 calls. A motion was made to accept by Lanita Canavan and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.
3. SPCA Shelter Standards – In Packet
4. Codes Report – None. Supervisor Monty stated the Gordon, Codes Officer, is very busy and doing a great job.
5. Dave Blades Resignation from Assessment Review Board – A motion was made to accept by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.
Supervisor Monty wants to offer a Resolution of thanks to Dave for serving on the Board of assessment Review. It was seconded by a unanimous second by the Board.
6. 2026 Tentative Budget – Supervisor Monty stated the Town will be staying below the Tax Cap. Budget meeting workshop will be October 23, 2025 at 6:30 PM at the Lewis Town Hall.

Resolutions:

25-10-1 Purchase Cornell Cooperative Extension Building – Essex County is offering the Town of Lewis; the Cornell Cooperative Extension Building once they move into their new building in Westport. They are offering it to the Town at what they bought it for - \$165,000.00.

A motion was made to accept by John Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:

John Blades	Yes
Lanita Canavan	Yes
Stephen Denton Jr.	Yes
Terry Pulsifer Jr.	Yes
James Monty	Yes

25-10-2 Add Section 41j Sick Leave Credit to our Retirement System - A motion was made to accept by Terry Pulsifer and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:

John Blades	Yes
Lanita Canavan	Yes
Stephen Denton Jr.	Yes
Terry Pulsifer Jr.	Yes
James Monty	Yes

25-10-3 Waiver for Local EMS Empowerment Program - A motion was made to accept by Steve Denton and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Supervisor Monty stated that Luke McNally would like to get started this fall at Thrall Dam for the Grouse restoration. He'd like \$5,000.00 to start. Supervisor Monty would like to approve a resolution. A motion was made by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Terry Pulsifer, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Next month's meeting will be on November 12, 2025 at 7:00 PM with the public hearing at 6:30 PM.

A motion was made to go into Executive session at 7:58 PM by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

A motion was made to return from Executive session at 8:03 PM by Steve Denton and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Supervisor Monty entertains a motion for the additional salary for Tyler Glanda, Lewis Town Justice to pay him a stipend of \$400.00 per month from the date of his request to December 31, 2025. A motion was made to accept by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Audit and Pay Bills: A motion was made to Audit and Pay Bills by John Blades and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

General Fund	\$14,909.18
General Fund – A	\$26,342.86
Highway Fund	\$34,389.31
Highway Fund – DA	\$19,395.74
Trust & Agency – TA	\$335,105.11
Youth Commission	\$1,811.25
Water Fund SW	\$5,045.15
Water Fund	\$1,731.68
H – CHIPS	\$480,041.91

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn at 8:07 PM by John Blades and seconded by Terry Pulsifer, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Williams
Town Clerk