

**Appleton Select Board
APPROVED MINUTES
September 13, 2016**

1. Call meeting to order 7:03 p.m. (Fenner, Beckett, Wiley, Costigan)
2. Beckett motion to approve minutes of Sept. 6. Wiley, second. Unanimous.
3. Town office Renovations: Beckett reported he went with P. Conant to look at the moveable wall at the High school and decided that it is too heavy to move and install. P. Conant recommended we build the top part of the dividing wall and then make a decision if we should use curtains or moveable panels. Waiting for new estimates from P. Conant.
4. Sign Warrants. #24, payroll, \$3,853.44; #25, AVS construction, \$46,592.06; #27, general, \$67,022.06.
5. School Renovation Bond Anticipation Note: In reference to the Appleton Village School Building Committee exceeding the published Phase 1 budget, Fenner explained the Town did vote for \$650,000 bond total for a two-phase project. Selectmen signed off on Bond Anticipation Note of \$573,000 earlier in 2016. School board chair Deb Kieran said the town voted for \$650k for the application to the bond bank. She said because the town, not the school, holds the funds the committee had been operating under the assumption it had \$650k total. She noted the owner's representative for the building project saved over \$8k and asked selectmen to sign for the full \$650K.
Fenner: "Nice narrative full of factual mistakes. The resolution was approved and signed for \$573k in March. Unless we do this (sign tonight) in November all along that was all the money you were going to get. You had no way to pay the money from the bond money unless you were going to take it from your budget because that money won't come until Nov 3.
Superintendent Diane Helprin said the school committee volunteers its time and the committee is "learning this as we go." She said the roof was not part of Phase I, "so we were not looking for roof repairs."
Keith Rose, a member of the facilities committee, said the building inspection honed in on the roof (last year) and "committee talked about the roof and we decided the roof could wait." He said when current construction opened a part of the roof the facilities committee learned a contractor several years ago never removed old shingles and only shingled over the damaged shingles, creating a moisture and mold problem.
Wiley asked what would happen with the funds in excess of what was needed for the revised Phase 1 completion, including roof repairs, and Kiernan said, "I don't have a recommendation to make right now. I need to think about it. I'm not ready to make a recommendation."
Originally approved as a Phase 1, Phase 2 project, Fenner said, and encouraged the school board to pay shortage between Phase 1 and the amount spent from its own budget and to hold the remainder of the \$650k in an interest-bearing account.
"Unless we act and do this the \$573,000 was all we were ever going to get in November. This resolution needs to go to the lawyers and to the bond bank for the 15th (of September)."

Beckett: "I move that the resolution entitled 'Resolution to Authorize Loan Agreement and Issuance of General Obligation Bonds' in principal amount not to exceed \$650,000 to finance renovations, repairs and improvements to the Appleton Village School be approved in form presenting to this meeting and that an attested copy of said resolution be included with the minutes of this meeting." Second, Wiley. Unanimous.

On a Beckett motion by P. Beckett, second, Wiley, the board voted to sign the \$650,000 application for the bond bank. 4-0. Unanimous.

7. On a motion Beckett, second Wiley, the board voted to set a preliminary 2016-2017 municipal tax rate of \$20.45 per mil, with an overlay of \$14,388.20.

8. Road Commissioner: Reported mowing, E. Sennebec ditching and patching on Collinstown has been completed. Resident Dennis LePrie asked why culverts on his E. Sennebec property were not rocked in, as surrounding culverts had been completed. C. Starrett indicated LePrie's culverts had been replaced last year and they did not require stone to help set the gravel. LePrie said, "All ditching looks great. Curious why I didn't get rocks around my pipes." And why his culvert wasn't cleaned out. Starrett indicated LePrie's did not require work. "The reason we didn't rock your culverts is a moisture problem. You don't need to do it. The culvert is already set." LePrie said, "I don't buy argument about stone. They are blocked with growth."

M. Starrett said, "The seven new replacements were rocked." And said, as per DOT policy, dry gravel is not packing and rocks had to be used to hold gravel in place. "It's usually not in the budget."

8. Beckett motion to adjourn at 8:27 p.m., second, Wiley. Unanimous.