

Appleton Select Board
APPROVED MINUTES
September 6, 2016

1. Call meeting to order, 7:00 p.m.
2. Motion to approve minutes from August 29, 2016, Becket; Wiley, second. Unanimous
3. Motion to approve minutes from August 30, 2016, Beckett; Wiley, second. Unanimous.
4. Town Office Building Renovations. Keith Rose found the track for the moveable panels earlier proposed for town office. Peter Conant will look at the panels and has re-measured the town office building. P. Conant estimates \$1,640 currently.
5. Cemetery Lot Size Review: Fenner: Two lots remaining in the current row of mowed, leveled lots to the eastern corner of the new part of Pine Grove Cemetery. Considered changing sizes in the new rows. The two that are available follow a grid of 12.5 x 16/ single and 24.5 x 16 feet/double lot. Appleton currently \$250, single and \$400, double, with \$300 for perpetual care. (Some lots measure (33.3 x 16 half lots are 16.5 x 16.5; others are 16.5 x 12.5.) Wiley proposed using current price for two lots remaining has been charged for the same thing and asked if perpetual care should be mandatory. Lot \$250/\$400 for lot and \$300 for perpetual care. And a deed of conveyance for existing cemetery lot. Remaining existing lot is #40 on map in town office. New price structures will go into effect for the future lot sizes. Wiley: Looks to benchmark Union's price structure for future lots. Fenner: If we are going to modernize and grade off we should catch up with the times. That is enough to do that one sale. Beckett: Motion to charge \$250/\$400 plus perpetual care fee; Wiley, second. Unanimous.
6. Elected Officials: Do you want quarterly pay? Starrett, Wiley, Fenner, Beckett, Costigan deferred.
7. Trash Hauler for Town Office Needed: Discussion on town custodian or Bill Tripp, who picks up on Saturdays. Unresolved.
8. Road Commissioner: "Got your ditch straightened out. Get a couple POs out of you going to do culverts. C. Starrett: Have to change seven driveway culverts. Beckett: I thought you were going to break it out with materials and costs. M. Starrett: "Equipment, purchase seven culverts, all set out where it's going and what it's doing." Beckett said he thought we did agree we were going to have POs broken out in detail. M. Starrett: "We can only break it out so much. We are not going to put out total estimates as if I was coming to your house to do a job." Fenner: "I personally don't have the need for all of those numbers." Fenner reminded board each PO coded by road project and vendor. Wiley: Citing Hope, said the road commissioner itemized each estimate of each job he was going to tackle at budget time and then the town worked from a list. C. Starrett: "We're not going to sit down and do that." M. Starrett: Speaking about Hope road commissioner, "Everything they do is all billed to the town, including work of the secretary." Fenner: "We have an

- elected road commissioner and we can't tell him which work to do." M. Starrett: "We have not changed rates since 2013." Wiley: "Do you ask for an estimate or do you figure on hours [when you use Lucas]." C. Starrett indicated said PO amounts are planned on hours. M. Starrett: "Roads are coded and individual work is coded by road."
9. Gerrish Line/DEP/ Old Dump: Beckett worked w Roxanne Gerrish and found the edge of the property line to show easement. The big rocks stop at edge of property line and the little rocks are next to the gate." Fenner: "Found original correspondence from the DEP last fall and already had Donald's reply in June and was clearly laid out in DEP instructions that the pine tree on or near the boundary line was to be removed." Fenner had copied and sent in mail. Lynette Gushee reported Gerrish felt invasion of her privacy because it was cut without notification. Fenner: Town was specifically told by DEP to remove that tree. DEP felt roots would penetrate cap (of dump). Fenner: "The DEP instructed. The Town complied. I'm just reporting what happened." Gushee stated Gerrish was following up with DEP.
 10. Tax Commitment: Beckett inquired if there was any information from town assessor. Fenner: "We are on track for a week from tonight for initial commitment vote."
 11. Office Computer: Discussion of town office equipment needs. Fenner identified three equipment needs of replacing computer, software that is lacking and buying a fire proof file cabinet. Wiley indicated the previous board did not allocate funds to office needs because of the school bond. "It's very tight because we knew about the bond." Fenner reported clerk believes \$1,000 could have been placed in the assessor line to cover the cabinet in the last budget cycle.
 12. Shared ACO services: Costigan reported Union concurred with Appleton's stance on equitable cost sharing of ACO duties. Non-emergency number for Knox Sheriff Department remains the contact number for ACO needs.
 13. Public Comment: Jason Gushee asked if it was the role of the planning board or the selectmen to discuss/research the use of jake brakes in the village? Dennis LePrie indicated the noise travels to E. Sennebec and noted not all trucks seem to use with the same volume. J. Gushee noted he had never had a problem with it before because the larger trucks are not allowed on E. Sennebec. Fenner: Need to tell Knox CO Sheriff non-emergency number. Lori Messner asked if there was a way to limit commercial traffic to specific hours. M. Starrett indicated noise complaints involving the same company can usually end with a call to the company and a second call, if needed, for a commercial weight scale. "If we an get an idea of companies we can call the companies. You don't want them to turn jake brake off. They can slow it down and sometimes people need to be reminded of that." Beckett: Is this something we could talk to the state about or would you (to Mary Starrett). Jason Gushee noted inability to use jake brakes might encourage traffic to go slower.
 14. Motion to adjourn, 8:25 p.m., Beckett; Wiley, second. Unanimous.