

**RESULTS OF THE JUNE 9, 2015 MUNICIPAL ELECTION  
AND OPEN TOWN MEETING HELD JUNE 10, 2015**

**ARTICLE 1.** On a motion Elaine Tracy was nominated and voted by secret ballot to serve as moderator to preside over this meeting. She was sworn to the office. Elmer Savage was appointed and sworn to the office of Deputy Moderator.

(Articles 2 through 4 were voted on by SECRET WRITTEN BALLOT.)

**ARTICLE 2.** There were 371 votes cast out of 969 registered voters. The votes for Town Officials were as follows:

**FOR APPLETON VILLAGE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS  
(for three years) TWO POSITIONS**

BUCKLIN, VICTORIA	279
PENDLETON, JENNIFER	4
MIXED VOTES	18

**VICTORIA BUCKLIN AND JENNIFER PENDLETON WERE DECLARED THE WINNERS. VICTORIA BUCKLIN WILL BE SWORN TO A THREE YEAR TERM. JENNIFER PENDLETON DECLINED THE POSITION SO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE WILL APPOINT SOMEONE FOR THIS POSITION FOR ONE YEAR NEXT YEAR THIS WILL BE PUT OUT AS A TWO YEAR POSITION.**

**FOR PLANNING BOARD MEMBER (for three years) ONE POSITION**

MIXED VOTES 19

**NO WINNER WAS DECLARED. THE SELECTMEN WILL APPOINT A MEMBER FOR ONE YEAR. NEXT YEAR THIS POSITION WILL BE PUT OUT FOR THE REMAINING TWO YEARS.**

**FOR PLANNING BOARD ASSOCIATE MEMBERS (for three years) TWO POSITIONS**

GUSHEE, JASON	283
MIXED VOTES	12

**JASON GUSHEE WAS DECLARED THE WINNER. HE WILL BE SWORN IN TO SERVE A THREE YEAR TERM. THE SELECTMEN WILL APPOINT ANOTHER MEMBER FOR ONE YEAR AND NEXT YEAR THIS WILL BE PUT OUT AS A TWO YEAR POSITION.**

**FOR SELECTMEN (for three years) ONE POSITION**

BURKE, DONALD H.	185
MCAFEE, SHIRLEY	130
CARROLL, EDWARD	13

**DONALD H. BURKE WAS DECLARED THE WINNER. HE WILL BE SWORN TO SERVE A THREE YEAR TERM.**

**FOR SELECTMEN (for one year) ONE POSITION**

LIBBY, MARLENE J.	246
MCAFEE, SHIRLEY	10
CARROLL, EDWARD	42

**MARLENE J. LIBBY WAS DECLARED THE WINNER. SHE WILL BE SWORN TO SERVE A ONE YEAR TERM.**

**ARTICLE 3.** Town of Appleton voted to approve the Appleton Village School (AVS) budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest AVS unit budget meeting and that includes locally raised funds that exceed the required local contribution as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act. The votes were 239 yes and 125 no.

**ARTICLE 4.** The Town voted not to accept the terms of the consent decree resolving the land use violation brought by the Town of Appleton against Appleton Ridge Construction, owner of property located at 99 Searsmont Road, Appleton, Maine. The votes were 80 yes and 284 no.

*Record of the Annual Town Meeting Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Appleton Village School. Approximately 78, residents were in attendance. The election results from the June 9, voting were announced. The meeting was then called to order by Deputy moderator Elmer Savage. Elmer opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. At this time Town Clerk, Pamela Smith, a nonresident, was given permission to speak. Selectmen Burke then thanked Denise Pease for her six years of service to the Town.*

**ARTICLE 5.** On a motion the Town voted to accept the categories of funds listed below as provided by the Maine State Legislature.(Dollar amounts listed are estimated amounts to be received in FY15/16.)

a. Maine State Revenue Sharing	\$90,000.00
b. Local Road Assistance	50,000.00
c. State Aid to Education	Unknown
d. Emergency Management Agency Funds	Unknown
e. Snowmobile Registration money	730.00
f. Tree Growth Reimbursement	7,000.00
g. General Assistance Reimbursement	Unknown
h. Veterans Exemption Reimbursement	1,200.00

- i. Homestead Exemption Reimbursement                      Unknown
- j. All Other Funds    Unknown

**ARTICLE 6.** On a motion the Town voted to carry forward from FY 14/15 into FY 15/16 all balances in the following accounts:

- Contracted Assessing
- Tax Maps
- Planning Board
- Fuel Assistance
- Paving
- Town Park
- Fire Department Donation Account
- Emergency Management Agency
- Roads Maintenance
- Town Road Improvement  
(L.R.A.P.)
- Town Hall Renovations to Municipal Building Renovations
- Fire Department & Town Parking Lot
- Town Land Conservation Fund

**ARTICLE 7.** On a motion the Town voted to appropriate from Surplus the funds needed to fulfill the Town’s obligation for FY 15/16 in the following accounts:

- General Assistance
- Unemployment
- Maintain Old Landfill

**ARTICLE 8.** On a motion the Town voted to have anticipated revenues from the following sources placed into Surplus:

	Est. for FY 15/16
Excise Tax	\$170,000.00
Other Revenues*	18,000.00

**\*Building permits, clerk fees and other fees. (Other fees not to include Insurance & Bonds and Workers Compensation refunds, animal control fines and FEMA reimbursement. These are to be credited to the appropriate accounts.)**

**ARTICLE 9.** On a motion the Town voted to appropriate from Surplus to cover overdrafts in the following account(s):

Protection and Safety - Fire Department Bldg & Utilities	\$3,284
Highways and Bridges - Winter Road Maintenance	4,642

**ARTICLE 10.** On a motion the Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to sell the **1985 Ford E-350 Rescue, VIN 2FDKF37L8FCB04533**, by sealed bids, on terms to be set by the Selectmen and Fire Chief. Funds from sale of said truck to be placed in the Fire Truck Reserve Account.

**ARTICLE 11.** On a motion the Town voted to pay members of the Appleton Volunteer Fire Department the following salaries in addition to salaries approved at the June 13, 2007 Annual Town Meeting:

\$10.00 per hour for every meeting and call out.

\$10.00 minimum per call per hour.

\$10.00 for each additional hour.

**This policy to remain in effect unless modified by the voters.**

**ARTICLE 12.** On a motion the Town voted to pay the Selectmen for FY 15/16. Pay will be appropriated from the Town Officials budget line.

First Selectman	\$3,200.00
Second Selectman	3,200.00
Third Selectman	3,200.00
Chairman stipend	1,500.00

**ARTICLE 13.** On a motion the Town voted to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to appoint and set compensation of all other necessary officials, or act thereon. Before filling any vacant non-payroll appointments, the positions must be made available to all members of the community by advertising and/or posting for at least two (2) weeks.

**ARTICLE 14.** On a motion the Town voted to pay state wages, bid or contract price and equipment rental prices for labor and equipment rental on its Roads and Bridges during FY 15/16.

**ARTICLE 15.** On a motion the Town voted to revise an existing policy for the Town, to state that all jobs and purchases, excluding emergency work and Highways and Bridges, with an estimated cost of over \$2,500.00 to be put out to bid, unless specifically approved by voters at a town meeting. This policy to remain in effect unless modified by the voters.

**ARTICLE 16.** On a motion the Town voted to appropriate all State Highway funds received from the Local Roads Assistance Program (L.R.A.P.) this fiscal year (estimated to be \$50,000) for the purpose of the *Bridge Repair/Replacement* annual installment on the 5-year loan with Camden National Bank.

**ARTICLE 17.** On an amended motion the Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$186,566.00** for **GENERAL GOVERNMENT** for FY 15/16. The Town legal expenses cannot go over \$15,000 without a vote of authorization from the town.

Town Officials		\$87,000.00
Contracted Assessing Services	Carry fwd &	8,160.00
Computer Expense		9,000.00
Building and Utilities		12,000.00
Municipal & Fire Dept. Electricity		3,600.00
Office Expense		7,500.00

Town Meeting and Voting	6,985.00
Professional Services	10,000.00
Tax Maps	carry forward
Insurance and Bonds	12,000.00
General Assistance	from surplus
FICA	6,900.00
Medicare	1,700.00
Unemployment	from surplus
Workers Compensation	2,500.00
Health Insurance	19,221.00
Planning Board	carry forward
Mid Coast Regional Planning	.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$186,566.00</b>

**ARTICLE 18.** On a motion the Town voted to raise and appropriate \$131,644.00 for **PROTECTION AND SAFETY** for FY 15/16.

Fire Dept. Labor & Training	\$19,050.00
Fire Dept. Equipment & Operation	13,120.00
Fire Dept. Building & Utilities	6,100.00
Fire Dept. Donation Account	carry forward
Fire Truck Reserve	35,000.00
Ambulance	10,450.00
Animal Control	8,500.00
Street Lights	2,400.00
Emergency Management Agency	carry fwd & 2,500.00
Communication Fee (911)	34,324.00
Health Officer	200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$131,644.00</b>

**ARTICLE 19.** On a motion the Town voted to raise and appropriate \$409,100.00 for **HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES** for FY 15/16.

Road Commissioner Salary	\$3,000.00
Roads Maintenance	car fwd & 85,000.00
Town Road Improvement	car fwd & 40,000.00
Winter Road Maintenance	231,100.00*
Paving	car fwd & 50,000.00
Bridge Repair/Replacement	L.R.A.P.
Medomak River & Fish Brook Culvert	carry forward
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$409,100.00</b>

**ARTICLE 20.** On a motion the Town voted to raise and appropriate \$29,500.00 for **SANITATION** for FY 15/16.

T.C.S.W.M.O.	\$27,200.00
Maintain Old Landfill	from surplus
Septage Disposal	2,300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$29,500.00</b>

**ARTICLE 21.** On a motion the Town voted to raise and appropriate \$22,500.00 for **COMMUNITY** for FY 15/16.

Mildred Stevens Williams Library	\$10,000.00
Old Cemeteries	12,500.00
Appleton Memorial Association	.00
Town Park	carry forward
Town Land Conservation	carry forward
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,500.00</b>

**ARTICLE 22.** On a motion the Town voted to raise and appropriate \$7,027.00 for **PROVIDER AGENCIES** for FY 15/16.

a. Spectrum Generations	756.00
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b. Broadreach	200.00
c. New Hope for Women	830.00
d. Coastal Transportation	650.00
e. Teen Center	45.00
f. American Red Cross	1,500.00
g. Come Spring Food Pantry	350.00
h. Penquis	488.00
i. Midcoast Maine Community Action	800.00
j. Five Town Communities That Care	500.00
k. Maine Public Broadcasting Network	250.00
l. Lifeflight Foundation	658.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,027.00</b>

*Jessica Tyson, a nonresident, from Midcoast Maine Community Action was given permission to speak.*

**ARTICLE 23.** On a motion the Town voted to raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 for **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS** for FY 15/16.

Municipal Buildings Renovations	car fwd & \$2,000.00
Municipal Reserve	.00
Capital Improvements	.00
Fire Dept. & Town Office Parking Lot	carry forward
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>

**ARTICLE 24.** On a motion the Town voted to appropriate \$260,000.00 from Surplus to reduce the property tax assessment.

**ARTICLE 25.** On a motion the Town voted to raise and appropriate \$3,000.00 for the purpose of updating the Town Website.

**ARTICLE 26.** On a motion the Town voted to allow a discount of 2% on all taxes paid in full prior to or within one month after the commitment of the list to the Tax Collector, except Excise Taxes, and to authorize the Selectmen to take the necessary sum from Surplus for this purpose.

**ARTICLE 27.** On an amended motion the Town voted that taxes shall be due and payable when billed; and that interest at the rate of 5% per annum\* be charged on all taxes remaining unpaid after the last day of November, 2015. Counted votes of 35 yes and 24 no.

**ARTICLE 28.** On a motion the Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to procure a temporary loan(s) in anticipation of taxes, for payment of obligations of the Town; such loan(s) to be paid during the current fiscal year by taxation, or act thereon.

**ARTICLE 29.** On a motion the Town voted to allow the Selectmen to take from Surplus the necessary amount of money to cover the interest on loans they have been authorized to procure in anticipation of taxes, or act thereon.

**ARTICLE 30.** On a motion the Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to enter into an **Internet Protocol Television Franchise Agreement** with Tidewater Telecom/Lincolnville Telephone Company for the purpose of providing Internet Protocol Television (IPTV) service to the Town of Appleton.

**ARTICLE 31.** On a motion the town voted to accept a franchise fee as stated in the IPTV Franchise Agreement. Said fee to be placed in *surplus*. This article to remain in effect unless modified by the voters.

**ARTICLE 32.** On a motion the Town voted to postpone authorizing the Selectmen to issue a Municipal Quit Claim Deed to the Personal Representative of the Alden Trull Estate, the former owner of Map 019, Lot 027, to convey the tax acquired property

owned by the Town by virtue of the tax lien recorded in the Knox County Registry of Deeds in Book 4703, Page 266 for 2012 taxes indefinitely.

**ARTICLE 33.** On motion the Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to issue a Municipal Quit Claim Deed to Frank Maddocks, the former owner of Map 005, Lot 025L, to convey the tax acquired property owned by the Town by virtue of the tax lien recorded in the Knox County Registry of Deeds in Book 4703, Page 232 for 2012 taxes.

The conditions for conveying the property are that all unpaid taxes currently assessed are paid in full. Said taxpayer must pay all unpaid taxes, including interest, costs and attorney fees in full within 30 days of the date of this town meeting. Failure to comply will revoke the privilege.

**ARTICLE 34.** On a motion the Town voted authorize the Selectmen to enter into a three (3) year contract, with an option for a fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) year, for the purpose of *Winter Road Maintenance*.

**ARTICLE 35.** On a motion the Town voted to appropriate the sum of \$1.00 from the *Old Cemeteries Account* to purchase all remaining cemetery parcels owned by the Appleton Memorial Association (Inc.) in Pine Grove Cemetery, and authorize the selectmen to assume the responsibility of setting the price of and selling lots. Legal fees to be paid by the Town from the *Old Cemeteries Account* and monies received from sale of lots to be credited to *Old Cemeteries Account*. This article to remain in effect unless modified by the voters.

**ARTICLE 36.** On a motion the Town voted to list salaries and stipends of all Town Employees (school and municipal) in the Annual Town Report. This article to remain in effect unless modified by the voters. Counted votes were 37 yes and 23 no.

**ARTICLE 37.** On a motion the Town voted by secret written ballot to increase the property tax levy limit of **\$638,458** established for Appleton by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit. The written votes were 27 yes and 2 no.

On a motion the meeting was adjourned at 9:07PM.

A True Attest:

*Pamela J Smith*