

**RESULTS OF THE JUNE 14, 2016 MUNICIPAL ELECTION
AND OPEN TOWN MEETING HELD JUNE 15, 2016**

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 and Eileen O’Neil were appointed and sworn to the office of Deputy Moderators.

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

ARTICLE 2. There were 239 votes cast out of 970 registered voters. The votes for Town Officials were as follows:

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

HORN, RACHELLE M.	180
KERMISH ALLEN, RUTH	35
GUSHEE, JASON	15
MIXED VOTES	10

RACHELLE HORN AND RUTH KERMISH ALLEN WERE DECLARED THE WINNERS. THEY WILL BE SWORN TO THREE- YEAR TERMS.

**FOR APPLETON VILLAGE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS
(for two years) ONE POSITION**

WYMAN, HEATHER V.	189
MIXED VOTES	7

HEATHER WYMAN WAS DECLARED THE WINNER. SHE WILL BE SWORN TO A TWO -YEAR TERM.

FOR FIVE TOWN CSD SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS
(for three years) ONE POSITION

KEIRAN, DEBORAH	43
MIXED VOTES	10

DEBORAH KEIRAN WAS DECLARED THE WINNER.
SHE WILL BE SWORN TO A THREE -YEAR TERM.

FOR PLANNING BOARD MEMBER (for three years) ONE POSITION

COSTIGAN, PATRICK	4
MIXED VOTES	18

PATRICK COSTIGAN WAS DECLARED THE WINNER.
HE DECLINED THIS POSITION SO 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 MEMBER (for two years) ONE POSITION

COSTIGAN, PATRICK	6
GUSHEE, JASON	3
MIXED VOTES	5

PATRICK COSTIGAN WAS DECLARED THE WINNER.
HE WILL BE SWORN TO A TWO -YEAR TERM.

FOR PLANNING BOARD ASSOCIATE MEMBER (for two years) ONE POSITION

COSTIGAN, PATRICK	5
GURNEY, JACOB	2
MIXED VOTES	6

PATRICK COSTIGAN WAS DECLARED THE WINNER. HE DECLINED THIS POSITION SO THE SELECTMEN WILL APPOINT A MEMBER FOR ONE YEAR. NEXT YEAR THIS POSITION WILL BE PUT OUT FOR THE REMAINING ONE YEAR.

FOR SELECTMEN (for three years) ONE POSITION

BECKETT, PETER C.	171
MIXED VOTES	9

PETER C. BECKETT WAS DECLARED THE WINNER. HE WILL BE SWORN TO SERVE A THREE-YEAR TERM.

FOR SELECTMEN (for two years) ONE POSITION

FENNER, JOHN C.	182
MIXED VOTES	6

JOHN FENNER WAS DECLARED THE WINNER. HE WILL BE SWORN TO SERVE A TWO-YEAR TERM

FOR SELECTMEN (for one year) ONE POSITION

COSTIGAN, LORIE A.	139
GOULD, DAVID J.	86
MIXED VOTES	2

LORIE COSTIGAN WAS DECLARED THE WINNER. SHE WILL BE SWORN TO SERVE A ONE- YEAR TERM.

ARTICLE 3. The 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 cast were 142 yes and 81 no.

ARTICLE 4. The Town of Appleton voted to continue the budget validation referendum process for the Appleton Village School for an additional three years. The votes cast were 141 yes and 73 no.

Record of the Annual Town Meeting Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Appleton Village School. Approximately 64, residents were in attendance. The election results from the June 14 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 Select Board Chairman, Donald Burke presented the 2016 Spirit of America Tribute Award to Nancy Brown.

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 FY16/17.)

a. Maine State Revenue Sharing	\$66,250.00
b. Local Road Assistance	45,000.00
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

At this time four nonresidents, were given permission to speak. Elinore Goldberg, candidate for District 95 Representative to the Legislature, was introduced.

ARTICLE 6. On a motion the Town voted to carry forward from FY 15/16 into FY 16/17 all unexpended balances in the following accounts:

Town Website
Professional Services
Planning Board
Wentworth Fund
Fire Department Donation Account
Emergency Management Agency
Roads Maintenance
Paving
Fire Department & Town Parking Lot
Town land Conservation Fund
Municipal Building Renovations

ARTICLE 7. On a motion the Town voted to appropriate from Surplus the funds needed to fulfill the Town’s obligation for FY 16/17 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 16/17
Excise Tax	\$200,000.00
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):

Sanitation – Tri County Solid Waste	\$1,971.00
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ARTICLE 10. On a motion the Town voted to pay the Selectmen for FY 16/17. 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

Fourth Selectman	3,200.00
Fifth Selectman	3,200.00
Chairman stipend	1,500.00

ARTICLE 11. 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 12. On a motion Town voted to pay state wages, bid or contract price, and 2015 equipment rental prices for labor and equipment rental on its Roads and Bridges during FY 16/17.

ARTICLE 13. 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 \$45,000) for the purpose of the *Bridge Repair/Replacement* annual installment on the 5-year loan with Camden National Bank.

ARTICLE 14. On a motion the Town voted to raise and appropriate \$207,135.00 for **GENERAL GOVERNMENT** for FY 16/17.

Town Officials	\$100,000.00
Contracted Assessing Services	11,250.00
Computer Expense	9,500.00
Building and Utilities	12,000.00
Municipal & Fire Dept. Electricity	5,000.00
Office Expense	7,500.00
Town Website	carry forward
Town Meeting and Voting	6,985.00
Professional Services	carry fwd & 10,000.00

Tax Maps	0
Insurance and Bonds	12,500.00
General Assistance	from surplus
FICA	7,600.00
Medicare	1,800.00
Unemployment	from surplus
Workers Compensation	3,000.00
Health Insurance	20,000.00
Planning Board	carry forward
Mid Coast Regional Planning	.00
Total	\$207,135

ARTICLE 15. On a motion the Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$132,939.00** for **PROTECTION AND SAFETY** for FY 16/17.

Fire Dept. Labor & Training	\$19,400.00
Fire Dept. Equipment & Operation	13,240.00
Fire Dept. Building & Utilities	6,600.00
Fire Dept. Donation Account	carry forward
Fire Truck Reserve	35,500.00
Ambulance	10,745.00
Animal Control	7,200.00
Street Lights	2,900.00
Emergency Management Agency	carry fwd & 2,500.00
Communication Fee (911)	34,654.00
Health Officer	200.00
Total	\$132,939

ARTICLE 16. On a motion the Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$414,400.00** for **HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES** for FY 16/17.

Road Commissioner Salary	\$3,000.00
Roads Maintenance	carry fwd& 85,000.00
Town Road Improvement	40,000.00
Winter Road Maintenance	233,000.00
Paving	carry fwd& 50,000.00
Bridge Repair/Loan Payment	LRAP & 3,400.00
Total	\$414,400.00

ARTICLE 17. On a motion the Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$33,595.00** for **SANITATION** for FY 16/17.

David Stanley was given permission to speak on behalf of Tri-County Solid Waste Management.

T.C.S.W.M.O.	\$31,295.00
Maintain Old Landfill	from surplus
Septage Disposal	2,300.00
Total	\$33,595.00

ARTICLE 18. On a motion the Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$22,700.00** for **COMMUNITY** for FY 16/17.

Mildred Stevens Williams Library	\$10,000.00
Old Cemeteries	12,700.00
Appleton Memorial Association	.00
Town Park	.00
Town Land Conservation	carry forward
Total	\$22,700.00

ARTICLE 19. On a motion the Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$8,043.00** for **PROVIDER AGENCIES** for FY 16/17.

a. Spectrum Generations	756.00
b. Broadreach	200.00
c. New Hope for Women	830.00
d. Coastal Transportation	0.00
e. Teen Center	84.00
f. American Red Cross	1,750.00
g. Come Spring Food Pantry	350.00
h. Penquis	565.00
i. Midcoast Maine Community Action	800.00
j. Maine Public Broadcasting Network	250.00
k. LifeFlight Foundation	658.00
l. MidCoast Economic Dev. District	1,650.00
m. No Greater Love Food Pantry	150.00
Total	\$8,043.00

Jeff Colebrook was given permission to speak on behalf of MidCoast Economic Development District.

ARTICLE 20. On a motion the Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$12,000.00** for **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS** for FY 16/17.

Municipal Buildings Renovations	carry fwd&	\$2,000.00
Municipal Reserve		.00
Capital Improvements		\$10,000.00
Fire Dept. & Town Office Parking Lot	carry forward	
Total		\$12,000.00

ARTICLE 21. On a motion the Town voted to appropriate **\$260,000.00** from Surplus to reduce the property tax assessment.

ARTICLE 22. 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 23. On an amended motion the Town will vote 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, 2016.

ARTICLE 24. 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 25. 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 26. On a motion the Town voted to enter into a three-year contract with the Humane Society of Knox County for the purpose of an Animal Care Facility Agreement to coincide with the three-year Animal Control Interlocal Agreement between the towns of Appleton and Union.

ARTICLE 27. On a motion the Town voted to amend Article 9.1, Duration, of the Tri-County Solid Waste Management Organization Interlocal Cooperative Agreement by extending the 25-year term of the original Agreement, which would cause the Agreement to expire on October 17, 2016, for an additional and continuous 18-year term expiring on October 17, 2034 and to provide that all provisions of the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement, as amended, remain in full force and effect.

A brief explanation was given by David Stanley on behalf of Tri-County Solid Waste Management Organization.

ARTICLE 28. On a motion the Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to issue a Municipal Quit Claim Deed to Melinda Thomas, heir of Wayne Butler who was heir of S. J. Gushee, (former owner of what is now described as Map 004 Lot 017), 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 4824, page 325.

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 29. On a motion the Town voted to enact an ordinance entitled ‘Floodplain Management Ordinance’ effective 7/6/2016.”

ARTICLE 30. On a motion the Town voted to amend Appleton’s Site Plan Review Ordinance with revisions proposed by the Appleton Planning Board. The revision does not alter the language of the ordinance, but re-orders existing sections as written for greater clarity.

ARTICLE 31. On a motion the Town voted to adopt the new title of “Select Board Member” to replace the title “Selectman” and to adopt the new title “Select Board” to replace the title “Board of Selectmen.”

ARTICLE 32. On a motion the Town voted to authorize the Select Board to sign a Boundary Line Agreement and Release Deed between The Town of Appleton and Viking, Inc. establishing a common boundary for Pine Grove Cemetery.

ARTICLE 33. On a motion the Town voted by secret written ballot to increase the property tax levy limit of \$658,506.00 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 23 yes and 5 no.

At this time Selectmen Scott Wiley and Marlene Libby presented Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Donald Burke with a certificate of appreciation and dedication for his 30 years of service as a selectmen for the Town of Appleton.

On a motion the meeting was adjourned at 8:46PM.

A True Attest:
Pamela J Smith