

**Appleton Select Board
January 16, 2018**

1. Convene, 7 p.m. (Fenner, Beckett, Wiley, Costigan, Gushee)
2. Reminder: Meetings are recorded.
3. Motion to sign warrants, #57, town payroll, \$3,480.32; #58, town a/p, \$10,983.95; #59, AVS payroll, \$53,281.75, Costigan. Second, Beckett. Unanimous.
4. Motion to approve minutes of January 9, 2018, Costigan. Second, Fenner. Unanimous.
5. Town Forests: Independent forester report recommended Midcoast Lot (off of West Appleton Road) is viable for harvest. Town Forester Powers agrees. Controlled access on Collinstown Lot/Fred Lamont Lot for a town stump area. Limited wood value on Johnson Pond Lot (Bill's Place/Herb Collamore Lot): Forester report indicated possible \$21,000 stumpage for clearcut. Setback issues from pond would impede harvest, Powers said. Abuttor offered to pay stumpage fee to keep lot forested for wildlife. Town-owned since 1957. Gushee supports seeking town vote for sale of Collamore Lot. Powers indicated lot is a major drainage area. Seek town approval to auction of Collamore Lot. Follow forester recommendation to harvest Midcoast Lot, then use portion for a stump lot. Use portion of Lamont Lot as a town stump areas. Possibility of seeking town approval to sell Hall Lane (approx. 1 acre).
6. Budget: March 20th deadline for department budgets. Road Commissioner will provide all road budget proposals except for snow removal bid as he is a potential bidder.
7. Road Commissioner: Brief assessment of roads after heavy rainfall. Some culvert work needed and ridge has most sinkholes. East Sennebec ice flow from driveway was symptomatic of heavy rain. Peasetown and Jones Hill lost the most gravel. Barker Flat culvert needs to be assessed after thaw. Double culvert on Gurneytown. Many areas patched with crushed stone following washouts. Purchase Order needed for culvert on Lower Road (\$1,000). Circuit Breaker at sand shed needs to be replaced.
8. Public Comment: None.
9. Motion to adjourn, 8:04 p.m. Beckett. Second, Fenner. Unanimous.