

Town of Appleton, Maine

(Official) RESULTS FOR SECRET BALLOT TOWN MEETING

Article 1: To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Lili O'Neil Elected moderator with four votes.

Article 2: To elect all necessary Town Officials.

*Select Board (two seats): Scott Esancy 181
for three years Karen Reed 42 (write in)*

*Planning Board (one seat): David Kelley 5 (write in)
for three years Karen Reed 5 (write in) Declined*

Select Board will appoint until next town meeting

*Planning Board Associate (one seat): Karen Reed 5 (write in) Declined
for three years Select Board will appoint until next town meeting*

*Appleton Village School Board Member (two seats): Victoria Bucklin 12 (write in)
for three years Beth Grierson 6 (write in) Declined
Karen Reed 6 (write in) Declined*

School Board will appoint for the second seat until next town meeting

Article 3: Do you favor approving the Appleton Village School (AVS) budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest AVS budget meeting and that includes locally raised funds that exceed the local contribution as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act?

See separate results

Article 4: Shall the Town accept all funds, as provided by Maine State Legislature, to be received in FY25? Estimates of expected funds below:

Maine State Revenue Sharing	\$ 340,000
Local Road Assistance	51,656
BETE	13
Snowmobile Registration	280
Tree Growth	10,000
Renewable Energy – R1-122	570
GA Reimbursement	500
Veterans Exemption	2,100
Homestead Reimbursement	160,000
Excise Tax	310,000
GOPIF: Heat Pumps, LED Lights—Town Buildings	50,000
Rebates: Heat Pumps, LED Lights	7,000
IF&W Grant, Getchell Park	4,250
Other Revenue* (agent fees, interest, etc.)	<u>90,450</u>

Total Estimate **\$ 1,026,819**

*Other Revenues include building permits, clerk fees, and other fees. Other Fees does not include Insurance & Bonds, Workers' Compensation Refunds, Animal Control Fines, and FEMA reimbursement, which are credited to and expended from the appropriate named accounts.

Yes 196 No 23 Blank 19

Article 5: Shall the Town appropriate all funds collected in **Article 4** (estimated to be \$1,026,819) to the FY25 fiscal year budget?

Yes 192 No 33 Blank 13

Article 6: Shall the Town create a Paving Reserve Fund, to be funded from FY24 Carry Forward of \$185,590 and the FY25 Budget of \$122,000, and to be used for annual paving with the intention of saving funds towards the Town's Better Roads pavement management plan?

Yes 203 No 24 Blank 11

Article 7: Shall the Town appropriate from Undesignated Funds the funds needed to fulfill the Town's obligations for FY25 for General Assistance, Unemployment, and Maintain Old Landfill?

Yes 194 No 31 Blank 13

Article 8: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to expend such other sums as may be received from Federal and State grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for Town purposes, provided that such grants, programs, or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

Yes 192 No 31 Blank 15

Article 9: Shall the Town pay Select Board Members \$1,500 each in FY25?

(Pay is appropriated from the Town Officials Budget Line.)

Yes 193 No 33 Blank 12

Article 10: Shall the Town authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to appoint and set compensation of all other necessary officials, or act thereon?

Yes 177 No 46 Blank 15

Article 11: Shall the Town pay the Maine DOT 2024 labor reimbursement and private equipment rental rates, and bid, contract, or rental prices, for its roads and bridges during FY25?

Yes 166 No 47 Blank 25

Article 12: Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$330,276 for GENERAL GOVERNMENT for FY25?

Yes 162 No 59 Blank 17

Article 13: Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$328,172 for PROTECTION AND SAFETY for FY25?

Yes 177 No 43 Blank 18

Article 14: Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$620,328 for HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES for FY25?

Yes 187 No 35 Blank 16

Article 15: Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$48,825 for SANITATION for FY25?

Yes 174 No 48 Blank 16

Article 16: Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$63,300 for COMMUNITY for FY25?

Yes 127 No 93 Blank 18

Article 17: Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$7,675 for PROVIDER AGENCIES for FY25?

Yes 124 No 96 Blank 18

Article 18: Shall the Town appropriate \$300,000 from Undesignated Funds to reduce the property tax assessment?

Yes 207 No 19 Blank 17

Article 19: Shall the Town establish that taxes shall be due and payable when billed; and, that interest at a rate of 8.5% per annum, the maximum by State law, be charged on all taxes unpaid after the last day of November 2024?

Yes 143 No 76 Blank 19

Article 20: Shall the Town authorize the Select Board 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?

Yes 175 No 55 Blank 8

Article 21: Shall the Town allow the Select Board to take from Undesignated Funds the necessary amount of money to cover the interest on loans they have been authorized to procure in anticipation of taxes?

Yes 183 No 46 Blank 9

Article 22: Shall the Town increase the property tax levy limit to \$374,365, 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?

Yes 153 No 77 Blank 8

Article 23: Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to enter into up to three-year agreements for Ambulance Services, Audit Services, Assessing Services, Town Property & Cemetery Mowing, Winter Road Maintenance, and Tax Maps?

Yes 210 No 24 Blank 4

Article 24: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to use the proceeds of any payment on insurance claims, for damage occurring to Town property in the fiscal year 2025, to be allocated to the municipal department whose goods or equipment were damaged, and appropriate any such insurance payment to repair or replace the damaged goods or equipment or act thereon?

Yes 206 No 25 Blank 7

Article 25: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to sell or otherwise dispose of equipment and Town property with a value less than \$10,000 per item after appraisal for FY25 or act thereon?

Yes 204 No 29 Blank 5

Article 26: Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to use Overlay to be used for tax abatements?

Yes 178 No 44 Blank 16

Article 27: Shall the Town authorize the Tax Collector to accept pre-payment of property taxes not yet committed, with no interest to accrue on any excess prepaid over the amount finally committed?

Yes 187 No 37 Blank 14

Article 28: Shall the Town appropriate all of the funds received from the State of Maine for snowmobile registrations to go to the Appleton Trail Makers (snowmobile club) for the purpose of building and maintaining snowmobile trails?

Yes 196 No 25 Blank 17

Article 29: Shall the Town establish a Bicentennial Committee to plan a celebration for the Town's Bicentennial in 2029, and appropriate from Undesignated Funds the sum of \$5,000 to establish a fund for Bicentennial expenses?

Yes 159 No 60 Blank 19

Article 30: Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to harvest timber on the town-owned Map 3, Lot 15 known as the Lamont Lot on Collinstown Road?

Yes 150 No 64 Blank 24

Article 31: Shall the Town adopt the "Town of Appleton 2024 Comprehensive Plan" developed by the Comprehensive Plan Committee, and available for inspection at the Town Office?

Yes 160 No 45 Blank 33

Article 32: Shall the Town authorize the municipal officers to accept a Land for Maine’s Future grant of \$4,250, with the balance of funds coming from the Town Parks budget, execute any documents related to this grant, and authorize their expenditure for the purpose of improving access to, and signage for, Getchell Park?

Yes 181 No 35 Blank 22

Article 33: Shall the Town authorize the municipal officers to accept, if awarded, a State of Maine Community Action Grant of up to \$50,000; to accept any Efficiency Maine rebates for same (estimated at \$7,000); to raise from the undesignated fund balance any additional funds needed (estimated at \$13,000); to execute any documents related to this grant; and to authorize the expenditure of these funds to install heat pumps and LED lighting in both the Town Office and Fire Station?

Yes 189 No 28 Blank 21

Article 34: Shall the Town create a Road Disaster Reserve Fund, to be funded by proceeds from any reimbursements from State and Federal agencies, with proceeds to be used solely for road-related projects?

Yes 195 No 23 Blank 20

ARTICLE 35: Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to sell, via a licensed broker, Map 19 Lot 42, a town-owned lot containing a total of 12 acres, with sale proceeds going to the Revaluation Reserve Fund?

Select Board Note: This is land-locked parcel along the St. George River, categorized as a wetland by the National Wetlands Inventory.

Yes 150 No 66 Blank 22

AVS School Budget Referendum

Yes 159 No 72 Blank 7

CSD School Budget Referendum

Yes 160 No 69 Blank 9

CSD Special Education Classroom

Yes 160 No 73 Blank 5

Submitted By Town Clerk

Anita Wellman