

## Appleton Select Board

December 6, 2016

1. Convene 7 p.m. (Fenner, Beckett, Wiley, Gushee, Costigan)
2. Reminder: Meetings are recorded.
3. Sign Warrants:
4. Motion to approve 11/29/2016 minutes, Beckett. Second, Wiley. Unanimous.
5. EMA Director: D. Grierson not in attendance. Tabled.
6. Purchase Order Policy: Wiley noted 2009 changes could have been made as an article during the 2009 annual town meeting. The bid process was voted at town meeting, not the purchase order policy. Motion to accept the new purchase order policy of \$500, Beckett. Second, Wiley. Unanimous.
7. Road Commissioner: Discussion and possible action of road commissioner vacancy. Costigan explained MMA does not consider position necessary for an emergency election. Select Board can appoint interim and entire board can act as road commissioners as a body. Fenner explained election in June of road commissioner or a special town meeting prior to consider changing the position from elected to appointed. Fenner recommended advertising vacancy for two weeks and then interviewing interim candidates. Question from Fred Brown: Do you have to hire one of the ones that applied or can you deny all? Fenner: "It's an important position. We are not required to appoint someone simply because they applied." Gushee: Advertise in newspapers? Fenner: Other vacancies have been posted around town. Wiley: Change listed with Knox County Sheriff for contact information to remove Starretts. Wiley: Winter road maintenance. Motion Wiley call Boyington for winter road issues, with Fenner as a backup, Gushee. Second, Beckett. Unanimous. Wiley and Gushee have also found three people willing to cover roads during emergency storms, such as heavy rains.
8. Emergency Work on Appleton Ridge Road: Wiley and Gushee reviewed brush cutting and found a sinkhole on Appleton Ridge. Have talked with Boyington regarding fix. Spoke with Ryan Lanphere and Tammy Reynolds at Dave's World of Liberty for pricing for emergency work. Wiley: Whether it's elected or appointed position needs a contract to define what the position entails. Discussion on need to do rotation of brush cutting. Remainder of Whitney Rd: not to exceed \$1,800 for brush cutting purchase order. Motion to approve, Beckett. Second, Wiley. Unanimous.
9. Public Comment: Fix it once and fix it right.
10. Other: Animal Control Officer: Wiley: Informal agreement. The people who are complaining aren't getting satisfaction. Fenner: Attended meeting with Knox County Commissioners and J. Feyler. Knox is training sheriffs to train animal control. If people have complaints keep calling Knox non-emergency line after 3 calls about the same property in 7 days they will give a summons. They are logged and won't get lost in the system. In response to concerns from D. Starrett and others, Costigan mentioned the state 1-800 number to report cases of animal neglect.

11. Motion to adjourn, 7:55 p.m., Beckett. Second, Wiley. Unanimous.