

**Appleton Select Board
Minutes
January 2, 2024**

1. **Convene: Select Board: Costigan, Esancy, Garrigan; Road Commissioner: Boyington; Public: Bob Bocko**
2. **Edits to Agenda**
3. **Motion to Approve Warrants: None**
4. **Costigan: Motion to approve minutes of 12/26/23. Esancy: Second. 2-0-1/Garrigan (absence) Table motion for minutes of 11/14/23 (lacking participating members)**
5. **Public Comment: Bob Bocko, via Zoom, noted Budget Process Discussion as an agenda item and attending for budget discussion.**
6. **Road Commissioner: Boyington detailed plan to excavate within the right-of-way roadside on Jones Hill to attempt to divert culvert outflow. Explained landowner would have some need to create berms deeper on the property. This is an existing culvert, predating the homeowner, and excessive rainfall has been jumping the flow, which was once closer to a rock wall. Costigan: Motion to approve purchase order for \$2000 gravel via ARC Aggregates and \$1,000 labor for road maintenance on Collinstown Road, to be paid via Road Maintenance. Esancy: Second. Unanimous. Reported he had graded Guinea Ridge, which had frozen more than expected. Costigan: Motion to approve a \$2500 purchase order for ARC Aggregate for gravel (4 and 2-inch) and \$2500 for labor to improve Lower Road to be paid via Road Maintenance. Garrigan: Second. Unanimous.**
7. **Select Board**
 - a. **Esancy: Motion to approve the RFP for Revaluation, prepared by the Assessor's Agent. Garrigan: Second. Unanimous.**
 - b. **Esancy: Motion to contract Sewall Engineering to conduct site assessment and grant applications for MDOT Stream-Crossing Grant Application, to be filed by Jan 9, to be funded with ARPA Funds, or with Road Maintenance in the event ARPA Funds are exhausted with a broadband grant. Garrigan: Second. Unanimous. Boyington: Esancy Road is one bad storm away from failing and being undermined, so willing to utilize funds to secure study and help improve application for state reimbursement.**
 - c. **Budget Process: Treasurer presented current budget from TRIO software. Will be used for 2024-2025 budget discussions and planning purposes. Full board to bring capital improvement ideas to next meeting.**
 - d. **Costigan: Motion to approve the Municipal Resolution for Climate Resiliency Planning and Participation. Garrigan: Second. Unanimous.**
 - e. **Other: Esancy: Bicentennial is five years away. Suggests planning should begin soon. Costigan noted paving report from Sewall, also paid with ARPA Funds, would be completed within 2 weeks. Boyington to use Sewall findings in 2025 budget prep.**
 - f. **Esancy: Motion to adjourn. Garrigan: Second. Unanimous.**