

**Appleton Select Board**  
**Minutes**  
**January 14, 2025**

1. Convene: Board: Reed, Marriner, Garrigan, Esancy, Costigan.
2. Edits to Agenda: None.
3. Marriner: Motion to Approve Warrant #38. Reed: Second. Unanimous.
4. Esancy: Motion to Approve Minutes Dec. 31, 2024. Marriner: Second. 4-0-1/Garrigan, absence.
5. Public Comment: None.
6. Roads
  - a. Esancy Road Grant Award/Special Town Meeting: General discussion about the DOT grant for Esancy Road (\$200k) and the need to approve receipt and \$15k municipal share. Costigan posed the idea of holding a special town meeting so the work could commence in the spring, Esancy noted he continues to receive complaints about the continued degradation of the culvert and urged sooner rather than later action. The Special Town Meeting would address pulling back roads budget unexpended from undesignated to complete more work on Town Hill, the Tri-County share budget shortfall, and the DOT Esancy Road grant.
  - b. The above continued to the Roads budget due to the question of how much went unspent in 24 (roughly \$70k) and defaulted to undesignated. Garrigan noted the municipal year is more than half over and 9.19% of the budget had been spent. Costigan noted some purchase orders, like for Greg Moody and Appleton Ridge, had not been activated and that the number of billables is unknown. Marriner noted the Town is not getting enough done in a year and is taxing people for work that can't get accomplished. Esancy: Noted all arrows point to the need for a bond to get more work done in a shorter span. Esancy: Motion to authorize chair to contact town attorney regarding roads budget and spending. Marriner: Second. Unanimous.
  - c. Garrigan noted a tree on W. Appleton Road that was in the right of way and impacting larger vehicles. Garrigan: motion to deem the tree on W. Appleton a danger to the public way and to alert the road commissioner of 24 hours to take action. Reed: Second, Unanimous,
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  - a. Garrigan: Motion to award forestry bid to Steven Powers. Esancy: Second. Unanimous.
  - b. Review of Town office expenses for FY 26 budget
  - c. Other: Esancy asked projections for the Union Ambulance budget and discussed the option of contracting with Northeast. Marriner noted the Town of Washington donated four new/used flow packs to Appleton and offered his thanks to the Town of Washington.
  - d. Costigan: Motion to adjourn. Marriner: Second. Unanimous.