

**Appleton Select Board**

**January 17, 2024 Minutes**

**DATE: January 17, 2024 (rescheduled from Jan 16, 2024)**

**TIME: 6:30 PM**

**LOCATION: Appleton Town Office**

1. Convene (Board: Marriner/late arrival, Esancy, Garrigan, Costigan. No public. No road commissioner.)
2. Edits to agenda: Add DEP Debris Management Site Location under Select Board
3. Costigan: Motion to approve warrant #45, Town Accounts Payable, \$3,964.35. Garrigan: Second. Unanimous (Costigan, Esancy, Garrigan)
4. Garrigan: Motion to approve minutes of Jan 10, with one edit "Fema has ALMOST everything". Esancy: Second. Unanimous. (Costigan, Esancy, Garrigan)
5. Public Comment: None in attendance. Costigan read two emails (Kunzinger and Olsen) regarding damage to mailboxes from snowplowing. Costigan explained mailboxes are in the right of way and state law protects municipalities to maintain the public way. Costigan to reply. Some towns budget for plow-related damage, according to MMA, but it is rarely done and the current Appleton budget does not allow for such an expense, nor does the contract with the independent contractor.
6. Select Board
  - a. Garrigan: Motion to approve tax abatements (2) as recommended by the assessor's agent. Costigan: Second. Unanimous (4-0-0)
  - b. Budget discussion for next Tuesday, pending department totals
  - c. Stream-Crossing Application Update: Costigan reported Sewall was on course for Friday submission deadline for Esancy Road and Harriet Brook stream crossings. Both require town funding to fully use grant funds, if received a \$5000.00 contribution to each .
  - d. Paving Plan: Costigan reported Sewall paving plan remains incomplete.
  - e. CRP/GOPIF Resiliency Grant Update: Costigan to meet with Midcoast Council of Governments Friday to discuss \$50k efficiency grant application for targeted areas: lighting upgrades, heat pumps, ev charger, in that order)
  - f. DEP Storm Debris Site Designation. Garrigan: Motion to designate town land on Collinstown Road for emergency storm debris, with input from town forester. Marriner: Second. Unanimous (4-0)
  - g. Other: Costigan reported Fred Bucklin of the historical society met to discuss the future of the building on Sennebec Road and to brainstorm pathways toward completing steeple repairs and maintaining the building for town use. No action.

- h. Esancy reviewed Pine Grove and noted no tree damage despite two high-wind events in December and January. Praised Bragg Tree Service and thanked the board for the work to remove the trees at no cost to taxpayers and to improve the grounds.**
- i. Garrigan: Motion to adjourn. Marriner: Second. Unanimous.**