

**Appleton Select Board
Minutes
February 13, 2024**

1. Convene, 6:30 PM: Board: Esancy, Garrigan, Marriner, Esancy. Absent: Blakely. Road Commissioner: Boyington.
2. Edits to Agenda: None.
3. Motion to Approve Warrants: None.
4. Marriner: Motion to Approve Minutes of February 6, 2023. Esancy: Second. Unanimous.
5. Road Commissioner: Boyington reported some gravel roads becoming muddy due to temperature fluctuations. Addressing soft spots on Guinea Ridge North, Collinstown Road Appleton Ridge. Purchase order requests for ARC Aggregate and ARC for Collinstown Road and Appleton Ridge Road. Costigan: Motion to approve purchase order request for ARC Aggregates 261 yds stone for Collinstown (\$3,900) and 180 yds Appleton Ridge Road (\$3,250). Marriner: Second. Unanimous. Costigan: Motion to approve purchase order for hauling and spreading \$2,500 Collinstown Road and \$2,000 for Appleton Ridge Road. Esancy: Second. Unanimous. Commissioner inquired on the status of road maintenance on Cedar Lane and Back Road. Both are noted in the Winter Snow Removal Contract and do not extend to the points noted by a landowner on Back Road and also the George's River Land Trust on Cedar Lane.
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 - a. Costigan: Motion to appoint Donald Mansius to the Appleton Budget Committee for three years. Garrigan: Second. Unanimous.
 - b. Audit Update: Costigan reported the draft audit is in hand and being reviewed; final anticipated by the end of next week.
 - c. Review of Sewall Paving Plan: Costigan outlined Sewall Paving plan draft, sighting 5-yr plan of \$5 million. General discussion of the merits of limiting plan to single years, by single-year taxation. Phase one for Town Hill Road, Appleton Ridge, Gurneytown, Sennebec estimated at \$960,399. General discussion 20- to 30-year bonds untenable and general consensus to review impact on mil rate for phase 1, less current paving funds available in carry forward.
 - d. Costigan: Motion to approve Wentworth Plan disbursement of \$403.16 to Maritime for heating assistance. Esancy: Second. Unanimous.
 - e. Other: Marriner provided an update of the Knox Regional Communications service agreement with Waldo County and the Knox Co. Commissioner's current line of thought to work with the City Of Rockland on a management plan for dispatch services. Costigan noted the riverside parcel on Route 105 near the George's River is owned by the State of Maine and will work to learn if it's an appropriate location for a town-supported EV Charger, or if alternate, town-owned land is a better option.
 - f. Marriner: Motion to adjourn. Garrigan: Second. Unanimous.