

Appleton Select Board

Minutes

August 1, 2023

1. Convene, 6:30 PM. Board: Costigan, Marriner, Esancy, Blakely, Marriner

2. Edits/Additions to Agenda:

3. Costigan: Motion to Approve Warrants totaling \$27,438.08. Blakely: Second. Unanimous.

4. Esancy: Motion to Approve Minutes. Garrigan: Second. 4-0-1/Blakely, absence.

5. Public Comment: Nick Brown attended to voice concern over his longstanding complaint of lack of ditching on Sennebec Road, a faulty driveway culvert and an additional cross culvert uphill draining into his field. Indicated he had been in communication with the road commissioner since last summer and that all progress toward solution appeared to stall in May or June of 2023. His driveway becomes flooded and too muddied to use due to road runoff. Road Commissioner was not in attendance. Garrigan cited Brown complaint noted by the Board in August 2022. Costigan to discuss with road commissioner and seek Local Roads input on the Town's responsibility and the potential for landowner action.

6. Road Commissioner:

Commissioner was absent.

Costigan: Paving specs provided by Commissioner deemed insufficient by Local Roads. Awaiting an engineer quote for bid specs. Reminded others pre and post paving of Peabody incurred more than \$40,000 in repairs. Collinstown in 2022 had similar overruns with needed gravel. Review by third party suggests the specs the board had been given for Town Hill/Appleton Ridge needed to be revised with greater detail.

Garrigan: Motion to declare tree obstructing travel way at 783 Peabody Road an immediate hazard and to authorize 24-hour period for Road Commissioner to remove tree. Esancy: Second. Unanimous.

7. Select Board

a. Costigan: Motion to approve the assessor's agents contract amendment. Blakely: Second. Unanimous. The amendment adds a day to allow for paperwork associated with the senior tax stabilization law.

b. Garrigan: Motion to approve the supplemental tax assessment for Map 001-040. Esancy: Second. Unanimous.

c. Costigan: Motion to Issue a \$1,848 purchase order for Atlantic Communications from EMA Budget. Marriner: Second. Unanimous.

d. 2024 Goals

Blakely: Finding grants for road work related to climate change.

Garrigan: Mats for fire station drains to facilitate voting setup; support of Board leadership

Marriner: Solution for fiber optic issues in Burketville.

Esancy: Article 28 from the Town Meeting – focus on an interlocal agreement for fire and ambulance; review remaining ARPA funds and uses.

Costigan: Reviewing and tightening policies to ensure no repeat of cost overruns in road and other budgets; review of roles of overseers of the poor and better board involvement with grants and other funding sources for those in the most need

8. Garrigan: Motion to adjourn. Marriner: Second. Unanimous.