

Appleton Select Board
Minutes
August 15, 2023

1. Convene: Board: Costigan, Marriner, Garrigan, Esancy, Blakely. Road Commissioner: Absent (email to read to record)
2. Edits/Additions to Agenda: Marriner added Knox Communications/County E911 Update.
3. Garrigan: Motion to Approve Minutes of August 8, 2023. Blakely: Second. 4-0-1/Marriner, absence.
4. Costigan: Motion to Approve Warrants totaling \$211,938.35
5. Public Comment: Costigan shared an email from Bob Bocko, Appleton Ridge, written to the Board and the Road Commissioner, describing damage to the pavement in sections where roadside shoulders have been undermined by heavy rains.
6. Road Commissioner: Absent due to blueberry harvest. Reported washouts on Snow Hill and Guinea Ridge North. Preference for JBI to provide winter sand, intention to provide GPS quotes for upcoming FEMA May 1 storm meeting, rutting on Appleton Ridge near the Searsmont line and need for gravel, and the need to add more washouts to the May 1 storm list. Garrigan: Blueberry harvest unrelated to town roads and town business, expressed uncertainty why the harvest factored into road reports, and inquired why the Road Commissioner was absent for four weeks. Costigan: Discussed winter sand bids alternating between 1500 and 1800 yards annually. Last year was 1800. Esancy: Motion for chair to write bid for 1600 yards of winter sand. Marriner: Second. Unanimous.
7. Select Board
 - A. Sewall: Costigan reported Sewall Engineering would begin assessment for Town Hill and Appleton Ridge paving specs, to be paid by ARPA funds, Thursday.
 - B. FEMA Bid Specs for 2022 storm: Esancy to review requirements for bid specs and notice of award amounts during the meeting with FEMA representatives at the Town Office Thursday. Will discuss culvert, gravel loss, timelines and potential for greater mitigation projects during the Thursday meeting. To date the May 2023 storm incurred \$41,000 in Town-funded repairs.
 - C. Heat Pump Offer: General discussion of Solar Logix heat pump installation quote and general disapproval of \$2200 for this expense given volatility of electric prices and the recent installation of the Town's boiler.
 - D. ARPA Update: Treasurer review requested to ensure voter-approved expenditures approved but unspent are factored into remaining totals.
 - E. Underserved Wireless Update: Axiom and Tidewater both contacted, according to Costigan, to learn the potential of providing service to 44 households. No return call from Tidewater owner Shirley Manning.
 - F. Garrigan: Motion to adjourn. Blakely: Second. Unanimous.

