

**Appleton Select Board  
APPROVED MINUTES  
10/11/2016**

- 1 Call meeting to order 7:03 p.m. (Present: Fenner, Costigan, Wiley.)
2. Sign Warrants: #32, AVS payroll, \$44,807; #33 town payroll, \$3,631.88; #34 \$56,093.20 assorted invoices.
2. Motion Costigan, to approve minutes of 10/4/201, second Wiley. Unanimous. M. Starrett questioned use of wording regarding state wages versus state rate. Fenner indicated the terms are interchangeable as referred to town warrant and intent. Costigan agreed was interchangeable throughout board discussion and referred to the Maine Department of Transportation state wage and rental chart.
- 3 Town Buildings Use Policy: J. Fenner met with Dave Stone and "we are in agreement as far as we know." Minor edits from first full board read conducted last week included editing for typos and adding "Appleton." Wiley: "Think we should keep the fee reasonable. Don't think it should be a money-making thing." Motion to approve, Costigan. Second, Wiley. Unanimous. Fenner reiterated the minor edits and that he had spoken with Chief Stone at length.
4. Sign Warrant for Special Town Meeting for November to elect a moderator and to elect necessary town official (selectman). Motion to sign warrant for special town meeting, Costigan. Second, Wiley. Unanimous.  
Appoint Election Warden. Motion to appoint Eileen O'Neill as election warden. Wiley, second Costigan. Unanimous.
5. Road Commissioner: C. Starrett: "Pretty quiet. Doing private work." Discussion of letter from attorney for M. Starrett, vendor, indicating need to follow town vote for use of 2015 rates. Fenner indicated the board never discussed using 2016 rates. Fenner: "We need the weight for the excavator, the 311, at some point." M. Starrett: "The facts are the selectmen were made aware of an increase. The selectmen approved these rates. The rates haven't changed. Obviously the selectmen... (approved because they paid the bills). There was no question. There was no problem." Wiley: Asked if during town meeting there was any doubt in Starrett's mind the voters' minds they were voting on state wage for wage and equipment rental. "I totally took your word (for billing during previous board's approval of bills). But if it's a mistake. I don't understand how we are right on everything else and we are (off on equipment)." M. Starrett: "No one said anyone made an error or a mistake. You were in your authority to accept the rate." Fenner: Indicated if it's within the board's power to accept or reject, as M. Starrett said previous board did by paying bills in 2015 "Then we reject anything other than the 2015 rates voted at town meeting." Fenner: "There is no way that this board is going to go with some unwritten agreement. I accepted (your billing) to the point I didn't agree with them. Your rates don't match fully either (state 2015 or 2016) sheet. I fully expect them to match 2015. Period. I don't know about the past. I can tell you what is going forward." Fenner: "So, like we said we are not going backwards (to collect overage from C&M between voted amounts of 2015 rates and actual billed amounts) but I can tell you where we are going in the future." C. Starrett: "See if I can get someone

to weigh their excavator. Technically the business is hers (M. Starrett's), not mine. If she doesn't want to rent to the town then I'll have to find someone who does." M. Starrett indicated the excavator would no longer be available for work in Appleton. Wiley: "I didn't think we were renting out their stuff." He said the agreement with the previous road commissioner was to only rent equipment they didn't already own. M. Starrett said a few years ago they changed the ownership of C&M for their own reasons and it is only owned by M. Starrett. Costigan clarified M. Starrett's role, as stated in previous discussions with the board. M. Starrett is the volunteer secretary for the road commissioner, and the owner of C&M Enterprises. The business is the go-to vendor for the road commissioner. M. Starrett said the previous boards had the authority to accept the different equipment rental rates. Fenner said, using Starrett's logic, the current board could also have the authority to accept only the 2015 rates approved by voters during town meeting.

6. Other: Costigan, motion to appoint Gary Roberts to Appleton Planning Board until the next regular election. Wiley, second. Unanimous. Town needs people for Board of Appeals. Darlene Starrett said, "I think it's a privilege that we can run our mouths. Think you're doing a good job," of the board's willingness to hear public comment throughout the meeting.

7. Motion to adjourn, Costigan. Second, Wiley. Unanimous. 8:02 p.m.