

Appleton Select Board

January 3, 2017

1. Convene 7 p.m. (Fenner, Wiley, Beckett, Gushee, Costigan)
2. Reminder board meetings are recorded.
3. Motion to approve 12/27/2016 minutes, Beckett. Second, Wiley. (4-0-1/Costigan abstained due to sickness 12/27/2016)
4. Sign Warrants. (#61 \$3,253.93 town payroll; #62, \$100,534.17 general expenditures; #63 \$39,670.78 school payroll warrant held.)
5. Job Descriptions for Employees: Tabled.
6. Budget Committee: Charlie Buell in attendance to discuss dates and times. Buell indicated terms of current members are inconsistent. Fenner and Beckett would like to make terms for fiscal year. At least five current committee member terms are due to expire before town meeting 2017. Fenner and Beckett recommend staggering terms on three-year intervals to avoid a dearth of knowledge/experience. Buell proposed two meetings involving school budget preview and review. Buell would like to see one budget, not multiple revisions, from school board. Buell recommends two meetings with school and budget committee, not three. April 6 at AVS at 6; April 13 7 p.m. at town office. Beckett pointed out two meetings does not allow budget committee's recommendations to be vetted. Beckett asked if budget committee members would attend school board meetings. Buell recommends continuing the nine-member budget committee and says it's impossible to get a quorum to attend more than two meetings. Costigan also expressed doubts the budget committee could fully understand what comprised the school budget and why in two settings. Fenner reminded Buell the budget committee offers a recommendation, as the select board and school committee, and ultimately the voters set the level of spending.
7. Sand for homeowners: Keeping public sand shed filled is included in individual contracts for winter road maintenance. Sanding of town office and filling office sand is included in town office winter plowing contract. Boyington advised.
8. Road Commissioner: Boyington inquired about a list of outstanding projects to review for 2017. Pettengill Flat and bridge abutments for Sherman's Mills topped Fenner list. Fenner: There's one from 2012 county list for ditching on Peabody Road. Sleepy Hollow culverts need review. Collinstown Road holes need to be filled. Currently \$51,000 remaining in roads and \$40,000 road maintenance. Boyington to fill holes. Lilli O'Neal inquired lifting plow for school bus stops/turnaround. Wiley asked why bus doesn't turn where plows turn and thus alleviate the concern of the O'Neals shoveling in time for bus turn? Boyington advised he'd spoken with Luce Transportation about the plowed area for the turnaround. His answer was hard to hear over communication in audience. O'Neal inquired who would contact school. Wiley indicated he would followup and Boyington again stated he has spoken with Luce Transportation. Fenner and Wiley met with Boyington to establish

- 2015 state wage rate for Boyington's 100 hp tractor with a power rake or blade (based on the 2015 state rate of 75 hp and up): \$65.88 with supervisor; \$61.63 for employee. Whitney Road bill will be paid next warrant cycle. Fenner advised delivering bills in person, not only email. The board needs to start conversation to continue with elected or ask town if it would like to change to appointed. Get up to date on roles and responsibilities.
9. Public Comment: Jason Gushee noted Knox County Fish and Game has a right of way to Mill Pond and dam maintenance falls to Fish and Game. P. Beckett reminded everyone of a Jan 12 public meeting to talk about the Dollar Store in Union. J. Fenner ad is out for animal control by next week applications are due. Contracted position rather than straight employee. L. Costigan mentioned public interest in making the intersection of 131 and W. Appleton Road a four-way stop. Fenner advised DOT offers speed monitoring signs that would have to be moved twice a month (every two weeks).
 10. Motion to adjourn, 8:15 p.m., Beckett. Second, Costigan. Unanimous.