

**Appleton Select Board  
October 24, 2017**

1. Convene, 7:03 p.m. (Fenner, Beckett, Wiley, Gushee, Costigan)
2. Reminder: Meetings are recorded.
3. Motion to sign warrant #32, \$2,762.21, town expenses, Costigan. Second, Fenner.
4. Motion to approve minutes of Oct 17, 2017, Beckett. Second, Fenner. 3-0-2 (Wiley and Gushee abstained due to absence)
5. Motion to approve tax abatement for personal property tax for Earl Norwood, Jr., totaling \$6,500 in assessed value.
6. Consideration of Farmland tax-exempt assessment status and reminder letters, with grace period, for submitting proof of gross agricultural/farmland income received. Beckett questioned need for second, registered letter in event property owners don't respond to original letter. Deadline for overall compliance and sending report is April 1, 2018. Motion to send letter to initial 50 taxpayers, Beckett. Second, Costigan. 4-1 (Gushee).
7. Forestry Plans: Gushee: sell Collamore, by auction/bid, if agreed at town meeting. Ditching materials could go in either Midcoast or Lamont lots but need to assess.
8. Policy for qualified catering permits: Awaiting review of permit application to ensure the advice received from MMA regarding no liability and no oversight pertains to Appleton Town Government.
9. Appleton Ridge Road Winter Maintenance: 2005 was the last town vote for closing road to maintenance. Regulations from state manual indicate public hearing must be scheduled. Roads manual from MMA. If the vote fails to specific a year, it was only in effect for one year. Moral: Appleton Ridge Road is not closed to winter maintenance. New owners of Ridge Road home will allow plow turnaround. Posted signs have been posted, without vote, for more than a decade. Funds available in road improvement account. Also enough to absorb \$1,875 of estimated increase in snow removal costs. Motion to open Appleton Ridge to winter maintenance, Gushee. Second, Beckett. Unanimous.
10. Road Commissioner: Ordered calcium through Viking, sent pallet. Purchase order for \$800. Cemetery project and replace culvert by Ruth Cassidy's prior to forecast for heavy rainfall. Culvert for \$2,500 for Athearn's and associated ditching.
11. Wiley requested more information on code log. No one knows what "questions about 1462 Sennebec" means.
12. Motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss a legal matter, Beckett. Second, Wiley. Unanimous.
13. Motion to sign warrant #33, town expenses, \$72,830.67, Fenner. Second, Beckett. Unanimous.
14. Motion to adjourn, 8:42 p.m., Fenner. Second, Wiley. Unanimous.