

**Appleton Select Board  
January 30, 2018**

1. Convene, 7 p.m. (Fenner, Beckett, Gushee, Costigan)
2. Reminder: Meetings are recorded.
3. Motion to sign warrants #62, town payroll, \$2,793.67; #63, AVS payroll, \$50,771.80; #64, \$51,597.17, town expenses, Costigan. Second, Fenner. Unanimous.
4. Motion to approve minutes of January 23, 2018, Gushee. Second, Fenner. (3-0-1, Beckett abstained due to absence)
5. Union Ambulance Service update: Volume of ambulance calls increasing. Large percentage of calls to Union and Washington nursing homes and decreasing reimbursement from MaineCare noted. More calls, less reimbursement from insurance and other sources means an 80 percent increase for Appleton's tax share to help support 13 percent overall budget increase. (Washington and Union have similar increases.)
6. Poverty Abatement Process: MMA provides an application for a 10-page poverty abatement. It differs from the one the town has used, which is two pages. The MMA process mirrors the General Assistance application in order to ensure the town has information needed for state revenue services. All abatements have to be granted or denied with coordinated findings of fact.
7. Road Commissioner: Need more salt and sand. Will be salting ice patches without sand when temperatures allow.
8. Other: Beckett noted Selectman Wiley plans to marry and perhaps move. Two years remain on term.
9. Motion to adjourn, Gushee. Second, Beckett. Unanimous.