

**Appleton Select Board**  
**October 2, 2018**

1. Convene, 7 p.m. (Gushee, Wyman, Fenner, Beckett, Costigan)
2. Reminder: Meetings are recorded.
3. Beckett: Motion to approve minutes of Sept. 28, 2018. Gushee: Second. 4-0-1/Costigan abstained due to absence.
4. Tax-acquired lots: Title search on VanDyne has been completed and revealed a missing signature on a transfer prior to ownership by the town. Hall Lane title search continues. Wyman and Gushee questioning lot lines based on initial fieldwork.
5. Johnson Pond Road: Materials from MMA suggest the Determination of Presumed Abandonment. Town voted in 1981 to discontinue maintenance. Board will move on hearing to advance abandonment from 1981. From MMA letter to Wyman: "The law on abandonment provides that neither the municipality nor its officials will be liable for failing to maintain or repair a way if they rely in good faith on the presumption of abandonment. The municipal officers should make this determination after research and a public hearing, and should memorialize their decision in a notice of determination of presumption of abandonment and should record this notice in the registry of deeds."
6. Road Commissioner: Culvert work on Peasetown Road will begin this week. Sennebec Road ditching at town line with Union almost complete. Three culverts in town required cleaning this week, including Pettengill and Harriet Brook. Muskrats? Beavers? Pettengill culvert has decay in middle of culvert where it has separated in the middle. Outlet side is also decayed. Status of inlet side undermined. The conclusion of Gushee and Boyington is to fix the culvert this year. Boyington did not have the name of the DEP's "on-call girl" who said no permits required because repairing or replacing existing culvert/waterway. Boyington said he will ensure documentation from DEP prior to submitting plan to select board. Concluded as long as the end product doesn't impede fish passage DEP oversight is unnecessary.
7. Other: Radar sign needs to be moved.
8. Public Comment: None.
9. Beckett: Motion to adjourn. Gushee: Second. Unanimous.

