

**Appleton Select Board
October 9, 2018**

1. Convene, 7 p.m. (Gushee, Wyman, Fenner, Beckett, Costigan)
2. Reminder: Meetings are recorded.
3. Costigan: Motion to sign warrants #30, \$5,686.01, town payroll; #31, \$109,596.34, town expenses; and, #29, AVS payroll warrant, \$49,205.83; contingent upon signatures from school finance committee. Beckett: Second. Unanimous.
4. Beckett: Motion to approve minutes of October 2, 2018. Gushee: Second. Unanimous.
5. Hall Lane: Requested clerk send corrected tax map to Lighthouse Abstracts.
6. Road Commissioner: Requested laptop for road commissioner. Can be used for speed sign and road survey software. Beckett: Motion to approve purchase order, not to exceed \$1,000, for laptop. Gushee: Second. Unanimous.
A 36-inch culvert was replaced on Peasetown. 10-feet of culvert to be returned. Ditching remains but moving on to grading. Completed ditching at Sennebec Road Union town line. Grading and resurfacing of certain roads has begun (Peabody, Magog, and portions of Appleton Ridge Road. Like to request purchase order amount to increase from \$500 to \$1,000 because it's hard to get purchase orders for every small project.
Fenner: Motion to amend policy and approve \$1,000 threshold for road purchase orders. Gushee: Second. 4-0-1/Costigan.
Boyington said he'd spoken with DEP several times. Believes do not need a permit from DEP for Barker's Flats. Unclear on need for permit from federal Army Corps of Engineers. Army Corp of Engineer willing to perform a site visit. Emergency clauses may come into play.
7. Appointments: Beckett: Motion to appoint Jane Jordan, election clerk, two years. Gushee: Second. Beckett: Motion to appoint Heather Dropps, election clerk. Gushee: Second. Unanimous.
Forestry: Alex Mansius has begun cutting on W. Appleton Road.
8. Other: Johnson Pond Road: Letter from William Kelley. Lyonelle Clark-Staples concerned no communication from town regarding Johnson Pond Road. Asking why no one from the town has discussed with abutting landowners. Fenner: Wants the town to obtain an attorney. Town had request from a law firm and an unnamed client to

two town officials for the status of Johnson Pond to be clarified in the past month. Consulted with MMA Legal. Now a letter from Kelley. Fenner explained first step happened last June when the forester recommended town sell Collamore Lot. Town meeting rejected sale. Step two was people saying they wanted to preserve right of way. None of that has anything to do with the town forest. We are on clarifying the status and that was driven by an unknown client of a Portland law firm. Clark-Staples: Asked board to consider landowners earlier in the process and proceed in a way that doesn't seem aggressive or invasive. Would have appreciated opportunity to have a conversation. Fenner: Our goal is to have the town forests managed to produce revenue for the town. Fenner: Board will continue to clarify the status of the Johnson Pond Road. Encouraged Staples to post private property. Beckett: Motion to adjourn. Gushee: Second. Unanimous.