

**RESULTS OF THE JUNE 12, 2018 MUNICIPAL ELECTION
AND OPEN TOWN MEETING HELD JUNE 13, 2018**

ARTICLE 1. On a motion Eileen O’Neil was nominated and voted by secret ballot to serve as moderator to preside over this meeting. She was sworn to the office. Gary Sukeforth was appointed and sworn to the office of Deputy Moderator.

(Articles 2 and 3 were voted on by SECRET WRITTEN BALLOT.)

ARTICLE 2. There were 394 votes cast out of 976 registered voters. The votes for Town Officials were as follows:

FOR APPLETON VILLAGE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

(for THREE years) TWO POSITIONS

WADSWORTH, STEPHEN	279
GRIERSON, ELIZABETH	23
KEIRAN, DEBORAH	2

ELIZABETH GRIERSON AND STEPHEN WADSWORTH WERE DECLARED THE WINNERS. THEY WILL BE SWORN TO SERVE THREE YEAR TERMS.

FOR FIVE TOWN C.S.D. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

(for ONE year) ONE POSITION

BURKE, DONALD	2
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DONALD BURKE WAS DECLARED THE WINNER BUT DECLINED THE POSITION. A MEMBER WILL BE APPOINTED BY THE APPLETON SCHOOL BOARD TO SERVE A ONE YEAR TERM.

FOR PLANNING BOARD ASSOCIATE MEMBER (for THREE years) TWO POSITIONS

BURKE, DONALD	2
KASABUSKI, WILLIAM	2

DONALD BURKE AND WILLIAM KASABUSKI WERE DECLARED THE WINNERS. DONALD BURKE DECLINED THE POSITION AND WILLIAM KASABUSKI WILL BE SWORN TO SERVE A THREE YEAR TERM. THE SELECT BOARD WILL

APPOINT A MEMBER TO SERVE A ONE YEAR TERM FOR THE VACANT POSITION.

FOR PLANNING BOARD MEMBER (for THREE years) TWO POSITIONS

BURKE, DONALD	4
KELLEY, DAVID	6
WYMAN, DANIEL	4

DAVID KELLEY WAS DECLARED ONE OF THE WINNERS. HE WILL BE SWORN TO SERVE A THREE YEAR TERM. NO OTHER WINNER WAS DETERMINED. THE SELECT BOARD WILL APPOINT A MEMBER TO SERVE A ONE YEAR TERM.

FOR SELECT BOARD (for TWO years) ONE POSITION

GUSHEE, JASON	229
MCMULLAN, DREW	92

JASON GUSHEE WAS DECLARED THE WINNER. HE WILL BE SWORN TO A SERVE TWO YEAR TERM.

FOR SELECT BOARD (for THREE years) TWO POSITIONS

BURKE, DONALD	2
FENNER, JOHN	232
WYMAN, HEATHER	251

JOHN FENNER AND HEATHER WYMAN WERE DECLARED THE WINNERS. THEY WILL BE SWORN TO SERVE THREE YEAR TERMS.

ARTICLE 3. The Town of Appleton voted in favor of approving the Appleton Village School (AVS) budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest AVS unit budget meeting and that includes locally raised funds that exceed the required local contribution as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act. *The votes cast were 218 Yes and 124 No.*

Record of the Annual Town Meeting Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the Appleton Village School. Approximately 50 residents were in attendance.

The results from the municipal election were announced. The meeting was then called to order by deputy Moderator, Gary Sukeforth. Gary opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Permission was granted for non-resident Pamela Smith, Town Clerk, to speak at the meeting followed by an introduction of Representative Paula Sutton.

At this time Select Board Member, Lori Costigan presented the 2018 Spirit of America Tribute Award to Heather Beaupre Fuller.

ARTICLE 4. On a motion the Town voted to accept the categories of funds listed below as provided by the Maine State Legislature. (Dollar amounts listed are estimated amounts to be received in FY18/19)

a. Maine State Revenue Sharing	\$90,000.00
b. Local Road Assistance	43,900.00
c. State Aid to Education	Unknown
d. Emergency Management Agency Funds	Unknown
e. Snowmobile Registration money	450.00
f. Tree Growth Reimbursement	6,600.00
g. General Assistance Reimbursement	Unknown
h. Veterans Exemption Reimbursement	1,300.00
i. Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	Unknown
j. All other Funds	Unknown

ARTICLE 5. On a motion the Town voted to carry forward from FY 17/18 into FY 18/19 all unexpended balances in the following accounts:

Town Website
Planning Board
Wentworth Fund
Fire Department Donation Account
Emergency Management Agency
Road Maintenance
Town Road Improvement
Paving
Fire Department & Town Parking Lot
Town Land Conservation Fund
Old Cemeteries & Ames addition (Pine Grove)

ARTICLE 6. On a motion the Town voted to appropriate from Surplus the funds needed to fulfill the Town's obligation for FY 18/19 in the following accounts:

General Assistance
Unemployment
Maintain Old Landfill

ARTICLE 7. On a motion the Town voted to have anticipated revenues from the following sources placed into Surplus:

Est. for FY 18/19	
Excise Tax	\$250,000.00
Other Revenues*	18,000.00

*Building permits, clerk fees and other fees. **(Other fee not to include Insurance & Bonds and Workers Compensation refunds, animal control fines and FEMA reimbursement. These are to be credited to and expended from the appropriate accounts.)**

ARTICLE 8. On a motion the Town voted to appropriate **\$3,595.14** from Surplus to cover expenses incurred from Sale of tax acquired property FY17/18.

ARTICLE 9. On a motion the Town voted to pay the Select Board for FY 18/19. Pay will be appropriated from the Town Officials budget line.

1 st Select Board Member	\$3,200.00
2 nd Select Board Member	3,200.00
3 rd Select Board Member	3,200.00
4 th Select Board Member	3,200.00
5 th Select Board Member	3,200.00
Chairman Stipend	1,500.00

ARTICLE 10. On a motion the Town voted to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to appoint and set compensation of all other necessary officials, or act thereon. Before filling any vacant non-payroll appointments, the positions must be made available to all members of the community by advertising and/or posting for at least two (2) weeks.

ARTICLE 11. On a motion the Town voted to pay Maine DOT 2018 labor reimbursement and private equipment rental rates and bid, contract or rental prices on its Roads and Bridges for labor and equipment rental during FY 18/19.

ARTICLE 12. On a motion the Town voted to appropriate all State Highway funds received from the Local Roads Assistance Program (L.R.A.P.) this fiscal year (estimated to be \$43,298) for the purpose of maintenance paving of Town road(s).

ARTICLE 13. On a motion the Town will voted to raise and appropriate **\$222,523.00** for **GENERAL GOVERNMENT** for FY 18/19.

Town Officials	\$106,700.00
Contracted Assessing Services	11,250.00
Computer Expense	13,000.00
Building and Utilities	12,500.00
Municipal & Fire Dept. Electricity	5,000.00
Office Expense	8,400.00
Town Website	carry forward & 500.00
Town Meeting and Voting	6,985.00
Professional Services	11,900.00
Insurance and Bonds	12,500.00
General Assistance	from surplus
FICA	8,738.00
Medicare	2,050.00
Unemployment	from surplus
Workers Compensation	3,000.00
Health Insurance	20,000.00
Planning Board	carry forward
Total	\$222,523.00

ARTICLE 14. On a motion the Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$151,873.00** for **PROTECTION AND SAFETY** for FY 18/19.

Fire Dept. Labor & Training	\$22,450.00
Fire Dept. Equipment & Operation	13,240.00
Fire Dept. Building & Utilities	6,600.00

Fire Dept. Donation Account	carry forward	
Fire Truck Reserve		35,500.00
Ambulance		23,858.00
Animal Control	revenue &	5,700.00
Street Lights		2,900.00
Emergency Management Agency	carry forward &	2,500.00
Communication Fee (911)		38,925.00
Health Officer		200.00
Total		\$151,873.00

ARTICLE 15. On a motion the Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$450,702.00** for **HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES** for FY 18/19.

Road Commissioner Salary		3,000.00
Road Maintenance	carry forward &	101,000.00
Town Road Improvement	carry forward &	40,000.00
Winter Road Maintenance		250,000.00
Paving	LRAP &	56,702.00
Total		\$450,702.00

ARTICLE 16. On a motion the Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$40,100.00** for **SANITATION** for FY 18/19.

T.C.S.W.M.O.		\$37,800.00
Maintain Old Landfill	from surplus	
Septage Disposal		2,300.00
Total		\$40,100.00

ARTICLE 17. On a motion the Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$23,500.00** for **COMMUNITY** for FY 18/19.

Mildred Stevens Williams Memorial Library		\$10,000.00
Old Cemeteries & Ames addition (Pine Grove)	CF +	13,500.00
Town Park		0.00
Town Land Conservation	carry forward	
Total		\$23,500.00

ARTICLE 18. On a motion the Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$6,924.00** for **PROVIDER AGENCIES** for FY 18/19.

a. American Red Cross	1,750.00
b. Broadreach Family & Community Services	250 .00
c. Come Spring Food Pantry	500.00
d. Health Equity Alliance	500.00
e. The LifeFlight Foundation	658.00
f. Maine Public Broadcasting	250.00
g. Midcoast Community Action	800.00
h. New Hope for Women	830.00
i. Penobscot Bay YMCA -Teen Center	41.00
j. Penquis	521.00
k. Spectrum Generations	824.00
Total	6,924.00

ARTICLE 19. On a motion the Town voted to appropriate **\$25,000.00** from surplus for **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS** for FY 18/19.

Municipal Buildings Renovations	\$10,000.00
Municipal Reserve	\$15,000.00
Fire Dept. & Town Office Parking Lot	carry forward
Total	\$25,000.00

ARTICLE 20. On a motion the Town voted to appropriate **\$300,000.00** from Surplus to reduce the property tax assessment.

ARTICLE 21. On a motion the Town voted to allow a discount of 2% on all taxes paid in full prior to or within one month after the commitment of the list to the Tax Collector, except Excise Taxes, and authorize the Select Board to take the necessary sum from Surplus for this purpose.

ARTICLE 22. On an amended motion the Town voted that taxes shall be due and payable when billed; and that interest at the rate of **5%** per annum be charged on all taxes remaining unpaid after the last day of November, 2018.

ARTICLE 23. On a motion the Town voted to authorize the Select Board to procure a temporary loan(s) in anticipation of taxes, for payment of obligations of the Town; such loans(s) to be paid during the current fiscal year by taxation, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 24. On a motion the Town voted to allow the Select Board to take from Surplus the necessary amount of money to cover the interest on loans they have been authorized to procure in anticipation of taxes, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 25. On a motion the town voted to appropriate **\$10,000.00** from the Town Land Conservation Fund for removal of hazardous trees in Pine Grove Cemetery and for tax map digitization.

ARTICLE 26. On a motion the town voted to appropriate **\$9,000.00** from surplus for new computers and related software for the town office and a new overhead door and stain or paint for the Fire Department Building.

ARTICLE 27. On a motion the Town voted by secret written ballot to increase the property tax levy limit of \$ 434,986.00 established for Appleton by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit. *The votes cast were 29 yes and 2 no.*

ARTICLE 28. On a motion the Town voted to authorize the Select Board to enter into up to three (3) year agreements for the following:

Contract with P.A.W.S. of Camden as Town animal care facility
Audit services
Assessing services
Town property mowing
Old cemeteries mowing

Article 29. On an amended motion the Town voted to authorize the Select Board to dispose of the following tax-acquired property, Lot on Hall Lane - Map 23 Lot 007-004 and Vandyne Lot - Map 21 Lot 22, in any manner which the Select Board deems to be in the best interest of the Town and to take any necessary funds from Surplus for this purpose.

Article 30. On a motion the Town voted to authorize the Select Board to harvest wood in accordance with the foresters' recommendations on the following: Mid Coast Property - Map 8 Lot 1-13 Collins and Pert Lots - Map 12 Lots 2&3, Town-owned properties.

Article 31. On a motion the Town voted to amend the ordinance entitled Shoreland Zoning Ordinance Appleton, Maine, adopted 4/2/1991 and amended 3/19/94, 6/18/97, 6/17/00, 7/26/00, 6/16/01, 6/18/05, 6/17/06, 6/10/09, 6/9/10 and 6/13/12 to the revisions proposed by the Planning Board and presented in full in a separate document.

Article 32. Building Permit Ordinance

1. On a motion the Town voted to amend Section 6, Paragraph 5 of the Lot Specification and Building Permit Ordinance to read as follows: "All fees for Building Permits shall be paid to the Town of Appleton in accordance with the fee schedule as established by the Select Board."

Article 33. On a motion the Town voted to accept an initial gift of \$2,000 from Jason A. Gushee and Ily Shofestall for the establishment of the "Jason A. Gushee and Ily Shofestall Scholarship Fund."

JASON A. GUSHEE AND ILY SHOFESTALL
SCHOLARSHIP FUND GUIDELINES

1. The Scholarship Fund shall be known as the "Jason A. Gushee and Ily Shofestall Scholarship Fund." Additional names may be added to the name of the scholarship fund for donors who contribute at least an additional \$500.00 to the fund, if those donors want their names to be added.
2. The Fund shall provide an annual scholarship or scholarships to an Appleton student or students graduating from the school system in which the Town of Appleton is participating for high school level education. Scholarship(s) shall be for students to attend a vocational or technical training program.
3. If no Appleton students apply for a scholarship to attend a vocational or technical training program in a given year, then a scholarship or scholarships may be awarded for an Appleton student or students to attend any post high school educational program. If no students from Appleton qualify for such scholarship in any given year, then no funds shall be distributed that year.
4. The scholarship shall be in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), beginning in 2019, each year, until the funds are exhausted. The Scholarship Fund may accept additional funds to be consolidated with the original fund, and the

committee appointed to select recipient(s) may adjust the amount of the scholarship upward to account for inflation or rising tuition costs in its discretion.

5. The Committee representing the Town of Appleton to select recipient(s) shall be made up of five (5) members appointed by the Select Board for staggered terms of three (3) years after the current one (1) year term. If no such Committee exists or can be formed in any given year, the recipient(s) shall be chosen by the Appleton School Committee.

6. Students graduating from the school system in which the Town of Appleton is participating for high school level education shall apply through any process established for scholarship applications by the school system, currently the Camden Hills Regional High School (CHRHS) Scholarship for Seniors packet.

7. Recipient(s) shall be selected prior to the deadline set by the school system in order to be announced at the Awards Night prior to graduation.

8. The scholarship shall be awarded to the recipient(s) at the beginning of school, payable upon receipt of acceptance.

9. If a member of the Committee is directly related to an applicant, he/she should not participate in awarding the scholarship.

Article 34. On a motion the Town voted to authorize the Select Board to establish a committee to award the scholarship(s) from “Jason A. Gushee and Ily Shofestall Scholarship Fund” in accordance with the conditions of the gift as specified by reference in the previous article.

On a motion the meeting adjourned 9:43 pm.

A True Attest:

Pamela J. Smith
Town Clerk