

**TOWN ELECTIONS
TUESDAY, JUNE 11TH, 2019
8:00AM - 8:00PM
APPLETON TOWN HALL**

**TOWN MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12TH, 2019
STARTING AT 7:00 P.M.
APPLETON VILLAGE SCHOOL**

**TOWN OF APPLETON, MAINE
POSTING WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING**

To: Darlene Starrett, a Resident of the Town of Appleton, County of Knox, State of Maine.

GREETINGS: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Appleton, in said county, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on **Tuesday, the Eleventh (11th) day of June, AD 2019 at 8 o'clock** in the forenoon, then and there to act on Articles 1 through 4.

And to notify and warn the said voters to meet at the Appleton Village School, in said town, on **Wednesday, the Twelfth (12th) day of June, AD 2019 at 7 o'clock** in the evening, then and there to act on Articles 5 through 36 said Articles being set out below, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

(Articles 2 through 4 will be voted on by SECRET BALLOT.)

ARTICLE 2. To elect all necessary Town Officials.

ARTICLE 3. Do you favor 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?

A yes vote allows additional funds to be raised for K-8 public education; a no vote means additional funds cannot be raised for K-8 education.

ARTICLE 4. Do you wish to continue the budget validation referendum process for the Appleton Village School for an additional three years?

A "YES" vote will require the Appleton Village School to continue to conduct a referendum to validate its annual school budget for the next three years.

A "NO" vote will discontinue the budget validation referendum process for at least three years and provide instead that the annual school budget shall be finally adopted at a meeting of the voters.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote 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 FY19/20)

a. Maine State Revenue Sharing	\$90,000.00
b. Local Road Assistance	43,548.00
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

Select Board recommends approval.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to carry forward from FY 18/19 into FY 19/20 all unexpended balances in the following accounts:

Town Website
Tax Maps
Planning Board
Wentworth Fund
Fire Department Building and Utilities
Fire Department Donation Account & King Grant
Emergency Management Agency

Road Maintenance
Town Road Improvement
Paving
Fire Department & Town Parking Lot
Town Land Conservation Fund
Cemeteries
Fire Truck Reserve
Municipal Building Renovations

Select Board recommends approval.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus the funds needed to fulfill the Town's obligation for FY 19/20 in the following accounts:

General Assistance
Unemployment
Maintain Old Landfill

Select Board recommends approval.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to have anticipated revenues from the following sources placed into Surplus:

Est. for FY 19/20	
Excise Tax	\$250,000.00
Other Revenues*	18,000.00

*Building permits, clerk fees and other fees. **(Other fees 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.)**

Select Board recommends approval.

ARTICLE 9. To see what sum the Town will appropriate from Surplus to cover overdrafts in the following accounts(s):

Select Board recommends approval.

ARTICLE 10. To see what sum the Town will vote to pay the Select Board for FY 19/20. Pay will be appropriated from the Town Officials budget line.

Each Select Board Member	\$3,000.00
Chairman Stipend	\$2,500.00

Select Board recommends approval.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to pay members of the Appleton Volunteer Fire Department the following in addition to the salaries approved at June 9, 2015 Annual Town Meeting:

**\$11.00 for every meeting attended
\$11.00 minimum per call
\$11.00 for each call hour**

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote 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 13. To see what rate the Town will vote to pay for labor and equipment rental on its Roads and Bridges during FY19/20.
Road Commissioner recommends Maine DOT 2019 labor reimbursement and private equipment rental rates and bid, contract or rental prices on its Roads and Bridges during FY 19/20.

Select Board recommends approval.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all State Highway funds received from the Local Roads Assistance Program (L.R.A.P.) this fiscal year (estimated to be \$43,548) for the purpose of maintenance paving of Town road(s).

ARTICLE 15. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **GENERAL GOVERNMENT** for FY 19/20.

Town Officials	\$109,652.00
Contracted Assessing Services	11,250.00
Computer Expense	13,000.00
Building and Utilities	12,750.00
Municipal & Fire Dept. Electricity	5,000.00
Office Expense	8,600.00
Town Website	carry forward & 700.00
Town Meeting and Voting	7,085.00
Professional Services	13,350.00
Tax Maps	carry forward & 5,000.00
Insurance and Bonds	12,750.00
General Assistance	from surplus
FICA	8,600.00
Medicare	2,050.00
Unemployment	from surplus
Workers Compensation	4,200.00
Health Insurance	21,000.00
Planning Board	carry forward & 500.00
Comprehensive Plan	1,500.00
Total	\$236,987.00

**Select Board recommends approval.
Budget Committee recommends Total.**

ARTICLE 16. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **PROTECTION AND SAFETY** for FY 19/20

Fire Dept. Labor & Training	\$22,450.00
Fire Dept. Equipment & Operation	13,240.00
Fire Dept. Building & Utilities	carry forward & 6,600.00
Fire Dept. Donation Account & King Grant	carry forward
Fire Truck Reserve	carry forward & 35,500.00
Ambulance	33,400.00
Animal Control	revenue & 5,700.00
Street Lights	3,400.00
Emergency Management Agency	carry forward & 2,500.00
Communication Fee (911)	41,319.00
Health Officer	200.00
Total	\$164,309.00

**Select Board recommends approval.
Budget Committee recommends Total.**

ARTICLE 17. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES** for FY 19/20.

Road Commissioner Salary	3,000.00
Road Maintenance	carry forward & 125,000.00
Town Road Improvement	carry forward & 40,000.00
Winter Road Maintenance	264,500.00
Paving	carry forward & LRAP & 82,000.00
Barker Flat	15,000.00
Total	\$529,500.00

**Select Board recommends approval.
Budget Committee recommends Total.**

ARTICLE 18. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **SANITATION** for FY 19/20.

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

**Select Board recommends approval.
Budget Committee recommends Total.**

ARTICLE 19. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **COMMUNITY** for FY 19/20.

Mildred Stevens Williams Memorial Library	\$10,000.00
Cemeteries	carry forward & 13,500.00
Municipal Renovations	carry forward
Town Park	100.00
Town Land Conservation	carry forward
Fire & Municipal Parking Lot	carry forward
Total	\$23,600.00

**Select Board recommends approval.
Budget Committee recommends Total.**

ARTICLE 20. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **PROVIDER AGENCIES** for FY 19/20.

a. American Red Cross	1,750.00
b. Area Interfaith Outreach	500.00
c. Come Spring Food Pantry	500.00
d. Health Equity Alliance	500.00
e. Maine Public Broadcasting	250.00
f. Midcoast Community Action	800.00
g. New Hope for Women	871.00
h. Penquis	721.00
i. Spectrum Generations	756.00
j. The LifeFlight Foundation	658.00
k. Waldo County Community Action	362.00
Total	7,668.00

Select Board and Budget Committee make no recommendation.

ARTICLE 21. To see what sum the Town will appropriate from Surplus to reduce the property tax assessment.

Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote 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 23. To see if the Town will vote that taxes shall be due and payable when billed; and that interest at the rate of **9%** per annum* be charged on all taxes remaining unpaid after the last day of November, 2019.

*maximum allowed by law.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote 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 25. To see if the Town will vote 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 26. To see what sum the town will appropriate from the Capital Reserve Account for a new overhead door and painting of the Fire Department Building.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS \$20,000 FOR FIRE DEPT

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote 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. *Must be by written ballot.*

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a three (3) year contract, with an option for a fourth (4th) year, for the purpose of Winter Road Maintenance.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to combine the Old Cemeteries and Ames Addition Accounts and change the name to Cemeteries Account.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to have all proceeds from the sale of a cemetery lot go to a Cemetery Reserve Account. This article to remain in effect until modified or repealed by the voters at a Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to have all revenues after expenses from harvesting wood on any Town Forest lot or lots go to the Town Land Conservation Reserve Fund. This article to remain in effect until modified or repealed by the voters at a Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 32. To see what sum the town will vote to appropriate from the Town Land Conservation Reserve Fund for signs on the Town Forest Lots.

Select Board Recommends \$

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to harvest wood in accordance with the foresters' recommendations for a selective cut on the following Town-owned property.

Herb Collamore Lot – Map 9 Lot 21

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to allow property tax commitment book information to be placed on the website in a non-searchable format. This article to remain in effect until modified or repealed by the voters at a Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 35. Shall the ordinance entitled Shoreland Zoning Ordinance Appleton, Maine be adopted as proposed by the Planning Board?

**Ordinance posted with this Warrant.*

ARTICLE 36. Shall the map entitled Appleton Shoreland Zoning Map, revised as proposed by the Planning Board in June, 2019, be adopted?

**Map is available for viewing at the Town Office.*

Given under our hands at Appleton, Maine this th day of May, AD 2019.

Select Board of Appleton:

John C. Fenner

Peter C. Beckett

Lorie A. Costigan

Jason A. Gushee

Heather V. Wyman