

**Appleton Select Board**  
**January 14, 2020**

1. Convene, 7 p.m. (Gould, Beckett, Fenner, Garrigan, Costigan)
2. Reminder: Meetings are recorded.
3. Costigan: Motion to sign warrant #54, town payroll, \$4,207.75; #55, school payroll, \$49,555.99; and #56, town expenses, \$88,591.09. Gould: Second. Unanimous.
4. Beckett: Motion to approve minutes of January 7, 2020. Fenner: Second. Unanimous.
5. Public Comment: None.
6. Road Commissioner: Beckett: Assumes we will do more paving in 2020. Do we know which road is next on the paving schedule? Fenner: Road Commissioner usually makes a recommendation and it is a bit early for that discussion.
7. Committee Reports: Fenner attended the budget preview of the Union Ambulance Service (Union, Appleton, Washington). EMTs recommending 24/7, 2-person staffing of the ambulance station, plus pay raises for increases in minimum wage; also, federal law now requires ambulance services to hire a medical doctor who is an advisor/auditor who evaluates paramedic-level responses. Could result in a \$30k increase to Appleton's portion of the budget. Costigan: Comprehensive Plan Survey link is ready for online survey taking. Link will go on town website.

8. Computer for Online Survey: Costigan: Comprehensive Plan Committee thought it would be helpful for townspeople to be able to take survey at the town office. This would also potentially decrease the number of paper surveys being disseminated and tallied and would provide a more instantaneous survey result. Beckett: Can use the laptop purchased for road inventories, etc. and it can be setup in the town office.
9. Select Board Meetings: Fenner: Questions the need for weekly select board meetings. Suggested bi-weekly meetings to be more in keeping with school committee meetings and other area select board that meet bi-weekly. Beckett: Inquired if warrant procedures would be impacted. Fenner: No. Garrigan: Bi-weekly meetings in other towns can be influenced by a town manager position.
10. Margaret Chase Smith Foundation provides interns (\$12.50/hour cost to towns/40 hours a week, 5 or 6 weeks: \$3,000) for special projects. Beckett: Suggest using road software for mapping culverts and other road signs as an inventory of roadway structures. Application deadline Feb 1 to March 1.
11. Other: Garrigan: How are sand supplies holding up? Fenner will call road commissioner.
12. Closed Monday, Martin Luther King Day, Jan 20.

13. Forestry Issue: Fenner: Odd situation local woodcutter has cut five 100-foot pine trees that belong to the town. Moose Carry Road is a three-rod, town-owned road. The trees were on the roadside of the stonewall.
14. Special Select Board Meeting, Jan 23 to approve the warrant. Feb. 4 is the special town meeting.
15. Adjourn. Unanimous.