

**Appleton Select Board**  
**March 10, 2020**

1. Convene, 6:30 p.m. (Gould, Beckett, Fenner, Garrigan, Costigan)
2. Reminder: Meetings are recorded.
3. Costigan: Motion to sign warrant #70, accounts payable, \$49,384.51; #71, town payroll, \$10,003.51; #72, town payroll, \$882.05; #73, town accounts payable, \$421, 510.01. Beckett: Second. Unanimous.
4. Public Comment: None.
5. Road Commissioner: Garrigan: Does automated brushcutting limit regenerative growth? Boyington will check. Boyington: Most dirt roads not as bad as last year. Appleton Ridge has seen the bulk of the issue and less drainage on the side so more ditching and knocking shoulders back could be in the plan for 2020. (Areas where that work had been completed, near Fullers and near Boyington's, not as wet/soupy as other areas so knocking shoulders down could help.) Responded the same day to complaints of mud on Appleton Ridge with more stone and dirt. Three rounds of crushed stone application throughout the week. Couple hundred yards of crushed stone. Emergency purchase orders for Hartland \$5,576 for crushed stone and Ridge maintenance \$3,100. Gould: Projects need flaggers to decrease liability. Beckett: Motion to approve purchase order \$3096. Garrigan: Second. Unanimous. Beckett: Motion to approve purchase order for Hartland \$5,576. Garrigan: Second. Unanimous. Tractor and rake to all dirt roads to smooth the roads and some requests or additional stones. Constantly on roads for previous two weeks to finish brush, tar patching and dirt road maintenance. Gould: Request tar patch along the Pettengill. Boyington adding tar patch to Town Hill and Pettengill. Beckett: Striping request for Sennebec Road.
6. Committee Reports: Library Board, planning fundraisers for 2020. Costigan: Comprehensive Plan Committee meets tomorrow.
7. Margaret Chase Smith Intern: Postpone until budget planning.
8. Fenner: Purchase Order for Collins Custom Services not to exceed \$2,000 for labor on fire department building. Beckett: Second. Unanimous.
9. Audit Contract: Fenner raised concerns about change to accrual process. Costigan reiterated need to have a conversation/email regarding the draft to ensure we
10. Ambulance Contract: Town of Union set current contract between Appleton and Union which covers half of Appleton, but the cost sharing is inconsistent with town-approved contracts. The 2010 was the last time the town voted on a contract with Town of Union and agreed to use the 1996 contract and for it to remain in effect until voted at town meeting. In 2020 the proposed rate increase is 30-53% so the cost sharing formula was changed at some point without a vote. No record of when Town of Union approved terms of ambulance contract and at no time has the town voted to accept the contract. The 1996 cost sharing formula was a cap of a dollar amount and then increased by CPI or cost of living and that language is the same. The cost sharing changed at some point. Past chairman Burke has no recollection of signing a new contract. Contract is Washington, Union and Appleton. Washington has March town meeting. Now the cost

is divided by per capita. Fenner requests 50 percent per capita and 50 percent town runs. Unknown what happens if one town rejects the budget.

11. Referendum and Primary: The State Election Office did not send enough ballots.

Appleton, like other towns, ran out of ballots. Beckett: State should know copies and counting copies cost time and added to town costs.

12. Adjourn.