

SELECT BOARD MEETING: VIA ZOOM

Date: June 15, 2021 6:30 P.M.

In Attendance: Selectboard- Peter Beckett, Marci Blakely, Lorie Costigan, Scott Esancy, Charles Garrigan, Road Commissioner Jake Boyington. Town Clerk Elizabeth Dickerson. Members of the public: Fred Brown, Prent Marriner

1. Call Select Board meeting to order

Selectperson Beckett in the capacity of Deputy Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

2. Meetings are recorded

Selectperson Beckett reminded attendees that Zoom meetings are recorded.

3. Elect Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary

Nominations for chair: Selectperson Garrigan nominated Lorie Costigan chair. Selectperson Beckett, second.

Discussion: none

Vote: Selectperson Beckett: yes, Selectperson Blakely: yes, Selectperson Costigan: yes, Selectperson Esancy: yes, Selectperson Garrigan: yes 5-0 Selectperson Costigan is elected chair

Nominations for Vice Chair- Selectperson Garrigan nominated Selectperson Beckett, Selectperson Costigan, second.

Discussion: none

Vote: Selectperson Beckett: yes, Selectperson Blakely: yes, Selectperson Costigan: yes, Selectperson Esancy: yes, Selectperson Garrigan: yes 5-0 Selectperson Beckett is elected vice chair

Nominations for Secretary: Selectperson Beckett nominated Marci Moody Blakely, Selectperson Costigan, second.

Vote: Selectperson Beckett: yes, Selectperson Blakely: yes, Selectperson Costigan: yes, Selectperson Esancy: yes, Selectperson Garrigan: yes 5-0 Selectperson Blakely is elected secretary

4. Election Results – The Town Clerk reviewed the results of the election. 282 voters turned out, being 26.33% of the 1071 registered voters.

5. Approve the minutes of June 1, 2021- Tabled until next meeting

6. Public Comment: The Road Commissioner registered complaints he has received about Pine Grove and the town office mowing. General discussion ensued about trying to get mowing back up to standard. Chair Costigan will contact the mowing contractor.

Selectperson Garrigan asked Selectpersons Blakely and Esancy about the “It Takes Two” campaign signs and what the slogan “back to basics” means.

Selectperson Blakely talked about connecting to the community, and that she wants to give back. The clerk mentioned that campaign signs in the public right of way need to be taken down.

7. Road Commissioner- Jake Boyington: Making progress on Collinstown Road on ditching and replacing culverts. Will be there for the rest of the week. Working on getting W Appleton prepared before June 30. Spoke with John Fenner last week about no sand bids. Asked Dave’s World about whether they wanted to do the job. They gave a price, if the contract is the same as

last year. The price is \$14 a yard up to 2500 yards delivered. The additional 1500 yards during winter if needed would also be \$14 a yard. If additional sand is needed, the price would go up. September 15 is when sand is usually expected. If there was another bidder last year, Jake will also contact them. Question: requested expense detail report- is everything that is in this report- has all the carry forward been straightened out? Selectperson Beckett will address Thursday

8. Town Audit Approval- Selectperson Costigan said that last week the audit was received for the prior year.

Motion to authorize the chair to sign off on the June 30 2020 audit

Motion, Selectperson Beckett, Second, Selectperson Costigan

Discussion- none

Vote: Selectperson Beckett: yes, Selectperson Blakely: abstain, Selectperson Costigan: yes, Selectperson Esancy: abstain, Selectperson Garrigan: yes 3-2-0 the chair is authorized to sign off on the audit.

Selectperson Costigan said that the town also needs to look at a PO to engage the auditor's office to help close out the books for the end of the year. Selectperson Beckett said that two days are needed, and \$2,000 should be allocated. There is money in the budget.

Chair Costigan asked for a motion to hire RH Smith to help close out the books for the current FY at a price of \$2,000.

Motion Selectperson Beckett, second, Selectperson Garrigan

Discussion: none

Vote: Selectperson Beckett: yes, Selectperson Blakely: yes, Selectperson Costigan: yes, Selectperson Esancy: yes, Selectperson Garrigan: yes 5-0 RH Smith will be engaged.

9. Town Clerk- Elizabeth Dickerson- Thanks to the select board for helping with the election set up and tear down, and to all who turned out for a smooth election process.

10. Adopt Dog Ordinance- Dog ordinance is online and in the ordinance book with an adopted date per town meeting of June 8, 2021 and does not need further action.

11. Select Board-

A. Select Board meeting location

Chair Costigan reported that the governor will be lifting emergency measures. Surrounding communities are beginning to meet in person.

Discussion: Should the Appleton Select Board return to in person meetings.

Selectperson Beckett said he was interested in going back to in person. Would like to start on the 22nd. Selectperson Garrigan is fine with going back to in-person. Should the meeting date remain Tuesday night since the office is also open? Selectperson suggested going back on Tuesday night so that newly elected select board members could see what happens on Tuesday evenings.

Zoom could potentially still be accessible.

Vote to go back to in-person meetings of the Select Board starting June 22: Selectperson Beckett motioned, Selectperson Garrigan, second

Discussion- none

Vote: Selectperson Beckett: yes, Selectperson Blakely: yes, Selectperson Costigan: yes, Selectperson Esancy: yes, Selectperson Garrigan: yes 5-0 Select board meetings will return to in-person at the town office starting June 22, 2021.

B. Overview of committees and board responsibilities

Selectperson Beckett said that the members could think this week about committees upon which they would like to serve. He provided a brief run-down of the committees.

1. personnel- handled by chair and vice chair,
other committees below have to do with interest and skill sets.
2. cemeteries
3. library
4. Tricounty
5. Highways and snowplowing
6. School
7. Assessor/tax maps
8. Town buildings and parks/forest
9. Comprehensive plan
10. Broadband committee

12. Committee Reports – Selectperson Beckett reported on Tidewater progress on new grant. They will come to the Select Board to provide an update, probably in early July.

13. Other- Selectperson Beckett spoke to the Fire Chief about the doors to the fire station. PDQ will work with him to complete. Money is in the budget to paint the fire station. Discussion is needed. Chair Costigan thanked the board for the vote of confidence, and said that outgoing Chair John Fenner's budgetary knowledge will be missed and all will need to roll up sleeves.

14. Executive Session- none

15. Adjourn 7:37 pm, adjournment is by unanimous consent

A True Copy Attest,



Elizabeth Dickerson, Appleton Town Clerk