

Select Board Meeting  
Appleton Town Office  
December 7, 2021

**ATTENDEES:** Lorie Costigan Chair, Peter Beckett, Scott Esancy, Marci Blakely.

**MEETINGS ARE RECORDED  
CONVENE**

**APPROVE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 30, 2021** Motion to approve moved by Beckett and second by Esancy. Unanimous vote of approval with edits.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** Fred Bucklin wanted to express gratitude for the tremendous work regarding the Mill Pond vote.

**ROAD COMMISSIONER** CMP pole request on Peabody Road, unclear regarding markings and placement as it relates to ditch.

Today did work on the plow truck turnarounds in town, 105, Sennebec Road, 131, 105 and transition from pavement to dirt on Collinstown Road.

Citizen complaint on Peasetown Road regarding water in the road. Ditches filled in with leaves and need to be cleared.

Been in contact w/ DOT supervisor regarding 131 issues. Water issue appears to be related to the driveway, clogged or ineffective culverts/ditching. DOT is due to come work on it this week. Will continue to log it.

Will be installing some culverts as a result of some recent ditching. Viking is completely out of 12-inch culverts right now, so they have not been ordered. Will make some phone calls to see if other vendors have the culverts in stock.

Esancy mentioned a culvert at the School that has surfaced and has a hole in it that poses a hazard to cross country runners. School maintenance department may be reaching out.

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**SECOND READING AND APPROVAL WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE BID**

**REQUEST** Discussion regarding minor adjustments made based off GPS coordinates/distances updated in the document. Removing the need for dual wheels noting a  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton would be adequate for smaller/narrower dirt roads. Will work on getting color coded maps. Motion to approve with edits Beckett, second Blakely, unanimous vote of approval. Motion to publish request for bids with return date of January 11, 2022 Beckett, second Esancy, unanimous vote of approval.

**SECOND READING AND APPROVAL FIRE STATION EXTERIOR PAINTING BID**

**REQUEST** Esancy suggested combining town office and fire station buildings into one bid request. After doing research and discussing with contractors, feedback resulted in multiple bids being favorable by contractors. Draft bid packet prepared as a starting draft. During discussions, it became apparent that many contractors are booked into the 2023 season. Will combine the two projects into one document and present again next week. Question from the public regarding using incarcerated residents for the paint labor for both buildings.

**FIRST READING TOWN OFFICE EXTERIOR PAINTING BID REQUEST** See above

**KNOX COUNTY 2022-2023 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE** Thursday

December 16th is their meeting with the zoom link available on their website along with copies of the budget proposals also available on the website.

**APPLETON DELEGATES TO TRI COUNTY BOARD** Table until next week.

**2021 AUDIT** Work is ongoing, and goal is to have the audit in the beginning of 2022.

**IFW UPDATE MILL POND** Vote approved 95% in support of purchase of the Mill Pond property. One option is reaching out to Land for Maine's Future (funds 50% of overall cost to purchase at purchase price). Assessed at \$103,500. This will be an ongoing discussion. Mr. Peabody who happened to be in the office for personal business introduced himself and is the Deputy Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and took the opportunity to introduce himself and extend his excitement regarding this project.

**APPROVAL FOR TITLE SEARCH AND PURCHASE/SALE AGREEMENT MILL POND** Motion to allow chair to move ahead with the purchase of the property as per the vote from town Beckett, second Blakely. Unanimous vote of approval.

**OTHER** Pine Grove clean up on Sunday went very well, lots of work accomplished in a short amount of time. Jake offered use of his large chipper to clean up the remaining debris. Still a fair amount of cutting and clearing to do. A couple of contractor bags of discarded plastic flowers were found along with other garbage that was found and cleaned up. Will need to discuss how trash is handled. Jake pointed out that Union has garbage cans that are to be emptied and removed by the mowing contractor.

Esancy met with the school to address a few issues, one being additional fuel tanks for the generator.

Beckett provided an update regarding Pre-K at Appleton Village School as part of a grant. Funding also available for security cameras, wiring will commence for that in the upcoming week.

Meeting with Tidewater last Thursday. 182 Applications received, 20 installed in November. Funding was provided for 1,000.

**ADJOURN** Motion to adjourn 7:54 Beckett, second Esancy. Unanimous vote of approval.