

SELECT BOARD MEETING: VIA ZOOM

Date: Feb 16, 2021 6:30 P.M.

In Attendance: Selectboard- John Fenner (chair,) Lorie Costigan, Peter Beckett, Charles Garrigan, Danielle Gould
Town Clerk Elizabeth E. Dickerson
Sharon Pree
Kay Neufeld, Camden Herald

1. Call Select Board meeting to order

Chair Fenner called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

2. Meetings are recorded

Selectperson Fenner reminded attendees that Zoom meetings are recorded.

3. Approve the minutes of February 9, 2021- Selectperson Beckett so moved, second
Selectperson Garrigan

Discussion: Selectperson Fenner- in Section 6, should be “appointed to the CSD school board, not the AVS board.” Under streetlight discussion, the Guinea Ridge light and Burkettville General Store light are the same. Change to BGS light.

Under 7, Selectboard Committee Reports, move TCSWMO three lines down to just before Selectperson Garrigan.

Change wording from dump to transfer station.

Under D- change to “all of the St. George’s River.”

Item 8 and section C, spelling mistake correction.

Vote to approve amended minutes: Beckett: yes, Costigan: yes, Fenner: yes, Garrigan; yes, Gould: yes 5-0-0, the motion passes.

Minutes from February 12 2021 Executive Session: Selectperson Fenner motions to approve, Selectperson Costigan, second

Vote- Beckett: yes, Costigan: yes, Fenner: yes, Garrigan; yes, Gould: abstain (absent excused) 4-0-1, the motion passes.

4. Public Comment: none

5. Road Commissioner- Jake Boyington – not present

7 D. taken out of order, Request to place an article on town warrant-

Resolution to take action on carbon emissions pollution. Selectperson Fenner said that if the board agrees to add this article to the warrant, the resolution can be attached to the posted notice of the vote at the polls and available at the hearing, but what will be on the ballot is are you in favor of taking action on carbon emissions pollution, yes or no

Questions for Sharon Pree, resident who is asking to add the resolution to the warrant for June:

Selectperson Beckett- why go this route instead of going to the state level?

Sharon Pree- because we are trying to cultivate a grassroots support that then we can bring to the state and our national congresspeople.

Selectperson Beckett expressed concern that discussion won't be available as in past years since there will be no town meeting with the possibility of educating people during a floor discussion/debate. If most of the people know nothing about it and decide to vote against it because they don't know about it, although Selectperson Beckett is for it, he would caution against this approach.

Sharon Pree- Asked if the selectboard approves this wording, would she need to submit a petition with 10% of Appleton voters.

Selectperson Fenner said that if the selectboard approves it, that's it, you're done, it's on the ballot. If we deny it, you can submit a petition and force it to be on at the polls.

Selectperson Fenner suggested that Ms. Pree go in to the town office and speak with the clerk in order to get outfitted with petition sheets and discuss the process. The Selectboard will decide if they want to put it on the warrant next week.

6. Town Clerk- Elizabeth Dickerson-

7. Select Board-

A. Committee reports: Selectperson Gould said that there will be a library committee Feb 17.

Selectperson Beckett said that there was a Tri-County sub-committee meeting last night.

He will compose a letter that the committee will send out to various authorities to explain the options and to get their input on it.

B. Street Lights – Selectperson Fenner said the town has a list of five locations under consideration for additional lights. The board needs to decide whether to approve those and then also decide if the board wants to discontinue any lights. Selectperson Fenner thinks that due to the efficiency of the new lights, the bill won't increase.

Selectperson Beckett would like to go back to CMP and get their numbers on that before a vote.

Selectperson Fenner suggested that the town ask CMP to recommend lumen levels. There are two lights under consideration for discontinuance- one going up the Town House Hill just slightly up from the intersection with 131 and the other one is up Sennebec Road just past Historical Society on the right hand side. The one by the Georges River on Camden Road, people would really like that one to stay. Selectperson Gould have heard from people that in the summer people are down there fishing or on the trail and it helps. Selectperson Costigan mentioned that at the old Meserve house there is now a glamping campground. It's also a take out for canoeists.

Selectperson Beckett asked whether the board should send out letters to abutters of lights that may be changed.

A general discussion trying to determine who abutters would be and who would need to be notified ensued, and whether notification should occur. Selectperson Beckett will compose a letter to be sent to abutters for consideration by the board.

C. Animal Control ordinance and associated violation notice

for possible adoption on June 8, 2021 by town vote- Selectperson Fenner said that Heidi sent three example ordinances from other towns she works for. The board can put together a proposal

to look at next week. If the board is not interested in putting it forward, no sense to work on the ordinance.

Selectperson Beckett said that he thought the board should move forward.

Selectperson Garrigan is also in favor.

Selectperson Gould in favor so townspeople can vote on the item on the warrant.

Selectperson Costigan also in favor.

Selectperson Fenner will put something together for next week.

D. Request to place an article on town warrant-moved up in agenda-

E. Initial review of municipal budget 21/22 Selectperson Becketts and Fenner worked on the initial draft, the fire chief brought in his budget. A discussion on the initial draft proceeded, up to as far as was completed to date.

F. Supplemental Tax Warrant for Jason Gushee M/L 021-026-001 Penalty for removal of 4.1 acres of softwood from tree growth

Motion to approve- Selectperson Fenner, Second- Selectperson Costigan

Vote: Beckett: yes, Costigan: yes, Fenner: yes, Garrigan: yes, Gould: yes 5-0-0 the motion passes.

8. Other- Selectperson Fenner- Fred Brown has sent in his resignation from the budget committee. The selectboard needs to find two people to appoint to the budget committee.

9. Executive Session: The selectboard will reconvene their meeting from the 12th on the 26th same time same place same subject.

10. Adjourn 7:48 pm, adjournment is by unanimous consent

A True Copy Attest,



Elizabeth Dickerson
Appleton Town Clerk