

SELECT BOARD MEETING: VIA ZOOM

Date: January 19, 2021 6:30 P.M.

In Attendance: Selectboard- John Fenner (chair,) Lorie Costigan, Peter Beckett, Charles Garrigan, Danielle Gould
Town Clerk Elizabeth E. Dickerson
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 January 12, 2021

Motion to approve minutes: Selectperson Beckett made the motion, Selectperson Fenner, second

Discussion: some typos, one edit

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

4. Public Comment: none

5. Road Commissioner- Jake Boyington-due to the warm spell, was able to go during the last rain and noticed drainage issues by the Mill Pond Bridge, was able to straighten guardrails and dig out culverts. Found a culvert that will need replaced next year. Had a complaint on the corner of Peabody and Sleepy Hollow that the ditch was backing up with water and was causing cellar to flood. Road Commissioner did what he could for the resident.

Question, Selectperson Beckett: any update on trees needing lopping? Selectperson Gould mentioned one branch. The Road Commissioner will address. Selectperson Fenner asked whether due to lack of snow, there were any plans for brush cutting. Road Commissioner said there were. He wants to finish Collinstown Road from Harriet Brook. The other goal is on the Peasetown Road. Both of these areas don't have power lines that would interfere. There are a couple sections on Peabody Road, and a few dead trees that need to be taken down.

6. Town Clerk- Elizabeth Dickerson-

Rabies clinic is still postponed. Will update as soon as there is information.

7. Select Board

A. Committee Reports- Selectperson Beckett- The sub committee for safe dump truck use at TCSWMO is delving into the options and writing a review which will be presented to the full board.

Budget for TCWSMO: Selectperson Beckett reported that the director has put in for a 4% increase for his staff, and mentions that they could use an increase, but that the director is taking \$18,000 from surplus to reduce down the total increase to the operating budget. The max that has been taken from surplus in past is \$7,000.

B. Town office trash disposal

Selectperson Fenner reported that there has not been good luck with retaining people to haul the trash on a weekly basis to transfer station, in part due to requirement for insurance. He checked with Riverside about their smallest size dumpster which would cost \$58 a month. They would haul it off twice a month, not really much more than the service the town had previously, which was \$10 a week. The cost of the bags is a factor. The fire dept also needs trash hauling, but they probably don't have much.

Selectperson Beckett thinks it's a good idea to get a dumpster, and motions that the Selectboard lets Selectperson Fenner work out the details.

Selectperson Garrigan, second

Vote: Beckett: yes, Costigan: no, Fenner: yes, Garrigan: yes, Gould: yes 4-1-0 the motion passes.

C. Street Lights- Selectperson Fenner received a proposal from CMP that didn't include costs. He has been in touch with them by email and phone. He has been told that he would have numbers by the end of the week. CMP wants to replace existing streetlight fixtures with LED bulbs. Town will end up with a lease cost of about 15 years, and will have energy savings because of LED bulbs. Towns that are much larger than Appleton have bought out the fixtures and installed new ones privately. Part of the down side of owning the streetlight fixtures is that they would have to pay for the cost to maintain them. Some cities have public works departments that can do it, for 18 streetlights it doesn't make sense. If the town decides to relocate lights, there is no cost to relocate, but there is a charge to get new ones. There are currently 18 streetlights. There are two or perhaps three lights that marked stores that don't exist anymore. The town may want to consider relocating 2 or 3 lights to intersections that don't have lights.

8. Other-

9. Executive Session: none

10. Adjourn 7:09 pm, adjournment is by unanimous consent

A True Copy Attest,



Elizabeth Dickerson
Appleton Town Clerk