

SELECT BOARD MEETING: VIA ZOOM

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

In Attendance: Selectboard- John Fenner (chair,) Lorie Costigan, Peter Beckett, Charles Garrigan, Danielle Gould (tardy), Kal Winer, Commissioner Jake Boyington, Robert Bocko, Kay Neufeld from the Camden Herald

Town Clerk Elizabeth Dickerson

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. Presentation and Discussion of draft Warrant Article concerning Mary Clark scholarship, Robert Bocko- Mr. Bocko discussed his proposed warrant article for June 8, "Shall the town authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to (1) transfer all funds the Town holds for the Norman and Mary Clark Scholarship Fund to Camden Hills Regional High School solely for purposes of administering and investing the scholarship funds, and (2) appoint the School Committee of the Appleton Village School to decide each spring whether to award a scholarship, who will receive any scholarship awarded, and the amount of the scholarship in accordance with the will of Mary Clark that established the scholarship?"

Selectperson Fenner- motion, place item on the warrant Selectperson Costigan, second- Discussion- none

Vote: Selectperson Beckett: yes, Selectperson Costigan: yes, Selectperson Fenner: yes, Selectperson Garrigan: yes, Selectperson Gould: absent 4-0-0 the motion passes

4. Approve the minutes of March 9, 2021- Selectperson Beckett so moved, second Selectperson Fenner

Selectperson Garrigan motion to approve, Selectperson Beckett second

Discussion on minutes:

Selectperson Fenner: Second paragraph number 4, approve the minutes of the special meeting

Vote: Selectperson Beckett: yes, Selectperson Costigan: yes, Selectperson Fenner: yes, Selectperson Garrigan: yes, Selectperson Gould: absent 4-0-0 the motion passes

5. Public Comment: Robert Bocko, asking for updated budget by tomorrow for budget committee.

Kal Winer- issues with roads. Concerned about town's general preparedness for emergency events. Jake Boyington, Road Commissioner, answered questions about possible stockpiling of gravel.

6. Road Commissioner- Jake Boyington: Previously discussed issues with extreme mud season during public comment. Continuing to address problems given the situation/personnel/budget.

7. Town Clerk- Elizabeth Dickerson- Two residents took out papers for school board. Many calls to the town office concerning roads.

8. Select Board-

A. committee reports- Selectperson Beckett sent out emails to DEP and MMA discussing options for the dump truck issue. DEP wrote back that some were viable.

B. continuing review of municipal budget 21/22- discussion of excise tax and revenue sharing projections from FY 21 vs actual revenue to town- discussion of final budget items.

C. Determine amount to be taken from surplus to reduce taxes for FY 22 article for town meeting vote –recommended \$300,000

Selectperson Costigan made a motion to take \$300,000 from the fund balance to reduce taxes for FY 22, Selectperson Beckett, second

Vote: Selectperson Beckett: yes, Selectperson Costigan: yes, Selectperson Fenner: yes, Selectperson Garrigan: yes, Selectperson Gould: absent 4-0-0 the motion passes

D. Municipal Quit Claim Deed for Appleton Historical Society

.Selectperson Fenner reports that Maine Municipal Association Legal advises not to sign a municipal quit claim deed, as there is no record of the town having ever levied taxes and churches are not taxed.

Selectperson Fenner made a motion not to put consideration of a municipal quit claim deed for the Appleton Historical Society on the town warrant, due to MMA’s advice

Selectperson Costigan, second

Selectperson Costigan read into the record memo from Michael Lichtenstein, staff attorney, MMA: “it is highly unlikely that the town 36 mrs sub 652”

Vote: Selectperson Beckett: yes, Selectperson Costigan: yes, Selectperson Fenner: yes, Selectperson Garrigan: yes, Selectperson Gould: absent 4-0-0 the motion passes

8. Other-. Further discussion of how to plan for roads becoming impassible during mud season.

9. Executive Session:

10. Adjourn 8:13 pm, adjournment is by unanimous consent

A True Copy Attest,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Dickerson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Elizabeth Dickerson, Appleton Town Clerk