

SELECT BOARD MEETING: VIA ZOOM

Date: March 2, 2021 6:30 P.M.

In Attendance: Selectboard- John Fenner (chair,) Lorie Costigan, Peter Beckett, Charles Garrigan, Danielle Gould, Robert Bocko, John Sommo
Town Clerk Elizabeth E. Dickerson
Jesse Thompson, Union Ambulance

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 23, 2021- Selectperson Beckett so moved, second
Selectperson Fenner

Discussion on minutes:

Selectperson Garrigan: at the bottom of section 3- vote to approve the amended minutes- should be 4-0-0 not 4-0-1 (Selectperson Gould absent, not abstaining)

Item D on second page, should be 3-1-0 instead of 3-1-1 (same reason)

Item F, 8- should be 4-0-0 not 4-0-1

Vote to approve amended minutes: Beckett: yes, Costigan: yes, Fenner: yes, Garrigan; yes, Gould: abstain 4-0-1, the motion passes.

4. Public Comment: Mr. Bocko, Chair of the Clark Scholarship Committee: there is principal of \$25,000 that was left by the Clark family for a scholarship fund. The fund is currently managed by the town. Mr. Bocko would like to see if the selectboard would add an item to the warrant for town meeting as to whether to move the money away from the town and give management to the high school, while the right to decide who gets a scholarship remains with a town committee. The suggestion is to combine funds in order to get a better rate of return. No action taken.

7D, taken out of order, Continuing Review of Municipal Budget: Questions about ambulance service for Jesse Thompson, Union Ambulance.

Selectperson Beckett asked whether there would be an increase to the town's assessment for services.

Mr. Thompson: 8% increase

The projected assessment this FY is \$55,799

Selectperson Beckett asked where insurance reimbursement payments go.

Mr. Thompson said that reimbursements go back into the budget and are allocated proportionally.

If there is surplus towns are given a rate reduction per capita.

Selectperson Beckett asked how many callouts for Appleton last year.

Mr. Thompson said that last year Union Ambulance ran 77 calls.

Selectperson Fenner led discussion on further budget items.

Provider Requests have been received, and Library request.

The Road Commissioner has requested same funds as last year.

The AVS school budget has been sent to selectmen's email. There is an increase.

General discussion of budget ensued.

Draft municipal budget will be sent to the budget committee, which will be meeting during the month of March.

5. Road Commissioner- Jake Boyington –not present.
6. Town Clerk- Elizabeth Dickerson- working on check reconciliations, general town clerk tasks.
7. Select Board-
 - A. Committee reports: Selectperson Beckett- sent letters to Dept. of Labor and DEP in regards to dump truck issue at the transfer station.
 - B. Street Lights – Selectperson Fenner- the new agreement would be for 15 years. Selectboard will need to put an article on the town meeting warrant asking the Town to authorize the selectboard to enter into the agreement with CMP for the streetlights. Pending authorization, location and number of lights would be determined by the selectboard.
 - C. Animal Control ordinance and associated violation notice for possible adoption on June 8, 2021 by town vote- Selectperson Fenner did some minor cleanup on the proposed ordinance sent by the ACO. The ordinance will be reviewed at the next meeting.
8. Other- none-
9. Executive Session: The selectboard will reconvene their meeting from February 12th to March 5th same time same place same subject.
10. Adjourn 7:49 pm, adjournment is by unanimous consent

A True Copy Attest,



Elizabeth Dickerson
Appleton Town Clerk