

## **SELECT BOARD MEETING: VIA ZOOM**

Date: March 23, 2021 6:30 P.M.

In Attendance: Selectboard- John Fenner (chair,) Lorie Costigan, Peter Beckett, Charles Garrigan (tardy), Danielle Gould  
Road Commissioner Jake Boyington, Budget Committee Chair Robert Bocko, Town Clerk Elizabeth Dickerson, Members of the public: Kal Winer

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 March 16, 2021- Selectperson Beckett so moved, second Selectperson Fenner

Discussion on minutes:

Selectperson Fenner- add not to put “on the town meeting warrant”

Vote Selectperson Beckett: yes, Selectperson Costigan: abstain, Selectperson Fenner: yes,

Selectperson Gould: abstain, Selectperson Garrigan: yes 3-0-2 minutes are approved

4. Public Comment: Kal Winer – Road Commissioner did good work on the roads – wants to make sure that a discussion about further planning to prevent future issues continues.

5. Road Commissioner- Jake Boyington: Selectperson Fenner said that he and Jake met with Peter Coughlin from MDOT at the far end of Barker Flats to look at frost heave before paving. Also looked at culvert on Old County Road. Selectperson Beckett said that he heard from the town’s tax map person about an app made by ESRI able to take GPS location of culverts etc, can do the same for muddy places that need to be fixed. May be of interest. There were some truck weight limit issues. Selectperson Garrigan asked whether there were plans for brush cutting. The Road Commissioner hopes to get to it within the next month. Working on tar patch as well.

6. Town Clerk- Elizabeth Dickerson- Prent Marriner, the town’s Emergency Management Director, stopped by the office with masks, and said that he had information for the selectboard about Nims training. Two people have turned in papers for school board and two people for select board.

7. Select Board-

A. Committee reports - none

B. Opening and possible award of bids for mowing town properties and Pine Grove Cemetery

### **Town Property**

Lawns are Us in Searsport \$3200

Driftwood Property Care- Searsport \$1100

Montville-Round Meadow Landscapes- \$10,525

Lowe and Bassett- Freedom- \$8,900

Motion- Selectperson Fenner motions to award the Town Mowing Bid of 2021 to Driftwood

Property Care of Belfast and Searsport

Selectperson Beckett- second

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

**Pine Grove Cemetery**

Lowe and Bassett of Freedom- \$10,200

Driftwood: \$9,500

Oldrin Round Meadow: \$9,250

Selectperson Fenner said that since the apparent low bidder is unknown to the board, he would like to check the references of Oldrin's in Montville before bid is awarded. Board concurred.

C. Registering of vehicles for Appleton residents only- a discussion about whether to register vehicles for people out of town. The issue is the long wait at the branch office in Rockland for people in towns that don't do plates. Some people from other towns have called about getting their plates in Appleton after paying the excise in their own town. Selectperson Fenner said that these registrations are usually the more lengthy ones and there were more important things for the staff to be doing to benefit the town. Selectperson Gould said that if the staff was there anyway, was the town really losing anything by having staff do these registrations. Selectperson Fenner said that there was a lot of work to do and these registrations take away from that. The town gets five dollars for the registration and it doesn't really cover the labor cost. Other surrounding towns don't do this.

Motion: Selectperson Beckett motions that the town should not register vehicles for non-Appleton residents, Second, Selectperson Costigan

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

D. Review of revenue spread sheet- Selectperson Beckett led a discussion concerning where revenue for the town comes in, as far as where the \$300,000 that goes to offset taxes comes from. Revenues include excise tax, clerk fees, animal control fees, revenue sharing, homestead and veteran exemption reimbursement. The 2% discount comes to about \$38,000.

8. Other-. Selectperson Beckett asked about the town report schedule- when do we need to have it done for printers- Selectperson Fenner said end of April.

Date for ballot information is still April 8- board has to vote on articles before they are sent to the printers. He is hoping to have the vote on articles next Tues, at least on the municipal side.

Selectperson Beckett showed everyone the new tax maps for the town.

Dave Schofield, the town's Code Enforcement Officer, is using Windows 7 on a laptop that is 9 years old, needs upgrade to Windows 10 and a better computer. Selectperson Beckett has been given a quote for 1000 dollars to upgrade the computer and software from Modem Ways.

Selectperson Beckett motions for a purchase order to Modem Ways for a CEO laptop and software

Selectperson Fenner, second

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

9. Executive Session: none

10. Adjourn 7:35 pm, adjournment is by unanimous consent

A True Copy Attest,



Elizabeth Dickerson, Appleton Town Clerk