

SELECT BOARD MEETING: VIA ZOOM

Date: May 18, 2021 6:30 P.M.

In Attendance: Selectboard- Peter Beckett, John Fenner (chair,) Lorie Costigan, Charles Garrigan, Road Commissioner Jake Boyington. Town Clerk Elizabeth Dickerson. Members of the Public: Scott Esancy, Robert Bocko

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 May 11, 2021- Selectperson Garrigan so moved, second Selectperson Fenner

Discussion on minutes: none

Vote: Selectperson Beckett: abstain, Selectperson Costigan: yes, Selectperson Fenner: yes, Selectperson Garrigan: yes, 3-0-1 minutes are approved

4. Public Comment: none

5. Road Commissioner- Jake Boyington: Continuing to work on hauling gravel to roads and resurfacing. Starting Collinstown Road ditching on Thursday and replacing culverts. Paving question from Selectperson Garrigan, when will paving commence? Selectperson Fenner update, drop dead date of September 15 to begin written into bid specs. Ads are going into the paper this week. There is provision to adjust date if everyone agrees it has to be. Selectperson Beckett, general question about trees alongside of the road. Peabody Road is narrow, trees are up close to the road. Can we take them out and sell them? Road Commissioner Boyington says that the trees are owned by the landowners, not an option for the town to cut. There are laws about taking roadside trees.

6. Town Clerk- Elizabeth Dickerson- Town Report is available in pdf format. Selectperson Costigan added that the printed report should be available in about a week and she will update the selectboard via email when it is.

7. Select Board-

A. Committee reports: Selectperson Fenner updated the board that Auditor Ron Smith visited the town. The Treasurer and Clerk met with the auditor. The auditor also met with the superintendent. Selectperson Beckett asked whether the email he sent about the Economic Recovery act money. He had contacted Angus King's office to get guidance on how the money can be used. Selectperson Fenner said that when the money arrives the board will probably know more about what infrastructure items the money can be used for.

B. Consideration of a tax abatement-file attached- Selectperson Fenner said that the item is incomplete and would like to table. Selectperson Garrigan motion to table, Selectperson Beckett second. Vote: Selectperson Beckett: yes, Selectperson Costigan: yes, Selectperson Fenner: yes, Selectperson Garrigan: yes, 4-0 motion to table is approved.

8. Other- none

Selectperson Costigan asked with governor lifting indoor restrictions, is it time to reconsider in person meetings for Tuesday nights? General discussion ensued. Selectperson Fenner said that it was too late to change town meeting and workers need to be protected. The clerk will update the website in terms of why the town meeting needs to continue on as has been planned.

9. Executive Session: none

10. Adjourn 7:02 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