

SELECT BOARD MEETING: VIA ZOOM

Date: May 25, 2021 6:30 P.M.

In Attendance: Selectboard- Peter Beckett, Lorie Costigan, John Fenner (chair,) Charles Garrigan, Danielle Gould. Road Commissioner Jake Boyington, Town Clerk Elizabeth Dickerson.

Members of the Public: Scott Esancy.

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 18, 2021- Selectperson Beckett so moved, second Selectperson Garrigan

Discussion on minutes: none

Vote: Selectperson Beckett: yes, Selectperson Costigan: yes, Selectperson Fenner: yes, Selectperson Garrigan: yes, Selectperson Gould, abstain 4-0-1 minutes are approved

4. Public Comment: Selectperson Gould asked about trees that have blown over at Pine Grove. Discussion of the tree issue ensued. It will be hard to deal with given the narrowness of the roads, won't happen immediately.

5. Road Commissioner- Jake Boyington: More resurfacing and hauling of gravel, Jones Hill and Peabody and Magog Rd. Starting ditching Collinstown. Got one side up to Miller Cemetery on 105. Finding several cross culverts that never knew existed. In good condition, just plugged up. Will continue on for the rest of the week. Two more days of ditching, replacing culverts after. Pavement has been marked on W Appleton and Collinstown where shimming would commence in advance of paving bid viewing/bid specs so people can come out and look at job.

6. Town Clerk- Elizabeth Dickerson- Town Report is available.

7. Select Board-

A. committee reports- Selectperson Beckett- waiting for word as to whether Tidewater got their grant application fulfilled.

B. Approval of a tax abatement-file attached – Tabled last week- is there a motion to approve Selectperson Beckett motions to approve tax abatement for Map 017-Lot 025 dollar amount of abatement is \$813.96.

Second: Selectperson Garrigan

Discussion: none

Vote: Selectperson Beckett: yes, Selectperson Costigan: yes, Selectperson Fenner: yes, Selectperson Garrigan: yes, Selectperson Gould, abstain 4-0-1 abatement is approved.

Brief news: Selectperson Fenner said that there have been cemetery developments keeping him busy. The Bean family have donated half of their cemetery lot back to their town with a stipulation that it not be sold, and that the town use it for someone who is in need of it. It could be that the town will need to vote to accept this gift at a town meeting in the future. Been doing some research regarding "green burials" which have just in the last month been passed by the legislature, but there are stipulations in terms of how they proceed and must meet state

requirements. Got an answer from MMA concerning complaint form. We can't necessarily require a signature for a person to be identified, but there is no legal requirement to take any action on a complaint. If the complaint is anonymous, it could be given less credence.

8. Other- Selectperson Beckett mentioned that the public hearing on the warrant for town meeting is being held May 27, Thursday evening, at 6:30 pm.

Selectperson Beckett mentioned that next Monday is a holiday: Memorial Day. Selectperson Fenner motioned to close the town office on June 8 for the election
Second, Selectperson Beckett Vote: Selectperson Beckett: yes, Selectperson Costigan: yes, Selectperson Fenner: yes, Selectperson Garrigan: yes, Selectperson Gould, yes 5-0-0 the town office will be closed.

9. Executive Session: none

10. Adjourn 6:57 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