

Select Board Meeting  
Appleton Town Office  
September 14, 2021 6:30 PM

**ATTENDEES:** Lorie Costigan Chair, Peter Beckett co-chair, Charles Garrigan, Scott Esancy, Marci Blakely.

**MEETINGS ARE RECORDED**

**PUBLIC HEARING: GENERAL ASSISTANCE ORDINANCE REVIEW** Opened and presented. No discussion or comment, public hearing closed 6:31 PM.

**CONVENE SELECT BOARD MEETING**

**APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2021** Motion to approve minutes Beckett, second Garrigan. Motion approved by unanimous vote of approval.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** No public comment.

**ROAD COMMISSIONER** West Appleton Road curve work began today. Will assess needs in the coming days. Graded Peabody, Magog, Collinstown and Appleton Ridge. Dave's World delivery is scheduled for Monday, however no equipment available to push the product, so the Town will need to rent equipment. Equipment costs \$1,550 to rent from Eagle Rental for a week or \$500/day. Length of work expected upwards of 3 days, most sensible to rent for the week and the Road Commissioner can pick it up and return to save on delivery expenses. Estimated diesel use would be \$100 in fuel. Motion for purchase order for Eagle Rental for \$1,650 to cover rental and incidental costs Beckett, second Esancy. Unanimous vote of approval.

Brush cutting last week on West Appleton and Collinstown Roads.

Requesting purchase order for West Appleton Road work to include ditching, current project, pole saw cutting, and work done to date in the amount of \$10,000. Motion for purchase order for West Appleton Road work in the amount of \$10,000 (includes incline work) made by Beckett, second Esancy. Unanimous vote of approval.

Have received some phone calls regarding tree cutting work on Jones Hill. Did not see anything that was relevant to the office of the Road Commissioner. However, there is a drainage issue on that curve. Over the years, the driveway was relocated and caused occasional water in the roadway issues. In hopes to address the landowner or tree cutters.

Address and inspect the washouts at the bridge in Sleepy Hollow.

**CONSIDERATION OF SETTING PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR FY 2021-2022** Material presented. Motion by Beckett to keep the rate consistent with the last two years at 22.80, second by Garrigan. Unanimous vote of approval.

**ADOPT 2021 GENERAL ASSISTANCE ORDINANCE AND RATES** Motion is to adopt the new General Assistance Ordinance and appendices made by Beckett, second Costigan. Unanimous vote of approval.

**REVIEW AND ISSUE AHRENS DRIVEWAY PERMIT/PEABODY ROAD** Permit for Lower Road already approved by Road Commissioner. Along with Driveway Permit for Elizabeth Grierson West Appleton Road and James Luce on Guinea Ridge Road. Motion to approve permits made by Costigan, second Blakely. Unanimous vote of approval.

**REVIEW AND ISSUE CMP POLE PERMIT/PEABODY ROAD** Motion to issue CMP Pole Permit made by Costigan, second Beckett. Unanimous vote of approval.

**GETCHELL PROPERTY PURCHASE UPDATE** Friday Diano Circo came from Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for site visit. Follow up email presented with possible funding

options. Biologist is coming this week for a site visit. Suggested verbiage to present to voters seeking approval to spend not more than \$80,000 from surplus for the purpose of purchase of the Getchell property on Sherman Mill Pond. Public hearing process will allow an opportunity to discuss options in further detail.

**OTHER** David Bragg conducted the first round of tree cutting at Pine Grove cemetery. Motion to break CD and remove all but \$5,000 from the Sumner CD for maintenance of Sumner tomb and surrounding grounds (tree cutting and masonry work) made by Beckett, second Esancy. Unanimous vote of approval.

Library meeting tomorrow.

Follow up training with Prent Marriner next Wednesday 6PM at fire house.

Tidewater meeting Thursday.

DOGS conversion did not include updating Rabies data.

**ADJOURN** Motion to adjourn 7:37 Costigan, second Garrigan. Unanimous vote of approval.