

**Appleton Select Board
Minutes
March 11, 2025**

1. Convene, 6:30 PM: Reed, Esancy, Garrigan. Road Commissioner: Boyington. Public: D. Burke
2. Edits/Additions to Agenda: None
3. Esancy: Motion to Approve Minutes. Reed: Second. 3-0-1/Garrigan, absence.
4. Garrigan: Motion to approve AP Warrant 51, \$300,635.53. Esancy: Second. Unanimous.
5. Public Comment: D. Burke commented on the death of President Carter and the status of the flag at Ness Park. Costigan thanked him and indicated with the snow melt and ability to park roadside the flag would be righted soon and encouraged him to adjust the flag as he saw fit. D. Burke also inquired why mowing the island at Gushee Corner was included in the mowing specs if the town couldn't use its insurance to pay for the flagpole repair. Costigan reiterated previous years' answers and said MMA Risk would not fund or allow the reimbursement; board member Esancy and Barry King repaired at no cost to the town. Garrigan asked if Burke wanted the town to avoid mowing the island and the response was unclear.
6. Roads: Road Commissioner indicated one more load of salt would ne needed and had been ordered. He indicated sand levels were adequate. Emergency repairs from rain made near Pieri Pond, Appleton Ridge Rd, Jones Hill, Esancy Road and noted all other roads in "surprisingly good condition"
Costigan asked the status of Jones Hill following resident complaints and driveway washouts and Boyington indicated he would need to prepare more for Jones Hill assessment. Esancy urged review of Better Roads Gravel Plan.
Boyington noted minor adjustments to the winter maintenance routes and suggested minor changes to routes on Appleton Ridge and Town Hill. Costigan noted another change involves plowing the town office and fire station, which had been included in the current contract but had erroneously been missed by the contractor and board resulting in an unnecessary separate expense.
Finally, Boyington noted a tree in the right of way or near enough that was posing a threat to the row and power lines. He alerted Lucas Tree for removal.
He submitted a suggested purchase order form to Esancy for the board review. Esancy thanked and indicated it would be shared with all members.
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 - a. Cemetery Ordinance: Costigan indicated a public hearing on the proposed cemetery ordinance would need to take place 10 days prior to the annual town meeting.
 - b. Remote Access Policy Review: Costigan indicated Appleton Budget Committee member Mansius asked for review of the Remote Access Policy. Costigan indicated a policy exist and was adopted in 2020 but that, at least for the Board, remote technology is used for recording only and is a duplication of written minutes.
 - c. Town Meeting Warrant Draft: Costigan indicated a review would be ready for board discussion in the coming weeks.
 - d. Other: Costigan confirmed the Road Commissioner had received the written correspondence from the board regarding responsibilities, statutes, plans, outstanding

purchase orders, sand use for other municipalities and other issues and asked which meeting venue the RC would prefer for future discussion. Boyington opted for executive session. Garrigan: Motion to convene in exec session with the road commissioner at 5:30 PM March 25 to discuss plans forward. Reed: Second. Unanimous.

8. Adjourn