

**Appleton Select Board
Minutes
April 8, 2025**

1. Convene, 6:30 PM. Board: Reed, Garrigan, Costigan.
2. Edits/Additions to Agenda.
3. Garrigan: Motion to approve warrant 56, \$313,798.82. Reed: Second. Unanimous.
4. Garrigan: Motion to approve 3/4/25 minutes. Costigan: Second. Unanimous. Costigan: Motion to approve minutes of 4/1/25. Reed: Second. 2-0-1/Garrigan (absence)
5. Public Comment: none
6. Roads
 - a. Purchase Order Update. Road Commissioner not in attendance. Written updates to Mitchell and Green complaints submitted via email and will in future go to a log kept by clerks so all municipal officers are aware of complaints and resolutions and status. Purchase orders for grading (No materials?) \$9750 and patching by email; no action.
7. Select Board
 - a. Fire Department Review: Noah Rosseau and Kevin Callahan attended to explain the recent lithium battery fire on Gurneytown and that the combination of Union Ambulance arriving with a cross-trained EMT and air packs allowed early entry and the structure fire was contained early. Warned residents to review plugging in lithium batteries, especially off brand chargers, for long periods of time. Other towns arrived for mutual aid and left the scene shortly. Quick response and the ability to enter with air packs helped immeasurably, both reported. Appleton has had 7 fires since December, the most in the county.
 - b. Garrigan: Motion to authorize the chair to sign the contract with Maine Assessment and Appraisal Services. Reed: Second. Unanimous. Revaluation will begin in May and will conclude by September 26 to ensure new valuation by next commitment.
 - c. FY26 Budget Review: Paving line moved to Roads for annual appropriation request, Revaluation removed to warrant to be funded by undesignated, recommended \$150k from surplus to offset. That, plus funding \$56k of reval, equals a \$200+ effort to reduce taxes. In all the municipality will ask for \$400k+ to fund all municipal services (not school or county) after \$900k funded by various revenue (excise etc.) is deducted from the proposed FY 26 budget.
 - d. Warrant Review: Garrigan read the warrant and each question was approved unanimously.
 - e. Garrigan: Motion to approve additions to the procurement policy. Reed: Second. Unanimous.
 - f. Garrigan: Motion to approve Interstate Septic Systems annual contract. Reed: Second. Unanimous.
8. Costigan: Motion to adjourn. Reed: Second. Unanimous.