

**Appleton Select Board  
Minutes  
September 23, 2025**

- 1. Convene, 6:30 PM, Full board, Treasurer, Road Commissioner, CEO, Searsmont Road**
- 2. Garrigan: Motion to approve AP Warrant 18. Costigan: Second. Unanimous.**
- 3. Public Comments: None.**
- 4. Roads**
  - a. Pete Milinazzo, Searsmont Board Member. Change in road contractor bid process five years ago, the contractor plowed 500 feet into Appleton for five years and sought compensation. Milinazzo "Ask that you consider splitting the cost of \$5,000 with Searsmont." Road Commissioner: Common practice to plow over the town line to turn around. Costigan and Reed inquired about the ownership of the property.**
  - b. State Rate Reimbursement rates for road work. Boyington noted he has been offering the rate sheet since the start of tenure. Costigan reminded the board it was also due to errors in equipment weights and invoicing during previous administration.**
  - c. Road Commissioner presented four purchase order requests. Costigan motion to approve grading and gravel \$9,000 of all gravel roads, \$4,080 for Peabody, \$9,900 for Appleton Ridge, \$9,584 for Fishtown to be completed by November 15. Esancy: Second. Unanimous.**
- 5. Select Board**
  - a. CEO Collinstown Update. Peter Conant discussed Collinstown Road complaint and has not been able to review the site. The primitive and grey water system. The property owner was contacted and the septic engineer has created a plan for a grey water and primitive system and she has to review. Bypassing the renter and working with the landowner. Eviction notice date to be made after a specified date.**
  - b. Garrigan: Motion to approve a purchase order for ARC per engineer recommendations for \$10k. Esancy: Second. Esancy: MMA Risk Assessment will review to ensure we have met expectations for full insurance. Unanimous.**
  - c. Town Hill Road Inspections: General discussion of Town Hill construction inspections beyond the two of the contract. Costigan: Seasoned paving company, and unlike the 12-year old failed culvert on Fishtown, not the company's first effort. Contract could be sufficient. Selective use of a portion of a \$43k FEMA funds could offset costs. Esancy voiced concern for retaining FEMA funds for future weather events that may not be covered by emergency declarations and that the fund was good to retain. Motion to authorize the chair to move forward with Sewall on an abbreviated scheduled not to exceed five days, which excludes the two reviews contracted. Costigan: Second. Unanimous.**
  - d. Appointment to the Library Committee.**
  - e. New Road Name off of Collinstown Road, Fiddlehead Lane. Garrigan: Motion to approve. Esancy: Second. Unanimous.**

- f. **SCBA Lease Agreement: Fire breathing apparatus. Motion to authorize the chair to sign the agreement and its addendum per the Town Attorney. Garrigan: Second. Unanimous.**
  - g. **Garrigan: Motion to go into executive session for an abatement request. Esancy: Second (7:51 pm) Unanimous. Garrigan: Motion to leave executive session 7:58. Esancy: Second. Esancy: Motion to deny abatement request. Garrigan: Second. Unanimous.**
  - h. **Community Resilience Grant meeting on 10/21.**
  - i. **All-States Paving presented a bid with assumed specs. No action.**
  - j. **Other: Esancy Road Specifications and Bid Specs for Esancy Road, funded with ARPA funds, received from Sewall Engineering.**
  - k. **Cemetery Committee met last week and has set Oct 25<sup>th</sup> as a community cleanup day for Pine Grove and perhaps Miller, 9 am. Prospective new member. Garrigan: The school committee is looking for a volunteer member for a tree removal committee.**
6. **Adjourn.**