

Appleton Select Board
Minutes
November 4, 2025

1. Convene: Reed, Esancy, Garrigan, Costigan, Hardy: CEO Conant; resident Harry Schade; Dennis Taylor.
2. No additions to agenda
3. Costigan: Motion to approve minutes of October 21. Garrigan: Second. Unanimous.
4. No warrants
5. Public Comment: D. Taylor voiced ongoing concern about the septic discharge on Collinstown Road. Conant confirmed continued adherence to state guidelines and noted an established timeline/deadline for completing simple wastewater disposal systems, as engineered by a licensed inspector. All materials cited in accordance with submitted permit application for a simple greywater system and outhouse. Garrigan encouraged Conant to establish the date for final review and to review with a sheriff's deputy given the threatening nature of the renter. M. Hardy encouraged the CEO to review with the aide of law enforcement.

Resident H. Schade commented on reports of dangerous dogs at the same residence and voiced little resolution from Appleton's ACO or sheriffs deputies for a dog bite and outstanding warrant for a bite that took place in Liberty. Schade listed a number of observations less than pertinent to dogs at large or dangerous dogs and was encouraged to voice concerns to law enforcement. Garrigan encouraged continued reporting of complaints, and the full board will review state statutes and guidelines for ACOs. Costigan noted the board had reviewed the same earlier in the spring and that each town must have an animal control officer.
6. Roads – Garrigan noted purchase order/procurement policies and indicated the board needed to comply with established protocol to ensure continued accuracy of accounting and accountability for approved purchases.
7. Select Board
 - a. Discussion of bid packet deadlines for Esancy Road culvert repairs as Dec. 1, 2025 to allow time to review and award in time for spring scheduling.
 - b. Garrigan discussed systems maintenance policy to ensure maintenance is routinely performed and budgeted.
 - c. General board discussion of the role of the ACO following Schade complaints and the need to again review state statutes and guidelines.
 - d. *Garrigan* set Dec. 18 as the hearing for General Assistance guidelines.

- e. Meg Rasmussen of Midcoast Council of Governments would like to attend a board meeting to discuss funding opportunities.
 - f. Costigan: Motion to enter executive session at 7:29 for a personnel matter.
Garrigan: Second. Costigan: Motion to end executive session at 7:40 pm. Hardy: Second. No action.
 - g. Other: Esancy discussed the Readiness Training application for dry hydrants and sought assistance from the clerk to complete. Garrigan to schedule time for completion and submission of all materials for Mill Pond and Pettingill hydrants.
8. Adjourn