

**Appleton Select Board
Minutes
August 22, 2023**

1. Convene. Board: Costigan, Marriner, Esancy, Garrigan. Road Commissioner.
2. Edits/Additions: Add Abatement for 118 Personal Property. Add Purchase Order for Fire Equipment Testing.
3. Garrigan: Motion to Approve Warrants totaling \$150,800.78. Marriner: Second. Unanimous.
4. Garrigan: Motion to Approve Minutes of August 15, 2023. Marriner: Second. Unanimous.
5. Public Comment: None
6. Road Commissioner: Driveway Permit for Collinstown Road with a 15 x 40 culvert.
 - a. Garrigan: Motion to authorize driveway permit. Marriner: Second. Unanimous.
 - b. Harriet Brook: Commissioner discussed stop gap to ease erosion over the brook and to allow better passage. All hazard cones left have been removed by non-town-affiliated means.
 - c. Peabody Road: Munson driveway needs a longer culvert.
 - d. Request for purchase order for Bissonnette driveway on Town Hill Road. Garrigan: Motion to approve \$3,000 purchase order - \$500 gravel, \$1500 50 x 15 culvert, \$1500 labor and equipment – for 9 Town Hill Road. Esancy: Second. Unanimous.
7. Select Board
 - a. Knox Communications Update: Marriner explained E911 calls will be routed through Waldo County Dispatch, which is similarly low staffed, while Knox continues to strive for full staffing. Area chiefs are working on a plan but failure to negotiate a contract, limited available staff, and an overuse of overtime has exacerbated staffing issues largely colored by lack of employees.
 - b. FEMA update. Marriner noted the FEMA representative credited Esancy with being the “poster child” and “rockstar” of FEMA applications and noted Appleton was ahead of other municipalities in the comprehensive nature of initial meetings and materials provided by the Town. Esancy noted the Town stands to reclaim much of the \$41,000 spent on storm repair and said his focus continues to be helping reduce tax burden. FEMA requires an update of work performed to date and the percentage of work completed toward recreating pre-storm conditions.
 - c. Bid Packet Updates Sand and FEMA Halloween Storm 2022. Costigan to place public notices by Friday deadline; packets ready by next week in time for published date of notices.
 - d. Senders Proposal: Reviewed proposal, with Garrigan as point, and asked for the estimate to include design of each site. Garrigan to followup.
 - e. Costigan: Motion to Approve Abatement 118 PP for \$236.50. Garrigan: Second. Unanimous.
 - f. Marriner: Purchase Order Request for \$3,867.94 to Industrial Inspection for annual hose inspection. Garrigan: Second. Unanimous.
 - g. Other. Garrigan noted the school board approved a new chair, Emily Garrigan.
 - h. Garrigan: Motion to adjourn. Marriner: Second. Unanimous.