

Appleton Select Board
December 20, 2016

1. Convene, 7 p.m., (Fenner, Beckett, Gushee, Wiley, Costigan)
2. Reminder: All meetings are recorded.
3. Sign warrants. (#55, \$52,008.58, AVS payroll; #56, \$13,256/town payroll; #57, roads, \$6,655.95; #58, \$217,158.60, AVS renovation fund; \$67,487.15, AVS expenses; #60, \$29,646.35, winter road and mileage.
4. Motion to approve minutes of 12/13/2016, Beckett. Second, Wiley. (4-0-1/Costigan, absence)
5. Review Employee Job Descriptions for Treasurer and Deputy Clerk. Comment from audience, D. Stone, inquiring if the staff had approved the job descriptions. Fenner repeated information from prior meeting indicating both clerks had copies of the job description and had not indicated any concerns. Fenner and Beckett will meet with clerks. D. Stone indicated clerks should have approval to avoid displeasure has occurred with changes to personnel policy. Fenner reiterated job descriptions are written by the board as employers of the appointed positions.
6. George's River Land Trust postponed meeting to discuss land access off of W. Appleton Road.
7. Animal Control: Fenner attended the final Knox County Commissioner's budget meeting and no amounts were offered or approved for animal control, casting doubt on the effectiveness or reality of a county-wide animal patrol. Communication from Hope ACO indicating a willingness to work in Appleton at the current rate (approximately \$7,200 for discussion purposes). Hope ACO has all vaccinations and licenses to enable her to assume the responsibilities immediately.
8. Knox Hazard Mitigation Plan. Ray Sisk, county EMA administrator, will meet with full board for training in February. Proactive plan needed for problem areas (Pettengill Flats) in order to obtain potential federal funding via grants.
9. Roads: Brushcutting completed along Whitney Road. A ton of salt has been ordered via Morton in Searsport to augment what has been mixed in with current sand supply.
10. Public Comment: Dave Stone indicated the bill for turnout gear, approved last week, was likely to exceed the purchase order ceiling. Motion Costigan second Beckett, Stone was advised to divide order into two sets and order needed equipment. Unanimous.