

Select Board Meeting  
Appleton Town Office  
January 11, 2022 Via Zoom

**ATTENDEES:** Lorie Costigan Chair, Peter Beckett, Charles Garrigan, Scott Esancey, Marci Blakely, Jake Boyington, Public: Gabriella Nurzynski, Ed Carrol

**MEETINGS ARE RECORDED  
CONVENE**

**OPEN WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE BIDS** One bid from Appleton Ridge Construction \$143,922 per year section 1 \$107,406 per year for section 2. Bid equals \$5,100 per mile. Motion to accept bid Beckett, second Garrigan. Unanimous vote of approval.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 4, 2022** Motion to approve Costigan, second Beckett. Vote 4-0-1 Blakely abstain.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** Gabriella Nurzynski via zoom new owners of Sennebec Lake Campground, offering an introduction. Will be conducting renovations while maintaining integrity of the lake. Excited to be new members of the community.

**ROAD COMMISSIONER** Sand supply good, at this rate, it is not anticipated to need additional sand deliveries this season. Boyington found a vendor for the beet juice to be mixed with salt. Union will be getting a new order. Salesman will be contacting Boyington soon to arrange purchase. Current rate is approximately \$1.58 per gallon with 1,000 gallon purchase.

**WARRANTS**

Appleton Town Expense Warrant \$84,714.08

Appleton School Payroll Warrant \$79,628.07

Appleton Town Office Payroll Warrant \$6,556.99

**SELECT BOARD**

**WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE BID DISCUSSIONS**

**DRAFT UTILITY POLE POLICY DISCUSSION** Increasing requests that place poles in ditches. Draft policy benchmarks Department of Transportation utility rules. Policy drafted as a guiding support for future requests.

**EXTERIOR TOWN OFFICE AND FIRE DEPT BID SPEC DISCUSSION** Suggested edits discussed surrounding minor grammatical adjustments and minor clarifications discussed.

**EXTERIOR TOWN OFFICE REPAIR NEEDS DISCUSSION** Contractor walk around revealed the work needed is minor and largely cosmetic in nature. Framework, foundation, etc. is solid. Recommended paint, windowsill replacement, replacing or covering storm windows, decorative windows, second floor windows, sills and shingles, east side back of building recommends repairing surface rot on 8 windowsills, etc. Labor estimates \$6,000 not to include windows, \$8-10,000 including windows. Budget currently does not allow for the work that is needed and will need to be considered as we approach the new budget and town meeting in June as there is no urgent need that warrants a special town meeting at this time. Fire station roof will need future repair as well.

**BUDGET TIMELINE DISCUSSION** Anticipating a referendum date of 6/14/2022. Have noted greater participation on town budget votes over the previous two years.

**LAND FOR MAINE'S FUTURE/IFW UPDATE** Met with IFW water access team last week. IFW has voted to sponsor our application to the LFMF water access program and continue to be very helpful through this process. Next steps include submitting application by deadline.

**NOTICE OF VIOLATION/CEO** Map 24 lot 29 has noted violations on the property, structures that have not been permitted. Violations have been submitted for review and have requested more information. Last recorded violation was in 2006. CEO's goal is to inspect the property on site soon.

**AUDIT UPDATE** Audit for 2020-2021 has been completed and upcoming meeting with auditor scheduled. Important to note that looking at other midcoast communities are suffering from late audits, so Appleton was not alone. Auditors are also fighting staff shortages and operational challenges.

**CULVERT SOFTWARE UPDATE** Plans to meet with the Road Commissioner to discuss.

**OTHER**

Fire chief has requested Purchase order to Viking Lumber not to exceed \$1,861 for tools and battery chargers. This purchase order will be funded via the Fire Department account that has a balance of approximately \$6000. Motion to approve purchase order Becket, second Garrigan. Unanimous vote of approval.

**ADJOURN** Motion to 7:21 Costigan, second Beckett, unanimous vote of approval.