

Select Board Meeting
Appleton Town Office
January 18, 2022

ATTENDEES: Lorie Costigan Chair, Peter Beckett, Charles Garrigan, Marci Blakely. Public: Fred Brown via zoom.

**MEETINGS ARE RECORDED
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APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2022 Motion to approve Beckett, second Garrigan. Unanimous vote of approval with edits.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ROAD COMMISSIONER SELECT BOARD Not present at meeting, more sand and salt arrived today. Road commissioner notified today that the resident sand shed needs to be replenished.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BASEMENT Fire chief went to fire station Sunday afternoon, at some point Monday during rain the sub pump installed in fire department failed and as a result there was approximately 5 inches of water in the basement. Ben Lerner and Prent Marriner worked to get sub pump working. 1 cardboard box on the floor that was damaged and appeared to contain receipts that likely can be destroyed due to their age. In addition to the pump failing, the exit hose froze. Suggestion to update alarm in basement to communicate with upstairs alarm system for future notifications. Will also review perimeter drains to determine if also a factor.

BUDGET COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS (2) OTHER Peter and Lorie have reviewed budget for upcoming year, but still need to appoint two members. Anyone with interest, please email selectmen@tidewater.net

OTHER Tri County meeting Thursday to discuss budget.

Midway through the audit for fiscal year 2021. Motion to enable chairman to sign commitment letter with RHR Smith in the amount of \$6,500 for fiscal year 2021 as well as approving chair to sign a commitment letter for \$250 RHR Smith to do fixed asset review (part of the audit procedure being billed separately) Garrigan, second Beckett. Unanimous vote of approval.

Last week requested MMA to review revised paint spec bids, answer was no, and referred to town attorney. Need a rough estimate for both fire station and town office for budget preparation. The most that other towns indicated they would pay up front would include materials only. Motion to move forward placing bid documents as is out to public Beckett, second Blakely. Unanimous vote of approval.

Discussion with MMA and MDOT regarding utility pole application and town authority to approve/deny requests. MMA indicates there is a statute that the town may refer to MDOT guidance. Beckett recommends creating a reference folder.

Rabies clinic held at the Fire Station Sunday (after battling a fire in Hope overnight Saturday into Sunday). Clinic produced \$793 donations to fire station and town collected roughly \$140 for animal control fees.

Suggestion to read property tax abatement material on MMA sight in preparation for next weeks meeting.

Lorie checked on Town Office basement after learning the fire station basement flooded, town office basement was dry.

Beckett had discussion with patron regarding current 2 buckets of sand per household per storm policy and the potential to increase it to 3 buckets.

Regarding Getchell Park, we have been sponsored and endorsed by Inland Maine Wildlife. Stage two revolves more around the development aspect of the project. Likely will be asking to fund landscaping likely at town meeting in 2023.

ADJOURN Motion to adjourn 7:13 Garrigan, second Beckett. Unanimous vote of approval.