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**Official Minutes**

**June 13, 2023 Annual Town Meeting and Municipal Election**

**Held at the Fire Station 2988 Sennebec Rd**

**8:00-8:00 Town Meeting called to order by Town Clerk (Anita Wellman)**

**ARTICLE 1:** To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

**Eileen O’Neil was nominated, voted and sworn in as moderator. Langley Willauer was appointed as deputy moderator by Eileen O’Neil.**

**ARTICLE 2:** To elect all necessary Town Officials.

Select Board, vote for two, three-year term

<b>Costigan, Lorie</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>Garrigan, Charles</b>	<b>106</b>
<b>Kivette, Paulette</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Write in</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Over, Blanks</b>	<b>71</b>

Select Board, vote for one, two-year term

<b>Marriner, C. Prent</b>	<b>132</b>
<b>Write in</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Over, Blanks</b>	<b>38</b>

Planning Board Member, vote for two, three-year term

<b>Carroll, Edward</b>	<b>141</b>
<b>Roberts, Gary</b>	<b>3 write in</b>
<b>Write in</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Write in</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Over, Blanks</b>	<b>192</b>

Planning Board Associate Member, vote for two, three-year term

<b>Fred Brown</b>	<b>2 write in (Declined)</b>
<b>Write in</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Over, Blanks</b>	<b>329</b>

**Both seats will need to be appointed for one year-term**

Road Commissioner, vote for one, three-year term

<b>Boyington, Jacob</b>	<b>101</b>
<b>Gould, David</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>Over, Blanks</b>	<b>13</b>

Appleton Village School Board, vote for one, three-year term

<b>Darling, Lisa</b>	<b>136</b>
<b>Write in</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Over, Blanks</b>	<b>33</b>

CSD School Board Member, vote for one, three year-term

<b>Burke, Donald</b>	<b>3 write in</b>
<b>Write in</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Over, Blanks</b>	<b>158</b>

**ARTICLE 3:** Do you favor approving the Appleton Village School (AVS) budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted by the AVS Board, including the amount of additional funds that exceed the local contribution as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act?

Voted with Separate Ballot

(A yes vote allows additional funds to be raised for K-8 public education; a no vote means additional funds cannot be raised for K-8 education. These appropriations appear as a separate ballot.)

**ARTICLE 4:** Shall the Town accept the categories of funds listed below, as provided by Maine State Legislature, to be received in FY24? (Dollar amounts listed are estimated amounts to be received.)

Maine State revenue sharing	\$ 380,000
Local Road assistance	44,000
Snowmobile registration	290
Tree Growth	10,300
Renewable Energy	570
Veterans exemption	2,100
Homestead reimbursement	170,000
Excise tax	290,000
Special Rev: FEMA Funds for Roads	50,000
Special Rev: ARPA Funds for Ambulance	27,500
Other revenue* (agent fees, building permits, etc.)	<u>42,100</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,016,860</b>

\*Other Revenues include building permits, clerk fees, and other fees. Other Fees does not include Insurance & Bonds, Workers' Compensation Refunds, Animal Control Fines, and FEMA reimbursement, which are credited to and expended from the appropriate named accounts. Special Revenue includes anticipated and carryforward Federal funds.

**Yes 154      No 12      Over, Blanks 6**

**Article 5:** Shall the Town appropriate all funds collected in **Article 4** (estimated to be \$1,016,860) to the FY24 fiscal year budget?

**Yes 150      No 17      Over, Blanks 5**

**ARTICLE 6:** Shall the Town carry forward from FY23 into FY24 all unexpended balances in Planning Board, Comprehensive Plan, Fire Department Building and Utilities, Emergency Management Agency, Road Maintenance, Paving, Town Land Conservation, Cemeteries and FEMA?

**Yes 153      No 12      Over, Blanks 7**

**ARTICLE 7:** Shall the Town appropriate from Undesignated Funds the funds needed to fulfill the Town's obligations for FY24 for General Assistance, Unemployment, and Maintain Old Landfill?

**Yes 148      No 17      Over, Blanks 7**

**ARTICLE 8:** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to expend such other sums as may be received from Federal and State grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for town purposes, provided that such grants, programs, or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

**Yes 148      No 17      Over, Blanks 7**

**ARTICLE 9:** Shall the Town pay Select Board Members \$3,000 each and the Chair an additional \$2,500 in FY24? *(Pay is appropriated from the Town Officials Budget Line.)*

**Yes 139      No 26      Over, Blanks 7**

**ARTICLE 10:** Shall the Town authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to appoint and set compensation of all other necessary officials, or act thereon?

**Yes 138      No 29      Over, Blanks 5**

**ARTICLE 11:** Shall the Town pay the MAINE DOT 2023 & 2024 labor reimbursement and private equipment rates, and bid, contract, or rental prices, for its roads and bridges during FY24?

**Yes 134      No 25      Over, Blanks 13**

**ARTICLE 12:** Shall the Town appropriate all State Highway Funds received from the local Roads Assistance Program (LRAP) this fiscal year (estimated to be \$45,000) for the purpose of maintenance paving of Town roads?

**Yes 155      No 11      Over, Blanks 6**

**ARTICLE 13:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$ 319,659 for GENERAL GOVERNMENT for FY24?

**Yes 141      No 27      Over, Blanks 4**

**ARTICLE 14:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$299,936 for PROTECTION AND SAFETY for FY24?

**Yes 141      No 26      Over, Blanks 5**

**ARTICLE 15:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$621,828 for HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES for FY24?

**Yes 152      No 17      Over, Blanks 3**

**ARTICLE 16:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$45,300 for SANITATION for FY24?

**Yes 138      No 31      Over, Blanks 3**

**ARTICLE 17:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$36,170 for COMMUNITY for FY24?

**Yes 137      No 29      Over, Blanks 6**

**ARTICLE 18:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$6,569 for PROVIDER AGENCIES for FY24?

**Yes 124      No 38      Over, Blanks 10**

**ARTICLE 19:** Shall the Town appropriate \$300,000 from Undesignated Funds to reduce the property tax assessment?

**Yes 154      No 12      Over, Blanks 6**

**ARTICLE 20:** Shall the Town allow a discount of 2% on all real estate and personal property taxes paid in full prior to or within one month (30 days) after the commitment of the list to the Tax Collector, and authorize the Select Board to take the necessary sum from Undesignated Funds for this purpose? (The budgeted amount will be \$42,000.)

**Yes 157      No 15      Over, Blanks 0**

**ARTICLE 21:** Shall the Town establish that taxes shall be due and payable when billed, and that interest at a rate of 4% per annum be charged on all taxes unpaid after the last day of November 2023? (Note: the maximum by State law is 8%.)

**Yes 142      No 26      Over, Blanks 4**

**ARTICLE 22:** Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to procure a temporary loan(s) in anticipation of taxes, for payment of obligations of the Town; such loans(s) to be paid during the current fiscal year by taxation?

**Yes 131      No 35      Over, Blanks 6**

**ARTICLE 23:** Shall the Town allow the Select Board to take from Undesignated Funds the necessary amount of money to cover the interest on loans they have been authorized to procure in anticipation of taxes?

**Yes 140      No 26      Over, Blanks 6**

**ARTICLE 24:** Shall the Town increase the property tax levy limit of \$324,750 established for Appleton by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit?

**Yes 116      No 50      Over, Blanks 6**

**ARTICLE 25:** Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to enter into up to three-year agreements for the following: Ambulance Services, Audit Services, Assessing Services, Town Property & Cemetery Mowing, and Tax Maps?

**Yes 151      No 18      Over, Blanks 3**

**ARTICLE 26:** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to use the proceeds of any payment on insurance claims, for damage occurring to Town property in the fiscal year 2024, to be allocated to the municipal department whose goods or equipment were damaged, and appropriate any such insurance payment to repair or replace the damaged goods or equipment or act thereon?

**Yes 150      No 17      Over, Blanks 5**

**ARTICLE 27.** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to sell or otherwise dispose of equipment and Town property with a value less than \$10,000.00 per item after appraisal for FY24 or act thereon?

**Yes 144      No 23      Over, Blanks 5**

**Article 28:** Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to explore an interlocal agreement for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services?

**Yes 151      No 16      Over, Blanks 5**

**ARTICLE 29:** Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to use Overlay to be used for tax abatements?

**Yes 132      No 27      Over, Blanks 13**

**ARTICLE 30:** Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to enter into voluntary easements for the following map and lot numbers (Map 9, Lot 18; Map 16, Lot 39; Map 1, Lot 1; Map 19, Lot 27; Map 26-Lot 15; Map 24, Lot 35) for the sole purpose of installing and maintaining dry hydrants for municipal fire protection? (Legal fees for easements to be paid with American Recovery Plan Act funds; easements to carry no monetary value.)

**Yes 141      No 23      Over, Blanks 8**

**ARTICLE 31:** Shall the Town authorize the Tax Collector to accept pre-payment of property taxes not yet committed, with no interest to accrue on any excess prepaid over the amount finally committed?

**Yes 152      No 15      Over, Blanks 5**

**ARTICLE 32:** Shall the Town appropriate all of the funds received from the State of Maine for snowmobile registrations to go to the Appleton Trail Makers (snowmobile club) for the purpose of building and maintaining snowmobile trails?

**Yes 144      No 24      Over, Blanks 4**

**Respectfully submitted by:**

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**Town Clerk: Anita Wellman**

**Appleton Village School Budget Referendum**

**Minutes**

**June 13, 2023**

**Article 1: Do you favor approving the Appleton School Department budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the last school budget town meeting?**

**Yes 120**

**No 51**

**Over, Blanks 2**

**Respectfully submitted by:**

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**Town Clerk Anita Wellman**

**CSD School Budget Referendum**

**Minutes**

**June 13, 2023**

**Article 1: Do you favor approving the Five Town Community School District budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest District budget meeting?**

**Yes 126**

**No 42**

**Over, Blanks 4**

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

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**Town Clerk**