

## Appleton Select Board

May 23, 2023

### Minutes

1. Convene (Select Board: Costigan, Esancy, Garrigan, Blakely) No public.
2. Garrigan: Motion to Approve Minutes of May 16, 2023. Esancy: Second. Unanimous
3. Costigan: Motion to Approve Warrants. Second: Esancy. Unanimous.
4. Public Comment: None.
5. Road Commissioner: Absent
6. Select Board
  - a. Garrigan: Motion to Authorize Chair to Write Bid for Stump Grinding in Pine Grove, near Sumner Tomb and War Memorial. Esancy: Second. Unanimous.
  - b. Costigan: SU69 Superintendent has requested a third audit extension from the Department of Education. The AVS School audit was due Dec. 31. She stated since the school is a department of the Town, the Town cannot complete or file its annual audit until all departments are complete. Costigan has attended meetings of the SU 69 subcommittee to express concern over delay, to offer solutions by way of outsourcing payroll and other duties to DOE's designated Education Service Centers. Costigan has asked the Superintendent and SU 69 Board when the four hours remaining to complete the AVS audit has been scheduled, while in public sessions, and has not received an answer beyond "soon." She noted RHR Smith had completed its school audit in August 2022 and had left a task list of approximately 30 items for the Central Office to complete. The Town, and the Select Board, have no oversight over the school budget. Further, the School Board has been told the order of priority for the Central Office is Hope, Lincolnville (yet to be started), then the remaining four hours of Appleton.
  - c. Costigan: Reminder of Public Hearing May 30, 7:15 pm for annual town warrant, Town Office.
  - d. Costigan: Reminder of Special Town Meeting, May 30, 7 pm, to fund emergency road repair, 15 percent over expenditure of 2023 Road Repair following May 1, 2023 rainfall damage.
  - e. Esancy: Cemetery Advisory Committee meeting May 24<sup>th</sup> at the Town Office.
  - f. Garrigan: Has emailed DEP for contact for Getchell Park boat launch (gravel pad) permitting requirements. Will follow up with DEP and Jeff Senders for engineering studies following annual town meeting vote.
  - g. Costigan: Motion to adjourn. Garrigan: Second. Unanimous.