

Select Board Meeting  
Appleton Town Office  
October 19, 2021 6:30

**ATTENDEES:** Lorie Costigan Chair, Charlie Garrigan, Scott Esancy, Marci Blakely.

**MEETINGS ARE RECORDED**

**CONVENE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** Expression of appreciation and gratitude for the work done by the Road Commissioner on the West Appleton Road.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 12, 2021** Motion to approve minutes Esancy, second Blakely. Unanimous vote of approval.

**WARRANT**

#28 Town of Appleton Payroll \$3,522.19, #29 Appleton Village School Payroll \$57,183.90 & #30 Town of Appleton \$17,665.31

**ROAD COMMISSIONER**

**PAVING UPDATE** Paving has begun, West Appleton Road is finished, pleased with outcome. There was a change in scope of work in the beginning to ensure quality and longevity. Collinstown Road required the same changes as West Appleton Road. Pending weather, paving should be wrapped up this week.

Went to Mill Pond bridge again today to look at hillside to develop plan of action from Mill Pond to Jones Hill and further along Gurneytown Road. Propose purchase order for \$5,000 for equipment and labor for ditching both sides of road from just beyond Terra Optima farm to nearly Mill Pond Bridge. Will require rip rap for drainage in the ditches and along the edges of tar will dig out sand a few inches and replace with sturdy crushed gravel. Motion for \$5,000 purchase order for Gurneytown corner culvert to Mill Pond bridge ditching on both sides and gravel placement alongside Costigan, second Esancy. Unanimous vote of approval.

On Jones Hill where logging is taking place, drainage issue remains problematic. Will need to do culvert work and ditching, which will require the removal of 2-3 trees. Motion to approve a Purchase Order for \$2,000 for Jones Hill work to Priscilla Cross's made by Costigan, second Blakely. Unanimous vote of approval.

Already received two complaints of individual burning tires. Spoken with the culprit and addressed the issue and advised the town will be seeking monetary retribution for damage incurred on the road from further burning of tires.

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**A. Town Forester Update** Property off Lower Road harvested in 2007, but the back top piece was not cut (closer to Appleton Ridge than Lower Road) no right of way to that portion. Robbins Lumber Forester and town forester have been in and looked. Will need a cold winter to freeze the ground enough to support harvesting of that piece. Difficult to plan with regard to the proper conditions, need to work the land to help it freeze. Can initiate the process to have Robbins Lumber come in and mark the trees for harvest and assess the job. Could make a place on the Lamont Lot for a stump dump area. Will connect with Road Commissioner to identify places to dump ditching material. Motion to approve pursuing contact with Robbins Lumber to initiate beginning phases of the project made by Costigan, second Esancy. Unanimous vote of approval.

**B. Pine Grove Sumner Tree Removal Purchase Order** Met with David Bragg to discuss problematic trees. Close to a dozen were identified in need of removal, some dead, dying or at

a point where any weather incident would cause damage to monuments. Will try to get back with a crane within the next couple of weeks for the work. Will be more expensive than prior work, nearing \$6,500. One tree to be removed will be a healthy tree but is impeding access to the work that needs to be done and will allow for better access to the Sumner and Gushee tombs. Motion for purchase order not to exceed \$6,500 for Bragg's to address tree removal Costigan, second Esancy. Unanimous vote of approval.

**C. Sherman's Mill Pond Appraisal** Fred Bucklin prepared the appraisal as a gift to the town. 4-acre parcel came back appraised at \$65,000. The preliminary assessed value of the property is approximately \$112,000.

**D. Union Ambulance Update** Ambulance Service webinar will be held at some point in November. Additional details will be forthcoming. Will review the Ambulance contract.

**E. Committee Updates** None

**OTHER** Blakely provided update on responses from other municipalities regarding town owned cemetery maintenance.

Costigan received email from Knox County Commissioners urging municipalities to respond by 4PM regarding locking into bid price for heating oil at \$2.95/gallon. Was able to respond by deadline.

**ADJOURN** Motion to adjourn 7:32 Costigan, second Garrigan. Unanimous vote of approval.