

**Town of Appleton  
Select Board Meeting Minutes Approved  
02/28/2023**

BOARD MEMBERS	OTHERS PRESENT
Lorie Costigan, Chair	Anita Wellman,
Scott Esancy, Charles Garrigan,	Public: None
Marci L. Blakely, Absent	Jake Boyington, Road Commissioner , Absent
	Zoom availability: Yes Fred Brown

- I. **CALL TO ORDER: The Select Board meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Costigan**
- II. **Edits/Additions: None**
- III. **Motion to approve minutes:** Costigan motioned to approve minutes of 2-21-23 Esancy 2<sup>nd</sup> vote unanimous
- IV. **Approve Warrants:** Costigan motioned to approve warrant Garrigan 2<sup>nd</sup> vote unanimous
  - a. Warrant #55 Town A/P \$888.92
  - b. **Total Warrants: \$888.92**
- V. **Public Comment:** None
- VI. **Road Commissioner:**
  - a. Costigan noted a complaint made about Old County Rd
- VII. **Select Board:**
  - a. **Board reviewed budget :** updated budget spreadsheet reviewed using ARPA to reduce Ambulance increase of 27.56 % to 0% the overall increase from 8.7% to 6.3 %
  - b. **Tidewater update:** Costigan noted Beckett’s final meeting with Broad Band Committee the Connect ME authority would like for Tidewater LCI put more money in which would reduce the Appleton’s share.
  - c. **Review Provider Agency Request and Vote:** Board reviewed list of Provider Request. Recommended amounts are
    - i. **Spectrum:** \$ 1,058.00
    - ii. **New Hope:** \$830.00
    - iii. **Red Cross \$0**
    - iv. **Come Spring Food Pantry:** \$1,000.00
    - v. **Penquis:** \$1,827.00
    - vi. **Lifefight:** \$706.00
    - vii. **AIO:** \$1000.00
    - viii. **WCAP:** not received yet
    - ix. **Wentworth Account:** \$5000.00
    - x. **Total= \$6921.00**
  - d. **Discussion of the Dumpster at the Town Office:** annual cost \$800.00
  - e. **Review Paws contract and approve:** Costigan motioned to authorize the chair to enter into a contact with Paws for \$1,750.00 Garrigan 2<sup>nd</sup> vote unanimous
  - f. **Pine Grove Cutting Bid update:** Bid notice is in the paper no request for packets yet.

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- g. **Drummond Update: Special Town Meeting Warrant Review:** Costigan sent off to Legal for wording of Articles to use \$66,000.00 from Capital improvements to fund roofing of both Town Office and Fire Station, and wording for using ARPA to fund cutting trees at Pine Grove Cemetery. Proposed date of Special Town Meeting is the last Wednesday in March, March 29, 2023.
  - i. Confidential Buyer of sales agreement is asking for a warrant deed, looking to complete by March 17, 2023
  - ii. Land for Maines Future is in the final stage (Getchell Park)
- VIII. **Other:**
  - a. **Rebecca Diaz:** Rebecca Diaz has volunteered her time to help with the budget spread sheet
  - b. **Next week:** the board will meet to vote on budget
  - c. **Roofing :** cannot move forward until the Special Town Meeting , Reviewed Estimate from Home Roofing
- IX. **Adjourn:** Garrigan motioned to adjourn Esancy 2<sup>nd</sup> vote unanimous