

# Town of New Ashford

188 Mallery Rd.

New Ashford, Ma. 01237

## Select Board Minutes of the meeting: February 02, 2015

Members Present: Jason Jayko, chair, Ken McNerney, Mark Phelps

Meeting opened at 6:32p.m.

1. Veteran's Account: Lori Jayko (Treasurer), has been talking to Dick DeMeyer (Veteran's Agent), about the reimbursements which haven't been received. She has been able to access the state website and check on the delayed payments. No January reimbursement as yet.
2. Police Chief: Haven't been able to contact Mr. Clermont. The Board wants his input regarding the letter from Lanesboro regarding sharing their police force.
3. Wired West: The next Select Board meeting will be Feb. 17, 2015 and Wired West will be part of the meeting. A W.W. delegate will be present to explain the current status. Town Council will have a rep. on speaker/conference call to be at the meeting. Questions will be taken from the residents and they will be posted with answers on the town website.
4. Tree Warden: Mark asked if Coty reviewed any of the invoices the Town has received for trees removed. Discussion: the Town needs a new Tree Warden. Coty Phelps (Tree Warden) needs to be present for the following open meeting March 02. Ken made a motion to cease and desist all tree removal until the insurance and bidding practices are straightened out, and the town receives Insurance Certificates from the companies which have done tree removal so far; Mark seconded, motion passed.
5. Road Comm. Keith LaCasse: Ordered sand; will mix it with the course sand on hand. 1/3 of salt supply remains, and he has called American Rock Salt, but they are not responding. Other towns are experiencing a 3 week delay in delivery times; other towns are using straight salt, as the treated salt is not performing as well as it had in past years. The Select Board suggested ordering plain salt. KLC complained about a resident on Roys Rd. that is pushing the snow across the road and is creating a problem on the other side. Also Reverse 911 is just a call to 911 and they will make a broadcast.
6. Budget: ken emailed all parties for requests for budget items. Mark had a formula for calculating the BRPC account; otherwise work is suspended on budget till the first March meeting.

### Public Comment/Discussion:

Ken: the relationship with Travelers Insurance is in a confused state; he spoke to S. Neidle, of Cabot Risk regarding Michelle Carusotto had received an invoice for a bond for the short time she was the Tax collector. Ken had Michelle and Lori Jayko straightened out. Ken also straightened out the Tax abatements that had been inadvertently sent out in error.

Warrant

Mail

Approve minutes of January 22, 2015 : Mark made a motion to accept, Ken seconded, motion passed.

Next meeting: Feb 17, 2015 6:30 p.m.

Adjourned: Ken made the motion, Jason seconded, meeting adjourned 8:10 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Town Recording Secretary, Jackie LaCasse