

# Town of New Ashford

188 Mallery Rd.

New Ashford, Ma. 01237

**Select Board Minutes of the meeting:** January 22, 2015

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

Meeting opened at 6:31p.m.

1. Tree Warden: Ken said Coty will not be at this meeting. An email from Dick George at 136 Beach Hill Rd. said the tree had been removed and the tree company also removed a tree in front of Lynn Steinhoff's house. Lynn wants someone to remove the wood. Art Johnson (according to Al Steinhoff) said he would take it but didn't know when. Jason reviewed a bill for the trees that have been removed so far. Jason wants Coty to review the invoice before it gets on the warrant.
2. Plowing Contract: Billing error for loading the salt/sand. Town Accountant will correct it on the next contract installment.
  - Plowing bylaw discussion
  - Road Salt discussion
  - Budget: Spreadsheet
3. Road Commissioner Keith LaCasse: The road salt is not working as well as the material we had last year. The Town will run out of sand soon. Ken agreed to go ahead and order more. Discussion about type of sand to order.

Public Comment/Discussion: Steinhoffs on Beach Hill Rd. complained about lack of plowing to his house and a visiting nurse would not attempt to go up to the top of the hill. He also said he doesn't plow his driveway, his wife picks up the nurse at the end of it. KLC's response: Keith had plowed and salted the road but got  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way up and ran out of salt, so he went to refill the truck with salt and that's the only reason that section of the road wasn't done at that moment, but went back and plowed and salted. It takes about a half hour to get to the salt shed and load the truck. Steinhoff claims that KLC is intentionally not maintaining the road in front of his driveway. KLC denies the accusation, and reiterated how severe the storm had been. Discussion about the severity of the ice storm, and Ken presented a log of calls he received on Jan. 08.

Ken thinks Wired West discussion needs to be on the next agenda. The Town may need to put up a \$500,000.00 20 year bond with an incremental payout. The W.W. rep. is willing to come to a board meeting to update the current status. Ken received a letter from W.W. that the next step is that 40% of households must make a \$49.00 refundable deposit to be included. Bundled service is est. \$150.00 (-+). Ken will arrange a date to set up the meeting.

Mark spoke with BRPC regarding Mountain Pond Lane; basically there are too many issues of non-conformity to accept the street by the Town for maintenance.

Letter from the Lanesboro re: sharing police services.

Warrant

Mail

Approve minutes of Jan.05, 2015: Ken made a motion to accept, Mark seconded, motion passed

Next meeting: Feb. 02, 2015 6:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 9:02 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Town Recording Secretary, Jackie LaCasse