

New Ashford Select Board Meeting
June 15, 2015

Select Board Present: Jason Jayko (Chair), Ken McNerney, Mark Phelps
Others Present: Dick Demyer, Travis Demyer, Amy Kohlenberger, Lori Jayko

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Dick Demyer brought grant paperwork for \$500 towards the purchase of a new roll-off with Northern Berkshire Solid Waste. The state will give the \$500 grant money before the town pays for the roll-off. The procurement officer, Jason Jayko, signed the grant paperwork, notarized by Travis Demyer. When the town receives the check, it will get deposited into the all other boards revolving account.

2. Amy Kohlenberger was appointed as Tax Collector at the June 1, 2015 meeting. She needs to be sworn in by Lori Trottier, town clerk. Amy will take over the tax collector's email address from Samantha Quinn. Samantha has been training her and helping with the transition. Ken will send Amy the list of job responsibilities.

Delinquent property tax demands have been sent to Gus. What is the outstanding amount? Samantha will pass along the key for P.O. box 39 and the town hall key. Jackie LaCasse has the key log.

3. Trees: Troy's Tree Service is to start tree removal work June 16 or 17 on Mallery Road and expects to get to Greylock Road later that week. Greylock Road will be closed for about four hours. Residents have been notified and will be notified when the work will happen. A tree fell on Greylock Road and Verizon fixed the lines.

4. Snow Plowing Contract: The board reviewed the snow plowing contract and made modifications. Jason will make the changes and e-mail the updated contract to the board. The board will have a meeting on July 6 where residents can give their input. Jason will put the contract on the website.
When ready, the invitation to bid will be put in the paper and will be on the website in pdf form.

5. Road Commissioner: Keith LaCasse was not present.

Ken McNerney's report from DCR: When Keith did his inspection of Greylock Road, he deemed that the road was safe for opening. However, a later rain storm caused two washouts and the road needs a lot of work. Are the first .606 miles DCR's responsibility or is it a town road?

The state PILOT program is valued on the amount of road frontage kept open. DCR controls the two gates. What happens to the town's chapter 90 money if the road closed?

Greylock, Bauer, and Roy's Road need to be graded.

6. Public Comment and Other Subjects for Consideration: TAM dumpster – TAM took the paper dumpster before it was totally full and dug up the lawn near the firehouse. Dick Demyer will contact TAM.

Dick – closing of landfill inspections – talked to head of Franklin County Program. She will inspect all the communities for \$300-\$500 dollars. Sandy Totter will contact Jason. Inspections are required every two years.

Dick is working on getting a \$1400 grant for improvements for recycling.

American Legion food bank in Lanesborough: Diane Stephen's, secretary, says that 40 people from New Ashford are using the American Legion pantry, specifically 16 families – constituting 40 people. There are 73 houses in the town. The percentage seems too high, records need to be verified.

Pistol Permits – how does the state bill us? Jason will call Dick Clermont for clarification.

Town reports can be corrected in the following year's report.

Wayne Buckley is the new fire chief for the town.

Ken made a motion to approve the heating oil contract with West Oil for \$2.649 a gallon for 1200 gallons, seconded by Mark. Contract signed.

There was a letter from DEP regarding testing for Snowy Owl at 36 Williamstown Road. There are contaminants there. The ground water contains petroleum hydrocarbons.

A letter was received from Lanesborough concerning a multi town working group made up of Williamstown, Hancock, Lanesborough, and New Ashford towards regionalizing Mount Greylock. The board will give the letter to Brenda Frye, school committee chair.

7. Sign Warrant: Warrant reviewed and signed.

8. Approve Select Board Minutes for June 1, 2015: Mark made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Ken.

9. Next Meeting Date: July 6, 2015 at 6:30 and will include public input on the snow plowing contract.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45.