

New Ashford Select Board Meeting  
June 29, 2015

Select Board Present: Jason Jayko (chair), Ken McInerney, Mark Phelps

Others Present: Chuck Morrone, Wayne Buckley, Keith LaCasse, Lori Jayko

Meeting opened at 6:33

1. Fire Chief – introductions. Wayne Buckley was appointed Fire Chief on May 17<sup>th</sup>, to replace Pete Rancourt. Wayne has been working on staying current with state regulations. The fire department is getting a set of Jaws of Life. They also got a truck from DCR to replace the tanker. The department is working on recruiting more volunteers. They meet three times a month, and offer cpr, first responders, and haz- mat training. Wayne is working on a grant to replace engine one and a grant to get bunker gear for everyone. The current gear is non-compliant. The select board thanked Wayne for taking the position.

2. Trees – A tree fell across Roys Road and Art Johnson pushed it off the road. Keith LaCasse took care of a dangerous tree top on Roys Road, a fallen tree over the dirt section of Roys Road and a tree that fell on Beach Hill Road.

3. Cemetery – Keith took down some very large trees. The select board thanked Chuck for mowing.

4. Snow plowing contract - The contract will not be posted on the town website until it is finalized. The updated contract will be ready for the July 6, 2015 meeting. When finalized, its availability will need to be posted in the paper. It will be available outside of the town hall and on the town website.

5. Road Commissioner – tree work has already been covered. Winter road recovery forms have been sent to Boston. The town may want to use the Mass Works grant toward work on Greylock Road.

700 feet of White Road was paved. The other half of the road still needs attention. Tri-Town will give an estimate to finish paving the road. (Might be between \$8000-9000).

Palmer Paving will start grinding route 7 on Wednesday, July 1. Loads of paving will be dropped at Ingraham Road, the fire station, Smith Road, and maybe on old route 7 near Ed Grosso's. Mike Birch and Dave Hadley would like some of the remnants for Mountain Pond Lane.

Keith reported that the state recommends cutting back the canopy over the roads because covered roads break down faster.

Ken reported on Greylock Road. Ken is in contact with an archivist in Boston to find out who owns the first .606 miles of the road. Is there documentation? Greylock Road accounts for 30% of the town's roads, 3.1 miles, which affects Chapter 90 reimbursement. The road has been washed out, has a fallen tree, and an exposed culvert that needs attention. Keith will look at the culvert and have an estimated cost for repairs for the July 6, 2015 meeting. It could cost \$3000

for the culvert, then more for a new retaining wall. Greylock Road will be graded along with Bauer and Ingraham Road. The grindings from Mallery Road should also be put on Greylock Road.

DCR made a sign to caution drivers of the hazardous road conditions.

6. Public Comment – Ken will meet before the next select board meeting with two residents over a land dispute tax bill.

Keith suggested the town buy sand now with the extra winter roads money. However, there is no money left.

Ken – Do we need the Wired West grant? \$5000 is available from MBI as grant money. Ken will call Monica, Steve, or Jim from Wired West to confirm the course of action.

7. Review the Warrant- Warrant reviewed and signed.

8. Approve Minutes from June 15, 2015 select board meeting - Mark made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ken.

9. Next meeting is July 6, 2015, 6:30.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07.