

# Town of New Ashford

**Select Board:** Jason Jayko, Chairman, Ken McInerney, Mark Phelps

## **Minutes of the Meeting:** March 02, 2015

Meeting opened @ 6:32p.m.

1. Letter from Lanesboro regarding “sharing police”: Jason discussed it with New Ashford Police Chief, Richard Clermont, who spoke to the Lanesboro town manager; it was determined there wasn’t a reason to share Lanesboro’s police department. Ken asked if Jason had discussed whether or not Richard would be staying on as Police Chief; no he had not.
2. Trees: Jason thought there was a hold on tree removal as per the motion passed in the minutes of the previous meetings’ minutes, but Ken never contacted Colton (Tree Warden), so there were more trees taken down.
3. Furnace: Ken reported there was a smell in town hall, the front of furnace was discolored, because the temperature probe was broken. West oil came and took the plenum apart, the bearing had seized, and it was replaced. Ken asked West Oil about a service contract. No, they don’t do contracts. They recommend service every 1k gallons of consumption we are at 800 now. Discussion about reason for bearing failure, and the building needs improvement before the furnace is replaced. Also, the possibility of eliminating one of the 2 furnaces.
4. Wired West: Jason received 2 maps of the town with the residences marked on it. Some locations listed had to be eliminated. The properties on the maps were identified and marked. Jason will mail them back to MBI.
5. Gus Martin Tax Assessor: He will be meeting with Sam Quinn Tax Collector. Ken asked Are there people other than Kevin Bolduc (Deputy Tax Collector) that can do those services Gus will check. Mark asked about the levy limit; Gus will have to get back to him with the amount. Ken asked if his \$2k budget amount is ok; yes.
6. Budget: continued work on line items. So far the initial budget roll up (unchallenged) is at \$ \$643,364.92
7. Warrant: there was an invoice from Dale Trottier for cemetery services for May and September last year. Ken spoke to Michelle and she will split the payment (Town Reserve account) to make it work
8. Approve minutes of February 17, 2015: Mark made a motion to approve, Ken seconded, motion passed.

Next meeting will be March 18, 2015 @ 6:30p.m.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:59p.m.

Minutes prepared by Jacqueline LaCasse, Town Secretary