

New Ashford Select Board Meeting
New Ashford Town Hall
October 2, 2017

Board Present: Jason Jayko (chair), Ken McNerney, Mark Phelps
Others Present: Lori Jayko

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Public Comment: None.
2. Mountain Pond Lane: The Board discussed the possibility of the town's plowing Mountain Pond Lane. Mountain Pond Lane is a shared driveway, with property lots crossed by the road. The Board would need input from the Road Commissioner, Keith Lacasse. It will not be considered at this time since the snow plowing contract was just awarded.
3. Veterans: Richard Demyer, Veterans Services Officer, was not present, but he spoke with Jason by phone earlier. A veteran's benefits recipient moved out of town and has been put in refund status, due to non-payment of rent.
4. Road Commissioner: Not present.
5. Furnace: West Oil provided quotes, by mail, for two new furnaces. Ken has requested a quote for a single furnace as well. The Board will also look at quotes for propane systems. Furnace B has the more severe cracks. The wrong filters were installed on the duct systems making the unit blowers have to work too hard. West Oil will not service the furnaces. Chuck bought and installed new filters for the furnaces. The board thanked Chuck for his help. Furnace planning will be in the FY19 budget. Ken installed CO2/smoke detectors.
6. Town Flag: No report.
7. Broadband: The signed pole agreement was received from Eversource and Jason let Westfield Gas and Electric know. The Verizon forms were received. Ken reviewed and signed them. They will be sent back to Verizon. The pole mapping is complete. Pole surveys should have started September 25. Jason will ask for an update. There is a call Friday morning with Westfield Gas and Electric for an overall update. Jason and Ken will call in.
8. Any other Board subjects for consideration: Ken rebuilt the flag light outside the town hall. Jason called CollectPro. There is an initial cost set up of \$8,500: the base software is \$2,500, conversion of real estate and personal property bills for three years is \$3,000, conversion of motor vehicles and tax titles for three years is \$3,000, two days of onsite training is provided. The annual fee is the \$1,500 that was budgeted. It is not needed the first year. The Board would like Gus Martin, Assessor, and Joan Wilkinson, Tax Collector, to attend the next meeting to discuss CollectPro. Gus will also be asked for an update on when the tax classification hearing can be.

Mark talked with Tony Mazzucco, Adams Town Administrator, about sharing an Assessor. Tony and/or his assessor would like to attend a November meeting to discuss possibilities. The Board would like to talk to Adams before moving forward with CollectPro.

Mark sent a thank you to the four candidates that attended the candidates' forum. He got three acknowledgments.

The town has received \$792.00 from the state for the special election.

Jason will ask Bill Ennon for an update on when the town will receive the broadband grant money.

9. Approve the minutes from September 18 and 21. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, the minutes from 9/18/2017 were approved. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, the minutes from 9/21/2017 were approved.

10. Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed.

Next meeting date October 16, 2017 at 6:30.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40