

New Ashford Select Board Meeting  
November 21, 2016

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

Others Present: Lori Jayko, Mike Holden, Chuck Morrone, Wayne Buckley, Brian Torres

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Mike Holden can replace the rotten side door at the Town Hall with either an insulated metal door for \$325 or a wooden door for \$825, plus \$250 labor each. The board would like to get a metal door. Mike will also give a quote for repairs to the ramp. He will use Chuck's key.

2. Wayne Buckley, Fire Chief, the Fire Department submitted two grant applications. The approximate pro-rated insurance for the new fire truck, coming from the town of Riverdale is \$640.

3. The board needs to appoint a Tree Warden to take Chuck Morrone's place while he is away. Mark made a motion that the board act as Tree Warden while Chuck is gone, seconded by Ken.

4. Greylock/Bauer Road: Ken submitted the invoice for the Greylock Road millings work to the state. He will call Emily Stockman to get the certified botanist's report.

5. Community Choice and Town Hall access – Jason hasn't heard back from legal counsel about the Community Choice power aggregation. He will email Janet Pumphrey about this and about groups that meet in the town hall building signing a liability waiver if they do not have their own insurance. Janet sent both issues to the Boston office.

6. MBI put out an RFP with replies due by Jan 11<sup>th</sup>. Jason attended the last Wired West meeting. Most towns have stated they do not want to own the networks themselves. Many towns have already talked to Charter. Some towns in Southern Berkshire County are working together with a third party. The next Wired West meeting is December 10.

Pole Survey – Ken has filled out the applications. Jason will check with MBI to see if they will cover the application fees and if those fees are required at the time of the submittal of the pole applications. Gail Carriddi called the board members and left each a message about broadband. She has talked with Charter to encourage their cooperation with assisting the town. Jason returned her call and left a message. Ken also left her a message. Jason will call her back again.

7. Northern Berkshire County Coalition: The board is waiting to see the resolutions that other towns have adopted.

Public Comments and Other Items for Consideration

Ken – Ken will install the Wi-Fi thermostats for the Town Hall, which is a more involved process than originally thought.

Taxes will be due December 30<sup>th</sup>.

Warrant was reviewed and signed.

On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, the minutes from November 7, 2016 were approved.

On a motion by Ken, seconded by Jason, the minutes from the November 15, 2016 Tax Classification Meeting were approved. Mark abstained.

Next meeting December 5, 2016 at 6:30.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33.