

New Ashford Select Board Meeting  
January 23, 2017

Board Present: Jason Jayko (chair), Mark Phelps, Ken McInerney  
Others Present: Keith LaCasse, Wayne Buckley, Kurt Singer, Lori Jayko

Meeting opened at 6:30

Subjects for consideration:

1. Police Chief, Kurt Singer, would like the board to consider mutual aid services with the Lanesborough Police Department. Kurt has been getting calls about activity in the cemetery. Massachusetts State Police currently covers New Ashford. The Board would like more details. Kurt will talk to Lanesborough Police Chief, Tim Sorrell.

The sheriff's department's community service program will be painting the town hall in the spring. Kurt will check on the status of that project.

A complaint was received by the board that someone drove on the property of the Old Schoolhouse causing damage to the lawn.

2. Fire Department: Wayne Buckley, Fire Chief, the new fire truck has received minor repairs and the equipment has been loaded on. It should be in service by the end of the month. It is insured and registered.

Wayne asked the board to send a letter of support for the AFG grant. The board signed the letter and Lori J. will mail it.

The Fire Department would like to build a 10' X 20' shed behind the scrap bin to hold old gear. It will cost around \$3,000 to build. It will have no power or electricity. Keith and Wayne will coordinate the location of the new sand shed with the fire department's shed.

3. Road Commissioner: Keith LaCasse, patched some holes with cold patch on Mallery Road. He will do Smith Road and near the mailboxes on Roys Road.

There is ice leaching onto Ingraham Road and some on Greylock Road. Keith is keeping an eye on it.

The Board of Health Chair approved a trapper to take care of the beavers on Old Route 7.

4. Emergency Management Grant: Max is waiting to hear if the grant is approved.

5. Council on Aging: The appropriate paperwork was submitted and signed. A high-school student made a needs' assessment survey to be mailed to town residents. The board reviewed the survey. It will be revised and readied for mailing.

6. Town Hall Public Access: Ken corresponded with Janet Pumphrey, town counsel. Groups that use the Town Hall will sign an agreement with an indemnification clause. Ken is waiting to hear back if the indemnification clause will cover the town from liability, if the insurance requirement is waived. The last correspondence was January 18 from Janet – she forwarded Ken's question on to a colleague.

7. Budget – the board will look at the budget spreadsheet and will add a line for Council on Aging at the next meeting. Ken will e-mail all departments requesting their budget figures for FY18.

The Town Clerk will be asked to complete the Town Report.

Public comment and any other subjects for consideration:

There is a Wired West meeting Saturday for Finance, Select Boards, and Delegates in Florence. There is a meeting with Gail Carriddi in the afternoon in Williamstown. Internet is the most important concern of the board.

Charter did not opt to provide service to New Ashford, but they did pick Hancock. Jason e-mailed MBI about it. He will also contact Gail Carriddi. Crocker was the only provider that expressed interest in New Ashford.

There are Wired West meetings on the 4th and 25<sup>th</sup> of February.

Wayne will look up the paperwork for the town's agreement with Village Ambulance for service.

Warrant was reviewed and signed.

Approve minutes from January 9, 2017. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, the minutes were approved.

The Board entered Executive Session per roll call vote at 8:16 to discuss the minutes from the January 9, 2017 executive session. Roll call out of executive session at 8:19.

Next meeting February 8, 2017 at 6:30.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20