

New Ashford Select Board Meeting

February 22, 2017

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

Others Present: Kurt Singer, Keith LaCasse, Timothy Sorrell, Lori Jayko, Jack Haig, Lori Trotter

Meeting opened at 6:34

1. Police Chief: Kurt Singer spoke with Lanesborough Police Chief, Timothy Sorrell, about mutual aid police services with Lanesboro, after receiving calls from residents about activities going on around town. Chief Sorrell needs more information about what the town is interested in for services. There would be costs involved, but there may be grant money available. Other services, such as animal control could also be shared. A few towns on Cape Cod are sharing police services. Research into what they are doing might be useful. Kurt will call the state police to see what the town's call volume is. He will work with Chief Sorrell and Lanesborough Town Manager, Paul Seiloff, on a proposal for the FY18 budget. Considerations include jurisdiction, liability, and financials.

The board will check with town council on what is required to allow the Lanesborough Police Department the rights for jurisdiction in town.

2. Road Commissioner: Keith LaCasse, will patch the potholes on Smith Road, Beach Hill Road, and in front of the mailboxes at the end of Roys Road. Keith would like to widen an area at the end of White Road to allow for easier turning around when plowing.

The new property owner on Greylock Road has a key to the gate. He will lock the gate behind himself. The gate needs to be moved. Keith recommends putting in a swinging gate.

The town received approval for the Emergency Management Grant for forty cement blocks. Keith brought the paperwork for the board to sign.

There is enough salt and sand. Keith used the skid steer on Beach Hill Road to clear off the snow drifts.

3. Town Hall Waiver: Ken received a response from legal counsel that the indemnification clause in the waiver form covers the town. The groups that currently use the town hall need to sign a form.

4. Broadband: Jason met with MBI on the 13th. Pole survey forms have been submitted with surveys beginning in April. MBI will call with the schedule. MBI is having companies redo their internet provider proposals. MBI will provide money for professional services and engineering to towns. If towns pursue private companies on their own, professional services money would not be readily available, but may be released at a later date.

Jason attended a Wired West meeting. Wired West will likely use Whip City.

Jason talked to Crocker. Crocker will reword their proposal.

There is a Wired West meeting on Saturday. Jason and Ken cannot attend, Mark will. FY17 dues are donations. Dues of \$1000 will be required in FY18.

Public Comment and any other subjects for consideration.

Ken: The motor vehicle excise tax bill will be due March 13th. Ken told Kevin Bouldec, Deputy Tax Collector.

The Tax Collector, Amy Kohlenberger, submitted her resignation effective July 1, 2017. Three town residents have expressed interest in the position.

Ken would like to create a town e-mail list to be used solely to communicate town news to residents. Jason will put an e-mail address request on the town web page.

Budget will be on the agenda for the next meeting. There will be a 3% increase for 911.

COA funding hasn't arrived yet.

Warrant was reviewed and signed.

Minutes from the 2/8/2017 Select Board meeting were approved on a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason.

Next Meeting March 8, 2017 at 6:30

Meeting adjourned at 7:58