

New Ashford Select Board Meeting
May 15, 2017

Board Present: Jason Jayko (chair), Mark Phelps, Ken McInerney
Others Present: Richard Demyer, Lori Jayko, Chuck Morrone

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Public Comment and any other subjects for consideration:

Richard Demyer, Northern Berkshire Solid Waste District Delegate, inquired about the town's contract with NBSWD. Jason filled it out and will get it notarized. Richard reported that the bid on metal recycling, for five years, was awarded to Sayers for up to \$55 a ton. There will be a charge of \$15 for disposal of refrigerators and freezers. Propane tanks will not be collected anymore. Linda Cernik from NBSWD will compile an updated list of acceptable items for recycling and Jason will post it on the town's website. There will be a hazardous waste collection day in June in Adams.

Richard Demyer, Veteran's Services Officer, reported that a person that receives veteran's benefits is moving into town, leasing a room at the Econolodge on a monthly basis. The Econolodge has not received the appropriate permissions/permits from the town to run efficiencies or long-term room rentals, and may not be up to date on inspections. The planning board has not been contacted about this. The select board will contact the building inspector.

Chuck Morrone, Tree Warden, provided the board with a list of trees that need work. He contacted three tree service companies and received two sealed bids. The board opened the bids and read them out loud: KLC \$3500, Troy's Tree Service and Property Maintenance \$2500. Mark made a motion to accept the bid from Troy's Tree Service, seconded by Ken. The trees will be dropped mostly into wooded areas. Some debris will be left along the road. If there is enough money left in the account at the end of the fiscal year, the board may opt to use it for debris removal.

Chuck mowed at the cemetery. He mentioned that the way the cemetery road is closed, does not fully block access and allows people to drive on the lawn.

Chuck replaced the lock of the side door at the Town Hall. He needed to buy a piece of hardware for it.

Jason received the agreement from the town of Adams for the building inspector services. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

MIAA is issuing \$564 in property and casualty credits this year to the town.

Ken McInerney has the animal control officer and animal inspector paperwork to be reported to the state. Ken will ask Kurt Singer if he is interested in the positions.

2. Road Commissioner: Not present.

3. Trees: Covered already.

4. Greylock Road: On May 6th there was a bidder's conference for the Greylock/Bauer Roads construction projects. Condron was the only attendee. Keith LaCasse, Road Commissioner, got a call from Bay State guardrail. They may bid on project 1. It cost \$1800 for the MESA permit, to be paid out of the wetland protection account. Emily Stockman, certified botanist will also be paid from that account. The DEP permit and priority habitat permits should be awarded by the bid opening on June 5th. The state blew the leaves off of the road. Three culverts were plugged on Bauer Road. There was a tree down that Keith will take care of. The road is wet and will remain closed.

5. Broadband: Jason received updates from legal counsel for the intergovernmental agreement with Westfield Gas and Electric. Jason sent it to Westfield Gas and Electric. They updated the file, sent Jason a copy, and added an estimated cost of services. Ken signed the document, as the MLP manager. Jason will make a copy and send it back. Jason received an e-mail from Wired West with an invoice for an FY17 contribution request of \$1000.

6. UMASS Clean Energy Extension Docs: Jason received the documents needed for UMASS to access our fuel usage information. He will sign and send them to UMASS.

7. Council on Aging: Ken is holding a meeting at 6:00 with the volunteers on May 16th to get the council established.

8. Approve minutes: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, the minutes from May 1, 2017 were approved. Ken abstained.

9. Warrant: Warrant was reviewed and signed. Mark made a motion to use the difference from the town report account, after printing costs, to pay Lori Jayko for her time doing the Town Report of \$73.28, seconded by Ken. Jason abstained.

Next meeting June 5, 2017 at 6:30.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03