

New Ashford Select Board Meeting  
New Ashford Town Hall  
July 10, 2017

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

Others Present: Keith Lacasse, Lori Jayko, Sherry Youngkin, Frank Youngkin, Richard Demyer

Meeting opened at 6:33

1. Public Comment: Lori Jayko, School Committee Member, reported that the bus company determines the bus stops and they will be notified of the students moving onto Greylock Road. Mark Phelps suggested that New Ashford sponsor a forum, in early September, for the candidates that are running for state representative.

Sherry Youngkin provided an update on the Council on Aging. She gave the board wording for the special town meeting warrant article concerning transportation. The board will send it to legal counsel. The earliest there would be a meeting is the middle of August. The board is waiting for payment amounts to be determined by the Veteran's Services Officer. The board told the COA that it can use the bulletin boards outside the Town Hall to post information. The COA will get some lockable drug boxes and distribute them to the senior residents in town. They will include the following two questions on February's town census: If you are without power, for X hours, do you want someone to check on you? Have you missed a medical appointment in the past six months due to a lack of transportation? Lori Trottier, Town Clerk, has given approval to include. On July 15<sup>th</sup>, the COA will have a meet and greet at the Town Hall with blood pressure testing, file of life information, and refreshments. Jason posted it on the town website. They will send out a letter about the COA, including other meet and greet opportunities. They will be present at the August 12<sup>th</sup> open house at the fire station.

Jason was contacted by Kevin Bean from UMASS who is conducting a mapping project. He would like to use the town hall on the 14<sup>th</sup> or the 18<sup>th</sup> for a community program. The board will not charge for this, but will require him to sign a liability form. Jason will respond to him and let him know that either date works.

2. Veterans: Richard Demyer, Veterans Services Officer, told the board to watch for mail from the Civil Liberties Union. New case one has threatened to sue for discrimination. Richard contacted legal counsel with Jason's permission. He is keeping a journal, has reconstructed conversations, and kept documents from previous towns. He is not to speak to her until her case is released and is not allowed to speak to her alone. The case is back to Adams, and Richard has no access to the files. The Adams city solicitor, the Adams VSO, and the veteran will have a telephone hearing on the 20th with Boston. If the board finds, she may have to repay Adams and North Adams. If the case is reopened, Richard will verify that the refund status with the other towns has been agreed upon, get the regular documents signed, and will reverify everything including the living conditions. (Needs bathroom, kitchen, stove.) Case one is the acting manager and chambermaid for The Springs motel. The Building Inspector is waiting for reports. Jason will contact him for an update.

New Case two, was out of town. Richard needs further information from her.

Richard may have numbers for the board in August to prepare for a special town meeting.

Richard is starting over on the grant for \$5000 for cemetery stones for veterans.

3. Road Commissioner: Keith Lacasse turned in the invoices for salt and Smith Road paving. He is starting Chapter 90 paperwork for Beach Hill Road. Lori J. will confirm the Chapter 90 balance with Kathy Stevens. Keith inspected Beach Hill Road. From Kapiloffs' to Jennings' on the left, the road is buckled indicating a need for drainage and a swale. He will clean the culverts before paving. He estimates that the job will cost around \$103,000. The millings will be the same as what came off Mallery Road and will be put on Ingraham Road. The micro-milling machines are not available. The drainage repair and gutter maintenance will be about \$15,000. Mark made a motion to move forward with the project, contingent on Kathy's response. Ken signed the Chapter 90 paperwork as a member of the Conservation Commission and abstained from signing for the Select Board. Mark and Jason signed the paperwork. Keith gave Condron two keys to the gates for Greylock Road. Condron is going to mark out and stake everything this week and will start work next week. The town will get a bill from Keith for backing the sides of the roads on Smith Road. Keith will get some hot patch and for Smith Rd, Mallery Rd, and Old Rt 7 for the potholes. Roads that need to be paved still are Cemetery, Ingraham, the end of Smith Rd, and Old Rt 7. Keith will do the railings on the bridge at the north end of Roys Rd next week.

4. Greylock Road Update: Covered above.

5. Snow Plow Contract: Jason sent it to legal counsel and is waiting on their advisement. Once legal counsel approves, it will be put out to bid.

6. Broadband Update: Jason went to the last Wired West meeting. Most of the discussion was based around their MOU with the towns, which states that the towns will work with Wired West once the construction is complete. Jason will ask Wired West to present what they can offer the town.

The town has gotten the approval for the MBI grant. Jason let Westfield Gas and Electric know. Bill Ennon is bringing the contract for the grant at 2:00 on Thursday, July 13, 2017.

9. Approve the Minutes from June 19, 2017. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, the minutes from June 19, 2017 were approved.

8. Warrant. The warrant was reviewed and signed.

Next meeting July 24, 2017 at 6:30

Meeting adjourned at 8:34