

New Ashford Select Board Meeting  
New Ashford Town Hall  
September 18, 2017

Board Present: Jason Jayko (chair), Ken McInerney, Mark Phelps  
Others Present: Gus Martin, Richard Demyer, Keith Lacasse, Lori Jayko, Sherry Youngkin

Meeting opened at 6:34

1. Public Comment: Sherry Youngkin provided an update on the Council on Aging. On October 29, 2017 from 1-3, the COA is hosting a town wide birthday party at the Town Hall. The board signed the forms necessary to proceed with BRTA, following the approval from the special town meeting. Sherry will send the paperwork to the state and the BRTA in Pittsfield. She has one more form that needs input from the Town Clerk. The COA will be using a bulletin board outside the Town Hall and will also put up information inside.
2. Assessor: The board asked for an update on when the tax classification hearing will be. Gus Martin, Assessor, reported that he needs to work with Patriot Properties to correct a few records. The DOR will be out to do a field review on October 3, 2017. If everything is in good order, the classification hearing can be in 3-4 weeks from then. Gus met with the tax collector, Joan Wilkinson. He suggests the town get set up with the CollectPro software. Jason will talk to Joan and have her work directly CollectPro. The program will print out any old balances on the tax bills. Gus would like a complete list of street addresses. Jason will ask Wayne Buckley, Fire Chief, for a list.
3. Veterans: Richard Demyer, Veterans Services Officer, reported that the building inspector did a cease and desist on September 12<sup>th</sup> for the Springs Motel, for the apartment that was subdivided without permits. The benefit recipient moved into a motel unit from the illegal apartment. The building inspector is going back to the Springs to confirm there are no residents in the illegal apartment. Richard has the security deposit. Richard will confirm the amount that is actually being paid for rent. Richard has provided the benefits recipient with other living options and she may get \$450 for a moving allowance.
4. Road Commissioner: Keith Lacasse, will patch the potholes tomorrow. The rubber-tired excavator that he is going to rent to do the ditch work should be available soon. Keith moved the blocks to open Bauer Road. He got new letters printed for the Ingraham Road sign. It cost \$20. Sherry thanked everyone for their work on the Greylock Road project. DCR will provide a sign about Greylock Road being gravel. Two concrete covered culverts did not get cleaned. The Fire Department is still looking for a location for a dry hydrant in town. The pond between Mallery and Cemetery Road may work or the pond at the Lacasse's. Environmental concerns will be researched and considered.
5. Broadband: The field mapping is complete and is in the QC phase. Then it will be sent to CAD. The pole surveys will begin Monday September 25th. Eversource needed the original

copies of the pole agreements. They were sent by certified mail. Eversource received it Friday. Verizon's is delayed in Boston.

Ken attended the local meeting for broadband hosted by the Berkshire Eagle. It was mostly focused on the towns that have cable service that are worried that they will not have high speed internet.

6. Any other subjects for consideration: Jason thanked Mark for organizing the State Representative Candidate Forum. Mark will send a thank you note to the candidates that attended.

West Oil attempted to service the furnaces and noticed that the heat exchanges in both furnaces are cracked. They are meeting with Chuck Morrone to give an estimate. The board can get carbon monoxide monitors for the Town Hall.

Town Flag will be discussed at the next meeting.

Richard Demyer, Delegate for Northern Berkshire Solid Waste District, reported that the tire program has changed. The board would like to continue having residents take their old tires to Adams. Richard will e-mail Jason with the information for the website with new prices for disposing of tires.

Joan Wilkinson, Tax Collector, is working on the list of owed taxes. Amy Kohlenberger will be reimbursing the town for the computer that the town purchased for her.

7. Approve the minutes from September 5, 2017. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, the minutes from September 5, 2017 were approved.

8. Warrant: Payroll is not on the warrant so the board will meet again this week to do another warrant with payroll on it. The warrant was reviewed and signed.

Next meeting October 2, 2017 at 6:30.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44.