

New Ashford Select Board Meeting

April 19, 2016

Board Present: Jason Jayko (chair), Mark Phelps

Absent: Ken McInerney

Others Present: Dick Demyer, Everett Martin, Max LaCasse, Keith LaCasse, Lori Jayko,

Meeting Opened at 6:30

1. Paving Bid Opening: Sealed bids were opened and read aloud. Total bid amounts: Lane Construction Corporation \$118,537.50, DelSignore \$109,639.53, Tri-Town Paving \$88,200.00, Warner Brothers LLC \$118,286.00, L B Corporation \$136,282.18, HMA Contracting \$89,977.00. Bids were reviewed. Mark Phelps made a motion to accept the bid of \$88,200.00 from Tri-Town Paving, seconded by Jason Jayko.

2. Budget: The recap sheet was reviewed. The \$15,000 required for the fire truck grant was added as an article to the draft town warrant. The \$15,000 will be removed from the fire department's total budget, bringing the fire department's budget to \$7445. A separate line item will be created for the fire truck grant. Everett Martin, assessor, will give the board a number of how much money will be taken out of free cash to reduce the tax rate, in reference to warrant article fourteen. Mark made a motion to accept the proposed total budget of \$666,842.65 for Fiscal Year 17, seconded by Jason.

3. Road Commissioner: Keith put cold patch on the bridge on Roys Road to repair large potholes. Jason thanked Keith for quickly taking care of it. The bridge needs further attention to fix the apron and guardrails.

The salt shed doors are rotting and a roller track got kinked in the last delivery. The doors need a new track. Dick Demyer may know someone who is getting rid of old doors. Keith will give Dick the measurements of the doors.

A dying ash tree on Beach Hill Road and a branch near the Grossos' need to be removed. Mark made a motion to authorize Keith to remove the ash on Beach Hill and the branch near the Grossos', seconded by Jason.

Project for Greylock Road – The RFP has been sent to town counsel. The town is awaiting a reply. Keith recommended adding more details to the RFP, putting the guard rail work out to bid by the town instead of by a contractor, and keeping the project as one bid to make coordination of work easier.

Keith is completing forms for the Berkshire Regional Purchasing Group in regards to the town's salt, sand, and culvert needs. The forms are due April 22nd.

Keith would like to use extra road millings to smooth out the drop between Greylock Road and Roys Road.

The roads that were closed for the winter will be open by the middle of next week, with the exception of Greylock Road.

4. Public Comment and any other subjects for consideration: Mark reported that Keith contacted the state about the bridge on Route seven where the beavers are causing flooding in New Ashford. The state is going to address this.

Mark talked to the person who controls the fire towers. She put in a work order to repair the road to the fire tower.

Dick Demyer – the town has received the dumpster from the grant.

Sign Warrant: Warrant was reviewed and signed.

Approve the minutes from the April 4, 2016 meeting. The minutes were approved on a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason.

Next meeting May 2, 2016. A meeting will be scheduled for next week to discuss the town warrant and the Greylock Road RFP.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53