

New Ashford Select Board Meeting
January 4, 2016

Board Present: Jason Jayko (chair), Mark Phelps, Ken McInerney
Others Present: Wayne Buckley, Keith LaCasse, Lori Jayko

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Building Inspector: Jason has not heard back from the inspector from Pittsfield. He received a voicemail from B.J. Church, interested in the position. Mark called the town manager in Adams. Adams is looking for a building inspector. The town manager offered to come to the next meeting to discuss the possibility of sharing an inspector. The state inspector is providing coverage to New Ashford in the interim.

2. Road Commissioner: Keith LaCasse – nothing new with the roads. A tree broke on Ingraham Road. Mark made a motion to have Keith remove the tree, seconded by Ken. The estimated cost is \$400. Keith will finish clearing the brush between Greylock and Roys Roads. He has salted the roads three times. The Mallery Road paving project will be discussed at the next meeting. Jason contacted legal counsel about the effect of logging vehicles on the roads. He is waiting to hear back.

3. Greylock Road: On December 28th, an employee of the DEP drove Bauer and Greylock Roads with Lori Trottier and Ken, both members of the Conservation Commission. He advised that if we do not touch the streams during the road repairs, permits will not be necessary. On December 24th, Ken had a meeting with Erica Kreuter. Each month, she would like an end of month report from the town on the status of the roadwork. There is an option of paying the bills 45 – 60 days out by submitting the bills to the town for approval, then submitting the bills to the state for payment. Another option may be to address this at town meeting and use free cash to pay the bills and then get reimbursement from the state. The lock was cut on the Greylock Road Gate and a different lock was put on. Ken called DCR and got a replacement lock. Cameras have been ordered to monitor the area and other locations in town.

4. Tree Work: There is a dead branch in a maple tree on Beach Hill Road. Keith will remove the branch. Ken called Eversource about the tree on Greylock Road. He has a case number and will receive an email when the tree is looked at. The dead tree on the corner of Old Route 7 and Mountain Pond Lane is more than 30 feet off the center of the road. It is not on town property.

5. MASS DOT Projects: Keith is in the process of putting together an inventory of road work necessary over the next five years. He will call Kathy Stevens to find out when the information is due.

6. MBI/WiredWest: There is a Wired West meeting December 9th in Cummington.

7. Public Comment: Wayne Buckley, Fire Chief, spoke with the insurance company. The cost of insurance for a new tanker is estimated at \$1200. Wayne got information about grants through the insurance company for things such as safety vests for the fire department. Ken contacted the insurance company about insuring the Old Schoolhouse for \$150,000, including vandalism. The cost would be \$2914.

Sign warrant: Warrant was reviewed and signed.

Approve Select Board Minutes from December 21, 2015. On a motion by Ken, seconded by Mark, the minutes were approved as amended.

Next Meeting January 19 at 6:30.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02