

New Ashford Select Board Meeting  
New Ashford Town Hall  
January 2, 2018

Board Present: Jason Jayko (Chair), Ken McInerney, Mark Phelps  
Others Present: Stephen Jayko, Keith Lacasse, Lori Jayko

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Public Comment: None.

2. Veterans: No report.

3. Road Commissioner: Keith Lacasse discussed the options for Beach Hill Road. The DOT had suggested either using cold in place, which would cost around \$200,000, or milling and filling 3". Milling and filling is used by many towns. Some of the culverts are shallow due to ledge underneath, which is a consideration.

The new gate on Bauer Road was broken off.

Keith will look into The Berkshire Regional Planning Transportation Improvement Program to see if the town can utilize it.

There is a tree at the top of Beach Hill Road with a broken top. Mark made a motion to authorize the removal of the tree, seconded by Ken.

4. Heating: Jason will check with MIIA to see if insurance will cover the furnace repair. There is a furnace replacement quote from West Oil. The board call some propane companies for quotes.

5. Taxes: Gus Martin, Assessor, told Jason via e-mail that he was sending his report to DOR on the 29<sup>th</sup> of December. The assessed values are posted at the Town Hall. Jason will contact Gus for an update.

6. Any other board subjects for consideration: Eversource sent a vegetation utility plan for the Tree Warden for clearing near the power lines. Mark made a motion to approve the management plan, seconded by Ken.

The Town received a bill from Westfield Gas and Electric for \$18,571.38. It will be on the next warrant. Jason reviewed the CAD file with Westfield Gas and Electric, adding 20% for future growth, 40% near the lots for sale, and extra fiber on the corner going to Snowy Owl and on the ends of town. Westfield Gas and Electric will set up a meeting for the board to see their facility and another meeting with the select board chair and treasurer.

Wired West has a meeting January 10, 2018. Jason and Ken cannot attend.

Jason found bylaws and articles from other towns concerning weight limits on roads. He will work on the wording with legal counsel and get it ready for the annual town warrant.

There will be a joint meeting of the Planning Board and Select Board on February 20, 2018 to elect a replacement for Flavia Mastellone. Dick George is interested in filling the vacancy.

7. Approve minutes from December 18, 2017. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, the minutes from December 18, 2017 were approved.

8. Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed.

Next meeting January 16, 2018 at 6:30.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25