

New Ashford Select Board Meeting  
New Ashford Town Hall  
June 22, 2018

Board Present: Jason Jayko (chair), Mark Phelps, Ken McInerney  
Others Present: Richard George, Max Lacasse, Keith Lacasse, Lori Jayko

Meeting opened at 4:00

1. Approve the Minutes from 6/4/2018. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, the minutes from the 6/4/2018 Select Board Meeting were approved.
2. Public Comment: Max Lacasse, Emergency Management Director, asked for a check for the Emergency Management Grant. The Board wrote it on the warrant.
3. Reorganize the Board: Mark nominated Jason for Chair of the Select Board, seconded by Ken.
4. Assessor: Jason is coordinating a meeting with Assessor, Gus Martin, and Williamstown's Assessor, Bill Barkin, to discuss the transition. Patriot Systems said each town needs to stay separate in the system. The laptop can be housed in Williamstown and the Tax Collector can access it remotely.
5. Road Commissioner: Keith Lacasse, started the road patching. He will do the lower part of Mallery Road, Beach Hill Road, Old Route 7, Smith Road, and near the mailboxes at the bottom of Roys Road on 6/25. He spoke with an ATV driver and a motorcyclist about not riding their vehicles in the cemetery and let them know that if they continue the EPO's will be enforcing. Mark would like to get a group of volunteers for a work day to cut back the branches in the cemetery.  
Keith will grade Greylock Road next week. He has done the drainage at the Salt Shed. He will get a steel beam and try to pull the panels back together. He got a set of prints from Daley that show a tongue-in-groove, glued together, construction. There is a plate on the footing. Lori Trottier gave Keith the STRAP grant application. He gave it to the Board to fill out their part. Keith will fill out his portion. Eligible projects are any street improvements, including the culvert, reconstructing Beach Hill Road, and paving the rest of the roads.
6. Building Inspector: Don Torrico, Building Inspector, said there are three outstanding permits. The Board will look into if property owners may be fined a fee for enforcement action costs. Jason will talk to the Interim Town Manager in Adams about an updated agreement.
7. Town Hall Updates: Electric and furnace work can begin when the grant money comes in. We received confirmation of the furnace grant from the state. Keith will give Jason the phone numbers of contractors to consult about the room to house the broadband equipment. Whip City says we need one rack, which still leaves room for growth. Combining the old bathroom and the Assessor's office allows ample space.

8. Colonial Power: Colonial signed with Hampshire Power for a rate of .09761 for six months. Colonial is working to get our town on schedule with Pittsfield so we can buy in with them for a discount.

9. Broadband: Jason attended a Wired West meeting on June 6. Many town's projects are delayed due to make ready work/pole work. Wired West will have a five-year contract with Whip City and the first town lit, starts the contract. The other towns are pro-rated. Ken will ask Wired West what risks this poses for the first town. The next Wired West meeting is July 11. The bid to wire the poles was awarded to Sertex, LLC from Plainfield CT for \$161,900. The next closest bid was \$174,000, and the third around \$179,000. Ken updated the bid summary for Whip City, fixing the address and adding a refueling clause that needs to be approved by Sertex. We are responsible for preparing the room, electrical, and A/C in the Town Hall. Whip City will install the equipment in the Town Hall.

10. Appointments: The following appointments were made:

Animal Control Officer - Kurt Singer, one year, on a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken.

Assessor - Bill Barkin, six months, on a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken. (Per contract with Williamstown)

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission Delegate -Kevin Flicker (alt), one year, on a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken. A member of the Planning Board will be appointed as the other delegate at their next meeting.

Board of Registrars – Sharon Morrone, Jacqueline Trottier, Carlanne Rancourt, one year, on a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken.

Building Inspector/Zoning Code Enforcement – Don Torrico, Mark Kruzel (alt.), Jeff Clemons (alt.), one year, on a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken. (Don Torrico, per contract with Adams)

Conservation Commission – Lori Trottier, three years, on a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken.

Constable – Winn Frye, Jack Haig Sr., Doug George, Steve Demyer, three years, on a motion by Ken, seconded by Mark.

Cultural Council Northern Berkshire – Tamara Leminem, Leo Mazzeo, one year, on a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken.

Electric Inspector – Michael Lescarbeau, one year, on a motion by Ken, seconded by Mark.

Emergency Management Director – Max Lacasse, one year, on a motion by Ken, seconded by Mark.

Fence Viewers – Winn Frye, Steve Jennings, one year, on a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken.

Field Viewers – Winn Frye, Steve Jennings, one year, on a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken.

Gas Inspector – Jack Haig Sr., Val Girard (alt.), one year, on a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken.

Historical Commission – Cindy Grosso, Louise Palmer, three years, on a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken. Harley Phelps Jr., three years, on a motion by Ken, seconded by Jason. Mark abstained.

Highway Commissioner – Keith Lacasse, one year, on a motion by Ken, seconded by Mark.

Mount Greylock Advisory Representative – Ken McInerney, one year, on a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason. Harley Phelps Jr (alt), one year, on a motion by Ken, seconded by Jason. Mark abstained.

Measurer of Wood & Bark – Steve Jennings, one year, on a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken.

Moth Inspector – Keith Lacasse, one year, on a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken.

Northern Berkshire Solid Waste District Delegate – Richard Demyer, two years, on a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken.

Plumbing Inspector – Jack Haig Sr., Val Girard (alt), one year, on a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken.

Procurement Officer – Select Board Chair, one year, on a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken.

Town Counsel – Kopelman & Paige, one year, on a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken.

Town Secretary – Lori Jayko, one year, on a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken. Jason abstained.

Veterans Services Officer – Richard Demyer, one year, on a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Matt Quinn, two years, on a motion by Ken, seconded by Mark.

There are openings for: Constable for three years, Conservation Commission for three years, Historical Commission to fill out a term ending in 2020, and two Zoning Board of Appeals members for two year terms. Jason will send notice of these openings to the town to see if anyone is interested.

The Board will research what the Star Representative is.

11. Any Other Unforeseen Business: The owner of the pond on Mallery and Cemetery Road, gave verbal permission to dig out the pond and use it as a water source for the Fire Department. Keith requested that the permission to dig it out and maintain it be put in writing.

12. Warrant: The Board reviewed the warrant and added the Emergency Management Grant payment. The Board signed the warrant.

Next Meetings June 27 at 11:00, July 9 at 6:30 and July 23, 2018 at 6:30

Meeting adjourned at 5:21