

New Ashford Select Board Meeting
New Ashford Town Hall
July 9, 2018

Board Present: Jason Jayko (chair), Mark Phelps

Absent: Ken McInerney

Others Present: Jason Koperniak, Matt Zieminski, Max Lacasse, Keith Lacasse, Richard George, Lori Jayko, Karen Benko, Alex Benko

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Approve the minutes from 6/22/2018 and 6/27/2018. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, the minutes from the 6/22/2018 Select Board Meeting were approved. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, the minutes from the 6/27/2018 Select Board Meeting were approved.

2. Public Comment: Jason Koperniak, of B and B Manufacturing, said he attended a Planning Board Meeting where it was suggested that his client ask for a waiver from the Zoning Board of Appeals. B and B sent an e-mail to the Planning Board and Select Board with a copy of the client's letter requesting a variance of zoning by-law 6.5 for travel trailers or mobile homes as temporary dwellings. Mark said that unless the Building Inspector denies a permit, there is no need for an appeal.

Matt Zieminski met with Road Commissioner, Keith Lacasse, and they determined the best location for a turnaround for the potential new residence on Ingraham Road. Matt will contact Ken McInerney, Conservation Commission Chair, to confirm that the spot is acceptable. The road gate will need to be moved three tenths of a mile. The Select Board will address the additional snow plowing costs that were not in the original contract.

3. Board of Appeals Appointments: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, Alan Steinhoff was appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason under the rule of necessity, Al Seney was appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, Kevin Flicker was nominated as alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

4. Assessor: Gus Martin will meet with Bill Barkin on July 16 to transition the assessor job, including discussing building permits as of January 1, and getting the forms done to set the tax rate. Bill is retiring in February. Jason will talk to Williamstown Town Manager, Jason Hoch, about that transition.

5. Roys Road Signs: Alex and Karen Benko said there is traffic going up Roys Road and turning around where the road turns to dirt. The Road Commissioner, Keith Lacasse, will get a sign saying "Dirt Road Ahead/Seasonal Use".

6. Ingraham Road Turn Around: (covered above)

7. Road Commissioner: Keith turned in an invoice from Troy's for blacktop. The last heavy rain knocked down the blocks at the salt shed. Keith will make a new retaining wall with a geogrid, and will detour the water the other way. There are a couple of spots on Greylock Road that have three inch pieces of millings. Keith will put base material on that and regrade it.

7. Building Inspector: Jason will request an updated Building Inspector contract from the Town of Adams and will ask for an update on the violations at the Carriage House.

8. Town Hall Updates: The Community Compact Grants have been signed. It could take up to forty-five days to get the money. When it is received, Town Hall updates can begin. Max Lacasse will give Jason the numbers for contractors to consult about the room the in the Town Hall for the Broadband equipment.

9. Broadband: We have a contract with Sertex LLC to run the fiber on the poles. They had the lowest bid by around \$14,000. If we use Wired West, they will function as a manager of the service. Wired West is currently reviewing their contract with Whip City. We would be the first town with the contract and are assessing if that poses a risk. The anticipated first light up is in February.

10. Any Other Unforeseen Business: Mark mentioned that the Regional Planning Commission is doing a training for new Planning Board members and Zoning Board of Appeals members and asked that the information be forwarded to them.

Keith said there is a poplar tree on Ingraham Road with a big branch hanging, that is not a town tree. The power company has marked some of the trees that we reported to them.

11. Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed.

Next meeting July 23, 2018 at 6:30.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 on a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason.