

New Ashford Select Board Meeting  
New Ashford Town Hall  
September 5, 2018

Board Present: Jason Jayko (chair), Mark Phelps, Ken McInerney

Others Present: Keith Lacasse, Chuck Morrone, Richard George, Alan Steinhoff, Lori Jayko

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Approve Minutes from 8/20: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, the minutes from the 8/20/2018 Select Board Meeting were approved. Ken abstained.

2. Public Comment: Chuck Morrone removed the oil tank from the Town Hall and cleaned up the area. He removed the burners and will try to sell them for the town, by running an ad on Craigslist. He put the old books back in the cupboard in the bathroom. The Board thanked Chuck for his work.

Keith trapped six beavers that were causing culvert problems on Ingraham Road. The ten-day permit ran out and he will get another permit from the Board of Health. Mark and Keith cleaned out the culverts and put grates over them.

Alan Steinhoff would like an update on Beach Hill Road. It will be covered under the Road Commissioner's report.

3. Taxes: Jason is waiting to hear from Assessor, Gus Martin, about when to schedule the Tax Classification Hearing. When he does, he will schedule and post the hearing.

4. Road Commissioner: Keith Lacasse reported that the sides of the roads on the north end of town have been mowed. The south end will be done next. Eversource is not continuing the mower program, but we may be able to continue renting from Dalton. Keith says the best time to mow is around the beginning to middle of July. Mark thinks mowing twice a year would be more effective.

Keith gave a curb cut to a property on Beach Hill Road. He told them to cross the swale that is there and put in two culverts that are 24 inches in and out. He recommended that the property owner contact the Board of Health and the Conservation Commission.

Keith will clean out the culverts on Beach Hill Road. The Sheriff's Department's public service program is committed through the fall. We applied for the STRAP grant for \$420,000 to do Beach Hill road. Grant awards have not been decided yet. If we do not get it, we will use Chapter 90 money. Keith will skim coat the rough spots for the winter.

The trees near the propane tank will be taken down on 9/7.

Keith has not heard from the new land owner on Ingraham Road about the snowplow turn around.

Keith will fill the potholes on Greylock Road.

Three tenths of a mile of roadway needs to be added to the snow plow contract for Ingraham Road and additional for plowing to Woolivers' on Greylock Road.

The steel for the Salt Shed is cut and Mike Holden will help Keith put it up.

Keith will trench the line for the new furnaces and propane tanks.

Keith got a call from someone living at the Carriage House Motel about fixing the road. Keith advised her that it is a private road and not a town issue.

5. Town Hall Updates: The Broadband Room is almost completed. The Board would like Custom Renovations to put in a subfloor.

The Community Compact grant money has been received. Jason will talk to the electrician about starting work.

Ken asked Custom Renovations for a quote to fix the gutters on the Town Hall.

Jason will ask if H.A. George is going to relocate the thermostat.

6. Broadband: Jason got invoices from Eversource for the make-ready work, including the break out of the poles that need to be replaced, for \$23,049 and \$8,889. The Board will add that to the warrant. Jason sent the documents to Whip City to confirm.

7. Any other unforeseen business: Ken reported that the Conservation Commission received a notice of intent from JW Kelly Enterprises to extend a driveway at 92 Beach Hill Road. They will put truck beds over the intermittent stream and would like to use the driveway to access a land locked lot. However, then it is a common driveway that will need approval from the Planning Board.

The Fire Department will inspect the new propane tanks at the Town Hall before they are back filled.

The Select Board has been invited to tour TAM's facilities.

8. Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed. There was discussion of withholding the Assessor's check until the Tax Classification Hearing is scheduled, but it was decided to issue September's check.

Next meeting September 17 at 6:30

Meeting adjourned at 7:20