

New Ashford Select Board Meeting

New Ashford Town Hall

October 5, 2018

Board Present: Jason Jayko (chair), Ken McInerney

Absent: Mark Phelps

Others Present: Lori Jayko, Richard George, Chuck Morrone, Flavia Mastellone, Ellis Rud

Meeting opened at 4:00

1. Approve the minutes from 9/17 and 9/21: The minutes from the 9/17/2018 Select Board meeting will be approved when Mark is present, as Ken was not at the 9/17 meeting. On a motion by Ken, seconded by Jason, the minutes from the 9/21/2018 Select Board meeting were approved.

2. Public Comment: Flavia Mastellone has concerns about the logging on White Road. The logger cut a water bar parallel to his log landing that is causing water to go in the road. She'd like the Road Commissioner to make sure the road will be safe before winter. Also, there's a low wire where the logger is going in that is propped up with a board. The Board will follow up with the Road Commissioner. Flavia wrote to Gus Martin, Assessor, about an assessment discrepancy. She believes she has been overpaying on her taxes for many years due to being assessed for more land than she has. She has not heard back from Gus. The Board encouraged her to follow up with Gus. Chuck Morrone asked why there is going to be a public hearing for the pole on White Road. The Board explained that White Road needs a pole installed for the Broadband project.

3. Road Commissioner: Not present. The Board will let him know about the problem on White Road and also that the culverts on Greylock Road need to be cleaned out asap. Ken will contact the sheriff's office to see if they can now schedule culvert cleaning.

4. Town Hall Updates: The electric and the AC are in. The generator, furnace, and propane tanks are hooked up. It will cost around \$15-\$16 a box for tile for the Broadband Room, which also needs a door handle.

5. Broadband: Jason is going to Westfield next week and then to Otis to see their hut. Whip City is going to start the procurement process. The equipment for the Broadband Room will be ready in about 16 weeks. They can bring the Town Hall's internet up first, before the town is finished so everyone can sample it. In other towns, this has helped entice subscribers. The drawback is the \$1,200 cost a month for the back haul to MBI at first light up.

The Broadband room has standard outlets, but it may need L6-30's. If it does, Jason will get a quote from the electrician. The equipment will require three batteries.

Jason will price fencing, a camera, and a motion light for the generator.

6. Any other unforeseen business: The Public Hearing for the pole on White Road is Wednesday, October 10. The abutters have been notified via mail.

The Board thanked Chuck for fixing the gutter on the Town Hall.

The additional plowing from Greylock Road and potentially Ingraham Road will be reconciled at the end of the season.

7. Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed.

Next meeting October 15 at 5:00

Meeting adjourned at 4:50