

New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting  
New Ashford Town Hall  
March 4, 2019

Board Present: Jason Jayko (chair), Ken McInerney (MLP Manager), Mark Phelps  
Others Present: Richard George, Helen Majchowski, Lily Jayko, Keith Lacasse, Wayne Buckley, Frank Speth, Lori Jayko

Meeting opened at 6:33

1. Approve minutes from 2/19: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, the minutes from the 2/19/2019 Select Board/MLP Meeting were approved.
2. Public Comment: None.
3. Project 351 Clothing Drive: Lily Jayko introduced herself as an eighth grader in town, chosen to participate in Project 351, involving an eighth grader from every town in the state. They are each doing a Spring Service Project in their respective communities to benefit Cradles to Crayons in Boston. Lily proposed to do a children's – teen's clothing drive, collecting new or slightly used clothing, at the town recycling center on Saturday, March 30, from 8:00 -12:00. She further requested to inform the town about the drive through the town website and e-mail. Mark made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Ken. Jason abstained. Lily will write up the information and send it to Jason for posting on the website and sending by town e-mail.
4. Fire Department: Fire Chief, Wayne Buckley, presented the board with the Fire Department's budget request for FY 20 of \$10,380. The Fire Department has spent \$6,079 so far this year. The Department needs to replace its heaters. Wayne received quotes for the four heaters and also to replace the garage doors, totaling approximately \$18,500. He presented the board with the requirements for personal protective gear costing \$2,570.07 per person. Wayne is working on a grant to get a venting system for the fire house, to be compliant with OSHA's regulations for clean air, which would cost around \$47,874. The Fire Department is getting a pumper truck at the end of March. They got new batteries for the hummer and are replacing three of the seats. They are planning on building a shed for the ATV trailer. Cash donations to the Fire Department are down about \$1,000, which is around half of what they typically receive.
5. Road Commissioner: Keith Lacasse reported that there were three trees down during the wind storm, two on Mallery Road and one on Ingraham Road. Greylock Road needs drainage work just past the last house. There is a big hole to fill on Smith Road. Keith will get base material to place on both roads. There are a lot of frost heaves on Mallery Road. There will likely be enough salt to finish the season, and Keith will order a truckload of sand. Helen asked when Beach Hill Road will be repaired. Keith said he will put the project out to bid this spring, including drainage. The culvert grant is due at the end of March. Keith will give Ken the approximate costs involved and Ken will send in the application. The town is getting \$43,120 in Chapter 90 funds for FY 20.

6. Driveway Permit Bylaw: Jason will revise the bylaw to have the process clearly indicate to contact the Planning Board, Road Commissioner, and the Conservation Commission. A permit fee may be included. The board will review the updated wording at their next meeting.

7. Budget: The Fire Department's \$10,380 budget request was added to the spreadsheet. The School Committee is meeting on March 25, but Lori Jayko will give Jason a rough number to plug into the spreadsheet until the finalized School Committee budget is approved.

8. ATM: The Board is on track to have the warrant articles ready.

9. Broadband: Verizon has not completed their work. Jason has a call with Whip City on 3/6. Ken signed the document approving the active equipment for the IT Room and the passive network, which connects the equipment to MBI's. The passive equipment's \$23,000 cost was not included in the original quote. Jason will draft the articles for a Special Town Meeting for funding the completion of the project. There are 51 households signed up for Broadband service and 12 more are getting the drop only. Whip City is looking into alternatives to the retainer for repairs, to help lower expenses, or we could share the repair service and retainer cost with Plainfield or another town. Whip City's project team for the IT Room will be in town on March 19.

10. Other Unforeseen business: Lori Jayko reported that the town received \$500 from the DEP for the Small-Scale Grant, \$90 from the state for early voting, \$1,668.71 for the Council on Aging Grant and Shamrock Auto Sales turned in their \$100 license fee. Jason will call the Town Administrator in Adams about the status of the shared services agreement for the Building Inspector for FY20. Mark talked to Jason Hoch, Williamstown Town Administrator, about the shared services Assessing Agreement. The state recommended revisions to the boiler plate contract, which Williamstown is working on. The new assessor has started.

11. Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed.

Next meeting March 18 at 6:30. Tom Matuszko will present about the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40.