

New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting  
New Ashford Town Hall  
May 6, 2019

Board Present: Jason Jayko (Chair), Ken McInerney (MLP Manager), Mark Phelps  
Others Present: Keith Lacasse, Richard George, Lori Jayko, Lori Trottier, Alan Steinhoff

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Approve Minutes from 4/16 and 4/26: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken the minutes from the 4/16/2019 Select Board/MLP meeting were approved. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, the minutes from the 4/26/2019 Select Board/MLP meeting were approved.

2. Public Comment: Alan Steinhoff asked for an update on broadband and Beach Hill Road. Both topics will be covered during the meeting.

3. Road Commissioner: Keith Lacasse is getting the paperwork ready to put the Beach Hill Road project out to bid. It will include reclaiming twelve inches, adding calcium twice, and three inches of black top. He will replace three culverts before paving, using town money rather than Chapter 90 funds. He will also redo the swales on the side and build up the dip in the road. The drainage will be completed once the Chapter 90 money builds back up. Keith has the forms for DOT approval of the project. Any culverts that are not 12 inches deep due to ledge, will be marked. Bill Clark asked Keith to move the culvert on his property. Due to conservation and financial concerns, Keith may recommend replacing it instead. He will look at it.

Keith will grade the pot hole at the north end of Roys Road. He will also grade Greylock, Ingraham, and Bauer roads, once the weather dries out.

DCR is opening Mount Greylock on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Keith will put material near the guardrails on Greylock Road where three supports are showing and will replace two culverts on Bauer Road. Roys Road is cleared off for opening. The road is dry but soft.

Route 7 is scheduled to be paved. The project is going before the Conservation Commission on May 15 at 6:00.

Keith is getting written permission to use the pond, on the corner of Mallery and Cemetery Roads, as a dry hydrant for the Fire Department.

4. Berkshire Regional Purchasing Group: The town got an e-mail from the Berkshire Regional Purchasing Group, requesting estimated needs for products for the year. Keith is completing the form, with 16,000 – 18,000 gallons of propane, 200 tons of winter rock salt, and 20 tons of sand. Mallery Road needs crack sealing, due to the winter. There is a latex product that goes in the joint and expands and contracts. This is not what the BRPG uses and it is not covered under Chapter 90 funds. Keith will get more information about it for the next meeting.

5. Building Inspector: The town clerk swore in Gerald Garner as Building Inspector and John Carchedi as Alternate Building Inspector. Jason will get their contact information to add to the town contact list.

6. ATM Warrant: Legal counsel gave feedback that the positions that are being changed from elected to appointed need to be on next year's ballot, instead of this year's, due to needing at least 60 days between town meeting and the ballot vote. Jason will check with legal counsel about what to do about the Fire Warden position for this year. The board signed the ATM Warrant. Jason will get a copy of the budget to the Town Clerk for posting.

7. Broadband: Jason is meeting with Whip City and Sertex on May 15<sup>th</sup> for the build-out kick-off. Sertex will start running fiber on the poles and to houses (they will schedule with each resident) and will park their vehicles, conex box, cable, and a port-a-potty in town. The town hall will be online first. Sertex estimates that work will be completed in sixty days. The majority of the equipment in the town hall is complete. Verizon has finished their work. The Lieutenant Governor had a meeting in town with the utility companies. Residents that have signed up to receive the drop only will need to commit to service by a TBD date to avoid an installation cost. There are around 70 households committed for service. The board reviewed the sign-up list.

8. Any other unforeseen business: The generator is fenced in.  
Walker Haig removed the pipe from the basement as a donation to the town.

9. Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed. The board removed the tax collector software from the warrant, as it has already been paid this fiscal year.

Next meeting May 20, 2019 at 6:30

Meeting adjourned at 7:31