

New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting

New Ashford Town Hall

June 3, 2019

Board Present: Jason Jayko (chair), Mark Phelps

Absent: Ken McInerney

Others Present: Keith Lacasse, Richard George, Stephen Jayko, Lori Jayko, Matt Kelly

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Approve minutes from 5/15 and 5/20: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, the minutes from the 5/20/2019 Select Board/MLP Meeting were approved. The minutes from the 5/15 meeting will be approved at the next meeting.

2. Public Comment: Richard George, chair of the Board of Health, called Gerald Garner, Building Inspector, about the Springs Motel. He is waiting to hear back. Matt Kelly emailed Ken about a driveway to cross a stream bed on his property. If he applied for a permit in 2014, it has passed the three-year limit and has expired. He says the Conservation Commission allowed that he could cross an intermittent stream gully with truck beds. A permit for a common driveway may be necessary. Matt will contact Ken.

3. Road Commissioner: The state has the paperwork for the Beach Hill Road paving project. When it is approved, it will be put out to bid. Keith will grade the dirt roads with material from the salt shed. He will build up around the generator at the town hall and add wood chips. Chuck Morrone, Tree Warden, gave Keith a list of 14 trees for removal. Keith will fill the potholes in the roads. The dry hydrant for the fire department was approved at \$5,000 for FY19. Dredging the pond to create more water flow can be done if it is invoiced in this fiscal year. Max Lacasse, Emergency Management Director, is trying to get a grant to help fund a dry hydrant.

4. Assessor Update: Jason has been working with Patriot to migrate the information from the old laptop to the new laptop. There is a conversion fee for the eight-hour process. The assessing agreement needs to be signed with Williamstown.

5. Broadband: Sertex has been running strand, then they will run all the fiber. Their estimate of completion is 6/13.

6. Unforeseen Items: The Board and the Road Commissioner reviewed a letter that Ken drafted about the Route 7 paving project, in regards to the rumble strips. He has not heard back from the DOT and would like to contact the state representative about the matter. Mark made a motion to send the letter to Representative John Barrett and Senator Adam Hinds.

A founder of Kopelman and Paige, town law counsel, is moving to a smaller municipal law firm. He would like the town to consider using that firm for town counsel. Jason will contact them about their fees.

7. Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed.

Next meeting June 17 at 6:30

Meeting adjourned at 7:25