

New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting

New Ashford Town Hall

June 25, 2019

Board Present: Jason Jayko (Chair), Mark Phelps

Absent: Ken McInerney (MLP Manager)

Others Present: Richard George, Chuck Morrone, Lori Jayko

Meeting opened at 5:00

1. Public Comment: The DEP in Springfield told Richard George, Chair of the Board of Health, that they have no record of the water tests that the Springs Inn says they have conducted. Richard told the owner of the Springs that the DEP needs to be notified of the water test results. He will inform the owner that the Board of Health will issue a cease and desist order if the water tests are not reported to the state. Richard received June's water testing report. There is concern that the owner of the Springs Inn is not paying room taxes. In the past, the DLS has not given the town the breakdown of the room taxes by hotel. Mark will call Representative Barrett about getting the state to release specific room tax information.

Richard has been researching the legislation concerning chickens, in response to receiving a formal complaint about the amount of chickens, the smell, and potential well contamination at Bills Happy Chicken Farm on Mallery Road.

Jason spoke with the builder of the tiny house on Ingraham Road. If the builder has difficulty contacting the Building Inspector, he will let Jason know. The town will not plow to the new residence until there is an appropriate turn around.

Trucks have been driving over town property to access Matt Kelly's property, despite being told not to. The board discussed putting up a split rail fence and issuing a cease and desist order through town counsel.

The Board thanked Chuck Morrone for painting the cupola on the Town Hall.

2. Assessor/Patriot Update: Jason met with Chris Lamarre, Assessor from Williamstown. They discussed his taking over the assessing job. It is unknown when the town's last cyclical update was done. It is needed every nine years. It could cost the town around \$5,000 to have all properties measured and examined and is recommended to clear up any inaccuracies. The intermunicipal agreement needs to be signed off on by the legal department at the DOR. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, Chris Lamarre was appointed as Assessor, pending a final agreement with Williamstown.

3. Broadband: Sertex is running fiber. Whip City installed equipment at the Town Hall. The Town Hall may be lit up by the end of the week. Jason will send out an e-mail to residents reminding them to sign up by the deadline, or the town will not pay for the installation.

4. Unforeseen Items: The Mohawk Trails Woodland Partnership has eleven towns committed out of the 21. Mark will serve on the MTWP bylaw committee. The MTWP is an advisory body that does not supersede local, state, or federal laws. No town funds are used in this partnership. Jason is getting a lock with a lock code for the side door of the Town Hall.

5. Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed.

Next meeting July 10, 2019 at 5:00

Meeting adjourned at 5:52