

New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting
New Ashford Town Hall
July 22, 2019

Board Present: Jason Jayko (Chair), Ken McNerney (MLP Manager), Mark Phelps

Others Present: Keith Lacasse, Richard George, Lori Jayko, Stephen Jayko, Piotr Masiakowski

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Approve minutes from July 10: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, the minutes from the 7-10-2019 Public Hearing were approved. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, the minutes from the 7-10-2019 Select Board/MLP Meeting were approved.
2. Public Comment: Richard George, Board of Health Chair, reported that the chicken coop near the road at Bill's Happy Chicken Farm is being dismantled.
3. Road Commissioner: Keith Lacasse said the roads are holding up after recent heavy rains. HMA anticipates paving Beach Hill Road in mid-August. Keith will fill the potholes on the other roads.
4. Assessor Update: The Board reviewed the intermunicipal assessing contract. They amended it to define the town of New Ashford and the town of Williamstown as the parties. In paragraph four, they added that payment terms are net thirty. In the paragraph of termination, they added that all data that is the property of New Ashford will be returned in electronic format. They added "and/or representatives" to section nine at the end of the first sentence and corrected the address from 199 Mallery Road to 188 Mallery Road. They will confirm that the town will not bear retirement costs. Mark made a motion to sign the document as amended and ask Williamstown to address the amendments through their town manager, seconded by Jason. The Board will send the agreement to legal counsel. Mark will bring the agreement to Jason Hoch, Williamstown Town Manager.
5. Building Inspector: Jason has not heard back from the Building Inspector, Gery Garner. Mark is meeting with B.J. Church on July 24 to see if she's interested in the position. Piotr Masiakowski told the board that he sent a certified letter requesting a copy his certificate of occupancy. The Board advised him that the town does not have a copy and he should send a certified letter to Gery Garner.
6. Broadband: Sertex will start splicing, which may be contracted out. The contract for work to connect the houses should be awarded in the next few days. Addresses will be put together for a beta group the second or third week in August. Mickle Electric installed the grounding plate at the Town Hall.
7. Unforeseen: Keith talked to Dalton about using their mower for the sides of the roads. Keith recommended having an agreement in writing and inquired about the cost. The Board reviewed the letter that Ken wrote concerning the access road that is being used as a driveway on Beach Hill Road. The board will forward it to legal counsel. The Board received an invoice from Pittsfield for assessments for fire code violations, addressed to Don Torrico. The Snowplow Contract Bids will be opened August 19 at 6:30.
8. Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed.

Next meeting August 5, 2019 at 6:30

Meeting adjourned at 7:31