

New Ashford Select Board Meeting with MassDot  
New Ashford Town Hall  
July 26, 2019

Board Present: Jason Jayko (Chair), Ken McInerney, Mark Phelps  
Others Present: Francisca Heming, Mark Moore, Harley Phelps, Lori Jayko

Meeting opened at 11:00

1. Route 7 Paving Project: Francisca Heming and Mark Moore from MassDot attended to address concerns about the noise, ice buildup, problems for cyclists, and safety concerns for farm equipment caused by the rumble strips on Route 7. Harley Phelps brought the parts that have broken on his farm equipment from driving over the rumble strips. He explained that in order to avoid driving on the rumble strips and damaging his equipment, he has to drive his tractors partially in the road to travel every day for his active farm that is in New Ashford and Lanesboro. Francisca and Mark told the Board that Route 7 will be paved this fall and sinusoidal rumble strips will be added next year. They are more of a smooth wave, are shallower, and quieter than the current rumbles strips. While MassDot cannot deviate much from the established rumble strip policy, which is based on road width and speed limit, the rumble strips will not be installed along two residential areas. Center line rumble strips are also being considered.

2. Other: The Board pointed out the problem with the increasing dip at the bridge just north of Roys/Greylock Roads.

The Board thanked Mark and Francisca for meeting and for their work.

Meeting adjourned at 11:47