

New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting

New Ashford Town Hall

November 4, 2019

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

Others Present: Richard George, Keith Lacasse, Lori Jayko

Meeting opened at 6:31

1. Approve the minutes from 10/21: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, the minutes from the 10/21/2019 New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting were approved.

2. Public Comment: None.

3. Road Commissioner: Keith Lacasse will get the key to the Salt Shed to John Goerlach. He did not get reports of any damage after the last storm. Ingraham Road did not appear to have any new wash-out. Keith will blow the leaves off the roads, finish the patching around town, and the drainage on Beach Hill Road. Roads will be left open for now. Ken attended the Mount Greylock Advisory Committee Meeting. There are concerns about opening Greylock Road in the spring due to the condition of the road. Keith will scrape Greylock Road for drainage. Matt Kelly told the Board he cannot meet with them until spring to discuss 92/94 Beach Hill Road.

Keith talked to Sandy Moderski's lawyer concerning the culvert on Smith Road. Keith explained how there is no drainage on Route 7 to connect to. The lawyer said it could lead to a lawsuit for the town and Keith encouraged him to contact the Select Board before taking any action. The culvert was opened for safety reasons, to prevent water from freezing on the road in the winter.

Beavers plugged the culvert on Ingraham Road. Keith will unplug it.

4. Taxes: The Tax Classification Hearing is scheduled for November 14th at 5:30. The estimated tax rate is \$12.48.

5. Broadband: There are 52 active customers. The connections requiring trenching are starting. New Ashford has been added to the payment portal on Whip City's website. Jason is going to reconfigure the cameras at the Town Hall and will talk to the Fire Department about a router.

6. Unforeseen Items: The Public Community Outreach Meeting for the proposed cannabis cultivation facility at the Springs is on November 13th at 6:00.

Ken wrote a quote for the presentation ceremony of the town flag at the State House.

Ken received an e-mail about a grant for a municipal vulnerability preparedness program, which is open until January 15.

Jason will look at the Community Compact Grant.

7. Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed.

The next meeting is November 18 at 6:30.

Meeting closed at 7:27