

New Ashford Select Board/ MLP Meeting  
New Ashford Town Hall  
December 2, 2019

Board Present: Jason Jayko (Chair), Mark Phelps  
Call-In: Ken McInerney (MLP Manager)  
Others Present: Keith Lacasse, Richard George, Lori Jayko, Jenna Phelps

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Approve the minutes from 11/18 and the Tax Classification Hearing: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, the minutes from the 11/18/2019 New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting were approved. Ken abstained. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, the minutes from the 11/14/2019 Tax Classification Hearing were approved.
2. Public Comment: None
3. Road Commissioner: Keith Lacasse cleared out the culvert on Ingraham Road that the beavers plugged. Paul Phelps will remove the beavers. Keith will close the roads on 12-3. He did not move the gate on Ingraham Road. If John's notices a tree in the road during plowing, they will call Keith to remove it. A big branch blew down on Mallery Road and was pushed off the road. Keith will fix the salt shed's door track. This year's salt is working much better than last year's. The board would like Keith to monitor the salt pile.
4. Broadband: There are 68 households activated. Jason will talk to Whip City about a wire out of the ground on Hap Phelps's driveway. There is a call with Whip City on 12/6. There are six households pending connection, that are taking service. Nine others are scheduled. The town is expected to receive \$7,500 in grant money from the MBI. Also, \$500 per household of 70% of the total connected is expected from the state. \$3,032 has been collected in user fees. There is around \$80,000 left in appropriated broadband build-out money from the Special Town Meeting. After a full year of operation, the user fee will be reevaluated.
5. Host Community Agreement: Jason and Legal Counsel are working to coordinate schedules to discuss the host community agreement provided by Tom Davis. The Board would like a more specific document and business plan. The process will go through a special permit with the Planning Board. It may be beneficial for legal counsel to attend a meeting to discuss this with the entire Board. The Board may look at creating by-laws concerning cannabis.
6. Unforeseen Business: The budget process will start in January. Mark will reach out to Jason Hoke and Chris Lamarre for the assessing budget and will also inquire about reestablishing usage of the Transfer Station in Williamstown.
7. Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed.

Next meeting December 16 at 6:30  
Meeting adjourned at 7:14