

New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting

New Ashford Town Hall

December 16, 2019

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

Others Present: Keith Lacasse, Richard George, Lori Jayko

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Approve the minutes from December 2: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, the minutes from the 12-2-2019 New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting were approved.

2. Public Comment: None

3. License Renewals: The Board reviewed the used auto sales license paperwork for Shamrock Motor Sales. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, the license was approved pending receipt of the license fee. The Board signed the paperwork.

The Board reviewed the license paperwork for the liquor license for the Mill on the Floss Restaurant. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, the license was approved, pending receipt of the license fee. The Board signed the paperwork.

The Board reviewed the common victualers license paperwork. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, the common victualers license was approved, pending receipt of the license fee. The Board signed the paperwork.

4. Host Community Agreement: Legal counsel will apply a template community host agreement to the one provided by Tom Davis. The legal cost payment in the agreement is standard and written to avoid having to go to town meeting. Legal counsel advised that the Building Inspector is in charge of the requirements for compliance with town bylaws. It can take 6-8 months for a cannabis facility to get approval from the state.

5. Road Commissioner: Keith Lacasse unplugged the culvert on Ingraham Road. He will contact Paul Phelps about beaver removal. He tried to close the road gate, but someone was on the road. He will try again. Mark Chester called him about closing Bauer Road. Keith advised Mark to call Lanesboro. Bauer Road needs work in the spring. Greylock Road needs regrading. Keith will look at a culvert on Greylock Road that is icing up. A resident reported that Mallery Road was icy. The snowplowing number will be posted on the website. The plow turnaround at the last residence on Ingraham Road is inadequate.

6. Outdoor Recreation Plan: Mark attended a meeting that included a presentation on carbon sequestration. Four Williams College students studied Williamstown's using their public land for carbon sequestration. They determined that Williamstown could sell carbon credits and recommended they hire consultants for a cost benefit analysis.

The Town of Williamstown is applying for a grant for \$20,000 through the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership. They want abutting towns to join them. Ken made a motion to approve joining the grant, subject to reading it, seconded by Mark. It is due January 8. Mark will call Jason Hoke, Williamstown Town Administrator, about what it can be used for.

There is a grant from the Regional Planning Commission for technical assistance that may be able to be used for creating bylaws for cannabis.

7. Broadband: There are 78 households connected taking service, with two pending. There are 15 cold drops pending. Ken will follow-up with Ronnie's about their connection.

8. Any Other Unforeseen Business: The Sheriff's Office mailed an agreement for emergency services from July 1 2019 that is a requirement by the state 911 department. The Board signed the agreement.

Mark spoke with Jason Hoke from Williamstown about using the Transfer Station. Jason asked what our current recycling budget is. The town budgets \$1,632 on the Recycling Attendant, \$2,000 on the recycling account, and \$654 on the Northern Berkshire Solid Waste District.

9. Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed.

Next meeting date January 6, 2020 at 6:30

Meeting adjourned at 7:57