

New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting
New Ashford Town Hall
March 2, 2020

Board Present: Jason Jayko (Chair), Mark Phelps

Absent: Ken McInerney (MLP Manager)

Others Present: Keith Lacasse, Lori Jayko, Ed Grosso, Cindy Grosso, Eileen Gabriel, Mike Birch, Jackie Lacasse

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Approve Minutes from February 24: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, the minutes from the 2-24-2020 New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting were approved.
2. Public Comment: Ed said he was interested in learning about the Community Host Agreement.
3. Geocache Placement Location: Carolyn Adams called asking permission to place a geocache in the guardrail near the Fire Station. Mark made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Jason.
4. Road Commissioner: Keith got a 22-ton load of sand from Donovan's and John's put it in the shed. John said he used the cold patch on Ingraham Road, but Keith cannot find where. He will monitor the pile. There should be enough salt to last through the end of the season. The sand placed out for residents has been depleting quickly. The Board will monitor the sand shed with a camera. There have not been any tree issues.
5. Community Host Agreement: Legal Counsel provided feedback for changing the section about Town Police to the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Select Board, and State Police. Jason updated it and sent it back to legal counsel. Once the Host Agreement is completely revised, Jason will put it on the town website. Once the Select Board signs the Community Host Agreement, the Building Inspector will determine if a Special Permit is necessary from the Planning Board. The neighbors are worried about the noise, light, and odor. The residents will send a letter to the Board with their concerns. They suggested that the town request an engineering firm study the noise. The state fire office has two engineers available to advise about fire suppression.
6. Application-Database Server: A small server and screen for the Assessor/Tax Collector's software and a new printer for the Town Hall will cost around \$725. The money will come out of the Reserve Account. Mark made a motion to approve up to \$725 to get the server, screen, and printer, seconded by Jason. The server will replace the laptop that the Assessor and the Tax Collector are using and will be housed securely at the Town Hall. The Assessor, Tax Collector, and Patriot Software will access it remotely.
Kelly and Ryan should be sending out the Motor Vehicle Excise tax bills. Jason will follow up with the Tax Collector.

7. Budget: The Board is waiting for more numbers to come in. The budget will likely increase slightly. Keith will order salt using the remaining winter roads budget, before the end of the fiscal year.

8. Broadband: There are 83 subscribers, and a couple more connections due for completion once the ground thaws.

9. Animal Control: The state is requiring thirty training hours a year. Ken is going to call other towns to see if we could contract with them for Animal Control Officer services.

10. Any Other Unforeseen Business: Jackie said the Police Chief did not return her calls about renewing her pistol permit license. Jason will talk to him.

The Fire Chief should be voted on by the Fire Department and that recommendation brought to the Select Board, which will make the appointment. There are concerns about the limited open space in the Fire Station meeting OSHA's regulations. Ed recommended that the new tanker should be a vacuum tanker that one person can fill alone.

Whip City will hold a meeting at the Town Hall on March 18 or 24 to go over any questions or concerns that customers have.

Mark will follow up with the Building Inspector about long-term rentals at the Carriage House.

11. Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed. The Board reviewed the Town Clerk's invoice. They would like dates included on the invoice and clarification on the requested fees for the warrant posting and the census mailing.

Next meeting March 23, 2020 at 6:30

Meeting adjourned at 7:40