

New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting
Teleconference
June 1, 2020

Board Present: Jason Jayko (Chair), Ken McInerney (MLP Manager), Mark Phelps
Others Present: Keith Lacasse, Lori Jayko

1. Approve Minutes from May 28: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, the minutes from the May 28, 2020 New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting were approved.
2. Public Comment: None.
3. Road Commissioner: Keith Lacasse reported that he opened Roys Road last week and also opened Greylock Road in coordination with DCR. Once he gets the millings from the Route 7 paving project, he will fill the potholes in town, including on Greylock Road. Keith will order the material for the Smith Road culvert this fiscal year and do the work in the next fiscal year. The road will have to be closed for at least a day and he will consider using some concrete blocks from near the Salt Shed for the project. Keith will measure and get estimates for finishing Smith Road. The previous quote was around \$20,000. The project will be done using the Roads and Bridges account, allowing the Chapter 90 money to build up to pave Ingraham Road and to finish Mallery Road. Old Route 7 needs to be milled with a coating added. Crack sealing needs to be done. Greylock Road needs to be graded. PLT has a grader that should be available at the middle of the month. Keith needs it for two days, one to do Greylock and Bauer Roads and one to do Ingraham Road. He will change the pitch on Bauer Road and replace a culvert. Keith will order salt and sand before the end of the fiscal year.
4. Covid-19: There is nothing new to report. The state is still in phase one of reopening. Jason asked Wayne Buckley for a recommendation, from the Fire Department, to serve as the Emergency Management Director and he has not received an answer.
5. Annual Town Meeting: The Annual Town Meeting will be June 23rd, held outside.
6. Annual Town Warrant: Jason added an article to the Annual Town Warrant for replacing the roof at the Fire Station. The Board discussed the different roofing quotes received and decided to go with the quote for a painted steel metal roof for \$17,360. Legal Counsel provided advice on the stabilization funds, removing an unnecessary phrase, and changed the statute related to the 1792 Schoolhouse Stabilization article. Jason will print three copies of the Annual Town Warrant for the Board to sign and let the Town Clerk know.
7. Elections: The Town Clerk sent an e-mail to the Board that she has called 48 registered voters about early voting.

8. Budget: Mark made a motion, seconded by Ken, to approve the Annual Town Meeting Warrant as proposed including the total budget of \$749,618. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason the MLP budget was approved at \$72,878.63.

9. Any other unforeseen business: Jason received an e-mail from the Public Health Alliance about the funding for the public health nurse expiring after June 30. Municipalities may be able to get funding through the CARES act, which needs to be submitted by June 5. The cost of the nurse's continuing is \$2,000 per year, plus a non-member fee of \$500. Payment of \$625 is due on a quarterly basis. The Board thinks these services are not necessary for the cost.

The Board discussed the Old Schoolhouse's land and will look for property maps.

Ken is working on the Mohawk Trails Woodland Partnership grant for FY21. Trail maintenance for snowmobiling, fat bikes, etc is an option. Another option is to partner with DCR and create trails around the Beaver Pond, with parking on DCR property for hikers. Ken will consult with the DEP to see if this is feasible. Mark talked to Hank Art, MTWP President, who is considering jointly working on the impact of the shutdown on the forest product industry. Linking Rockwell Road to Bauer Road might be an option or making a trail to the southeast cornerstone of the town. The MTWP has a zoom meeting on June 9.

10. Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed. The Board separated out the MLP warrant.

Next meeting June 15 @ 6:30.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45