

New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting
New Ashford Town Hall/Teleconference
June 15, 2020

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

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Approve the minutes from 6-1: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, the minutes from the 6-1-2020 New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting were approved.
2. Public Comment: Chuck Morrone said he has been waiting for three weeks for Whip City Fiber to bury the cable in his yard. Ken will call Whip City.
Chuck thinks the reactivation fee of \$100 for residents using internet service for part of the year is unreasonable. The MLP Board will discuss this with Whip City.
Chuck said his legal residence is now Florida and there are concerns he can no longer serve on the Historical Commission or the Cemetery Committee. The Historical Commission is an appointed position, so there is no issue. The Board will work on getting the positions on the Cemetery Committee changed from elected to appointed.
3. Road Commissioner: The Route 7 paving project is on hold until June 29. The paving company thinks it will use most of the millings, but there should be some left over.
Cargill will call Keith back with a price for road salt. He does not think we need to order sand. The grader from PLT should be here by the 20th. Then Keith will grade the Bauer Road Trail and Greylock and Ingraham roads. He can use the cold patch or get some hot mix for the potholes in town. Keith will start the culvert on Smith Road before the end of the fiscal year. The Tree Warden asked him to take some branches off a tree on Mallery Road.
4. Covid-19: The Northern Berkshire Covid-19 Command Center is getting a new manager. Masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer were provided for the town elections and given to the Town Clerk. There is also PPE for the Annual Town Meeting.
5. Town Elections, Town Meeting: The Annual Town Meeting will be held on the lawn between the Town Hall and the Fire Station. DOR wants towns to adopt a 1/12 budget, in case there is not a quorum at the Annual Town Meeting. Jason will confirm our town's quorum requirements with town counsel. Jason will send out an informational e-mail to residents about the Annual Town Meeting. The Town Report is on the website. Elections should be handled with a one-way flow of people.
6. Unforeseen Business: Ken would like to call legal counsel about passing a policy for the MLP that Whip City needs to check with the MLP Board before they relight up an address. Property owners should ultimately be responsible, if a renter does not pay his/her bill. Jason looked at property maps of the Old Schoolhouse until April 1980. Ken will talk with an engineering firm about the cost of doing a survey.

Shaun Garvey may bring up the tree initiative at the Annual Town Meeting,
Eversource sent a letter that they are doing inventory and compliance inspections on August 17th,
of the number and type of pole attachments.

The Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts sent a letter asking the Board to send a
letter of commendation for the Girl Scout in town who received the Gold Award. The Board will
send a letter.

7. Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29