

New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting
New Ashford Town Hall/Teleconference
November 9, 2020

Board Present: Jason Jayko (Chair), Ken McInerney (MLP Manager), Mark Phelps
Others Present: Richard George, Lori Jayko, Keith Lacasse
Call-In: Chris Lamarre, Frank Youngkin, Tom Bronson

Meeting opened at 6:51

1. Tax Rate: Mark made a motion to adopt a single tax rate for FY21, factor of one, seconded by Ken. The motion was approved unanimously. Chris Lamarre, Assessor, will complete his information in Gateway tomorrow. The Town Clerk will need to attach a certificate of the vote. Once it is approved, the tax bills should be ready to send around November 16.
2. Approve Minutes: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, the minutes from the 10-19-2020 New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting were approved.
3. Public Comment: Richard George, Board of Health Chair, received a complaint from James Harris about a rodent infestation at the chalet he is renting at The Springs motel. Richard visited the property and noted rodent feces, mice nests in the heat, and exposed wires in the attic. He will coordinate an inspection with the Building Inspector. The Select Board supports the Board of Health to shut it down until the situation is rectified.
Keith Lacasse will replace the Fire Station roof in the spring.
Lori informed the Board that the Fire Department needs to replace its AED's. The first quote received for five new AED's was \$6,250 or \$4,250 refurbished. Ken will discuss this with EMS Deputy, JD Hebert.
4. Road Commissioner: Keith Lacasse blew the leaves off the roads, including twice on Greylock Road. He closed the upper gate on Greylock Road. Keith recommended not giving a key to the gate to the wood cutter, in order to protect the road. He will do the ditch work on Greylock Road before it freezes and will grade the road to correct for water problems. The Tree Warden asked Keith for a price on taking logs off a property. The Board said no. Smith Road will be paved on Thursday, weather permitting. Ken called John Goerlach about the excessive salting on town roads. John will inspect his equipment to make sure there isn't a problem.
5. Taxes: Covered already.
6. CARES ACT: Ken applied for the CARES ACT grant and the money has been received. The \$396 for remote meeting access will be covered by the grant. Ken will go to Best Buy for two stands and monitors. This money covers through December 30.
7. Unforeseen: Pete Rancourt serviced the town generator. The outside disconnect is the master disconnect for everything, and now has a padlock on it. The battery lasts 1 ½ hours. Ken made a spreadsheet to keep track of the generator's service record, including its part numbers. Jason placed a camera to observe the mailboxes, after receiving complaints about mail being gone through and damaged.

Keith said that Max Lacasse was not allowed to vote by the Town Clerk because he was not listed on the census. However, online it says that the census does not affect whether you can vote or not. Ken will call the Town Clerk and clarify this with her.

The community nurse will be considered for the next CARES ACT submission.

8. Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed.

Next meeting November 23 at 6:30

Meeting closed at 7:49