

New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting  
New Ashford Town Hall/Teleconference  
January 4, 2021

Board Present: Jason Jayko (Chair), Mark Phelps

Board Call-in: Ken McInerney (MLP Manager)

Others Present: Lori Jayko, Richard George, Keith Lacasse

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Approve minutes December 21, 2020: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, the minutes from the December 21, 2020 New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting were approved.

2. Public Comment: None

3. Road Commissioner: Keith Lacasse dug out the ditch on White Road to prevent water from running into the road and freezing. He closed Roys Road on 1/3. Greylock Road is closed. The crack-seal company contacted Keith about payment. He will tell them to send an invoice, as one has not been received. A resident at the end of Ingraham Road called the state police about cars parking in the turn around and blocking his driveway. Keith will put up a “No Parking – Vehicles Towed at Owners’ Expense” sign. He will see if there is one at the old turnaround that could be used. Keith also reported that the turnarounds are not getting plowed. The Salt Shed was left open on 1/3, so Keith closed it. He will take care of the pothole near the bridge at the north entrance to Roys Road in the spring. Any material placed now would get plowed out. A tree is dropping limbs in the Bouchard’s yard. Keith will have the Tree Warden contact Eversource, as the tree is near a power line. He will also ask the Tree Warden about the cherry tree in the cemetery.

4. Cares Act: The instant hot was installed at the Town Hall. There is a leak on the hot water side, from its not being used for so long, that Walker Haig will fix. There is enough money left to install instant hot on one sink at the Fire Station. Jason will look at the sinks. Ken has not heard back from the Fire Chief if he wants to use any of the grant money for PPE.

5. Any other unforeseen business: Ken received notice from the Police Chief in Lanesboro that members of the New Ashford Fire Department are not allowed to use their lights and sirens in Lanesboro. This guidance came from the Lanesboro Fire Chief. We cannot find this policy in the Massachusetts law and the Lanesboro Police Chief will get clarification from the Lanesboro Fire Chief.

We received an invoice from Bergeron for Fire Department gear that was unpaid from April and forwarded it to the Fire Chief.

There is no update on the Carpenters returning the Fire Department’s gear.

Anyone requiring a burn permit should call the Fire Chief.

6. Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed.

Next meeting January 19 at 6:30. The Board will begin work on the budget and will get an update on the electronic cataloging of the cemetery.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55