

New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting
New Ashford Town Hall/Teleconference
May 3, 2021

Board Present: Jason Jayko (Chair), Ken McInerney (MLP Manager), Mark Phelps

Others Present: Richard George, Keith Lacasse, Lori Jayko

Call-In: None

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Approve minutes from April 21, 2021: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, the minutes from the April 21, 2021 New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting were approved.

2. Public Comment: Richard George did a title V inspection at the Springs motel and one of the houses failed.

3. Road Commissioner: Dave Stokes from MassDOT told Keith there is around \$154,000 in the town's Chapter 90 account, with an additional \$45,000 expected. Dave suggested talking to All State Asphalt about Old Route 7 and putting on chip seal coats, as it costs around a third of the price of asphalt. Keith called All State and is waiting to hear back. Dave advised that the state is not familiar with permazine and likely will not pay for it. The gates are open on Greylock Road, except for at the top. Water took down some of the old stone wall about a mile and half past Bauer Road. Keith can put in a berm and tip the road to the other side. The gate will remain closed until the road is fixed. Keith cleaned leaves out of culverts and will regrade the road when the weather gets drier. He will check Roys Road before he opens it and order the roofing material for the Fire Station. The work on Ingraham Road will be done in June and July. The millings near Route 7 will be placed on Greylock Road.

4. Mohawk Trails Woodland Partnership: Ken called Bob O'Connor, project administrator, about using the grant money to purchase material for bridges on the Old Adams Trail. Bob sent Scott Morill, from the EEA, to look at the trail and he recommended getting I beams. Rebuilding Greylock Road's washout for trail access may also be an option.

5. MLP: Someone from Snowy Owl asked about generators and fiber access.

6. Annual Town Meeting/Warrant/Budget: Everything has been signed and posted.

7. Unforeseen business: Legal counsel has advised that as the Town Clerk is on the ballot for two contested paid positions, she cannot be involved in running the election. Her relatives may not work the polls. It is a conflict of interest by MA General laws. A temporary Clerk needs to be appointed to run the elections. Joel Bard recommended Mary Kennedy. Ken will contact her to see if she is interested or has a recommendation of who can do it. The Board will send a certified mailing to the Town Clerk to inform her of this conflict of interest, that a temporary Town Clerk will be appointed, and also of her being suspended from using the Staples credit card for failure to turn in receipts for all purchases in a timely manner. The Town Moderator can swear people in when the Town Clerk is not available. Ken will talk to Karen Benko about getting people sworn in.

8. Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed.

Next meeting May 17 at 6:30

Meeting adjourned at 7:16