

New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting
New Ashford Town Hall/Teleconference
May 17, 2021

Board Present: Jason Jayko (Chair), Ken McInerney (MLP Manager), Mark Phelps
Others Present: Keith Lacasse, Richard George, Lori Jayko, Chuck Morrone
Call-In: Karen Benko, Elizabeth Rolison

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Approve minutes from May 3: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, the minutes from the May 3, 2021 New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting were approved.
2. Public Comment: Richard George witnessed a perk test at 92 Mallery Road. Chuck noted the junk cars on the side of Cemetery Road. The cars are being removed as part of the property sale. Mark and Chuck will take down the cherry trees at the cemetery. Lori got the \$68 returned and the account closed that the former deputy tax collector, Kevin Buldoc, had in the town's name.
3. Appointment Temporary Town Clerk: Ken made a motion to move the appointment of a temporary Town Clerk to this part of the meeting agenda. Mark and Jason abstained as they both have conflict. Ken made a motion to invoke the rule of necessity. All of the Select Board members voted to invoke the rule of necessity.
Ken made a motion to appoint Elizabeth Rolison as Temporary Town Clerk for the May 25 town election, seconded by Mark. The motion passed unanimously. Karen Benko, Town Moderator, swore Elizabeth in. Ken will work with her on the Board of Registrars, the ballot, and the Constables. Elizabeth will receive a stipend for her work on this.
Jason and Mark will abstain from interaction with the Temporary Town Clerk and any action for the elections.
4. Road Commissioner: Beavers created a dam on Ingraham Road causing water to almost reach the road. Keith cleared it and the beavers filled it back in. Richard George gave Keith permission to get rid of the beavers. Keith will clean out the pipe. Keith turned in a bill for repairs to Ingraham Road, to be taken out of the winter roads account. He will talk with the Fire Department about the roof color for the station and get the material ordered. The work will be completed before the end of the fiscal year. Dump trucks from Palmer paving, doing work on Route 43 in Williamstown, have been cleaning out their trucks in the rest area near Greylock Road. Keith called the foreman and Ken talked to Dave Reynolds from MassDOT. Both were assured that Palmer Paving will clean up when they are done. Keith is waiting for a call back from All State Asphalt about Old Route 7. He will have a price for paving Ingraham Road at the next meeting.
5. Mohawk Trails Woodland Partnership: Ken has not heard back from his e-mails about the I beams for the Old Adams Trail bridges. He is concerned about finishing the project on time. He will propose fixing the Greylock Road washout, for trail access, to Bob O'Connor. The grant for FY 22 is due tomorrow and will focus on Bauer Road with a trail system at the beaver pond.

6. MLP: Ken and Jason met with the Whip City project manager to get clear guidance on the accounting for people getting assistance with their bills due to Covid. Whip City determines eligibility. Work is being done by Local Links on making sure there is redundancy in the lines.

7. Annual Town Meeting/Elections: The Annual Town meeting is tomorrow at 6:00 at the Fire Station. Elections are 2-4 and 6-8 on May 25 at the Town Hall.

8. Any other unforeseen business: The Board told Keith he can use the town lot on Ingraham Road for storage of material.

The Board says compiling the Annual Town Report will go back the to the Town Clerk, as is indicated by the by-laws. The Board would like a list of the committees in town, including members and their contact information.

9. Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed. The Board added Keith's invoice for the work on Ingraham Road.

Meeting adjourned at 6:56

Next meeting June 7, 2021 at 6:30