

New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting
New Ashford Town Hall/Teleconference
June 7, 2021

Board Present: Jason Jayko (Chair), Ken McInerney (MLP Manager), Mark Phelps
Others Present: Keith Lacasse, Lori Jayko, Susan Supranowicz, Richard George, Chuck Morrone, Kurt Singer
Call-In: None

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Approve minutes May 17, 2021: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, the minutes from the May 17, 2021 New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting were approved.

2. Reorganize Board: On a motion by Ken, seconded by Mark, Jason was nominated as Chair.

3. Public Comment: Richard George advised where to place a tent on Hedy Burbank's property, but did not have any records for the septic system.

Chuck asked for an update on the town's claiming the property surrounding the Old Schoolhouse. The town has maintained the property for 20 years as advised by the previous Town Counsel. The Board will consult Town Counsel.

The Cemetery Committee election resulted in a tie for the fourth position. The Cemetery Committee and the Select Board will appoint for the tie breaker. Former town resident, Helen Kearsey passed away and her ashes will be interred at the cemetery on July 17. Kurt Singer, acting on behalf of the Cemetery Committee, gave Chuck Morrone permission to help. Dery is handling the service and monument placement will be decided with the Cemetery Committee.

4. Appointments: The Board will reach out to the people that are up for reappointment to confirm if they are still interested.

Ken made a motion to appoint Susan Supranowicz as Town Clerk for a three-year term, seconded by Jason. Mark abstained. The motion passed unanimously. Mark made a motion to appoint Brenda Church as Building Inspector, seconded by Ken. The motion passed unanimously. Jason made a motion to appoint John Carchedi as Alternate Building Inspector, seconded by Mark. The motion passed unanimously. The remaining appointments will be made at the next meeting.

Susan would like a copy of what is expected of the Town Clerk. Lori Trottier has a laptop, keys, and records that need to be turned over. Jason made a town e-mail address for Susan and gave her a code for the side door. Susan will contact Karen Benko to get sworn in and Mary Kennedy for guidance about the position.

5. Road Commissioner: All State Asphalt advised Keith to mill 2 inches off Old Route 7 and put 2 inches back on with heavy tack coat due to the concrete below. Past Mountain Pond Lane, the road can be reduced to one lane, but something will have to be done with the remaining road. Old Route 7 is likely not a big enough job for anyone to want to bring their equipment out. They advised a full depth reclamation on the black top of Ingraham Road and not paving the dirt section. This project is also likely too small a job to get a mill out for the 1,812 feet. The

remainder of Mallery could be added to the project, but it should be listed as two separate bids. From the end of the black top on Ingraham Road we can reclaim it, but the six-inch stone that is there may create problems for the equipment. Keith suggested grading the road and adding permazine, however the state will not reimburse for that. Ingraham Road could be regraded and compacted and see what happens in the spring. No new houses are expected to be built on the road this year. The Fire Station driveway and Cemetery Road should be done by whoever does the other projects. Warner Brothers will meet with Keith to go over the cost.

The roofing for the Fire Station is ordered and will be installed once it comes in. Keith will fix the dry hydrant and culverts by the end of the month. There is MEMA money available in the town accounts for the hydrant.

The cherry tree was taken down at the cemetery.

6. Fire Department: Roof covered above.

7. Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership: Ken will call a zoom meeting to discuss the logistics of where to get 30-foot beams delivered for DCR. The money needs to be spent by the end of the fiscal year. Stabilizing the slope on Greylock Road is also a consideration for the money.

8. MLP: 147 Mallery Road could not get their address from Whip City's website. They are going to take internet service.

9. Library Grant: The town received an e-mail about a pilot project where one town in Massachusetts, with less than 2,000 residents, will be chosen for funding to build a new public library. The Board is concerned about operating costs once the library is built. Mark made a motion to table the issue, seconded by Ken.

10. Any other unforeseen business: The bond for John's snowplowing will be returned. The snow plowing contract will be reviewed at the next meeting, put out to bid in the paper in July and awarded in August.

The laptop for the Police Chief needs to be replaced. Chuck has a small laptop that can be used. There is also a laptop left from the previous Assessor. A new laptop will be purchased for the Town Clerk.

There is a tree on Mallery Road that is close to the wires that needs to be removed. Ken will ask the Tree Warden to contact Eversource to get it taken down and to use the remainder of the tree removal budget by the end of the fiscal year.

There is question of who owns the safe in the Town Hall.

Jason will look at the video footage from the dumpster as there are old tires and plastic covered wire in the steel recycling bin.

11. Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed.

Next meeting date June 21, 2021 at 6:30.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47