

New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting
New Ashford Town Hall/Teleconference
June 21, 2021

Select Board Present: Jason Jayko (Chair), Mark Phelps

Call-In: Ken McInerney (MLP Manager)

Others Present: Lori Jayko, Keith Lacasse, Richard George, Chuck Morrone, Susan Supranowicz

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Approve minutes June 7, 2021: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, the minutes from the June 7, 2021 New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting were approved.

2. Public Comment: Richard George asked about his tax checks not having been cashed. Lori told him she recently got the turnover from the Tax Collector and has made the deposits. Chuck noted that the cemetery needs to be mowed. Jason will contact Kurt Singer. Susan will contact Anthony Bossana to see if he accepts the election results of his being on the Cemetery Committee. The Select Board will meet with the Cemetery Committee to fill the position that had a tie at the elections. Chuck is having a difficult time getting his pistol permit. Kurt said he doesn't have a secure way to get ahold of the state. Chuck has a laptop he can donate for Kurt to use. There is a computer available for use at the town hall.

Susan informed the Board that the blood drive at the Town Hall will be on Tuesday, August 17th.

3. Appointments: Appointments are effective July 1, 2021. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, Kurt Singer was appointed for a one-year term as Animal Control Officer. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, Kevin Flicker was appointed to a one-year term as the alternate representative to the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission. Appointments to the Board of Registrars were tabled. On a motion by Ken, seconded by Jason, Lori Trottier was appointed to a three-year term on the Conservation Commission. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, Richard George, Doug George, and Stephen Demyer were appointed as Constables for a three-year term each. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, Tamara Leminen and Leo Mazzeo were appointed to the Cultural Council of Northern Berkshire for a one-year term each. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, Mike Lescarbeau was appointed as Electrical Inspector for a one-year term. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, the Fire Chief was appointed as the Emergency Management Director for a one-year term. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, Pete Rancourt and Steve Jennings were appointed as Fence Viewers for a one-year term each. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, Pete Rancourt and Steve Jennings were appointed as Field Viewers for a one-year term each. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, Frank Speth was appointed as Fire Chief for a three-year term. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, Zack Cochrane was appointed as Deputy Chief for a one-year term. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, Stephen Jayko was appointed as Lieutenant for a one-year term. Jason abstained. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, Frank Speth was appointed as Fire Warden for a one-year term. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, Walker Haig was appointed as Gas Inspector for a one-year term. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, Brady Haig was appointed as alternate Gas Inspector for a one-year term. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, Cindy Grosso and Louise Palmer were appointed to the Historical Commission for a three-year term each. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, Keith Lacasse was appointed as Highway Commissioner for a one-year term. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, Ken McInerney was appointed as Mount Greylock Advisory Representative for a one-year term. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, Steve Jennings was appointed as Measurer of Wood and Bark for a one-year

term. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, Keith Lacasse was appointed as Moth Inspector for a one-year term. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, Ken McNerney was appointed as New Ashford MLP Manager for a two-year term. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, Walker Haig was appointed as Plumbing Inspector for a one-year term. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, Brady Haig was appointed as alternate Plumbing Inspector for a one-year term. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, the Select Board Chair was appointed as Procurement Officer for a one-year term. Appointment of Town Counsel was tabled. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, Lori Jayko was appointed as Town Secretary for one-year term. Jason abstained. Appointment of the Tree Warden was tabled. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, Richard Demyer was appointed as Veterans Services Officer for a one-year term. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, Kevin Flicker was appointed for a three-year term to the Zoning Board of Appeals. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, Matt Quinn and Bill Johnston were appointed as alternates to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a one year term each. There is an open position on the Conservation Commission, three openings for Constables, Assistant Chief and Captain for the Fire Department, one opening on the Historical Commission, and one for Mount Greylock Advisory Representative.

4. Road Commissioner: Keith will turn in his invoice before June 30. He fixed the washed out culvert on Greylock Road. While he had the loader, he spread millings on the north part of Greylock Road and on Roys Road on the east side of the bridge. The roof for the Fire Station is in and Keith will start work on it by Thursday. Warner Brothers is writing up an estimate for work on Ingraham Road. They suggested putting three-inches of black top with tack coat on Old Route 7. The road will be narrowed after Mountain Pond Lane and will be paved to just past the house. Keith will grade the dirt part of Ingraham Road this year and fix the dry hydrant.

5. Septic: The septic backed up at the Fire Station. Pete Rancourt got it pumped out but it keeps filling with water, bubbling up from the middle. The weep hole in the bottom may need a new plug. A new tank costs around \$1,500. Keith suggested using Rid-X for maintenance.

6. Mohawk Trails Woodland Partnership: The \$31,000 was submitted for FY20 and FY21. The Greylock Road work will bring it to almost \$40,000.

7. MLP: There is one new customer taking service at 147 Mallery Road.

8. Any other unforeseen business: Someone from Maxymillian was taking millings from the bottom of Greylock Road. Ken told him that they are not for taking. Representative John Barrett informed the Board that the town is eligible for Covid relief money and requests need to be submitted before next week. Lori will contact Representative Barrett for instructions.

9. Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed.

Next meeting July 7 @ 6:30

Meeting adjourned at 7:28