

New Ashford Select Board Meeting
New Ashford Town Hall/Teleconference
July 22, 2021

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

Meeting opened at 6:30

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

2. Public Comment: None

3. Road Commissioner: Jason submitted the invoices for flood related road repair to the Northern Berkshire Emergency Planning Committee. Keith will give Jason an estimate for repairs to the second culvert on Ingraham Road, where stones slid into the hole. He will check Roys Road and will put three or four loads of gravel on Greylock Road, on the right side before the old guard rail. The road and side have dropped three or four feet. He is expecting delivery of 6-inch minus stone for White Road tomorrow. He is getting a grader for Ingraham, Greylock and Roys Roads and will put millings on Ingraham Road afterwards. It may need to be rolled. There's a culvert on Ingraham Road that has rotted out and collapsed. Keith may be able to detour the water to the next culvert. He will follow up with Donovan, Tri-town, and Warner Bros about quotes for the paving projects.

Underground Supply quoted \$2,260 for a 1,500-gallon tight tank, delivered. Aero Concrete can make any tank. We need at least 2,000 gallons, but would prefer two 2,500 gallon tanks. EJ Prescott can get us a poly tank, but it would need to be anchored down.

The Post Office has okayed a resident's mailbox being moved from the end of Old Route 7 to the Town Hall. Keith will look at the mailboxes to determine the best placement, as there are no spots left on the posts. The Board discussed putting up a fence next to the mailboxes.

4. Appointments: Anthony Bossana is not living in town and cannot fulfill the position on the Cemetery Commission. Jason made a motion to nominate Lori Trottier to the Cemetery Commission for a one-year term, seconded by Ken. Jason made a motion to appoint Sharon Morrone, Jacqueline Trottier, and Carlanne Rancourt to the Board of Registrars for a one-year term each, seconded by Mark. Jason will invite Shaun Garvey to the next meeting to talk about the Tree Warden position. Susan will hold swearing-in hours at the Town Hall.

5. Septic: Keith will call Aero for a quote for two 2,500- gallon minimum and Underground Supply for a quote for the necessary supplies.

6. Snowplow Contract: The Board reviewed the updated contract. The bid opening will be August 23 and Lori will get it posted in the newspaper and on the town website.

7. Any other unforeseen business: Jason spoke to Legal Counsel about the Fire Department equipment. There is a virtual hearing on July 29 with the magistrate, the Fire Chief, and the members that have not returned their gear. The magistrate will determine if there is cause to take it further. Legal counsel will provide a statement but not representation at a magistrate hearing. The Board would like representation at the hearing. Jason will ask Legal Counsel who they would recommend to represent the town at a magistrate hearing or he will check with the DA's office.

The Springs Motel was sold and renovations are underway.

Ken thanked Kurt Singer, Chuck Morrone, and Pete Haig for getting the cemetery ready for the Kearsy internment.

Ken will ask Walker Haig to replace the toilet at the Town Hall, before the blood drive, with a low-flow model.

Mark will contact Representative John Barrett about the increasing cell service problems in this area.

8. Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed.

Next meeting August 2, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 7:46