

New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting  
New Ashford Town Hall/Teleconference  
October 18, 2021

Select Board Present: Jason Jayko (Chair), Ken McInerney (MLP Manager), Mark Phelps  
Others Present: Keith Lacasse, Richard George, Lori Jayko, Susan Supranowicz  
Call-In: Emily Connors

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Approve minutes from 10/4: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, the minutes from the 10/4/2021 New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting were approved. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, the minutes from the 10/4/2021 New Ashford Tax Classification Hearing were approved.

2. Public Comment: None

3. Trick or Treat: Ken made a motion to set trick or treat hours from 5:00PM – 7:00PM on October 31, seconded by Mark. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Septic: Done under Road Commissioner.

5. Road Commissioner: Keith Lacasse noted no damage to the roads from recent rains. He called about the septic system and the company did not have the original order. They had two tanks in stock. Keith gave them a print for tops. It will take a couple of weeks to make the tops. The Board discussed getting a port-a-potty for the Fire Station. Village Truck Sales has a boom mower for sale for \$25,000. Mark will look at it. They will not rent it out, only sell it. It could be stored in a shed at the Fire Station or storage could be built with the retaining wall blocks. Jason signed the paperwork for MassDOT for the Old Route 7 paving project. Ken will get it to the Accountant for her signature. Keith will look at the Fire Department roof tomorrow. He will add some material to the lawn at the Town Hall to make it even for fencing. He will get 6 X 6, pressure-treated lumber for the mailboxes this week. The state called about mud in the road from the J-Day race. The Board informed them that the event and mud were in Lanesboro and not New Ashford.

6. Trees @ 92 Mallery Rd: The Board got a letter about some trees that are dying on a lot on Mallery Road. They are not a danger to the road but are on the town right of way. The Board will get an estimate for their removal. Mark called Eversource a couple of weeks ago about trees near the wires that need removal. Eversource has not taken care of them yet.

7. Unforeseen Business: Ken reached out to DCR about the trash on their land off Ingraham road. He did not hear back but some of the trash has been removed.

The town needs to hire a new Tax Collector, as the current one is moving on November 30 and will be done on November 15. She got the tax bills out, due on November 26. Mark talked to the former Tax Collector about what was required for the job. Ken will meet with the Tax Collector and then the Board will update the job description and advertise it to residents first.

Jason talked to the Fire Chief, Frank Speth, for information about the Department's involvement with the J-Day race in Lanesboro. The Department took the hummer and the ATV. Frank said Adams had asked them for support. The event is supposed to make a donation to the Fire Department.

Jason sent an email to Nikki Miller from the Fire Department, asking to see the MOA for further information concerning the AEDs. She sent Jason the paperwork to fill out for ordering the AED for the Town Hall. Frank wants to get three AEDs for the Fire Department, two now and one later. The Department will use their money. The Board discussed how the Fire Department's finances operate.

Jason has not heard back from the propane company that got the Regional Purchasing bid. He will try again tomorrow.

Jason applied for the IT Community Compact Grant for digitizing town records, security, and getting town e-mail accounts for all town positions. The Efficiency Grant was not available.

8. Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed.

Next meeting November 1, 2021 at 6:30.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23