

New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting
New Ashford Town Hall/Teleconference
November 1, 2021

Board Present: Jason Jayko (Chair), Ken McInerney (MLP Manager), Mark Phelps
Others Present: Lori Jayko, Susan Supranowicz, Richard George, Keith Lacasse, Zack
Cochrane, Nikki Miller, Frank Speth
Call-In: None
Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Approve minutes from 10/18: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, the minutes from the 10-18-2021 New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting were approved.

2. Public Comment: None

3. Road Commissioner: Keith Lacasse turned in a proposal from Williams for paving for Old Route 7. The Board reviewed the proposal and will pay the \$47,997 from Chapter 90 money, once the job is complete. The work will be done in the next two weeks. Keith will sweep/blow off the road ahead of time. Old Route 7 and the apron for Mountain Pond lane will be paved through the last driveway on Old Route 7, then the road will narrow to 12 feet wide from 24 feet wide. Jason signed the proposal. The septic tanks are ready. Keith will let Jason know when he will fix the 24-inch, 54-foot-long culvert on Mallery Road. Jason will then inform residents of the road closure. Keith ordered two loads of base material to fill in the road after. Keith will trench four inches deep around the Fire Station's septic tank and fill the trench with stone, as there is water above the tank. The emergency form will be filed with the Conservation Commission. Keith quoted \$600 a piece to take down the maples on the lot on Mallery Road and \$100 to take care of a tree on Mallery Road that is leaning. Keith will check the trees on Greylock Road. He added material to the Town Hall lawn and will do the fencing once the lawn is leveled out. He put rip rap at the Salt Shed. DCR is keeping Rockwell Road open for the hunting season, unless winter closes it first. Town roads will likely be closed in the middle of December. There was no gate on Bauer Road last year and there will not be a gate on it this year. Jason will call Superior Plus again to lock in for propane. They have not returned his calls. The snowplow turn around on Ingraham Road is in good shape. Max and Keith tried to look at the Alamo boom mower at Village Truck Sales and the battery was dead. Village replaced the battery. The mower has 3,000 hours on it. The paint is peeling, but it is not rusted. It is 2-wheel drive and needs two new front tires. It can go over the guard rails. Mark will look at it. Keith will send pictures to the Board and Max will make sure everything operates. A new one costs almost \$200,000. Storage could be made for it with the retaining wall blocks and a greenhouse type cover or a shed could be added to the Fire Station.

4. Fire Department: Fire Chief Frank Speth, reported that the Department received the new tanker. There was \$2,774 from the 5% match from the town, which the Department will return. Frank would like to purchase hose adapters that were not included in the price of the tanker, for mutual aid. The tanker cost around \$241,000. The Fire Department will purchase three AEDs from its savings account this year and a fourth next year. They will order the town's AED to keep the AEDs under one account, and the town will pay for it. Frank will get Engine 4 pump tested this year, and Engine 2 next year. The Department has been asked to make a long-term

plan. Frank would like to get a storage unit or a shed for extra equipment: hoses, chairs, adapters, tools, the gas grill, and extra gear. A shed off the driveway side might be the best option. The mechanical primer on Engine 4 is burning out and Shakerly will replace it with an air primer. Frank does not have a quote yet and the cost will come out of the Fire Department's truck maintenance budget. Frank contacted DCR about the old tanker. It has been put out to bid. Frank said the water pressure at the Fire Station is low. The Road Commissioner could not get anyone to pave the Fire Station's driveway this summer.

5. Fire Department Appointments: Richard Moore was appointed by the Department as Acting Captain. Zack Morrissey has agreed to be temporary third Deputy Chief. This needs to be voted on by the Department before the Board will make an appointment. Jason made a motion to appoint Richard Moore as Acting Captain, seconded by Mark. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Trees: Already covered.

7. Tax Collector: Ken will call the Tax Collector to go over the job description and then the position will be advertised.

8. Any other unforeseen business: The Board received a liquor license application for the former Mill on the Floss, however there was no check to pay the license fee. The applicant would like the license to go in effect on December 1. The license will be pro-rated and they will need to apply for renewal for 2022 by November 30. The Board will sign the application, when the check is received, the business license is issued, and the necessary inspections are done. A check was turned in for the business license for the Springs Motel.

The Chair of the Mount Greylock Advisory Committee is stepping down and no one has expressed interest in the position yet.

Ken said that DCR advised that there is not enough time to get the permits done for work on a trail near the Beaver Pond with the Mohawk Trails Woodland Partnership Grant before the end of the fiscal year. The grant may be used towards work on the Sugarloaf Trail instead. It needs some bog bridges and drainage work.

Ken will talk with Kurt Singer from the Cemetery Commission about how internments get documented. The only official record is on the town share drive and Ken added the most recent internment to the plot.

Whip City will not charge the town the \$800 per town monitoring charge for the IT room. Jason monitors the IT room and Ken manages the MLP at no cost to the town.

Mark asked the Board to think about storing the boom mower at the old Winn White farm. The Board discussed waivers, registration, and insurance.

The Board wants to know the price for insurance for the new tanker. Frank Speth did not give them the requested information for the meeting.

Mark will contact Representative John Barrett to see if he can help get a response from Eversource to get the trees near the wires taken care of.

9. Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed.

Next meeting November 15, 2021 at 6:30

Meeting adjourned at 8:15