

New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting
New Ashford Town Hall/Teleconference
December 6, 2021

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

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Approve minutes from 11/15 and 11/30: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, the minutes from the 11/15/2021 New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting were approved. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, the minutes from the Bondhu Liquor License Public Hearing on 11/30/2021 were approved. On a motion by Jason, seconded by Ken, the minutes from the Springs Liquor License Public Hearing on 11/30/2021 were approved. Mark abstained.
2. Public Comment: None.
3. Well-Testing: The Board received an e-mail from the state about conducting well-testing in certain areas and allowing residents to submit for free well-testing. Richard George, Board of Health Chair, spoke with them. Jason has a phone call with them Friday at noon. He will ask what happens if contamination is found, including who pays for it. Jason will send out well-testing information by a town wide e-mail and will leave copies at the Town Hall.
4. Road Commissioner: Keith turned in paperwork for the septic tanks, the pipe fittings, and the lumber for the mailboxes. The septic tank for the Fire Station is hooked up and the remaining tank will be connected in the spring. The alarms and floats for the tanks are not in yet. Keith ordered culverts last July from Prescott. He advised the Board to hold the recent bill for culverts until he returns some and we receive credit. He will dig the gas line from the Town Hall's propane tanks to the Fire Station and will deliver a load of sand. The line will run around 160 feet and is over 100 feet from the brook. Ostermann quoted \$139 an hour to pump out the old tank. We will hold off on making the connection until the Fire Station's propane is used up. Ostermann will waive the minimum usage charge that the Fire Department received. The Town Hall got a 128-gallon delivery.
5. Septic: Covered under Road Commissioner.
6. Trees: There is a tree near the Town Hall that is leaning, an ash tree near the Fire Station, and two on Mallery Road that need removal. Keith will take care of them within a week.
7. Tax Collector: Jason worked with Patriot to create the corrected bills. Lori prepared the mailing to go out, including returning any checks that were received. Payment is due by January 7. The Board will send a townwide e-mail with the tax collector's job opening and description.
8. Door: Keith will install the new front door for the Town Hall in a couple of weeks.

9. Any other unforeseen business: Mark asked where to get a burn permit online. Jason will get the web address from the Fire Chief and post it on the website.

Lori will complete the Chapter 90 reimbursement paperwork.

The Town was awarded a Community Compact Grant for \$11,000 for technology. It will be used to get all town workers a town e-mail address and to get town documents digitized.

10. Warrant: The board reviewed and signed the warrant.

Meeting closed at 7:14.

Next meeting December 20, 2021 at 6:30