

New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting
New Ashford Town Hall/Teleconference
January 10, 2022

Board Present: Jason Jayko (Chair), Ken McNerney (MLP Manager), Mark Phelps

Others Present: Keith Lacasse, Lori Jayko, Richard George

Call-In: None

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Approve minutes from 12-20: On a motion by Ken, seconded by Jason, the minutes from the 12-20-21 Springs Liquor License Public Hearing Continuation were approved. Mark abstained. On a motion by Mark, second by Jason the minutes from the 12-20-21 New Ashford Select Board/MLP meeting were approved.

2. Public Comment: None.

3. Road Commissioner: Keith Lacasse got a load of sand and talked to Cargill about getting salt. He will get the paperwork to the Board for a signature and will return it to Cargill to get on the delivery schedule. There is salt left. Keith took down two maple trees on Mallery Road and will take care of the other trees when the weather clears up. He got two complaints about road conditions during the recent storm and took care of it. The Board thanked Keith for installing the Town Hall door.

4. Tax Collector: Ken spoke with a resident who is interested in the position. The Board will invite her to the February 7th meeting.

5. CORI Policy: The Board reviewed a draft town CORI policy from legal counsel, on their recommendation. Mark made a motion to table the discussion to the next meeting so the Board members have time to read it.

6. MVP Grant: The Select Board Chair and the Conservation Commission Chair provided letters of support for the grant. The Planning Board and the Fire Department will write letters. The town's hazard mitigation plan needs to be updated and will be done as part of the grant.

7. EMS Coverage: John Goerlach contacted Ken to see if New Ashford would be interested in sharing EMS services with Lanesborough. They would like to staff a full-time EMS person between 8am and 8pm to improve their response time. Ken will let John know that the Board would like to discuss it with them. Mark talked to Northern Berkshire to see if this arrangement would affect the agreement we have with them.

8. Budget: The budget file is started.

9. Unforeseen Business: Mark will check in with the VSO/NBSWD Delegate.

Jason will contact the electrician in the spring for the septic tanks.

The Board discussed if OSHA regulations apply to us.

Ken talked to Whip City about an internet bill that is overdue. They will send a collections note to the user and they have a better process in place going forward to ensure that overdue accounts are dealt with in a timely fashion. Ken will establish an account for njuns.

Jason will install the outdoor lockbox when the weather is better.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10

Next Meeting January 24 at 6:45