

New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting  
New Ashford Town Hall/Teleconference  
January 24, 2022

Select Board Present: Jason Jayko (Chair), Mark Phelps

Absent: Ken McNerney (MLP Manager)

Others Present: Keith Lacasse, Lori Jayko, Susan Supranowicz

Meeting opened at 6:48

1. Approve minutes from 1/10: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, the minutes from the 1/10/2022 New Ashford Select Board/MLP meeting were approved.
2. Public Comment: None
3. EMS and Other Shared Services: The discussion was tabled to the second meeting in February, due to John Goerlach's availability. Discussion will include shared services with the Fire Department.
4. Road Commissioner: Cargill contacted Keith about needing confirmation from the Board of the billing address before they can authorize delivery. Keith will call to make sure everything is set. A resident on Greylock Road contacted Keith about his propane company's not being willing to go up the road. Keith advised the resident to let him know when a delivery is scheduled and he'll make sure the road is treated. Jason is talking with the Northern Berkshire Emergency Planning Committee about storm damage money and the issue with the culvert on Ingraham Road. There is \$145,923 available in Chapter 90 money and \$43,000 available for FY 23. All of those funds will be necessary for reclaiming Ingraham and Mallery Road. Keith will get estimates for that project next month. He noted that the pavement on Mallery Road is breaking up. When it warms up, Keith will remove the rest of the noted trees.
5. Tax Collector: The resident interested in the position will be invited to the next meeting.
6. Cori Policy: Mark provided feedback on the policy to include the application form as part of the policy. When advertising a position, the Board will add that a Cori check may be required. They will write into the policy that the Police Chief will be the keeper of the records. The Police Chief suggested that the entire Board get Cori certified. Coris can be discussed with the Board, as they are the HR department. The Cori policy will be discussed again at the next meeting.
7. Budgets: The Board would like department budget requests by March 1. The Lanesboro/New Ashford Scholarship Committee wants to send information with the tax bills. This can be done by townwide e-mail or inclusion in the census mailing.
8. Public Health Nurse: The Public Health Nurse sent out notice of an increase in cost for the coming year. Jason asked what we are getting for the money and she provided a long list of services. If the town joins the Berkshire Health Alliance, by vote of the Board, the \$2,887 due for FY 23 will be reduced by \$500.

9. Any other unforeseen business: Mark spoke with the VSO/NBSWD delegate. He said he is able to do everything by zoom and would like to continue with both positions.

Mark has concerns about ATT removing the One America News Network. He views this as censorship from a public utility and would like the Board to send a letter to the Representatives asking to keep it on the air. The issue was tabled to the next meeting.

Jason is going to set up a meeting with the Board and Fire Chief.

Mark made a motion to approve the used car license for Shamrock Auto Sales, seconded by Jason.

10. Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54

Next meeting date February 7, 2022 @ 6:30PM