

New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting  
New Ashford Town Hall/Teleconference  
February 7, 2022

Present: Jason Jayko (Chair), Ken McInerney (MLP Manager), Mark Phelps  
Others Present: Lori Jayko, Richard George, Keith Lacasse, Susan Supranowicz, Brandy Jaros  
Call-In: None

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Approve minutes from 1/24: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, the minutes from the 1-24-2022 New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting were approved. Ken abstained.
2. Public Comment: The owner of 3 Smith Road complained to a Board member about water running onto his property. He was advised to attend the meeting if he had concerns. The Board of Health has not heard from the him. The culvert in discussion has been there for 40-50 years and was discussed by the Board and the previous owner. Mark abstained from the discussion as an abutter.  
The Board of Health will have a meeting to vote to join the Berkshire Public Health Alliance. Then the Select Board will sign the agreement and have a member attend their quarterly meetings. Jason will send an e-mail to Richard George with the details.  
Free Cash was certified at \$459,577 and MLP Free Cash was certified for \$37,697.
3. Tax Collector: Brandy Jaros is interested in the position and has received a copy of the job description. The Board discussed the position with her. Mark made a motion to appoint Brandy Jaros as Tax Collector, seconded by Ken, contingent on her getting bonded, to finish out Colleen Meehan's term. Training will be scheduled with Patriot.
4. Road Commissioner: Keith turned in an invoice for 210 tons of salt from Cargill. They suggested ordering in September next year. Keith will order sand. He salted and plowed during the storm. Ken called the Massachusetts Highway Department about the January 29 ice storm, after a wing plow left large ice blocks at the end of the driveways and broke conduit off the telephone pole. Keith reviewed a letter the town received about an inspection of the bridge near the Fire Station. The bridge is in good shape. The Small Bridge Grant Program is open and there are also culvert replacement grants available. Jason has discussed the culvert on Ingraham Road with the head of the Berkshire Regional Emergency Preparedness Committee. The new culvert will need to be open bottomed, or a box culvert.  
Mark noted that a bridge on Route 7 is scheduled for repair. Keith will ask the state what the plan is for the traffic flow during the project.
5. Cori Policy: The Board discussed the Cori policy. The application will be attached to the policy and the Select Board will be identified as the Human Resources Department. Jason will send the policy to legal counsel for review.
6. MVP Grant: Jason will get the grant document notarized and returned to the state. The grant will be used to update the hazard mitigation plan. Other possibilities are getting another

generator, culvert work, and tree removal. Keith noted that three small culverts on Ingraham will need replacement before resurfacing the road.

7. Community Compact IT Grant: The town was awarded \$11,000 that will be used to get everyone a town email address and to get town documents digitalized. The Board will purchase a scanner and look into online permitting. This will necessitate an increase in the IT/Website budget going forward to maintain the e-mail addresses.

8. Budgets: Ken sent budget e-mail requests to department heads. A line item will be added to the budget for training.

9. Any other unforeseen business: The fee schedule for the Town Clerk needs to be updated. Susan will see what other towns charge. The Board of Health's fee schedule is on the town website.

Ken will check with DCR about making a plan for the MTWP Grant. There's \$20,000 available. The Board discussed improvements to the Sugarloaf Trail, including adding parking. The state sent back the liquor license application for the Springs. Jason will let the applicant know that some changes are necessary on the form.

10. Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed.

Next meeting February 22, 2022 at 6:30

Meeting closed at 7:37