

New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting  
New Ashford Town Hall/Teleconference  
March 21, 2022

Board Present: Jason Jayko (Chair), Mark Phelps

Absent: Ken McInerney (MLP Manager)

Others Present: Keith Lacasse, Richard George, Susan Supranowicz, Lori Jayko

Call – In: None

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Approve minutes from 3/7: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, the minutes from the 3/7/2022 New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting were approved.
2. Public Comment: Richard George got the overdue check for the waste hauler permit.
3. Fire Department: The State Police have been reviewing video clips and the incident is still under investigation. There was a false alarm call for the Springs. Ken talked to Lanesboro about shared EMS services. They will come to a meeting and will also discuss shared fire services. The radio is out of the hummer.
4. Road Commissioner: Keith took down trees between the Town Hall and Fire Station. He will remove more trees near the Fire Station to protect the building. Mark will help clean up the wood on the Town Hall lawn. Greylock Road and the dirt part of Ingraham Road got a little chopped up from snow plowing. Keith will use a different technique if it snows again this year. Last year he added millings and graded a wet spot on Greylock Road. It's becoming a problem again. He can dig it up and put in pipe and stone. There's plenty of salt and half a load of sand left.
5. Veterans Service Agent: Mark called the VSO several times and did not get an answer.
6. Special Permit Civil Suit: Joel Bard filed for an extension and it was approved.
7. Town Caucus: The Town Caucus will be April 16 at 10AM.
8. School House/Town Hall Roof: Wooliver turned in an estimate of \$41,850 to repair the Old Schoolhouse Roof and the Town Hall cupola. The Board will get more quotes and will ask the Historical Commission their opinion on the roof material and to check for available grants.
9. Budget: The Board reviewed the Fire Department budget, with increases requested for fuel and maintenance. The Board reviewed the town budget. There is a place marker for a Fire Chief stipend. The budget may need to be adjusted if there's a shared services agreement with Lanesboro. Budget information has not been received from the VSO for Chapter 115. Overall, the budget has an increase of \$21,000. The Board discussed salary increases for town positions.
10. ATM Warrant: There will be articles for repairs of the Old Schoolhouse Roof and the Town Hall cupola, the recurring Fire Department grant, and the one-time online mapping for the

Assessor. The state does not have record of any bylaw changes for many years. The Board is waiting for guidance from the state on the procedure for getting the previously approved bylaws on record.

11. MLP: None

12. Any other unforeseen business: There will be a kick off meeting of the core team with the MVP grant people. The core team will consist of the Select Board, Emergency Management Director, and the Road Superintendent. There will be regular meetings after the kick off. Keith and Mark made a list of trees with the Eversource arborist. Eversource will remove 27 trees, in late spring/early summer, on Beach Hill, Mallery, and Smith Roads and Route 7. Mark and Keith will make another list of trees that are not threatening power lines but need to be addressed.

Patriot Properties was acquired in 2020 by Government Brands. This caused problems with staffing and our getting software support. The Board is looking into VADAR for more information on their tax collection product.

13. Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed.

Next meeting April 4, 2022 at 6:30

Meeting adjourned at 8:25