

New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting
September 19, 2022
New Ashford Town Hall/Zoom

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

1. Approve minutes from 9/7/2022: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, the minutes from the 9/7/22 New Ashford Select Board/MLP meeting were approved unanimously.
2. Public Comment: The Springs Motel contacted the Board of Health (BOH) about getting an inspection to get a food license. Inspections need to be done through the health alliance in Pittsfield. The BOH chair will let the Springs know and will also contact Bondhu.
3. Historical Commission: Cindy Grosso gave a summary of what the Historical Commission has done. They were advised that Bob Smith in Hancock and Shaun Garvey have historical knowledge. Shaun volunteered to write an RFP. The Commission met on September 13 and reviewed the quotes the Select Board got. They made a list of necessary requirements for the roof project and voted to send the list to Shaun Garvey to write a rough draft for an RFP. They are considering repurposed slate as alternate roofing material, due to its being more affordable. They advised adding a copper strip to the requirement for cedar shingles to help prevent mold, adding an ice and water shield to the whole roof and making sure the building can support the added weight of a slate roof. The Commission will review the RFP and bring a recommendation to the Select Board. The Board will then get prices based on the recommended specifications.
4. Flu Clinic: There will be a flu vaccination clinic on October 15 from 9:00 AM– 11:00 AM at the Town Hall. Jason will ask if they can do a covid vaccination clinic and if masks are required.
5. Letter Regarding Public Safety and Off-Road and All-Terrain Vehicles on Town Roads: Mark will write a rough draft.
6. Road Commissioner: Keith Lacasse said Village Trucking ordered new AC lines for the tractor and one came in wrong. They had to reorder. It should be fixed now and will be brought to town in the next couple of days for testing. If it is good and the recommendation is to purchase, Keith will have Village write a bill of sale. The beavers are back and Keith unplugs the culvert every 2-3 days. He will call Donovan for an update on black topping the driveway at the Fire Station. Mark called Amy Henderson, from Eversource, about trees with no response. He will call the arborist tomorrow. A big tree fell in the rest area and it is the state's responsibility. Keith will put up the fence at the Town Hall near the mailboxes. He will use pressure treated wood and make it three rails, with a top cap with solar lights. He will get temporary speed bumps for Mallery Road in front of the Town Hall, that will be removed in the winter. He will look into getting a sign for Ingraham Road that says ATVs are prohibited and seasonal signs for the roads that are closed in the winter. He has one for Roys Road. Jason will check back with Town Counsel about the ATV issue. Keith will get the wood out of the ditches on Beach Hill Road and clean them fully after he mows.

7. MLP – Circuit: The equipment was installed for the redundant circuit.
8. Trick or Treat Hours: Trick or treating will be from 5PM -7PM on October 31st.
9. Fire Department Appointment: Jason made a motion to appoint Lance Beauchamp as EMS Deputy of the Fire Department, seconded by Mark. The motion passed unanimously.
10. Town Hall Windows: Jason met with a contractor who recommended keeping the same sized windows as it would cost less than downsizing the windows. The 28 new windows would be more energy efficient. The Board will try to get a grant and thinks downsizing would save money in the long run. Siding and the replacement of the basement door will be included in the project.
11. Tax Classification Update: Jason posted the public notice about the values. The Assessor is waiting for information from the Accountant and the Tax Classification Hearing will likely be in mid-October.
12. School House: Jason has been looking at the property markers with the Assessor. The next step is to have it surveyed.
13. Any other unforeseen business: The Board of Health was contacted by the Girl Scouts, wanting to use the Town Hall for meetings. Meetings will be allowed provisionally. If there is a spike in covid cases, usage will be revisited. Richard will let them know. Bondhu has been trying to contact the Building Inspector for their certificate of occupancy. Mark texted the Building Inspector with no response. Keith noted that wood was dumped in the metal recycling dumpster. The Board will keep an eye on it. Ken reported that the Conservation Commission will have a Notice of Intent for the Old Adams Trail for the bridges for the Mohawk Trail Woodland Partnership Grant trail project. The draft MVP plan should be ready for review in the next week or two. Mark and Ken went to a public meeting for DCR about a ten-year review of their landscape designation and guidelines. They are looking for public input and are considering having more targeted reserve areas and managed woodlands. Fish and Wildlife said the way the land is managed now is not beneficial for song birds and other species. DCR is looking for ways to address this and considering how to evaluate what they did over the last ten years. Mark sent them some ideas. Ken noted how bureaucracy has impeded the ability to get projects done.
14. Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed.

Next meeting October 3, 2022 at 6:30.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02