

New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting

New Ashford Town Hall/Zoom

October 3, 2022

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

Absent: Ken McInerney (MLP Manager)

Others Present: Susan Supranowicz, Cindy Grosso, Ed Grosso, Diane George, Richard George, Keith Lacasse, Lindsey Rosa, Lori Jayko

Zoom: Karen Benko

1. Approve Minutes from 9/19: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, the minutes from the 9/19/2022 New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting were approved unanimously.
2. Public Comment: None
3. Northern Berkshire Community Coalition – Lindsey Rosa informed the Board that the Northern Berkshire Community Coalition is interested in hosting an event about youth substance issues in New Ashford. They would like to educate the town about what the organization does and get to know the needs of the town. They will hold an informational dinner at the Town Hall on October 19.
4. Historical Commission – School House Roof: The Historical Commission met and agreed upon the roof specifications. They gave the Select Board a list with two options, either machine cedar or reclaimed slate. The Board will get quotes following the specifications.
5. Letter Regarding Public Safety and Off-Road and All-Terrain Vehicles on Town Roads: Mark read the letter he drafted to be sent to the MSP, EPO, and public officials. The Board wants Ken to review the letter before they send it. They will add that a response is expected. Jason asked legal counsel for an update and they are still working on it.
6. Road Commissioner: Keith Lacasse talked to Village Trucking. The tractor is being worked on in Dalton. Keith will get prices for the road signs. He called Donovan about paving the Fire Station parking lot. He did not hear back and will call again. He will call Dig Safe before putting in the fence near the mailboxes at the Town Hall. He has not noted any beaver activity at the culverts on Ingraham Road (someone else may be cleaning them out). Eversource says they are hoping to get tree removal done in October or before winter.
7. MLP – Circuit: The redundant circuit is now active. The primary goes through Pittsfield.
8. Tax Classification Update: DOR gave approval to schedule the Tax Classification Hearing. The date will be set on Ken's availability.
9. Any Other Unforeseen Business: There is enough sand and salt for the winter. Keith will get the road closure and seasonal signs.
The Town Clerk sent information to the Attorney General about the voted in by-laws. The local tax option vote from 2020 needs to be submitted to the DOR. The Board will look into having a warrant article to eliminate the Library Board positions. Diane George noted that she is on that Board and it is not active or necessary.
10. Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed.

Next meeting tentatively set for October 17 following a 6:00 Tax Classification Hearing.
Meeting adjourned at 7:42