

New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting  
New Ashford Town Hall/Zoom  
October 17, 2022

Board Present: Jason Jayko (Chair), Mark Phelps, Ken McInerney (MLP Manager)  
Others Present: Lori Jayko, Susan Supranowicz, Richard George, Piotr Masiakowski, Diane George, Keith Lacasse  
Zoom: None

Meeting opened at 6:33

1. Approve minutes from 10/3/2022: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, the minutes from the 10/3/2022 New Ashford Select Board/MLP meeting were approved. Ken abstained.
2. Public Comment: Lori expressed appreciation for the Fire Chief's extra time and effort for the Fire Department's recent Open House event.
3. Tax Classification Update: The Tax Classification Hearing was held prior to this meeting and the tax rate set at \$9.44.
4. School House Roof: Ken will review the specs and the Board will get quotes or bids depending on the parameters required.
5. Letter Regarding Public Safety and Off-Road and All-Terrain Vehicles on Town Roads: Mark will revise the letter. Diane said the incidents have decreased, but there are still issues. The Board will let Keith know the wording to put on the road signs.
6. Road Commissioner: Keith turned in a bill of sale for the tractor and mower. He tested the tractor for three hours and it is working well. He mowed all of Mallery Road and Old Route 7. He will do Smith and Roys Roads and the island between Roys and Greylock. He will clean the ditches on Beach Hill Road. Keith blew the leaves off Old Route 7, Greylock, Bauer, and Mallery Roads. He will blow the rest of the leaves when it dries out. Donovan will pave the parking lot in front of the Fire Station next week. The trucks need to be out, preferably overnight. Jason will let the Fire Chief know. Keith will have Donovan put patch on Mallery Road at the rough spot, the dip on the corner before Beach Hill Road, and on Ingraham Road over the two culverts. The beavers are still active. Eversource expects a tree removal crew to be in town this week and they are scheduled to do major canopy work in town next year. Keith will dig up the propane line to see if there is a problem with the connection between the two tanks. Last week the Fire Station didn't have heat. Mirabito came out and discovered that the first propane tank was empty and the second tank was full. Keith ordered the seasonal and road closed signs. He will put fill on the Town Hall lawn and then put up the fence. The septic floats were inspected and received a certificate of compliance.
7. MLP – Circuit: The redundant circuit has issues with the hardware. Whip City is working with the vendor to get them resolved.

8. MTWP Grant: Mark noted that the Mohawk Trails Woodland Partnership voted to change its name to the Woodland Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts. He thinks the \$20,000 from the FY23 grant should be used to create a parking lot on the west side of the Sugarloaf Trail.

9. Camera System: Jason has been testing a camera that always records and can pick up farther than what is currently in place. Video is stored for 30 days on the system. It would cost around \$7,000 for six cameras, which may be funded by the cyber security grant or the ARPA funds. This would include cameras for the Town Hall and the Fire Station/Recycling area. Jason will get a quote for the annual service fee. The MEMA grant this year could be put towards a UPS for a Wi-Fi extension for the Fire Station. The Board will look into getting a cellular camera for the Salt Shed.

10. Any Other Unforeseen Business: There is a Mount Greylock Advisory Committee meeting Thursday at 7. Ken cannot attend and would like an alternate to go in his place. Mark will ask Harley. Ken made a motion to appoint Harley Phelps III as alternate representative to the Mount Greylock Advisory Committee, seconded by Jason, contingent on Harley's agreeing. Ken made a motion to appoint Mark Phelps as alternate representative to the Mount Greylock Advisory Committee if Harley declines, seconded by Jason. Mark abstained on both motions. Ken will ask Pete Rancourt to service the generator. Jason will talk with Mirabito about servicing the furnace.

Keith said that his wife noticed a stockpile of pallets along with motorcycles and ATVs from Stephentown at Snowy Owl. The Board will call the Building Inspector.

Mark made a motion to purchase the New Holland TS90 tractor with boom mower from Village Truck Sales for \$25,000, seconded by Jason. The motion passed unanimously. The tractor will be added to the town insurance and Keith will ask Steve Neilsen if it can be stored in his barn for the winter. A lean-to will be added to the Salt Shed.

Susan gave the Board the election warrant for signatures.

Diane expressed appreciation for the vaccination clinic.

Jason got an e-mail from a resident asking if there is a noise ordinance in town. The Board will review the by-laws and special permit details of the Greenwood property.

11. Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed.

Next meeting November 7, 2022 at 6:30

Meeting adjourned at 7:45