

New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting
New Ashford Town Hall/Zoom
November 7, 2022

Select Board Present: Jason Jayko (Chair), Mark Phelps
Zoom: Ken McInerney (MLP Manager)
Others Present: Lori Jayko, Diane George, Susan Supranowicz, Richard George, Keith Lacasse, Jake Scace

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Approve Minutes from 10/17/2022: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, the minutes from the 10/17/2022 New Ashford Tax Classification Hearing were approved. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, the minutes from the 10/17/2022 New Ashford Select Board/MLP meeting were approved.
2. Public Comment: None
3. Town Clerk – Letter: Town Counsel notified the Board and the Town Clerk of a tentative ruling, not in the town’s favor, on litigation over the Kelly property. The Board may appeal and is in contact with Town Counsel.
4. Appointments: Sharon Morrone, from the Board of Registrars, is not available to work the elections. Jason made a motion to appoint Helen Majchrowski to the Board of Registrars to fill Sharon Morrone’s position, seconded by Mark. The motion passed unanimously. Jason made a motion to appoint Helen Majchrowski to fill the open position on the Conservation Commission, seconded by Mark. The motion passed unanimously. The Board of Registrars term runs through 6/30/2023 and the Conservation Commission appointment goes through 6/30/2024.
5. Board of Health: The County Health Department, through the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, inspected Bondhu and The Springs. The Chair of the Board of Health also attended.
The Town Clerk will reach out about the renewals for the liquor licenses.
The Board will ask town counsel for air BNB guidance as it pertains to the town’s responsibilities.
6. Letter Regarding Public Safety and Off-Road and All-Terrain Vehicles on Town Roads: The Board reviewed a draft road sign and will consult with Town Counsel on whether a public hearing is necessary for posting. Signs will be placed at both ends of town roads. Speed bumps will be installed on Mallery Road in the spring.
The Board reviewed the letter concerning ATVs. Mark made a motion to send the letter as amended, seconded by Jason. The motion passed unanimously. The letter will be sent to the State Senator and Legislator, the Federal Senator and Legislator, the Massachusetts State Police, the local police barracks, the State Representative, the Governor’s office, the Environmental Police Officer, and the Supervisor with Mount Greylock.

7. Road Commissioner (Trees, Fences, Signs): Keith turned in a slip for three loads of material. He ordered four stop signs, instead of road closed signs. The stop signs are also needed. Nielsen said the town can store the tractor in his shed with proof of insurance. Keith will feather the south side of the Fire Station parking lot. The lot was paved in front of the bays. Asplundh has been removing trees in town for Eversource. Donovan will patch the roads. Keith added material at the Town Hall lawn and will put up the fence with an opening for a walk through. Ostermann looked at the propane tanks. They need some parts to complete the work.

8. MLP – Circuit, Contract: The circuit is up and running. The main line now goes south instead of north. The Board reviewed the contract with Whip City. It needs to be updated as to the management of the middle mile and Exhibit C paragraph 2. Clarification is needed on Whip City's management fee. The contract will be sent to legal counsel for review. There will be an MLP meeting next week to further discuss the contract, drop policy, Stripe, and some billing issues.

9. Camera System: Jason got an updated quote for five outside cameras, two inside cameras, and four cameras for the Fire Station of \$15,000. This includes the cameras and maintenance for the first year. The annual fee is around \$1,000 and would be split between the MLP, Fire Department, and town budgets. Each camera requires a license. Keith will dig a small trench at the Fire Station to put in a line for conduit. Cost for the cameras can be split between the Community Compact IT grant and the ARPA funds.

10. Any Other Unforeseen Business: Keith asked for an update on the camper at Snowy Owl. MSP has looked into it and will issue a no trespass violation if it does not leave. Mark will try to get ahold of the Building Inspector and Keith will talk to the alternate inspector. Jake will update the veteran markers and flags at the cemetery for Veteran's Day.

11. Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed.

Next meeting November 21 at 6:30.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46