

New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting

New Ashford Town Hall/Zoom

February 6, 2023

Board Present: Jason Jayko (Chair), Ken McInerney (MLP Manager), Mark Phelps

Others Present: Lori Jayko, Richard George, Susan Supranowicz, Diane George

Zoom: Jake Scace

Meeting opened at 6:24

1. Approval of Minutes from January 18, 2023: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, the minutes from the January 18, 2023 New Ashford Select Board/Planning Board/MLP Meeting were approved unanimously.

2. Public Comment: Andy Kelly asked the Chair of the Board of Health if he could put a well at the church. There is not 100 feet from the septic system.

Jason got two quotes for surveys for the Old Schoolhouse. Taconic Land Survey quoted \$3,800 – \$5,000. The other quote was over \$5,000.

Diane thanked the Board for supporting her efforts with the ATV problems. There was heavy State Police and EPO presence on her road last week. Representative John Barrett called Mark Phelps to discuss the issue. The EPO called Jason and said they weren't aware of the problem and didn't have a record. They suggested that when a call is made to them, note when and who answers.

3. Road Commissioner: Not Present. Mark and Hap Phelps took care of a downed tree.

4. MLP – updates: Nothing.

5. Budgets: Budget will be updated in the spreadsheet when received. Ken will send out budget requests to department heads. Jason has been testing the accounting software. Springbook reached out and had the highest quote so far. Mark recommended asking the Berkshire Purchasing Group to try for group pricing. He will talk to Representative John Barrett about state funding for online permitting, etc. Jake will look into the software used at his work. Mowing will be taken into consideration for the budget. The Board discussed getting the tractor registered.

6. Town Elections: The Town Clerk noted that Early Voting has very little attendance and there is cost and time involved with holding it. Mark made a motion to opt out of early voting for the Annual Town Elections in May, seconded by Ken. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Any Other Business: Ken noted that tree work needs to be done on Greylock Road in the spring.

The Board signed the letter from CAI about the tax map maintenance.

The Board discussed adopting the website as the official posting for meetings. Jason made a motion to adopt the town website as the official posting for meeting notices, seconded by Mark. The motion passed unanimously. The town website will be posted on the board outside Town Hall.

Susan will post Senator Paul Mark's office hours for Berkshire County on the board.

Jake brought up the broken grave stones at the cemetery and adding edging to the island. The Board encouraged him to consult with the Cemetery Committee and to consider contacting a volunteer group to do the work, such as the Sheriff's Office.

There was discussion around holding a Memorial Day parade/event.

8. Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed.

Next meeting February 22, 2023

Meeting adjourned at 7:23