

New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting

New Ashford Town Hall/Zoom

April 3, 2023

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

Select Board Zoom: Ken McInerney (MLP Manager)

Others Present: Lori Jayko, Ed Grosso, Cindy Grosso, Richard George, Jake Scace

Others Zoom: None

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Approval of Minutes from March 20, 2023: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, the minutes from the March 20, 2023 New Ashford Select Board/MLP meeting were approved as amended.
2. Public Comment: Richard George got check from Casella for refuse hauling. He is still waiting for a check from Adams.
3. School House Roof: Jason got two responses from roofers about the Old Schoolhouse roof replacement. One roofer does not do the type required and recommended Wooliver. Wooliver has not responded. Klaus roofing can do red cedar for \$33,375 or reclaimed slate for \$26,175. There are four color options. The Historical Commission met and recommends the Buckingham slate roof, preferred for its longevity and color. The architect of the remodel of the Old Schoolhouse recommended having a building engineer look at the roof to confirm it can handle the weight of slate. Some of the rafters have a five foot gap between them. Collar ties could be added for support. Jake will look at the rafters.
4. Building Inspector: Jason heard from the Building Inspector. The town received numerous calls from someone having difficulty getting a response from the Building Inspector. John Carchedi is the Alternate Inspector.
5. Mohawk Trail Woodlands FY23 Grant: There is \$20,000 available. A parking area near the gate on Greylock Road may be an option. There's no town property there and property owner permission would be necessary. The Board will brainstorm and discuss at the next meeting.
6. Road Commissioner: Not present. There were a lot of branches and trees on Greylock Road.
7. Budget: The Board reviewed the budget spreadsheets. Some line items have been separated into more specific lines. The total budget is \$764,697.
8. Town Warrant: The Board reviewed the draft of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant and the MLP Warrant. They changed wording on the MLP article to authorize, rather than raise and appropriate. Jason will get clarification from the state on what is MLP and what is town. A warrant article will be added to cover the \$10,000 MLP insurance deductible if needed and the Board will confirm with insurance if the \$10,000 is per incident. The repair line item will be increased and the MLP budget will be revised to ensure that user fees are stable. Jason will get everything ready for approval at the next meeting and will get the shed estimate from Keith.

9. Old and Any Other Business: Town Caucus is April 15 at 10:00am.

Jason talked to Commonwealth Municipal Consulting for an update on the Hazard Mitigation Plan. They need to make a couple of revisions for FEMA and would like to have a meeting for adoption before April 15.

The repair on the propane tanks is not completed yet.

Mark, Susan, Jason, and Lori attended Senator Mark's meeting at the end of March.

The MLP will discuss refunds for connectivity from the Broadband Grant at the next meeting.

10. Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed.

Next meeting April 19 at 6:30

Meeting adjourned at 8:01