

New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting

New Ashford Town Hall/Zoom

April 19, 2023

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

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

Zoom: None

1. Approval of Minutes from April 3, 2023: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, the minutes from the April 3, 2023 New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting were approved unanimously.

2. Public Comment: None

3. School House Roof: Jason will get the 50% deposit to Smegal and sign the necessary paperwork. Smegal will pull the permits and anticipates the job taking a day to complete.

4. Road Commissioner: Keith Lacasse replaced two culverts on Ingraham Road, a 12-inch and a 16-inch. There's a culvert on Ingraham Road, near Raimers', that needs attention. He patched near Greylock Road and needs more material. He took care of a downed poplar tree on Ingraham Road and fixed washout at the bridge. He built up the sides of the road with bigger stones and gravel and added some fence posts. He will order salt and sand. The beavers have gone. A tree fell over Greylock Road and Ken cut a width out so it is passable. There's a big leaner further up. Bauer was in good condition before the last storm. Roys Road has a lot of small branches down. There's a spring about ten feet up Raimers' driveway that needs to be detoured to prevent icing on Ingraham Road. Keith will look at Greylock Road where water is seeping out of the center of the road. White Road needs patching and the brush cut back. Ingraham Road has settled. That will be taken care of when the road is redone. The Board discussed if the town can get a bond from loggers filing logging plans, in case of road damage. Asplundh picked up all the tree droppings from the sides of the roads. Keith will add soil to the Town Hall lawn near the propane tanks, to keep the hill from being too steep. He will get 6X6's for a fence at the Town Hall and will install them.

5. Budget: The FY24 budget is \$765,260. The Board discussed how to fund repairs to the Town Hall, including window replacement, new siding, basement door repairs, and ramp maintenance. They will look for energy efficiency grants. The Enterprise budget is \$94,014. MLP articles go on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

6. Town Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and revised. The estimate for the extension off Fire Station is \$28,000. The last article is to clarify the bylaw about town caucus. Jason will get copies of the warrant to the Board for signatures and to the Town Clerk for posting.

7. Old and Any Other Business: Jason got an e-mail that the town's hazard mitigation plan received formal approval from FEMA Region 1. A paper copy of the plan will be filed at Town Hall. Jason will talk to the town's MEMA contact, Bob Barry, and will invite the representative from EEA to a meeting. The culverts on Ingraham Road, a fire protection pond, and Kearsy's dam need addressing.

Ken will submit inputs for the warrant for the broadband connections, to be paid from the Broadband Grant.

Susan is going to a conference in June and her hotel stay will be paid out of the training budget.

The Trybuses told Keith they would mow the cemetery for free, as they have relatives there.

Keith advised them to attend a Select Board meeting.

Jason submitted a request for the COI for the tractor and will reach back out.

8. Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed.

Next meeting May 1 at 6:30

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 on a motion by Jason, seconded by Ken.