

New Ashford Select Board/MVP Meeting
New Ashford Town Hall/Zoom
April 13, 2023

Board Present: Jason Jayko (Chair), Ken McInerney, Mark Phelps
Others Present Richard George, Lori Jayko
Zoom: Doreen Defazio, Rob Polsinelli

Meeting opened at 6:00

HMP Adoption and Next Steps: Rob explained that New Ashford applied for the MVP Grant from EEA and contracted with Commonwealth Municipal Contracting (CMC). CMC put together a core team, held meetings and workshops, and drafted the Hazard Mitigation Plan. There were public comment sessions based on the rough draft. CMC submitted the draft to MEMA and then made the revisions that MEMA asked for. The plan was sent to FEMA and it will be approved upon adoption by the Board. MEMA and FEMA wanted clarification on earthquakes and landslides. CMC will get the certification form and send it to FEMA once the plan is adopted. Mark made a motion to approve the Hazard Mitigation Plan, seconded by Jason. The motion passed unanimously. The Board signed the form and will send a copy to CMC. CMC will send it to MEMA and FEMA and will send a final copy to the town that will be good for five years. There is a list of action steps at the end of the HMP, along with suggested funding sources. Priorities can be reassessed each year. The HMP should be updated on year four. The town will be a designated community upon acceptance of the HMP and can apply for action grants from the EEA. The top three recommendations from the workshop are repeated in the action steps. There is an annual report required for EEA to remain on the designated list. Doreen recommended determining the priority, and if it's a regional issue there are regional action grants available. Doreen will send the Board the Regional Coordinator's contact information (Carriann Petrick). CMC is available for advice and hire on long term projects and grant writing. The Board should get the paperwork/notification back from FEMA within a week. The Board thanked CMC for their work.

Approve Previous Minutes: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, the minutes from 7-7-22 New Ashford Select Board/ MVP meeting were approved unanimously. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, the minutes from the 8-1-22 New Ashford Select Board/MVP meeting were approved unanimously. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, the minutes from the 8-29-22 MVP Public Meeting were approved unanimously. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, the minutes from the 2-6-23 MVP Public Meeting were approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 on a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken.