

New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting
New Ashford Town Hall/Zoom
May 15, 2023

Select Board Present: Jason Jayko (Chair), Ken McInerney (MLP Manager), Mark Phelps
Others Present: Lori Jayko, Susan Supranowicz, Richard George, Keith Lacasse, Diane George,
Jake Scace
Zoom: None

Meeting opened at 6:30

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

2. Public Comment: Diane George has noticed four-wheeler activity on town roads again. The Board advised her to contact MSP and the EPO and keep records of occurrences.

3. Road Commissioner: Keith Lacasse turned in the invoice for the fence posts. He will put up a two rail fence, make a gate, and add solar caps to the posts. He will rip rap the slope near the propane tanks. He chipped the branches around town and opened Roys Road. There were two or three trees down and a lot of branches. He took three trees off Greylock Road and noted a hung up tree that needs removal. Before Greylock Road is opened, it needs to be graded where the road has washout. PLT does not have graders available currently, but Keith can do the job with a loader and three loads of base material. He estimated it would cost about \$3,000 to repair and that will be paid out of the Mohawk Trail Woodland Partnership Grant, providing access to hiking and biking on Mount Greylock. There's an ash tree on Mallery Road that needs to be removed. There is a dead tree leaning towards the road on Route 7. Mark will call Eversource. Keith called Cargill about the salt. They will contact Jason as the procurement officer and then will arrange to deliver two hundred tons of salt.

4. Cemetery Committee: Mr. Trybus is interested in helping with the clean-up and maintenance of the cemetery. He can be appointed to the cemetery committee for July 1. Jake plans on cutting up and removing branches this weekend. He will mow next weekend for Memorial Day and will get cameras from Ken to monitor the cemetery.

5. Bondhu Liquor License: Bondhu submitted paperwork to have its Sunday liquor license hours extended. Liquor service is currently allowed at noon on Sundays and they will be serving brunch starting at 10:30. Mark made a motion to change the hours of liquor service from noon to 10:30 am on Sundays, seconded by Ken. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Hazard Mitigation Grants: Now that the HMP is approved, the Board will look into grants for the culverts on Ingraham Road. They will ask CMC for help with this. The Board discussed water supply options for fire protection.

7. Mohawk Trail Woodland Partnership Grant: Lisa Roughley would like to donate a small piece of property for a town park and name it after her deceased husband, John Roughley Memorial Park, with parking and picnic tables. Jason will ask legal for next steps.

8. Fire Station Generator: Jason met with Mickle Electric. Once their invoice is paid, they will install the generator at the Fire Station. Then it will be fenced in. Jason will call Mirabito for the propane tank repair.

9. Playground: Jason did not hear back from insurance and will contact them again. He will remove the see-saw boards on Friday.

10. Old and Any Other Business: Ken reported that Whip City will fix the overlash on Greylock Road on June 5. He put in an NJUNS ticket for the MBI overlash on Route 7 and hasn't heard back. Chuck Morrone was charged a \$100 reconnection fee instead of the \$50. Andrew Short from Whip City advised that the MLP can set up a policy for new customers going forward that Whip City accept a fee equal to the first and last month's costs when a new customer takes service. Mark made a motion to adopt a new policy that the MLP collect an initial customer fee equal to the first and last month's costs, seconded by Jason. The motion passed unanimously. Whip City has not responded about the intermittent speed problems. Keith will fill a hole on Greylock Road with cold patch. The material has been ordered for the Old Schoolhouse roof. The Annual Town meeting is tomorrow night and elections next Tuesday.

11. Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed.

Next meeting June 5 at 6:30

Meeting adjourned at 7:49