

New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting
New Ashford Town Hall/Zoom
October 16, 2023

Board Present: Jason Jayko (Chair), Mark Phelps

Absent: Ken McInerney (MLP Chair)

Others Present: Lori Jayko, Richard George, Keith Lacasse, Diane George, Lars Reinhard, Piotr Masiakowski

Zoom: None

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Approve Minutes from October 2, 2023: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, the minutes from the October 2, 2023 New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting were approved unanimously.
2. Public Comment: None
3. Trick or Treat Hours: Trick or treating will be from 5pm-7pm on October 31.
4. Cultural Council Appointment: Tamara Leminen and Leo Mazzeo were appointed to the Cultural Council of Northern Berkshire in June. The Board will reach out to them to see if they are active on the Council. The Board received a request to appoint Farah Momen to the Council. Mark made a motion to appoint Farah Momen to the Cultural Council of Northern Berkshire, seconded by Jason. The motion passed unanimously. Mark will let Susan know to get Farah the ethics training information and to swear her in.
5. Road Commissioner: Keith Lacasse blew leaves off the roads on the south end of town on Saturday including Smith Road, Old Route 7, Mallery Road, Beach Hill Road, and Ingraham Road. He will do the north end of town next. He took down four dead ash trees on Mallery Road. Condron quoted \$24,000 to blacktop the section on Mallery Road where the shoulder settled, below the Salt Shed, and the north end of Roys Road from bridge to bridge. No other blacktoppers responded. Mark made a motion to approve Keith's request for repairs. Diane noted that Ingraham Road needs paving. Keith wants to do it with full depth reclamation and base and top. Ingraham Road is the next road scheduled to be paved and will be put out to bid in March or April. The culverts repairs are a consideration. Keith will measure the road and get a price. John Goerlach contacted Keith for the keys to the Salt Shed so he can put a loader in. Keith will clarify with him which roads get sand and which get salt. There is enough salt for the winter.
6. Church: Legal Council said they are proceeding with the process and they let the person that will be handling the closing know.
7. Fire Truck Contract: Jason met with Greenwood and got clarification about why they did not itemize what was on the truck. They thought the Board wanted a specific itemized list of everything instead of just what hoses, etc. Legal said the contract is fine. The items that the Fire

Chief told the Board would be included should be listed on the contract. Jason made a motion to accept the contract from Greenwood, with the modification of adding the items from the Fire Chief's e-mail to it, seconded by Mark. The motion passed unanimously. When the contract is finalized with those details, Jason will get it to the Board for signatures.

8. Fire Station Addition: Jason put the specifications out to bid on the state site, due by December 1, 2023 with the work done by April 30, 2024.

9. Old and Any Other Business: Eversource requested a pole hearing to put two poles on Cemetery Road to service 11 Cemetery Road. The Board will hold a Public Hearing on November 6 at 5:45.

Jason will call Mirabito about the Town Hall furnace that is getting power but is not firing. The Board discussed calling Eversource for an energy audit.

Mark called John Barrett about the cell phone service coverage problems.

Patriot Properties is changing their software to being hosted. Chris advised that we stay with the set-up we have now. Collectpro is being redesigned into something that will be hosted.

10. Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed.

Next meeting November 6, 2023, Public Hearing at 5:45, Select Board right after.
Meeting adjourned at 7:24