

New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting

New Ashford Town Hall/Zoom

January 25, 2024

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

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

Zoom: None

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Approval of Minutes from January 8, 2024: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, the minutes from the January 8, 2024 New Ashford Select Board/MLP meeting were approved unanimously.

2. Public Comment: None.

3. Fire Department: The Fire Department expects to take possession of the new engine on Saturday. Jason needs the gross weight for insurance. He will reach back out to Mickle Electric about getting the sign above the bay doors wired.

The Select Board will fill out an NOI form for the proposed Fire Station addition. The Conservation Commission will need to approve the NOI and set a Public Hearing. The town will give 500 square feet of land back to native species.

Mark will be the liaison to the Fire Department.

Keith determined that the tight tank alarm was going off due to water from the toilets at the Fire Station. Ken will ask Walker Haig to replace the toilets.

4. Road Commissioner: Keith took care of an ash tree that fell on White Road and hit the guard rail. There is erosion by the concrete cubes near a culvert on Mallery Road. Keith will keep an eye on it and said it can be fixed with rip rap. There is a spring on upper Greylock Road that is bubbling up out of the road and needs attention. The logger is finished on Ingraham Road and did not leave a mess. Ingraham Road wasn't plowed well in the last storm. The turnaround at the end of the blacktop isn't getting plowed and should be added to the snow plowing contract.

5. School House Boundaries: Nothing new. The issue was tabled.

6. Woodlands Partnership Grant FY24: Town Council estimates it will cost \$1,000 for deed searches. Guntlow estimates \$3,000 for resurveying, designating a plot for the town, and a new plot map for Piotr. Holding \$1,000 for contingencies, there will be \$17,000 left to make the parking area. Katherine from KP Law needs clarification on the plots. Ken will call her. The land can be gifted to the Conservation Commission and town meeting will not be necessary.

7. Budgets: The Select Board would like budget requests in by March 1. Jason and the Town Accountant are waiting to hear if there is a Community Compact Grant available for finance. The Board will ask the Historical Commission to look into the availability of grant money to paint the church. Berkshire Regional Planning Commission may know of grant opportunities.

8. Old and Any Other Unforeseen Business: Ken attended an MLP meeting on affordable connectivity. The Federal Government is discontinuing the program and ACP customers will get an informational letter.

The Police Chief would like to attend the next meeting to discuss his ability to do CORI checks. Susan would like to buy signs to put out for Early Voting, Vote Here, etc. It costs \$176 for the sandwich board and the signs are \$32 each. She will check with the sign shop behind Krispy Cone. She would also like to get "I Voted Today" stickers and a time stamp machine. The Board authorized the time stamp machine purchase at \$149 from Amazon with the town credit card. The Board approved the other purchases and Susan will let Lori know the details for ordering.

9. Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed.

Next meeting February 8, 2024 at 6:00

Meeting adjourned at 7:16