

New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting

New Ashford Town Hall/Zoom

February 8, 2024

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

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

Susan Supranowicz

Zoom: None

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Approval of Minutes from January 25, 2024: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, the minutes from the January 25, 2024 New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting were approved unanimously.
2. Public Comment: Richard George, Board of Health Chair, said one of the garbage haulers has not paid the permit fee that was due by February 1. He will contact Berkshire Regional Planning for guidance.
3. Police Chief: The Police Chief would like the ability to do CORI checks. Jason will reach out to him.
4. Road Commissioner: Keith will do tree work in the next couple of weeks, including cutting down four ash trees near the Fire Station. Mark and Keith will mark the worst trees to take down first.
5. Fire Department Addition: The Board reviewed the draft application for the NOI. Ken will give it to the DEP for a courtesy review and then file it. The Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing and if approved, it will be recorded in the Registry of Deeds. Associated costs are \$75-\$100 for the newspaper ad and \$125 for Registry.
6. School House Boundaries: Ken brought property plan copies from the Registry of Deeds for review, including from property drawing book 750, 1100 and from drawer 8, 376 which was signed by the Planning Board and filed in 1986. There is another filing in 1988, recorded as a plan and not a deed, also signed by the Planning Board. Steve Neilson's plan contains those filings. The Town would need a survey done to prove that what was recorded in 1986 was not accurate. Mark made a motion to ask the town's people if they are interested in pursuing a survey. Mark thinks it's town property. Ken and Jason do not think it's pursuable. The Board discussed an adverse possession claim for mowing it unchallenged for so many years, as advised by Town Counsel at the time. Mark will discuss with Town Counsel.
7. Woodlands Partnership Grant FY24: No updates. Mark will contact Katherine, from KP Law, to clarify the lots.
8. Tax Map Maintenance Agreement: The Board reviewed the CAI tax map maintenance agreement and signed it. Lori will get a copy to CAI and to the Assessor.

9. Budgets: The budget was not discussed.

10. Old and Any Other Unforeseen Business: Mark asked the Board to consider having a fine for unlicensed dogs.

Susan got the new state computer today.

Paul Marks is doing a Beacon Hill in the Berkshires on April 6<sup>th</sup> from 9-1.

11. Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed.

Next meeting February 21 at 6:00

Meeting adjourned at 6:44