

New Ashford Select Board Meeting

New Ashford Town Hall/Zoom

April 1, 2024

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

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

Zoom: None

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Approval of Minutes from March 18 and 26, 2024: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, the minutes from the March 18, 2024 New Ashford Select Board meeting were approved unanimously. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, the minutes from the March 26, 2024 New Ashford Select Board/Finance Committee Meeting were approved unanimously.
2. Public Comment: Richard George, Board of Health Chair, has not heard from the hauler that has not paid their permit fee. Berkshire Regional Planning advised sending a certified letter and if a check is not received in two weeks, take them to court.
3. Road Commissioner: Keith Lacasse will patch the potholes on Ingraham Road when the road dries up. There is WRAP and Winter Roads money available.
4. FD Addition: The NOI was sent by certified mail to the DEP and the Conservation Commission.
5. Animal Control Officer: There has been no response from Williamstown. Ken will follow up.
6. Woodlands Partnership Grant FY24: Mark and Piotr have been working on the Memorandum of Understanding. The Board reviewed Piotr's changes. Snow plowing will be a goal for FY26, since the snow plowing contract is set for FY25. MSP and the EPO are the only ones who can authorize a tow. The Board would like to get the document to Legal Counsel as soon as possible. Piotr does not want monetary compensation for the land.
7. Budget: The Board reviewed the budget spreadsheet. The total budget for FY25 is \$708,220, down \$65,000 from FY24. The proposed Fire Department budget is \$21,000. The MLP budget is \$91,576, including a \$1,000 line item for ride out.
8. ATM Warrant: The Board reviewed the ATM Warrant.
9. School House Boundaries: The Board has not heard from Legal Counsel. Jason will send an e-mail.
10. Town Clerk Updates: Susan Supranowicz will organize a volunteer day to clean the church. The voting signs should be ready this week. RSI has been good to work with.

11. Old and Any Other Unforeseen Business: The price for the lock for the church door was higher than approved. Mark made a motion to purchase a lock for the church door up to \$233, seconded by Ken. The motion passed unanimously.

Jason found the issue with the heater at the Fire Station. There was no power to the heating unit because the switch was off.

12. Warrant: The warrants were reviewed and signed.

Next meeting April 17 at 6:00.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33