

New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting

New Ashford Town Hall/Zoom

June 20, 2024

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

Others Present: Lori Jayko, Lars Reinhard, Richard George, Keith Lacasse, Tammy Steinhoff, Alan Steinhoff, Susan Supranowicz

Zoom: None

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Approval of Minutes from June 3, 2024: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, the minutes from the June 3, 2024 New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting were approved unanimously.

2. Appointments: The following appointments were made, taking effect on July 1, 2024: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, Kurt Singer was appointed as Animal Control Officer for a one year term. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, Kurt Singer was appointed as Animal Inspector for a one year term. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, Kevin Flicker was appointed to a one year term as alternate representative to the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, Chris Lamarre, Thomas Elder, and David Westall were appointed to the Board of Registrars for a one year term. On a motion by Ken, seconded by Mark, Helen Majchrowski, Jacqueline Trottier, and Carlanne Rancourt were appointed to a one year term each on the Board of Registrars. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, Brenda Church was appointed to a one year term as Building Inspector. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, Kurt Singer was appointed to a one year term on the Cemetery Commission. On a motion by Ken, seconded by Mark, Chuck Morrone was appointed to a one year term on the Cemetery Commission. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, Pete Haig was appointed to a one year term on the Cemetery Commission. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, Lori Trottier was appointed to a one year term on the Cemetery Commission. On a motion by Jason, seconded by Ken, Susan Supranowicz was appointed to fill the vacant position on the Conservation Commission through June 30, 2026. Mark abstained. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, Lori Trottier was appointed to a three year term on the Conservation Commission. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, Helen Majchrowski was appointed to a three year term on the Conservation Commission. On a motion by Ken, seconded by Mark, Richard George, Douglas George, and Stephen Demyer were appointed as Constables for a three year term each. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, Farah Momen was appointed to a one year term on the Cultural Council of Northern Berkshire. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, Mike Lescarbeau was appointed to a one year term as Electrical Inspector. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, the Fire Chief was appointed as the Emergency Management Director for a one year term. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, Pete Rancourt and Steve Jennings were appointed as Fence Viewers for a one year term each. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, Pete Rancourt and Steve Jennings were appointed as Field Viewers for a one year term each. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, Frank Speth was appointed as Fire Chief for a three year term. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, Gary Sagendorph was appointed to a one year term as Deputy Chief for the Fire Department. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, P.J. Pannesco was appointed to a one year term as Assistant Chief for the Fire Department.

On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, Lori Jayko was appointed as Lieutenant for the Fire Department for a one year term. Jason abstained. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, Lance Beauchamp was appointed as EMS Deputy to the Fire Department for a one year term. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, Frank Speth was appointed as Fire Warden for a one year term. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, Walker Haig was appointed as Gas Inspector for a one year term. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, Brady Haig was appointed as the alternate Gas Inspector for a one year term. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, Cindy Grosso was appointed to the Historical Commission for a three year term. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, Flavia Mastellone was appointed to the Historical Commission for a three year term. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, Pete Haig was appointed to the Historical Commission for a three year term. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, Keith Lacasse was appointed as Road Commissioner for a one year term. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, Ken McInerney was appointed as a Mount Greylock Advisory Representative for a one year term. On a motion by Jason, seconded by Ken, Harley Phelps III was appointed as a Mount Greylock Advisory Representative for a one year term. Mark abstained. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, Steve Jennings was appointed as Measurer of Wood & Bark for a one year term. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, Keith Lacasse was appointed as Moth Inspector for a one year term. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, Walker Haig was appointed as Plumbing Inspector for a one year term. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, Brady Haig was appointed as alternate Plumbing Inspector for a one year term. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, the Chair of the Select Board was appointed as the Procurement Officer for a one year term. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, Stephen Demyer was appointed as Recycling Attendant for a one year term. On a motion by Ken, seconded by Jason, Susan Supranowicz was appointed as Town Clerk for a three year term. Mark abstained. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, Jason was appointed to the Technology Committee for a one year term. Jason abstained. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, Kopelman and Paige were appointed as Town Counsel for a one year term. On a motion by Ken, seconded by Mark, Stephen Demyer was appointed as Town Hall Custodian for a one year term. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, Lori Jayko was appointed as Town Secretary for a one year term. Jason abstained. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, Mario Gagliardi was appointed as Tree Warden for a one year term. On a motion by Ken, seconded by Mark, Stephen Roy was appointed as Veterans Services Officer for a one year term. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, Kevin Flicker was appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three year term. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, Matt Quinn was appointed as associate to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a one year term. Jason will send a town wide e-mail to try to fill any remaining open positions.

3. Public Comment: Richard George, got a call to the Board of Health about septic at Brodie Mountain.

Jason will call Pete Rancourt and ask him to mow the grass at the church.

4. Brodie Mountain: The Conservation Commission has a meeting next Wednesday to discuss options for making the old pump house at Brodie safe. The stream goes through the building. Matt Ostrander is the project lead. The insurance company says they need to remove the foundation. The Building Inspector has asked for the Con Com's opinion.

5. Road Commissioner: Keith Lacasse did the drainage by Raimer's and turned in invoices for 4-inch pipe, filter fabric, and ¾-inch stone. An invoice is expected from Condron for riprap. Donovan may start paving on Ingraham Road tomorrow and finish the first part of next week. Keith will reroute trucks for the day, taking care of the low hanging Verizon wires on the poles. He swept the road, mowed, and did mowing on some of Mallery. He had to fix the brakes on the tractor and will clean the trees out of the swales on Beach Hill Road and finish mowing next week. He will look at the septic tank, as the alarm is still going off. He will do some tree work next week.

6. Trees: Covered above.

7. Fire Department Addition: The project has been recorded with the Registry of Deeds. Jason will put the project out to bid.

8. Woodlands Partnership Grant FY24: The grant extension was approved to June 30, 2025. Ken added signature and date blocks to the MOI and will send it to Piotr for his approval. If Piotr is good with it, Ken will take it to the Con Com meeting next week. Surveying is the next step.

9. School House Boundaries: No word from Legal Counsel. Jason will contact them.

10. MLP: Ken went to the MSP and got the insurance information for the car that took out the pole and fiber on Route 7. He filed a claim for \$2,100 and hasn't heard back. Whip City did their infrastructure inspection report and found problems at 276 Route 7 and Ingraham Road, where we already paid for repairs. There are a lot of areas in town where tree branches are growing into the town fiber. Ken asked Keith if he'd be interested in doing the tree work and bill the MLP. The town received the first round of CAF II funds of \$43,000.

11. Town Clerk Updates: Susan asked that certain appointed positions be exempt from completing the ethics training. Mark made a motion that the fence viewers, moth inspector, measurer of wood & bark, and field viewers be exempt from the ethics training, seconded by Jason. The motion passed unanimously. Mark made a motion to not require mail-in voting for the local elections, seconded by Ken. Susan feels like it is a waste of time and money. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Old and Any Other Unforeseen Business: The Board got an e-mail from Steve Roy about VSO employment requirements. Mark contacted John Barrett and asked him to look into it. Jason would like to do some research and put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

13. Warrant: The warrants were reviewed and signed.

Next meeting July 8 at 6:30

Meeting adjourned at 7:49