

New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting

New Ashford Town Hall/Zoom

August 19, 2024

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

Absent: Mark Phelps

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

Zoom: None

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Approval of Minutes from August 5 and August 12: On a motion by Ken, seconded by Jason, the minutes from the August 5, 2024 New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting were approved unanimously. On a motion by Ken, seconded by Jason, the minutes from the August 12, 2024 All Boards Meeting were approved unanimously.

2. FD Addition Bid Opening: No bids were received. Jason will put it back out to bid with a completion date in the spring.

3. Public Comment: None.

4. Mowing: Pete Rancourt would like \$60 for mowing the church lawn last week and another \$400 to mow it through mid- October. Legal counsel responded about the school house boundaries with all the same information. Ken will talk to Steve Nielsen about the boundaries and his previous offer of giving ten feet to the town. Schoolhouse boundaries and mowing will be on the next meeting's agenda.

5. Road Commissioner: Keith has unplugged the culvert on Ingraham Road every day due to beaver activity. He may have to excavate to allow for adequate water pumping for the Fire Department. He took care of two fallen trees, one on Ingraham Road and one on Greylock Road. He will mow the sides of the town roads in the next two weeks. Jason will send a town-wide e-mail notice. Keith will patch the rough spots on Mallery Road and by the mail boxes at the end of Roys Road. He will fill in the washout on Greylock Road with stone.

6. Woodlands Partnership Grant FY24: Ken will call a Conservation Commission meeting to accept the land donation. Legal counsel made some suggestions on the MOU and Ken will resend it to Piotr. If Piotr accepts the MOU and the Con Com votes to accept the land, the town will hire a surveyor.

7. School House Boundaries: Covered under mowing.

8. MLP: Ken had a meeting with Whip City to discuss the ride out findings. Whip City agreed that, if we approve the ride out rework, they will absorb the cost of the Ingraham Road relash. For 276 Route 7, Whip City will cover the material and we will cover the labor. Ken will ride with Keith to show him the areas where vegetation needs to be cut back from the fiber lines. Keith will have to get MSP when he does Route 7. The MLP is responsible for the two new poles on Cemetery Road.

205 Mallery Road applied to Whip City for phone service, requiring an aerial fiber hook up at an estimated cost of \$1,100. 274 Route 7 also needs an aerial hook up at \$1,100. Ken will ask Whip City if the cost is reduced if the hook ups are done on the same day. The MLP will discuss using grant funds to cover the costs.

Ken hasn't heard anything from the insurance claim yet.

Andrew told Ken the phone for the Fire Station is in process. Ken is waiting to hear back from John Leary about meeting to discuss the equipment upgrade.

9. Town Clerk Updates: None

10. Old and Any Other Unforeseen Business: Jason is working on the warrant for a Special Town Meeting in September.

Ken went to Brodie after getting a call about work being performed within 200 feet of the river. Ken told them to stop bulldozing the dirt piles until they put up silt fences.

11. Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed.

Next meeting Sept 4 at 6:30 including the Tax Classification Hearing.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55