

New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting
New Ashford Town Hall/Zoom
December 4, 2024

Select Board Present: Jason Jayko (Chair), Mark Phelps
Select Board Zoom: Ken McInerney (MLP Manager)
Others Present: Lori Jayko, Lars Reinhard, Richard George, Susan Supranowicz
Others Zoom: None

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Approval of Minutes from November 18, 2024: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, the minutes from the November 18, 2024 New Ashford Select Board meeting were approved unanimously.

2. Public Comment: None

3. Road Commissioner: Keith will close the roads, likely tomorrow, when the hunters are out. DER is accepting project inquiries for culvert replacement. Jason will submit the information for the 24-inch culvert on Greylock Road, between the second and third gates, that needs replacing. Keith will get Jason the coordinates and Ken will look at it for conservation implications. There is a small culvert on Ingraham Road, on the dirt section, that the town can replace without grant funds. Keith cleaned out the culvert near Brodie and it's fine for now. The second culvert on Ingraham Road should be ok for ten years. Keith measured 165 feet from the road near the church to the stream and 115-125 feet from the water where the hook up will be for the church water supply. This may require an NOI with the Conservation Commission. Plowing issues were noted about excessive salting of town roads, a plow truck with no identifying markings, and the Fire Station parking lot not being plowed and treated.

4. MLP: Ken will e-mail Andrew Short from Whip City for an update on batteries, the Fire Station phone, and repairs.

5. Fire Department Door Overhang: Keith will put shields on the Fire Station roof to prevent snow from falling near the side door. He will get three quotes for the Fire Station addition.

6. Church: The boring will be done in the spring.

7. By-Laws: The state and legal counsel said any by-laws that should have been submitted in the past that were not, can be submitted to the state and legal at the same time. Susan will look through the past Annual Town Meeting warrants and get the information submitted.

8. Old and Any Other Unforeseen Business: The MVP grant does not appear to be the best option for funding for an additional water source for fire protection. Anne Gobi suggested applying for federal funding.

The Mohawk Trail Woodland Partnership Grant Subcommittee has decided to abandon the idea of parking for the Sugarloaf Trail on Ingraham Road. They are going to get EEO approval to start the process of identifying native trees along town roads that would make a nice, multi-species border. The trees will be marked and the area in between cleared out. Eversource will be in town next year to cut back the identified problem trees near the power lines.

9. Warrant: The warrants were reviewed and signed.

Next meeting December 16, 2024 at 6:30

Meeting adjourned at 7:07