

New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting
New Ashford Town Hall
February 19, 2025

Board Present: Jason Jayko (Chair), Ken McInerney (MLP Manager), Mark Phelps
Others Present: Lori Jayko, Richard George, Susan Supranowicz, Ed Grosso, Cindy Grosso,
Kevin Flicker
Zoom: Steve Nielsen

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Approval of Minutes from February 3 and February 5 2025: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, the minutes from the February 3, 2025 New Ashford Select Board/MLP meeting were approved unanimously. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, the minutes from the February 5, 2025 New Ashford Select Board and Historical Commission meeting were approved. Ken abstained.
2. Public Comment: Richard George talked to the owner of the Carriage House Efficiencies. The tenant has reached out to UpSide413 for assistance with concerns about the living conditions. The Carriage House appears to be in violation of zoning. The approved usage is transient living, not to exceed 90 days. The tenant claims to have a multi-year lease. Lori noted that lack of snow removal at the fire station caused a delay in response to a recent call due to the inability to open the door with the large amounts of snow and ice buildup. Mark will be the point of contact for John's Tractor in relation to plowing.
3. Planning Board: The Planning Board would like legal counsel to draft the ADU bylaws. The Board approved. Mark suggested that the Planning Board strike variance fees from its fee schedule, as it should be a Zoning Board of Appeals fee.
4. Church: Members of the Historical Commission and Steve Nielsen met last week with Scalise to do a preliminary viewing of the church. The roof looks ok and the steeple needs work. The inside needs to be painted. They'd like to get under the church to look at the posts. The cost of the preliminary project plan cost from Scalise is \$40,000. They will make a lidar model. The foundation will fund the majority of the project. There was discussion of procurement requirements and the rules around financial gifts to municipalities. Jason will reach out to DLS for clarification. The Board thanked Steve and the Historical Commission.
5. Fire Department: Discussion of the fire station addition was tabled to the next meeting when Keith Lacasse is present. Ken made a motion to approve purchase of a bay door opener for the fire station, seconded by Mark.
6. Road Commissioner: Not present.
7. MLP: The MLP will propose an article at the ATM to provide payment for repair calls that the MLP is responsible for, including Dig Safe fees. There was a generator failure, with a low voltage alert or bad valve clearance. Snow build up around the generator was the likely cause and it is running fine after being dug out and restarted. The valves will be adjusted during the

next maintenance. There are trees close to wires on Greylock Road that need Eversource's attention.

The quote to replace the batteries and management cards was \$7,098, which includes all batteries in the hut and adding one at the fire station. Ken made a motion to approved the battery replacement using CAF II funding, seconded by Mark. Ken will talk to Andrew about the ONTs and why so many are failing.

8. Alcohol Licensing: Bondhu submitted a check for liquor license renewal. Jason signed the paperwork and Susan will submit it to the ABCC.

9. By-laws: Susan sent the Board a draft for review. Ken will look for FY12. Susan will send the proposed changes to the Attorney General.

10. Budget: Jason had a meeting with Vadar last week. They will be adding the MLP budget to the system soon.

11. Old and Any Other Unforeseen Business: Susan asked if the town pays for mileage for attending trainings.

Keith told Mark that 40-50 tons of salt have been used since the last delivery. The roads are plowed very narrow. Ken asked if the roads should be sanded instead of salted when it's too cold for the salt to be activated.

12. Warrant: The warrants were reviewed and signed.

Next meeting March 3, 2025 at 6:30

Meeting adjourned at 7:30