

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

Board Present: Jason Jayko (Chair), Ken McInerney (MLP Manager), Mark Phelps
Others Present: Lori Jayko, Keith Lacasse, Richard George, Diane George, Denise Bronson, Susan Supranowicz

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Approval of Minutes from May 5, 2025: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, the minutes from the May 5, 2025 New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting were approved.
2. Public Comment: None.
3. Cemetery: The Veterans Services Officer purchased 144 flags for veterans' graves. This should last six years. Kurt said he will mow before Memorial Day and Chuck Morrone will help with the cemetery. The cemetery committee should meet and organize.
4. ADA Ramp: A town ADA coordinator is required for the ADA grant for repairs to the Town Hall ramp. On a nomination by Mark, seconded by Jason, Ken was appointed as ADA Coordinator for New Ashford. The grant is due June 13 and no match is required.
5. Fire Department Debris: Ken will e-mail Chief Speth and request the items in the parking lot be moved to the side of the sand shed.
6. NBSWD: The Northern Berkshire Solid Waste District has published their dates for hazardous waste collections. The information will be posted on the town website. It could also be sent by town e-mail and posted on the recycling dumpster. Jason updated and posted the document for shared services with the NBSWD.
7. Trees: Keith will contact the Tree Warden about tree removal on Mallery Road. If the Tree Warden approves, Keith will complete tree work before the end of the fiscal year.
8. Seasonal Roads: Keith opened Greylock Road on Friday and it is in decent shape. There's a washout on Bauer Road. Keith and Max cut a ditch across the road and opened a culvert to fix the water problem. DCR is going to open the road to Mount Greylock on May 24. Keith will open Roys Road on Friday. Ingraham Road is rutted a bit. Keith will grade and compact it later in the season. There is a mattress and box spring on the corner of Greylock Road.
9. Road Commissioner: Keith got a quote from Peckham Industries for reclaiming Mallery Road, doing a fine grade, compacting with calcium, adding a 2 ½" binder, tack course, and 1 ½" of top for \$290,705. The quote for the second part of Mallery Road from the Fire Station north is \$71,605. It will cost \$49,705 to do Roys Road to Greylock Road and \$285,245 for Greylock Road. Reclaiming only with a fine grade of Greylock Road would be \$46,260. Keith recommends just doing the reclaiming and grading on Greylock Road. The total project quote would be \$458,275 and DOT says there will be \$484,000 in Chapter 90 funds. Keith

recommends doing the project in two phases: reclaiming and paving. He will get a quote for having someone, recommended by Dave Stokes, fill out the applications and find out if that service can be paid for with Chapter 90 funds. Paperwork should be submitted before the first of July.

The rest of the roads are in good shape. There was discussion of road drainage and adding to the snow plow contract to push back the sides of the roads after every storm. The culvert at the bottom of Greylock Road needs to be replaced and drainage fixed near Wooliver's. Keith will fill in the erosion at the gully on Roys Road the next time he does patching. The canopy on Mallery Road will be addressed. Keith will look at Smith Road where the two paving jobs meet. White Road needs some minor patching. The bridge on Roys Road is in good shape. Keith will do the church boring in the first couple of weeks in June, including adding a drain line. He suggested pumping the septic at the church and fixing the pipe. He will hang the replacement doors.

10. Woodlands Partnership: Vanessa Farny requires DCR to do the green docket review before she will approve the FY26 grant proposal. The FY24 grant was completely deobligated and sent back to the Commonwealth.

11. PILOT: The State Auditor did a report on the inequities in the pilot formula. A State Representative and Senator have filed legislation. The Woodlands Partnership is going to review the proposal and make a recommendation. They are looking at broadening the lobbying effort to address this situation. The Berkshire County Selectman's Association would be a good group to contact.

12. MLP: Ken has concern for the overdue accounts. He has not gotten an answer from Andrew, from Whip City. There was discussion of policy changes to have customers pay for a month in advance if they are getting their account reinstated.

13. Old and Any Other Unforeseen Business: The Snow Plowing contract will be discussed at the next meeting.
The Conservation Commission received a check for \$521 for an NOI for culvert replacement on Greylock Road.

14. Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed.

Next meeting June 2, 2025 at 6:30
Meeting adjourned at 7:25