

New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting
New Ashford Town Hall
January 5, 2026

Board Present: Jason Jayko (Chair), Ken McInerney (MLP Manager), Mark Phelps
Others Present: Lori Jayko, Susan Supranowicz, Keith Lacasse, Helen Majchrowski, Richard George, Nate Fenwick, PJ Pannesco, Kevin Flicker, Frank Speth, Emilee Gagliardi, Diane George, Kurt Singer

Meeting Opened at 6:30

1. Approve Minutes from 12/15: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, the minutes from the December 15, 2025 New Ashford Select Board/MLP meeting were approved unanimously.

2. Public Comment: None.

3. Fire Department: Frank Speth said, according to the CDC, Narcan can be safely stored at room temperature in the station. The department responded to 12 medical calls in 2023, 12 in 2024, and 15 in 2025, including calls at houses and car accidents. They are cleaning up the station and will get a dumpster in the spring. They will send a letter to town residents about joining the fire department, including support role positions. CORI checks will be repeated once a year, in June. Margaret Carnevale, from DCR, will take the Humvee and Sayers will tow it. This will leave the department with no means to tow the utv trailer. Frank said there are 11 members on the department, including two prospective members. Mark suggested chiefs have discussions about solving the lack of manpower by reaching out to the legislature to fund regional departments.

4. Road Commissioner: The vehicles were moved out of the turnaround on Ingraham Rd. Keith got a complaint about Greylock and Ingraham Roads being slippery and he sanded them. He will call Casella to discuss why they will not go up Roys Road. Keith will close the gates on Greylock and Roys Roads. PJ Pannesco noted that Keith did a great job on the addition to the Fire Station.

5. Transfer Station: The town manager in Lanesborough sent the Board an intermunicipal agreement for shared recycling services for \$250 a month, equaling \$3,000 a year. Nate Fenwick from Lanesboro said there is recycling available for bottles, cans, plastics, and paper from 8-12 on Saturdays. In the summer, there is a bin for scrap metal. Mark made a motion to accept the agreement, with a correction on number five where it says Williamstown. There is concern that the hours will be too restrictive for residents. Ken will write up a survey for residents with the recycling options. The Board thanked Nate for coming.

6. Animal Control Officer: Kurt Singer got a call at 5 AM on December 19 for a dog found with no chip and, despite many efforts, the owner could not be located. The dog, Penny, was taken to Keith Beebe who graciously opened his practice at 5:30. Unfortunately, Penny had a broken back from being hit by a car and had to be euthanized. Kurt thanked Dr. Beebe for going out of his way and would like to use his animal control officer expense account towards the vet services. A

go fund me was started to cover vet costs. The Board thanked Kurt and will follow-up on this at the next meeting.

7. Grants: Ken submitted the grant application for the unpaved roads for \$252,000, focused on Greylock Road. He will upload the culvert grant application for two on Greylock Road and two on Ingraham, once Keith signs. He is waiting to hear back from Mackenzie Greer about relocating the Sugarloaf trailhead. If they approve, he will apply for the Woodlands Partnership grant.

8. MLP: Ken has a meeting with Andrew Short from Whip City on Friday. They will continue to discuss One Federal. Local Lynx postponed their equipment work. Ken will ask Andrew if vegetation management needs can be noted on the annual ride out. If not, Ken will look at it in the spring to quantify the work needed.

9. Budget: The Board will get budget requests sent out after the next meeting to start compiling in February.

10. Old and Any Unforeseen Business: A Public Health Alliance member will be on the agenda for the next meeting, to discuss Board of Health services.

11. Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed.

Next meeting January 21 at 6:30

Meeting adjourned at 7:48