New Ashford Select Board Meeting
New Ashford Town Hall
September 23, 2026
Board Present: Jason Jayko (Chair), Ken McInerney, Mark Phelps
Others Present: Lori Jayko, Diane George, Chad Trottier, Keith Lacasse, Susan Supranowicz, Mary Rojo, Therese Nishimura, Helen Majchrowski

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Approve Minutes from 9/8/2026: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, the minutes from the 9/8/2026 New Ashford Tax Classification Hearing were approved. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, the minutes from the 9/8/2026 New Ashford Select Board Meeting were approved.

2. Public Comment: The tax bills have been printed and will go out next week.
The Town Clerk requested that the Select Board approve reducing the number of hours for early voting from four hours a weekend to two, as there is very low turnout. Ken made a motion for early voting to be open for two hours for the first weekend and two hours for the second weekend on October 17 and 24, seconded by Jason. Mark abstained. The motion passed.

3. Chad Trottier: Chad found old letters from Fred Ingraham and would like to talk to town locals to get stories from the past and make a history book. The Board recommended he talk to the Historical Commission.

4. Church: Servpro completed the remediation. Ken reached out to Valley Restoration to get a date to do the shore up of the steeple and will schedule GNCB to do the engineering and planning.

5. Road Commissioner: Keith Lacasse, will install the lending libraries near the mailboxes at Town Hall. He took down two trees at Town Hall. Keith will order road salt from Cargill and says there is enough sand to get through the winter. The Salt Shed is in good shape. He will mow the sides of the town roads. He will blow the leaves on Greylock Road soon and coordinate the closing of Greylock Road with the closing of Rockwell Road. There is a bicycle race on Mount Greylock on October 3rd that will impact Greylock and Roys Roads. Ken will post it on the town website.

6. Trees: The Tree Warden is working on a list of trees that need removal.

7. Fire Department: The Fire Department cleaned up their material near the resident sand shed and threw away a large tarp in the metal dumpster. They removed it on request. The Board got a text last week from the Fire Chief that he would send an e-mail about getting the water from the basement of the Town Hall. No e-mail was received.

8. Grants/Projects: Nothing new.

9. Transfer Station: Garbage was dumped in the metal recycling. The camera for the area was filled with water. Jason replaced it. The Board got an e-mail from Diane George that she is interested in doing a three-month trial of the Recycling Attendant position. She would like to do 9:00 – 10:30 on Saturdays and 3:30 – 5:00 on Wednesdays. Mark made a motion to accept Diane's proposal, seconded by Ken. She will start the first weekend in October.

10. MLP: Ken will contact Whip City about the hook up for the Nielsen property. Whip City said they would have to hook up at Town Hall, but there should be an MST on Mallery or Beach Hill Road. Some residents noticed a lag in speed on Sunday. Ken will have Whip City run diagnostics.

11. Old and Any Other Unforeseen Business: The Berkshire Public Health Alliance will hold a vaccination clinic at Town Hall on October 17th from 9-11.
The Mount Greylock Advisory Board will meet on October 21.
The Planning Committee for the town picnic sent the Select Board a thank you card.
Gazebo options for the outdoor meeting space at Town Hall will be on the next meeting's agenda.
After Keith mows, he will put the picnic tables and benches in the shed.

12. Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed.

Next meeting October 5, 2026, Ken will be remote.
Meeting adjourned at 7:10