

New Ashford Select Board Meeting

New Ashford Town Hall/Zoom

October 5, 2026

Board Present: Jason Jayko (Chair), Mark Phelps

Board Zoom: Ken McInerney

Others Present: Lori Jayko, Diane George, Richard George, Keith Lacasse, Robert Lyons, Kevin Flicker

Others Zoom: None

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Approve Minutes from 9/23/2026: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, the minutes from the 9/23/2026 New Ashford Select Board meeting were approved.

2. Public Comment: None.

3. Church: The Historical Commission met and discussed how to proceed with the church. We will ask Valley Restoration for a quote to restore the steeple. They will seal it until work can be done. The duct work inside will be assessed as to whether it can be removed or needs replacement.

4. Road Commissioner: Keith Lacasse finished the mowing on the sides of the road today. A rock went through the tractor window. A replacement standard window costs \$300 - \$400. Keith will look for safety glass. The tractor will start with a jump, but needs a new starter which costs around \$150. The mowing is finished for the season. The picnic tables and benches are stored. The trees at Town Hall were taken down. Keith will do black top patching tomorrow. Keith and the Board discussed logging that is planned on Greylock Road for the Masons. It will start this week and be finished by February 1. If there is more logging to do then, it can resume in May, due to priority habitat. The road should be closed to traffic during the logging as the road is not wide enough to accommodate logging trucks and other vehicles at the same time. The logger will be responsible for closing the gate every day and removing tire chains before driving on the asphalt. They will be responsible for plowing. The logger will call Keith before he starts and they will go over everything. Keith talked to Cargill to get an estimate for road salt.

5. Gazebo/Pavilion: The Board reviewed quotes from Amish Country Gazebos. A 12' vinyl gazebo with a base was quoted at \$8,266.78 delivered. A 12 X 15 pavilion in a box was quoted at \$3,511.56 delivered. Assembly will be done by the town. There are concerns about the roof being too thin for snow on the pavilion and the vinyl used on the gazebo warping. Jason will request quotes for a wood gazebo and a different roof for the pavilion.

6. Grants/Projects: Jason will sign up for a webinar about the MVP grant next week.

7. Transfer Station: Diane George worked recycling on Saturday and it went well. She straightened as much of the cardboard recycling that she could and will call to get it picked up. Linda Cernik from the Northern Berkshire Solid Waste District will meet with Diane on Wednesday and provide handouts as to what is accepted and what is not. Diane turned in a

receipt for new locks. She has the name of who put paper and plastic bags in the can and bottle recycling, if the Board would like to follow up. With it locked now, it should not be a problem, but could reoccur if the recycling is left unlocked in the future. Diane will discuss this with Linda. The cameras got a picture of the car that was dumping trash in the scrap metal bin. Keith offered to dispose of the garbage that was left near the recycling.

8. MLP: Nothing new.

9. Old and Any Other Unforeseen Business: Cindy and Ed Grosso mounted the lending libraries near the mailboxes.

Kevin Flicker suggested getting the Town Hall floor refinished. He offered to measure the windows and get a quote for replacement parts, leaving the storm windows in place.

Mark called Representative Barrett about the lack of tree maintenance on the Mount Greylock Reservation and the lack of concern by the people in charge, mentioning that managers of the property have a responsibility to identify hazards and take care of them.

10. Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed.

Next meeting October 19 at 6:30

Meeting adjourned at 7:24