

Town of New Ashford

188 Mallery Rd.

New Ashford, Ma. 01237

Board of Selectmen

Minutes of the meeting December 15, 2014

Members Present: Jason Jayko chair, Ken McInerney, Mark Phelps

Meeting opened at 7:00p.m.

1. TREE WARDEN: Colton Phelps was not available . The board would like to discuss the bidding procedure with him.
2. Veterans Status: Jason spoke with Dick DeMeyer regarding state reimbursement for the Veteran's account. Apparently the amount goes directly onto the Town Accountant's "cherry sheet"; question is how does the money get transferred back into the account it came from?
3. Road Commissioner Keith LaCasse:
 - tried to close Ingraham Road, but there were too many hunters.
 - The blocks were moved from Roy's Road and put on Bauer Rd.
 - The sand is black and seems to burn through the snow in the sun.
 - The salt doesn't seem to be working as well as the material we had last year.

Public Comment/Discussion:

- Appointment letter for the bank for Lori Jayko , Treasurer. Mark and Ken signed, Jason abstained.
- Jason was approached by a resident of Mtn. Pond Lane about the town taking over the plowing and maintenance. Wired West expenses will present a similar issue of concern. Discussion about past zoning issues vs. taxpayers rights. BOS would like the association to come to a meeting to discuss. Mark will contact the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission and ask a few questions.
- MBI: Mark [attended the 12/11/14 MBI meeting in Lenox and](#) said they will have a format for towns to follow, and they did produce some "guestimates", relating to bond issues. Discussion related to various cost issues. MBI submitted a resolution to be signed, but the BOS will amend prior to signing it as such : " In the event that the town of New Ashford residents do not approve the proposed bond, the New Ashford liability is limited to the fiscal year 2015 membership fee of \$1,000.00." Mark made a motion to approve the amendment, Jason seconded, motion passed.

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Approve minutes of December 03, 2014 and November 25, 2014: Ken made a motion to approve, Mark seconded, motion passed.

Next meeting January 05, @ 6:30

Adjourned: 8:46 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Town Recording Secretary, Jackie LaCasse