

Town of New Ashford

188 Mallery Rd.

New Ashford, Ma. 01237

Select Board

Minutes of the meeting January 05, 2015

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

Meeting opened at 6:30p.m.

1. Tree Warden: Jason had asked Coty Phelps to be present at the meeting, no response from Coty: Mark said he had two tree companies take down trees on Ingraham Rd. (Lambert and Greater Heights). Coty arrived: Ken asked about how he was getting bids for the tree work. Ken asked if he would make the tree in front of the George's house a priority. Coty said Greater Heights Tree Service is the contractor doing all the tree work in town.
2. Budget: Jason would like to start discussion at the next meeting; Mark asked that all the boards be contacted to make any requests they may have.
3. Road Commissioner Keith LaCasse: no news other than the shed is down by 1/3 of salt and sand. Mark asked about ice build- up on town roads; Keith said there had been a build- up on White Rd. Again this year, but on the both sides.

Public Comment/Discussion:

- Dick George said a tree came down and hit their house on 136 Beach Hill Rd. (They did send a letter to the BOS.) The BOS will have to have a discussion with Coty
- Lori Trottier asked about articles from the last special town meeting: if free cash had been certified, if the FEMA money that had been transferred, and if the Chapter 90 money and State grant had been recieved; Lori Jayko the new Treasurer had just recently transitioned and gotten onto the state website.
- Ken said that Michelle had sent all necessary info on the 29th and asked about the FEMA money that had been transferred. Ken has a spreadsheet keeping track of all transactions that need to be made to clear all the accounting.
- Jason verified that the Chapter 90 and the state grant money has been received.
- Al Steinhoff asked if news could be put on the town website so townspeople were made aware of what is going on. Mark said that there isn't any money in the budget to manage the website, Jason has been volunteering his time to set up and manage the site, but lately has been short on free time.
- Mark said he spoke with Nate Karns of BRPC who has an expert in the office to discuss an approach to addressing the issue of Mnt. Pond Lane being accepted by the town.
- Ken: was going over the last plowing contract and asked KLC about the invoice for loading the material into the salt shed; this will be discussed at the next meeting .
- Ken asked about changing the "Board of Selectmen" to the "Select Board".

Warrant

Mail

Approve minutes of Dec. 15, 2014: Ken made a motion to accept, Mark seconded, motion passed

Next meeting: Jan. 22, 2015 6:30

Adjourned: 7:40 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Town Recording Secretary, Jackie LaCasse