

New Ashford Select Board Meeting

January 9, 2017

Board Present: Jason Jayko (chair), Ken McInerney, Mark Phelps

Others Present: Keith LaCasse, Lori Jayko

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Road Commissioner: Keith LaCasse called the state about the beaver activity causing water to run onto Route 7.  
The center of the salt pile is untreated and doesn't melt the ice as well. The rest of the salt is treated. The roads have been doing well. Keith cut up and removed some downed branches on Beach Hill Road.
2. Emergency Management Grant: Max LaCasse sent in the grant application to get 2X6 foot blocks. He will know in the next couple of weeks if it is approved.
3. Greylock Road Botanist Report: Ken is waiting to hear back from MESA from the filing by the botanist. The RFP will be modified, if necessary, based on their feedback. The goal is to get the Greylock Road project out to bid by March 1. Ken will send the botanist's report to the board. There is no evidence of vehicle traffic beyond the blocks on Greylock Road.
4. Community Choice: Jason forwarded the update from legal counsel to the board. Mark made a motion to approve the community choice aggregation plan as reviewed by town counsel, seconded by Ken. Jason will let Colonial Power know.
5. Town Hall Public Access: Ken has been corresponding with legal counsel to get a waiver of liability form for town hall use by groups.
6. Budget: Budget will be discussed at the first meeting in February.

Public comment and any other items for consideration:

Jason talked to MBI and they recommended not having a special town meeting for the pole application fees. The next phase RFP's are due January 11<sup>th</sup> for MBI. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> the responses to the RFP's will be posted, including private providers that are interested in providing internet service to the town.

There is a Wired West meeting this weekend in Worthington.

Ken provided an update on the Council on Aging. Emmett Schmarsow, Elder Affairs, says a special town meeting is not necessary. The paperwork may have to be resubmitted, as Emmett did not receive it.

Jason will post the Fuel Assistance link on the website.

The answering machine at the town hall can be checked remotely.

Warrant was reviewed and signed.

On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, the minutes from December 19, 2016 were approved. Ken abstained.

On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, the minutes from December 28, 2016 were approved.

Next meeting January 23, 2017 at 6:30

On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken the board went into executive session by roll call vote at 7:30 to discuss correspondence received from legal counsel.

The board adjourned executive session at 7:42. No motions were made, no votes were taken.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42