

New Ashford Select Board Meeting
February 1, 2016

Board Present: Jason Jayko (chair), Ken McInerney, Mark Phelps
Others Present: Richard Demyer, Keith LaCasse, Lori Jayko

Meeting opened at 6:31

1. Fire Department - will present their budget at the next meeting.
2. Building Inspector – waiting to receive further information from Tony Mazzucco, town administrator from Adams. He expects to have it ready soon. They have several interviews scheduled for the building commissioner position and hope to hire by March 1. The Kapiloffs called about getting a building permit. Jason explained the process and shared the contact information for Gordon Bailey, who is covering New Ashford until a building inspector is found.
3. Road Commissioner - moved the block on Ingraham Road. Talked to the Town of Lanesboro and Lanesboro has now placed a block on North Main Street. The road inventory is almost complete for the MASS DOT project list. Keith would like to look at the culverts first to see which to add to the list. The deadline to submit the information is March 1. Mallery road paving contract - Keith will talk to Kathy Stevens and will change the wording on the contract. Keith inquired with Kathy about placing weight limits on the roads and is waiting to hear back.
4. MASS DOT projects - covered in the Road Commissioner's report.
5. Budget - Ken will send the budget requests out to the town boards/committees and begin discussion of the budget at the next meeting.
6. Wired West/MBI - the last meeting was cancelled. The next one is scheduled for 2/6/2016. Wired West will meet with MBI later in the month. The Select Board from Colrain sent New Ashford a letter; they have left the Wired West group and have an RFP of their own.
7. Public Comment - Richard Demyer called the state V.A. office and connected with Heather Poliferno. She is coming February 19 to meet with the V.S.O. and treasurer to discuss 2015 reimbursement. Richard has had difficulties with the computer program. Northern Berkshire Solid Waste - meeting the 11th to finalize the budget. Sandy Totter will e-mail the town with the budget. In 2015, we paid TAM to pick up 3 co-mingled containers. TAM's year-end report says they did not pick up any paper from the town. There should have been at least two charges. Lori Jayko will look up the TAM payments and will contact Michelle Callahan, the town accountant, to look up the specifics. Sandy Totter is leaving as the administrative assistant for Northern Berkshire Solid Waste, the job will be posted. The third Saturday in April will be a paint collection day in town from 8:30 - 11:30. Richard will write up the information and send it to Jason post on the website.

Ken - follow up on 322 Route 7. Art Johnson, Board of Health, reported to Ken that the tenant officially moved out the week of the 18th of January.

Ken- The Town Clerk would like a copy of the town budget recap. This is public record and a copy will be left for her at the town hall.

Jason - spoke with Michaela Dunne, manager of law enforcement and justice services at the Department of Criminal Justice. The department ran an audit and will be able to invoice the town for pistol permits issued. They are going fully online with their records. Jason spoke with Richard Clermont, police chief. He is not interested in using the online system. Someone from the department will come out and train the police chief. Requirements are a computer, printer, digital camera, and a way to lock up the computer. The police chief in Adams said towns without a police chief use the state police as their chief of police. Mark is willing to call the state police to investigate this.

Warrant - warrant was reviewed and signed.

Minutes from the January 19, 2016 meeting were approved, as amended, on a motion by Ken, seconded by Mark.

Next Meeting February 16, 2016.

Meeting adjourned 7:53