

New Ashford Select Board Meeting
December 5, 2016

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

Others Present: Keith LaCasse, Lori Jayko, Gail Cariddi

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Road Commissioner: Keith LaCasse closed the roads that get closed for the winter. He rented a loader to move the blocks, which will be charged to the town. DCR's lock needs to be replaced on the gate on Greylock Road. Mark will ask the Adams Snow Drifters if they are able to supply a gate. We require two sections of gate, eight feet each. Keith took care of three trees down on Bauer Road. The state addressed the high water levels near Route 7 at the bottom of the climbing lane. There is still beaver activity causing water problems under the bridge near the Lanesboro town line.
2. Community Choice Aggregation – Jason received a response from legal counsel. The Board will review this at the 12/19 meeting.
3. Town Hall Public Access – still waiting to hear from legal counsel about liability.
4. MBI/WW Update – State Representative Gail Cariddi, spoke with Charter Spectrum and encouraged them to provide high speed internet service to New Ashford. She provided the Board with documents on the latest legislative updates and what other towns are doing for broadband. She encouraged the Board to contact her, especially about issues surrounding high speed internet for the town. Jason reported that the pole survey application fees need to be paid for by the town.

Public Comment and any other subjects for consideration:

There was general discussion with Representative Cariddi about state owned land, the legislation being put forth by The Mohawk Trails Woodlands Partnership, Chapter 90 funding, and the current work being done by The Berkshire County Education Task Force. Representative Cariddi will check on the veteran's reimbursement (currently the process takes about a year) to confirm that we are on par with other towns.

Warrant was reviewed and signed.

On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, the minutes from the November 21, 2016 meeting were approved.

Next meeting December 19, 2016 at 6:30.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48