

New Ashford Select Board Meeting  
December 7, 2015

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

Others Present: Dick Demyer, Sherry Youngkin, Frank Youngkin, Wayne Buckley, Lori Jayko

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. License Renewals – The board reviewed and signed license renewal paperwork for Shamrock Auto Sales and The Mill on the Floss Restaurant.
2. Fire Department – Wayne Buckley. The town has the Jaws of Life and the department has practiced using them. The sheriff's department will increase their fee for 911 by 3% (\$220). Wayne will inquire to see if the town can use 911 through Williamstown. The internet at the Fire Station is working well.
3. Road Commissioner – Keith LaCasse not present to give a report.
4. Assessor – The board discussed whether the assessor's recent legal troubles required any action and determined that no action is necessary at this time.
5. Greylock Road – Ken has inquired, but has not heard back, about the grant to repair Greylock and Bauer Roads.
6. Tree Work – Keith LaCasse not present to report, however, tree work is progressing. A tree in front of 53 Roys Road may need attention.
7. Veteran's Update – Dick Demyer's (Veteran's Service Officer) computer problems have been fixed. However, he cannot get logged on with his Veteran's Web Portal. He has to fill out a new form for the state to reactivate the account. Dick will report back in January. The town has received reimbursement for quarter one and quarter two from FY15. He will be removing the flag holders from the cemetery for the winter. The board suggested that Dick draft a letter to the local representatives highlighting the administrative costs for Veteran's Administration.
8. MASS DOT Projects – Road Commissioner not present. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.
9. Building Inspector – Jason spoke with a building inspector from Russell who was interested in the position. He handles Savoy and Hinsdale and charges \$600 – 800 per month. Two other individuals have expressed interest and Jason will call them back. Jeff Clemons has not turned in a resignation letter.

10. MBI/Wired West – Last week MBI announced that it does not support Wired West’s Operating Agreement and will not use its grant money in the way it originally planned. MBI has two meetings this week. The board may communicate, with the state senator and representatives, its frustration with MBI’s impeding the progress of improving the town’s internet service.

Public Comment and any other subjects for consideration – Dick Demyer brought paperwork for the board chair to sign for the \$500 waste management grant.

Northern Berkshire Solid Waste District update from Dick - Reminder that there is no fee for getting rid of paint. Sandy Totter can handle any questions about recycling issues. Between now and August 1, the dump will be inspected. Sandy will coordinate it. It may cost the town \$100 - \$200.

Dick has been working on a plot plan of the cemetery.

Mark Phelps stated that more paperwork is being required to be done online by the state. The state should not be forcing people to do online submissions – there may be a lack of knowledge, service, or equipment.

Mark noted that the truck parked on Mallery Road is dangerous. Chapter 12 of the town bylaws states that from November 1 to April 1 vehicles cannot be parked on the road from 11 p.m. – 6 a.m. during snow removal. The town bylaws may need to be amended. The board will send a copy of this bylaw to the residents on Mallery Road and Ingraham Road that currently park on the road.

Art Johnson was contacted by the state attorney general about a major rat problem at the Carriage House Efficiency Units. Art told them he would condemn the units if they are not cleaned up.

The Planning Board met and reorganized and will meet as necessary. Flavia Mastellone is the new chair.

Jason will look into getting a lock box for the town hall for sensitive paperwork.

Ken fixed some outdoor lighting at the town hall. The board thanked him.

Sign warrant – warrant was reviewed and signed.

Approve Select Board Minutes from November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason the minutes from November 16, 2015 were approved. Ken abstained.

Next meeting December 21, 2015 at 6:30

Meeting adjourned at 8:40