

New Ashford Select Board Meeting

July 5, 2016

Board Present: Jason Jayko (chair), Mark Phelps

Absent: Ken McInerney

Others Present: Keith LaCasse, Michelle Singer, Kurt Singer, Lori Jayko

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Road Commissioner: Keith LaCasse, There was a hazardous tree on Mallery Road where the top of the tree broke off during high winds. Keith took care of it.

Keith put a lock on the first gate on Greylock Road to allow loggers for the Masons in to make a ten-year-plan. They will need access from July through December.

Someone is bypassing the lower gate and leaving the upper gate open. Moving the gate could be a solution.

The roads have not been patched yet.

Tri-Town expects to start work on Mallery Road in the next couple of weeks. There will be approximately 300 tons of extra millings that could go on Ingraham Road, from Smith Road up.

At the next meeting we will make a schedule for ditch work and also bridge work on Roys Road.

The Masons claim they own right up to the road, on the dirt section of Roys Road. They will be logging on the Route 7 side. They agreed to remove some of the trees near Roys Road, at Keith's request, because the road is too narrow to properly maintain.

2. Broadband/MBI: There will be a meeting with the MBI on July 18th at 4:00 to discuss plans from the engineers. The meeting should take about two hours and will be immediately followed by a regular Select Board meeting. MBI sent several lengthy documents for review. Jason will fill out and return the paperwork. There was a Wired West meeting in town on June 25.

3. Oil: The town is locked in with West Oil.

4. Wind: Mark Phelps, update from the Planning Board. The Planning Board met and decided to table the issue of wind power as no one has approached the Board with a plan or proposal. It is costly to change zoning bylaws, so the board does not want to go through the process unless it's necessary. Further, windmill developers could request a dimensional variance. The Planning Board will meet on an as needed basis.

5. Colonial Power: No update. Jason will contact them to see how things are progressing.

Public Comment and other subjects for consideration:

Kurt Singer is the new Police Chief as his boss gave approval. The state is getting rid of paper licenses, they will all be electronic. Kurt will be trained in the electronic system and his account is being set up. The Board thanked Kurt for taking over the position. A firearms safety course is about 6 hours and could be held in town for about \$80 per person.

The Building Commissioner dropped off documents including the fee schedule. The schedule will be reviewed at the next meeting.

The Board is waiting to hear from the Town Clerk about the party affiliations for the potential appointees to the Board of Registrars.

The Planning Board chose Mark Phelps as the delegate to the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission.

Warrant was reviewed and signed.

Approve minutes from June 20, 2016. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason the minutes were approved.

Next meeting July 18, 2016 at 4:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35