

New Ashford Select Board Meeting
June 20, 2016

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

Others Present: Chuck Morrone, Richard DeMyer, Wayne Buckley, Keith LaCasse, Lori Jayko

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Appointments. The following appointments were made effective July 1, 2016:

Accountant - Michelle Callahan through June 2019, nominated by Jason, seconded by Ken.

Animal Control Officer - Art Johnson through June 2017, nominated by Jason, seconded by Ken.

Assessor - Everett Martin through June 2019, nominated by Jason, seconded by Ken.

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission representative will be determined by the Planning Board. Alternate Kevin Flicker through June 2017, nominated by Mark, seconded by Jason.

Board of Registrars appointments put on hold to confirm party affiliations of appointees (one republican, one democrat required).

Chief of Police - Kurt Singer through June 2017, nominated by Ken, seconded by Mark. This appointment is contingent on approval from Kurt's employer. The Board will draft a letter describing the required duties of performing background checks, photographs, fingerprinting and the necessary paperwork. Kurt will be trained for the MIRCS online system and will request the paperwork/files from current Chief, Richard Clermont. The Select Board will act as the licensing authority to avoid conflicts with Kurt's employment with the Sheriff's Department. The Board would like to recognize and thank Richard Clermont for his many years of service to the town as Police Chief.

Conservation Commission – Ken McInerney through June 2019, nominated by Jason, seconded by Mark. Jack Haig Senior through June 2019, nominated by Jason, seconded by Mark.

Constable – Lori Trottier through June 2019, nominated by Jason, seconded by Mark.

Cultural Council of Northern Berkshire – Tamara Leminen through June 2017, nominated by Jason, seconded by Mark. Leo Mazzeo through June 2017, nominated by Jason, seconded by Mark.

Electrical Inspector – Mike Lescarbeau through June 2017, nominated by Jason, seconded by Mark.

Emergency Management Director – Max LaCasse through June 2017, nominated by Jason, seconded by Mark.

Fence Viewers – Winn Frye through June 2017, nominated by Jason, seconded by Mark. Steve Jennings through June 2017, nominated by Jason, seconded by Mark.

Field Viewers – Winn Frye through June 2017, nominated by Jason, seconded by Mark. Steve Jennings through June 2017 nominated by Jason, seconded by Mark.

Gas Inspector – Jack Haig Senior through June 2017, nominated by Jason, seconded by Mark.

Alternate – Val Girard Junior through June 2017, nominated by Jason, seconded by Mark.

Historical Commission – Marge Gigliotti through June 2019, nominated by Jason, seconded by Mark.

Highway Commissioner – Keith LaCasse through June 2017, nominated by Jason, seconded by Mark.

Mt. Greylock Advisory Representative – Ken McInerney through June 2017, nominated by Jason, seconded by Mark. Alternate – Harley Phelps Junior through June 2017, nominated by Ken, seconded by Jason, Mark abstained.

Measurer of Wood & Bark – Steve Jennings through June 2017, nominated by Jason, seconded by Mark.

Moth Inspector – Keith LaCasse through June 2017, nominated by Jason, seconded by Mark.

Northern Berkshire Solid Waste District Commissioner – Richard DeMyer through June 2018, nominated by Jason, seconded by Ken.

Plumbing Inspector – Jack Haig Senior through June 2017, nominated by Jason, seconded by Mark. Alternate – Val Girard Junior through June 2017, nominated by Jason, seconded by Ken.

Procurement Officer – Board of Selectman (chair) through June 2017. The Board unanimously approves.

STAR (Small Towns Against Repression) Representative – open.

Tax Collector – Amy Kohlenberger through June 2019, nominated by Jason, seconded by Mark.

Town Counsel – Kopelman & Paige through June 2017, nominated by Jason, seconded by Mark.

Town Secretary – Lori Jayko through June 2017, nominated by Mark, seconded by Ken.

Treasurer – Lori Jayko through June 2019, nominated by Mark, seconded by Ken.

Veteran's Officer – Richard Demyer through June 2017, nominated by Jason, seconded by Mark.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Matt Quinn through June 2018, nominated by Jason, seconded by Mark. Ben Glick through June 2018, nominated by Jason, seconded by Mark.

2. Northern Berkshire Solid Waste/Recycling: The \$500 for the shared roll-off was accounted for towards the Recycling Account and will be paid on this warrant and moved to the June 20 recap from June 6. Richard Demyer will contact Sandy Totter to inquire as to when the town will receive the \$500 grant money.

There is a program for a grant of \$400 a year to accept a Salvation Army clothing box. The box takes clothes and shoes and the state will reimburse the town. The Board is concerned about garbage being left outside of the box. Other towns report that this has not been a problem. If it does not work, the Salvation Army will remove the box. The Fire Chief approved placement near the town recycling bins as long as it does not interfere with parking or access to the fire station. Mark made a motion to place the Salvation Army clothing box, seconded by Ken.

Richard would like add a swap-out building eventually.

Richard reported that people currently leave garbage with the recycling bins.

3. Road Commissioner: Keith LaCasse, will patch on Smith and Ingraham Roads before July. After the first of July the roads will be sealed including Roys, Mallery, and Ingraham Roads. The cost of this will be out of the FY 17 budget.

The Board received an e-mail about a crew cleaning the side of Beach Hill Road. It was Keith cleaning the brush on Mallery and Beach Hill.

Tree work is complete. Chuck Morrone, Tree Warden, will make a list of trees that need attention for FY 17. There is a questionable ash tree on Smith Road and a tree needing work at 53 Roys Road. If anyone knows about any other trees that need work, please let Chuck know. Eversource downed a tree on Greylock Road that was near the road/wires. Keith took down two others. There's still some tree debris that will be cleaned up.

The culverts on Beach Hill need to be excavated and reshaped. This will be done after the first of July. Keith will fix the potholes on the road between Roys and Greylock Roads.

4. Greylock Road: Ken provided an update. The Conservation Commission met on June 10. Emily Stockman, certified botanist, gave a quote for \$3500 for a plant study in August on Greylock Road. Ken is going to meet with the Conservation Commission during the week of July 11 and ask the commission to pay for this study. Ken will ask Erica Krueter if this can be billed towards the grant if needed. The project should be able to be completed next year. Mark made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$3500 for the plant study if the Conservation Commission does not approve it and the fee needs to be used from the grant, seconded by Jason. Erica Krueter will extend the budget of the project through July of 2017.

5. Broadband/MBI: The town is hosting a Wired West meeting on June 25 at the Fire Station. Ken has sent out an e-mail for food items and set-up will be at 8:00 Saturday morning. This is a general meeting.

Jason received a letter from the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission containing a detailed map of where the fiber runs in town.

6. Oil: West Oil's lock-in price is \$2.19 per gallon. Keith called and e-mailed Berkshire Purchasing Group for their price of oil, but did not receive a response. Mark made a motion to lock-in with West Oil for 1200 gallons of heating oil at \$2.19 per gallon for FY 17, seconded by Jason. The town hall used over 900 gallons this year and there is a \$546.75 credit left to carry over. The total price for FY17 will be \$2092.05. The furnaces are scheduled for a cleaning on July 20th at 8:30. Lori J. will let West Oil in to service the furnaces.

7. Wind: At the Annual Town Meeting, there was some interest in windmills. Mark recommended turning this issue over to the Planning Board. They will be meeting soon to reorganize the board and Mark will bring this issue up.

8. Colonial Power: The board has not heard from Colonial Power.

Public Comment and other subjects for consideration:

Wayne Buckley inquired if anyone had heard about Snowy Owl, based on a legal notice in the Berkshire Eagle. Ken reported that a certified mailing was received by the town from PSI that provided notification about oil and or hazardous materials at the maintenance and snow factory buildings at Snowy Owl. The maintenance area needs a solution of the contamination, but the snow factory requires no additional soil excavation.

The Fire Department received the PPE grant that will be put towards a washer and dryer, and new gear. The town's application for the fire truck grant did not make it to peer review. The Department will resubmit for the fire truck grant in August/September. The Board will provide a letter supporting the pursuit of the grant.

Mark contacted Senator Ben Downing's office to give feedback about the proposed legislation that would change the zoning bylaws to allow multi-family lots by right. However, Downing voted to support the legislation. Mark would like to contact Representative Gail Carriiddi's office to reinforce that the zoning bylaw changes are inappropriate for towns with no water and sewer or schools. Ken made a motion to support Mark's contacting Gail Carriiddi's office on

behalf of the Select Board, seconded by Jason. Mark will contact Representative Carriddi's office tomorrow.

Jason will contact Amy Kohlenberger to get a list of outstanding taxes.

Wayne reported that there are 18 volunteers at the Fire Department. Jason needed the figure to complete insurance paperwork.

Ken reported to Chuck, cemetery committee member, that Kurt Singer would like to help with the cemetery mowing.

MBI paperwork needs to be signed by the Select Board Chair. Mark made a motion to approve going forward with MBI and their requirements, seconded by Ken.

Warrant was reviewed and signed.

Approve minutes from June 6, 2016. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, the minutes were approved.

Next meeting July 5, 2016, 6:30 PM

Meeting adjourned at 8:17