

New Ashford Select Board Meeting
May 3, 2016
Continuation of Select Board Meeting from May 2, 2016

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

Meeting opened at 6:31

1. Town Meeting: The Board reviewed and amended the Town Warrant. Article 13 was amended to take the money from the stabilization fund to offset the FY17 tax levy for the town's portion of the fire truck grant. Mark made a motion to move the sum of \$30,000 from free cash for the assessor to reduce the tax rate, seconded by Ken. Mark made motion to accept the town warrant as written, seconded by Ken.

Other: Ken reported that the Greylock Road Project is on hold due to the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act. The town needs to hire a certified botanist to do a plant survey in late August. This could put the project off a year and possibly cause the town to forfeit the grant money. Ken will look into how much it will cost to hire a botanist and if the grant usage can be extended a year. Another possibility is scaling back the project. The state locks for gates will be changed to town locks should the project proceed. Notice to bid was cancelled for the Berkshire Eagle.

Next meeting May 16, 2016 at 6:30

Meeting adjourned at 7:55