

Town of New Ashford
Select Board Meeting
September 21, 2015

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

Others Present: Jack Haig, Lori Trottier, Keith LaCasse, Max LaCasse, Tammy Steinhoff, Lynn Steinhoff, Helen Majchrowski, Lori Jayko

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Snow Plowing Contract Bid Opening: Two sealed bids were received. The first bid was from KLC for \$60,000. The second bid was from John's Tractor Service for \$72,125. Ken noted that John's is significantly more money, and that KLC needs bond and insurance proof. Ken made a motion to accept the bid from KLC for \$60,000, seconded by Mark.

2. Road Commissioner – Tri-town is coming September 22 to finish paving White Road. The boom mower is in town and the mowing on the sides of the roads will be done.
Prescott is coming to look at the culvert on Greylock road. A slip lining will be the least damaging option and save the stone wall. The washed out area could be filled in with a geogrid, a polypropylene netting that would help hold the material in place. Then the stone wall on bottom side would be reestablished. There is currently 250 yards of material in salt shed.
The Mallery Road paving project has been advertised on the Central Register and in the Berkshire Eagle. Bids will be opened on October 5.
Mutual Aid – Bruce Agosti will send Jason the packet rather than attend the October 5 meeting.
Mallery Road was swept to get loose aggregate off the road.
Jack Haig is concerned that the narrow roads at the Route 7 bridge project could cause an accident.

3. Gas Tax Letter – Mark began drafting a letter which he read aloud for feedback. He will bring a finished letter to the next meeting.

4. Public Comment and other subjects for consideration.

There is a dead tree across from Helen Majchrowski's house on Beach Hill Road.

Lynn Steinhoff says there are pieces of trees still on the side of the road. The agreement between the Select Board and the tree removers was to leave the trees on the ground to save the town money in order to get more of the dead trees cut.

Verizon bill – residential DSL bills went up. A phone call to Verizon should resolve the issue.

MBI will be here October 5.

Ken – Mass works application was accepted by the state for Greylock and Bauer Roads on August 11 and finalized September 4.

Follow up on the Tax Classification Hearing, as reported in correspondence from Gus Martin: \$13,500 will be used from free cash for the FY 16 tax stabilization to keep the tax rate the same as FY 15. \$7.86 residential – down \$.04, commercial and personal stays the same.

Fall Conference for select boards is October 3.

Kevin Buldec needs to be sworn in as the deputy tax collector.

5. Sign warrant. Warrant was reviewed and signed.

6. Approve Select Board minutes for September 8, 2015. A motion was made by Ken to accept the minutes from the September 8, 2015 Tax Classification Hearing, seconded by Mark. The minutes from the September 8, 2015 Select Board meeting were accepted on a motion from Mark, seconded by Ken.

Next Meeting: October 5, 2015 6:30. (Paving bids, MBI, Road Commissioner)

Meeting adjourned at 7:38