

New Ashford Select Board Meeting  
New Ashford Town Hall  
December 4, 2017

Board Present: Jason Jayko (chair), Mark Phelps  
Absent: Ken McInerney  
Others Present: Stephen Jayko, Keith Lacasse, Lori Jayko

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Public Comment: None.

2. License Renewals: The board reviewed the license paperwork from Shamrock Auto Sales. Mark made a motion, seconded by Jason, to approve the renewal for Shamrock Auto Sales used automobile sales license. A \$100 check was received with the license application. The board reviewed the applications from The Mill on the Floss Restaurant. A check will be delivered once the licenses are given. If a check is not received by January first, the licenses will be void. Mark made a motion to approve the alcohol license for The Mill on the Floss Restaurant, seconded by Jason. Mark made a motion to approve the two common victualer's licenses for The Mill on the Floss Restaurant, seconded by Jason. The board signed the license applications.

The board would like contact information to be on the applications, i.e. phone number.

3. Veterans: No report.

4. Road Commissioner: Keith Lacasse brought paperwork from Max Lacasse, Emergency Management Director, for the Emergency Management grant. The grant money will be used for fire department equipment. Jason signed the application.

Keith got a thirteen feet wide gate from DCR. He could not place it on Greylock Road because of ledge. Instead, he moved the lower gate up and used half of the DCR gate on Ingraham road. He is waiting to hear back from the Snow Mobile Club about a gate for Bauer Road. A 12 feet gate would be adequate. The town of Lanesboro will close their roads on December 8.

Keith will get a new lock for Greylock Road, will put a town lock on the Ingraham Road gate and will install a gate on Roys Road.

He put cement blocks by the Fire Station to make a salt and sand bin and started framing it. He got material from Dettinger's. They want a copy of the tax id number to set up a town account. DCR has not blown the leaves off Greylock Road.

Keith will patch the roads by the end of the week and will also do the ditch work.

He took down a tree on Beach Hill Road that had snapped at the base.

5. Colonial Power: A mailing from Colonial Power was sent to residents explaining the new electricity program. The documents are on the town website and were sent out by email. The electric rate is set for six months and will be revisited in the spring.

6. Tax Bill Printing: Jason called Patriot Systems and the representative said the tax information can be exported from the assessor software in a text file and printed. Jason can create a form for it and give it to the Tax Collector so she can do it in the future.

Mark met with the Town Manager and the Assessor in Williamstown and gave them the forms they had requested. They will make us an offer for shared assessor services. They said a single tax rate is easier than a split rate. Jason will ask Gus Martin, Assessor, for an update to find out when we can schedule the tax classification hearing.

7. Broadband: Jason has a phone call on Wednesday with Westfield Gas and Electric. The map of the poles needs to be reviewed, as more poles are included than is necessary.

8. Marijuana Regulations Discussion: Mark contacted the Berkshire Regional Planning Group and received a power point presentation from Tom Matsuzko. The Cannabis Control Commission will issue licenses to sell by April 1. Towns can apply for a moratorium, done by town meeting, to give the town time to decide if it wants to change the zoning. Retail operations are allowed in town by special permit. Mark will keep in touch with the Regional Planning Commission about the issue.

9. Any other board subjects for consideration: Jason received an e-mail from Flavia Mastellone, Planning Board Chair, that she is retiring from the board. An interim person can be appointed by the Select Board. There is an alternate on the board. Jason requested a letter of resignation. There will be a Public Hearing about two new electric poles on Greylock Road, on December 14, 2017 at 6:30.

Keith suggested that the pond on Mallery Road could be cleaned out and used for the Fire Department's water source. He will check with the Conservation Commission.

Mark will check with Regional Planning Commission to see if they have a draft article for the town warrant for plowing shared driveways.

10. Approve the minutes from November 20, 2017. On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, the minutes from November 20, 2017 were approved.

11. Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed.

Select Board Meeting and Public Hearing December 14, 2017 at 6:30.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54