

New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting
Teleconference
May 28, 2020

Board Present: Jason Jayko (Chair), Ken McInerney (MLP Manager), Mark Phelps
Others Present: Lori Jayko

Meeting opened at 6:00

1. Approve the minutes from May 18: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, the minutes from the May 18, 2020 New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting were approved.
2. Budget: The Board reviewed the budget. The tax collector software and assessor software lines were each increased by \$100. The Board added a line item to the budget for the 1792 Schoolhouse Repairs and Maintenance for \$250. The total budget is \$749,618. The Board reviewed the Enterprise budget, totaling \$72,878.63.
3. Annual Town Warrant: The Board reviewed the Annual Town Warrant. In the first article select the moderator was changed to elect the moderator. In the seventh article, salaries was changed to stipends. The eleventh article establishes a stabilization fund for the Old Schoolhouse for repairs and the twelfth funds it from free cash.
The Fire Chief was asked to prioritize the projects that he submitted. He did not indicate which project takes priority and, with the current uncertainties of revenue due to Covid-19, the Board would like to put the most important project forward to the town. The Board will try to find an efficiency grant to replace the lighting and garage doors at the Fire Station and the windows at the Town Hall. The roof on the Fire Station should be fixed before it causes bigger problems. Jason will add a warrant article for this and the Board will review it at the next meeting. Jason will contact the Fire Chief again about the radio grant.
4. Any other unforeseen business: The town has maintained the parcel of land next to the Old Schoolhouse for 20 years, as advised by legal counsel, and will consult legal counsel to pursue taking possession. The Board will look for property maps at the Town Hall.
Richard Demyer requested a bylaw for heavy haulers be added to the Annual Town Warrant in order for the town to be eligible for a larger grant for recycling. The Board believes that the regulations that the Board of Health already follows should be sufficient. Jason encouraged Richard to contact the Board of Health.
5. Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46

Next meeting June 1, 2020 @ 6:30