

New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting

New Ashford Town Hall/Zoom

December 19, 2022

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

Others Present: Lori Jayko, Susan Supranowicz, Keith Lacasse, Richard George, Jake Scace, Tammy Steinhoff, Alan Steinhoff

Zoom: None

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Approval of Minutes from December 5<sup>th</sup>: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Ken, the minutes from the December 5, 2022 New Ashford Select Board/MLP meeting were approved unanimously. On a motion by Jason, seconded by Ken, the minutes from the November 21, 2022 New Ashford MLP meeting were approved. Mark abstained.
2. Citizen Speak Time: Alan said there are trees down on Beach Hill Road that are blocking the swale. Asplundh was supposed to remove them and they haven't. Mark will call Asplundh. Alan asked about the cameras. They are in the process of being installed.
3. Signs and Letter: The signs are in but the posts are not. Keith will order dead end signs for Beach Hill and Smith Road. The letter concerning ATV problems has been endorsed for mailing.
4. Road Commissioner Matters: Snow, Barriers, Trench: The garbage truck couldn't get up Greylock Road. It had been plowed and salted at 10:00 and was fine when Keith checked it. He took care of a couple of fallen branches and trees in the recent storm. He will put the barriers near the propane tanks at the Town Hall. Ostermann is not returning phone calls. Jason will call Mirabito to fix the propane tank connection. The Chapter 90 survey for MMA is due tomorrow. Keith will look at it tonight.
5. Planning Board Vacancy, Next Steps: Tammy Steinhoff is interested in being on the Planning Board. There will be a joint meeting in January to make the appointments.
6. Budgeting Request Deadline: The Select Board would like budget requests by the second meeting in February. Ken will send out the budget request notices.
7. Software –Finance-Tax Collection – Payroll Quotes: Jason has talked with Accufund, Vadar and Quickbooks and is waiting to get demos. The Tax Collector, Accountant, and Treasurer will be asked to look at them.
8. MLP – any updates: Ken made a spreadsheet covering the unpaid billed costs from Whip City. He asked the Accountant and Treasurer to confirm that payment was not made for the installation at 9 Mallery Road. He expects around \$4,636 to come from the Broadband Grant and \$9,937 from the Enterprise Free Cash. Ken is drafting the warrant. The MLP will review the seasonal connection fee and may change it from \$100 to \$50. There is a meeting with Whip City on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

9. Fire Department: Engine 4 Update – Safety Grant: Engine 4 is back in service. The valve has been replaced in Engine 2 and it needs coolant. The Firefighter Safety Grant was awarded for \$10,500 and will be used for a new thermal imaging device. It will be paid upfront and reimbursed from the grant. It was approved at the Annual Town Meeting. The paperwork has been submitted. Jason is meeting with Bob Barry from MEMA tomorrow.

10. Special Town Meeting Update: Covered under MLP. The Special Town Meeting is January 18 at 6:00.

11. License Renewals: The Board reviewed the liquor license renewal applications and signed the paperwork.

12. Unforeseen Items: The Eversource cutting plan will be on the next agenda.

13. Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed.

Next Meeting – January 4, 2023 at 6:30

Meeting adjourned at 7:44