

New Ashford Select Board Meeting  
New Ashford Town Hall/Zoom  
May 9, 2024

Board Present: Jason Jayko (Chair), Ken McNerney (MLP Manager), Mark Phelps  
Others Present: Lori Jayko, Lars Reinhard, Richard George, Susan Supranowicz, Keith Lacasse,  
Diane George  
Zoom: None

Meeting opened at 6:00

1. Approval of Minutes from April 16, 2024: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, the minutes from the April 16, 2024 New Ashford Select Board meeting were approved as amended. Ken abstained.
2. Public Comment: Richard George has not received the permit fee from East Adams Trucking.
3. Road Commissioner: Keith gave the Board an updated quote from Donovan for paving Ingraham Road. The labor and equipment was quoted at \$27,000, with material purchased directly by the town. Condrón's quote was \$27,000 for labor and equipment. Both said they can get the work done before the end of the fiscal year. Mark made a motion to award the project to Donovan, seconded by Ken. The motion passed unanimously. PLT will call Keith when a grader is available to do Greylock and Roys Roads. Keith can ask Galusha if they can do the job with their grader. Keith will open Roys Road after fixing the dirt portion and checking for downed trees. There are trees down on Bauer Road. Keith expects to mow the sides of the town roads around the middle of June. The Board will put out a townwide notice before mowing occurs.
4. Fire Station Addition: The Conservation Commission has a meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss the NOI.
5. Trees: Keith will remove two dead trees on Mallery Road, between the Town Hall and the Rancourts', and one or two of the worst on Beach Hill Road. There are two dead ash trees near the Salt Shed that could hit the power lines if they fall. Eversource should have a crew back in town this summer. The tree near Bouchards' is a concern. Keith will give an estimate to chip the branches at the Town Hall. There are two dead ash trees hanging over the power lines, past the lot with the camper on Mallery Road.
6. Purchasing: Mark made a motion to authorize the purchase of ballistic gear for the Fire Department with the town credit card, as approved at Annual Town Meeting not to exceed \$6,000, seconded by Ken. The motion passed unanimously. Mark made a motion to authorize the purchase with the town credit card of 15 lighted safety vests for the Fire Department at \$1,050 + shipping and handling, that will be reimbursed by the MEMA grant, seconded by Ken. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Woodlands Partnership Grant FY24: Legal Counsel has not responded. Ken will call MTWP to see if the FY24 grant money can carry over to the next fiscal year. The FY25 grant application is due today.

8. School House Boundaries: Nothing from Town Counsel.

9. Building Inspector: Jason will contact the DOR and the Assessor to confirm that the town's revolving fund can allow the permit fee from the new construction on Beach Hill Road.

10. Town Clerk Updates: Susan sent out around 20 mail-in ballots for the town election and got 8 back so far. She will purchase a poll pad to use for elections this fall and will get billed in the next fiscal year. She is working on compiling the town report. She will send voting information to Jason to put on the website and will hold a church clean-up before the Annual Town Meeting.

11. Old and Any Other unforeseen Business: The Board reviewed the agreement from Whip City covering the policies when new customers sign on. Ken will sign it.

The Board reviewed a letter that Ken drafted to Senators Schumer, Jeffries, McConnell, and Johnson to advocate for continuance of the affordable connectivity program. The Board signed it. Lori will make copies and mail it.

The Board discussed flag placement in the cemetery for Veterans for Memorial Day.

12: Warrant: The warrants were reviewed and signed.

Next Meeting May 20, 2024 at 6:30

Meeting adjourned at 6:56