

New Ashford Select Board Meeting

New Ashford Town Hall/Zoom

July 22, 2024

Select Board Present: Jason Jayko (Chair), Mark Phelps

Select Board Zoom: Ken McNerney (MLP Manager)

Others Present: Lori Jayko, Diane George, Mario Gagliardi, Keith Lacasse, Susan Supranowicz, Richard George, Lars Reinhard

Others Zoom: Jake Scace

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Approval of Minutes from July 8, 2024: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, the minutes from the July 8, 2024 New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting were approved unanimously.
2. Public Comment: None
3. Fire Department – Engine Maintenance: The Fire Chief, Frank Speth, will be invited to the next meeting to discuss engine maintenance.
4. Road Commissioner: Keith Lacasse got a quote from Donovan for \$16,000 for blacktopping on Ingraham Road, not including the black top. The job can be paid for with the town's Fair Share funds. The owners of Bondhu contacted Keith about repairing their road. Keith informed them that the town does not maintain it, as it is not a town road. He advised them to contact the Conservation Commission before doing work due to proximity to the river. A resident on Roys Road complained about overhanging trees. Keith will take care of them. A resident on Beach Hill Road asked Keith to clean branches out of her driveway that fell during the recent storm. The power company cut up the tree and left it on both sides of the road. If trees on residents' property are a threat to the public way, Keith will get written permission to remove them. The Board discussed how to get rid of tree waste generated from storms, including putting it on the town's parcel on Ingraham Road.
5. Trees: The new Tree Warden, Mario Gagliardi, will mark the trees in town that need removal. Mark will give the him the tree information he has.
6. Fire Station Addition: The bid specs are on the website, commbuys, posted at the Town Hall and a request for bids was in the newspaper. Bids will be opened on August 19.
7. Woodlands Partnership Grant FY24: Ken will schedule a meeting of the Conservation Commission to vote to accept the land donation.
8. Church Well: Keith estimates it would cost under \$15,000 to connect the Church plumbing to the Town Hall well. Keith will get prices for plastic. Jason will call Ostermann to determine how old the propane tank at the Church is and if it safe to use.
9. School House Boundaries: No news. Jason will contact Legal Counsel.

10. MLP: Ken is not authorizing the repair bills from Whip City until he has more information from Andrew Short. He re-filed the insurance claim. Ken will get an estimate of the cost to connect 205 Mallery Road to town fiber. There is grant money left that could be used to pay for the drop.

11. Town Clerk Updates: Susan went to Guntlows with the owner of Brodie last week to make large copies. The cost of copies are at the owner's expense and Susan can charge a fee for public records requests.

12. Old and Any Other Unforeseen Business: Ken will be meeting with the contractor and project manager from Brodie.

Ken will contact Chris to discuss tax rate classification options.

Mark is getting solar panels installed and the company has had difficulty reaching the electrical inspector and the fire chief. Mark will make sure the company has their correct phone numbers.

13. Warrant: The warrant was reviewed and signed.

Next meeting 8/5/2024 at 6:30

Meeting adjourned at 7:21