

New Ashford Select Board & Historical Commission Meeting
New Ashford Town Hall
February 5, 2025

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

Select Board Absent: Ken McInerney

Historical Commission Present: Cindy Grosso, Ed Grosso, Linda Seney, Pete Haig

Historical Commission Absent: Marge Gigliotti, Kevin Flicker

Others Present: Lori Jayko, Allen Seney, Lars Reinhard, Keith Lacasse, Steve Nielsen

1. Open Meeting: Meeting opened at 6:00.

2. Discussion of 199 Mallery Road Church: Steve Nielsen has a foundation that gives funds to municipalities to help with projects. It helped Southwick with an athletic track and has provided funds for some smaller projects for Hancock. In Southwick, the foundation helped with steeple restoration on a large church. Steve would like to help get New Ashford's church restored to the same quality as the Old Schoolhouse. An engineering study will determine what actions are necessary for restoration. Steve offered for his foundation to give a financial gift to the town to cover the engineering costs, once the town conveys to the foundation that this is a viable project. Steve will coordinate with the Historical Commission. If there is an FY26 financial commitment necessary from the town, it will be on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. The Board thanked Steve and the Historical Commission.

3. Public Comment: None

4. Next Steps and Action Items: Steve will contact Guntlow and Scalise.

5. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:29