

New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting
New Ashford Town Hall/Zoom
February 3, 2025

Board Present: Jason Jayko (Chair), Ken McInerney (MLP Manager), Mark Phelps
Others Present: Lori Jayko, Lars Reinhard, Susan Supranowicz, Keith Lacasse, Diane George,
Richard George
Zoom: Chris Lamarre

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Approval of Minutes from January 22, 2025: On a motion by Mark, seconded by Jason, the minutes from the January 22, 2025 New Ashford Select Board/MLP Meeting were approved. Ken abstained.
2. Public Comment: Richard George, Board of Health Chair, got a phone message from someone staying at the Carriage House that he hasn't had heat in two weeks. The Building Inspector, Board of Health, and the Fire Department may work together to shut it down. Richard will contact Berkshire Regional Planning for advice on how to proceed.
3. Tax Map Maintenance: The Board reviewed the CAI Tax Map Maintenance contract for 2025. The Assessor, Chris Lamarre, advised that there is no change on the contract price and that CAI gives good service. The Board signed the contract.
Chris said the shared assessing fee for FY26 will remain the same. He will reach out to Patriot to confirm their price will stay the same for FY26.
Williamstown has no Animal Control Officer, so shared services are not possible at this time.
4. Historic Commission – Grants: There is a joint meeting with the Historical Commission and Select Board on Wednesday, February 5, at 6:00.
5. Fire Department Addition: Keith will bring a quote to the next meeting. The Board discussed adding flow control on the water line going out of the fire station to protect the tank from overflow again. Ken will talk to Walker Haig.
6. Road Commissioner: The salt was delivered, dumped outside, and brought in by buckets. There was a bit of a mess and wasted salt outside. Keith talked to the plow driver who said he was inexperienced. Keith told him to plow the turnarounds. The salt was \$115 a ton. The plow truck auger was frozen and too much salt was coming out.
Keith said the town will get \$77,000 more in Chapter 90 funds this year. He advised doing a full depth reclamation on Mallery Road and paving and also reclaiming on Greylock Road with grading and compacting. Diane said Ingraham Road has cracked in the middle and large sections of the sides are coming off. Keith will look at it. He thinks it may need to be sealed this year. The Board discussed putting guardrails on Smith Road near the culvert and on Ingraham Road by the brook.

7. MLP – STM: The town has \$15,000 from CAF II, pending deposit. The money will be used to pay the additional \$5,000 to Whip City and what is needed for batteries for the hut. Ken is meeting with Andrew on Friday. If the Carriage House closes, Richard will let Ken know to shut the internet off.

8. By-laws: Susan will e-mail Ken about the one year she's still looking for.

9. Budget: Ken sent out e-mail budget requests and has gotten most responses back. The Board discussed creating a resident repair account for the MLP to cover any necessary outside ONT repairs.

10. Old and Any Other Unforeseen Business: Diane would like permission from the Select Board for the Planning Board to send a copy of their draft ADU by-laws to legal counsel to have them evaluated or to get a boiler plate template. The Building Inspector looked at them and said they look good. The Planning Board meets again on February 12.

The Board discussed adding a warrant article at the ATM to address repairing the ramp at Town Hall. This will be on the next meeting's agenda.

Jason applied for a grant for a dry hydrant.

The Board discussed using the space between the Salt Shed and the cemetery for Keith to put brush.

11. Warrant: That warrants were reviewed and signed.

Next meeting February 19, 2025 at 6:30

Meeting adjourned at 7:12