

New Ashford Select Board Meeting
July 6, 2015

Select Board Present: Jason Jayko (Chair), Ken McInerney, Mark Phelps
Others Present: Everret (Gus) Martin, Keith LaCasse, Max LaCasse, Lori Jayko

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Town Assessor, Gus Martin – Patriot software is \$1200 a year for license and support. The software is implemented and the information is on Gus's laptop. A future user may want a printer that prints on both sides of the paper. The data is stored on Patriot's site, which is a password protected site. Patriot has a new, better tax billing program – past program had problems. Gus was going to use his own tax billing system, but could go with Patriot. If there is a cost involved, the select board would like advanced notice.

FY 16 budget number – Gus has the number and will start working on it. Gus will e-mail a rough estimate.

Tax classification hearing is usually in September.

Ken thanked Gus for his help resolving a land tax dispute between two residents.

Gus does not have any information on who is responsible for the first .606 miles of Greylock Road.

2. Trees – Jason is going to try to get the downed tree from the cemetery.

Three trees are down, crossing Bauer Road. The Tree Warden will likely put more trees out to bid.

3. Snow Plowing Contract – Jason provided amended copies to the board. The contract was discussed and amended. Jason will make the changes and send it out to the board. Max LaCasse noted that there have been problems in the past with cars being parked on the roads– it is in the town bylaws that cars cannot be parked on town roads.

4. Road Commissioner – Keith looked at the culvert on Greylock Road. It does not have any holes in it but it is rusty on the top and bottom and should be replaced. Estimated cost: \$1700 for the culvert and a retaining wall (necessary on the low side). Equipment, labor, and material would take about a week and cost around \$9500.

Keith is waiting to hear back on how much it would cost to put the millings from Mallery Road on Greylock Road.

Work on Route 7 was postponed until Wednesday, July 8, 2015.

Resident, Eddie Grosso, expressed concern over millings being temporarily placed on the road near his house. Materials were stored there during a previous construction project (years ago) and maybe contaminated the wells. Keith feels that the current millings should not leach into any wells and should not be there long enough to cause problems.

Keith will be getting a grader to grade all the roads that need it at one time.

Millings will be placed on Roys Road on the Williamstown side, in the fire station parking lot, on Greylock and Ingraham Roads.

Ingraham road is problematic where it is paved but covered with dirt– can either tack coat it, pave over lay, and smooth it off or use the grader and tear it off. The top of Ingraham should be closed at certain times of year.

A culvert is needed on Ingraham Road below the Lanesborough side to divert water and will cost around \$1500. Lanesborough side has not been maintained.

White Road needs to be paved. Tri-Town says it will cost about \$8000 for paving.

Location	Estimate
White Road	8,000
Greylock Road	12,000
Ingraham Road	5,000
Smith Road +Roys Road	1,500
Brushhogging	3,000

Estimated total: 29,500

Jersey Barriers \$150 each

Roys Road –ditches, culvert, sealing.

Greylock Road – Culvert work will be delayed until September and the grading can be done without doing the culvert first.

White Road needs work to keep the ice from coming across it in the winter. That is part of the ditch work.

5. Public Comment and any other subjects for consideration –

Ken filled out the Wired West grant and e-mailed it to Jim, from Wired West, who said it looks good. Ken is going to submit it. The \$5000 will go directly to Wired West. It will be about 1 ½ years before towns will be online.

The fire department asked that the 1970 pumper be taken off the insurance policy (it's a '71) – the fire department needs to fill out a form – return plate tag.

The town is getting a set of Jaws for the Fire Department.

Diane Stevens reported back about the American Legion Food Pantry in Lanesborough. The chef at the food pantry was counting all people using the 01237 zip code as being from New Ashford. There are actually no people from New Ashford using the food pantry.

6. Approve Select Board minutes for June 29th, 2015 – A motion was made by Mark Phelps to approve the minutes, seconded by Ken.

7. Sign Warrant – warrant was reviewed and signed.

8. Next meeting dates: July 27, 2015 6:30PM, August 3, 2015, August 17, 2015

Adjourned at 8:30