

Town of Farmingdale Select Board Meeting Minutes  
January 10, 2018

Members Present: James Grant - Wayne Kilgore--Nancy Frost

Others Present: Rose Webster -Steve Stratton- Mike McGee- Sam Jones-Dana Mealey-Frank Pecor – Ike Peppard and Andrew McKenna.

Meeting opened by James Grant 6:30 p.m. with Pledge of Allegiance.

Jim Grant – wants it noted that the typed version of the meeting minutes is a condensed overview of what was discussed; they are not to be used for accuracy; they are informational purposes only - the only approved minutes by the Selectboard are the audio recordings. It was also agreed that the audio recordings would be entered on the web site as well. At the last meeting the Selectboard was called disrespectful and unprofessional. Jim said that changes on how we conduct our meetings are in order. That in the past it has been a very informal and open discussion type meeting. Jim feels that it is time to use an official meeting type format.

- Jim Grant made a motion to change to an official type meeting format and that they are not required to allow anyone to speak. Whoever has the floor and is speaking shall not be interrupted by anyone.
- Wayne Kilgore second
- Vote approved 3/0

Jim said that ongoing that any request to be put on the agenda will be made to the Town Clerk no less than 7 (seven) business days prior to the next meeting to be held. In addition specific topics and a list of questions to be discussed shall be needed. Incomplete request will not be granted and you will not be allowed to speak. The Road Commissioner, Cemetery Sexton, Constable, Fire Department, and clerk will need to have requests emailed to the Town Clerk by the Monday before the scheduled Selectboard Meeting.(unless emergency in nature).

Jim said that at the last meeting they were also told that they should be careful about discussing people and contractors and told specifically that it was Brandon Ellis. Jim listened to the tapes and that the only thing about Brandon that was mentioned was that he did a good job on his last job. That they discussed retracting a portion of the Storm Drain contract due to some extensive work on Hasson Street that they would like to have done in the spring. Jim asked Steve if had had discussed retracting the contract with Brandon. Steve said no that he didn't think that we could do that where it was accepted and he had already started some of the work and has done two of them. Jim said that the work was not done in a timely manner that the completion date was November and it now January. Jim said that he will discuss this with the Town Attorney. Jim said that what Nancy did say was that the Town needed to do a better job with our contracts so that there are no extras, and that she felt that perhaps in the past the other contractor did a low ball bid. Jim said that they need to work together and produce a complete contract. Jim said that they were also told that it was shameful that they did not reimburse a resident for replacing their own culvert. Jim said that the Selectboard had no knowledge prior to this and that there will be changes to the bidding ordinance. Jim said that they were also told that they were being disrespectful to the Town staff when they asked about time off, that this is not in their work package and this time off is not guaranteed. The Selectboard members have taken their own money to give to the staff for the holidays to have lunch on them and if this does not show how we value our staff, not sure what does. The administrative procedures and duties will no longer be discussed in a meeting, they will be conducted upstairs.

Nancy said that the meetings have been run pretty loose and that we need to change our format as we don't welcome ambushes. Rose said that the first year that she was here that it was the worst year she has put in as a clerk with the weekly yelling, name calling and comments made by the public in attendance.

Jim asked Mike McGee to stop in to discuss the upcoming rains and getting the catch basins cleared to prevent flooding on the streets. Jim said that it does not specifically mention the Catch Basins but says that the Contractor shall assure that the roads were safe and clear of ice and snow. He asked how Mike felt about this and Mike agreed that it does not mention them opening Catch Basins. Mike said that he has no problem going around and pushing back some of the areas of the catch basins. Steve Stratton mentioned that there was a bad one on the corner of Roberta Street that really needs to be addressed. Jim told Mike that they are working on the upcoming contract. Some of the ideas are a 25 mile per hour speed limit when plowing, including the new property recently purchased for the new Fire Station, also perhaps including the catch basins..

Rose said that a resident called and said that West Gardiner will no longer accept our recycling. Nancy Frost said that she would check into this with West Gardiner.

Wayne requested that Summit Gas come to a Selectboard Meeting to discuss bringing natural gas to Farmingdale. They will be attending the February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Selectboard reviewed a report from the assessing agents firm RJD and was very pleased with the report and the level of service they are providing. They will discuss with the Town attorney about extending their contract for a longer amount of time.

Steve Stratton had complaints on mailboxes being hit and that the plow trucks, calls for more sanding and scraping.

Jim discussed that they want to get the RFP out for an Architectural/Engineering firm for the new fire station. Jim asked Rose to send the addendum to the town attorney for her review. The RFP for the building demolition pre-bid will be held this Thursday at 9am. Jim also would like to look into security cameras for the office.

Ike Peppard – He has found a replacement for the ACO position. Andrew McKenna is also the ACO in Randolph and comes highly recommended. Ike said he thinks that he would be a good fit for the position.

- Wayne Kilgore made a motion to hire Andrew McKenna
- Nancy Frost second
- Vote approved 3/0

Jim Grant will meet with Andrew and go over things with him and any equipment that he has. Andrew will stop into the office and fill out the paperwork needed and get sworn in. Jim signed the OSHA 300A paperwork for the fire department.

- Jim Grant made a motion to forward the invoice to the next treasures warrant from Mike's Plumbing that was due to a problem with the Russell Street pump station shutting down and caused a backup for a resident.
- Nancy Frost second
- Vote approved 3/0
  
- Jim Grant made a motion to forward the invoice to the next treasures warrant from BHS INC for the work done on Debra St
- Wayne Kilgore second
- Vote approved 3/0

Dana Mealey- the new fire truck did not function so well, that there is a problem with the reverse, its seems to be a cluster of ground wires crimped into one eyelet and a transmission module has been ordered by the company that sold the truck to Farmingdale and they will install the new module when it comes in.

Jim Grant – had a sit down with Nate Rudy the Town Manager of Hallowell to discuss potential ideas on saving money with shared services, automatic aid with the Fire Department, recycling and working together for our communities.

Public Comment: None

- Jim Grant made a motion to adjourn at 8:04pm. The next meeting will be on January 24, 2018
- Nancy Frost second
- Vote approved 2/0

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James Grant

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Nancy Frost

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Wayne Kilgore

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