

Town of Farmingdale Select Board Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2018

Members Present: James Grant - Wayne Kilgore--Nancy Frost
Others Present: Rose Webster -Steve Stratton- Brandon Ellis

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

- Nancy Frost made a motion to approve the minutes of December 27, 2017 and January 10, 2018
- Wayne Kilgore second
- Vote approved 3/0

Jim Grant spoke to Brandon Ellis concerning the contract that he currently has on the repairing 4 Catch Basins on Hasson and Debra Street. Brandon has two of them done. Jim said that the Town is planning on having an Engineer doing a scope of work o Hasson Street, reclaiming and cut the road down, grinding and all new basins and pipes. Jim asked if Brandon would consider the contract done and let the Town include the other 2 into the larger planned project. Brandon asked when this work would be done and Jim is in hopes to see the completion by the first of July and that Brandon would be more than welcome to bid on the larger project. Brandon said that he would like to complete his last two and would work with the planned project and specifications.

Natalie Jackson – questioned about the agreement that Dan Alexander had with the sewer committee at the Foggy Bottom marina that changes his units in the winter. Jim Grant felt that we should have the Town Attorney review the agreement and see what her thoughts are.

Natalie had two abatement requests for Sewer usage; one was for Kennebec Savings Bank for lawn watering and one for Matt Skehan for agricultural purposes, both have meters.

- Nancy Frost made a motion to approve the abatement for Kennebec Savings Bank
- Wayne Kilgore second
- Vote approved 3/0

- Jim Grant made a motion to approve the abatement for Matt Skehan
- Nancy Frost second
- Vote approved 3/0

Natalie also discussed that Gardiner Water had called and told her that the trailer park owned by Ken Sonagere had a leak in his meter and Gardiner had to install a new one. The water was leaking into the ditch and did not enter the sewer system. Gardiner is going to abate on his average consumption and Natalie was wondering if we should do the same and adjust the billing that is getting ready to be sent out. Natalie presented the meter detail in his account and his average is 486.

- Jim Grant made a motion adjust the billing to the average of 486
- Nancy Frost second
- Vote approved 3/0

There was an undischarged 2011 tax lien for Deborah Caldwell, that was paid after the foreclose date in 2012 that needed to have a quit claim deed signed so that she could proceed with the sale of her property.

- Jim Grant made a motion adjust the billing to the average of 486
- Nancy Frost second
- Vote approved 3/0

A discussion on the Demolition of the new Fire Station property; was questioned if a bid bond is required and if the Town was going to pay the tipping fees. It was decided no bond needed and that the Town would pay the tipping fees The Town is in contact with a firm to have the property reviewed to see if there is asbestos present. It was discussed that the dates have been pushed ahead so far should there be another pre-bid. Rose will send that question onto the Town Attorney to see what her thoughts are.

It was decided to put the Architectural/Engineering bid out to bid at this time. Mandatory pre-bid on Tuesday the 6th at 1:00 and bids de back by February 21, 2018

The fire department had asked about purchasing a piece of safety equipment that they could get for half price; Rose had sent the email request with the information to the Selectboard. They wanted to take \$4,000.00 from the Fire Department reserve fund and they would pay the additional \$995.00

- Jim Grant made a motion take the \$4,000.00 from the Fire Department reserve fund and the remaining funds from the fire department expense.
- Nancy Frost second
- Vote approved 3/0

The Selectboard reviewed some road complaints and issues noted with the last snow storm. Steve Stratton said that he had been working on keeping catch basins open. It was also discussed to speak with Tony Barry and see if they would be willing to review their current contract and give a price on shoveling the covers and panels at the sewer pump stations. Also discussed was speaking to Alden Longfellow about his contract and go over keeping the catch basins cleared and open in the winter and spring when problem's may arise. It was felt that if this could be negotiated that it might help to keep the winter maintenance contract price more affordable for the Town.

Jim read the compliance directive regarding use of safety equipment that is required by workers when using a chainsaw. Jim noted that these safety requirements need to be followed A letter was received by the Historical Society that they were wondering if when the Fire Department moves to the new station if they could have some room here to display some items.

Nancy Frost will call West Gardiner to discuss that they no longer want our residents using their recycling center. The Selectboard signed the Constables yearly appointment paperwork

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

Date _____

James Grant

Nancy Frost

Wayne Kilgore

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