

Town of Farmingdale
Select Board Meeting Minutes
February 06, 2019

Members Present: Jim Grant - Wayne Kilgore - Nancy Frost

Others Present: Rose Webster – Steve Stratton – Thomas Harnett -Sam Shepard – Jeff Winnard – Areej Dorriety – Douglas Gordan – Ann Pistell and Jane Hubert

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

- Jim Grant made a motion to accept the minutes of January 9, 2019
- Nancy Frost Second
- Vote approved 3/0.

State Representative Thomas Harnett presented some updates and issues that the House of Representatives are working on in this session. Issues with Maine Revenue Sharing and education funding are two of the big issues currently being worked on. Jim Grant asked about a bill that is being proposed to tax heating oil. Thomas said that it looks like there will be some amendment added to this bill and that it is a carbon tax with the goal that the funds will be used to impact the climate change. Nancy said that she hopes the education funding is going to be changed and that the 55% funding that was voted in will be approved. Nancy also spoke about having to pay sales tax on nursing home care she feels that there is no way there should be a tax for that. Thomas agreed that something need to be done that no family should have to spend their life savings, money set aside for their child's education and retirement to pay for healthcare.

A few of the people attending were inquiring about the upcoming changes in the Medical Marijuana Ordinance when the vote would take place. The Planning Board is currently working on some of the changes and there will be a public hearing held before the Town Meeting in June. The Selectboard discussed that some of the changes are necessary for assessing and knowing about equipment onsite that the fire department should be aware of. They will attend the ongoing Planning Meetings and the Town Meeting to assist in any questions or concerns as well.

Ann Pistell and Jane Hubert presented some information on Hatch Hill that they feel shows that the 8 Towns that are paying yearly to Hatch Hill are subsidizing for the non-members that are taking their garbage to Hatch Hill. Ann did a study on the surrounding Towns that are not members of Hatch Hill and called the transfer stations to see if they were being used by some of the haulers that were supposed to be coming to their sites and found that very little was going there by some of the larger haulers. Hatch Hill has the lowest tipping fees. This is not illegals but she does not feel that the 8-member towns should have to pay a yearly fee if this is allowed to continue. The City of Gardiner will be hosting a meeting with Hatch Hill and the member towns to discuss this sometime at the end of February.

Jim Grant attended a meeting in Randolph with some of the area towns regarding the LED Streetlight proposals with Affinity. They are proposing for Farmingdale to purchasing the equipment and change over to LED lights for 184 streetlights a cost of \$82,967.00. That the estimated breakeven time is 3years. There will be more ongoing meetings and information in the next couple of months.

The Fire Department received a bid for \$950.00 to fix the back-fire station door. There was a discussion that perhaps instead of just replacing the door that we need to have an awning built to extend beyond the roof and fix it correctly so that it will last longer.

Steve went over the repair that was needed on the Blaine and Ryder Road due to washing out from the recent rain. There was a section on the Blaine Road that was approximately 700 feet long and the ice had built up in the ditch 2 feet. Steve feels that part of the ditching problem may be hay was placed and it is holding the water from draining, in the future we will need to request that mats be placed.

Public Comment: None

- Jim Grant made a motion to adjourn at 8:42pm and go into executive session 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) for discussion on personnel matters. There will be no decision made at this time so the Selectboard will not be coming back into regular session.
- Wayne Kilgore second
- Vote approved 3/0

Date _____

James Grant

Nancy Frost

Wayne Kilgore