

Town of Farmingdale
Select Board Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2018

Members Present: Jim Grant - Wayne Kilgore - Nancy Frost

Others Present: Rose Webster – Steve Stratton – Randy Butler – Jeff Ellis - JoAnn Choate

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

- Jim Grant made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 5th meeting.
- Wayne Kilgore Second
- Vote approved 2/0

Randy Butler from Dirigo Engineering went over the Catch basin and drainage plans for Hasson St. and Almar St. They have surveyed and designed both streets and feel that removing the layers of pavement would be costlier, as it would require fixing driveways to make them to new grade as well as repairing all catch basins and drainage. They are checking to see if the DOT will let the drainage go into the Maine Avenue catch basins. Randy said that he does not think that DOT will agree to have the drainage running into the Maine Avenue catch basins as it could exceed the drainage design there. The catch basins on these streets will require a total replacement on all of them and get rid of the paved swales and replace with curbing. The issue with running the drainage across some of the property lines can be better adjusted and more agreeable to the residents in the area. Dirigo is working on having the design and ready to go out to bid for the spring of 2019.

Jeff Ellis wanted to express his concerns with a project currently being done on Northern Avenue and that the ditching is not conforming to the contract standards. Jim Grant said that the contractor has to be given the opportunity to rectify any problems. The job has to be done as to what is best for the residents and that Steve is working with the contractor. Jeff said that the contract calls for all vegetation to be removed in the ditches and that is not being done. Steve said that he felt that there were areas that did not require all vegetation removed as it would dig up some of the lawns there and deeper ditching in other areas would make the grade below the culverts. Nancy Frost said that she thought that the shoulders and the ditching were looking good and some of the problem issues had been resolved. Jeff feels that the Selectboard should make sure that the contract is adhered to before approving payment on this.

The Selectboard feels that the Northern Avenue paving project that was done by C.H. Stevenson is causing issues and has not been done correctly. Nancy feels that they need to grind it down and then pave it again. Rose will contact C.H. Stevenson and ask them to attend the next Selectboard meeting. Jim Grant will contact Jim Coffin and have him check the paving and to see if the spec's that he designed was followed.

Wayne Kilgore said that 7 contractors showed up for the pre-bid on the new fire station. Mark at A.E. Hodsdon is putting it in writing to all the contractors that purchased a set of bids that the price needs to be held for an April start date.

JoAnn Choate updated the Selectboard on the ongoing work on the cemeteries in Town. Jo Ann is working on getting prices for trimming of some trees and maintenance work that needs to be done. Currently JoAnn is volunteering her time. Jim did some research on the liability insurance for the

contract that is being worked on for a Cemetery Administrator. The Selectboard agreed that the liability insurance would be okay at \$300,000.00 along with a predetermination of independent contractor status. Jeff Ellis asked if this was going to be put out to bid when it is ready, and questioned if there should be some kind of liability insurance for a volunteer working in the cemetery.

Steve Stratton went over some projects that he is working on getting out to bid. 40 Easy Street has ribbon on all the trees that need to be removed, a 24 inch culvert needs to be replaced and the area ripped. Working on First Street drainage, some plans and easements were found, Jim Grant will come in and review them. Steve said that a tree at 79 Bowman Street is full of termites and needs to be removed as soon as possible. Steve went over several other projects and culverts that will need to be done in the coming year. Steve will be going over to inspect the equipment that Steve McGee will be using for snow removal for the upcoming winter season.

Rose updated the Selectboard on the FEMA claim. The Kennebec Drive project needs to have the culverts replaced before winter, the rest of the work will have to be done in the spring as it is getting to late to have re-seeding and cleanup of the damage done now.

The Sewer Committee has approved the new budget and rates for the Sewer and they were presented to the Selectboard for their approval.

- Jim Grant made a motion to accept the new budget and rates.
- Nancy Frost Second
- Vote approved 3/0

Rose presented the Selectboard with two abatements that the Assessor Agent has recommended. Both of the abatements were due to buildings that were completed after the April 1 deadline, so the assessment was incorrect.

- Jim Grant made a motion to approve both abatements
- Nancy Frost Second
- Vote approved 3/0

The Winter Maintenance Contract and the State PSAP 911 contract were signed by the Selectboard. There was a discussion about the winter sand bin and exploring a larger bin to hold the sand for residents to use. Jim will get the catch basin cleaning contract updated for the current contract that Alden Longfellow.

Public Comment: None

- Jim Grant made a motion to adjourn at 9:00pm and to have a brief workshop to go over the application for Sewer/FRAC committee with Jeff Ellis.
- Nancy Frost second
- Vote approved 3/0

Date _____

James Grant

Nancy Frost

Wayne Kilgore