

Town of Farmingdale  
Select Board Meeting Minutes  
November 26, 2019

Members Present – Nancy Frost- Wayne Kilgore – Andy Vellani

Others Present: Rose Webster – Dana Mealey – Mike Laplante – Doug Ebert - Jeff Ellis -Jim Grant – Steve Stratton

Meeting opened by Nancy Frost at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Fire Truck Inspections:** The Selectboard had some concerns and questions regarding the recent inspections of two of the Fire Trucks. Dan explained that some of the alerts are just items that should be checked or repaired before the next inspection, none of the alerts are critical. There is a requirement under the law that the pumps are tested annually. The repairs noted have been addressed. The department has a monthly checklist for inspections on the trucks and the equipment that they perform every month. Engine 11 will need new belts on its next service.

**New Fire Station:** There is an issue with severe staining on the bay floor that cannot be removed. They will be doing a sealing project next week and it will be paid for by both the contractors that were responsible.

**Road Commissioner:** The sand bin has been delivered and is in place. McGee Construction will remove the old metal one. Nancy asked Steve about looking into perhaps looking at buying cold patch somewhere else in bulk and purchasing another container and storing in that to save some money. Steve said he has a lot of complaints in the Height with a project that Pratt and Son is doing, that they are not cleaning up after they are done in an area. Steve will keep on top of the project and make sure that they do a better job behind themselves. They came across an old clay pipe that looked like it had been discontinued years ago and did not connect to anything. Steve told them that it was okay to plug it and move on. Jon Lambert called and asked that the bus company be notified of any road closures to assist with being able to reroute for student pick up as needed. The project is also going beyond the deadline date due to weather and a later start than anticipated. They will have to do a binder and finish paving in and reseeding in the spring.

Jeff Ellis – Feels that the Town has an ordinance voted in by the residents of the Town and the Selectboard has an obligation to make sure the Ordinance is followed. Jeff discussed his dissatisfaction with the roadside mowing and also the ditching work done on Northern Avenue. Jeff feels that the contracts are not being adhered to and the Selectboard is approving payment on work that is not following the specification set in the contract. Steve Stratton said he had gone around after the mowing and felt that Tony adhered to the 10-foot specification in most areas, but some of the areas it would have been impossible for him to do that. Andy Vellani did ride around with Jeff Ellis and agreed that were some areas of concern. Andy said that he has not contacted Tony right away after they reviewed the job and Tony had already winterized and put his equipment away. Jeff also went over the recording of the October 16<sup>th</sup> Selectboard Meeting and felt that it was discussed that the Board basically did not want to hear from him. Jeff presented a letter with his concerns of the road issues and contract specifications not be adhered to that he wanted to be entered into the record of the meeting. Jeff also discussed that the Northern Avenue paving project went beyond the Ordinance that stated that all paving is to be completed by October 31, and is still not complete. Jeff would like to be made aware of any discussion by the Selectboard has regarding paying for the paving on Northern Avenue. Jeff feels that no payment should be made until the project is complete. Andy Vellani said that the time line was not met but the Contractor has to guarantee the work for 2 years. The Contract was put out late and the Selectboard had agreed to doing only a binder this fall as the project was delayed while the Board decided on some other projects, they had to hold back due to budget constraints. Andy also feels that they met the temperature requirement. Steve Stratton agreed and that the product currently put down is the binder and the final product will be done in the spring.

**Public Comment:** Jim Grant did mention that the contracts currently being used are generic and requires a two-year warranty on the work. Jim asked if Pike took temperature reading on the road surface and if any records were kept of the temperature. Jim also questioned what the DOT specs for this type of work are and was that followed. Jeff Ellis said that in the future he feels that the Board needs to do inspections of the contracts and make sure that the specifications are being followed and that the Contractor needs to be held accountable. Jeff wanted assurance that the Board will follow through on the roadside mowing next spring and make sure that the work is inspected and following the specifications of the contract before payment is made.

- Nancy Frost made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion that the Selectboard will meet at 5:30 December 11 at 5:30P.m. Before the regular Board Meeting at 6:30p.m for an Executive Session M.R.S.A § 405 6.A – for Personnel reasons.
- Wayne second
- Vote approved 3/0

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Nancy Frost

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Wayne Kilgore

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Andrew Vellani