

Town of Farmingdale Select Board Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2017

Members Present: Wayne Kilgore—Nancy Frost (*Jim Grant Absent due to illness*)

Others Present: Rose Webster –Steve Stratton- Jason Pafundi, Doug Ebert & Natalie Jackson

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

Nancy Frost and Wayne Kilgore made an announcement that the Town of Farmingdale just purchased 571 Northern Ave as the new sight for the new Farmingdale Fire Station.

Rose Webster asked if the Selectboard could sign the abatement for Pam Chase for 1 year. This was decided at a prior meeting but the paperwork had not been signed.

Rose also brought forward a resident that was claiming a homestead in Florida as well as Maine. She explained that the resident as well as the State of Florida had a letter stating that the homestead would be removed from Farmingdale. This letter was written in 2008 by Phyllis Weeks. Rose read a letter from the state of Florida and what their plans may be. Nancy said that there is fault on both sides. Wayne and Nancy agreed that the town should charge the resident for 2 years. This will be brought up at the next meeting on 11/15/2017 when Jim is available also and a decision can be made with all 3 Selectboard members present.

Catch Basin and Street Repair bids were opened at this time.

C.H. Stevenson bid \$25,000.00

B.H.S. Inc. bid \$21,500.00

Nancy and Wayne agreed that BHS should be awarded the contract but wanted to have Jim Grant's input before making a final decision. These bids will be forwarded by email and the Selectboard will vote on this so the job can get started as soon as possible.

Steve Stratton went to McGee Construction to inspect the equipment that will be used in the Town of Farmingdale and found that none of the trucks were inspected. Mike McGee assured Steve that these would be inspected before using them to plow. Also anything mechanical will be repaired. Steve said that he is trusting that Mike will follow through.

Steve has been very busy cleaning catch basins before the storm as well as after the storm. Steve had Bruce Crockett open up a plugged culvert that was plugged by beavers. Steve will contact Greg Smith to see what can be done to trap the beavers and remove them.

Steve was approached by Ted Barry who inquired about a turn around at the north end of Debra Street. The pavement is breaking up and Steve wanted to know who owned this and who would be responsible to repair this section. (*Natalie will check to see who owns this property*)

C.H. Stevenson while completing a job on Fairway Lane and Kennebec Drive broke a water shut off Gardiner Water was notified of this and they said that they would repair this. Steve received a call from a resident who lives on Kennebec Drive would like to know if the rocks that have been left behind can be raked up. Steve said that he would check this out.

Steve explained that there is a lot of debris that needs to be cleaned up from the storm. Steve asked if they wanted him to hire a chipper and clean it or hire a contractor to do the work. Nancy said that she did not want to have the same thing happen this time that happen this spring when everyone was bringing brush out to the street and causing the contractor more work. Steve asked the Selectboard if they wanted him to write up a scope of work to have the trees cleaned up from this storm. The Selectboard agreed that Steve will make a list of streets and get quotes from contractors and bring this back to the Selectboard.

Steve asked about a tree that is on the corner of Choate Lane that in his opinion is a very dangerous tree that needs to be removed. We will check to see if CMP will remove this tree and if not then the town will need to contact the land owner and discuss what can be done to eliminate this problem. *(Natalie will contact CMP and find out if they will take care of this tree)*

Second Street Ditching should be starting sometime this week.

Steve checked with 3 contractors about crack sealing and one did not do crack sealing as the other two would be more expensive than Brownies. Nancy asked Steve to contact Brownies and find out what the temperatures need to be so that the crack sealant will work.

Nancy wanted to know if anyone contacted CMP about the street lights on Sheldon Street that keep blowing out. She feels that it is because of a business at the top of the street that is drawing a lot of power.

Public Comment:

Jason Pafundi asked how large the property was that was purchased for the Fire Station. Wayne said that it was 175 feet wide and 225 feet deep and bordered two streets. Doug asked that before the building is taken down that the Firemen could use the building that is there for training. Jason asked how long before the Fire Station would be completed. Wayne told him he anticipated that after the Fire Department used the house for training that it would be taken down this fall and then the land will sit until next year. Wayne anticipates that the New Fire Station will be completed within a 2 year time period. Gardiner Water offered to put in a Fire Hydrant for the New Fire Station.

- Nancy Frost made a motion to adjourn
- Wayne Kilgore second
- Vote approved 2/0

Date _____

James Grant

Nancy Frost

Wayne Kilgore