

# Town of Farmingdale

## Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes

### November 24, 2015

The Farmingdale Sewer Committee met on Tuesday November 24, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Farmingdale Town Office.

Members Present: JoAnn Choate, Dana Parker, Ben Sanborn and Jim Grant (Liaison)

Others Present: Tony Barry and Ben Barry

Ben Sanborn called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

- ✚ Dana made a motion to accept the minutes of October 15, 2015 as written.
- ✚ JoAnn 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion
- ✚ Vote 3-0-0

**Discussion:** Ben informed the Sewer Committee that Mike Pelletier has resigned but did say that he would try to be available if the committee needed any information.

**Discussion:** Jim addressed the Sewer Committee about a conversation that he had with Tony Barry regarding the proration of the Sewer Contract. Mr. Barry felt that it would not be fair to only pay for 9 months and still require 12 months' worth of work. Jim agreed with this also. Currently the peroxide used for the pumping stations is being stored at the back Fire Station. They have removed 10 gallons of the peroxide from the 55 gallon drum to date. Jim suggested that Excaliber submit an invoice for 0.00 dollars to show the work that has been done. JoAnn asked if the Sewer Committee could get a schedule from Excaliber to show when and what work will be done.

**Conclusion or Action to be taken:** The Sewer Committee agreed to pay Excaliber the full amount of the contract. Excaliber agreed to submit an invoice for 0.00 every month to the Sewer Committee to show what has been done for work and this can be recorded in the minutes of the meeting. Excaliber agreed to provide a schedule for the Sewer Committee of the work that has been done as well as work that is scheduled to be done.

**Discussion:** Jim asked about the totalizer and if Gardiner is getting the readings that they need. Ben said that he believed that the problem Gardiner was having not getting readings has been resolved. Julian would know for sure if this has been resolved.

**Conclusion or Action to be taken:** Natalie will talk with Julian to find out if this has been taken care of.

**Discussion:** Electrician – Tony explained that the Town should have an electrician that is separate from the Sewer Contract that they trust to work on things. Tony explained that an electrician that he worked with before with another contractor here in Farmingdale made a statement that he really didn't know what he was doing but that he would muddle through it.

**Conclusion or Action to be taken:** Ben felt that this would call for another contract and that we should keep this the way it is currently. Ben also felt that depending on the dollar amount that the town may have to go out to bid. Dana said that he felt that it should be up to the contractor to hire who he wanted as an electrician. JoAnn felt that it is up to the contractor to hire the electrician and felt that we should follow the contract and possibly discuss this after the first year has been completed.

**Discussion:** The contractor has peroxidized Russell Street and Dale Street pump stations. They will be peroxidizing one (1) pump station a week. Jim asked if the board would like to have Excaliber do an inspection of the meter pit? Jim would also like photos taken to show what it looks like down in the meter pit. Ben

thought that it would be a good idea to do an inspection and to let the committee know if there is any problems. Dana asked if Excaliber had confined space certificates and Tony Barry said that they did have the confined space certificates. Also Excaliber notified the committee that there is only one (1) extra pump at the back Fire Station.

**Conclusion or Action to be taken:** Natalie will call Mike to see where the pump that was repaired under warranty is.

**Discussion:** Ben Sanborn asked if the locks have been changed out. Ben Barry responded that he did get a price and that it would be around \$300.00 to change over the locks. Jim asked if these were high security locks and not your typical master lock. Ben Barry said that he was not sure he said that it was the same thing that is on there now which is a master lock. Ben Barry said that if we wanted something fancier that he could ask Burt's about it. Ben Sanborn said that he did not think that we needed anything fancy just something that was sufficient and worked. Ted Barry let the committee know that there is not only a paddle lock on the Dale street pump station but also a type of wrench key that is needed that is not there. Ben Barry said that there is no need to buy these if we don't have them that they can be made.

✚ Dana made a motion to allow Excaliber to update and change the locks and have the invoice for this sent to the Town office.

✚ JoAnn 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

✚ Vote 3-0-0

✚ Dana made a motion for Excaliber to inspect the meter pit with photos and report back with regard to if there needs to be a flush or not. Also that if the meter pit needs to be cleaned to go ahead and clean it at the time of inspection.

✚ JoAnn 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

✚ Vote 3-0-0

**Discussion: Hi-Hat** - Ben Sanborn spoke about the letter that was received from Ben Laflin on 11/16/2015 with his response to the letter sent to him on 11/4/2015 by the Town of Farmingdale Select Board. There was discussion on what are the obligations on behalf of the Hi-Hat and if they are grandfathered. Jim said that the meeting minutes and audio minutes of the sewer committee as well as the Selectboard that pertain to this would need to be reviewed. Natalie passed out a CD that contained all Sewer meetings and Selectboard meetings that had any discussion about the Hi-Hat.. Ben Sanborn got one and JoAnn Choate another one will be made for Jim Grant. Dana Parker told the others he did not need one that the others could listen and let him know what they find. Ben suggested that maybe another letter stating you have taken one step to solve the problem of a blockage, maybe that will work but if it doesn't then we are putting you on notice that if this happens again we are going to consider your pipe in need of repair. JoAnn suggested that if there is anything in the ordinances that says according to the ordinance that you are responsible. Ben said that the Sewer Committee can make a recommendation to the Selectboard to send this letter but it would be ultimately up to the Selectboard as to how they want to handle this matter.

**Conclusion or Action to be taken:**

✚ JoAnn made a motion to communicate to the Board of Selectmen that the recommendation of the Sewer Committee is that we not require them at this time to adjust their pipe however, if there is further blockage as the result of the pipe not being updated then we will move forward based on a segment of the ordinance to replace the pipe at their cost.

✚ Dana 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

✚ Vote 3-0-0

**Discussion:** 29 sewer accounts were sent to lien this month.

**Discussion:** Everyone who is on a payment arrangement has been following through with payments.

**Conclusion or Action to be taken:** The following accounts were reviewed for Abatement requests.

✦ Dana made a motion to approve an abatement in the amount of \$177.80 for Richard Olum.

✦ JoAnn 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

✦ Vote 3-0-0

✦ Dana made a motion to approve an abatement in the amount of \$204.02 for Karen Gravel.

✦ JoAnn 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

✦ Vote 3-0-0

✦ Dana made a motion to approve an abatement in the amount of \$27.93 for Janice Whynot.

✦ JoAnn 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

✦ Vote 3-0-0

✦ Dana made a motion to adjourn the Sewer Committee Meeting.


✦ JoAnn 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

✦ Vote 3-0-0

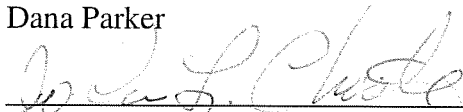
Minutes Approved:

1-19-14

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Ben Sanborn, Chair

Dana Parker

  
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JoAnn Choate

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Natalie Jackson