

Town of Farmingdale
Select Board Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2018

Members Present: Jim Grant - Wayne Kilgore - Nancy Frost

Others Present: Rose Webster – Steve Stratton – Steve McGee - Bruce Ellis – JoAnn Choate -Merleen & Floyd Ahearn.

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

- Nancy Frost made a motion to accept the minutes of November 28, 2018
- Wayne Kilgore Second
- Vote approved 3/0.

Jim Grant went over the vote of the Special Town Meeting that was held on December 6, 2018 regarding the request for funding up to 1.7 million to build the new Fire Station. About 60 people attended the meeting and the article to appropriate the funding was approved.

Rose is working with the request from a couple of banks that would like to submit a proposal as well. USDA is currently at 4%, but the rate changes quarterly and that will be changing in January. The application process with USDA has to go through steps and we will not be able to put back out to bid until around March.

Steve McGee just briefly went over the plowing and Steve Stratton spoke to him about a couple of issues that need to be addressed. Steve said that they are currently working on a new bin for the sand here at the Town Office.

Steve Stratton went over some of the projects that he is working on for spring. He also spoke to the State of Maine weigh police and they said that they would look on doing some weighing and checking on trucks. Steve said that Ike Peppard has spoken to the State Police and the Sherriff about the speeding on Northern Avenue and asked them to try to set up some patrols. Steve went over some issues on the Ryder Road and a culvert pushing up on Wedgewood Drive.

Rose gave the Selectboard the balanced monthly checking and savings accounts for their review. They also received the statement of accounts for the Expenses, Revenues and General Ledger for their review. An invoice for Excalibur was submitted for the cleaning of the Meter Pit for \$580.00 and for the first installment of the plowing and shoveling the pump stations.

- Jim Grant made a motion to move the invoices forward for payment.
- Nancy Frost Second
- Vote approved 3/0

There was an invoice from Brownies Landscaping for the final mowing for the season for the Cemetery and the town properties. Joann Choate went over some of the concerns that she had with the past season of mowing the cemeteries. There was a change in personnel during this end of the season and some of the issues had to be resolved and were not quite up to her expectations. All the rain that we received in October caused issues of getting the leaves all raked and will require an earlier clean up in the Spring to take care of this. JoAnn will send an email to Brownies and let them know about the expectations that will need to be met in the Spring. She signed the invoice to put on next week's warrant. Jim asked

Joann about the wooden grade stakes that are out on Northern Avenue. She said that they are to help her mark off a straight line for future growth and that they are just reference lines for her. She said that she had some stones to set in the spring and that there are some trees in the Maine Avenue Cemetery that may need to be removed in the spring. Jim said that we also need to look at getting the fence on Maine Avenue fixed.

Rose went over the invoice from A.E. Hodsdon and some of the concerns that she had regarding the contract and the pricing that has been requested for payment, that perhaps it was time to have a meeting with them to go over some of the items. She also wanted to know about the extra pricing that was put in an email that was sent by A.E. Hodsdon with the new cost estimates. She said that she was also concerned about the statement that using USDA would require an additional cost to them as well. That was not mentioned in the meeting to discuss their bid or was it anywhere noted by them. Jim said that he would like to listen to the recording that was made during that meeting. Rose will send it to all the Selectboard for them to listen to.

Nancy Frost said that she attended the Library meeting and that they have been working on a funding formula, it looks like they will be going with a per capita pricing. Ann Davis said that she had spoke at Town Meeting and that Farmingdale would not see our prices double in a year so that they are looking at phasing Farmingdale in over the next couple of years to the higher pricing that is similar to the other Towns. Nancy said that as soon as the pricing formula is settled, she would like to see Racheal Choate take over becoming the committee member.

Public Comment:

Bruce Ellis asked about Northern Avenue Cemetery and the rumors that he has heard regarding lots not being where they are supposed to be. That they could go in there with a prod and find the markers and look at the maps that were done and that he feels that there is zero reason that there should be anything wrong there. JoAnn said that she had a person come to her about a family member that was buried in the Hallowell/Litchfield Cemetery and they could not find their lot and JoAnn went out to help and found them in a different spot than was marked.

Merleen Ahearn said that she is concerned with the flooding that is going on in her yard every time it rains, that it never used to be a problem a few years back and she would like something done to fix the issue. Jim said that the Town had looked at doing some work there and it was discovered that the Clark St. Extension was discontinued at a Town Meeting. Merleen said that it was supposed to be after her property that she never signed off on anything. Jim said that the attorney will be reviewing it and we will have to see what can or cannot be done.

- Jim Grant made a motion to adjourn at 8:13pm.
- Nancy Frost second
- Vote approved 3/0

Date _____

James Grant

Nancy Frost

Wayne Kilgore