

Town of Farmingdale

F.R.A.C. Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2016

The Farmingdale Road Advisory Committee (F.R.A.C.) met on Thursday June 9, 2016 following the Farmingdale Sewer Committee meeting at the Farmingdale Town Office.

Members Present: Ben Sanborn (Chair), Megan Hopkin, and Lisa McDaniels,

Others Present: Tony Barry, Ben Barry, Julian Beale, Jim Grant (Liaison) and Natalie Jackson (Secretary).

Ben called the meeting to order at the close of the Sewer Committee Meeting at 7:40pm.

✚ Megan moved to approve the minutes of 5/19/2016 as presented.

✚ Lisa 2nd the motion

✚ Vote 3-0-0

Discussion: FRAC discussed the sweeping contract.

- Addendum A was discussed what the Selectboard wanted to take out of the contract to keep down the cost.
- The contractor will have to give the town a schedule so that the residents know when the sweepers will be coming through. This should be a 2 week notice.
- Members were concerned that sweeping is being done on the weekends and this is disturbing people who are home on the weekends. The committee felt that sweeping should be done during the week if possible.
- The sweeper will only sweep the pavement and will not sweep residents lawns any longer. Residents can sweep their own lawns and put out on the street for the sweeper to pick up. Jim explained that the sand and salt from the winter plowing is in the right of way and the town chooses not to sweep the right of way but if the home owner wants to sweep and put in the road the sweeper will pick up. And if the home owner decides to sweep their lawn they need to have it out in the street before the sweeper comes around. The contractor cannot get people to hand sweep the lawns and is now using a 5 foot roll brush. This brush is being charged out at \$150.00 an hour which is comparable to having 10 people running power brooms at 10.00 per hour.
- Jim said the more restrictive we are on the time line the more expensive it will be. Lisa asked why and Jim explained that if we give the contractor a deadline like May 15 that we will essentially be paying the contractor for other jobs that he won't be able to bid on because he has a May 15th deadline with the Town of Farmingdale. Lisa felt that if we have a deadline of June 1st he will do all his other work and then do the town of Farmingdale last. She felt that we should push back on this and let someone else have the June 1st deadline. Jim said that the Selectboard did not think that May 15th was a reasonable date to complete the town the size of Farmingdale. The committee agreed to put wording in that requires the contractor to complete the job no later than the Friday before Memorial Day. The committee went over the contract and made decisions on what should be removed and what should be added.
- The contractor arranges with D.O.T to sweep the sidewalks on Maine Ave.
- Jim said that the contractor lost \$18,000.00 last year.
- Changes will be made to the contract and sent out to the committee for any changes or approval. There will be a pre-bid meeting held for the sweeping contract a date will be set.

Discussion: Ryder Road Culvert repair. The committee asked some questions about the culvert Jim thought that it would be replaced by a plastic culvert. This will not require the U.S. Army Corp. or Engineers to replace we will use the maintenance exemption.

Discussion: Conclusion or Action to be taken: Jim will go and get the culvert measured so that we can put this out to bid with the proper specs.

✚ Megan made a motion to adjourn

✚ Lisa 2nd the motion

✚ Vote 3-0-0

Minutes Approved:

Date

Ben Sanborn, Chair

JoAnn Choate

Megan Hopkin

Lisa McDaniels

Submitted by: _____

Natalie Jackson