

# Town of Farmingdale

## Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes

### September 17, 2015

The Farmingdale Sewer Committee met on Thursday September 17, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Farmingdale Town Office.

Members Present: Mike Pelletier, JoAnn Choate, Dana Parker and Nancy Frost (Liaison)

Others Present: Jonathan Barczyk (rep. for Ellis Construction)

Mike Pelletier called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

✚ **Dana made a motion to approve the minutes of August 20, 2015 as written**

✚ **JoAnn 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion**

✚ **Vote 3-0-0**

**Discussion:** A revised Sewer Maintenance Contract was sent to Ellis Construction and was signed in front of the town clerk on 9/17/2015.

**Conclusion or Action to be taken:** *Natalie will call Ben to have him come in and sign and then this will be given to the Selectboard for their signature on 9/23/2015.*

**Discussion:** On the agenda there was an email dated 8/27/2015 from JoAnn Choate that stated that she did not support signing a contract with Ellis Construction and wanted this as part of the record. JoAnn agreed that she does want this as part of the record. Jonathan asked why she did not support signing a contract with Ellis Construction. JoAnn asked if she should be answering that because it was not part of a public meeting but she didn't have a problem answering it. She felt that this whole process started in May and one of the concerns of the Sewer Committee was there was no time to go out to RFP and we needed to sign a contract immediately. There was a very un-professional letter from Ellis Construction that was very negative towards the Selectmen and explaining how very much opposed to working with the Selectmen they were and how they referred to the Selectmen totally inappropriate. Prior to reading the letter from Ellis Construction JoAnn explained that she was the one to explain that they needed time to read the contract before signing. JoAnn said that she will not support this contract unless there is a clear understanding that any contractor in this town has to work in a professional manner with our Selectmen who represent this town and its residents. Jonathan asked how Ellis Construction has been acting in a non-professional manner. JoAnn advised that he read all the minutes of meetings to understand and that she already explained the letter and felt that this was all she needed to say on this matter. Jonathan asked about the long process and JoAnn said it was not because they did not have the contract. JoAnn said that the letter was the turning point for her.

At this time Mike spoke up to say that we have a signed contract by Ellis Construction and the Chair of the Sewer Committee will sign and then the Select Board will sign. Mike also said that he has never had any problems with Ellis Construction and that they have done a really good job in anything that he has had them do. Mike said that he would like to leave it at that and move forward from here.

**Discussion:** There was nothing for the Sewer Committee to approve of for the 1<sup>st</sup> installation of the Sewer Maintenance Contract. Mike felt that as long as the agreement is approved and signed then we are obligated to pay this invoice. Nancy asked if this means the contract starts today or does it start in July. After reading the contract it states that the contract starts on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July. Nancy asked if they have done any work since the 1<sup>st</sup> of July. Natalie explained that there was some work putting peroxide in the pump stations that was done in July. JoAnn felt that the Selectboard should ask the attorney about payment of this contract.

**Discussion:** Mike spoke about the Wastewater Advisory Committee Meeting that he and Craig Nelson attended in Gardiner. In this meeting things such as treatment changes and budgets are discussed at this meeting. Mike explained how the billing works and hopes that with keeping the meter pit clean will help to have lower bills from Gardiner.

**Discussion:** There was discussion about the sewer line that runs on Maine Ave. where Option Rentals is located. Mike explained how this was put in and why it can't be hooked in right now. There was an email from Becky Rider requesting that the building that used to be Option Rentals be able to hook into the Farmingdale sewer system. At this time the line is considered abandoned will remain that way until further notice. The committee did agree to do some research on this to see if there was any possibility that this building could hook into the sewer system.

**Conclusion or Action to be taken:** *Natalie will send a letter to Ms. Rider and inform her of this information. This will be discussed again at the next Sewer Committee Meeting.*

**Discussion:** Natalie reported that everyone who is in a payment arrangement is still on track and paying according to their arrangements.

**Discussion:** A new payment arrangement was presented to the Sewer Committee for approval. This agreement is for Cindy Sirois account #3180100.

+ Dana made a motion to accept the payment arrangement that was presented for Cindy Sirois.

+ JoAnn 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

+ Vote 3-0-0

**Discussion:** Natalie explained that Jason Joseph called and said that his house burned down in December of 2013 and did not feel that he should pay this bill.

+ Dana made a motion to stop billing Mr. Joseph from this point forward. If Mr. Joseph caps off his sewer line and has it inspected by the Town of Farmingdale's Plumbing Inspector, the Sewer Committee will abate the current bill.

+ JoAnn 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

+ Vote 3-0-0

**Conclusion or Action to be taken:** : *Mike will call Julian and discuss what needs to be done to repair the broken pipe at the Russell St. pump station.*

Minutes Approved:

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Date

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Ben Sanborn, Chair

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Mike Pelletier

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Dana Parker

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JoAnn Choate

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Natalie Jackson