

Town of Farmingdale Select Board Minutes
June 14, 2017

Members Present: James Grant – Nancy Frost - Wayne Kilgore—Others Present: Rose Webster –Steve Stratton

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

- Nancy Frost made a motion to accept the minutes of May 03, May 10 and May 17, 2017.
- Wayne Kilgore second
- Vote approved 3/0

June 13, 2013 Elections - Nancy Frost was voted into the office of Selectboard for a second term. Rose swore Nancy in as Selectboard Member, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor. Earlier in the day Rose had sworn Stephen Stratton in as the newly elected Road Commissioner.

It was discussed that before the start of the meeting that a Chairman of the Board should be decided. Jim Grant nominated Wayne Kilgore. There was no second and the motion died. Nancy Frost made a motion to nominate Jim Grant - Wayne Kilgore second. Vote approved 2-0 – Jim Grant abstained.

Rose Webster said that she had spoken to Ken Stackpole regarding the position of Harbor Master. Ken worked for many years at the Foggy Bottom Campground and he has agreed to take the position.

- Jim Grant made a motion to appoint Ken Stackpole as Harbor Master for the Town of Farmingdale.
- Wayne Kilgore second
- Vote approved 3/0

Bid openings –

Outlet Road Brush Cutting – 2 bids received –

Nathan Northrup Forest Products - \$4,779.00

Brownies Landscaping - \$11,500.00

- Jim Grant made a motion to accept both bids and pass onto the Highway Committee for their review and recommendation to be awarded at the next Selectboard meeting on June 28, 2017
- Nancy Frost second
- Vote approved 3/0

Nathan Northrup did ask for clarification on the length of the road that is to be cut, due to the difference in bids that he was afraid that he had missed something. Jim Grant went over the contract and where the cutting starts and stops and Nathan was all set.

Outlet Tree Removal – 2 bids received.

Capital Tree Service - \$3,800.00

Brownies Landscaping - \$6,950.50

- Jim Grant made a motion to accept both bids and pass onto the Highway Committee for their review and recommendation to be awarded at the next Selectboard meeting on June 28, 2017
- Wayne Kilgore second
- Vote approved 3/0

The paving on Northern Avenue has been completed – the Selectboard expressed that they were very happy with the outcome, and that matching on the center was done very well. Rose asked if she should call Steve Lucas and ask him to do that section of Northern Avenue when he comes back to finish the pavement marking.

Bruce Flaherty stopped by and asked about the Spirit of America and if the town had anyone in mind and was hoping to do something at Town Meeting. The Selectboard told him that in the future to give notice earlier, for Town meeting. The deadline this year is June 30. The Selectboard does have a meeting on June 28th and will be thinking of some recipients to honor in the coming year for the Spirit of America.

Jim Grant noted that the town voted to prohibit the sale of Retail Marijuana in the Town of Farmingdale with a vote of 192 yes to 92 no. Therefore there was no necessity for the retail marijuana moratorium. Jim also wanted it noted that the flyer that was circulated around town regarding the marijuana vote should have had names of the circulators and that he felt that the facts that were stated regarding that the facilities could be located near the schools, that the police force and office staff would need to be increased was untrue and he was not impressed with the flyer.

- Jim Grant made a motion to approve sewer abatement from Eliot Thayer.
- Wayne Kilgore second
- Vote approved 3/0

The issue of the Northern Avenue pumps station stopping due to items being flushed that are shutting one of the pumps down. Rose said that new cutters have been ordered. She asked if the Selectboard thought that a letter should be sent to the residents that have flow going into the Northern Avenue pump station again, that it was done a few years ago and it did seem to help. The Selectboard agreed to have a letter sent out to property owners reminding them that this is costly and that the Town could screen and find out where the problem is coming from and charge them for the maintenance involved.

- Jim Grant made a motion move the invoice from Excalibur forward to next week's warrant
- Nancy Frost second
- Vote approved 3/0

- Jim Grant made a motion accept the recommendations of Dirigo Engineering on the SCADA System\
- Nancy Frost second
- Vote approved 3/0

Steve Stratton asked for clarification on the bidding policy. Jim said that the Selectboard needs to review the Ordinance and have a discussion on a policy on how Department Heads can go forth with expenditures going forward. More discussion and guidance planned for the July 28th meeting The Planning Board will also be reviewing the Bidding Policy and suggested changes by the Town Attorney. The Board will also conduct an interview for the Cemetery Sexton position.

Rose mentioned that the Office will be closing early on June 30th for the year-end backup and preparation for the new fiscal year. Rose also discussed with the Board that the Bank is now offering to change our Operation and Sewer Checking accounts and that going forward all of accounts will be covered 100% by FDIC insurance. Rose also asked if she could purchase a new computer, there is enough left in this year's budget. The computer she is currently using is one of the older ones and slowing down, which will be used for a backup and the election as well.

- Nancy Frost made a motion to purchase a new computer and also to order the software needed, they will be billed separately.
- Wayne Kilgore second
- Vote approved 3/0

Nancy Frost – stated that she is very disappointed in the condition of the Blaine Road repair work that was done and that when the water district did repairs that they did not cut back far enough. Jim Grant said that he would craft a letter to the Gardiner water District on making the proper repairs. Nancy would also like Steve to inspect the Northern Avenue and Hayford Heights projects when they begin to assure that the contracts are being followed that there needs to be more oversight on the road projects going forward. Steve agreed that this would be something that he would be doing and also is in the process of finding and documenting the inventory that the Highway Department should have.

No public comment.

- Jim Grant made a motion to adjourn 8:15pm and have a brief discussion on the articles and discussions for the Town Meeting.
- Nancy Frost second
- Vote approved 3/0

Date _____

James Grant

Nancy Frost

Wayne Kilgore