

Town of Farmingdale
Select Board Meeting Minutes
June 26, 2019

Members Present – Nancy Frost- Wayne Kilgore – Andy Vellani

Others Present: Rose Webster – Jim Grant – Steve Stratton - Habib Elkhatab – Mark McCluskey – Al Hodsdon-
Chris Ellis – Jeff Ellis-Rickey McKenna – JoAnn Choate – Ike Peppard

Selectboard reviewed and signed the Treasurer Warrant # 253 and Payroll Warrant # 153

Meeting opened by Nancy Frost at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing - Renewal of a Liquor License for Fat Toads Pub

Nancy Frost asked if there was any comment or concerns regarding the renewal of the License. There were no questions or concerns from the public, also noted the Town has not had any complaints about the Pub.

- Nancy Frost made a motion renew and sign the State Liquor License.
- Wayne Kilgore second
- Vote approved 3/0

Mark McCluskey and Al Hodsdon went over the amendment to the Engineering Contract for the new Fire Station requested by A. E. Hodsdon. Mark said that it was for technical assistance, change orders and meetings with the contractor. This service was not included in the original contract. There was some discussion regarding the cost and if this amendment would be the final one.

- Nancy Frost made a motion to sign the amendment for A.E. Hodsdon.
- Wayne Kilgore second
- Vote approved 3/0

Chris Ellis - reviewed the Town Report and a copy of the plowing contract and noted that the contract would be about \$300,000.00 by the end of the contract. He wanted to know what the Town is doing to curb the price. Chris feels that the Town should be looking at other Towns and what they are doing and that something needs to be put in to motion soon. Steve Stratton said that it is difficult to get competitive prices when there is only one bidder.

Chris also noted that last year the vote of the Town eliminated the position of the Cemetery Sexton and was questioning if the position this year is hired or contracted and where the funds came from to pay for the services. Nancy said that the Town needs someone to take care and administer the purchases of lots and maintenance of the Cemetery and the position currently is contracted. Rose said that the payment for the contract came from the maintenance budget. Chris also questioned why a contractor was supplied a cell phone that the Town is paying for. Andy Vellani said that he understood that one of the reasons was so that in the future the Town issued phone could be passed along to the next contractor and the contact number would remain the same.

Rose went over the information she received from MMA regarding an unemployment claim that has been filed. Rose said that she also spoke to the Town Attorney regarding the notification of sale for the personal property that the Town was selling from a property foreclosure that was posted on the Towns web site. The attorney said that it was okay and that the Town has the right to dispose of the personal property as they see fit. Jeff Ellis said that he still felt that there should be a notice in the newspaper. Rose said that notices are quite expensive, but could look into having a smaller notice that notes the sale and refers to the web site for a list of the items being sold.

Jeff Ellis asked why the Selectboard was allowing Excalibur to use a horse trailer when cleaning the meter pit. Jeff feels that it could present a problem and is not OSHA approved; Jeff said that the Selectboard having that knowledge and allowing inappropriate practices could make the Town liable. Nancy said that she was unaware that they are using a horse trailer when cleaning the meter pit. Jeff said that her statement was false and she was perjuring herself, that he had brought this up at a previous meeting and showed pictures. Nancy said that she does not remember any discussion about the trailer being used during a confined space entrance. ‘

Bids for personal property left on Northern Ave;

- Nancy Frost made a motion that with the Town Attorney seeing no concern with posting the items for sale on the web site that the bids from last week should be approved.
- Wayne Kilgore second
- Vote approved 3/0

Discussion on reviewing and completing scopes of work for paving, culvert repairs and road repairs needed. The Selectboard will review the current drafts and meet in a workshop next Wednesday to go over the needed updates and changes.

JoAnn Choate - said that the work in the cemetery is slowly getting done. She would like to have a workshop with the Selectboard at some point to go over updating the policy and procedures of the cemeteries/ Nancy said that she has a problem with having to purchase a 3 lots and thinks that there should also be a place set aside where someone could purchase just on lot if they wanted.

Ike Peppard - said that the Constables have added checking the lights on the pump stations during their nightly rounds. The animal control officer has a list of unregistered dogs and is leaving notices that the dogs need to be registered. Rose said that the office has seen an increase of dogs being registered.

Public Comment:

Jim Grant - Jim mentioned that he thought that the recent tax lien foreclosure of the property on Northern Avenue would be an outstanding place for a Salt and Sand shed for the Town. He also if we knew when Affinity would be starting on the Street Light LED conversion. Rose said that the paperwork has been signed but they have not given a start date at this time.

- Nancy Frost made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm.
- Wayne Kilgore second
- Vote approved 3/0

Date _____

Nancy Frost

Wayne Kilgore

Andrew Vellani