

Town of Farmingdale Select Board Minutes
March 22, 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 February 22, 2017.
- Wayne Kilgore second
- Vote approved 3/0

Jim Grant – a letter was received from Sandy Choate requesting the Historical Society be allowed to put two signs out for the Maine Avenue Cemetery. Steve Stratton said that they could be DOT signs and gave a name of Mike Eaton at the Sign Shop that would know about them and will give Rose the number.

Steve Stratton was here to check on the job expectations of the Road Commissioner. Steve will also be meeting with Bill Rogers to go over duties with him as well, as Bill had discussed the possibility of Steve running for the position. Some of duties and expectations were discussed and Rose gave him a copy of the job description that the Town has.

The Kennebec County Hazard Mitigation Plan update was signed by the Selectboard.

Danielle and Ben Barry requested a full abatement on their property for the amount of the supplemental bills that were added for two years of taxes that the previous assessor's agent had missed their house and garage. Ben and Danielle felt that they had taken the proper steps and permits and had notified the Town of this. There was some discussion on this, that the house was there and that the supplemental taxes were for two years. The assessor's agent had recommended 2 years only not the 3 years that the Town could have done. Matt had a discussion with Ben Barry he felt that the Town could not say at what percentage that the house and completion were 3 years ago to properly assess that year.

- Jim Grant made a motion – to deny Danielle and Ben Barry's abatement request based on the information that the Board was presented.
- Wayne Kilgore second
- Vote approved 3/0

There was discussion that they could make payment arrangements, a letter will be typed regarding supplemental taxes and abatements and the information to contact the County Commissioners if they wanted to appeal this.

Gordon and Lenore Boerner requested an abatement due to an error that needed adjustment for the year the house was built and also for signed omitted Homestead Exemption for 3 years. The Assessor's agent reviewed the information and recommended the abatement for the 3 years.

- Jim Grant made a motion – to approve the 3 years abatements for Gordon and Lenore Boerner due to errors in previous assessing.
- Wayne Kilgore second
- Vote approved 3/0

Jim Grant noted that the pending lawsuit with Ellis construction will be on April 28th. Jim also noted that the Hallowell city Council will be having a meeting regarding the Hallowell Fire Department and that some of the Selectboard may be attending.

No public comment.

- Jim Grant made a motion to adjourn at and go into executive session for 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) personnel matter and 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C) acquisition of real property discussion .
- Nancy Frost second
- Vote approved 3/0

Date _____

James Grant

Nancy Frost

Wayne Kilgore