Town of Farmingdale Select Board Minutes
May 06, 2015

Members Present: David Sirois - James Grant - Nancy Frost–-Others Present: Rose Webster- Gary Choate – Steve McGee – Mike McGee- Bruce Ellis

Davis Sirois opened the Selectmen's meeting of May 06, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

- James Grant made a motion to accept the minutes of April 27, 2015
- Nancy Frost 2nd the motion
- Vote 2/0 (David Sirois Abstained as he was not at the last meeting.)

Steve McGee from McGee Construction – went over the year of winter maintenance with the Selectboard and follow up on any repairs needed. Mike McGee said that they had fixed the fence on Roberta Street, as Bill Rogers has requested. Steve wanted to make sure that his final payment was on the warrant for this week. Jim Grant explained that Bill Rogers had not signed off, and that it would be next week before any payment would be made. That according to the contract he has to meet with the Board and the Road Commissioner to assure that everything is complete. Steve said that was why was here tonight and that it had been a long winter and he was requesting his payment tonight. Steve asked if he could call Bill and see if he could get him in here so that he could get this resolved tonight. Steve excused himself to call Bill; the Selectboard asked Rose if it was a problem to add another check. Rose said that she would have to do a second warrant and could do that when they went back upstairs, if this is what they wanted done.

While Steve was upstairs Jim Grant talked about the Ambulance Service and that he feels that it should be put out to the voters to see what they want. Due to the increase with Gardiner that the option should be given with Delta Ambulance service as well. Rose will work on the article and also send to MMA for review and suggestions. Delta Ambulance service will have a workshop with the Selectboard on Monday, May 18 at 6:30 to talk about what options that the Town would have if we were to change and use their services. Jim will email Chief Nelson of the Gardiner ambulance service and ask for a proposal of response times and other services provided by them.

At this time Steve McGee came back downstairs and said that Bill was on his way. Bill Rogers showed up a few minutes later and said that he had checked the fence on Roberta Street and it was all set. That all other repairs that he requested were done. Nancy Frost said that she was pleased with the sidewalks, snowplowing and keeping the snow pushed back on the side streets. David Sirois said that he would have liked to have seen the sand/salt pile covered better. Steve said that he had put more salt in the sand than the contract called for.

- David Sirois made a motion that since the Road Commissioner has approved, and that all the repairs are complete that final payment can be made to McGee Construction.
- Nancy Frost 2nd the motion
- Vote 3/0

Rose went over a review of the online registrations and credit cards, that it was all fully implemented and that the credit cards started yesterday as well as the Boat registrations, that the online registrations was all set once the first test went through completely, and that it will be ready in another day or two. She said that she would hold off on the copier lease for more review time and a couple of things clarified. She also asked that the Selectboard review the draft of the warrant, and make notes or suggestions of any other changes.

Jim Grant – had a response to a letter that David Sirois had submitted last week in his absence and issues that he had, regarding to condition of the highway contracts and the sewer contract being rewritten. Jim Grant requested that at this time he felt that David should step down as chairman and also as a Selectman. Jim read from a letter some of the points that he wanted to respond to, regarding the contract changes and actions that he felt were unbecoming as well. (All letters are attached with the original minutes of the meeting.) David said that he should have time to review the letter and was not going to go over this now, or be subject to this and excused himself from the meeting. At which time David submitted another memo with questions regarding the Sewer Meeting of March 19.

Russell Hubbard asked if he could speak to the Board regarding the sewer problem that the Hi Hat had recently. He wanted to know why the mains were not inspected before Ted Barry was called. Russell also wanted to know why there could not be an internal grease trap, if he could get the specifications, that he felt that an external one was not needed. Jim Grant said that as the ordinance was written that it would have to be reviewed and measured. That it would probably be an issue for the Appeals Board it did not meet the requirements for an external grease trap. Russell said that perhaps it is time to explore a joint public works with Hallowell.

Bruce Ellis asked the Selectboard to review some of the paperwork on proper paving, temperatures and crack sealing. Nancy Frost said that it is very expensive to do grinding before paving, and it is an expense that the town cannot afford on every road being done.

- Jim Grant made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15.m.
- Nancy 2nd the motion
- Vote 2-0

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Date

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David Sirois

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Jim Grant

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Nancy Frost