

Town of Farmingdale Select Board Minutes
May 31, 2017

Members Present: James Grant – Nancy Frost - Wayne Kilgore--Others Present: Cynthia Burnham- Mike LaPlante

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

➤ Minutes tabled until the next meeting

Mike Laplante – discussed our new Fire Department ratings. He informed the Board that the rating had gone down and that this is an improvement and our insurance rates may go down as a result. The Town now ranks average on a national level. He described some of the criteria that is used to measure for these ratings. He said that the in-town locations had a rating of 5 to 5x and outside of town is at 6-9. The Fire Department had received a low score on training but we would likely not be able to improve on this as most of our firemen are working other jobs and not available for training levels expected to improve this rating. The Fire Department does do regular training but the levels needed to improve the rating would likely discourage volunteers. Mike shared photos of the new fire truck and described how it had been modified to suit our needs and to fit in our fire station. Mike LaPlante and Dana Mealey will soon be going to inspect the new truck and verify that the contract criteria has been met. Mike felt that the truck is looking good and that it may be done by June 29th.

Mike Laplante—informed the Board that the Fire Department would like to have a meeting with the Selectboard at some point to go over detail about the proposed new fire station. He was informed that appraisals still need to be done for potential properties. He let the Board know that we currently have 65ft. for backing into the station, however now 85ft. at a min. would be needed for the new station. Jim Grant suggested that they set a workshop date once they can find out the availability of the Fire Chief and others needed to attend. They are interested in a building design that has hurricane rating. Nancy Frost expressed concerns about the Town's ability to get financing for the amount that they may be requesting.

Mike LaPlante – reviewed some of the E911 addressing issues he has been having. He explained that E911 addressing is about structures not location. He said he may need to talk with Rose or the Assessors about conflicting information on a few addresses. He expressed that the addresses need to be assigned only using the E911 measurements. He had previously done this measuring with a wheel. He will call the GIS Office to get more information about doing this with GIS.

Mike LaPlante – let the Board know that the air pack grant is good and will be coming through soon.

James Grant-reviewed the contracts that needed to be addressed.

- No Ave Asphalt Contract- Board initialed & signed
- No. Ave –Ruttabeggar

Select Board – The Board looked over the new Town report and felt it looked good.

Three Sewer Abatements were approved

Sewer abatements--

- Jim Grant made a motion to approve the abatement request From Foggy Bottom Marina for \$110.36.
- Nancy Frost 2nd the motion.
- Vote 3/0 passed

- Jim Grant made a motion to approve the abatement for \$54.64.
- Nancy Frost 2nd the motion.
- Vote 3/0 passed

- Jim Grant made a motion to approve the abatement request for the Town & Country Mobile Home Park. (leaks under trailers) The Sewer Committee recommended granting this abatement.
- Wayne Kilgore seconded the motion.
Vote 2-1 passed

Jim Grant -- asked if we had a date for a pre-bid meeting for the cutting of cemetery trees? Nancy Frost informed him that she didn't think the Cemetery Sexton is going to do a pre bid. Nancy Frost let him know that a couple of trees that had been considered to be dangerous hazards had been removed before the Memorial Day Weekend by a contractor at an amount that was less than the amount our ordinance would require to be advertised for bids. This was done as an emergency as the sexton felt the trees were a danger to the public. Nancy said she was surprised that we didn't have a bill for that yet. Jim said "we should not have a bill for that because we have no contracts for it. If the work was done without Selectboard approval we have a problem." Wayne said "research needs to be done hear."

Outlet Rd.—The roadside cutting contract was discussed and Jim Grant requested that an ad be run in the Kennebec Journal on Fri., Sat., Sun. of this week and that a mandatory pre-bid meeting be set up for June 8th 2017.

The manhole adjustment and installation contract --was discussed and Jim Grant wanted a pre-bid meeting set up but he wants to know when Joanne Choate and Ben Sanborn would be available to attend before setting it up.

The Board reviewed applications for the Animal Control Officer and Cemetery Sexton. The Board asked that the application for Animal Control Officer be given to the Chief Constable for review. The Board asked Cynthia Burnham to contact MMA to ask if they had any resources for Training cemetery sextons or information on how one becomes proficient as a cemetery sexton.

Road Sign Discussion--The Board discussed that a resident on No. Ave. wants a tractor crossing sign installed on Northern Ave. he was concerned about Sonny Barry crossing the Road in a dangerous spot and would like a sign installed for every ones safety. The Board felt that they should do their due diligence to protect everyone and place 2 signs one by the western most drive by the trailer park and the other one by Mr. Ellis's Driveway. Nancy Frost said that she would like to take a drive around town to check on signs that need to be fixed as she is aware of a ton that need to be fixed. Jim Grant relayed that the D.O.T. says that the Heights does not need stop signs within the Heights.

Nancy Frost discussed the timing for the meter pit maintenance and was disappointed that she did not have the information she needed to be able to be there when they did their work. She will have to try to make it next time. July 9th is the next scheduled maintenance date for the No. Ave meter pit.

The Board reviewed the success of the beaver trapping by Greg Smith in the brook. The Wardens don't like to do this unless it is going to take out the road so he can only trap right by the culvert.

Wayne Kilgore discussed that Charles Washington from Brunswick will try to do the appraisal for the properties being considered for the new Fire Department within 2 weeks. Nancy Frost expressed concerns that they needed to put the work out for bid. She felt if it was wrong to make some small contracts work go out to

bid and not all them. It was discussed between the Board members and they decided this project should be put out to bid. Wayne Kilgore will send out the scope of work and the specs. so it can be sent to appraisers and posted to our web site.

- Jim Grant made a motion to adjourn at 8:00
- Nancy Frost second
- Vote 3/0.

Date _____

James Grant

Nancy Frost

Wayne Kilgore