

Town of Farmingdale Select Board Meeting Minutes  
October 4, 2017

Members Present: James Grant – Wayne Kilgore—Others Present: Natalie Jackson –Steve Stratton- Dan Gallant – Jon Mittelman and JoAnn

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

- Jim Grant made a motion to accept the minutes of September 20, 2017.
- Wayne Kilgore second
- Vote approved 2/0

Nancy Frost will be late or may not even make this meeting depending on the length of time of this meeting.

At this time the Tree Removal bids for Northern Ave. and Outlet Road were opened. There was one bid from Brownies Landscaping..

- Jim Grant made a motion to accept the bid as it meets all the criteria to be eligible.
- Wayne Kilgore second
- Vote approved 2/0

The bid from Brownies Landscaping was in the amount of \$3,950.00.

- Jim Grant made a motion to accept this bid from Brownies Landscaping providing Steve Stratton the Farmingdale Road Commissioner has no objections. Mr. Stratton had no objections.
- Wayne Kilgore second
- Vote approved 2/0
  
- The contract for the Tree Removal was signed at this time by both the Selectboard and the Contractor.

Kennebec Drive and Fairway Lane Project – This project was awarded on 9/27/2017 by the Farmingdale Selectboard. At this time the Selectboard signed the contract for this project.

The Town Office will be closed on Monday October 9, 2017 for Columbus Day. Rose will be taking Friday off as her Holiday and will be here on Monday while the office is closed to work with Sheldon Arford from Maine Computer Service on upgrading the computer system.

Excalibur Meter Pit cleaning invoice -

- Jim Grant made a motion to approve the invoice pending Nancy Frost's approval.
- Wayne Kilgore second
- Vote approved 2/0

Steve Stratton gave the Selectboard 2 contracts that he would like to get out. Jim and Wayne said that they approve of the contracts going forward. Jim and Wayne both said that one of them would try to make the pre-bid meeting. Jim said that Steve is an elected official and has authority over the roads. Ditch repair is on 10/12/2017 at 10:30am and the Manhole is on 10/12/2017 at 10:00am.

Steve asked Jim if he got any complaints about the sign that was put up on Littlefield Lane. Jim responded that they no longer park on Littlefield Lane but are now parking on Northern Ave. Jim said that he will contact Ike Peppard the Chief Constable and ask him to give him a ruling and Jim will enforce it.

Steve said that he received a call from Tony Barry that the roadside mowing for the fall has been completed. He said he will check to make sure everything was done and report back to the office. Jim said that on social media there was some

inaccurate information that stated the second mowing was to be done in August. Jim let them know that per the contract it is to be done by the second week of October. Steve said that he had a couple of people tell him that it should be August as well. Jim said that the mistake may be because the contract was signed last year at the beginning of August and Tony had to mow twice so he mowed in August and then again in October in order to be in compliance with the contract.. The contract states that the 2 mowing's shall take place in June and October.

There is a missing stop sign on Almar and Park. Steve advised that he brushed out a corner on Roberta Street.

Bids for the Second Street contract are due no later than next Wednesday 10/11/2017 at 5:00pm. The Selectboard will be opening them at a Special Selectboard meeting on 10/12/2017 at 6:00pm.

Jim is still working on the update of the Winter Maintenance Contract. Per the Winter Maintenance Contract Steve will inspect the equipment that will be used by McGee Construction this winter.

The Selectboard signed the Paperwork from RSU #2 that required their signature.

Dan Gallant spoke to the Selectboard about some crack sealant that he would like to offer to the town at a reduced price. He has 225 gallons of the sealant and would be willing to sell to the Town of Farmingdale for \$30.00 per gallon. Dan explained that he is giving Farmingdale first refusal and if Farmingdale does not want it that Augusta has said that they would buy this product from him. Steve believes that this is a good deal for Farmingdale. Jim and Wayne agree that this is something they feel that should be done here in Farmingdale. The amount for this product would be \$6,750.00. This is over the \$5,000.00 figure that requires this to go through the bid process. Jim believes that this may fall under a specialty item. JoAnn Choate spoke up and said that if the town made a call to two other companies that provide this service and get quotes that this would elevate going out to bid. These calls would need to be documented with a time and date. Jim and Wayne agreed and Steve said that he would check around to get 2 other quotes. Jim said that he would like to integrate this into our annual contracts. Dan said that from the towns stand point that fall is the best time to do it because this is when the cracks are at their widest. Steve will work on a list of roads that need to be done.

Jim turned the floor over to the Farmingdale Sexton, JoAnn Choate. She wanted to speak with the Selectboard about the cemetery maps. JoAnn asked about disposing of the trash from the cemetery trash cans. Jim said that she could bring the bags down here to the town office and put with our garbage that is picked up every Wednesday morning. JoAnn had a few questions for the Selectboard.

JoAnn Choate explained to the Selectboard that there is assumptions made that we have a certain number of lots that don't exist. There is a certain individual that has purchased a lot that does not exist. JoAnn said that this is a lot of work. Jim asked that if this individual bought a lot and the markers are down how does it not exist? JoAnn said that his lot is there but the numbers do not coincide. Currently JoAnn believes that there is someone by the name of Truman buried in a certain lot that was sold to another individual. JoAnn said that the old part of Maine Ave. cemetery seems to be in good shape but the new section is the section that seems to be so mixed up. JoAnn explained some things about the new section such as where some of the graves are and how the rows are not even and how they seem to curve. There is a gully there to prevent further expansion. Joann will need to go through the records upstairs and find out who purchased lots and where they are on the map she hopes to identify these and possibly identify some makers that have been set but there is no record of any owner. There were some other lots that JoAnn had concerns with and discussed this with the Selectboard. There was much more discussion about lots and sizes.

JoAnn wanted a copy of the cemetery budget. JoAnn had said that the corner markers are not in line. Jim suggested that the person digging the grave should be responsible for putting the corner marker back where it belongs. JoAnn wanted to know how much this job as Sexton paid. Jim said that the road commissioner receives a stipend plus an hourly wage as well as the Fire Chief and the Assistant Fire Chief. Jim wanted to look over the duties for the Cemetery Sexton and then determine if maybe JoAnn would qualify for a stipend plus an hourly wage

- Jim Grant made a motion to adjourn and reconvene at a special meeting next Wednesday at 6:00pm to just open bids.
- Wayne Kilgore second
- Vote approved 2/0

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James Grant

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Nancy Frost

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Wayne Kilgore