

Town of Farmingdale
Select Board Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2018

Members Present: Jim Grant - Wayne Kilgore - Nancy Frost

Others Present: Cynthia Burnham – Steve Stratton - JoAnn Choate-Samuel Shepherd

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

- Nancy Frost made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 19th meeting.
- Wayne Kilgore Second
- Vote approved 3/0

- Jim Grant made a motion approve Pete Coughlan as the E911 Addressing Officer.
- Nancy Frost Second
- Vote approved 3/0

It is the opinion of the Selectboard that the work on Northern Ave. was not done to specifications. Jim Coffin is believed to have looked at the site. We will need to get information from him so that he can tell us what to do. If they refuse to fix it then we need to get this to Mary (Town's Attorney) as to how to proceed. Wayne Kilgore will call Jim Coffin and ask him if he rode it and what was the out-come. He will then get the information to Mary so we can proceed the with terms of the contract. The Board would like to know from the attorney how to legally proceed so that we are in compliance with the contract. The Board asked can they hold us to interest if we hold this until we resolve this?

Jim Grant discussed Hayford Heights he said the blue prints are on hold. Jim felt that we need to re-bid the Hayford Heights project. He would like to know if due to the length of time does it affects this. We should ask Mary does the length of time affect this and is either party under any obligations to complete the work where it has been so long (3 yrs.).

The Board recommended not accepting the bids for the new fire station. We need to decide if we are going to correct some things. Nancy Frost felt that we need to be able to tell the tax payers how it will affect their tax bills first. Nancy Frost would like to have the Selectboard set a date for a public hearing, (set date at the next meeting).

- Wayne Kilgore made a motion to reject all bids for the new Fire Station based on the fact that they all exceeded our expectation. (The Board amended the motion to add because we have not been approved to spend that much money.)
- Nancy Frost Second
- Vote approved 3/0

The Board requested a corrective bill to review from A.E. Hodson before making any decisions on payments.

The Board discussed acceptance of Violet Street as a town maintained road. Steve Stratton believed that a road must meet Town specifications (I.E. paved) before it is accepted as a Town

way. He thought it had to be a minimum of 50ft. wide. He said that it would need to be engineered and paved. It must comply with all the codes and then it would need to be voted on at Town meeting before it could be a Town way.

Steve Stratton was asked to do a scope of work for 2 tree removals at 945 Northern Ave. (Cut, grind, loom, & seed) and then get bids.

40 Easy St. project was discussed by the Board. They were informed that the Town Treasurer was okay with awarding this project because the carry overs from last year would cover it. Jim Grant was not comfortable approving it until he sees the figures on the carry overs. It was discussed that if we did not do this work this fall we would need to at least clean 5 to 10ft' in front of the culvert before winter. Steve was told to see what we get for quotes. If it comes in under \$1,000 Steve can award it.

- Wayne Kilgore made a motion to reject all bids based on financial limitation and to solicit bids to clean out in front of the culvert.
- Nancy Frost Second
- Vote approved 3/0

The manhole repair/replace contract was discussed and it was decided to amend the contract to have the Town supply the rings/frames and covers. The contractor would provide the shimming. We will need to find out from Maine D.O.T. Region 2 about the specifications they use.

Jim Grant asked about the status of the trees on Bowman Street. Steve Stratton said that the contractor is not done yet but will be back.

Steve Stratton informed the Board that the Ryder Rd. is about done. A couple of culverts were found while working on the road and will need to be replaced next year. One is at Ben Barry's driveway (Steve will need to find out from Ben Barry if it can wait until spring and we can get some quotes on replacing it.) and another is a cross culvert pipe that was pointed out by Jim Norton and will need to be replaced too.

Steve Stratton expressed concerns with the Board about Jeff Ellis coming to the job site to attack him. He said it was almost a fist fight and Mr. Ellis had his fists ready to swing. Brandon Ellis intervened and Steve left the scene. Steve does not want war but Jeff Ellis has shown up and been hostile on the job sites several times now. Jim Grant recommended consulting the Town's attorney to find out what our options are. There have been 4 incidents now. The Selectboard asked that Mary be contacted and have her call Steve Stratton to describe the incidents to her and get her opinion.

Steve Stratton mentioned to the Board that he has been dealing with a beaver problem on Northern Avenue. He said we will have to get a trapper at the end of the month to remove them. We would try to get the Warden's service to approve the removal of at least the south end of the beaver dam.

- Jim Grant made a motion to sign the Catch Basin Contract Addition with Alden Longfellow

- Nancy Frost Second
- Vote approved 3/0

The Board discussed putting the FEMA Project on Kennebec Dr. out to bid. It was decided to have Rose contact FEMA and find out if we could do both phases of the project in the spring. If not, we would need to advertise for bids for the first phase of the work in the weekend papers. Then have the staff set up a pre-bid date and have a brief meeting on Oct.31st to open bids. The Board plans to have a very brief meeting that night as it is Halloween.

Jim Grant reviewed what he had learned from a seminar about LED lights. Real Term Energy would be willing to come and do a presentation for us about changing our lights to LED. Nancy Frost wanted CMP to provide us with information as well so we could do some comparisons. The Board would also want to get CMP buy out figures from Rose before making any recommendations.

It was requested that Natalie Jackson the Sewer & FRAC Secretary contact the committee to see if they would be willing to permanently change their meeting time to 6pm.

Jo-Ann Choate Cemetery Administer asked how the phones are coming along. She was told that Rose is looking into it. Jo-Ann said that the new map will be coming in and a couple corner stones will be moved. She described how the new lots will be laid out.

Public Comment: None

- Jim Grant made a motion to adjourn at 8:04pm
- Nancy Frost second
- Vote approved 3/0

Date _____

James Grant

Nancy Frost

Wayne Kilgore