

Town of Farmingdale  
Select Board Meeting Minutes  
June 14, 2023

Members Present – Doug Ebert, Joseph Connors and Ike Peppard  
Others Present: Steve Stratton, Nancy Frost, Gerald Staples, Nelson Durand, James Grant  
Zoom – Cathie Whitney

Meeting opened by Doug Ebert at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Selectboard approved and signed the Treasurer Warrants & Payroll Warrants

1. Doug motioned to approved the May 10, 2023 minutes as written. Joe 2<sup>nd</sup>. all in favor
2. Doug acknowledged the new select board member, Ike Peppard. Because of this new position, Ike has resigned as Chief Constable for the town. Doug made a motion to accept the resignation from Ike as the Chief Constable, Joe seconded. all in favor. Ike will continue to serve as a constable for the town. The town will look for a new Chief Constable.
3. Bid opening for cross culvert on Hemlock Street. Town received 5 bids from the following vendors:
  - Littlefield Construction-\$61,760.90
  - CH Stevenson bid-\$64,295.00
  - CCC Construction-\$59,955.00
  - McGee Construction-\$82,500.00
  - St. Laurent Construction-\$62,300.00

Doug made a motion that the job be awarded to CCC Construction, Joe seconded. all in favor.

4. Resident Nelson Durand lives on Easy Street. He is concerned about the speed of some of the vehicles traveling up the street. He is aware that we do not have patrol officers to monitor speed but is requesting a sign that would indicate that the speed is being exceeded. Doug stated that the town has one and the town is also requesting loan of another one from the State. Consideration would be given to locating one on Easy Street in the near future.

5. Select Board Discussions:

Town meeting preparations -location, etc.

Ike recommended Jim Grant as Interim Chief Constable. Doug made a motion to accept Jim Grant as the Interim Chief Constable. Joe seconded. all in favor.

Mary Andrews indicated that since Andy is no longer on the board, we need a new member from the town to attend the Rail Trail Committee meetings in Hallowell. Ike and Mary will share the position as needed.

Mary is sending out 30-Day Lien notices for real estate. There will be 106 mailed on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Doug spoke about Pro Movers coming and making changes to both the office space and the basement area. Mary confirmed that the Dump Guys will be coming next week to remove the trash that is currently stacked in the middle of the basement.

Doug spoke about the new hire in the office. Breanna and Mary indicated that things were going well. Doug clarified for the benefit of all present that Karen will be cutting back to part-time hours once her new grandchild arrives in the fall.

Alaina is the new cleaner of both the town office and the fire station. Both offices are happy with the quality of her work.

6. Steve Stratton-Road Commissioner Updates

- a. Issue on Northern Ave. raised by Mr. Thiboutot. He claims that his driveway is being washed out because the town has not built any berms. Steve feels that the damage is minimal. Doug recommends that Steve consult with Greg Lumbert to see if a driveway opening permit was applied for. There was no curbing there before and the area he is concerned about is "lawn" in front of his garage not specifically "driveway". Road was repaved to meet all specifications recently as Steve has tried to explain to Mr. Thiboutot.
  - b. Material "dropped off" up on Kennebec Drive. Resident of area asked Steve to remove it. Steve went to remove it and the pile was tick infested. He left the items there and feels that someone else should pick it up. Steve said that he feels that the pile of debris is on CMP's land. Ike suggested putting a game camera up to see who is dumping there. Steve thought maybe the fire department could burn it. Ike spoke to someone at CMP and he was told that it is the responsibility of the substation maintenance staff to clean it up.
  - c. Due to all the heavy rain, there have been numerous wash-outs all over town. Steve is trying to fill them all and he is doing the best he can to get them completely repaired.
  - d. Nate Wolfington bought a piece of land on Dale Street Extension. Nate didn't know if he had filled out an application for a driveway. Steve told him that he had done the application, but Steve is unsure if he had paid the fee to the town yet. Steve will check with the office.
- Doug motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m., Joe 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2023.

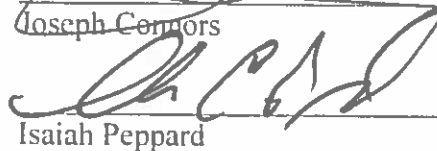
Date 7.12.23



Doug Ebert



Joseph Connors



Isaiah Peppard

Minutes prepared by: Karen LaPlante

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