

Town of Farmingdale  
Select Board Meeting Minutes  
August 14, 2024

Members Present-Doug Ebert, Joesph Connors  
Other Present- Steve Stratton-Nancy Frost-Philip Rose-Ted & Becky Zagwyn-Gerald Staples  
Zoom-Cathie Whitney

Meeting opened by Doug Ebert at 6:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance

The Select board approved and signed the Treasurer Warrants & Payroll Warrants #'s 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

*Doug motioned to approve the July 10, 2024 minutes as written, Joe 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor*

**Ted Zagwyn** – There has been progress on this project and the Select Board is allowing Mr. Zagwyn an additional two (2) months to continue working on this.

*Doug motion to extend Mr. Zagwyn's time on this project for two (2) months and to meet again at the Select Board meeting scheduled for 10/9/2024. Joe 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all in favor*

*Doug made a motion to accept with sadness the resignation of Sandra Choate from the Historical Society and the War Memorial Committees, Joe 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion all in favor*

*Doug motioned to accept and to appoint Cathrine Whitney and Rosemary Moeykens to the Sewer/Frac committee, Joe 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion all in favor*

*Doug made a motion to re-appoint the following positions*

*CEO-Greg Lumbert, Health Officer-Greg Lumbert, Plumbing Inspector-Greg Lumbert, Chief Constable-Greg Lumbert, Assistant CEO-Mark Roberts, ACO-Robert Henderson, Constable-Greg Smith, Constable-Isaiah Peppard, Cemetery Sexton-Megan Spotswood, E911 Officer-Peter Coughlan, Gardiner Public Library Trustee-Rachel Choate, Gardiner Waste Water Committee Member-Joesph Connors, Gardiner Waste Water Committee Member-Craig Nelson*

*Joe 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion all in favor*

**Cyber Security contract required by MMA**

*Doug made a motion to enter into this Cyber Security contract with Maine Computer Services, Joe 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion all in favor*

*Doug made a motion to enter into a Cyber Security contract with Maine Computer Services for the protection of the Sewer SCADA system, Joe 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion all in favor*

**Real Estate** abatement for 12 Tibbetts Court Account #1641 for the amount of \$515.13 recommended by the assessor's agent. Mr. Tibbetts was double assessed for this account in 2023. Account #1641 and account #1544 were incorrectly activated for 2023. This abatement is to clear out account #1641 because land and buildings are all now on account #1544.

*Doug made a motion to approve the abatement in the amount of \$515.13 for account #1641, Joe 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion all in favor*

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**Real Estate** abatement for Ted Rolfe account #1642, this was a map building error, after the lot was split in 2022 the account was assessed in error for an apartment and garage that is still located on the original lot that is owned by Ray Rolf. This abatement is for \$2,372.72.

*Doug made a motion to abate account #1642 in the amount of \$2,372.72, Joe 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion all in favor*

**Tax rate form** The Town of Farmingdale's mil rate should increase from 22.3 to 24.0 for 2024 FY2025. This increase is due to the State values that have dropped and the school budget and county tax that has gone up. A re-evaluation will be done in 2025/2026.

*Doug made a motion to accept the mil rate of 24.0 recommended by the assessors, Joe 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion all in favor*

Cathie Whitney asked when the last reassessment was done? Doug responded that it was 2013.

**Joe** received a call inquiring on who should be digging graves and cremation spots for the Town of Farmingdale. Joe also has a letter of interest from a resident for the school board member vacancy that will take effect on 9/3/2024, he will pass this on to Natalie.

**Mary** she is still working on the grant process to install generators on three (3) pump stations and one (1) for the town office. The Town Audit will be on 10/29/2024. The other clerks in the office are gearing up for elections with lots of information coming in daily.

**Steve** Paving is completed and they have done a good job. There was a complaint on 17 Dale Street about the side of the road where the pavement ends, Steve will go up and take care of that. Complaint on 16 Wedgewood Drive about washouts, Steve has repaired those. Issues on Littlefield Lane have been taken care of as well. Steve will get to the grass on the sidewalks. Northern Ave. and Russell Street has been striped. DOT contractor is working with the basins on Maine Ave.

Public Comment- None

*Doug motioned to adjourn this meeting and to reconvene on September 11, 2024, Joe 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor.*

Date 9-11-24



Doug Ebert



Joseph Connors



Ike Peppard

**Disclaimer: While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information, the minutes are not intended as a verbatim transcript of comments at the meeting, but a summary of the discussion and the actions that took place.**