

Town of Farmingdale
Select Board Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2023

Members Present-Doug Ebert-Joseph Connors-Andrew Vellani

Other Present- Mary Andrews-Steve Stratton-Nancy Frost-Gerald Staples-Magen Spotswood-Steve & Debbie McGee- Craig Nelson- Deb Large-Rick Amero & Donna Seppy

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

The Selectboard approved and signed the Treasurer Warrants & Payroll Warrants #'s 25, 26, 27, 28

Doug motioned to approved the December 14, 2022 minutes as written, Joe 2nd, all in favor

Steve McGee- came to the meeting to talk about salt usage. He thought that when he agreed to reduce the contract by 960 tons of salt that he didn't need to monitor how much salt he was using per storm. Doug asked if he could come up with a way to monitor how much is used as it would be helpful to have for planning purposes for next winter. Steve agreed and he will provide that information. Doug stated after riding through multiple towns after the last storm, Farmingdale roads were the best!

Craig Nelson- discussed the conditions of the roads at Hayford Heights. The roads have been paved twice and he feels that it would be a waste of money to keep paving them. There are cracks, broken culverts and standing water that keeps coming back. He suggested we start a committee to come up with a plan to study the roads and to look for grants. Doug stated that we have a Road Advisory Committee that meets once a month to discuss roads in need of repair and they prioritize what needs to be done first. Grants are a great idea if we had the time to look for them and had a grant writer.

Rick Amero, introduced himself as the Interim Superintendent from RSU 2, Donna Seppy, Board Chair for Monmouth and Deb Large as the Farmingdale Rep. They are going around to all the towns to meet with the Selectboards to open the lines of communication. Rick discussed the latest news, and talked about the withdrawal of Richmond from RSU 2. He has been asked if the withdrawal will have any impact on the budget, so far, the preliminary numbers show that it should not affect the districts negatively.

Doug- asked for a volunteer to be on Gardiner's Waste Water Committee, he is unable to attend the meetings. After a brief discussion it was decided that Andy and Joe would rotate the meetings with Andy going to the first one on January 17th.

Last year we had thirteen multi-vehicle car accidents on Maine Ave. We have asked DOT to put speed signs up by D&K and possibly another one at the Town Office in hopes that people will start slowing down. DOT agreed and they will be setting them up soon.

Andy- presented the board with an orientation guide for newly elected selectboard members for review and adoption. The board will review and discuss at the next meeting.

Magen Spotswood- gave an explanation of her job duties as Sexton for Farmingdale, many people have no idea what her job involves. She plans on keeping the board informed going forward and will be attending the SB meetings. She talked about digitizing the cemetery records, it's a huge undertaking, but she is willing to take it on. Nancy Frost thought the prior sexton had digitized some records.

Steve- Wedgewood, Hemlock and the Outlet Rds. are almost done. The plow drivers are not familiar with plowing the heights as they buried all the catch basins. After the storm he had water up to his knees shoveling out the basins.
The hole on the railroad track has been fixed.

Public Comment-None

Doug motioned to adjourn at 7:18, Joe 2nd all in favor.

Date 2-8-23



Doug Ebert



Joseph Connors



Andrew Vellani

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