

Town of Farmingdale Select Board Minutes
September 06, 2017

Members Present: James Grant – Nancy Frost - Wayne Kilgore—Others Present: Rose Webster –Steve Stratton – Natalie Jackson – Ben Barry and Tony Barry

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

- Wayne Kilgore made a motion to accept the minutes of August 23, 2017
- Nancy Frost second
- Vote approved 3/0

The Selectboard interviewed 2 applicants for the position of Cemetery Sexton last week.

- James Grant made a motion to go into Executive Session under 1 M.R.S. A (6) (A) for Personnel Matters at 6:32, and will reconvene shortly.
- Wayne Kilgore second
- Vote approved 3/0

Executive session ended at 6:36

- James Grant made a motion to reopen the meeting at 6:36
- Nancy Frost second
- Vote approved 3/0

Jim Grant said that Nancy Frost had some questions on the invoice submitted by Excalibur for cleaning the Sewer Meter Pit on August 20th. Tony Barry said that he was not talking in open meeting, only in executive session. Rose said discussions with contractors does not meet the rules for an executive session. The Selectboard then asked for Rose to contact the Town Attorney to regarding the legality of talking to a contractor in executive session. At this point Ben and Tony left the meeting. They were advised to come back to the next Selectboard meeting in 2 weeks.

Next discussion was the Cemetery Sexton position;

- Wayne Kilgore made a motion to offer the Sexton position to JoAnn Choate.
- Nancy Frost second
- Vote approved 3/0

Steve Stratton – said that he had two very dangerous trees removed on Cherry/Beech Street and Park street. He called Nathan Northrop and Brownies. Nathan was out of tone and would be unable to get to them for at least a week. Brownies did go the next day and removed them. Steve spoke to Ted Barry about flushing the culvert on the Outlet Road by Mike King's that is plugged and gave him the green light to take care of that. Steve said that he has been brush cutting and fixing and replacing signs. He spoke to some of the residents on Kennebec Drive regarding the ditching that needed to be done to stop that water problems there. Some wanted to know if they could do only the problem areas and they do not want the lawns ripped up. The decision is that it all needs to be done to do it correctly and the lawn issues are in the town right of way. Steve will work on a scope of work and bring it into the office. Steve said that Brandon Ellis will be starting on the Dale St. project next week. Steve discussed other projects needed; the upper end of Northern Ave. from Litchfield Road to Rutterbegger Lane needs repaving.

Wayne Kilgore said that the surveying on the property for the new Fire Station will be done by E.S. Coffin next week.

Natalie had 2 sewer abatements –both for filling swimming pools. Natalie noted that one of the accounts was in arrears, but that they are on a payment plan and keeping the plan up to date. The sewer ordinance states that the account needs to be up to date, but it is up to the Selectboard if exceptions are to be made.

- Jim Grant made a motion to put the payment for the surveying on next week's payroll warrant.
- Nancy Frost second
- Vote approved 3/0

Michael Swett had met with the Board a few weeks ago about being appointed to the Planning Board.

- Wayne Kilgore made a motion to appoint Michael Swett to the Planning Board.
- Nancy Frost second
- Vote approved 3/0

Jim Grant said that the Chief Constable had interviewed an applicant for the Animal Control Officer and will be making a recommendation soon.

The Selectboard would like to have Mike and Steve McGee at the next Selectboard meeting to discuss the updates in the upcoming year contract. Requested that the Ad be placed in the KJ to remove all ornaments from the Cemetery for the fall.

Jim Grant noted that all three Selectboard were in attendance at the Maine Avenue Cemetery on Monday, due to the lack of not having a Cemetery Sexton they were assisting in a burial. The only thing discussed was the Cemetery and grave opening and placement.

Rose had the Selectboard approve and sign the carryovers from last year for the projects pending this coming year that were bid on in the prior year. The auditor will be here tomorrow to do the yearly audit and will need those figures.

- Jim Grant made a motion to adjourn 7:35 and will reconvene on Wednesday September 13^{at} 5:30pm to go into executive session for Personal Matters 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6) (A), for personnel reviews.
- Nancy Frost second
- Vote approved 3/0

Date _____

James Grant

Nancy Frost

Wayne Kilgore