

FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, September 8, 2015

Chairman Joshua Bell called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present: Stephan Bunker, Andrew Buckland, Michael Fogg and Matthew Smith. Town Manager Richard Davis, Town Secretary Linda Grant, Channel 11, and members of the press and public were also in attendance.

ITEM 1: Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Chairman Joshua Bell led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. He then announced a special presentation under Other Business.

ITEM 8: To Discuss Other Business

A) David Targett, past commander of Roderick-Crosby American Legion Post #28, presented Selectman Michael Fogg with a Certificate of Appreciation from the members for his coordination of and assistance with the recent upgrade of the building that houses the local Post. Mr. Fogg thanked the Post for the recognition and accepted the congratulations of those present. He also expressed his pleasure with helping to complete this project, pointing out that it was a joint effort of a lot of dedicated men and women.

ITEM 2: To Appoint the Interim RSU 9 Director

Richard Davis reviewed the three applications that were received from Ryan Morgan, Scott Erb and Douglas Dunlap. Applicant Ryan Morgan was present and explained why he would like to fill this position. It was pointed out that this interim position will run until the annual Town Meeting in March, 2016, at which time the voters will select a director to fill the remainder of the 2017 vacated term.

Matthew Smith moved to appoint Ryan Morgan as the interim RSU 9 Director; Andrew Buckland seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 3: To Reconsider the August 25, 2015 Vote to Place a Permanent Weight Restriction on the Porter Hill Road

Joshua Bell explained that he asked that this Item be reconsidered as he has come to feel that precedent is being set on just one road. He feels a better approach would be to contact those loggers using the road and ask for voluntary compliance of lighter loads or

ITEM 3: To Reconsider the August 25, 2015 Vote to Place a Permanent Weight Restriction on the Porter Hill Road (Cont.)

use of a different road. Richard Davis explained that the reason the weight restriction was proposed on the Porter Hill Road is because of the new construction, which will be incomplete until mid to late summer next year. Mr. Davis proposed placing a temporary 80,000 lb. restriction on the road from the time of paving until a solid winter freeze is in place to protect the investment in the road, and address the matter again after the 23,000 lb. limit is lifted in the spring. State road restrictions and permitting were discussed, as well as enforcement by State Police, and posting of the restriction. Residents Pam Poisson and Lloyd Smith joined in the discussion.

Andrew Buckland moved to place a temporary 80,000 lb. weight restriction on the Porter Hill Road beginning now until a solid winter freeze is realized, and ask truckers for voluntary compliance; Michael Fogg seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

The Selectmen and Town Manager further discussed if/how truckers should be notified of said restriction.

ITEM 4: To Consider the Application of Pamela Poisson to Serve on the Parking Ordinance Committee

Richard Davis reviewed Pamela Poisson’s application and the Parking Ordinance Committee’s purpose. Mr. Davis stated that there is open ended membership and no term limits on this Committee. Applicant Pam Poisson was present.

Michael Fogg moved to appoint Pamela Poisson to the Parking Ordinance Committee; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 5: To hear an Update on 112 Church Street

Richard Davis reported that the closing on this property was to have taken place on September 14, 2015, but an extension to October 14, 2015 has been requested. This is largely due to the tax bills just being sent out and therefore an insufficient cash flow, plus the fact that one tenant is still residing in the building. Mr. Davis explained that the tenant has been served notice, but that process is in the hands of the seller and his attorney. There are also two unregistered vehicles still on the property which the owners are in the process of getting removed. Mr. Davis further explained that he and Code Enforcement Officer Steve Kaiser will be doing a walk-through with the broker, Adrian

ITEM 5: To hear an Update on 112 Church Street (Cont.)

Harris on the day of the closing. He stated that the Town is not responsible for the disposal of any furniture or appliances, etc. left behind and, therefore, the owner must take care of anything of that nature before the Town takes possession. Mr. Davis pointed out that since there is no plan of action as yet, the Town may have to take possession and wait until spring to demolish the building. There may possibly be salvage value, and the Fire Rescue Department is interested in using the building for training. It was Mr. Davis' opinion, but he will discuss it with the attorney, that there will be no closing until the property is in an acceptable condition to the Town.

ITEM 6: To Approve Voting Delegate Credentials for the Maine Municipal Association's Annual Business Meeting

Richard Davis reviewed the Maine Municipal Association memo dated September 1, 2015, and reported that he will be attending the annual convention business meeting and is willing to serve as the voting delegate.

Matthew Smith moved to approve Richard Davis as the Town's voting representative and himself as the alternate; Stephan Bunker seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

The Selectmen signed the Credential Form. Stephan Bunker reported that each of the Selectmen will soon be receiving an official invitation from him to be his guest at the luncheon on October 7, 2015 where he will be sworn in as the next Maine Municipal Association President.

ITEM 7: To Approve the Minutes of August 11 and 25, 2015

Matthew Smith moved to approve to the minutes of August 11 and 25, 2015; Joshua Bell seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 8: To Discuss Other Business

B) Richard Davis reviewed a memo from Police Chief Jack Peck dated September 1, 2015 regarding the Animal Control Officer (ACO), and Sheriff Scott Nichols' letter dated July 23, 2015 in which he offers to explore the possibility of employing a deputy in some capacity to serve as an ACO for any Town within Franklin County that would be interested. Termination or extension of ACO Atwood's current contract, which expires September 30, 2015, was discussed, as well as how a deputy might be paid. It was the general consensus of the Selectmen that they would welcome a proposal from Sheriff Nichols.

ITEM 8: To Discuss Other Business (Cont.)

- C)** Richard Davis reviewed Police Chief Jack Peck's memo dated September 1, 2015 regarding three upcoming road closures for events.
- D)** Richard Davis reported that Public Works foreman Jim Kiernan was in a motorcycle accident last week and will be laid up for at least 6-8 weeks.
- E)** Richard Davis reported that there will be another compost sale at the Transfer Station on Friday, September 11th and Saturday, September 12th.
- F)** Richard Davis reminded the Selectmen and listening audience of the Bee Line Cable Franchise Agreement joint meeting with Wilton next Wednesday, September 16th at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center. He handed out a copy of the Franchise Agreement to each Selectman, and reported that Bee Line Cable Vice President General Manager George Allen will be at the meeting. Mr. Davis stated that he will email a reminder and agenda to each of the Selectmen.
- G)** Stephan Bunker pointed out the monthly Fire Rescue Department activity report, and reported on the recent joint training with local police and ambulance personnel at the Mallett School.
- H)** Michael Fogg pointed out the thank you letter that the Selectmen received from Susan Terese and complimented her on the work she put into organizing this year's Summer Fest.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Stephan Bunker moved to adjourn at 7:42 P.M.; Matthew Smith seconded.**

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda H. Grant.

Andrew R. Buckland - Secretary