**** SPECIAL MEETING ****

FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Chairman Joshua Bell called the meeting to order at 8:43 A.M. with the following members present: Michael Fogg and Andrew Buckland. Matthew Smith and Stephan Bunker were unable to attend. Town Manager Richard Davis and one member of the press 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.

ITEM 2: To Approve an Amended Warrant for a Special Town Meeting on November 22, 2016

Richard Davis explained that this Warrant Article is in response to the apparent passage of the recreational marijuana act. Since the vote was so close a recount is expected, but regardless, there is interest in adopting a moratorium on the retail marijuana establishments and retail marijuana social clubs in order to give the Planning Board enough time to draft some performance standards for adoption at either a Special Town Meeting or the March, 2017 Town Meeting. The moratorium would be for 180 days and the Town's attorney has prepared an Ordinance, said draft document having been modified since the draft sent to the Selectmen yesterday to reflect the grandfathering of any existing or new medical marijuana caregiver operations. Discussion included: concerns regarding such establishments being in the Downtown Historic District; Planning Board performance standards process; licensing/permitting process and fee; and concerns regarding the odor, including the cultivation process and certain forms of use;

Michael Fogg moved to approve an amended Warrant for a Special Town Meeting on November 22, 2016; Andrew Buckland seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 ABSENT 2 (Smith/Bunker) MOTION CARRIED

The Selectmen signed the Warrant. Mr. Davis stated that the Warrant and a certified copy of the Ordinance will be posted today.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Andrew Buckland moved to adjourn at 9:09 A.M.; Michael Fogg seconded.**

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 ABSENT 2 (Smith/Bunker) MOTION CARRIED

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda H. Grant.

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Andrew R. Buckland - Secretary