

FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, February 26, 2013

Chairman Stephan Bunker asked those in the audience which item they were present for and asked the Board, in light of the Executive Session at the beginning of the agenda, to take Items 4 and 6 out of order so that the participants do not have to wait, to which the Board agreed.

Chairman Stephan Bunker called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Ryan Morgan, Andrew Hufnagel, Jessica Berry and Dennis Pike. 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

Jessica Berry led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ITEM 4: To Approve a Liquor License Renewal for the Farmington Elks Lodge

Stephan Bunker reminded the Board and listening audience of the affirmative vote taken at the February 12th Selectmen's meeting to ask that a representative of all new and renewal liquor license applications come before the Selectmen. Lodge manager Donna Keaten was present to answer any questions the Board might have. Richard Davis verified for Andrew Hufnagel that Police Chief Jack Peck does not have any concerns with this establishment.

Dennis Pike moved to approve a liquor license renewal for the Farmington Elks Lodge; Andrew Hufnagel seconded.

Stephan Bunker pointed out to Mrs. Keaten that the Selectmen have encouraged all department heads who sign off on liquor license applications to pay particular attention to statistics of law enforcement calls to liquor serving establishments, as well as encouraging all liquor serving establishments to use good business practices.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

The Selectmen signed the application.

ITEM 6: To Consider a Request from Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services of Franklin County (SAVES) to use the Meetinghouse Park Gazebo as a Starting point for its 15th annual March for Violence-Free Communities on Wednesday, April 24, 2013 at 5:00 P.M.

SAVES Coordinator Nick Citriglia introduced himself and answered questions of the Board.

Dennis Pike moved to approve a request from SAVES to use the Meetinghouse Park Gazebo as a starting point for its 15th annual March for Violence-Free Communities on Wednesday, April 24, 2013 at 5:00 P.M.; Jessica Berry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 2: To Hold an Executive Session Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405.6.A & § 405.6.E. to Consult with Legal Counsel concerning the Legal Rights and Duties of the Board with Respect to a Personnel Matter

Dennis Pike moved to go into Executive Session at 6:35 P.M.; Jessica Berry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:14 P.M.

No public action was taken.

ITEM 3: To Consider a Resolution in Support of a Natural Gas Pipeline

Stephan Bunker explained that this consideration stemmed from an informational meeting that was held the previous week for interested parties in the region. It was felt that communities might like to go on record to affirm their interest in pursuing the issue of natural gas. State Representative Lance Harvell was present and joined the Board in discussing: Request for Proposals (RFP); the two companies that are interested in coming to Farmington; overview of information from the last meeting relative to Franklin Memorial Hospital and the University; and review of the proposed Resolution. Representative Harvell confirmed that no tax dollars will be required for this project, and any road damage and pipeline service/maintenance will be the responsibility of the company. Representative Harvell also discussed FAME loans.

Dennis Pike moved to sign the proposed Resolution in support of a natural gas pipeline; Andrew Hufnagel seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

The Board signed the Resolution.

ITEM 5: To Consider a Proposed Contract for Services between the Town of Farmington and John Holden to Complete the Farmington Downtown Development Plan

Stephan Bunker explained that the contracted service provided by John Holden when he was employed by Eaton Peabody has been completed. Richard Davis reviewed the proposed contract with John Holden to complete the Plan. The Board discussed Mr. Holden's attendance at a future meeting, and the source of funding for the Plan's re-draft.

Dennis Pike moved to approve a contract for services between the Town of Farmington and John Holden to complete the Farmington Downtown Development Plan, with funding of \$1,000 to come from the TIF Fund, and authorize the Town Manager to sign the contract; Andrew Hufnagel seconded.

Ryan Morgan expressed his dismay with the length of time and additional cost that it has taken to complete this project.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 7: To Approve the Minutes of February 12, 2013

Ryan Morgan moved to approve the minutes of February 12, 2013; Andrew Hufnagel seconded.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSTAINED 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Jessica Berry)**

ITEM 8: To Discuss Other Business

- A) Richard Davis reported that Roger Wright will be retiring from his position at the Transfer Station on March 30, 2013. Mr. Davis proposed promoting Roy Gross to that position, increase Mr. Gross' pay to \$10.00 per hour, and provide assistance to him through Michael Cote who is a seasonal employee for the Public Works Department, which would eliminate the need to hire another Transfer Station employee. The Selectmen asked Mr. Davis to convey their thanks to Mr. Wright for the exceptional work he has done.
- B) Ryan Morgan asked Richard Davis to convey to the Public Works Department that the roads have been much better during and after the last two storms.
- C) Ryan Morgan generated a brief discussion regarding his proposal that the Town do a follow-up of some kind with the victim(s) of fire once Red Cross has left to make sure that they are aware of all resources at their disposal. Richard Davis will discuss the proposal with Chief Terry Bell.

ITEM 8: To Discuss Other Business (Cont.)

- D)** Andrew Hufnagel extended his thanks to the Fire Rescue Department and all other departments for their quick response to and coordinated efforts at the recent fire at Michael Cote’s residence, which resulted in minimal damage. Dennis Pike added his thanks to all those involved.
- E)** Andrew Hufnagel stated that he has done more research on single sort recycling and asked the Selectmen if they would be interested in him inviting a representative from Pine Tree to come to a meeting to explain this process. Richard Davis reported that Sandy River Recycling Association (SRRA) will be meeting here in the Municipal Building Conference Room on Thursday, March 14th at 4:00 P.M. Fergus Lea of AVCOG, who in Mr. Davis’ opinion is an expert in the field of solid waste and recycling, will be presenting ideas on what SRRA might be able to do to remain competitive with single and/or dual sort. Mr. Davis encouraged all those Selectmen who can to attend that meeting, and recommended holding off on the Pine Tree representative until after that presentation.
- F)** Stephan Bunker asked Richard Davis to extend an invitation to the manager of BeeLine Cable to attend a future Board meeting to review its latest services and rates.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Dennis Pike moved to adjourn at 7:42 P.M.; Jessica Berry seconded.**

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda H. Grant.

Dennis C. Pike – Secretary