FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

Chairman Joshua Bell called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Stephan Bunker, Scott Landry and Michael Fogg. Matthew Smith was unable to attend. Town Manager Richard Davis, Town Secretary Linda Grant, and Channel 11 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 sign an Expression of Goodwill for Presentation to Farmington's Sister City, Lac-Mégantic, Quebec

Richard Davis explained that resident and school board member Douglas Dunlap is an avid hiker and is planning a tour of Franklin County into Canada, with a stop at Lac-Mégantic. He stated that Mr. Dunlap had approached him asking if the Town of Farmington would be interested in sending with him some token of its friendship with its Sister City. Mr. Davis further stated that he came up with a miniature of a watercolor that was produced and presented to the Town a few years ago, with presentation wording added. He also drafted a letter, which he printed in English and in French. Mr. Dunlap was present and reviewed his past trips to Lac-Mégantic, as well as the one he is soon to embark on. Mr. Dunlap passed out a copy of a newspaper article about the new mayor of Lac-Mégantic, whom he has an appointment to meet with on Monday, July 24th. He also passed out a business card with his contact information on it if anyone wishes to get in touch with him. Mr. Dunlap stated that he will give an overview upon his return. Stephan Bunker shared his experience with meeting a gentleman from Lac-Mégantic at a National Conference of 9-1-1 Communications in Orlando, Florida last year. Scott Landry also shared his observations from a visit to Lac-Mégantic a couple of weeks ago.

Stephan Bunker moved to sign an expression of goodwill for Douglas Dunlap to present to Farmington's Sister City, Lac-Mégantic, Quebec; Scott Landry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Matthew Smith)

Richard Davis read the letter that he drafted and the Selectmen signed both the English and French versions of it. Town Secretary Linda Grant made copies of both letters and Richard Davis gave the originals and watercolor to Mr. Dunlap to take with him. The Selectmen and Mr. Davis thanked Mr. Dunlap and wished him good luck on his travels.

ITEM 3: To Countersign the Warrants for the RSU #9 Budget Meeting on July 25, 2017 and Budget Validation Referendum on August 3, 2017

Richard Davis stated that the school Board of Directors met and signed the ten copies of the Warrant the previous night, and they were delivered today for the Selectmen to sign tonight. There was a brief discussion regarding the potential impact of additional revenues found at the end of the Legislative session. The Selectmen signed the ten copies of the Warrant.

ITEM 4: To Approve the Minutes of June 27, 2017

Stephan Bunker moved to approve the minutes of June 27, 2017; Scott Landry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Matthew Smith)

ITEM 5: To Discuss Other Business

A) Richard Davis reported that it was brought to his attention recently that this is the 65th year since the organization of the Old Crow Band, and the person who brought it to his attention was wondering if the Town of Farmington was planning to do anything to recognize that. Mr. Davis stated that he thought the presentation of a Proclamation from the Board of Selectmen at their performance at SummerFest might be appropriate, and offered to do so. He read the Proclamation that he had drafted, most of the information of which he got from the Old Crow Band's Facebook page.

Stephan Bunker moved to sign said Proclamation; Michael Fogg seconded.

Scott Landry mentioned that the band is very concerned about the age of the membership and how they're struggling with finding younger members to join and keep it going, so this recognition may help with the recruiting process.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Matthew Smith)

The Selectmen signed the Proclamation.

Joshua Bell asked that a copy of the Meetinghouse Park/gazebo summer schedule be emailed to him.

B) Stephan Bunker reported that he put his name in a drawing at the annual Maine Municipal Association (MMA) Executive Committee HR Management workshop at Thomas College that he recently attended and was the lucky winner of the grand prize, which included registrations for this year's MMA Convention, next

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- **B)** (Cont.) year's HR Management Conference, next year's Technology Conference, and an MMA workshop of the member's choice for the Selectmen and staff to utilize. Richard Davis stated that he will summarize the registrations in an email and if anyone is interested they can contact him.
- C) Stephan Bunker asked that an Executive Session be added to a future agenda for the Selectmen to discuss possible recipients of the annual Ethel Kelly Award, information of which is in the back of the June issue of the Maine Townsman magazine. He briefly explained the nomination requirements, and stated that this year's due date is September 1st.
- **D)** In answer to Scott Landry's comment on how slow the completion of the street striping has been, Richard Davis explained that it is contingent upon the weather, which has not cooperated with the contractor's schedule.
- E) In answer to Scott Landry's inquiry as to when the Titcomb Hill Road project will begin, Richard Davis explained that it's hard to tell due to the need for preliminary work of ditching and culvert replacement, which is expected to begin within the next few weeks.
- F) Scott Landry commented that cleanup of the Broadway pine tree removal looks good. Richard Davis stated that the Public Works crew was working on the sidewalk yesterday, with the pouring of concrete to occur as soon as tomorrow. They are in hopes that the change in the sidewalk will create a few more parking spaces.
- **G**) Scott Landry commented on the efficiency of the person doing the downtown parking enforcement.
- H) Joshua Bell mentioned that the SummerFest will be July 21st and 22nd this year. Richard Davis commended Susan Terese of Minikins for her work in organizing the events, as well as the creation of the brochure and posters.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Stephan Bunker moved to adjourn at 6:57 P.M.**; **Michael Fogg seconded.**

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Matthew Smith)

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda H. Grant.	