#### FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

#### Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Chairman Joshua Bell called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Matthew Smith, Scott Landry and Michael Fogg. Stephan Bunker was unable to attend. Town Manager Richard Davis, Planning Assistant Cindy Gelinas, 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.

### ITEM 2: To Discuss the Proposed Cable Television Franchise Renewal with George Allen, VP and General Manager of Bee Line, Inc.

Richard Davis reviewed the cover sheet of changes to the Franchise Agreement, both of which the Selectmen had been given a copy. George Allen updated the Selectmen on currently ongoing projects and the issue with broadband. Discussion also included: video franchise and how long will it be around; his work with Channel 11 manager JP Fortier to consolidate other public access channels; BeeLine is starting to see prices drop for transport fees, which will help with having more channels in the packages and lower fees for the customers, the timeline of which was discussed; BeeLine will be increasing internet speeds to 200-300 GB and higher; BeeLine has increased line extensions, and they have a plan to do the underground projects next spring/summer in Voter Hill Estates, where they will be using a special "vibratory plow" to install the trenches so the roads won't be torn up, and they have their own underground locating gear so they don't have to rely totally on Dig Safe; and the inquiry about the existence of a bill in Congress for allowance of a la carte packages, of which Mr. Allen had no knowledge.

Matthew Smith moved to accept the proposed Cable Television Franchise renewal with said changes; Scott Landry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Stephan Bunker)

# To Review the <u>Draft Town of Farmington Adult Use Marijuana Stores</u>, <u>Cultivation Facilities</u>, <u>Manufacturing Facilities</u>, and <u>Testing Facilities</u> <u>Ordinance</u>

Richard Davis stated that Code Enforcement Officer Steve Kaiser has been working diligently on this draft Ordinance. He further stated that they have been following the State Legislature's activities closely with regard to this, and a bill was passed but the Governor will veto. It did not pass by enough of a margin to override that veto, so it looks like it is not going to go into effect until another Governor is in office in 2019. Mr. Davis explained that since the State cannot issue any licenses neither can the Town. He feels, however, that the Ordinance is good and could be adopted at the March, 2018 Town Meeting and later amended to accommodate any changes the State makes to the law. Discussion included: adoption of an Ordinance for which the law has not yet been

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written; Steve Kaiser's explanation of the latest changes in the draft; the debate over and moratorium on social clubs; the distinction between medical and adult use, and how adult use stores are established and run; delivery of internet based sales; relicensing; regulated distances from schools, parks, day cares, the college, and hospital, and how those distances are determined; requirement that the date of business operation be since December 31, 2016, and Town jurisdiction in grandfathering; State law regarding venting; odor performance standards and how they will affect farmers, ie. manure spreading; and tentative timeline on voting, writing of rules and writing of licenses.

## ITEM 4: To Approve Expenditures from the Community Center Reserve Account of \$2,147.00 for the Generator Connection and \$800.00 to Install a Commercial Fire Radio to Monitor the Alarm System

Richard Davis stated that the generator is already at the Community Center awaiting connection, and the commercial fire radio just needs the Selectmen's approval to be installed. Mr. Davis reported that there is currently a balance of \$7,433.30 in the Reserve account, so the available funds are adequate for these expenditures.

Michael Fogg moved to approve expenditures from the Community Center Reserve account of \$2,147.00 for the generator connection, and \$800.00 for the installation of a commercial fire radio to monitor the alarm system; Scott Landry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Stephan Bunker)

### ITEM 5: To Review the Consumer Price Index and Approve Wage and Salary Adjustments for Calendar year 2018

Richard Davis stated that with the 2018 budget process approaching staff will need to know what adjustments are authorized in wages and salaries. He reviewed the Consumer Price Index used to calculate the average from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017, said average being 1.975% for the 12-month period. Mr. Davis asked the Selectmen to approve a 2% increase in the hopes that it will serve to help provide additional compensation to those employees who aren't in the bargaining unit.

Scott Landry moved to approve a wage and salary increase of 2% for employees; Michael Fogg seconded.

Joshua Bell pointed out that the CPI average has been down the last couple of years and they are a deserving group of employees. Mr. Davis also pointed out that 2% will be much easier to calculate.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Stephan Bunker)

### ITEM 6: To Approve the Warrant for Special Town Meeting on November 14, 2017

Richard Davis reviewed the proposed Warrant and pointed out that this meeting will take place in the downstairs room of the Community Center. Mr. Davis further pointed out that the Unassigned Fund Balance is currently at a level above the auditor's recommended minimum by approximately \$56,000.

Matthew Smith moved to approve the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting on November 14, 2017; Michael Fogg seconded.

Joshua Bell pointed out that he missed the meeting where the air packs were discussed and in answer to his inquiry as to whether there will be any left over, Matthew Smith stated that Chief Bell said that all of the old air packs are unusable and will be sold online for scrap. The air packs currently being used are on loan from the vendor.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Stephan Bunker)

The Selectmen signed the Warrant.

### To Accept a Donation of \$675 to the Parks and Recreation Department for the Purchase of a Memorial Bench

Richard Davis explained that this donation is to replace an existing bench near the tennis courts at Hippach Field that was previously donated by the Hoisingtons in memory of their mother, Tobey Hoisington. He pointed out that the new bench will be constructed of composite resin.

Matthew Smith moved to accept a donation of \$675 to the Parks and Recreation Department for the purchase of a Memorial Bench; Michael Fogg seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Stephan Bunker)

### ITEM 8: To Approve the Minutes of September 26, 2017

Matthew Smith moved to table Item 8 as the minutes are not yet available; Scott Landry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Stephan Bunker)

#### **ITEM 9: To Discuss Other Business**

A) Richard Davis reviewed the press release and the anticipated presentations for the next Waltons Mill Dam meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30 P.M. at the Community Center.

### **ITEM 9:** To Discuss Other Business (Cont.)

- B) Richard Davis reported on the following road projects: the Anson Street binder was installed today on the hill; it is anticipated that the curbing will be installed on High and Prescott Streets sometime in the next few days; the paving has been completed on Prescott Street; and he has a call in to E. L. Vining for a status update on the West Farmington sidewalk project.
- C) Scott Landry stated that he recently observed FairPoint looking at the culvert on Front Street. In answer to Joshua Bell's inquiry as to whether the State will extend the date for the grant funding, Mr. Davis stated that he believes it is good until 2019.
- ITEM 10: To Hold an Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405.6.A to Discuss the Treasurer/Finance Director's Compensation

Matthew Smith moved to go into Executive Session at 7:47 P.M.; Michael Fogg seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Stephan Bunker)

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:18 p.m.

Scott Landry moved to increase the Treasurer/Finance Director's annual salary to \$59,341.70 effective January 1, 2018, said increase to be in lieu of and not in addition to the 2% increase approved to take effect on April 1, 2018; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Stephan Bunker)

There being no further business to come before the Board, Scott Landry moved to adjourn at 8:19 P.M.; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Stephan Bunker)

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lucinda J. Gelinas and Linda H. Grant.

Michael J. Fogg - Secretary