

**FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**Tuesday, December 26, 2017**

Vice Chairman Stephan Bunker called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Matthew Smith, Michael Fogg and Scott Landry. Joshua Bell was unable to attend. Town Manager Richard Davis, Town Secretary Linda Grant, Fire Rescue Chief Terry Bell and Captain Tim Hardy, Police Chief Jack Peck, Channel 11, and members of the press and public were also in attendance.

**ITEM 1: Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

Vice Chairman Stephan Bunker led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ITEM 2: To Approve the Town of Farmington’s Share of the Mount Blue TV Budget for 2018**

Richard Davis reviewed the proposed 2018 budget and source of funding. Mount Blue TV Manager JP Fortier was present and further explained this budget, including the addition of livestream programming and its benefits to not only BeeLine customers but anyone with high speed internet. He also updated the Selectmen on upcoming programming and projects, including a Livestream Internship with the University of Maine at Farmington, and reported on outside sources of revenue.

**Scott Landry moved to approve the Town of Farmington’s share of the Mount Blue TV budget for 2018 in the amount of \$94,404.00; Matthew Smith seconded.**

**VOTE            AFFIRMATIVE        4            ABSENT        1            MOTION CARRIED**  
**(Joshua Bell)**

**ITEM 3: To Authorize the Police Department to apply for and accept the Following Maine Bureau of Highway Safety grants in the Following Amounts for fiscal year 2018:**

- **Distracted Driving.....\$14,309.07**
- **Impaired Driving.....\$ 4,655.63**
- **Seatbelt Enforcement.....\$ 4,254.24**
- **Speed Enforcement.....\$ 4,110.33**

Police Chief Jack Peck was present and reviewed the various grants and amounts that he has been notified the Police Department will be eligible for.

**Michael Fogg moved to authorize the Police Department to apply for and accept the above noted Maine Bureau of Highway Safety grants in the noted amounts for fiscal year 2018; Matthew Smith seconded.**

**VOTE            AFFIRMATIVE        4            ABSENT        1            MOTION CARRIED**  
**(Joshua Bell)**





**ITEM 10: To Discuss Other Business**

- A) Michael Fogg read LD1629 from the Maine Townsman regarding disposal of tax acquired property, and asked Richard Davis to look into it.
- B) Matthew Smith shared that his kids have returned to live in the area after having been gone for eight years.
- C) Scott Landry complimented the plowing crew, which prompted a brief discussion regarding the low temperatures forecast for the week and weekend and the effect they have on treatment of roads. Richard Davis reported that the crew will be out tonight for cleanup.
- D) Stephan Bunker pointed out that the next two Selectmen’s meetings will be on Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Scott Landry moved to adjourn at 6:56 P.M.; Matthew Smith seconded.**

**VOTE            AFFIRMATIVE    4            ABSENT    1            MOTION CARRIED**  
**(Joshua Bell)**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda H. Grant.

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Michael J. Fogg – Secretary