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

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 vear 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 4: To Authorize the Police Department to accept \$1,000 from the Healthy Community Coalition through a *Drug Free Communities Grant* to Conduct Underage Drinking Enforcement

Chief Peck explained how this grant has been utilized in the past, and will continue to be in the future, if the Police Department is given the authorization to accept it.

Matthew Smith moved to authorize the Police Department to accept \$1,000 from the Healthy Community Coalition through a Drug Free Communities Grant to conduct Underage Drinking Enforcement; Scott Landry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Joshua Bell)

To Authorize the Fire Rescue Department to accept a Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$13,500 to Purchase a Rescue Strut Kit

Fire Rescue Chief Terry Bell and Captain Tim Hardy were present. Reference was made to a memo from Chief Bell dated December 20, 2017, and Captain Hardy explained what a rescue strut kit is and how it will be utilized.

Scott Landry moved to authorize the Fire Rescue Department to accept a Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$13,500 to purchase a Rescue Strut Kit; Matthew Smith seconded.

Chief Bell explained how the grant process works.

Scott Landry and Matthew Smith amended their motion and second to include authorization to fund the purchase from the Equipment Reserve account with reimbursement to be made to said account when the Homeland Security Grant funds are received.

Captain Hardy verified for the Selectmen that the June 19, 2017 quote will be honored for this 2018 purchase.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Joshua Bell)

ITEM 6: To Schedule a Special Meeting for January 2, 2018 to Review the 2018 Departmental Budget Requests

Richard Davis explained that this is an annual occurrence. He reported that the Budget Committee has had its organizational meeting and will begin its review of the budget on Wednesday, January 3, 2018, and each Wednesday through January, but he would like the Selectmen to review it first. He also reported that the budget books should be available for the Selectmen to pick up in time to review before the January 2nd meeting.

ITEM 6: To Schedule a Special Meeting for January 2, 2018 to Review the 2018 Departmental Budget Requests (Cont.)

Matthew Smith moved to schedule a special meeting for January 2, 2018 to review the 2018 departmental budget requests; Michael Fogg seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Joshua Bell)

ITEM 7: To Approve Several Municipal Quitclaim Deeds

Richard Davis reviewed Quitclaim Deeds to release interest the Town may have on account of undischarged tax liens that have been satisfied for: Priscilla Hutchinson; Jennifer Chick; Juli Howard; Mobile Home Assoc. and MC Management; John Hayden; Sarah B. Richards; John Michael Callahan; and Maria McManus and Joseph McManus, Trustees of the Blue Spruce Trust.

Matthew Smith moved to approve Municipal Quitclaim Deeds for the eight above listed property owners; Scott Landry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Joshua Bell)

The Selectmen signed the eight Quitclaim Deeds. Stephan Bunker inquired as to why so many at once. Mr. Bunker also inquired as to the status of the foreclosed properties. Richard Davis stated that the process is in place for a likely auction in the spring.

ITEM 8: To Approve Two Cemetery Lot Conveyances

Richard Davis reviewed Cemetery Lot Conveyances for Ronald L. Greenwood and Lawrence G. Greenwood, both being for Fairview Cemetery.

Matthew Smith moved to approve two Cemetery Lot Conveyances for Ronald L. Greenwood and Lawrence G. Greenwood: Scott Landry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Joshua Bell)

The Selectmen signed the two Cemetery Lot Conveyances.

ITEM 9: To Approve the Minutes of December 12, 2017

Matthew Smith moved to approve the minutes of December 12, 2017; Scott Landry 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 with be on Tuesday, January 2nd and Tuesday, January 9th.

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	l by Lind	da H. Gra	ant.

Michael J. Fogg – Secretary