#### FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

#### Tuesday, March 27, 2018

Town Manager Richard Davis called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Joshua Bell, Stephan Bunker, Michael Fogg, Matthew Smith and Scott Landry. Town Secretary Linda Grant, Police Chief Jack Peck and Deputy Chief Shane Cote, and members of the press and public were also in attendance.

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

Town Manager Richard Davis led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

## ITEM 2: To Elect Officers for the Ensuing Year

Town Manager Richard Davis opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Board of Selectmen for the ensuing year.

Matthew Smith nominated Joshua Bell to serve as Chairman for the ensuing year; Scott Landry seconded. Mr. Davis called for a vote.

# VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSTAINED 1 MOTION CARRIED (Joshua Bell)

Town Manager Richard Davis turned the meeting over to newly elected Chairman Joshua Bell, who opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice Chairman of the Board of Selectmen for the ensuing year.

Matthew Smith nominated Stephan Bunker to serve as Vice Chairman for the ensuing year; Scott Landry seconded.

# VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSTAINED 1 MOTION CARRIED (Stephan Bunker)

Chairman Joshua Bell opened the floor for nominations for the position of Secretary of the Board of Selectmen for the ensuing year.

Matthew Smith nominated Michael Fogg to serve as Secretary for the ensuing year; Scott Landry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSTAINED 1 MOTION CARRIED (Michael Fogg)

# ITEM 3: To Approve a 36 Month Contract with Consolidated Communications for Internet Service to the Police Department

Richard Davis reviewed a memo from Police Deputy Chief Shane Cote dated March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Matthew Smith moved to approve a 36 month contract with Consolidated Communications for internet service to the Police Department at a monthly cost of \$305.77 and initial setup cost of \$700; Scott Landry seconded.

Deputy Chief Shane Cote pointed out that utility consultant Larry Jordan was able to get a much lower monthly rate than was previously reported. Police Chief Jack Peck thanked Deputy Chief Cote for all of his work on this project.

#### VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

# ITEM 4: To Accept a Grant for \$2,100 to the Police Department for the Enforcement of Underage Drinking laws

Police Chief Jack Peck explained the application process for this grant through the Bureau of Highway Safety which is to conduct enforcement details for retail compliance inspections. He pointed out that the grant money is strictly for the overtime of the officers to conduct these details.

Michael Fogg moved to accept a grant for \$2,100 to the Police Department for the enforcement of underage drinking laws; Matthew Smith seconded.

Chief Peck spoke of the need for citizens and business owners to know that this enforcement will be taking place, along with that of underage drinking laws with the help of the grant funds recently received from the Healthy Community Coalition. Stephan Bunker pointed out, based on comments at the previous night's annual Town Meeting, that the Police Department is very aggressive and successful with grant writing opportunities. In response to Joshua Bell's inquiry, Chief Peck stated that this grant will run until June 30<sup>th</sup> and will involve approximately 32 hours of overtime detail. Matthew Smith commended the Police Department for its grant writing, pointing out several just in the past few months which have saved the Town close to \$10,000.

#### VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

## ITEM 5: To Accept the bid for a new Police Cruiser

Police Chief Jack Peck reviewed his memo dated March 27, 2018 in which he explained the scheduled vehicle replacement procedure, problems they're having with the vehicle to be replaced, and the three bids received from two of eight dealerships the bid packet was sent to. Chief Peck recommended that the bid be awarded to Quirk Ford for a 2017 Ford Interceptor SUV at the cost of \$24,156, pointing out that this vehicle will be available immediately. Chief Peck answered questions regarding the type of vehicle the department typically purchases, and cost savings in equipment transfer when the vehicle being purchased and replaced are the same.

## ITEM 5: To Accept the bid for a new Police Cruiser (Cont.)

Matthew Smith moved to award the bid for the new police cruiser to Quirk Ford of Augusta for a 2017 Ford Interceptor SUV at the cost of \$24,156; Michael Fogg seconded.

In response to Joshua Bell's inquiry regarding the possibility of the Police Department leasing its vehicles, Chief Peck reviewed his research and why leasing is not a good option.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

## ITEM 6: To Approve an Order pursuant to 36 M.R.S. §906, Pertaining to Unpaid Taxes

Richard Davis stated that this is an annual renewal of this policy following Town Meeting which authorizes the tax collector to apply any tax payment received to the oldest outstanding tax if more than one year is owed. He pointed out that this policy is highly recommended by Maine Municipal Association after each election.

Matthew Smith moved to approve an Order pursuant to 36 M.R.S. §906, pertaining to unpaid taxes; Stephan Bunker seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

The Selectmen signed the Order.

# To Consider an Expenditure of \$355.50 for a full color ad in the 2018 Western Maine Regional edition of Discover Maine Magazine, to be funded from the Special Projects Account

Richard Davis reviewed an email from Tim Maxfield, Advertising Director/Client Services of Discover Maine Magazine, in which Mr. Maxfield offered to feature a slightly changed version of the ad that has been used in the last few years, but at the same cost.

Stephan Bunker moved to approve an expenditure of \$355.50 for a full color ad in the 2018 Western Maine Regional edition of Discover Maine Magazine, with funding to come from the Special Projects account and the newer ad version to be used; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

# ITEM 8: To Confirm Attendance at a Meeting with Jay, Livermore Falls, and Wilton Officials and the Sewall Corp. to Discuss the Broadband Study Results on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in Jay

Richard Davis stated that Charles Woodworth of the Greater Franklin Development Council, as well as officials from the towns of Jay, Livermore Falls, and Wilton have agreed that it would be beneficial for all to meet with Sewall Corp. to discuss the study results. Said meeting has been set to take place at the Jay Niles Library on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. He stated that Chesterville and New Sharon may be invited as well. The meeting date and time were agreeable to all Selectmen except Stephan Bunker, who stated that regretfully he will be out of town on that date but he gives his full support.

### ITEM 9: To Approve the Minutes of February 27 and March 13, 2018

Matthew Smith moved to approve the minutes of February 27 and March 13, 2018; Scott Landry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

#### ITEM 10: To Discuss Other Business

- A) Richard Davis reported that Public Works Mechanic/Shop Manager Jon Alexander has given his two-week notice of resignation, effective Friday, March 30, 2018, as he will be going to work for Robert Elliott in Strong. Mr. Davis stated that the plan is to backfill this position with Scott Bouchard for a 6- month probationary period. If that plan works out the next step will be to hire another truck driver/laborer. He further stated that Mr. Bouchard will retain the foreman title for now.
- B) Richard Davis reported that he had a meeting earlier today with Mt. Blue TV station manager JP Fortier regarding changes that are being made in regard to the station. Mr. Davis passed out and reviewed an information sheet regarding dates in April when several public forums will be held to discuss these changes, one of which will be to change the name to Central Maine Media Alliance. Mr. Fortier had explained to him that this alliance is being made in an effort to consolidate services and keep the station more viable since the franchise fees have dropped off. It also allows them to reach out to a broader community for funding, at no additional cost to Farmington or Wilton. Mr. Davis stated that Mr. Fortier has agreed to provide the Selectmen with a memo summarizing the changes.
- C) Stephan Bunker pointed out the packet the Selectmen each received for making nominations to the Maine Municipal Association Executive Committee. He encouraged any who might find the time to make this commitment to do so for all of the wonderful professional development opportunities it provides.
- **D)** Matthew Smith thanked all who came out to vote yesterday, and expressed his appreciation of their support. Richard Davis congratulated Mr. Smith on his reelection as Selectman, and reminded him that he needs to take the Freedom of Access training again.

#### **ITEM 10:** To Discuss Other Business (Cont.)

E) The Selectmen discussed the previous night's annual Town Meeting, including the need for discussion in the future to determine policy and/or process relative to whether solicitations will be accepted from outside agencies going forward. Richard Davis stated that he will plan to schedule this discussion for an August meeting so that it takes place before the 2019 budget process begins. Discussion also included the suggestion that all funded outside agencies be required to periodically submit an update of activities, specifically but not limited to the Greater Franklin Development Council.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Scott Landry moved to adjourn at 7:10 P.M.; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE	AFFIRMATIVE	5	MOTION CARRIED
Minutes respectfully s	ubmitted by Linda H. Grant.		
Michael J. Fogg - Secr	retary		