#### FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

### Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Chairman Joshua Bell called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Michael Fogg and Matthew Smith. Scott Landry and Stephan Bunker were unable to attend. Town Manager Richard Davis, Town Secretary Linda Grant, 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 Award the bid for Street Striping

Richard Davis reviewed the summary of the one bid received, which includes painting the crosswalks. Mr. Davis stated that this is the company that has been used for the past several years, so they are familiar with and satisfied with their work.

Matthew Smith moved to award the bid for street striping to Lucas Striping, LLC at the total cost of \$21,204.50; Michael Fogg seconded.

In response to Michael Fogg's concern with the excessive wear of the paint at the Wilton Road/Oakes Street intersection in West Farmington, Mr. Davis stated that he will ask Lucas Striping if there is a remedy.

## VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 ABSENT 2 MOTION CARRIED (Bunker/Landry)

### ITEM 3: To Adopt a Revised Hazard Communication Program

Richard Davis stated that this program needs to be updated periodically in order to stay current with the Bureau of Labor Standards requirements. Mr. Davis pointed out that the main difference between this update and the previous update in 2013 is the inclusion of pictograms, which show visually what the hazard classes are. Mr. Davis stated that the Town is in the process of applying for the Bureau of Labor's SHAPE Award, which is a Safety and Health Award for Public Employers, and this update was one of the items identified to be corrected. A few deficiencies were identified in the Public Works and Sewer Departments, so those may not be eligible for the award this time around, but the rest of the Town's departments should be eligible.

Michael Fogg moved to adopt the revised Hazard Communication Program, as presented; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 ABSENT 2 MOTION CARRIED (Bunker/Landry)

# ITEM 4: To Review a Draft Proposal to the Town of Farmington for the Walton's Mill Dam Site from the Atlantic Salmon Federation

Richard Davis gave an update on the draft proposal, pointing out that, although it is marked for the Walton's Mill dam site it also includes information in regard to the replacement of two large culverts that are in the upstream watershed of Temple Stream in the area of the Cummings Hill Road. Mr. Davis reiterated John Burrow's statement that it is the intention of the Atlantic Salmon Federation (ASF) to raise all of the funds for these projects. He pointed out that the Selectmen are not being asked to make a decision on the dam at this time, and the culvert replacements are not dependent on the removal of the dam. He further pointed out that the ASF will be applying for funding for the culvert replacements through the same Maine Department of Environmental Protection program that is being used for the Front Street culvert replacement this summer. Mr. Davis also reiterated that the ASF is willing to pay for all work related to the dam removal, park improvements, and culvert replacements. Once the proposal is in its final form the Town Attorney will have to review it before it can be presented to the voters for acceptance. If it is the decision of the Selectmen, which in his opinion seems to make the most economic sense at this time, Mr. Davis pictures the timeframe going forward for voter authorization to enter into an agreement for the dam removal to be on the November referendum. The Selectmen discussed the culvert replacement project further utilizing the maps included with the draft proposal. Mr. Davis reiterated that, where this project is independent of the dam removal project, it can be done sooner.

# ITEM 5: To Schedule a Special Meeting to Countersign the Warrants for the RSU 9 Annual Budget Meeting on May 7, 2018 and Budget Validation Referendum on May 15, 2018

Richard Davis reviewed an email from Tabatha Mitchell from Mt. Blue Regional School District 9 dated April 18, 2018, which gives the timeframe for the signing, delivery and countersigning of the Warrants for the annual budget meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup> and budget referendum-voting on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Davis pointed out that the Selectmen are only signing the Warrants, so there is no need for an actual meeting. He further pointed out that both Scott Landry and Stephan Bunker are out of town for the rest of the week, so he will let the three available Selectmen know when the Warrants arrive and they can each come in individually to sign them. Mr. Davis stated that, as reported in the press, the new budget figure for Farmington will be \$4.77 million, which is an increase over 2017 of \$248,819, but since the Town's fiscal year is different than the school's, we will only see half of that increase this year, which will be approximately \$124,409. Polling hours on May 15<sup>th</sup>, which will be from 12:00 noon-7:00 P.M. were further discussed.

### ITEM 6: To Approve the Minutes of April 10, 2018

Matthew Smith moved to approve the minutes of April 10, 2018; Michael Fogg seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 ABSENT 2 MOTION CARRIED (Bunker/Landry)

#### **ITEM 7: To Discuss Other Business**

- A) Richard Davis pointed out the notice that the Town received of the official date of retirement of Town Attorney Frank Underkuffler, which is Friday, May 11, 2018. Mr. Davis stated that he will be searching for another attorney well-versed in municipal law, none of whom appear to be in Farmington or Franklin County, as any who might be interested either have a conflict of interest or specialize in other types of law. He further stated that he is gathering recommendations from other managers and compiling a list of attorneys/firms that he will be sending a Request for Proposals to within the next week. The Town had an open ended contract with Attorney Underkuffler, but he feels it should now go to a three-year contract.
- **B**) Richard Davis pointed out the notice of the upcoming Maine Department of Transportation meeting which will be held in the downstairs meeting room at 6:00 P.M. on May 9<sup>th</sup> regarding the replacement of the Hamlin Bridge.
- C) Michael Fogg generated a brief discussion regarding public response to the meeting the area Selectmen held recently on the Broadband Study, including BeeLine Cable's upcoming high speed internet accessibility, and other internet companies offering services in the area.
- **D)** Michael Fogg commented on how large the new Phase II Woodlands building is. In answer to Mr. Fogg's question regarding the status of occupancy of the first building, Richard Davis stated that as of several months ago, according to owner Matthew Walters, the facility is doing very well and is at 80-90% occupancy.
- **E)** Matthew Smith commented on how the town appears to be "waking up" as the weather gets better.
- F) Joshua Bell generated a brief discussion of the article in the most recent Legislative Bulletin on LD 1629 regarding the foreclosure process. Mr. Bell stated that he does not agree with changing the process that is already in place and encouraged anyone else who feels the same to call their Legislators and ask them not to vote for it. Richard Davis stated that Maine Municipal Association is trying to broker a compromise. Selectmen commended Treasurer LucyAnn Cook's efforts in clearing the Town's list of foreclosures.
- G) Joshua Bell suggested that the Greater Franklin Development portion of the Town Meeting vote to provide funding of \$18,000 to certain outside agencies come from the Franklin Printing TIF.

Matthew Smith moved to change the funding of the \$7,199.98 Greater Franklin Development portion of the Town Meeting \$18,000 outside agency funding to come from the Franklin Printing TIF; Michael Fogg seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 ABSENT 2 MOTION CARRIED (Bunker/Landry)

### **ITEM 7:** To Discuss Other Business (Cont.)

**G)** (Cont.) Discussion continued regarding the Franklin Printing TIF, with Richard Davis pointing out that the Town did not enter into another Credit Enhancement Agreement upon renewal as there were no scheduled improvements at that time.

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

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 ABSENT 2 MOTION CARRIED (Bunker/Landry)

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda H. Grant.

Michael J. Fogg - Secretary