FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

Chairman Joshua Bell called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Matthew Smith, Scott Landry and Stephan Bunker. Michael Fogg was unable to attend. Town Manager Richard Davis, Town Secretary Linda Grant, 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 Review Information Related to the Proposed CMP Transmission Line

Richard Davis referred to the copy of Senator Tom Saviello's letter dated May 4, 2018 to Angela O'Connor, Chairman, and two of the Commissioners of the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities, which was provided to the Selectmen. In the letter, the four chairs of the Maine Legislature's Committees on Environment and Natural Resources and Energy, Utilities and Technology expressed concerns about the proposed transmission line. Senator Saviello was present and reviewed the project and his findings to date. Senator Saviello explained that there is more research that needs to be done. Once completed, if he is able to prove that he is right about CMP not providing the Towns with all of the information they should have, he would like to meet with the Selectmen and a CMP representative to get answers as to why pertinent information was left out of the initial presentation. Resident Eric Johnson joined in the discussion as it relates to the dramatic effect it could have on the solar project coming into the Town, as well as any future solar, wind or hydro projects coming into the Town and/or County. Senator Saviello stated that he feels that CMP has done a good job thus far in identifying environmental aspects but there are still more links to be addressed and they should be held accountable to do so. Senator Saviello outlined what needs to be done at the Town and State levels to either reject this project or move it forward. He also discussed the Maine Public Utilities Commission's role in all this. Former Senator Walter Gooley spoke against moving this project forward until further information is provided. Sue Ely of the Natural Resources Council of Maine was present and explained her review of the Maine Public Utilities Commission report, of which she gave the Selectmen a copy. Resident Dr. John Sytsma also spoke on the misuse of the term "clean energy" by the companies involved. Senator Saviello projected that he will have information to present to the Selectmen by July 1st. Sue Ely further explained the bidding process and contract negotiations that have taken place and the timeframe for MDEP and MPUC hearings, with finalization in September. The Selectmen agreed that more information is definitely needed.

ITEM 3: To Award bids for Pavement Reclamation and Paving

Richard Davis reviewed the bid tabulation of the two bids received and reported that, based on the calculations of Public Works Director Philip Hutchins, they recommend that the bids be awarded to Pike Industries.

ITEM 3: To Award bids for Pavement Reclamation and Paving (Cont.)

Stephan Bunker moved to award the bids for Pavement Reclamation and Paving to Pike Industries at a cost of \$237,243.04; Matthew Smith seconded.

Mr. Davis reported that the Titcomb Hill Road project and Phase I of the Front Street project will be completed this year, as well as any miscellaneous areas that are deemed to be affordable.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Michael Fogg)

ITEM 4: To Determine the Disposition of the Surplus Municipal Building Generator

Richard Davis reported that the replacement generator is in place and the electrician is working to get it connected, which will take several weeks because materials are on order. Mr. Davis stated that he received a letter back in January asking if the old generator could be donated or sold at a reduced amount to a non-profit organization. Mr. Davis reviewed the history of the old 30KW generator, pointing out that it is not in very good shape and there is very little value in it. He recommended that the old generator be sold to the Sandy River and Rangeley Lakes Railroad Museum for the amount of \$1.00, as the Selectmen are only authorized to sell surplus property, not donate it.

Scott Landry moved to sell the old 30KW generator to the Sandy River and Rangeley Lakes Railroad Museum for the amount of \$1.00; Matthew Smith seconded.

In response to Matthew Smith's question regarding the Museum's knowledge of the condition of the generator, Richard Davis stated that he will let them know the condition. The Selectmen continued discussion of the potential of the replacement 60KW generator.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Michael Fogg)

ITEM 5: To Approve a Cemetery Lot Conveyance

Richard Davis reported that this Cemetery Lot Conveyance is for Robert Fredericks of 121 Twin Birches Lane in Farmington for one lot in Fairview Cemetery.

Matthew Smith moved to approve a Cemetery Lot Conveyance for one cemetery lot in Fairview Cemetery for Robert Fredericks; Scott Landry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Michael Fogg)

The Selectmen signed the Conveyance.

ITEM 6: To Approve the Minutes of May 8, 2018

Stephan Bunker moved to approve the minutes of May 8, 2018; Scott Landry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Michael Fogg)

ITEM 7: To Discuss Other Business

- A) Richard Davis reported that the Town has acquired a bulldozer through the LESO Program, with the only cost being \$1,400 to have it shipped. Mr. Davis passed around a picture of the bulldozer and reviewed the statistics and uses of the equipment. He also reviewed the 2017 Public Works Department's bulldozer rental and snow dump expenses, which will be reduced by having this bulldozer.
- **B**) Matthew Smith reviewed the upcoming Memorial Day activities.
- C) Matthew Smith shared how impressed he was with the students who participated in the recent 2-day Foster Tech Forestry Department sponsored State forestry competition, at which he and his father, Lloyd Smith, were judges for the second consecutive year.
- **D)** In response to Scott Landry's request for an update on the Prescott Street situation, Richard Davis stated that the matter has been turned over to the law office of PretiFlaherty.
- E) Resident Eric Johnson and his daughter stated that they were told to be at this meeting for approval of their lunch wagon application for serving ice cream. Richard Davis apologized and stated that the application process has been delayed until the June 12th Selectmen's meeting because, for some reason which the clerk is trying to determine, the notification did not get posted in the newspaper.
- F) Joshua Bell reminded the Selectmen and listening audience that the public hearing for the County budget is Thursday, May 24th at 6:00 P.M. in the upstairs of the Franklin County Superior courthouse.
- To Hold an Executive Session Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405.6.C to Discuss the Town's Interests in the use of Personal Property or Disposition of Publicly held Property

Matthew Smith moved to go into Executive Session at 7:14 P.M.; Stephan Bunker seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Michael Fogg)

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:25 p.m.

ITEM 8: To Hold an Executive Session Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405.6.C to Discuss the Town's Interests in the use of Personal Property or Disposition of Publicly held Property (Cont.)

Stephan Bunker moved to waive interest and penalties on the revolving loan and to accept \$5,685.76 of outstanding principle in order to settle the debt for said loan; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 ABSTAINED 1 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Scott Landry) (Michael Fogg)

ITEM 15: To Hold an Executive Session Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405.6.A to Discuss a Personnel Matter

Matthew Smith moved to go into Executive Session at 7:26 P.M.; Stephan Bunker seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Michael Fogg)

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:36 p.m.

No action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Matthew Smith moved to adjourn at 7:36 P.M.; Scott Landry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Michael Fogg)

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda H. Grant.

Michael J. Fogg - Secretary