FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, September 11, 2018

Chairman Joshua Bell called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Matthew Smith, Scott Landry and Michael Fogg. Stephan Bunker was unable to attend. Town Manager Richard Davis, Town Secretary Linda Grant, Fire Rescue Chief Terry Bell, 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 Hear an Update on Staffing in the Fire Rescue Department (Chief Bell)

Chief Bell reported that Corey Mills, who is the most recent hire for the four full-time positions in the department, has resigned to take a full-time position with the Mexico Fire Department. His last day will be September 20th. Chief Bell stated that he would like to offer the position to Shawn Latulippe, who has been working per diem for the department. Chief Bell shared Mr. Latulippe's past and future work, training and certification experience and endeavors. At the Selectmen's request, Chief Bell reported on the department's member response which averages about half of the 26-member roster. He also reported on the department's recruiting efforts through the University of Maine at Farmington. College fire science programs were discussed, including live-in programs offered in the state. The Selectmen thanked Chief Bell for his update.

ITEM 3: To Endorse the Greater Franklin Development Council's (GFDC's) Request for a \$40,000 Appropriation from the Franklin County T.I.F. fund

Richard Davis reviewed an email from Greater Franklin Development Council Director Charlie Woodworth which explains this request for the Town's support. The Selectmen asked for clarification that an appropriation from the Franklin County T.I.F. fund is allowable.

Scott Landry moved to support the Greater Franklin Development Council's intent to request a \$40,000 appropriation from the Franklin County T.I.F. fund; Matthew Smith seconded.

Joshua Bell stated that the motion should be contingent upon clarification that the appropriation is allowable.

Scott Landry and Matthew Smith amended their motion and second for the Selectmen's support to be contingent upon the appropriation being allowable.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Stephan Bunker)

ITEM 4: To Consider the Application of Katie Fournier to Serve on the Recreation Committee

Michael Fogg moved to appoint Katie Fournier to serve on the Recreation Committee; Matthew Smith seconded.

Linda Grant pointed out that Ms. Fournier will be filling the remaining two years of a 2020 three year term vacancy. She also pointed out that there is still a 2021 three year term vacancy on this committee. The Selectmen expressed their appreciation for Ms. Fournier's willingness to serve on this committee.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Stephan Bunker)

ITEM 5: To Discuss the Process for Conducting the Manager's Annual Performance Evaluation

Richard Davis explained the usual process, and suggested completing the process in Executive Session at the September 25th Selectmen's meeting, to which the Selectmen agreed. Joshua Bell asked for evaluations to be emailed or turned in to him by September 21st.

ITEM 6: To Approve the Minutes of August 28, 2018

Scott Landry moved to approve the minutes of August 28, 2018; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Stephan Bunker)

ITEM 7: To Discuss Other Business

- A) Richard Davis gave an update on the Front Street project, which included: Consolidated Communications was successful last week in moving its cables without any damage so there is now room for the Town to install its culvert under them; he is still working with the homeowners on the retaining wall issue, but feels he is very close to a compromise that will result in a signed agreement. Per an inquiry by Joshua Bell, the Selectmen returned to Item 7A after Item 7C. Mr. Bell referred to a sidewalk he recently observed in York where it was "stamped" or "imprinted" to look like brick, and wondered if the same process could be implemented along the project section of the sidewalk to be installed on Front Street that will not involve raised curbing, similar to what MaineDOT did to the Farmington Falls Road/Main Street intersection. Mr. Davis stated that if that portion of the sidewalk isn't done this year there's a possibility it can be done next year. He voiced his concern that an imprint along that distance may not be feasible in respect to those who are physically challenged, especially those in a wheelchair.
- **B)** Richard Davis reported that the interview process has begun for hiring a Code Enforcement Assistant and a Public Works Department Mechanic.

ITEM 7: To Discuss Other Business (Cont.)

- C) Richard Davis reported that the Town is at the mercy of Pike Industries' work schedule in finishing the paving at the far end of the Titcomb Hill Road, but he anticipates that it will be soon.
- **D)** Matthew Smith pointed out that Farmington Fair is next week.
- E) Scott Landry commented on the excessive noise he heard coming from a Town truck today. Richard Davis stated that he will mention it to Public Works Director Philip Hutchins.

ITEM 8: To Hold an Executive Session Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405.6.C to Discuss Economic Development

Matthew Smith moved to go into Executive Session at 6:53 P.M.; Scott Landry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Stephan Bunker)

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:21 p.m.

Scott Landry moved to file for intervener status with the Maine Public Utilities Commission in the matter of the proposed New England Clean Energy Connect Project; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Bunker)

There being no further business to come before the Board, Matthew Smith moved to adjourn at 7:21 P.M.; Scott Landry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Stephan Bunker)

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda H. Grant	
Michael J. Fogg - Secretary	