

FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, July 8, 2014

Vice Chairman Joshua Bell called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Stephan Bunker, Andrew Buckland and Michael Fogg. Chairman Ryan Morgan was absent. Town Manager Richard Davis, Town Secretary Linda Grant, Assessor Mark Caldwell and members of the press and public were also in attendance.

ITEM 1: Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Vice Chairman Joshua Bell led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ITEM 2: To Hear a Report on a Recent Discussion with Wilton Officials with regard to Shared Fire Apparatus

Richard Davis reviewed the recent discussion that Fire Rescue Chief Terry Bell, Selectman Stephan Bunker and he had with the Wilton Town Manager, two Selectmen and the Fire Chief regarding options for replacement of coverage of an aerial vehicle the Wilton Fire Department had to take out of service. Mr. Davis also reviewed Farmington's proposal to Wilton to provide coverage, and reported that Wilton has received a similar proposal from the Town of Jay. Mr. Davis also reported that Wilton will be holding a public meeting next Tuesday, July 15th at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the two proposals, which he and Chief Bell plan to attend. The Selectmen discussed the Town's proposal, as well as the possibility of the reimbursement funds, or a portion thereof, going into a reserve account. Residents Dennis O'Neil, Nancy Porter and Malcolm Porter, Jr. each asked questions regarding response and resources. Mr. Davis stressed that any incident in Farmington will always take precedence.

ITEM 3: To Consider Options for Assessing

Richard Davis reviewed the updated spreadsheet that he had compiled with assessing data from various communities that were previously surveyed, as well as information he has received since the printing of the spreadsheet. He pointed out that he has not yet received all of the information that he requested. He also pointed out that he and Assessor Mark Caldwell suggest that the Request for Proposal (RFP) should specify that the Assessor acts as the E911 Addressing Officer and the first-line office computer IT, and that he/she perform quarterly inspections. Assessor Mark Caldwell and residents Dennis O'Neil, Nancy Porter and Malcolm Porter, Jr. joined in the discussion. Mr. Davis suggested, in response to the Selectmen's request for more information on contracted services, that the best way to achieve the answers they are looking for is to send out the RFP and review the responses. He pointed out that in sending out the RFP there is no obligation to award a contract. Discussion included adding the requirement of a quarterly or annual activity report to the RFP; when it is anticipated that the next revaluation will

ITEM 9: To Discuss Other Business (Cont.)

- B)** Richard Davis reported that E.L. Vining & Son, Inc. has started the excavation for the landscaping project on the 411 High Street property.
- C)** Stephan Bunker pointed out the Fire Rescue Department monthly report.
- D)** Stephan Bunker pointed out Deputy Chief Tim Hardy's recent landmark achievement of Fire Chief Officer Level 1 Certification from the Fire Chief's Association.
- E)** Andrew Buckland suggested that the High Street banner poles be moved to a different location on the same property due to the high volume of use of the poles. The Selectmen discussed safety and visibility issues, as well as the unsightly aesthetics of the poles when banner debris is left behind. Another location that was suggested was at the Park 'N Ride lot.
- F)** Joshua Bell reported that he stopped at the Kittery Information Center to see if Farmington's brochure was there and he was happy to report that it was and was quite visible as it was on the first row to the left as you walk through the door.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Andrew Buckland moved to adjourn at 7:57 P.M.; Stephan Bunker seconded.**

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Ryan Morgan)

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda H. Grant.

Stephan M. Bunker – Secretary