

FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, October 11, 2016

Chairman Joshua Bell called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Matthew Smith, Michael Fogg and Andrew Buckland. Stephan Bunker was unable to attend. Town Manager Richard Davis, Town Secretary Linda Grant, Treasurer LucyAnn Cook, 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 Take Action with regard to Foreclosed Property Tax Liens

Richard Davis reviewed Treasurer LucyAnn Cook’s memo dated October 11, 2016 and explained that those properties highlighted in green pertain to upcoming Item 3, all of which are mobile homes and are not where they were purported to be, having been moved elsewhere. LucyAnn Cook was present and handed out an updated spreadsheet on foreclosed properties, which she reviewed, explaining that she is proposing that those properties highlighted in yellow be put out to bid. Matthew Smith stated that his lack of comments is due to his intention to abstain, as he could potentially be submitting a bid on one or more of the properties. Resident Elaine Graham asked for clarification on the foreclosure process. Mr. Davis supplied Mrs. Graham with a copy of the 2015 Town Report which lists foreclosed properties, as well as the Treasurer’s updated spreadsheet.

Michael Fogg moved to remove properties 3, 31, 32, and 36 from the list to be advertised for bid, and to add properties 25 and 33 to the list; Andrew Buckland seconded.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 ABSENT 1 ABSTAINED 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Stephan Bunker) (Matthew Smith)**

ITEM 3: To Abate Certain Uncollectible Property Taxes

Andrew Buckland moved to abate properties 13, 15, 28 and 29; Matthew Smith seconded.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Stephan Bunker)**

The Selectmen thanked Treasurer LucyAnn Cook for her efforts. Michael Fogg offered his assistance to Mrs. Cook in determining the owners and lot numbers in Brier Lane.

ITEM 6: To Approve a Cemetery lot Conveyance

Richard Davis reported that this Conveyance is for one (1) lot in Fairview Cemetery for Greg Zemplansky and Rebecca Jasch of Farmington.

Matthew Smith moved to approve a Cemetery Lot Conveyance for Greg Zemplansky and Rebecca Jasch; Andrew Buckland seconded.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Stephan Bunker)**

ITEM 7: To Approve the Minutes of September 27, 2016

Matthew Smith moved to table the minutes of September 27, 2016 as they were not yet available; Andrew Buckland seconded.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Stephan Bunker)**

ITEM 8: To Discuss Other Business

- A) Richard Davis reported that he attended the Maine Municipal Association convention in Bangor last week and it was one of the best he'd ever attended.
- B) Richard Davis reported that the Church Street decorative street lights have been installed. He stated that there have been complaints of skateboarders so he is going to have a sign installed pertaining to the Town's Skateboard Ordinance. He has also asked the Police Department to keep an eye on the parking lot.
- C) In answer to Andrew Buckland's inquiry as to whether there were any informal discussions among managers at the convention regarding the many challenges fire departments are currently facing, Richard Davis stated that there were no discussions.
- D) Andrew Buckland asked Richard Davis to follow up with Cemetery Sexton Edwin Vining for clarification of the time he has to spend at the cemetery waiting to complete a burial and who is preventing him from finishing.
- E) Joshua Bell noted the nice job that was done on the Municipal Building's front parking lot.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Andrew Buckland moved to adjourn at 8:02 P.M.; Matthew Smith seconded.**

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Stephan Bunker)

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda H. Grant.

Andrew R. Buckland - Secretary