

FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Vice Chairman Ryan Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Andrew Hufnagel, Jessica Berry and Dennis Pike. Stephan Bunker was absent. Town Manager Richard Davis, Town Secretary Linda Grant, Police Chief Jack Peck, Channel 11, and members of the press and public were also in attendance.

ITEM 1: Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Chief Jack Peck led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ITEM 2: To Hear a Report on UMF's Geothermal Project and plans for the University's 150th Anniversary Celebration (Kate Foster and Bernard Pratt)

Richard Davis stated that Laurie Gardner, UMF Executive Director for Finance and Administration is also present. UMF President Dr. Kate Foster introduced and explained the purpose of the geothermal project. She then turned the meeting over to UMF Director of Facilities Management Ben Pratt for explanation of the project's location, timeline, road and sidewalk impact and repair, benefits, fossil fuel savings, safety precautions and public awareness. Mr. Pratt also explained that the project is scheduled to begin on May 19th and must be completed by August 30th, as students return to campus on August 31st. Dr. Foster reported on student response to this project.

Dr. Foster stated that she would like to have an opportunity to discuss plans for the University's 150th anniversary celebration with the Town Manager before bringing those plans to the Selectmen at a future meeting.

ITEM 3: To Grant a Pawnbroker's License pursuant to 30-A M.R.S. §3961 (Cory Boyker)

Cory Boyker and his two business partners were present. Richard Davis referred the Selectmen to the copy of the application that they each had been given, and explained that this has been approved by the Planning Board with stipulations. Mr. Boyker briefly reviewed the Planning Board stipulations. Police Chief Jack Peck explained his concerns, and further reviewed the stipulations to which Mr. Boyker has agreed. Andrew Hufnagel pointed out that the stipulations set in place for Mr. Boyker were not just for him and his business; every pawn shop owner must adhere to similar rules and business practices throughout the State.

ITEM 3: To Grant a Pawnbroker’s License pursuant to 30-A M.R.S. §3961 (Cory Boyker) (Cont.)

Jessica Berry moved to approve an application for a Pawnbroker’s license for Cory Boyker, whose business will be located at 169 Front Street; Dennis Pike seconded.

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

The Selectmen signed the license application.

ITEM 4: To Approve an Amendment to the Town of Farmington Tobacco Use Policy

Richard Davis explained that this proposed amendment came about when it was pointed out that there is no reference to the new Police facility at the time of this Policy’s last amendment on February 12th. Mr. Davis reviewed the proposed amendment.

Dennis Pike moved to approve an amendment to include regulations pertaining to the Police facility in the Town of Farmington Tobacco Use Policy; Andrew Hufnagel seconded.

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

The Selectmen signed the Policy.

ITEM 5: To Confirm the Employment of Justin Blais as a Farmington Police Officer

Richard Davis referred to Police Chief Jack Peck’s memo dated March 12, 2013, in which he explained Mr. Blais’ background and qualifications for the position. Chief Jack Peck introduced Justin Blais and stated that he has passed the background investigation with no issues whatsoever, and elaborated on Mr. Blais’ background and qualifications. He also reported that he would like to send Mr. Blais to the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in either January or August in 2014. Mr. Blais stated that he is looking forward to working for the Town. Andrew Hufnagel pointed out that Mr. Blais is the son of the UMF Campus Chief of Police.

Dennis Pike moved to confirm the employment of Justin Blais as a Farmington Police Officer; Andrew Hufnagel seconded.

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

ITEM 8: To Discuss Other Business (Cont.)

- B)** Andrew Hufnagel reminded the listening audience of the upcoming election for two Selectmen and two School Directors that will take place at the Community Center from 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. on Monday, March 18th. Richard Davis pointed out that this information is available at the beginning of the Town Warrant in the Town Report.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Dennis Pike moved to adjourn at 7:07 P.M.; Jessica Berry seconded.**

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda H. Grant.

Dennis C. Pike - Secretary