

**SPECIAL MEETING  
FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Thursday, May 2, 2013**

Chairman Ryan Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. with the following members present: Andrew Hufnagel, Jessica Berry, Dennis Pike and Joshua Bell. Town Manager Richard Davis, Town Secretary Linda Grant, Public Works Director Denis Castonguay, Channel 11, and members of the press and public were also in attendance.

**ITEM 1: Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

Chairman Ryan Morgan led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ITEM 2: To Approve an Interagency Agreement with the U. S. Forest Service for the Sandy River Whittier Road Bank Stabilization Design and Construction**

Richard Davis explained that this meeting came about as a result of a meeting held on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> with a number of agencies present, including U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, FEMA, MEMA, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and members of the U.S. Forest Service TEAMS Enterprise Unit. As a result of this meeting, the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) has offered the Town services through a contract, as they have no federal funding. Mr. Davis explained the project's proposed design and statement of work, with which all parties are now in agreement. He also reviewed the USFS's cost proposal, as well as the projected start and finish dates of July 29, 2013 and August 9, 2013. Public Works Director Denis Castonguay reported on the costs to date, those being almost 25% of estimate project costs, or \$80,000. Mr. Davis reviewed an email he received late today from Joanne Mooney of MEMA regarding FEMA funding. Which changed the direction of his recommendation. That recommendation is to engage the services of the US FS and put the project out to bid using funds from the Public Works Department budget until it is known whether the Town will be eligible for FEMA funding of the USFS services. He explained his recommendation and expressed his concern with use of funds from the Public Works Department budget. The Board discussed the projected longevity of this work, as well as its effects downriver. Mr. Castonguay further reviewed future planning re: research, studies, and permit processes. The Board reviewed the funding options, with Denis Castonguay recommending use of the Public Works Department budget and bringing the matter back for discussion if the budget appears to be in jeopardy of over drafting. Ryan Morgan outlined the steps that still have to be undertaken to start and complete this project by September 15<sup>th</sup>, as well as weather conditions. Mr. Davis thanked Ryan Morgan for his participation at the meeting last Friday.

**Dennis Pike moved to enter into an Interagency Agreement with the U.S. Forest Service TEAMS Enterprise Unit at a cost of \$44,307; Andrew Hufnagel seconded.**

**VOTE                      AFFIRMATIVE      5                      MOTION CARRIED**

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(Cont.)

Richard Davis thanked everyone for attending this meeting. In response to a press member's request for a description of the proposed structure and FEMA grant, Mr. Davis gave a brief description and suggested that anyone interested go to the USDA website for an illustration. Denis Castonguay stated that one could also Google "root wads". Joshua Bell generated a brief discussion regarding a future river management plan.

**ITEM 3: To Discuss Other Business**

No items of other business were brought forward.

As noted, there being no further business to come before the Board, **Jessica Berry moved to adjourn at 6:37 P.M.; Joshua Bell seconded.**

**VOTE                      AFFIRMATIVE      5                      MOTION CARRIED**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda H. Grant.

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Dennis C. Pike – Secretary