

**FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**Tuesday, June 13, 2017**

Chairman Joshua Bell called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Stephan Bunker, Matthew Smith, Scott Landry and Michael Fogg. Town Manager Richard Davis, Town Secretary Linda Grant, Public Works Director Philip Hutchins, Deputy Police Chief Shane Cote, 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 Hold a Public Hearing and Vote on a new Liquor License Application for John Moore d/b/a Big Sky Grill**

Richard Davis reported that this application has been reviewed and signed off on by all of the usual department heads.

Chairman Joshua Bell opened the Public Hearing under Item 2 at 6:31 P.M.

Owner John Moore was present and reported that the venue will be open Wednesday through Sunday from 5:00-9:30 P.M., and closed Monday and Tuesday.

Chairman Joshua Bell closed the Public Hearing under Item 2 at 6:33 P.M.

Mr. Moore confirmed that all of his servers of liquor are properly trained through the T.I.P.S. program.

**Scott Landry moved to approve a new liquor license application for John Moore d/b/a Big Sky Grill; Matthew Smith seconded.**

John Moore pointed out that they will be having musical entertainment and questioned the need for any type of permitting. Richard Davis stated that he needs to apply for a Special Amusement Permit through Town Clerk Leanne Dickey. Town Secretary Linda Grant determined through the Municipal Licensing and Permitting Handbook that it is an annual permit. Mr. Moore stated that they are hoping to be open either June 23<sup>rd</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>.

**VOTE                              AFFIRMATIVE      5                              MOTION CARRIED**

The Selectmen wish Mr. Moore good luck in his endeavors.

**ITEM 3: To Award the bid for Road Reclamation and Paving**

Richard Davis reviewed the bid tabulation of the four bids received, and explained how Public Works Director Philip Hutchins did the analysis of these bids due to the complexity of the materials involved. He pointed out that Manzer’s stabilized base

**ITEM 3: To Award the bid for Road Reclamation and Paving (Cont.)**

option at \$60.19 has worked well for the Town's previous projects. He also pointed out that All State Paving has introduced new options for paving to our area which may benefit the Town in the near future. The recommendation was to award the bid to Bruce A. Manzer, Inc. as low bidder.

**Matthew Smith moved to award the bid for road reclamation and paving to Bruce A. Manzer, Inc. for all of the 2017 projects; Michael Fogg seconded.**

Public Works Director Philip Hutchins was present and reiterated the durability and lower cost of the stabilized base product.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED**

**ITEM 4: To Award the bid for Concrete Projects**

Richard Davis reviewed the two projects and the specifications for each. Mr. Davis stated that of the six bid packets sent out, only one vendor submitted a bid for both projects, both of which were well within the budget estimate of each project. The recommendation was to award the bid to Barker & Sons at a cost of \$16,085 for the salt shed project, and \$8,190 for the work in front of the Fire Rescue Department bay doors. At Scott Landry's inquiry, Philip Hutchins explained the sufficiency of #5 rebar.

**Michael Fogg moved to award the bid for the salt shed project at a cost of \$16,085 and the work in front of the Fire Rescue Department bay doors at a cost of \$8,190 to Barker & Sons; Matthew Smith seconded.**

In answer to Joshua Bell's question as to what budget the cost of the work in front of the Fire Rescue Department bay doors will be coming out of, Mr. Davis stated that all capital improvements to the building come out of the Municipal Building budget.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED**

**ITEM 5: To accept the Edward S. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne/JAG) in the Amount of \$3,813, which will be used to Purchase a new ID Card Printer and Software along with Fourteen (14) Combat Application Tourniquets**

Deputy Police Chief Shane Cote was present and explained that this is an annual Federal Grant, and he is administering it for the entire County. He further explained the Farmington Police Department's proposed purchases.

**Matthew Smith moved to accept the Edward S. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne/JAG) in the amount of \$3,813 for the proposed Farmington Police Department purchases; Stephan Bunker seconded.**

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED**

Richard Davis signed the application and asked Deputy Chief Cote to leave him a copy.

**ITEM 6: To Approve a Credit Enhancement Agreement between the Town of Farmington and Woodlands Senior Living of Farmington, LLC**

Richard Davis stated that this Agreement has been thoroughly reviewed by the attorneys and well vetted, with only a few minor changes made. If approved by the Selectmen it will then be sent to the Department of Economic and Community Development for its approval.

**Matthew Smith moved to approve a Credit Enhancement Agreement between the Town of Farmington and Woodlands Senior Living of Farmington, LLC; Michael Fogg seconded.**

**VOTE                                      AFFIRMATIVE      5                                      MOTION CARRIED**

The Selectmen signed two original signature pages of the Agreement. Richard Davis reported that the Planning Board approved the applications for Phase II of the project at its meeting the prior evening.

**ITEM 7: To Discuss the Dedication of a Road (Kashke Drive) for Acceptance by the Voters at Town Meeting**

Richard Davis stated that he will have to research it, but feels this matter can be presented to the voters at either a Special Town Meeting or the annual Town Meeting. He explained that he received a call from Colon Durrell, who could not be here tonight, a couple weeks ago and again last week proposing this dedication. Mr. Davis further stated that Mr. Durrell had the road built to Town standards as verified by Public Works Director Philip Hutchins and the first of two courses, being a 2” binder, was laid last week. Director Hutchins stated that it is a very attractive area, and with the road being horseshoe shaped he does not anticipate any problems with plowing. He further stated that there are no residences in the subdivision as yet but there is a potential for fourteen developed residential lots. Mr. Davis explained that if the Selectmen deny this request tonight Mr. Durrell will be entitled to a petition process to get this matter on the next Town Meeting Warrant. It was the consensus of the Selectmen to ask Mr. Durrell to be present at the next closest meeting that he can attend to answer their questions. Mr. Davis pointed out that the road can be accepted by the Town but the Selectmen have the authority to close it to winter maintenance until there are houses built. The recent denial of the Willow Springs road acceptance request was discussed.

**Stephan Bunker moved to table this Item until the nearest Selectmen’s meeting that the applicant can be available to attend and answer the Selectmen’s questions; Scott Landry seconded.**

**VOTE                                      AFFIRMATIVE      5                                      MOTION CARRIED**

**ITEM 8: To Accept an Anonymous Donation of \$100 to the Fire Rescue Department**

Richard Davis explained that he mistakenly called the \$100 an anonymous donation where in fact it was a court ordered restitution.

**ITEM 8: To Accept an Anonymous Donation of \$100 to the Fire Rescue Department (Cont.)**

**Matthew Smith moved to accept an anonymous donation of \$100 to the Fire Rescue Department; Michael Fogg seconded.**

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

**ITEM 9: To Approve the Minutes of May 23, 2017**

**Matthew Smith moved to table the minutes of May 23, 2017 as they had not yet been reviewed; Stephan Bunker seconded.**

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED**

**ITEM 10: To Discuss Other Business**

- A)** Richard Davis reported that Robin Zagorodny has been hired as the Code Enforcement Assistant, and gave some information on her work experience.
- B)** Richard Davis reported that Mario Gerardi, a student at Vassar College, has started his June through July internship in the Code Enforcement Office and will be focusing on drafting a Retail Marijuana Ordinance.
- C)** Richard Davis reported that Public Works Director Philip Hutchins has hired Sara Fernald as his seasonal part-time secretary.
- D)** Richard Davis stated that he made notification today that the pine tree on Broadway will be taken down next Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. In response to numerous requests for pieces of wood from the tree, arrangements have been made for a portable sawmill to be set up for that purpose. Mr. Davis reported that the work will begin at 6:30 A.M. and with the assistance of a crane will take approximately five hours to complete. Mr. Davis also stated that the pine tree in front of the Octagon House is outside of the right of way so the Historical Society will be responsible for removal of that tree, although he was able to assist them with pricing from different contractors. Director Hutchins and Mr. Davis explained the logistics of a road closure if it becomes necessary so that it does not overly affect the businesses on Broadway. Mr. Davis stated that there have been no complaints about the tree removal, presumably because everyone understands that it is a safety hazard.
- E)** Richard Davis reported that the Town will be submitting photos to the Maine Municipal Association’s photo contest, at least one of which is credited to Scott Landry.
- F)** Joshua Bell reminded the Selectmen that the County Budget Committee meeting will be held tomorrow night, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M. The Public Hearing held on June 7<sup>th</sup> was discussed.

**ITEM 10: To Discuss Other Business (Cont.)**

- G)** Richard Davis reported that Town Clerk Leanne Dickey had to send over for more ballots around 3:00 P.M. today as the voting was steady and the polls don't close until 8:00 P.M.
  
- H)** In response to Joshua Bell's inquiry, Richard Davis reviewed last week's public meeting with John Burrows regarding the Walton's Mill Pond Dam. He stated that there were approximately thirty in attendance, most of whom were abutters opposing the removal of the dam. Mr. Davis pointed out that all options are still being researched so it will be some time before any recommendation from the study is forthcoming. He also pointed out that something will have to be done because of the Endangered Species Act, of which the Town has some potential liability in the form of fines if the pathway is not facilitated. Mr. Davis reminded the Selectmen that there will be a 1:30 P.M. site walk at the Walton's Mill Pond Park on Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> followed by a public meeting with the landscape architect at 6:00 P.M. at the Community Center. Further discussion included: the financial aspects of each of the options; the potential increase in the abutter's property/value; the confirmed presence of Atlantic salmon in the rivers and streams in Franklin County.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Matthew Smith moved to adjourn at 7:22 P.M.; Michael Fogg seconded.**

**VOTE                                  AFFIRMATIVE      5                          MOTION CARRIED**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda H. Grant.

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Michael J. Fogg – Secretary