### FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

### Tuesday, July 24, 2018

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, 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 Write off as Uncollectible, Property Taxes Totaling \$25,620.22 and Sewer use Charges Totaling \$557.57 on Foreclosed Properties sold at Auction on June 13, 2018

Richard Davis reviewed the summary of the taxes that Treasurer LucyAnn Cook is requesting be written off. Mr. Davis also reviewed the steps that will be taken to ensure that this does not happen again.

# Stephan Bunker moved to write off as uncollectible, property taxes totaling \$25,620.22 and sewer use charges totaling \$557.57 on foreclosed properties sold at auction on June 13, 2018; Scott Landry seconded.

The Selectmen complimented Treasurer LucyAnn Cook's efforts in collecting these taxes.

### VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

### ITEM 3: To Consider an Expenditure of \$355.50 for a full color ad in the 2018 Western Lakes & Mountains edition of *Discover Maine Magazine*, to be funded from the Special Projects Account

Richard Davis reviewed an email from Tim Maxfield of *Discover Maine Magazine* dated July 9, 2018. He stated that this will be the fourth time that the Town has purchased an ad for this particular edition, and the price has remained the same.

Matthew Smith moved to approve an expenditure of \$355.50 for a full color ad in the Fall Issue of *Discover Maine Magazine*, with funding to come from the Special Projects account; Michael Fogg seconded.

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### ITEM 4: To Consider the Application of Jennifer Bjorn to Serve on the Downtown TIF Advisory Committee

Richard Davis reviewed Ms. Bjorn's application for membership on the Downtown TIF Advisory Committee.

### Scott Landry moved to appoint Jennifer Bjorn to serve on the Downtown TIF Advisory Committee; Michael Fogg seconded.

Selectmen thanked Ms. Bjorn for volunteering.

### VOTEAFFIRMATIVE 5MOTION CARRIED

### ITEM 5: To Accept Dr. Thomas Eastler's Resignation from the Planning Board

Richard Davis reviewed Dr. Eastler's letter of resignation from the Planning Board.

### Michael Fogg moved to accept Dr. Thomas Eastler's resignation from the Planning Board; Matthew Smith seconded.

Mr. Davis reported that a letter of thanks has been sent, which included thanks for the many contributions he has made to the Town. The Selectmen thanked Dr. Eastler for his many years of service.

### VOTEAFFIRMATIVE5MOTION CARRIED

### **ITEM 6:** To Cast a Ballot for Maine Municipal Association Vice President and Executive Committee Members

Richard Davis reviewed the ballot and candidate profiles. Stephan Bunker stated that he had the pleasure of being a part of the Maine Municipal Association's nominating committee so he had the chance to interview each candidate, and has actually served on the Executive Committee with three of the four candidates in the past. All four candidates come highly recommended.

### Stephan Bunker moved to cast the ballot as proposed and to authorize the Chairman to sign on the Selectmen's behalf; Matthew Smith seconded.

### VOTEAFFIRMATIVE5MOTION CARRIED

Chairman Bell signed the ballot. Stephan Bunker mentioned that it has only been recently that the Executive Committee members can serve two consecutive terms, as is the case with two of the candidates.

### **ITEM 7:** To Hear an Update on Recent Personnel Changes

Richard Davis reported that Scott Bouchard has resigned from his position as mechanic of the Public Works Department. Gary York has also resigned from his position as truck driver/labor with the same department. Both positions will be advertised soon. Two other truck driver/laborer positions that were already open have been filled by Brandon Bard and Nathan Purington, both of whom have Class A driver's licenses. Mr. Davis further reported that Robin Zagarodny has resigned her position as Code Enforcement Planning Assistant, as she is moving back to Connecticut. And, he has come to an agreement by phone with a candidate for the accounts payable/counter clerk position, so all he needs to do is conduct the background and reference checks and then that position should be filled. In response to the Selectmen's inquiries, Mr. Davis stated that if any major mechanical repairs are needed before a new mechanic is hired, the work will have to be sent out.

### **ITEM 8: To Approve a Cemetery lot Conveyance**

Richard Davis stated that this Conveyance is for a lot in Fairview Cemetery to Lillian Ada Tawney.

## Matthew Smith moved to approve a Cemetery Lot Conveyance for a lot in Fairview Cemetery for Lillian Ada Tawney; Michael Fogg seconded.

Joshua Bell generated a brief discussion regarding the amount of lots still left in the cemeteries, as well as the cost. Mr. Davis stated that there should be no space concerns for at least 50-60 years. He further stated that he will make a copy of the lot cost sheet for the Selectmen and leave it in their folders for them.

### VOTEAFFIRMATIVE5MOTION CARRIED

The Selectmen signed the Conveyance.

### ITEM 9: To Approve the Minutes of July 10, 2018

Matthew Smith moved to table Item 9 as the minutes were not yet available; Stephan Bunker seconded.

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- **ITEM 10:** To Discuss Other Business
  - A) Stephan Bunker pointed out the memo from the Maine Department of Transportation on the potential for a grant for traffic light replacements.

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

- **B**) At Michael Fogg's request, Richard Davis explained the prototype prepared by John Burrows and his group from the Atlantic Salmon Federation. The printed copies, along with a flyer about the upcoming three forums this fall on this topic, will be available at the Summer Fest on Saturday at the Conservation Commission's table.
- C) Scott Landry reported that there will be another meeting tomorrow night with a group of Selectmen from other Towns, as well as representatives from Central Maine Power to discuss an approval letter. He reviewed the last meeting that was held, which he states was very positive.
- **D**) Scott Landry pointed out that the hole in the Savage Rd. has been patched.
- **E**) Joshua Bell pointed out that the Summer Fest is this coming Friday night and Saturday.

### ITEM 11: To Hold an Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405.6.E to Consult with Legal Counsel Concerning the Legal Rights and Duties of the Board as to Pending or Contemplated Litigation

Richard Davis introduced the Town's new attorney, Amanda Meader.

Matthew Smith moved to go into Executive Session at 6:50 P.M.; Michael Fogg seconded

### VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

The Selectmen came out of Executive Session at 7:52 P.M.

No action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Matthew Smith moved to adjourn at 7:52 P.M.; Scott Landry seconded.

VOTEAFFIRMATIVE5MOTION CARRIED

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda H. Grant.

Michael J. Fogg - Secretary