

ITEM 4: To Determine the Policy for Entertaining Funding Requests from Non-Municipal and Social Service Agencies

Richard Davis explained that the 2019 budget process will be starting soon and one request has already been received, so he needs direction. Mr. Davis pointed out the letter of request received from Fen Fowler, who was present, a copy of which had been provided to the Selectmen. Mr. Davis explained the Town Meeting Warrant process, including the ability of the voters to petition. He pointed out that the determination of what goes on the Warrant is in the hands of the elected officials. Fen Fowler expressed his concerns with the Selectmen requiring a petition process and as in his letter, asked them to reverse their policy of not funding nonprofit organizations. Mr. Davis asked for direction in devising a fair determination process of which agency requests, if allowed, are to be considered. Agencies not funded by the County this year was discussed, as well as how the Town's funding of those agencies transpired. Residents Dennis O'Neil, John Rosenwald, Ryan Morgan and Ed David contributed to the discussions. Mr. Rosenwald suggested that the same method of funding be used for one more year, as well as continue to encourage the County to resume funding of those agencies. Mr. Davis in turn suggested having one summary article on the warrant that appropriates a sum of money that is then used to distribute to the agencies. He also suggested the inclusion of the same Resolution as this year on next year's warrant.

Stephan Bunker moved to include the same article for the same amount of funding for the same agencies on the 2019 Warrant; Scott Landry seconded with the inclusion of the same Resolution as this year.

Joshua Bell and Richard Davis suggested that the Resolution be modified to further address the Town's desire for the County Commissioners to change their policy on funding of outside agencies. Mr. Fowler volunteered to assist Mr. Davis with that modification.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 OPPOSED 1 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Joshua Bell)(Matthew Smith)**

Michael Fogg moved to reaffirm the Town's policy of not entertaining requests from outside agencies, with the exception of those that were not funded by the County this year; Scott Landry seconded.

Richard Davis questioned whether funding recommendations of the Selectmen and Budget Committee should be included on this Warrant Article. It was the consensus of the Selectmen that the recommendations of both be included.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Matthew Smith)**

ITEM 5: To Approve Amendments to the Town of Farmington Tobacco Use Policy

Richard Davis explained that he was contacted by Corey Dowe of the Health Community Coalition (HCC), who is the program and planning coordinator for tobacco prevention, inquiring about the Town's long standing Tobacco Use Policy. If the Town is willing to

ITEM 5: To Approve Amendments to the Town of Farmington Tobacco Use Policy (Cont.)

adopt her suggested amendments, the HCC is willing to provide signage that can be installed at its various facilities. Mr. Davis reviewed the amendments, which are outlined in red in the “Definitions” section of the policy.

Michael Fogg moved to approve amendments to the Town of Farmington Tobacco Use Policy; Scott Landry seconded.

Joshua Bell generated a brief discussion regarding the wording “cigarette butts” in regard to disposal.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Matthew Smith)**

The Selectmen signed the policy.

ITEM 6: To Review the Consumer Price Index and Approve Wage and Salary Adjustments for Calendar year 2019

Richard Davis reviewed the Bureau of Labor Statistics 12-month percent change which shows an average of 2.54% for the last year, which he is recommending be set as the 2019 cost of living adjustment for all non-union employees’ wages and salaries.

Stephan Bunker moved to approve a wage and salary adjustment of 2.54% for calendar year 2019; Scott Landry seconded.

Mr. Davis stated that the 2018 adjustment was 2.00%.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Matthew Smith)**

ITEM 7: To Approve an Expenditure of \$650 to \$700 from the Special Projects Account to Replace the West Farmington Message Board

Richard Davis explained that the tracks on the message board on the traffic island in West Farmington won’t stay in place because the back board has rotted and therefore needs to be replaced. The estimated replacement cost is \$650 to \$700.

Michael Fogg moved to approve an expenditure of \$650 to \$700 from the Special Projects account to replace the West Farmington message board; Scott Landry seconded.

Mr. Davis stated that a lot of the hardware on the existing message board will be reused.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Matthew Smith)**

ITEM 8: To Discuss the Vacancy on the RSU 9 Board of Directors created by the Resignation of Heather Ahern-Huish, whose Term Expires June 30, 2020

Richard Davis explained that he became aware of this resignation last week and it is simultaneously being announced and discussed at the RSU 9 Board of Directors meeting tonight. Mr. Davis stated that there is a statutory process whereby the Selectmen will take applications and appoint an interim director to serve until the next election which will be at Town Meeting in March, where upon voters will elect a successor to fill the last two years of this term vacancy. Mr. Davis reported that the RSU 9 Superintendent called him today to remind him of the district's anti-nepotism policy and stressed that they would rather not see someone appointed or run for the position whom has a relative employed by the district. Mr. Davis pointed out that an application has been received from Ryan Morgan, who understands that this type of position is typically advertised. He also pointed out that an application can be obtained here at the municipal building, as well as downloaded from the Town's website. He suggested that a deadline be set so that applications can be reviewed at the November 13th Selectmen's meeting. In response to Fen Fowler's inquiry as to whether there is a statement referencing the nepotism policy on the application, Town Secretary Linda Grant stated that there is a separate application for school board director to which a question can be added asking if the applicant has any relative(s) employed by the district.

Stephan Bunker moved to solicit applications for consideration at the November 13th Selectmen's meeting; Scott Landry seconded.

Joshua Bell thanked Ryan Morgan for his application and willingness to serve.

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| | | | (Matthew Smith) | | |

ITEM 9: To Discuss Matters related to the Franklin County Municipal Officers Association

Richard Davis explained that he received a bank statement for the Franklin County Municipal Officers Association (FCMOA) from Carthage Treasurer Nancy Blodgett shortly before Steve Brown, Carthage First Selectman and long standing President of the Association, passed away. Mr. Davis pointed out that the Association has been dormant for quite some time. He stated that it was his thought that rather than find a home for these funds with another Town, which could change whenever the Presidency changes, that he would ask the County to be the depository. After asking the County Clerk to present this proposal to the Commissioners, they have approved placing the funds in a reserve account if that is the vote of the Association. Mr. Davis suggested calling a meeting of the Association to vote on authorization of transferring the funds totaling \$499.64, as well as hold an election of officers. He proposed that the Town of Farmington host said meeting and he will ask the Maine Municipal Association to send out the invitation, as they have in the past. For the benefit of new board members, Stephan Bunker explained what the meetings have consisted of in the past. It was the consensus of the Selectmen to meet at 6:30 P.M. on Wednesday, November 14th in the downstairs meeting room of the Community Center. Mr. Bunker suggested that MMA might send some staffers as guest speakers, to discuss legislative priorities.

ITEM 10: To Approve a Municipal Quitclaim Deed

Richard Davis reviewed a Quitclaim Deed releasing any interest the Town might have on account of undischarged liens on property of Hollis S. Rackliffe, located at 167 Morrison Hill Road.

Stephan Bunker moved to approve a Municipal Quitclaim Deed for Hollis S. Rackliffe, located at 167 Morrison Hill Road; Michael Fogg seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Matthew Smith)

The Selectmen signed the Quitclaim Deed and Joshua Bell signed the Property Tax Declaration as Grantor.

ITEM 11: To Approve a Cemetery lot Conveyance

Richard Davis stated that this Conveyance is for a lot in Fairview Cemetery to Jim and Michele Witt.

Stephan Bunker moved to approve a Cemetery Lot Conveyance for a lot in Fairview Cemetery to Jim and Michele Witt; Scott Landry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Matthew Smith)

The Selectmen signed the Conveyance.

ITEM 12: To Approve the Minutes of September 25, 2018

Scott Landry moved to approve the minutes of September 25, 2018; Stephan Bunker seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Matthew Smith)

ITEM 13: To Discuss Other Business

A) Richard Davis reported, on Leanne Dickey's behalf, that there will be a food drive at the polls on November 6th. Non-perishable items may also be dropped off in the Assessor's office until November 6th. Food items will be donated to the food bank at the Mallett School, as well as the Care and Share Food Closet at the Fairbanks School.

B) Stephan Bunker asked for and received verification that Chester Greenwood Day is Saturday, December 1st this year.

ITEM 13: To Discuss Other Business (Cont.)

- C)** Michael Fogg asked for and received clarification of where the funding comes from for the Community Services that appear on the monthly statements provided by Treasurer Lucy Cook. Richard Davis stated that funding comes from appropriations approved at Town Meeting.
- D)** Scott Landry reported that the efforts of the interveners in the New England Clean Energy Connect project have been suppressed by the Public Advocate because the Governor decided that they should not get the benefit that they requested from Central Maine Power (CMP). The Governor wants to take \$50,000,000 from CMP and disburse it to low income and needy people. Mr. Landry stated that, despite this setback, the interveners are still working on a negotiation.
- E)** Scott Landry questioned how much water can go under the Front Street culvert, as it looks very small. Richard Davis stated that this culvert should be sufficient as it is wider than what was there before. Mr. Davis reported that he anticipates the project to be complete the first week in November.
- F)** Resident and Madore's Market owner Kevin Madore asked for clarification on the regulation of the number of agency liquor stores there can be in Farmington relative to the Town's recent notification by the State of two agency liquor store applications that are being considered for licensure in Farmington. Richard Davis confirmed that notification of a hearing on November 1st at 9:00 A.M. on these applications was received. He stated that he is not familiar with the Statute, but will research it and contact the State. Mr. Madore voiced his concerns with the unfairness to small businesses in Farmington if his perception of the licensure process is correct.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Scott Landry moved to adjourn at 9:03 P.M.; Stephan Bunker seconded.**

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Matthew Smith)

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda H. Grant.

Michael J. Fogg - Secretary