

ITEM 3: To Review and Approve the Proposed Five-Year Road Rehabilitation and Maintenance Plan (Cont.)

Stephan Bunker moved to approve the proposed Five-Year Road Rehabilitation and Maintenance Schedule; Scott Landry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 4: To Determine whether to Proceed by Change Order or bid Phase 2 of the Front Street Improvement Project

Richard Davis reviewed a memo from Randy Butler of Dirigo Engineering, part of which proposes removing all of the paving aspects from the project and adding them to the Public Works Department's annual paving project in order to get a better bulk price. The remainder of the memo reviewed the pros and cons of putting the project back out to bid or dealing with it through a change order with Ranger Contracting, the cost of one versus the other being pretty much a wash. Mr. Davis stated that Ranger Contracting was concerned enough about the discussion held at the last few Selectmen's meetings about their performance during Phase I of the Front Street project that Ranger Contracting owner Bill Sanborn attended the pay requisition meeting yesterday and is present tonight. Mr. Sanborn explained the timeline of the most significant delays in completion of Phase I of the Front Street project. Property owner John Moore generated a discussion regarding the easement process. The culvert and Consolidated cable replacement delay was also discussed. Selectman Landry was brought up to date on discussion and the wall addition that was made at the December 4th meeting that he was unable to attend. Mr. Sanborn and Mr. Hutchins both stated that they feel there is plenty of time to complete Phase II of this project by June 1, 2019. Both also reiterated that if the Phase I paving that was done late this fall does not meet MaineDOT testing specifications next spring Ranger Contracting will be 100% liable for the cost of repaving. Mr. Davis reported that Dirigo Engineering's review of the contract language regarding liquidated damages is adequate, particularly if an adequate timeframe is given for completion of the work.

Michael Fogg moved to proceed by change order with Ranger Contracting for Phase II of the Front Street project with a completion date of June 30, 2019; Scott Landry seconded.

Richard Davis clarified for Joshua Bell that the Front Street light poles and fixtures will be a separate bid process. Public Works Director Philip Hutchins explained the paving program schedule versus the proposed Front Street project completion date.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 OPPOSED 2 MOTION CARRIED
(Smith/Bell)**

ITEM 5: To Authorize the Fire Chief to Dispose of the 1997 International 4700 PL Custom Rescue Truck that is Housed at the Farmington Falls Station

Fire Rescue Chief Terry Bell was present and reviewed the history of the vehicle, which the Department no longer needs.

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Michael Fogg moved to authorize Chief Bell to dispose of the 1997 International 4700 PL Custom Rescue Truck; Matthew Smith seconded.

The worth of the vehicle was discussed, as well as whether it should be put out to bid or sold outright. It was the general consensus of the Selectmen that the vehicle be sold outright.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 6: To Approve a new Road Name (Hidden Acres Lane)

Richard Davis reviewed Addressing Officer Terry Bell's memo dated December 3, 2018 regarding this request for a private road off the Savage Road to be named Hidden Acres Lane.

Matthew Smith moved to approve the new road name of Hidden Acres Lane; Michael Fogg seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 7: To Discuss Downtown Parking Matters

Richard Davis stated that the Parking Ordinance Committee met last week to discuss a parking problem that has arisen due to the imminent increase of employees of a business on the corner of High Street and Church Street. One parking option discussed was to create parking on one side of Court Street by moving the sidewalk and widening the road, but it is not practical because four electrical poles and a hydrant would have to be relocated, making the number of spaces gained cost prohibitive. Another option discussed was to purchase additional property and create another parking lot, but the owners of the one small piece of property in that vicinity are not interested in selling it. A third option discussed was to prohibit overnight parking in the Church Street parking lot and negotiate with the County Commissioners to allow overnight parking in the Anson Street parking lot, which is currently prohibited. Mr. Davis further stated that he has spoken with Commissioner Charlie Webster who has stated that the Commissioners will be discussing this issue at their next meeting on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. Mr. Davis reported that the Downtown TIF Committee will also be discussing the issue of parking at their meeting tomorrow night. It is his understanding that some members of the Parking Ordinance Committee plan to attend the Commissioners' meeting. Mr. Davis asked the Selectmen for their authorization for him to negotiate with the Commissioners on the Town's behalf. He pointed out that there may also be a possibility of working out parking availability in the courthouse employee's parking lot on Church Street. Purchase of a pedestrian right-of-way to the Anson Street parking lot was discussed, as well as the addition of six more spaces to the Front Street parking lot this year which never got paved.

Stephan Bunker moved to authorize the Town Manager to negotiate with the County Commissioners concerning parking; Matthew Smith seconded.

ITEM 7: To Discuss Downtown Parking Matters (Cont.)

In answer to Matthew Smith's inquiry as to how many spaces in the Church Street parking lot will be freed with prohibiting overnight parking, several Parking Ordinance Committee members present felt that it was 17 spaces on one side and 18 spaces on the other side. Joshua Bell pointed out that upon completion, the cost per parking space at the Church Street parking lot was calculated to be approximately \$6,000-\$8,000 per space.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

Richard Davis encouraged any Selectman available to attend the County Commissioners' meeting next Tuesday morning.

ITEM 8: To Consider Purchasing lapel pins to Commemorate Farmington's 225th Anniversary of Incorporation

Richard Davis reviewed the proposal, options, and examples. Mr. Davis stated that the Special Projects account balance is depleted this year and he has increased the amount by \$300 for the 2019 budget.

Matthew Smith moved to authorize the purchase of 500 commemorative pins from The Pin Center at a cost of \$1.30 each or \$650.00 with funding to come from the 2019 Special Projects account; Stephan Bunker seconded.

Discussion included when the pins should be ordered and the design of the pin.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSTAINED 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Scott Landry)**

ITEM 9: To Approve the Minutes of December 4, 2018

Matthew Smith moved to table the minutes of the December 4, 2018 Board of Selectmen's meeting as they were not yet available; Stephan Bunker seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 10: To Discuss Other Business

A) Richard Davis pointed out the letter received from Franklin County Sheriff Scott Nichols extending an invitation to the Town Manager and Selectmen to attend an informational meeting regarding the current tax cap on the County jail and how it affects budgeting in Franklin County. The meeting will be at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 in the Franklin County Superior Court room.

B) In response to Scott Landry's inquiry as to the timeline of the Atlantic salmon dam project, Richard Davis stated that it will take at least a couple years to get all of the funding and permits in place.

