

FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Town Manager Richard Davis called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Joshua Bell, Stephan Bunker, Michael Fogg, Matthew Smith and Scott Landry. Town Secretary Linda Grant and members of the press and public were also in attendance.

ITEM 1: Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Town Manager Richard Davis led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ITEM 2: To Elect Officers for the Ensuing Year

Town Manager Richard Davis opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Board of Selectmen for the ensuing year.

Matthew Smith nominated Joshua Bell to serve as Chairman for the ensuing year; Scott Landry seconded. Mr. Davis called for a vote.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSTAINED 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Joshua Bell)**

Town Manager Richard Davis turned the meeting over to newly elected Chairman Joshua Bell, who opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice Chairman of the Board of Selectmen for the ensuing year.

Matthew Smith nominated Stephan Bunker to serve as Vice Chairman for the ensuing year; Scott Landry seconded.

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

Chairman Joshua Bell opened the floor for nominations for the position of Secretary of the Board of Selectmen for the ensuing year.

Matthew Smith nominated Michael Fogg to serve as Secretary for the ensuing year; Scott Landry seconded.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSTAINED 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Michael Fogg)**

ITEM 3: To Make a Finding of Discontinuance by Abandonment of a Portion of the So-called County Road Leading from the Former Residence of Harland C. Pearson in a Northerly Direction toward Farmington Village as the same abuts the Westerly Boundary of Land of Robert E. Bean, III

Richard Davis reviewed information from the meeting packet that was provided to the Selectmen and press. Mr. Davis introduced Jody Bean Palmer who was present on behalf of her brother, Robert E. Bean, III, along with their representative, Paul Mills. Ms. Bean Palmer further explained, with the aid of an aerial view photo of the property, the purpose of their request for a Finding of Discontinuance.

Scott Landry moved to make a Finding of Discontinuance by Abandonment of said portion of road; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Davis stated there will be no impact on the adjacent Butterfield Cemetery.

The Selectmen signed the document.

ITEM 4: To Authorize the Town Manager to Execute a Solid Waste Disposal Agreement with Waste Management Disposal Services of Maine, Inc.

Richard Davis reviewed the changes in the Agreement. He also reviewed a comparison sheet showing tipping fees paid by other towns which shows that Farmington is getting a great deal.

Stephan Bunker moved to authorize the Town Manager to execute a Waste Disposal Agreement with Waste Management Disposal Services of Maine, Inc.; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 5: To Approve an Expenditure of \$5,772.40 from the Computer Reserve Account of the Treasurer for a Backup Server and Cloud Storage

Richard Davis explained that because it was discovered that the server hadn't been backing up, the Town's IT person has recommended the purchase of a new backup service and Cloud storage, with funding to come from the Computer Reserve account.

Matthew Smith moved to approve an expenditure of \$5,772.40 from the Computer Reserve Account of the Treasurer for a backup server and Cloud storage; Scott Landry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 6: To Approve an Order pursuant to 36 M.R.S. §906, Pertaining to Unpaid Taxes

Richard Davis stated that this is an annual authorization that allows the Treasurer to apply the payment of a taxpayer owing multiple years of taxes to the oldest tax bill in order to avoid foreclosures.

Stephan Bunker moved to approve an Order pursuant to 36 M.R.S. §906, pertaining to unpaid taxes; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

The Selectmen signed the Order.

ITEM 7: To Consider an Expenditure of \$355.50 for a full color ad in the Spring/Summer 2019 Western Maine Regional Edition of Discover Maine Magazine, to be funded from the Special Projects Account

Richard Davis reviewed an email dated March 8, 2019 from Tim Maxfield, Advertising Director/Client Services of Discover Maine Magazine, in which Mr. Maxfield offered the same ad as the last one at the same cost.

Stephan Bunker moved to approve an expenditure of \$355.50 for a full color ad in the 2019 Western Maine Regional edition of Discover Maine Magazine, with funding to come from the Special Projects account; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 8: 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 Knowlton Estates, LLC located at 145 Mooselook Lane.

Matthew Smith moved to approve a Municipal Quitclaim Deed for Knowlton Estates, LLC located at 145 Mooselook Lane; Stephan Bunker seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

The Selectmen signed the Quitclaim Deed.

ITEM 9: To Approve the Minutes of March 12, 2019

Scott Landry moved to approve the minutes of March 12, 2019; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 10: To Discuss Other Business

- A) Richard Davis stated that he sent a letter to the Maine Public Utilities Commission today informing the Commissioners of the action of Town Meeting last night. Stephan Bunker pointed out that the next round of public testimony will take place April 1st-5th on the University of Maine at Farmington campus.
- B) Scott Landry pointed out that the Farmington Farmers Union has requested that they be allowed to negotiate with the Town's paving contractor for better pricing of paving of a small section of their parking lot.
- C) Joshua Bell asked for clarification of Ranger Contracting's Front Street start date of May 1st. Stephan Bunker asked Richard Davis to clarify the dates with Ranger. Mr. Davis pointed out that the rest of the Front Street project is fairly straightforward and should be completed well within the allotted period of time. He also pointed out that the decorative street lights have arrived, and Dirigo will be preparing the bid specs for that electrical installation project soon.

ITEM 11: To Hold an Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405.6.A to Discuss a Personnel Matter

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

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

The Selectmen came out of Executive Session at 7:08 P.M.

No action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Matthew Smith moved to adjourn at 7:08 P.M.; Stephan Bunker seconded.**

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda H. Grant.

Michael J. Fogg - Secretary