

FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

Chairman Joshua Bell called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Stephan Bunker, Scott Landry, and Michael Fogg. Matthew Smith was unable to attend. Town Manager Richard Davis, Town Secretaries Linda Grant and Nancy Martin, Treasurer, LucyAnn Cook, Fire Rescue Chief Terry Bell and Captain Tim D. Hardy, Police Chief Jack Peck, Public Works Foreman Jim Kiernan, Conservation Commission members Bill Haslam and Patty Cormier, 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 Amendments to the Town of Farmington Traffic Ordinance

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

Richard Davis reviewed the proposed amendments to the Town of Farmington Traffic Ordinance.

Chairman Joshua Bell closed the Public Hearing under Item 2 at 6:37 P.M.

Scott Landry moved to approve the amendments to the Town of Farmington Traffic Ordinance; Stephan Bunker seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Matthew Smith)

ITEM 3: To Proclaim May 20 to 24, 2019 as Arbor Week in Farmington

Chairman Bill Haslam was present and reviewed the upcoming Arbor Week events.

Michael Fogg moved to proclaim May 20 to 24, 2019 as Arbor Week in Farmington; Scott Landry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Matthew Smith)

The Selectmen signed two copies of the Proclamation.

ITEM 4: To Determine the Method by which to pay the Unfunded Actuarial Liability (UAL) of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System (MPERS)

Richard Davis explained the options for funding the 5% UAL.

ITEM 12: To Approve Cemetery Lot Conveyances (Cont.)

Stephan Bunker moved to approve three Cemetery Lot Conveyances as noted above; Scott Landry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Matthew Smith)

The Selectmen signed the three Conveyances.

ITEM 13: To Approve the Minutes of April 23, 2019

Scott Landry moved to approve the minutes of April 23, 2019; Michael Fogg seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Matthew Smith)

ITEM 14: To Discuss Other Business

- A)** Richard Davis reviewed correspondence from Rick Collins, owner of Mount Blue Motel, dba Colonial Valley Motel requesting assistance with funding of his expansion project. Richard Davis explained that a new Tax Increment Finance District (TIF) would have to be created and cautioned that TIFs create additional tax burden on the mill rate and residential property owners. The Selectmen discussed what further information they would like the Town Manager to obtain from Mr. Collins before making a decision on this request.
- B)** Richard Davis passed out information provided by resident Pam Poisson regarding the condition of the cemetery behind the Superior Court building. Ms. Poisson explained her concerns. Richard Davis explained the responsibilities of municipalities relative to 13 MSR Section 1371. Ms. Poisson generated a discussion regarding 13 MSR Section 1101 pertaining to Ancient Burial Grounds. Soliciting volunteers was discussed in conjunction with the American Legion or some other organization, with Stephan Bunker offering to approach the American Legion.
- C)** Stephan Bunker pointed out that this year is the 100th anniversary of the American Legion and reviewed upcoming relative events.
- D)** Michael Fogg generated a discussion regarding the distribution of the excise tax that the Town collects. Richard Davis stated that excise tax revenues are used to offset the tax commitment, with the practical intent that the funds go toward maintaining the roads.
- E)** Joshua Bell generated a discussion regarding the Cemeteries budget and lot fees. Richard Davis stated that lot fees are applied to the General Fund and used to offset the tax burden. The Selectmen discussed the feasibility of establishing an account for cemetery maintenance, with Richard Davis recommending that another line item be created in the Cemeteries budget.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Scott Landry moved to adjourn at 8:34 P.M.; Stephan Bunker seconded.**

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Matthew Smith)

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda H. Grant and Nancy L. Martin.

Michael J. Fogg - Secretary