

FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Chairman Joshua Bell called the meeting to order at 6:30 P. M. with the following members present: Stephan Bunker, Michael Fogg, Scott Landry and Matthew Smith. Town Manager Richard Davis, Town Secretary Nancy Martin, Fire Rescue Chief Terry Bell, Deputy Chief Tim Hardy, Deputy Chief Clyde Ross, Captain Mike Bell, and Captain Tim D. Hardy, Parks & Recreation Director Matthew Foster, 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 a new Application for a Lunch Wagon Permit for Carbon Catering Company, owned and Operated by Nathaniel Gagnon of Industry

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

Mr. Gagnon was present and provided a brief overview of his catering and street vending business. Carbon Catering is a custom built food trailer that offers a custom built wood fire grill with fire suppression and ventilation systems. The menu offers handmade sausages, pulled pork, hand cut beef and other items on salad or rice, and sandwiches. In addition to Summerfest, special town events, and various street locations, they will be open for business in the Gifford's Ice Cream lot every Wednesday and Thursday.

Chairman Joshua Bell closed the Public Hearing under Item 2 at 6:33P.M.

Michael Fogg moved to approve an application for a Lunch Wagon Permit for Carbon Catering Company, owned and operated by Nathaniel Gagnon of Industry; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 3: To Discuss Options for Fire Truck Replacements

Richard Davis reviewed Fire Rescue Chief Bell's memo dated June 21, 2019 regarding apparatus replacement options. Chief Bell also reviewed the need for apparatus replacement and grant potential. The Fire Rescue Department researched options and attended a grant meeting last September. Engine 1 has significant frame issues and is essentially a parts truck; replacing Engine 1 will take a minimum of 300 days before it arrives. Engine 2 is operational; however, it will require pump, plumbing and electrical upgrades. Engine 2 may be saleable with less than 60,000 miles/3800 work hours. If upgraded, Engine 2 would be off the road four to six weeks.

ITEM 3: To Discuss Options for Fire Truck Replacements (Cont.)

Michael Fogg expressed appreciation for our Fire Rescue team, stating that the community is aware of their professionalism, and the Fire Rescue Department has the attention and the support of the Board of Selectmen and the citizens. Mr. Fogg also acknowledged the work by the Fire Rescue Department; getting the recent fire out in one hour at the Edgewood Rehabilitation and Living Center was remarkable.

Matthew Smith moved to obtain the cost to replace Engine 1 and then proceed with a referendum vote in November 2019, send Engine 2 to a mechanic and obtain the true cost for pump, plumbing, electrical and other repairs needed; and build the reserve account funds for its replacement in the future; Scott Landry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 4: To Authorize the sale of the Parks and Recreation Department’s Walker mower and Apply the Proceeds to the Purchase of a new mower

Matthew Foster stated they have done a lot of repair work on the aging 1998 Walker, 2002 Cub Cadet, and the 2013 Kubota mower. We are at the point where equipment is failing and we are experiencing down time and repair costs. The Town received a top retail offer of \$4,500 to purchase the 1998 Walker mower; those funds would be applied towards the purchase of a new John Deere commercial grade mower with the remaining funding coming from the Reserve Account. Mr. Foster expressed his long term plan to create a replacement schedule for equipment, which will reduce downtime and repair costs while optimizing trade in values.

Michael Fogg moved to authorize the sale of the Parks and Recreation Department’s Walker mower and apply the proceeds to the purchase of a new mower; Stephan Bunker seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 5: To Appoint the panel defined in the Odor Nuisance Control and Abatement Performance Standard of the Town of Farmington Zoning Ordinance

Richard Davis reviewed a memo from Code Enforcement Officer Steve Kaiser. Matt Smith, Board of Selectmen; Scott Landry, Board of Selectmen; Lloyd Smith, Planning Board; and Adrian Harris, Zoning Board generously volunteered to serve on the panel designated to assist the Code/Planning staff in investigating and evaluating odor complaints.

Stephan Bunker moved to appoint the panel defined in the Odor Nuisance Control and Abatement Performance Standard of the Town of Farmington Zoning Ordinance; Michael Fogg seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 6: To Approve an Expenditure of \$1,992.00 from the Municipal Building Reserve Account for Repairs to the roof

Richard Davis reviewed the proposed expenditure to cover the repairs to the front entrance roof caused by snow and ice backup.

Stephan Bunker moved to approve an expenditure of \$1,992.00 from the Municipal Building Reserve account for repairs to the roof; Scott Landry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 7: To Appoint Committee and Board Members

Richard Davis reviewed the summary of renewal and new Board and Committee applicants provided by Town Secretary Nancy Martin.

Board of Appeals:

Galen Dalrymple and Peter Tracy each submitted a renewal application for the two three 3-year term expirations on the Board of Appeals. No applications were submitted for the two alternate 1-year term vacancies.

Board of Assessment Review:

Dennis O’Neal and Michael Otley each submitted a renewal application for the two 3-year term expirations on the Board of Assessment Review.

Budget Committee:

Wayne Kinney and S. Clyde Ross each submitted a renewal application for the four 3-year term expirations on the Budget Committee. No applications were submitted for the two 1-year term vacancies, the one 2-year term vacancy left by Fred Smith, or the two alternate 1-year term vacancies.

Conservation Commission:

Patty Cormier, Peter Tracy, and Jane Woodman each submitted a renewal application for the three 3-year term expirations on the Conservation Commission. Hunter Manley, James Shaffer, Matthew Smith, and Eric Whitney each submitted an application for renewal of their 1-year term Associate expiration. No other applications were received for the unlimited Associate vacancies on this Commission.

Planning Board:

Gloria McGraw and Michael Otley each submitted a renewal application for the two 3-year term expirations. Judith Murphy submitted a new application for a 3-year term. Judith Murphy and David Robbins each submitted a renewal application for the two alternate 1-year term expirations on the Planning Board.

Recreation Committee:

Tom Bissell and Kim Richards each submitted a renewal application for the two 3-year term expirations on the Recreation Committee. No application(s) was/were received for the one 2-year term vacancy left by Isaac Raymond.

ITEM 7: To Appoint Committee and Board Members (Cont.)

Zoning Board:

Paul Mills and John Moore each submitted a new application for a 3-year term. The following vacancies, however, are what are available on this board; one 3-year term vacancy, one 2-year term vacancy left by Fred Smith, and one 1-year term vacancy. In order for the term expirations to remain staggered, John Moore has agreed to fill the 2-year term vacancy left by Fred Smith and Paul Mills has agreed to fill the 1-year term vacancy. No applications were submitted for the two 1-year alternate vacancies on the Zoning Board.

Michael Fogg moved to appoint all applicants to the Boards and Committees for which they applied; Matthew Smith seconded.

The Selectmen thanked all the applicants for volunteering their time to serve.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 8: To Approve the Downtown T.I.F. Advisory Committee’s Recommendation to Expend up to \$8,500 from the Downtown T.I.F. Reserve Account for the Security Camera Project

Richard Davis disclosed that Deputy Chief Cote is working with the company and the downtown property owners to get all cameras up and running; so far he has had mixed results with only four out of the ten cameras operational. Additional equipment, technical support and range extenders are needed to boost the Wi-Fi signal.

Stephan Bunker moved to approve the Downtown T.I.F. Advisory Committee’s recommendation to expend up to \$8,500 from the Downtown T.I.F. Reserve Account for the Security Camera Project; Michael Fogg seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 9: To Approve the Minutes of June 11, 2019

Michael Fogg moved to approve the Minutes of June 11, 2019; Scott Landry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 10: To Discuss Other Business

A) Richard Davis disclosed that Matthew Foster requests that the Town accept a \$65.25 donation from the morning pickle ball group to go towards the cost of new light bulbs for the Community Center gymnasium.

Stephan Bunker moved to accept a Donation of \$65.25 from the morning pickle ball group to the Parks and Recreation Department to go towards the cost of new light bulbs in the Community Center gymnasium; Matthew Smith seconded.

ITEM 10: To Discuss Other Business (Cont.)

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

- B) Richard Davis reviewed a request from Discover Maine Magazine for a full color advertisement in the late summer and early fall edition at a cost of \$355.50. Funding would come from the Special Projects account.

Stephan Bunker moved to approve the advertisement request from Discover Maine Magazine; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

- C) Richard Davis asked the board to consider canceling July 9th meeting, as he will not be able to attend. **The consensus of the Board of Selectmen was to cancel the July 9th meeting.** The next Board of Selectmen’s meeting is scheduled for July 23rd.
- D) Stephan Bunker inquired about the DOT Public Meeting scheduled for July 2nd. Mr. Davis stated that the meeting is regarding two culvert replacements, the Williams Bridge which carries Route 156 over Locke Pond Outlet and the Gower Farm Bridge carrying Route 2 & 27 over Beales Brook. Also, the DOT has scheduled another Public Meeting regarding Russells Mills Bridge to be held at the Community Center on Thursday, July 25th. The Town needs to find an alternate to that bridge; we are shifting our focus to work on the Clover Mill Road to the Russells Mills Road for about \$16,000. The Town is working with the Atlantic Salmon Federation to replace two additional culverts; they’ve applied for a grant and will know in September if approved.
- E) Michael Fogg asked when they will start reclaiming Front Street. Richard Davis stated there is no ETA at this time; they’ve expressed concerns about stirring up dust during the 4th of July holiday. Joshua Bell recommended the reclaiming not be delayed due to dust issues.
- F) Joshua Bell spoke with the gentlemen painting the back side of the Fire Rescue Department roof and pollen is an issue. They are waiting until after the rain to complete the painting so that the pollen doesn’t create any quality issues.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Stephan Bunker moved to adjourn at 8:16 P.M.; Matthew Smith seconded**

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nancy L. Martin.

Michael J. Fogg - Secretary