

FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, August 27, 2019

6:30 P.M.

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, Treasurer LucyAnn Cook, 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 an Application for a New Liquor License for Kanokporn Raksasuwan, d/b/a Sushi & Thai Smile Restaurant, Located at 168 Front Street

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

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

Richard Davis stated that Mr. Chaiwat Kloythep is transferring the business to his mother Kanokporn Raksasuwan. The business will remain at its current location, Ms. Raksasuwan is changing the business name slightly.

Stephan Bunker moved to approve the application for a new liquor license for Kanokporn Raksasuwan d/b/a Sushi & Thai Smile Restaurant, located at 168 Front Street; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 3: To Review the 2019 Tax Rate Scenarios

Richard Davis handed out and reviewed two spreadsheets which provided information regarding 2019 TIF tax choices, tax rate history and the proposed rate for 2019. Treasurer LucyAnn Cook answered Selectmen's questions. Mr. Davis explained that they strove to keep the mill rate below 20.00, which is very good for a service center community of this size.

Stephan Bunker move to adopt the tax rate at \$19.98; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 4: To Authorize the Police Chief to Enter into an Agreement with the Franklin County Agricultural Society (FCAS) to Provide law Enforcement Coverage at the Farmington Fair

Richard Davis reviewed the Agreement for Services. The Farmington Police Department will provide law enforcement coverage to the FCAS during the annual Farmington Fair Week. The FPD will be reimbursed for all associated costs, which will not exceed \$13,650.00.

ITEM 4: To Authorize the Police Chief to Enter into an Agreement with the Franklin County Agricultural Society (FCAS) to Provide law Enforcement Coverage at the Farmington Fair (continued)

Matthew Fogg moved to authorize the Police Chief to enter into an agreement with the Franklin County Agricultural Society (FCAS) to provide law enforcement coverage at the Farmington Fair; Scott Landry seconded

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 5: To Consider Leasing a Portion of the Closed Landfill site for a Solar Project

Richard Davis presented the terms offered by Nikki Rajnovich, Project Manager, NextEra Energy. Mr. Davis explained that he is looking into this project as a revenue maker and a demonstration project. Mr. Davis stated the Town could potentially negotiate an agreement for NextEra Energy to provide electricity to the Recycling Facility. Joshua Bell asked what other solar companies are paying per acre. Richard Davis stated he will check with 2 -3 other solar companies and see what they have to offer.

The consensus of the Board of Selectmen was for Richard Davis to research fair market value for solar land lease in the area.

ITEM 6: To Adopt a Resolution Regarding Bank Signatories

Richard Davis reviewed the TD Bank Governmental Entity Certificate of Resolution (for Deposit Accounts).

Matthew Smith moved to adopt the resolution regarding bank signatories; Michael Fogg seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 7: To Approve the Warrant for a Special Town Meeting on September 10, 2019

Richard Davis reviewed the proposed Warrant and pointed out that this meeting will take place in the downstairs room of the Community Center September 10th 2019 at 7:00 P. M. Article 1: To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting Articles 2 - 4: A transfer/exchange of property between William H. Marceau and the Town leading out of the Municipal Parking Lot to High Street in order to allow the Town to construct a sidewalk. To acquire from the Farmington Village Corporation, a twelve foot right-of-way that extends up through the area. Article 5: Discontinuance of the Stinchfield Road.

Stephan Bunker moved to approve the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting on September 10, 2019; Scott Landry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

The Selectmen signed the Warrant.

ITEM 8: To Approve a Cemetery lot Conveyance

Richard Davis reviewed the following Cemetery Lot Conveyance: Roger Folsom, two (2) lots in Fairview Cemetery.

Stephan Bunker moved to approve the Cemetery Lot Conveyance; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

The Selectmen signed the Cemetery Lot Conveyance.

ITEM 9: To Discuss the Process for Conducting the Manager's Annual Performance Evaluation

Richard Davis explained the usual process, and suggested completing the process at the September 24th Selectmen's meeting, to which the Selectmen agreed. Chairman Bell asked for evaluations to be emailed or turned in to him by September 21st. The Selectmen congratulated Mr. Davis on his 18th Anniversary as Town Manager. Stephan Bunker stated that Richard Davis set the record for longest term as Town Manager. The previous record was held by Alan Grove who served for eight years.

ITEM 10: To Approve the Minutes of August 13, 2019

Scott Landry moved to approve the minutes of August 13, 2019; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 11: To Discuss Other Business

A. Stephan Bunker stated that Police Chief Jack Peck will be sworn in as President of the Maine Chiefs of Police Association on Thursday, September 5th at the Sargarloaf Mountain Hotel and Conference Center. Mr. Bunker encouraged the Selectmen to attend. Richard Davis stated that anyone interested in attending the banquet and swearing in ceremony should reach out to Deputy Chief Shane Cote and RSVP.

B. Stephan Bunker asked if anyone planned on attending the 2019 Maine Municipal Association Convention on October 2 - 3rd at the Cross Insurance Center in Bangor. Michael Fogg stated he is interested in attending on October 3rd.

C. Stephan Bunker opened discussion on the legislation to increase the number of Franklin County Commissioners and the districts they represent from three to five. If approved, it would take effect in 2022. Farmington would be divided into two districts, east and west of the Sandy River.

D. Scott Landry asked when the Front Street project would be completed. Richard Davis stated that he believes the project will be completed next week.

ITEM 11: To Discuss Other Business (continued)

E. Joshua Bell asked for an update on the NextEra solar project. Richard Davis explained he is meeting with NextEra representatives on Wednesday and will provide an informed update at a later time. Mr. Davis stated he believes NextEra is on target with plans to start the laydown yard this fall and construction in the spring.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Scott Landry moved to adjourn at 7:18 P.M.; Matthew Smith seconded**

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nancy L. Martin.

Michael J. Fogg - Secretary