

FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, September 10, 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, Town Clerk Leanne Dickey, Fire Rescue Chief Terry Bell, Fire Rescue Deputy Chief Clyde Ross, Fire Rescue Deputy Chief Tim A. Hardy, Fire Rescue Captain Tim D. Hardy, Captain Michael Bell, 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 Consider Expenditures of \$48,455 from the Fire Equipment Reserve Account for Repairs to Engine 2

Richard Davis provided and reviewed a memorandum from Fire Rescue Chief Bell and the Greenwood Emergency Vehicles, LLC evaluation results for Engine 2 (1995 E-One custom fire pumper). Mr. Davis stated Engine 2 failed its DOT inspection and the brakes, steering and rear springs need immediate repair at an estimated cost of \$10,540. These repairs can be immediately funded from the operating budget. Fire Rescue Chief Terry Bell discussed the Town's options of repairs to Engine 2 verses purchasing a used truck. The estimated cost of additional repairs to Engine 2 is \$48,455 which includes \$9,000 for electrical upgrades, radiator re-core, replacement batteries, exhaust replacement, full chassis service, repair cab safety locks, reupholster officer chairs, valve replacement, and replacement plumbing. Mr. Davis stated the current balance in the Reserve Account is \$354,551.89. The balance after making the repairs would be \$306,096.89, which could go towards the replacement of Engine 1. Fire Rescue Chief Bell and Captain Tim D. Hardy answered the Selectmen's questions.

Scott Landry move to approve expenditures of \$48,455 from the Fire Equipment Reserve Account for repairs to Engine 2, with the time table for repairs at the chief's discretion; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 3: To Discuss Options for Engine 1 Repair or Replacement

Fire Rescue Chief Terry Bell stated that bids for Engine 1 are due back on 09/20/19 and will be discussed at the BoS meeting on 09/24/19. Richard Davis stated he will use the bids as an estimate to determine what the Town would need to borrow and draft a referendum question for the November 5th ballot. The bid award would be subject to the referendum vote in November. Mr. Davis stated the Town has \$300,000 from the reserve account towards the purchase of a new apparatus; the Town would be borrowing an estimated \$500,000.

ITEM 4: To Determine a Course of Action with regard to Recycling

Richard Davis handed out and reviewed a cost to recycle verses cost of disposal breakdown. The total estimated annual cost of recycling through Archie's, Inc. (effective April 1, 2020) is \$40,250. The total estimated annual cost of recycling material at the landfill in Norridgewock is \$57,910.

Scott Landry move to enter into a contract and continue recycling through Archie's Inc; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 OPPOSED 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Joshua Bell)

ITEM 5: To Hold a Special Town Meeting pursuant to a Warrant Approved on August 27, 2019 (7:00 P.M.)

Town Clerk Leanne Dickey opened the Special Town Meeting under Item 5 at 7:00. P.M and called for nominations for moderator under Article First. Paul Mills was declared and sworn in as moderator after receiving the nomination and second, as well as five written ballots.

Stephan Bunker moved to approve Articles 2, 3 and 4 as one vote; Matthew Smith seconded.

Articles Two, Three, and Four, after discussion were approved by a show of hands

Article Five, after discussion, was declined by a show of hands.

Prior to the vote on Article Five, Richard Davis stated that subsequent to the posting of this Warrant he learned there was a law change that took effect on October 1, 2018 dictating that a vote to discontinue a road must happen at a regularly scheduled Annual Town Meeting rather than at a Special Town Meeting.

The Special Town Meeting adjourned and the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen resumed at 7:07 P.M.

ITEM 6: To Execute a Deed from the Inhabitants of the Town of Farmington to William H. Marceau

Michael Fogg move to execute the deed from the Inhabitants of the Town of Farmington to William H. Marceau; Stephan Bunker seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

The Selectmen signed the deed.

ITEM 7: To Determine the Process for Selecting an Interim School Director

Richard Davis stated that Isaac W. Raymond resigned, and his seat is available for the remainder of his term. Mr. Davis stated that typically the Town advertises for someone to fill the interim seat until someone is elected to fill the vacancy in March. Mr. Davis stated that applications can be found on the Town's website, Farmington-maine.org and are due by end of the business day on September 23rd. Stephan Bunker requested that the local media mention the Interim School Director vacancy in their coverage.

Stephan Bunker move to announce the process for receiving applications for the Interim School Director position with applications due by the close of business on September 23rd; Michael Fogg seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 8: To Approve Voting Delegate Credentials for the Maine Municipal Association's Annual Business Meeting

Richard Davis provided and reviewed the Maine Municipal Association Voting Delegate Credentials form. The MMA Annual Business Meeting is scheduled to be held Wednesday, October 2, 2019, 1:45 p.m., at the Cross Insurance Center, Bangor, Maine.

Stephan Bunker move to approve Stephan Bunker as the voting delegate and Michael Fogg as the alternative voting delegate for the Maine Municipal Association's Annual Business Meeting; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 9: To Approve the Minutes of August 27, 2019

Matthew Smith moved to approve the minutes of August 27, 2019; Scott Landry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 10: To Discuss Other Business

A. Richard Davis stated that he received an application from Judith Murphy, who is an alternate member on the Planning Board. She is interested in serving on the Town's Odor Nuisance Panel, a panel that detects marijuana odors. Mr. Davis stated that there is no limit to the number of members on the Odor Panel. (He later determined that the panel consists of the Code/Planning Department and four (4) residents).

Stephan Bunker moved to accept Judith Murphy's offer to join the Odor Nuisance Panel; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE

AFFIRMATIVE 5

MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 10: To Discuss Other Business (continued)

B. Stephan Bunker stated that the improvements to the fencing at the Fairview Cemetery look very good.

C. Joshua Bell asked if the Town purchased a tractor. Richard Davis explained that the Town's tractor is experiencing some hydraulic issues that need to be repaired and the attachment used to mow brush cannot handle 1" saplings. Mr. Davis stated that, seeing how bad the brush was around town, he authorized the one week lease of a tractor and extended work hours so that the crews could mow the heavy brush. Matthew Smith stated that the tractor makes a big difference.

D. Joshua Bell asked if the large pothole on Bailey Hill Road was filled. Stephan Bunker stated that the hole was filled earlier in the day.

E. Michael Fogg asked if fog lines would be added on the Town Farm Road. Richard Davis stated that this is a DOT project and he will ask when/if DOT will add fog lines.

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

Matthew Smith moved to go into Executive Session at 7:42 P.M.; Stephan Bunker seconded

VOTE

AFFIRMATIVE 5

MOTION CARRIED

The Selectmen came out of Executive Session at 8:10 P.M.

No action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Matthew Smith moved to adjourn at 8:10 P.M.; Stephan Bunker seconded**

VOTE

AFFIRMATIVE 5

MOTION CARRIED

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nancy L. Martin.

Michael J. Fogg - Secretary