

**FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Thursday, September 19, 2019**  
**6:30 P.M.**

Chairman Joshua Bell called the meeting to order at 6:26 P.M. with the following members present: Stephan Bunker, Michael Fogg, Scott Landry, and Matthew Smith. Town Manager Richard Davis, Town Secretary Nancy Martin, and members of the press and public were also in attendance.

A Moment of Silence was observed in memory of Fire Rescue Captain Michael A. Bell, who will be dearly missed, for those who are recovering from their injuries, and for all who were displaced.

**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 Approve an Order for Referendum Vote pursuant to 30-A MRS Section 2528**

Richard Davis provided a copy of the Order for Referendum, which read in part:

The Farmington Select Board hereby orders that the following question be placed on a referendum ballot to be submitted to the voters on November 5, 2019.

Question: Shall the Town (1) Approve a capital acquisition project of the purchase of a fire truck, including transaction costs and other expenses reasonably related thereto; (2) Appropriate the sum of \$800,000, including \$300,000 from the fire truck reserve account for the cost of the project; (3) Authorize the Town Treasurer and Chair of the Select Board to issue general obligation securities of the Town in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$500,000 to fund the appropriation; and (4) Delegate to the Treasurer and Chair the discretion to fix the date, maturities, interest rates, form and other details of said securities, including the discretion to execute, sell and deliver the securities on behalf of the Town?

It is further ordered that a public hearing be held on October 8, 2019.

Joshua Bell asked what the remaining balance would be after the repairs and \$300,000 were used. Richard Davis stated that about \$6,000 would remain in the reserve account, and the account would be pretty well depleted until next year when additional funds are added back into the budget.

**Matthew Smith moved to approve the Order for Referendum Vote pursuant to 30-A MRS Section 2528; Michael Fogg seconded.**

**VOTE                                  AFFIRMATIVE    5                                  MOTION CARRIED**

The Selectmen signed the Order for Referendum Vote.

**ITEM 3: To Discuss Other Business**

A. Richard Davis provided an update on the LEAP explosion; he stated that he is

following the event and trying to work through things. Ted Berry is coming to clean the park tomorrow. DEP installed air quality monitors, and the air quality results indicated there was nothing harmful or that anything harmful was below detectable limits, below limits that would cause health problems. The DEP will continue to monitor air quality, particularly during the cleanup of the explosion site. Mr. Davis stated that the DEP will monitor the site continuously to make sure nothing that is stirred up is harmful. The State Fire Marshall has concluded their investigation and they released the site, but they have not yet released their report. Mr. Davis stated that the Farmington Fire Department has received excellent support from all over the State. Franklin Savings Bank has agreed to match donations up to \$10,000 for each of the two accounts, the Farmington Firemen's Benevolent Association (FFBA) and the Farmington Disaster Relief Fund (FDRF). The FFBA account has already exceeded \$10,000 and at last count there was about \$5,700 in the FDRF account. The FDRF account was set up to assist any others who were displaced from their trailers. The displaced have all acquired temporary housing, and they've been offered meals here at the Fire Station. Long term the displaced may qualify for General Assistance. We will take their applications next week. Richard Davis stated it's been very gratifying and wonderful to see the outpouring of support. Mr. Davis stated that the only way he can characterize this week is to say that it's been heartbreaking and heartwarming at the same time.

Joshua Bell said thank you all for the support shown to his Aunts from the community, and to all the firefighters offering their help.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Matthew Smith moved to adjourn at 6:36 P.M.; Stephan Bunker seconded**

**VOTE**

**AFFIRMATIVE 5**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nancy L. Martin.

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Michael J. Fogg - Secretary