

FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, January 28, 2020

Chairman Joshua Bell called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Stephan Bunker, Michael Fogg, Matthew Smith, and Scott Landry. Town Manager Richard Davis, Town Secretary Nancy Martin, Police Chief Jack Peck, Fire Rescue Deputy Chief Tim A. Hardy, Fire Rescue Deputy Chief S. Clyde Ross, Parks & Recreation Director Matthew Foster, Code Enforcement Officer Steve Kaiser, Public Works Director Philip Hutchins, Budget Committee Member Judy Murphy, 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 Vote Recommendations on the Following Proposed 2020 Departmental Budgets:

Stephan Bunker stated that he thoroughly reviewed the budget and, overall, the department heads have been very modest in their proposals, and the justifications they have given have been very clear. Mr. Bunker stated that the obvious standout is the Fire Rescue Department, and they are here to answer questions. Scott Landry agreed with Mr. Bunker. He stated that the only big increase is with the Fire Rescue Department, and they need the funds.

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| A) Treasurer / Clerk | M) Recycling |
| B) Cemeteries | N) Administration |
| C) General Assistance | O) Committees & Events |
| D) Assessing | P) Municipal Building |
| E) Code Enforcement | Q) T.A.N. |
| F) Police | R) Other Protections |
| G) Fire | S) Debt Service |
| H) Parks & Recreation | T) Legal Reserve |
| I) Community Center | U) ADA Reserve |
| J) Public Works | V) Contracts/Public Services |
| K) LORAP | W) Outside Agencies |
| L) Five Year Road Program | |

Treasure / Town Clerk

Matthew Smith moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$288,145 for the 2020 Treasurer/Town Clerk budget, which is an increase over 2019 of \$25,729, or 9.80%; Michael Fogg seconded.

VOTE

AFFIRMATIVE 5

MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 2: To Vote Recommendations on the Following Proposed 2020 Departmental Budgets: (Continued)

Cemeteries

Stephan Bunker moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$95,722 for the 2020 Cemeteries budget, which is an increase over 2019 of \$3,740, or 4.07%; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

General Assistance

Scott Landry moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$25,000 for the 2020 General Assistance budget, which is the same amount as budgeted for 2019; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

Assessing

Matthew Smith moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$128,240 for the 2020, Assessing budget, which is a decrease from 2019 of \$20,864, or -13.99%; Michael Fogg seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

Code Enforcement

Matthew Smith moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$160,688 for the 2020 Code Enforcement budget, which is a decrease from 2019 of \$449 or -0.28%; Scott Landry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

Police Department

Scott Landry moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$1,399,782 for the 2020 Police Department budget, which is an increase over 2019 of \$5,807, or 0.42%; Matthew Smith seconded.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSTAINED 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Stephan Bunker)**

Fire Rescue Department

Richard Davis provided handouts from Fire Rescue Deputy Chief Tim A. Hardy showing the number of calls from 7:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M. for the past three years, current vs. proposed staffing, and a proposed shift calendar.

ITEM 2: To Vote Recommendations on the Following Proposed 2020 Departmental Budgets: (Continued)

Fire Rescue Deputy Chief Tim A. Hardy was in attendance and answered the Selectmen's questions.

Matthew Smith moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$805,714 for the 2020 Fire Rescue budget, which is an increase over 2019 of \$270,491 or 50.54%; Scott Landry seconded.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSTAINED 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Stephan Bunker)**

Parks and Recreation

Stephan Bunker moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$193,564 for the 2020 Parks and Recreation budgets, which is an increase over 2019 of \$10,718, or 5.86%; Michael Fogg seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

Community Center

Stephan Bunker moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$137,787 for the 2020 Community Center budget, which is an increase over 2019 of \$7,006, or 5.36%; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

Public Works

Scott Landry moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$1,385,097 for the 2020 Public Works budget, which is an increase over 2019 of \$9,940, or 0.72%; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

LORAP

Matthew Smith moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$158,780 for the 2020 LORAP budget, which is the same amount as budgeted for 2019; Scott Landry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 2: To Vote Recommendations on the Following Proposed 2020 Departmental Budgets: (Continued)

Five Year Road Program

Matthew Smith moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$270,000 for the 2020 Five Year Road Program budget, which is the same amount as budgeted for 2019; Stephan Bunker seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

Recycling

Stephan Bunker moved to approve the proposed amount of \$132,212 for the 2020 Recycling budget, which is an increase over 2019 of \$31,556, or 31.35%; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

Administration

Stephan Bunker moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$254,397 for the 2020 Administration budget, which is a decrease from 2019 of \$13,889, or -5.18%; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

Committees and Events

Stephan Bunker moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$7,800 for the 2020 Committees and Events budget, which is an increase over 2019 of \$500, or 6.85%; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

Municipal Building

Stephan Bunker moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$73,048 for the 2020 Municipal Building budget, which is a decrease from 2019 of \$11,787 or -13.89%; Michael Fogg seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 2: To Vote Recommendations on the Following Proposed 2020 Departmental Budgets: (Continued)

T.A.N.

Matthew Smith moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$5,000 for the 2020 T.A.N. budget, which is the same amount as budgeted for 2019; Michael Fogg seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

Other Protections

Michael Fogg moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$547,037 for the 2020 Other Protections budget, which is an increase over 2019 of \$2,382, or .44%; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

Debt Service

Matthew Smith moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$156,711 for the 2020 Debt Service budget, which is an increase over 2019 of \$56,956, or 57.10%; Stephan Bunker seconded.

Richard Davis stated that the new fire truck was approved at the November Referendum, and the first payment is due December 6, 2020, which explains the increase in Debt Service. Joshua Bell reminded the Selectmen that the town garage will be paid off in 2022.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

Legal Reserve

Matthew Smith moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$30,000 for the 2020 Legal Reserve budget, which is the same amount as budgeted for 2019; Scott Landry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ADA Reserve

Stephan Bunker moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$1,000 for the 2020 ADA Reserve budget, which is a decrease from 2019 of \$500, or -33.33%; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 2: To Vote Recommendations on the Following Proposed 2020 Departmental Budgets: (Continued)

Contracts/Public Services

Matthew Smith moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$223,476 for the 2020 Contracts/Public Services budget, which is an increase over 2019 of \$4,476, or 2.04%; Scott Landry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

Outside Agencies

Scott Landry moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$17,998 for the 2020 Outside Agencies budget, which is the same as budgeted for 2019; Stephan Bunker seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

Stephan Bunker stated that the Town received correspondence from the County Commissioner's office that Western Maine Transportation, Western Maine Community Action, and Seniors Plus will not be included in the County's 2020 budget, and they have been encouraged to actively pursue other sources of funding. Richard Davis stated that Western Maine Transportation, Western Maine Community Action, and Seniors Plus are included in the Town's Outside Agencies budget.

ITEM 3: To Award the bid for Printing the 2019 Annual Report

Richard Davis provided a summary of the four bids received before the Thursday, January 23rd 4:00 P.M. deadline. Mr. Davis recommended that the bid be awarded to Bromar Printing Solutions of Skowhegan at a cost of \$2,008.00. Mr. Davis noted that the Town has had good success with Bromar for several years.

Stephan Bunker moved to award the bid for printing the 2019 Annual Report to Bromar Printing Solutions of Skowhegan at a cost of \$2,008.00; Scott Landry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 4: To Approve Holdover Amounts from 2019 Totaling \$5,597

Richard Davis provided a letter dated January 13, 2020 from LucyAnn Cook, Treasurer, to the Board of Selectmen requesting approval to hold over prior year budget amounts for items/purchases in progress that were not completed in 2019.

Matthew Smith moved to approve holdover amounts from 2019 totaling \$5,597; Scott Landry seconded.

VOTE

AFFIRMATIVE 5

MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 5: To Approve the Minutes of January 14, 2020

Scott Landry moved to approve the minutes of January 14, 2020; Matthew Smith seconded.

ITEM 6: To discuss Other Business

- A. Richard Davis stated that there is an ad hoc committee that has been working for several months with the Atlantic Salmon Federation on the design for dam removal and improvements including the construction of a pavilion and landscaping at the Walton Mill Park. The consultants are close to finalizing the designs and will schedule a Public Meeting to do a presentation and answer questions. Mr. Davis stated that the Atlantic Salmon Federation has done a very good job with fund raising, and the project should start in 2021 or 2022.
- B. Richard Davis stated that the Atlantic Salmon Federation is also replacing two big culverts on Clover Mill Road this summer. The project should be done between July 15th and September 30th during low water period.
- C. Stephan Bunker stated that the Legislature will hold a workshop on the Dig Safe bill on Thursday, January 30th. Scott Landry explained that, if passed, prior to doing an installation the contractor would need to call Dig Safe, and Dig Safe would mark any buried gas lines prior to any excavation work.
- D. Scott Landry stated that he is involved in the High Peaks Alliance, and last night a discussion was held regarding funding a bridge that would link West Farmington and the Farmington trail systems. Richard Davis stated that approximately ten years ago it was estimated to cost \$2.1 million to \$2.6 million to build a trail bridge. Mr. Davis stated that the problem is that there is a 330 foot span across the Sandy River, and the bridge cannot be built without putting in a center pier.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Matthew Smith moved to adjourn at 7:15 P.M.; Stephan Bunker seconded.**

VOTE

AFFIRMATIVE 5

MOTION CARRIED

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nancy L. Martin.

Michael J. Fogg - Secretary