

FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
*****SPECIAL MEETING*****

Thursday, March 19, 2020

Chairman Joshua Bell called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Stephan Bunker, Matthew Smith and Scott Landry. Michael Fogg was unable to attend. Town Manager Richard Davis, Town Secretary Nancy Martin, 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 Determine whether to Postpone the March 30, 2020 Annual Town Meeting

Richard Davis stated that today's special Board of Selectmen's meeting was originally scheduled to determine whether to postpone the Annual Town Meeting and secret ballot election. However, we no longer have a choice because we cannot have more than ten people assembled in one place. Mr. Davis explained that a recent law change gives municipalities options when postponing a Town meetings and secret ballot election. Richard Davis suggested that the Selectmen may postpone to a date of their choosing or a date to be later determined.

Richard Davis stated that the new law gives municipalities budget authorization through the end of the year.

Stephan Bunker moved to postpone the March 30, 2020 Annual Town Meeting to a date to be determined; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Michael Fogg)

The Selectmen signed the Notice of Cancellation of Secret Ballot Election.

ITEM 3: To Consider an Amendment to the Revolving Loan Fund Management Plan

Richard Davis provided a copy of the Revolving Loan Fund Management Plan and the proposed amendment. The proposed amendment (Section F, Item 8) states: The Finance Director will have the authority, with the concurrence of the Town Manager, to do payment adjustments and/or loan rescheduling with RLF recipients on a case by case basis.

There was a consensus to schedule the Public Hearing for the amendment to the Revolving Loan Fund Management Plan for the March 24, 2020 Board of Selectmen's meeting.

ITEM 4: To Approve the Minutes of March 10, 2020

Scott Landry moved to approve the minutes of March 10, 2020; Matthew Smith seconded.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Michael Fogg)**

ITEM 5: To Discuss Other Business

- A) Richard Davis explained that, until further notice, meetings will be held in the downstairs meeting room where there is more room for separation. Meetings will be conducted through remote access by telephonic, video, and electronic means. The public may attend by viewing the live stream on Mount Blue TV (Channel 11), or MBTV11's Facebook page. The public can call into the meeting with their questions or comments.
- B) Richard Davis reiterated that the Municipal Building is locked, and no unauthorized person is allowed in. Mr. Davis stated that the clerks are doing a fantastic job answering people's questions and directing them to the resources that they can do online or by mail. The Town ordered a secure payment drop box which will be placed outside by the front entry way.
- C) Richard Davis explained that the new law provides an extension for registration renewals, 14-day plates, and vehicle inspections. People will have 30 days after the pandemic crisis is resolved and the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) has reopened.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Stephan Bunker moved to adjourn at 7:51 P. M.; Matthew Smith seconded.**

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Michael Fogg)**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nancy L. Martin.

Michael J. Fogg - Secretary