

FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, June 23, 2020

6:30 P.M.

The meeting was conducted through remote access by telephonic, video, and electronic means. The public was able to attend by viewing the livestream at <http://mtbluetv.org/program-live-stream-farmington-selectmen.html> or Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/MBTV11/> and/or calling 778-5874.

Secretary Michael Fogg called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Matthew Smith and Scott Landry. Stephan Bunker participated remotely via cell phone as authorized by PL 2019, c.617. Chairman Joshua Bell was unable to attend. Town Manager Richard Davis, Planning Assistant Cindy Gelinis, Deputy Chief Shane Cote, Sergeant Michael Lyman, Officer Ethan Boyd, Town Secretary Nancy Martin, and the Mt. Blue TV camera operator were also physically in attendance.

Votes were taken by roll call.

ITEM 1: Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Secretary Michael Fogg led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ITEM 2: To Hold a Public Hearing on the Nemi Publishing/Franklin Printing Project Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Economic Development Program (EDP) in the amount of \$200,000 and execute related documents

Secretary Michael Fogg opened the Public Hearing under Item 2 at 6:31 P.M.

Richard Davis passed out an information sheet that explained the project. The CDBG funds will help update software, replace an inefficient machine, and add new equipment. All three will lead significant improvements in efficiency in the three main manufacturing areas: prepress, pressroom, and bindery. They anticipate the new investments will create five new jobs over the next 12 to 18 months, while retaining the current 49-person workforce.

Secretary Michael Fogg closed the Public Hearing under Item 2 at 6:34 P.M.

Scott Landry said they were a great company and doing a really good job employing 50 people, and it sounded like a really good investment to him.

Matthew Smith said absolutely, and he was glad to see the reinvestment into the community as well.

Matthew Smith moved to proceed with the Nemi Publishing/Franklin Printing Project Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Economic Development Program (EDP) in the amount of \$200,000 and execute related documents; Scott Landry seconded.

Roll Call Vote –Stephan Bunker: Yes, Michael Fogg: Yes, Matthew Smith: Yes, Scott Landry: Yes

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Joshua Bell)

The Selectmen signed the related documents.

**ITEM 3: To Hold a Public Hearing on the Following Application for a Marijuana Business:
Michael MacNeil 20-MJ-02
Adult Use Outdoor Cultivation Facility
537 Whittier Road R05-17-B**

Secretary Michael Fogg opened the Public Hearing for Michael MacNeil 20-MJ-02 at 6:40 P.M.

Richard Davis provided a copy of Michael MacNeil’s application. The application was vetted and approved by the Planning Board prior to coming to the Board of Selectmen for approval.

Mr. MacNeil was present and answered the Selectmen’s questions.

Secretary Michael Fogg closed the Public Hearing under Item 3 at 6:40 P.M.

Scott Landry moved to approve the application for Michael MacNeil, 20-MJ-02; Matthew Smith seconded.

Roll Call Vote – Stephan Bunker: Yes, Michael Fogg: Yes, Matthew Smith: Yes, Scott Landry: Yes

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Joshua Bell)**

ITEM 4: To Authorize the Purchase of a Drug Detection K-9 with funds Seized during Investigations and Approve Sending an Officer to K-9 Training

Richard Davis provided a memo from Sergeant Michael Lyman. Deputy Chief Shane Cote, Sergeant Lyman, and Officer Ethan Boyd were present and provided an overview of the K-9 Training Program. The police department would like to purchase a K-9 detection dog from Anchored K-9, Inc out of North Carolina. The dog is a 16-month old Labrador, and the cost for the dog is \$4,500. The canine and training would be purchased using funds that were seized and forfeited to the Farmington Police Department as the result of a drug investigation in which our K-9 assisted in locating the money and drugs. By using the seized money there would be no cost to the taxpayer. Through an extensive process, Officer Ethan Boyd was selected as the next FPD K-9 handler. The detection school runs for eight weeks and would end in late August. The training costs \$800, and the funds would come from seized drug money.

Matthew Smith moved approve to the purchase of a drug detection K-9 with funds seized during investigations and approve sending an Officer to K-9 training; Scott Landry seconded.

Roll Call Vote – Stephan Bunker: Abstain, Michael Fogg: Yes, Matthew Smith: Yes, Scott Landry: Yes

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 ABSENT 1 ABSTAIN 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Joshua Bell) (Stephan Bunker)**

Due to poor cell phone reception, Stephan Bunker left the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

ITEM 5: To Countersign the Warrants for the RSU #9 Budget Referendum on July 14, 2020

Richard Davis reviewed the Warrant. No vote was required.

The Selectmen signed eight copies of the Warrant.

ITEM 6: To Consider the Budget Committee's Recommendation to not hold an Annual Town Meeting this Year

Richard Davis stated that, due to COVID-19 restrictions and health risks, the Budget Committee voted unanimously not to hold the Annual Town Meeting. He stated that taxes can be committed based on last year's budget, which has been presented.

Scott Landry moved to not hold an Annual Town Meeting this year; Matthew Smith seconded.

Roll Call Vote – Michael Fogg: Yes, Matthew Smith: Yes, Scott Landry: Yes

VOTE	AFFIRMATIVE	3	ABSENT	2	MOTION CARRIED
			(Bell, Bunker)		

ITEM 7: To Approve the Minutes of June 9, 2020

Matthew Smith moved to approve the Minutes of June 9,2020; Scott Landry seconded.

Roll Call Vote – Michael Fogg: Yes, Matthew Smith: Yes, Scott Landry: Yes

VOTE	AFFIRMATIVE	3	ABSENT	2	MOTION CARRIED
			(Bell, Bunker)		

ITEM 8: To Discuss Other Business

- A.** Richard Davis reported that there will be a Public Hearing on the Franklin County Budget Estimates for fiscal year 2021. The meeting will be held at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, June 29th in the Superior Courtroom at the Franklin Country Courthouse in Farmington.
- B.** Michael Fogg stated that he is happy to see the people of Maine, and specifically Franklin County, wearing face masks and adhering to the social distancing guidelines.

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

Roll Call Vote – Michael Fogg: Yes, Matthew Smith: Yes, Scott Landry: Yes

VOTE	AFFIRMATIVE	3	ABSENT	2	MOTION CARRIED
			(Bell, Bunker)		

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nancy L. Martin.

Michael J. Fogg - Secretary