

**FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Tuesday, August 11, 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.

Chairman Matthew Smith called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Stephan Bunker, Michael Fogg, Joshua Bell, and Scott Landry. Town Manager Richard Davis, Town Secretary Nancy Martin, and Mt. Blue TV camera operator Kai Strine were also physically in attendance.

**Votes were taken by roll call.**

**ITEM 1: Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

Chairman Matthew Smith led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ITEM 2: To Hold a Public Hearing on the Following Application for a Marijuana Business:**

**Chad Crandall 20-MJ-03**  
**Medical Marijuana Store**  
**361 Wilton Road**  
**U34-008-B**

Richard Davis reviewed the application for Chad Crandall's medical marijuana business.

Chairman Matthew Smith opened the Public Hearing under Item 2 at 6:32 P.M.

There were no public comments.

Chairman Matthew Smith closed the Public Hearing under Item 2 at 6:32 P.M.

Chad Crandall and Jake Daku were present and answered the Selectmen's questions.

**Michael Fogg moved to approve the application for Chad Crandall: 20-MJ-03, medical marijuana store; Stephan Bunker seconded.**

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

**VOTE                      AFFIRMATIVE      5                      MOTION CARRIED**

**ITEM 3: To Review the 2020 Tax Rate Scenarios**

Richard Davis requested that Item 3 be deferred until the August 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. John O’Donnell, Assessor, is not quite ready. Mr. O’Donnell has people working on building pricing, personal property, and TIF.

**ITEM 4: To Appoint the Local Plumbing Inspector**

Richard Davis stated that Richard Marble is retiring, and his son Andrew Marble has applied for the position of local plumbing inspector. Mr. Davis reviewed Andrew Marble’s application. Andrew Marble currently holds the positions of Code Enforcement Officer and Local Plumbing Inspector (LPI) for the Towns of Rome, Smithfield, and Mount Vernon. He is also the LPI for the Town of Mercer. Mr. Marble was present and introduced himself as a lifelong resident of Farmington. Mr. Marble stated that he has been a plumbing inspector for ten years and has worked closely with his father on many Farmington projects. Mr. Marble stated that, in addition to the Towns listed above, New Vineyard and Temple have also appointed him as their LPI. Joshua Bell asked if the Town advertised for the LPI position. Mr. Davis explained that the position is a specialized position and there are not many people who do it, and the Town is not required to advertise.

**Scott Landry moved to appoint Andrew Marble as the local plumbing inspector; Joshua Bell seconded**

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

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED**

**ITEM 5: To Consider the Application of Amy Soper to Serve as an Associate Member on the Conservation Commission**

Richard Davis reviewed Amy Soper’s application to serve as an Associate member on the Conservation Commission. Ms. Soper also serves on the 7 Lakes Alliance Stewardship and Land Trust committee, Belgrade business group board, and the DEP Invasive Species Task Force.

**Scott Landry moved to appoint Amy Soper to serve as an Associate member on the Conservation Commission; Michael Fogg seconded**

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

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED**

The Selectmen thanked Ms. Soper for her willingness to serve on the Conservation Commission.

**ITEM 6: To Consider the Application of Kyle Terrio to Serve as an Alternate Member on the Zoning Board**

Richard Davis reviewed Kyle Terrio’s application to serve as an Alternate member on the Zoning Board. Mr. Terrio offers experience in design, construction, and architecture.

**Michael Fogg moved to appoint Kyle Terrio to serve as an Associate member on the Zoning Board; Scott Landry seconded**

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

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED**

The Selectmen thanked Mr. Terrio for his willingness to serve on the Zoning Board.

**ITEM 7: To Cast a Ballot for the Maine Municipal Association Vice President and Executive Committee Members**

Richard Davis reviewed the ballot and candidate profiles. Mr. Davis reported that the Selectmen may cast the ballot themselves or they can designate him to vote on their behalf.

**Stephan Bunker moved to cast the ballot as proposed and to authorize the Town Manager to sign on the Selectmen’s behalf; Scott Landry seconded.**

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

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED**

**ITEM 8: To Approve the Minutes of July 28, 2020**

**Joshua Bell moved to approve the minutes of July 28, 2020; Scott Landry seconded.**

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

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED**

**ITEM 9: To Discuss Other Business**

- A. Richard Davis reviewed the following Cemetery Lot Conveyance: Mary Leighton for (2) lots in Fairview Cemetery.

**ITEM 9: To Discuss Other Business (continued)**

**Joshua Bell moved to approve the Cemetery Lot Conveyance as noted above; Scott Landry seconded.**

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

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED**

The Selectmen signed the Cemetery lot Conveyance.

- B.** Joshua Bell stated that it was good to see the excise tax revenue increase in July. Richard Davis reported that the Town received good news regarding revenue sharing. The latest figures out of the State Treasurer’s website show the funds are very close to Mr. Davis’ original projection.
- C.** Scott Landry inquired about the State of Maine COVID-19 grant. Richard Davis reported that the grant was for \$53,000 and the Healthy Community Coalition will administer the funds. The grant will provide educational materials about COVID-19, cover the cost of hand sanitizers at Town facilities, and many other items.
- D.** Scott Landry asked if it is less expensive to maintain a gravel road verses an asphalt road, and if the paved portion of Ramsdell Road should be gravel. Richard Davis stated that one section of Ramsdell Road was paved to prevent the road from washing out. Mr. Davis stated that, once things slow down, the Public Works Department plans to work on Ramsdell Road and remove the large rock at the bottom of the hill.
- E.** Scott Landry stated that he received complaints about a gentleman on Porter Hill Road harassing his neighbors by igniting Tannerite, a binary explosive, throughout the day. The gentleman allegedly has blasted the Tannerite as early as 6:00 A.M. and as late as 9:55 P.M. The police have received complaints, but because Tannerite is classified as a firework, there is little they can do. Richard Davis stated that without an ordinance prohibiting the use of fireworks, there is not a lot the Town can do. Mr. Davis reported that the Town follows the State rules of no use of fireworks after 10:00 P.M. and no use off the user’s own property. Mr. Davis stated that he would speak to Code Enforcement Officer Steve Kaiser, regarding the nuisance laws.
- F.** Joshua Bell asked if the Town would continue to take sand from the Sandy River in Farmington Falls. Richard Davis affirmed that the Town would continue to remove sand from the river. The permit is good for five years, and he believes there is another two years left on the permit. There should be no issue renewing the permit for another five years. Mr. Bell asked if the Town based its gravel purchases on the quality of the gravel or price point. Mr. Davis stated that both the grade of the gravel and the cost are factored into purchase decisions. Matthew Smith stated that gravel is tested and graded based on compactibility. Mr. Davis stated that the Town adheres to the construction standards found in the Streets and Sidewalks Ordinance.

**ITEM 9: To Discuss Other Business (continued)**

**G.** Matthew Smith asked if the Town was doing any ditching this year, or was it being contracted out. Richard Davis reported that the Town has done most of the ditching using rented excavators and that more ditching needs to be done on Clover Mill Road and Russells Mills Road. The Town will also rent a roadside bush-hog mower to remove brush, which will help with drainage.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Stephan Bunker moved to adjourn at 7:07 P.M.; Michael Fogg seconded.**

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

**VOTE                      AFFIRMATIVE      5                      MOTION CARRIED**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nancy L. Martin.

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Michael J. Fogg - Secretary