

FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, October 13, 2020

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://mtbluetelevision.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 Tom Martin 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 Hear an Update on the Planned Memorial Tribute for Bjorn Park

The following members of the memorial tribute committee were present: Vera's Iron and Vine owner Vera Johnson, artist John Nichols, artist Susie Sanders, and LEAP Executive Director Darryl Wood. John Nichols stated that the memorial will be 12 feet long by 10 feet high by 3 feet wide at the top. Mr. Nichols displayed a full color rendering of the proposed memorial. The roof, which sits on two posts, was designed to resemble an old fashioned fire station and offers an attractive cupola with an enclosed (non-working) bell. Nine bells, created from antique fire extinguishers, will hang from the eaves. Vera Johnson stated that the open rafter concept provides a space where folks can leave memorabilia (i.e. Fire Rescue Departments from Maine and around the country could staple FRD patches). Darryl Wood stated that, after much thought, the memorial was named, "Tribute to Resilience". In a time of tragedy we learned that with compassion, resilience, and strength a community can overcome anything. The memorial was designed to serve as a symbol of hope and healing. Stephan Bunker asked if the Bjorn, Bell, and Lord families supported the current design and location. Ms. Johnson stated that the families were involved in the design process and that she had lengthy discussions with Diana Bell and Chief Terry Bell.

Scott Landry moved to approve the memorial tribute to be placed in Bjorn Park; 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 3: To Approve the Minutes of September 22, 2020

Joshua Bell moved to approve the minutes of September 22, 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 4: To Discuss Other Business

Richard Davis reviewed the following Cemetery Lot Conveyance: Dan Dubay, Jr., for six (6) graves in Fairview Cemetery.

Scott Landry moved to approve the Cemetery Lot Conveyance as noted above; 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

The Selectmen signed the Cemetery lot Conveyance.

ITEM 5: To Hold an Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405.6.A to Conduct the Manager’s Annual Performance Evaluation

Joshua Bell moved to go into Executive Session at 6:47 P.M.; Scott Landry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

The Selectmen came out of Executive Session at 7:46 P.M.

No action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Scott Landry moved to adjourn at 7:46 P.M.; 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

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nancy L. Martin.

Michael J. Fogg - Secretary