

FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

*****SPECIAL MEETING*****

Thursday, February 4, 2021

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, Scott Landry, and Joshua Bell. Town Manager Richard Davis, Town Secretary Nancy Martin, Code Enforcement Officer J. Stevens Kaiser, Interim Police Chief Shane Cote, Fire Rescue Chief Terry Bell, Deputy Chief Tim Hardy, Deputy Chief S. Clyde Ross, Captain T.D. Hardy, Public Works Director Phil Hutchins, Budget Committee Member Lloyd Smith, and Mt. Blue TV camera operator Tom Martin were also present. Parks and Recreation Director Matthew Foster participated remotely as authorized by PL 209, c.617.

Votes were taken by roll call.

ITEM 1: Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

ITEM 2: To Vote Recommendations on the Following Proposed 2021 Departmental Budgets:

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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 | |

Code Enforcement

Joshua Bell moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$163,593 for the 2021 Code Enforcement budget, which is an increase from 2020 of \$2,905 or 1.81%; 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

Recycling (continued)

Recycling budget, which is an increase over 2020 of \$42,400 or 32.07%; 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

Police Department

Joshua Bell moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$1,506,788 for the 2021 Police Department budget, which is an increase over 2020 of \$195,129, or 14.88%; Michael Fogg seconded.

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

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

Treasure / Town Clerk

Michael Fogg moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$284,811, for the 2021 Treasurer/Town Clerk budget, which is a decrease from 2020 of \$3,334 or -1.16%; 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

Cemeteries

Michael Fogg moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$96,485 for the 2021 Cemeteries budget, which is an increase over 2020 of \$763, or .80%; 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

General Assistance

Stephan Bunker moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$25,000 for the 2021

General Assistance (continued)

General Assistance budget, which is the same amount as budgeted for 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

Stephan Bunker moved to approve the following proposed 2021 Departmental budgets in one motion: Assessing, Administration, Committees and Events, Municipal Building, T.A.N., Debt Service, Parks and Recreation, Community Center, Legal Reserve, ADA Reserve, Contract/Public Services; Scott Landry seconded.

Assessing: The proposed amount of \$130,497 for the 2021, Assessing budget, which is an increase from 2020 of \$2,257, or 1.76%.

Parks and Recreation: The proposed amount of \$203,342 for the 2021 Parks and Recreation budgets, which is an increase over 2020 of \$14,776, or 7.84%.

Community Center: The proposed amount of \$146,160 for the 2021 Community Center budget, which is an increase over 2020 of \$9,168, or 6.69%.

Administration: The proposed amount of \$260,081 for the 2021 Administration budget, which is an increase over 2020 of \$6,684, or 2.63%.

Committees and Events: The proposed amount of \$7,800 for the 2021 Committees and Events budget, which is the same as 2020.

Municipal Building: The proposed amount of \$84,874 for the 2021 Municipal Building budget, which is an increase over 2020 of \$11,826 or 16.19%.

T.A.N.: The proposed amount of \$5,000 for the 2021 T.A.N. budget, which is the same amount as budgeted for 2020.

Other Protections: The proposed amount of \$562,586 for the 2021 Other Protections budget, which is an increase over 2020 of \$5,549, or 1.00%.

Debt Service: The proposed amount of \$212,568 for the 2021 Debt Service budget, which is an increase over 2020 of \$115,359, or 118.67%.

Legal Reserve: The proposed amount of \$10,000 for the 2021 Legal Reserve budget, which is a decrease from 2020 of \$20,000, or -66.67%.

ADA Reserve: The proposed amount of \$1,000 for the 2021 ADA Reserve budget, which is the same as 2020.

Contracts/Public Services: The proposed amount of \$223,476 for the 2021 Contracts/Public Services budget, which is an increase over 2020 of \$6,000, or 3.01%.

Roll Call Vote – Matthew Smith: Yes, Stephan Bunker: No, Michael Fogg: Yes, Joshua Bell: No, Scott Landry: Yes

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

Outside Agencies

Scott Landry moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$17,998 for the 2021 Outside Agencies budget, which is the same as budgeted for 2020; Michael Fogg seconded.

The Board agreed with the Budget Committee’s decision to allocate \$2,000 to Western Maine Transportation and \$5,714 to Greater Franklin Development Council, while keeping all the other agencies and the total allocation unchanged.

Roll Call Vote – Matthew Smith: Yes, Stephan Bunker: No, Michael Fogg: Yes, Joshua Bell: No, Scott Landry: Yes

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 OPPOSED 2 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 3: To Establish the Date for the 2021 Budget Referendum

Richard Davis stated that he and Town Clerk Leanne Dickey propose the 2021 Budget Referendum be held on Monday, April 26, 2021. The Public Hearing would be held on Monday, April 12, 2021 or Tuesday, April 13, 2021.

Joshua Bell moved to establish the date of Monday, April 26, 2021 for the 2021 Budget Referendum; 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 4: To Approve the Minutes of January 26, 2021

Scott Landry moved to approve the minutes of January 26, 2021; 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 Hold an Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405.6.A to Discuss the Employment of the Police Chief

Joshua Bell moved to go into Executive Session at 8:06 P.M.; Scott Landry seconded.

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

The Selectmen came out of Executive Session at 8:45 P.M.

No action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Scott Landry moved to adjourn at 8:45 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