

FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, May 11, 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://mtbluety.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, Scott Landry, and Joshua Bell. Michael Fogg was unable to attend. Town Manager Richard Davis, Town Secretary Nancy Martin, Deputy Police Chief Shane Cote, and Conservation Commission Members Bill Haslam and Sally Speich were present. Mt. Blue TV camera operator Tom Martin and members of the public were also present. Members of the press participated remotely as authorized by PL 209, c.617.

Votes were taken by roll call.

ITEM 1: Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

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

ITEM 2: To Hold a Public Hearing and vote on the Following New and Renewal Applications for Innkeeper and Lunch Wagon Permits

- **Mount Blue Motel, located at 454 Wilton Road and Colonial Valley Motel, located at 593 Wilton Road, both owned and operated by Rick Collins**
- **Farmington Motel, owned and operated by 489 Farmington Falls, LLC, located at 489 Farmington Falls Road**
- **Sandy River Dairy, owned and operated by Erik Johnson, located at 560 Farmington Falls Road**
- **The Ugly Dumpling, owned and operated by Lou Sarofeen, located at 430 Farmington Falls Road (new application)**
- **Bubier's Hot Dogs, owned and operated by Scott and Bonnie Bubier, located at 192 Marvel Street (new application)**
- **The Outpost, owned and operated by Brian Bates, located at 495 Wilton Road**

Chairman Smith opened the Public Hearing under Item 2 at 6:31 P.M.

Richard Davis reviewed the new and renewal applications for Innkeeper and Lunch Wagon Permits. Scott Bubier and Laura Knox of Bubier's Hotdogs were present and answered the Selectmen's questions. Mr. Bubier stated that they have not finalized their schedule for hours of operation or location(s) yet. Ms. Knox stated that they are currently developing their menu, which will offer red hotdogs and homemade relishes. The Ugly Dumpling owner, Lou Sarofeen stated that they will offer Asian inspired cuisine, including dumplings, ramen noodles, Rangoons, and various appetizers. The Ugly Dumpling food truck will operate out of Gifford's parking lot and will work area fairs and special events.

ITEM 4: To Award the bid for Pavement Reclamation and Paving

Richard Davis reviewed a copy of the tabulation sheet provided by Public Works Director Phil Hutchins. Five (5) pavement reclamation and paving bids were received with total costs ranging from \$159,140 to \$226,529. Mr. Hutchins recommended that the bid be awarded to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, All States Construction. Charlie Emerson of All States Construction was present and answered the Selectmen’s questions. Mr. Hutchins stated that All States Construction did a good job when they worked on the Clover Mill Road, Ski Slope Road, Webster Road, and Front Street.

Stephan Bunker moved to award the bid for Pavement Reclamation and Paving to All States Construction; Joshua Bell seconded.

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

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

ITEM 5: To Award the bid for two (2) Police Cruisers

Richard Davis provided a copy of the tabulation sheet from Police Chief Kenneth Charles. The Police Department solicited bids to replace two (2) of its oldest cruisers, 2013 and 2014 interceptor sedans. Request for bids were sent out to five (5) local Ford dealers, and the Town received three (3) bids from two dealers. Chief Charles recommended the bid be awarded to Quirk Ford for two (2) 2020 Ford Interceptor SUV cruisers for a total cost of \$79,142, which includes upfitting costs. Deputy Chief Shane Cote was present and answered the Selectmen’s questions.

Dealer	2021 Road ready and in stock	2021 In stock	2021 20-25 wk delivery
Hight Ford		\$65,539.00	
Quirk Ford	\$69,516.00		
Quirk Ford			\$59,417.84
Upfitting Quotes	\$9,986.00	\$20,576.50	\$20,576.50
Total Cost	\$79,142.00	\$86,115.50	\$79,994.34

Stephan Bunker moved to award the bid for two (2) 2020 Ford Interceptor SUV cruisers to Quirk Ford at a cost of \$79,142, with \$42,500 funded through the Police Vehicle and Equipment Account and \$36,642 funded through the Police Vehicle Reserve Account; Scott Landry seconded.

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

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

ITEM 6: To Authorize the Treasurer to Approve Sewer Abatements

Richard Davis reported that the Town’s auditors recommended that sewer abatements be approved by the Town’s Treasurer. Previously, the Sewer Clerk has issued the sewer abatements without additional oversight.

Joshua Bell moved to authorize the Treasurer to approve sewer abatements; Stephan Bunker seconded.

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

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Fogg)

ITEM 7: To Approve the Warrant for the May 25, 2021 Special Town Meeting

Richard Davis reviewed the Warrant, which consists of four (4) Articles. These include amendments to the Marijuana Ordinance, the Wellhead Protection Ordinance, and changes to two definitions within the Zoning Ordinance.

Stephan Bunker moved to approve the Warrant for the May 25, 2021 Special Town Meeting; Joshua Bell seconded.

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

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Fogg)

The Selectmen signed the Warrant.

ITEM 8: To Accept Dennis O’Neil’s Resignation from the RSU 9 Board of Directors and Appoint Gloria McGraw to fill his Unexpired Term

Mr. Davis provided a copy of Dennis O’Neil’s letter of resignation. Mr. O’Neil recommended Gloria McGraw be appointed to complete the remainder of his term. Ms. McGraw was elected to the RSU 9 Board of Directors for a three (3) year term on Monday, April 26th. Her term is effective July 1, 2021. The Selectmen thanked Mr. O’Neil for his service.

Joshua Bell moved to accept Dennis O’Neil’s the RSU 9 Board of Directors and appoint Gloria McGraw to fill his unexpired term; Scott Landry seconded.

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

ITEM 8: To Accept Dennis O’Neil’s Resignation from the RSU 9 Board of Directors and Appoint Gloria McGraw to fill his Unexpired Term (continued)

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Fogg)

ITEM 9: To Reappoint the Code Enforcement Officer

Richard Davis reviewed the Municipal Notice of Code Enforcement Officer Appointment form from the Department of Public Safety State Fire Marshal’s Office. This information is required for State records and must be submitted annually.

Scott Landry moved to reappoint J. Steven Kaiser as the Primary CEO/Building Official, Andrew Marble as the Local Plumbing Inspector, and Richard Marble as the Alternate/Deputy Local Plumbing Inspector; Stephan Bunker seconded

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

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Fogg)

ITEM 10: To Countersign the Warrants for the RSU #9 Budget Referendum on June 8, 2021

Richard Davis reviewed the Warrant. No vote was required.

The Selectmen signed nine (9) copies of the Warrant.

ITEM 11: To Approve Cemetery lot Conveyances

Richard Davis reviewed the following two Cemetery lot Conveyances: Verna R. Grimanis for two (2) graves in Fairview Cemetery; and Mary K. Hall for two (2) graves, also in Fairview Cemetery.

Joshua Bell moved to approve the two Cemetery lot Conveyances as noted above; Stephan Bunker seconded.

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

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Fogg)

The Selectmen signed the two Cemetery lot Conveyances.

