

FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, July 13, 2021
6:30 P.M.

The conduct of the meeting included remote access by telephonic, video, and electronic means. The public could attend in person or by viewing the live stream 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: Michael Fogg and Scott Landry. Joshua Bell arrived at 6:44 P.M. Stephan Bunker was unable to attend. Town Manager Richard Davis, Town Secretary Nancy Martin, Police Chief Kenneth Charles, Parks and Recreation Director Matthew Foster, Board of Appeals and Board of Assessment Review Member Dennis O'Neal, and Mt. Blue TV camera operator Tom Martin were also present. Members of the press and public participated remotely as authorized by PL 209, c.617.

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 and Vote on a Policy Concerning Remote Participation in Public Proceedings

Chairman Matthew Smith opened the Public Hearing under Item 2 at 6:33 P. M.

Richard Davis provided a copy of the newly drafted Town of Farmington Board of Selectmen Remote Participation Policy. According to 1 M.R.S. § 403-B, board members are expected to be physically present for meetings under the new law. Still, they may participate remotely in the case of an emergency or urgent issue that requires the board itself to meet remotely or an illness or temporary absence that causes a board member significant difficulties in traveling to a meeting.

The public must have an opportunity to participate remotely when board members participate via remote methods. If public input is allowed or required at a meeting, the board must provide an effective means of communication between the board and the public. The board must provide a location where members of the public may attend in person. The board may not limit public attendance to remote methods only, except in an emergency that requires the board to meet remotely. During meetings using remote methods, all votes will be taken by roll call.

Chairman Matthew Smith closed the Public Hearing under Item 2 at 6:33 P. M.

ITEM 4: To Execute a Three (3) Year Employment Agreement with new Town Manager Christian Waller (continued)

Selectmen and called them by name during his Zoom interview. Mr. Fogg said that Mr. Waller appears to be a good fit for the Town, and Scott Landry concurred. Richard Davis noted that he believes the Selectmen made an excellent choice hiring Mr. Waller and negotiating a good contract.

Scott Landry moved to execute a three (3) year employment agreement with the new Town Manager Christian Waller; Michael Fogg seconded.

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

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

Joshua Bell arrived at 6:44 P.M.

The Selectmen, including Mr. Bell, signed the employment agreement.

ITEM 5: To Appoint Committee and Board Members

Richard Davis reviewed the list of renewing Board and Committee applicants as follows. Board of Appeals: Robert C. Yorks. Board of Assessment Review (three-year term): Michael V. Moffett; Budget Committee (three-year term): Beth Edwards, Michael J. Guerrette, and Peter Forrest Tracy; Conservation Commission (three-year term): Sally Speich and Robert Zundel; Conservation Commission Associate Member (one-year term): Hunter Manley, James D. Shaffer, Matthew Smith, and Amy Soper; Planning Board (three-year term): Craig Jordan, Clayton King, Jr., and Lloyd Smith; Planning Board Alternate (one-year term): Michael MacNeil. Linda Brown elected not to re-apply; Recreation Committee (three-year term): Sheryl Farnum; Zoning Board (three-year term): John Moore and Kyle Terrio; and Zoning Board Alternate (one-year term): David Ballard. The Selectmen thanked the applicants for their willingness to serve.

The following Board and Committee positions remain vacant: Board of Appeals: two (2) three-year terms and two (2) Alternate one-year terms; Budget Committee: one (1) three-year term and two (2) Alternate one-year terms; Planning Board: one (1) Alternate one-year term; Recreation Committee one (1) three-year term; and Zoning Board: two (2) one-year terms.

Scott Landry moved to approve the Committee and Board Members and Alternates applications; Joshua Bell seconded.

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

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

