FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Chairman Joshua Bell called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present: Stephan Bunker, Michael Fogg, and Matthew Smith. Andrew Buckland was unable to attend. Town Manager Richard Davis, Town Secretary Linda Grant, Public Works Director Denis Castonguay, Public Works Shop Manager/Chief Mechanic Jon Alexander, and members of the press and public were also in attendance**.**

ITEM 1: Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

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

ITEM 2: To Award the bid for the Storm Drain Outfall Project

Richard Davis reviewed the tabulation of the six bids received, with the lowest being from E.L. Vining & Son at a cost of $250,000. Mr. Davis stated that the amount budgeted for this project is $300,000, and he reviewed those services included in that amount. He further stated that the total cost of preparatory work for this project will most likely be approximately $40,000. Mr. Davis also reported that the Town has not as yet received its permits from U.S. Fish and Wildlife and the Army Corps of Engineers, but the biological assessment has been submitted to both entities and he is in hopes that the Town will have that approval soon in order to move forward.

Stephan Bunker moved to award the bid for the Storm Drain Outfall Project to E.L. Vining & Son for $250,000; Matthew Smith seconded.

In response to a question regarding time constraints, Mr. Davis reported that the in-water work must be completed by September 30th. He further reported that the biological assessment revealed that there will be minor, but no adverse, impact on the salmon habitat in the area where the outfall pipe will be located in the back water of the Sandy River above the old railroad bed.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Andrew Buckland)

ITEM 3: To Authorize an Expenditure of $11,115.44 from the Public Works Equipment Reserve Account to Replace the high Pressure pump on the Vactor Truck

Richard Davis explained that this truck is used to clean catch basins so it is a very important piece of equipment. Public Works Director Denis Castonguay and Shop Manager/Chief Mechanic Jon Alexander further explained the multi-uses of the truck,

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how the pump failed, why the replacement is necessary, and maintenance going forward. They also explained the research conducted and the two replacement quotes obtained. It was Mr. Alexander's recommendation to purchase the more expensive rebuilt pump at a cost of $12,800 because it has a 12-month warranty, which will cover the entire job. Future parts replacement on this truck was also discussed.

Matthew Smith moved to authorize an expenditure of $12,800 from the Public Works Equipment Reserve account to replace the high pressure pump on the Vactor truck; Michael Fogg seconded.

Denis Castonguay reported that there is a balance of $56,865 in the Equipment Reserve.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Andrew Buckland)

ITEM 6: To Discuss Other Business

A) At Richard Davis' suggestion, Chairman Bell asked Public Works Director Denis Castonguay to give an update on the summer road projects. Mr. Castonguay reported that it has been a productive season, both in regard to weather and the crew's workmanship. Project updates included: Clay Hill Road, Morrison Hill Road, upper Bailey Hill Road, Porter Hill Road, and removal of the Sandy River sand bar. He pointed out that thus far this year all projects have come in under budget, due to asphalt prices being down and receiving escalator credits. He also pointed out that they are in the planning stage for repairing Christian Drive.

ITEM 4: To Consider Purchasing an Advertisement in *Discover Maine* Magazine

Richard Davis stated that he was contacted via email last week by Christopher Girouard, Senior Account Manager for *Discover Maine* magazine. Mr. Davis reviewed Mr. Girouard's email dated July 21, 2015, the Town's prior ad, and the Special Projects account balance of $1,855.

Matthew Smith moved to purchase a full color ad in the *Discover Maine* magazine at a discounted price of $355.50, with funding to come from the Special Projects account; Stephan Bunker seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Andrew Buckland)

ITEM 5: To Approve the Minutes of July 14, 2015

Item 5 was tabled as the Selectmen had not as yet had a chance to review the July 14, 2015 minutes.

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B) Richard Davis reported that MaineDOT is offering, free of charge, some solar powered pedestrian crossing warning signals. He stated that he has reserved a pair of these with the intent to install them at the crosswalk from Dunkin' Donuts to the Post Office. The anticipated delivery date is sometime in September. He further stated that the Town's only responsibility is to install and maintain them, and since the crosswalks need to be ADA compliant, tactile strips may need to be installed for the visually impaired. The Selectmen suggested that Mr. Davis check to see if the Town would be able to get any more sets and if there is a time limit on installation. Other suggested locations included: Hippach Field to Gifford's Ice Cream, and High Street near the University.

C) Richard Davis reported that Maine DEP/Bureau of Land and Water Quality is offering a culvert replacement grant program for up to $95,000 per project. Mr. Davis stated that the project in mind, if awarded this grant, is a box culvert at the lower end of Front Street, which fits the water quality protection criteria since there is a sewer line that is suspended underneath. There is no matching requirement for the grant, and in-kind labor can be provided, although it will have to be engineered. Mr. Davis pointed out that there could potentially be a salmon impact in the oxbow in that area. He stated that they are gathering information for submission at the next deadline, which is sometime in October. Project completion is within two (2) years.

Stephan Bunker left the meeting at 7:04 p.m. to respond with the Fire Rescue Department to a fire call.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Michael Fogg moved to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.; Matthew Smith seconded.**

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 ABSENT 2 MOTION CARRIED (Buckland/Bunker)

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda H. Grant.

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Andrew R. Buckland - Secretary