

FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, August 23, 2016

Chairman Joshua Bell called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Matthew Smith, Michael Fogg and Stephan Bunker. Andrew Buckland was unable to attend. Town Manager Richard Davis, Town Secretary Linda Grant, Channel 11 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 Hold a Public Hearing on a new Liquor License Application for Sodexo America, LLC

Richard Davis explained that Sodexo is the new food service organization at the University of Maine at Farmington (UMF). Sodexo representative Adam Vigue was present to answer any questions the Selectmen may have.

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

There were no comments or questions.

Chairman Joshua Bell closed the Public Hearing under Item 2 at 6:32 P.M.

When Selectman Bunker asked about server training, Mr. Vigue stated that all servers will be TIPS (Training for Intervention Procedures for Servers) certified.

Stephan Bunker moved to approve a new Liquor License Application for Sodexo America, LLC; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Andrew Buckland)

The Selectmen signed the Application. Mr. Vigue gave the Town Manager a check to give to the Town Clerk for Sodexo’s filing fees.

ITEM 3: To Consider an Offer of a Donation of land to the Town for Conservation Purposes (Peter Tracy and Patty Cormier)

Conservation Commission Chairman Peter Tracy and Conservation Commission member and District Forester Patty Cormier shared a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed 60-70 acre unencumbered land donation offered by landowner Marc Fournier. Hard copies

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of the PowerPoint presentation were provided to those present to follow along, as well as map copies. Ms. Cormier handed out a breakdown of the four (4) parcels consisting of a total of 96.42+/- acres, of which Mr. Fournier is proposing to donate approximately 70 acres to the Town of Farmington. She pointed out that one (1) parcel includes Cascade Falls, and that the approximate assessed land value of the 70+/- acres is \$66,960, with an annual tax assessment of approximately \$1,258.86. Future grant opportunities and potential timber harvesting and its revenue were explained, as well as the potential uses of the land and the pros and cons of accepting this donation. Patty Cormier stated that the Conservation Commission recommends that this donation be accepted and assured the Selectmen that the Commission will work with the Town in making sure the land does not become static. Town Manager Richard Davis recommended that, if the landowner is willing, this proposal be presented at the annual Town Meeting for approval before spending any money, pointing out that there will be more people at the annual Town Meeting than at a Special Town Meeting. Patty Cormier left a book for the Selectmen to review about Vermont town forests. The Selectmen discussed the timeframe for acceptance or rejection of this donation and came to the conclusion that they need to know the benefactor's timeframe. Mr. Davis reiterated that it is his preference to wait until the March, 2017 annual Town Meeting and hold a Public Hearing in the meantime, but it is not out of the question to have a Special Town Meeting before the end of the year. It was suggested that the Recreation Committee, along with the Conservation Commission, may want to be included in researching uses of the property. Patty Cormier pointed out that the Conservation Commission will be holding a Public Hearing on the results of its soon to be completed Project Canopy Grant, and suggested it may be a good opportunity to have another presentation on this donation. The procedure for a Special Town Meeting was discussed. Peter Tracy and Patty Cormier agreed to talk with Marc Fournier in order to determine when this matter will be presented to the Town's residents. The Selectmen thanked them both for their presentation.

ITEM 4: To Schedule a Special Meeting for the Purpose of Reviewing the 2016 Tax Rate Scenarios

Richard Davis reported that Assessor John O'Donnell is working on getting the information ready for the tax commitment and recommended that the Selectmen hold a special meeting on Monday, August 29th for the purpose of reviewing the tax rate scenarios. The consensus of the Board was to meet on said date at 6:30 P.M.

ITEM 5: To Approve a new Street Name (Austin Way)

Richard Davis reviewed an email from Fire Rescue Chief and Addressing Officer Terry Bell dated August 8, 2016, and an email request from Joe Austin, property owner, dated August 2, 2016.

ITEM 5: To Approve a new Street Name (Austin Way) (Cont.)

Matthew Smith moved to approve the new street name Austin Way; Michael Fogg seconded.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Andrew Buckland)**

ITEM 5: To Approve a new Street Name (Austin Way) (Cont.)

In answer to a question regarding any suggested standards in determining what a road is called, ie. Lane, Way, Road, Street, Richard Davis stated that the only rule that he's aware of is that the name cannot be similar to any that are already in the Town's database.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Andrew Buckland)**

ITEM 6: To Appoint an Alternate member to the Maine Municipal Association Legislative Policy Committee

Richard Davis stated that he is the Town's representative, and that an alternate, who is generally an elected official, is recommended. Michael Fogg volunteered to be appointed the alternate.

Joshua Bell moved to appoint Michael Fogg as an alternate member to the Maine Municipal Association Legislative Policy Committee; Matthew Smith seconded.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Andrew Buckland)**

ITEM 7: To Approve two (2) Cemetery lot Conveyances

Richard Davis reported that both Conveyances are for lots in Fairview Cemetery, one for Glenn and Cherlyn Pinkham of Jay, and another for Diana Bachelder of Farmington.

Stephan Bunker moved to approve a Cemetery Lot Conveyance for Glenn and Cherlyn Pinkham, and another for Diana Bachelder; Matthew Smith seconded.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Andrew Buckland)**

The Selectmen signed the two (2) Conveyances.

ITEM 8: To Approve Several Municipal Quitclaim Deeds

Richard Davis reported that there are five (5) Quitclaim Deeds, some of which are properties that were sold for tax purposes: Richard Marble, Wesley Marble, Sarah Marble and Andrew Marble, 126 Holley Road; Clayton and Joyce King, 294 Titcomb Hill Road; Frederick Barton, Industry Road; Corey Boyker, Whittier Road; and John LaBrecque, New Vineyard Road.

Matthew Smith moved to approve Municipal Quitclaim Deeds for Richard Marble, Wesley Marble, Sarah Marble and Andrew Marble, 126 Holley Road; Clayton and Joyce King, 294 Titcomb Hill Road; Frederick Barton, Industry Road; Corey Boyker, Whittier Road; and John LaBrecque, New Vineyard Road; Stephan Bunker seconded.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Andrew Buckland)**

The Selectmen signed the five (5) Quitclaim Deeds.

ITEM 9: To Discuss the Process for Conducting the Manager’s Annual Performance Evaluation

Richard Davis reviewed the form that has typically been used in the last few years, noting that he will email the format to each of the Board members. It was the consensus of the Selectmen to have their paperwork to Chairman Bell by September 10th so that he can have it ready for them to discuss in Executive Session at their September 13th meeting.

ITEM 10: To Approve the Minutes of July 26, 2016

Matthew Smith moved to approve the minutes of July 26, 2016; Stephan Bunker seconded.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Andrew Buckland)**

ITEM 11: To Discuss Other Business

A) Richard Davis reported that the Front Street storm drain still has not been tied into the new system yet because they are waiting for vegetation to become established in the retention pond that is at the end of the outfall. Wetland vegetation has been seeded but it has been so dry that nothing much has come up as yet. The contractor has re-seeded with rye and there is some growth, but the wetland hasn’t taken hold, presumably because of the drought. They don’t want to tie into the new system too soon because if there are any torrential rains it will cause erosion. The engineer is in contact with Jake Riley, Stantec Corp. soil scientist, for recommendations. Mr. Davis also pointed out that the parking lot can’t be

ITEM 12: To Hold an Executive Session Pursuant To 1 M.R.S. § 405.6.A to discuss a Personnel Matter in the Police Department (Cont.)

The Selectmen came out of Executive Session at 7:55 P.M.

No action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Stephan Bunker moved to adjourn; Matthew Smith seconded.**

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Andrew Buckland)**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda H. Grant.

Andrew R. Buckland - Secretary