

FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, October 25, 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 Proposed Amendments to the Town of Farmington Zoning Ordinance (Performance Standards, Definition additions, and Table of Uses additions for Solar Energy Systems)

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

Richard Davis reviewed the advertisement for this Public Hearing and the proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Davis stated that both the Planning Board and Zoning Board have reviewed the proposed amendments and given their approval. He further stated that the Selectmen will be presented at their next meeting on November 8, 2016 with a Warrant for their approval for a Special Town Meeting on November 22, 2016 to act on these amendments as well as a few other matters that will be discussed on November 8th.

Chairman Joshua Bell closed the Public Hearing under Item 2 at 6:36 P.M.

Issues discussed by the Selectmen included: whether site cleanup is included in the proposed Ordinance changes or in the permitting process, which Mr. Davis stated will be developed as part of the permitting process and where it appears in the Ordinance; sound standards for noise issues; sliding scale for permit fees based on the project size; and a request for fire service comment on residential roof mounted units relative to safety of responding personnel, and any standards that may be applicable for emergency shutoff. Mr. Davis reiterated that the Special Town Meeting will be held downstairs at the Community Center during the Selectmen's regular meeting on November 22, 2016. The Selectmen commended staff for their efforts.

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

Matthew Smith moved to approve the new street name of Nicely Way; Stephan Bunker seconded.

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

ITEM 6: To Approve the Minutes of September 27 and October 11, 2016

Matthew Smith moved to approve the minutes of September 27 and October 11, 2016; Stephan Bunker seconded.

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

ITEM 7: To Discuss Other Business

- A)** Richard Davis reiterated that he will have a Warrant for a Special Town Meeting on November 22nd ready for the Selectmen to review and approve at their November 8th meeting.
- B)** Stephan Bunker stated that in reviewing the Draft UMF Master Plan it occurred to him that it may be a good time to extend a cordial invitation to the UMF President to attend a future meeting to exchange ideas and visions.
- C)** Stephan Bunker asked the Selectmen and Town Manager to think about whom in Town might be considered a good nominee next year for the Ethel Kelly Lifetime Award for contributions to communities.
- D)** Michael Fogg asked for an update on the Community Center flooring. Richard Davis explained that Parks and Recreation Director Matthew Foster made the decision to order the flooring from Hillyard, but when the distributor got the flooring from the manufacturer some of the backing wasn't correct. Hillyard has offered a resolution of shipping half of the order and enough different colored roll matting to provide complete coverage of the gymnasium floor for Election Day. Hillyard will then complete the order by the third week in November and pick up the different colored roll matting, replacing it with roll matting that is of a uniform color that can be kept, free of charge. The value of the roll matting is approximately \$1,000 and will be most beneficial in using on other occasions and elsewhere in the building.
- E)** Michael Fogg pointed out that the first two new buildings have been set in place at 82 High Street and the project is going very well.

ITEM 7: To Discuss Other Business (Cont.)

- F)** Joshua Bell asked for an update on the road projects, which Richard Davis provided. Mr. Davis also commended Public Works Director Philip Hutchins on how well he has done with the paving budget.

- G)** Stephan Bunker asked for an update on the Public Works garage insulation project. Richard Davis stated that the project is complete and the crew has noticed a difference already. He encouraged the Selectmen to visit the garage to see the improvement.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Matthew Smith moved to adjourn at 7:09 P.M.; Stephan Bunker seconded.**

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Andrew Buckland)

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda H. Grant.

Andrew R. Buckland - Secretary