#### FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

#### Tuesday, December 27, 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 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 Grant Blanket Approval to the Roderick-Crosby Post 28 American Legion for Beano/Bingo and Games of Chance for a Period of one year, from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017

Richard Davis stated that this is an annual authorization for this organization.

Michael Fogg moved to grant Blanket Approval to the Roderick-Crosby Post 28 American Legion for Beano/Bingo and Games of Chance for a Period of one year, from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017; Matthew Smith seconded.

Stephan Bunker, Matthew Smith, and Michael Fogg stated, for the record, that they are all members of the Roderick-Crosby Post 28 American Legion, with no personal gain from this Blanket Approval.

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

The Selectmen signed the Blanket Approval.

ITEM 3: To Grant Blanket Approval to Farmington Lodge #2430 BPOE for Beano/ Bingo and Games of Chance for a Period of one year, from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017

Richard Davis stated that this is an annual authorization for this organization as well.

Matthew Smith moved to grant Blanket Approval to Farmington Lodge #2430 BPOE for Beano/ Bingo and Games of Chance for a Period of one year, from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017; Michael Fogg seconded.

Stephan Bunker, Matthew Smith, and Michael Fogg stated, for the record, that they are all members of Farmington Lodge #2430 BPOE, with no personal gain from this Blanket Approval.

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

The Selectmen signed the Blanket Approval.

# ITEM 4: To Approve an Application for a License to Operate Beano/Bingo or a Game of Chance at the West Farmington Elks Lodge on March 12, 2017 for the Farmington Emblem Club #460

Richard Davis stated that this Application is specific to the date of March 12, 2017 for the Emblem Club.

Michael Fogg moved to approve an Application for a License to Operate Beano/Bingo or a Game of Chance at the West Farmington Elks Lodge on March 12, 2017 for the Farmington Emblem Club #460; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Andrew Buckland)

The Selectmen signed the Application.

### ITEM 5: To Determine the intent of the Health Insurance Buyout Provision in the Personnel Policy as it Pertains to Dependent Coverage

Richard Davis stated that his research determined that there are three employees who are taking the buyout for their spouses or dependents while retaining a single member coverage for themselves, and to the best of his research they having been doing so for approximately one (1) year, but no longer than one and a half (1.5) years. Mr. Davis further stated that there are employees in other departments who take the buyout but they do not have the Town's insurance and are all on a spouse's insurance. In an effort to clarify the matter, Mr. Davis reported that he has changed the word "eligible" to "entitled", and has clarified that an employee must be off the Town's insurance and on a spouse's health insurance plan in order to be entitled to the buyout provision. Mr. Davis stated that the health insurance open enrollment is now closed but those employees affected knew in time to change if they so chose, which they did not. All three employees still have health insurance policies through the Town.

Michael Fogg moved to adopt the Health Insurance Buyout Provision as amended; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Andrew Buckland)

### ITEM 6: To Adopt the Revised Town of Farmington All-Hazards Emergency Operations Plan

Richard Davis reviewed the update, which pertains to the State, County and Town contact information.

Stephan Bunker moved to adopt the revised Town of Farmington All-Hazards Emergency Operation Plan; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Andrew Buckland)

### ITEM 6: To Adopt the Revised Town of Farmington All-Hazards Emergency Operations Plan (Cont.)

The Selectmen signed the original Plan and four spare copies.

### To reach a Final Decision on whether to engage the Services of the Buxton Company for Retail Recruitment

Richard Davis stated that none of the other three towns voted to proceed with this proposal so if Farmington were going to do this it would have to stand the total cost of \$50,000 a year for three years. He reminded the Selectmen that the vote at the last meeting was that there would have to be a minimum of two other towns in order for Farmington to participate.

Matthew Smith moved to close discussion on engaging the services of the Buxton Company for retail recruitment, with thanks to Alison Hagerstrom for her efforts; Michael Fogg seconded.

Stephan Bunker shared his concerns with the possibility of losing the regional services of the Greater Franklin Development Council (GFDC), noting that the County Commissioners will be considering a different kind of proposal by the Council in the next budget. Michael Fogg shared his discussion with Alison Hagerstrom several months ago regarding her impending retirement, as well as the funding challenges of GFDC and how the Town of Farmington may be able to assist.

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

# ITEM 8: To Consider Holding a Special Meeting on January 3, 2017 to Review the 2017 Departmental Budget Requests

Richard Davis stated that the Budget Committee will be starting its process on Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, and since the Selectmen like to see the budget requests first, suggested that they hold their meeting on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 P.M. Department heads will be present to review their budgets with the Selectmen.

Michael Fogg moved to hold a special Selectmen's meeting on January 3, 2017 to review the 2017 departmental budget requests; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Andrew Buckland)

#### ITEM 9: To Approve the Minutes of November 22 and December 13, 2016

Matthew Smith moved to approve the minutes of November 22, 2016, and table the minutes of December 13, 2016, as they were not yet available; Stephan Bunker seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Andrew Buckland)

#### **ITEM 10:** To Discuss Other Business

- **A)** Richard Davis announced that nomination papers will be available Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup> for (2) 3-year Selectmen positions and (2) 3-year RSU 9 Board of Director positions.
- **B**) Stephan Bunker gave a big kudos to the Public Works Department for the great job they did on the roads during today's storm.
- C) Stephan Bunker noted that residents are allowed to get two (2) 5-gallon buckets of sand per storm from the Public Works garage. Richard Davis pointed out the sand belongs to the residents for use on the roads, but typically towns allow use of the sand on resident's driveways.
- **D**) Joshua Bell wished all a Happy New Year and pointed out that the skating rink is now open.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Stephan Bunker moved to adjourn at 6:56 P.M.**; **Matthew Smith seconded.** 

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Andrew Buckland)

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda H. Grant.

Andrew R. Buckland – Secretary