

FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

Chairman Stephan Bunker called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Ryan Morgan, Andrew Hufnagel, Jessica Berry and Dennis Pike. Town Manager Richard Davis, Town Secretary Linda Grant, Treasurer Diana Young, Assessor Mark Caldwell, Police Chief Jack Peck, Parks and Recreation Director Steve Shible, Public Works Director Denis Castonguay, Budget Committee Chairman Joshua Bell, Channel 11, and members of the press and public were also in attendance.

ITEM 1: Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Ryan Morgan led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ITEM 2: To Review and Make Recommendations on the Following Proposed 2013 Departmental Budgets:

Stephan Bunker reported that, at the Budget Committee’s final meeting on Wednesday, January 30, 2013 their recommendations mirrored all of the proposed budget requests except for the -0- recommendation for Safe Voices.

The consensus of the Board was to review and vote on each budget separately.

A) Treasurer / Clerk

Treasurer Diana Young was present to answer any questions the Board may have.

Dennis Pike moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$243,491 for the 2013 Treasurer/Clerk budget; Jessica Berry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

B) Cemeteries

Jessica Berry moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$78,329 for the 2013 Cemeteries budget; Dennis Pike seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 2: To Review and Make Recommendations on the Following Proposed 2013 Departmental Budgets: (Cont.)

C) General Assistance

At Ryan Morgan's request, Richard Davis reviewed the Town's reimbursement percentage/process through the State, as well as the reasons for increasing the budget. Mr. Morgan expressed his concerns with increasing the budget.

Ryan Morgan moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$25,000 for the 2013 General Assistance budget; Andrew Hufnagel seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

D) Assessing

Assessor Mark Caldwell was present to answer any questions the Board may have.

Dennis Pike moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$129,808 for the 2013 Assessing budget; Ryan Morgan seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

Q) T.A.N.

Ryan Morgan moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$3,300 for the 2013 T.A.N. budget; Andrew Hufnagel seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

Diana Young left the meeting after Item 2Q.

E) Code Enforcement

Andrew Hufnagel moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$154,371 for the 2013 Code Enforcement budget; Dennis Pike moved.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

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F) Police

Chief Jack Peck was present to answer any questions the Board may have.

Andrew Hufnagel moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$1,174,128 for the 2013 Police Department budget; Dennis Pike seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

G) Fire Rescue

Jessica Berry moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$317,342 for the 2013 Fire Rescue Department budget; Dennis Pike seconded.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSTAINED 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Stephan Bunker)**

H) Parks and Recreation

Steve Shible was present to answer any questions the Board may have.

Ryan Morgan moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$165,065 for the 2013 Parks and Recreation budget; Dennis Pike seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

I) Community Center

Jessica Berry moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$110,632 for the 2013 Community Center budget; Dennis Pike seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

J) Public Works

Public Works Director Denis Castonguay was present to answer any questions the Board may have.

Dennis Pike moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$1,005,066 for the 2013 Public Works budget; Andrew Hufnagel seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 2: To Review and Make Recommendations on the Following Proposed 2013 Departmental Budgets: (Cont.)

K) U.R.I.P.

Jessica Berry moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$173,000 for the 2013 U.R.I.P budget; Andrew Hufnagel seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

L) Public Works Reserve

Dennis Pike moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$5,000 for the 2013 Public Works Reserve budget; Andrew Hufnagel seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

M) Recycling

Jessica Berry moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$71,197 for the 2013 Recycling budget; Dennis Pike seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

N) Administration

Andrew Hufnagel moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$239,131 for the 2013 Administration budget; Dennis Pike seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

O) Committees & Events

Jessica Berry moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$6,800 for the 2013 Committees & Events budget; Dennis Pike seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

P) Municipal Building

Jessica Berry moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$85,475 for the 2013 Municipal Building budget; Dennis Pike seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 2: To Review and Make Recommendations on the Following Proposed 2013 Departmental Budgets: (Cont.)

R) Other Protections

Ryan Morgan moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$447,449 for the 2013 Other Protections budget; Andrew Hufnagel seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

S) Debt Service

Jessica Berry moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$162,453 for the 2013 Debt Service budget; Dennis Pike seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

T) Legal Reserve

Ryan Morgan moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$15,000 for the 2013 Legal Reserve budget; Jessica Berry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

U) ADA Reserve

Ryan Morgan moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$2,500 for the 2013 ADA Reserve budget; Andrew Hufnagel seconded.

Richard Davis and Denis Castonguay explained, at Dennis Pike's inquiry, what the amount will be used for.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

V) Transportation Advisory Committee

Ryan Morgan moved to recommend the proposed amount of -0- for the 2013 Transportation Advisory Committee budget; Andrew Hufnagel seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 2: To Review and Make Recommendations on the Following Proposed 2013 Departmental Budgets: (Cont.)

W) Contracts / Public Services

Dennis Pike moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$135,938 for the 2013 Farmington Public Library appropriation; Andrew Hufnagel seconded.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 OPPOSED 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Ryan Morgan)**

Dennis Pike moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$900 for the 2013 Gay Cemetery appropriation; Jessica Berry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

Dennis Pike moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$13,774 for the 2013 Franklin County Animal Shelter appropriation; Jessica Berry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

At Andrew Hufnagel's request, Richard Davis explained the 35.50% increase in the appropriation request for Sandy River Recycling Association. He also reviewed changes that the Association has made, and plans to make, to reduce expenses. Mr. Hufnagel also generated a discussion regarding the possibility of a single sort operation.

Ryan Morgan moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$14,816 for the 2013 Sandy River Recycling Association appropriation; Andrew Hufnagel seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

X) Outside Agencies

Andrew Hufnagel moved to recommend \$-0- funding for the 2013 American Red Cross appropriation; Ryan Morgan seconded.

The Selectman discussed why they were or were not in favor of funding this agency this year. Richard Davis stated, for the record, that he did not include an Article on the Town Meeting Warrant for the Farmington Downtown Association because the Association voted specifically to ask the Selectmen to refrain from doing so. Mr. Davis reviewed the American Red Cross request.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 2 OPPOSED 3 MOTION FAILED
(Pike/Bunker/Berry)**

ITEM 2: To Review and Make Recommendations on the Following Proposed 2013 Departmental Budgets: (Cont.)

X) Outside Agencies (Cont.)

Jessica Berry moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$2,000 for the 2013 American Red Cross appropriation; Dennis Pike seconded.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 OPPOSED 2 MOTION CARRIED
(Morgan/Hufnagel)**

Andrew Hufnagel moved to recommend \$-0- funding for the 2013 Safe Voices appropriation; Ryan Morgan seconded.

Ryan Morgan pointed out that the Town received two letters from Safe Voices, one thanking the Town for the 2012 \$5,000 appropriation, and a second stating that they could not help the Town in regard to its request for a payment in lieu of taxes. Dennis Pike reminded the Board of the voters' overwhelming turnover of the Board and Budget Committee's -0- recommendation for the past two years.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 OPPOSED 2 MOTION CARRIED
(Berry/Bunker)**

Ryan Morgan moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$1,500 for the 2013 Shiretown Riders Snowmobile Club appropriation; Andrew Hufnagel seconded.

At Andrew Hufnagel and Dennis Pike's inquiry, Richard Davis explained the increase in the Club's request this year.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 OPPOSED 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Ryan Morgan)**

Andrew Hufnagel moved to recommend the proposed amount of \$1,000 for the 2013 Northern Lites and New Sharon Snow Riders Snowmobile Clubs appropriation; Jessica Berry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

Richard Davis stated that the Board of Selectmen has concurred with all of the Budget Committee's recommendations.

ITEM 3: To Determine the Method of Funding the Five Year Capital Improvement Program for Roads

Stephan Bunker reviewed the funding options, as presented and discussed at the January 22, 2013 Board of Selectmen's meeting. Mr. Bunker pointed out that ten of the twelve Budget Committee members present at their last meeting on January 30, 2013 voted unanimously to fund the program with the pay-as-you-go option. Mr. Bunker also stated that this Item will appear as a separate Article on the Town Meeting Warrant.

Dennis Pike moved to recommend the pay-as-you-go method of funding for the Five Year Capital Improvement Program for Roads; Jessica Berry seconded.

The Board discussed the recommended amounts to be requested each year, as well as the projected mill rate for this year. Chairman Joshua Bell was present and explained the Budget Committee's reasoning for its recommendation. Ryan Morgan pointed out that there are no frills in any of the 2013 budgets, so a reduction in any given department will result in loss of personnel, and ultimately a cut in that department's service(s).

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 4: To Approve the Minutes of January 8 and 22, 2013

Ryan Morgan moved to approve the minutes of January 8 and 22, 2013; Dennis Pike seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 5: To Discuss Other Business

A) Stephan Bunker urged all to attend the annual Town Meeting at the Community Center on Monday, March 18, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. He also thanked the Budget Committee for its participation in the budget process.

ITEM 6: To Hold an Executive Session Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405.6.A and 30-A M.R.S. § 2702.1.B.5 to Discuss a Personnel Matter

Andrew Hufnagel moved to go into Executive Session at 7:30 P.M.; Jessica Berry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:42 P.M.

No public action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **the meeting adjourned by consensus at 8:42 P.M.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda H. Grant.

Dennis C. Pike – Secretary