

FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Special Town Meeting
Tuesday, October 29, 2013

Chairman Ryan Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Andrew Hufnagel, Jessica Berry, Joshua Bell, and Dennis Pike. Town Manager Richard Davis, Town Clerk Leanne Pinkham, Channel 11, and members of the press and public were also in attendance.

ITEM 1: Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

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

ITEM 2: To Hold a Public Hearing on the proposed Second Amendment to and Restatement of the Franklin Printing Municipal Development Tax Increment Financing District and Development Program in accordance with the requirements of 30-A M.R.S. § 5226

Chairman Ryan Morgan opened the Public Hearing under Item 2 at 6:31 P.M.

Town Manager Richard Davis explained the proposed renewal of the TIF program that was adopted in 1988, and proposed parcel addition. Consultant John Holden was present to assist with answering questions from the public. Questions asked and discussed included: if this is an expansion or a continuation, and the term of the Agreement.

Chairman Ryan Morgan closed the Public hearing under Item 2 at 6:39 P.M.

ITEM 3: To Hold a Public Hearing on the proposed establishment of the “Downtown Municipal Tax Increment Financing District and Downtown Omnibus Development Program” as a means of putting the recommendations outlined in the “Town of Farmington Downtown Development Plan” into action in accordance with the requirements of 30-A M.R.S. § 5226

Chairman Ryan Morgan opened the Public hearing under Item 3 at 6:40 P.M.

Richard Davis explained the proposed establishment of the “Downtown Municipal Tax Increment Financing District and Downtown Omnibus Development Program”. Questions asked and discussed included: how the district was determined and how it aligns with the Downtown Plan; why is village residential being included, and concern that it is ultimately being targeted for commercial development; why were only portions versus the entire Town included; will developed parcels be allowed to be included at a later date; concerns with the adjustment of the formula in regard to revenue sharing and education funding; and, is there any flexibility with redesign, changes or adjustments within the thirty year period. John Holden again assisted with answering questions from the public.

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Chairman Ryan Morgan closed the Public hearing under Item 3 at 7:11 P.M.

Andrew Hufnagel asked for clarification of Subsection 2 of the proposed Downtown Plan, ie. “payment of municipal staff salaries.....”, as well as Subsection 1, ie. “hiring of consultants to implement these plans.....”. John Holden and Richard Davis made those clarifications for Mr. Hufnagel.

ITEM 4: To Hold a Special Town Meeting pursuant to Warrant dated October 29, 2013

Town Clerk Leanne Pinkham opened the Special Town Meeting under Item 4 at 7:17 P.M. and called for nominations for moderator under Article First. Paul Mills was declared and sworn in as moderator after receiving the nomination and second, as well as three written ballots.

See results of Article Second and Article Third in the Special Town Meeting minutes of the Town Clerk.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Andrew Hufnagel moved to adjourn at 7:30 P.M.; Ryan Morgan seconded.**

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda H. Grant.

Dennis C. Pike – Secretary

A true copy, attest: _____
Leanne E. Pinkham, Town Clerk