

FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

Town Manager Richard Davis called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Joshua Bell, Stephan Bunker, Michael Fogg, Matthew Smith, and Scott Landry. Town Secretary Linda Grant, Police Chief Jack Peck, Budget Committee member Lloyd Smith, Channel 11, and members of the press and public were also in attendance.

ITEM 1: Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Town Manager Richard Davis led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ITEM 2: To Elect Officers for the Ensuing Year

Town Manager Richard Davis opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Board of Selectmen for the ensuing year.

Matthew Smith nominated Joshua Bell to serve as Chairman for the ensuing year; Scott Landry seconded. Mr. Davis called for a vote.

VOTE	AFFIRMATIVE 4	ABSTAINED 1	MOTION CARRIED
		(Joshua Bell)	

Town Manager Richard Davis turned the meeting over to newly elected Chairman Joshua Bell, who opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice Chairman of the Board of Selectmen for the ensuing year.

Matthew Smith nominated Stephan Bunker to serve as Vice Chairman for the ensuing year; Scott Landry seconded.

VOTE	AFFIRMATIVE 4	ABSTAINED 1	MOTION CARRIED
		(Stephan Bunker)	

Chairman Joshua Bell opened the floor for nominations for the position of Secretary of the Board of Selectmen for the ensuing year.

Stephan Bunker nominated Michael Fogg to serve as Secretary for the ensuing year; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE	AFFIRMATIVE 4	ABSTAINED 1	MOTION CARRIED
		(Michael Fogg)	

ITEM 3: To Approve the Acquisition of a Front end Loader through the LESO 1033 Program

Richard Davis passed around a photo of the front end loader. He explained that the LESO 1033 Program is a law enforcement support organization and the program is for the disposition of surplus property, generally military property to law enforcement agencies. Once any surplus item reaches a law enforcement agency there is a time limit on the use before the title becomes completely that of the municipality. The item can be used for any other use, or disposed of by the Town after law enforcement has retained it for a certain period of time. Mr. Davis reported that the front end loader, which cost \$0-, is a 1985 but it was completely reconditioned in 2010 and has only 57 hours on it. Police Chief Jack Peck further explained that the Public Works Department transported the loader to Farmington from Augusta. He also explained the anticipated uses of the loader once it is titled to the Town. He pointed out that the loader presently only has forks attached to it so a bucket or any other attachment will have to be purchased by the Town, unless one becomes available through the program. Chief Peck stated that he will provide the Selectmen with a list of all equipment/items acquired from the LESO 1033 Program by their next meeting. He further explained that the justification for acquisition of this piece of equipment is to use it on the firing range at the Transfer Station. Chief Peck explained, for the benefit of new Selectman Scott Landry, the location/travel factors that have to be taken into consideration when trying to acquire an item or piece of equipment.

Stephan Bunker moved to approve the acquisition of a front end loader through the LESO 1033 Program; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 4: To Accept a \$7,058 Grant to the Police Department for Seat Belt Enforcement

Police Chief Jack Peck explained that his department applied for and has received a seat belt enforcement “Click It or Ticket” grant from the Maine Bureau of Highway Safety. Chief Peck further explained that if accepted by the Selectmen the grant funds will be used between May 22 and June 5, 2017 to run 29 4-hour assignments over the two week period. It was pointed out that a seat belt violation is now a primary offense.

Stephan Bunker moved to accept a \$7,058 Grant to the Police Department for Seat Belt Enforcement; Scott Landry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 5: To Accept a \$1,500 Grant to the Police Department from the Maine Department of Inland to Conduct Random Patrols on the Whistle Stop Trail this summer

Police Chief Jack Peck explained that his department applied for and has received a \$1,500 grant from the Maine Department of Inland Fishers and Wildlife. He further explained that \$1,000 of the grant funds will be used for patrolling the Whistle Stop Trail

ITEM 5: To Accept a \$1,500 Grant to the Police Department from the Maine Department of Inland to Conduct Random Patrols on the Whistle Stop Trail this summer (Cont.)

this summer into the fall utilizing the UTV that was recently acquired through the LESO 1033 Program. The remaining \$500 is designated for the purchase of equipment and so they will be buying helmets. Chief Peck stated that the trail runs from Jay to Farmington so they may coordinate with the Jay and Wilton Police Departments, as well as the Maine Game Warden Service, to make the most of the funding.

Matthew Smith moved to accept a \$1,500 Grant to the Police Department from the Maine Department of Inland Fishers and Wildlife to conduct random patrols on the Whistle Stop Trail this summer and purchase helmets; Michael Fogg seconded.

Chief Peck verified for the Selectmen that there will be general patrols only. He also explained the benefits of having a 2-seat UTV versus a 1-seat ATV.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 6: To Hear from Mrs. Elaine Graham regarding Recreational Marijuana

The Selectmen agreed to pass over Item 6 for now as Mrs. Graham had not yet arrived.

ITEM 7: To Approve an Agreement to Issue a Construction Overlimit Permit to the Contractor for Maine DOT Project Number NHPP-2198(600)

Richard Davis reviewed the letter of request from MaineDOT dated March 16, 2017, as well as a sample Agreement.

Stephan Bunker moved to approve an Agreement to issue a Construction Overlimit Permit to the Contractor for Maine DOT Project Number NHPP-2198(600); Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

The Selectmen signed the original Agreement.

ITEM 8: To Consider an Expenditure of \$355.50 for a full color ad in the Spring/Summer Edition of *Discover Maine* Magazine, with Funding to come from the Special Projects Account

Richard Davis reviewed a copy of a prior ad that the Town had placed in the Discover Maine Magazine, and explained that the price remains the same as the last four of five ads placed.

ITEM 8: To Consider an Expenditure of \$355.50 for a full color ad in the Spring/Summer Edition of *Discover Maine* Magazine, with Funding to come from the Special Projects Account (Cont.)

Stephan Bunker moved to approve an expenditure of \$355.50 for a full color ad in the spring/summer edition of *Discover Maine* Magazine, with funding to come from the Special Projects account; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

Richard Davis reviewed the Special Projects account, and the Selectmen’s past use of it for the benefit of new Selectman, Scott Landry.

ITEM 9: To Consider the Application of Byron (Buzz) Davis to serve as an Associate Member of the Conservation Commission

Richard Davis reviewed Mr. Davis’ application, and explained that Mr. Davis is currently serving on the Revolving Loan Fund Committee, the Downtown TIF Committee, and the Parking Ordinance Committee.

Matthew Smith moved to appoint Byron (Buzz) Davis to the Conservation Commission as an Associate Member; Stephan Bunker seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 6: To Hear from Mrs. Elaine Graham regarding Recreational Marijuana

Stephan Bunker moved to pass over Item 6; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 10: To Approve the Minutes of February 14, 27, and 28, 2017

Matthew Smith moved to approve the minutes of February 14, 27, and 28, 2017; Stephan Bunker seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 11: To Discuss Other Business

A) Stephan Bunker reported that he is not on the County Budget Committee this year. He asked Joshua Bell, who is still on the Committee, to keep them apprised of meetings and issues. Mr. Bunker expressed his concern with attitude/approach to service organization budgets, particularly economic development.

B) The Selectmen and Town Manager welcomed newly elected member Scott Landry.

ITEM 12: To Hold an Executive Session Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405.6.A to discuss a Personnel Matter in the Parks and Recreation Department

Stephan Bunker moved to go into Executive Session at 7:00 P.M. pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405.6.A to discuss a personnel matter in the Parks and Recreation Department; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

The Selectmen came out of Executive Session at 7:10 P.M.

No action was taken.

ITEM 13: To Hold an Executive Session Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405.6.C to discuss Economic Development

Matthew Smith moved to go into Executive Session at 7:10 P.M. pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405.6.C to discuss Economic Development; Stephan Bunker seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

The Selectmen came out of Executive Session at 7:44 P.M.

No action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Matthew Smith moved to adjourn at 7:44 P.M.; Stephan Bunker seconded.**

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda H. Grant.

Michael J. Fogg – Secretary