

FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, November 14, 2017

Chairman Joshua Bell called the meeting to order in the downstairs meeting room at the Community Center at 7:00 P.M. with the following members present: Stephan Bunker, Michael Fogg, Matthew Smith, and Scott Landry. Town Manager Richard Davis, Planning Assistant Cindy Gelinas, Town Clerk Leanne Dickey, Planning Board and Budget Committee member Lloyd Smith, Fire Rescue Chief Terry Bell, Deputy Chief Clyde Ross and Tim A. Hardy, Captain Tim D. Hardy and Scott Baxter, Fire Rescue members Patty Cormier, Peter Wade and Joseph Hastings, Parks and Recreation Director Matt Foster, 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 Special Town Meeting pursuant to a Warrant Approved on October 24, 2017

Town Clerk Leanne Dickey opened the Special Town Meeting under Item 2 at 7:00 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.

Article Second, after discussion, was approved by a voice vote.

Article Third, after discussion, was approved by a voice vote.

Article Fourth, after discussion, was approved by a voice vote.

The Special Town Meeting adjourned and the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen began at 7:07 P.M.

ITEM 3: To Consider an Expenditure of \$355.50 for a full color ad in the 2018 Kennebec and Androscoggin River Valley edition of Discover Maine Magazine, to be funded 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 five of six ads placed.

Stephan Bunker moved to approve an expenditure of \$355.50 for a full color ad in the 2018 Kennebec and Androscoggin River Valley edition of Discover Maine Magazine, with funding to come from the Special Projects account; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 4: To Approve a Cemetery lot Conveyance

Richard Davis reported that this Cemetery Lot Conveyance is for Katheryn Orr of Farmington for four lots in Fairview Cemetery.

Matthew Smith moved to approve a Cemetery Lot Conveyance for Katheryn Orr; Michael Fogg seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

The Selectmen signed the Conveyance.

ITEM 5: To Approve the Minutes of September 26 and October 24, 2017

Matthew Smith moved to approve the minutes of September 26 and October 24, 2017; Scott Landry seconded.

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

ITEM 6: To Discuss Other Business

- A)** Mr. Davis reported that he received a call from Ryan Morgan today stating that it is his intention to resign from the RSU #9 Board of Directors as he has been unable to attend meetings recently. Mr. Davis stated that once Mr. Morgan's letter has been received the public can be notified that applications will be accepted for an interim director to fill in until the annual Town Meeting in March.
- B)** In answer to Michael Fogg's inquiry as to the status of the Tax Assessor's contract proposal, Mr. Davis stated that he will be meeting with the Assessor on Thursday this week to discuss his proposal, which the Selectmen will be reviewing at their next meeting on November 28th.
- C)** Michael Fogg pointed out that the West Farmington sidewalk project has begun and they seem to be making good progress. Mr. Davis stated that it's supposed to be a two week project.
- D)** At Scott Landry's request, Richard Davis gave an update on the Titcomb Hill Road paving project, as well as the curbing, sidewalk, and striping on High Street.
- E)** In answer to Scott Landry inquiry of the letter from Attorney Underkuffler regarding the FairPoint issue on Front Street, Richard Davis stated that he is working on this matter with Attorney Underkuffler and should have additional information for the Selectmen soon.
- F)** In answer to Scott Landry's inquiry about the LifeFlight information that the Selectmen were given, Richard Davis explained that it was information that was directed to the Selectmen, but this type of request is typically viewed as an outside agency requesting a donation, which the Town no longer funds.

ITEM 6: To Discuss Other Business (Cont.)

- G)** Joshua Bell expressed his concern with one of the trees in line with the West Farmington sidewalk project, ie. the roots are exposed so maybe the Town should be proactive and have the tree removed now. Richard Davis stated that he will look at it.

- H)** In answer to Michael Fogg's inquiry as to whether the Town will be pursuing legal action against the owners of the building to be demolished in Farmington Falls for not meeting the deadline, Richard Davis stated that everything is in place to move forward with legal action. It shouldn't be necessary, however, as a recent email stated that the building will be demolished on Wednesday and cleaned up by Friday of this week. In answer to Joshua Bell's inquiry, Mr. Davis stated that there have not been any further legal fees accrued at this point.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Matthew Smith moved to adjourn at 7:18 P.M.; Stephan Bunker seconded.**

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lucinda J. Gelinias and Linda H. Grant.

Michael J. Fogg – Secretary