

# FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

Chairman Joshua Bell called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Matthew Smith, Scott Landry and Stephan Bunker. Michael Fogg was unable to attend. Town Manager Richard Davis, Town Secretary Linda Grant, 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 Review Information Related to the Proposed CMP Transmission Line**

Richard Davis referred to the copy of Senator Tom Saviello's letter dated May 4, 2018 to Angela O'Connor, Chairman, and two of the Commissioners of the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities, which was provided to the Selectmen. In the letter, the four chairs of the Maine Legislature's Committees on Environment and Natural Resources and Energy, Utilities and Technology expressed concerns about the proposed transmission line. Senator Saviello was present and reviewed the project and his findings to date. Senator Saviello explained that there is more research that needs to be done. Once completed, if he is able to prove that he is right about CMP not providing the Towns with all of the information they should have, he would like to meet with the Selectmen and a CMP representative to get answers as to why pertinent information was left out of the initial presentation. Resident Eric Johnson joined in the discussion as it relates to the dramatic effect it could have on the solar project coming into the Town, as well as any future solar, wind or hydro projects coming into the Town and/or County. Senator Saviello stated that he feels that CMP has done a good job thus far in identifying environmental aspects but there are still more links to be addressed and they should be held accountable to do so. Senator Saviello outlined what needs to be done at the Town and State levels to either reject this project or move it forward. He also discussed the Maine Public Utilities Commission's role in all this. Former Senator Walter Gooley spoke against moving this project forward until further information is provided. Sue Ely of the Natural Resources Council of Maine was present and explained her review of the Maine Public Utilities Commission report, of which she gave the Selectmen a copy. Resident Dr. John Sytsma also spoke on the misuse of the term "clean energy" by the companies involved. Senator Saviello projected that he will have information to present to the Selectmen by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Sue Ely further explained the bidding process and contract negotiations that have taken place and the timeframe for MDEP and MPUC hearings, with finalization in September. The Selectmen agreed that more information is definitely needed.

## **ITEM 3: To Award bids for Pavement Reclamation and Paving**

Richard Davis reviewed the bid tabulation of the two bids received and reported that, based on the calculations of Public Works Director Philip Hutchins, they recommend that the bids be awarded to Pike Industries.





**ITEM 8: To Hold an Executive Session Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405.6.C to Discuss the Town's Interests in the use of Personal Property or Disposition of Publicly held Property (Cont.)**

**Stephan Bunker moved to waive interest and penalties on the revolving loan and to accept \$5,685.76 of outstanding principle in order to settle the debt for said loan; Matthew Smith seconded.**

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 ABSTAINED 1 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED  
(Scott Landry) (Michael Fogg)**

**ITEM 15: To Hold an Executive Session Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405.6.A to Discuss a Personnel Matter**

**Matthew Smith moved to go into Executive Session at 7:26 P.M.; Stephan Bunker seconded.**

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED  
(Michael Fogg)**

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:36 p.m.

No action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Matthew Smith moved to adjourn at 7:36 P.M.; Scott Landry seconded.**

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED  
(Michael Fogg)**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda H. Grant.

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Michael J. Fogg - Secretary