FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, February 11, 2014

Chairman Ryan Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:33 P.M. with the following members present: Andrew Hufnagel, Dennis Pike, Joshua Bell and Jessica Berry. Town Manager Richard Davis, Town Secretary Linda Grant, Fire Rescue Chief Terry Bell, Budget Committee member Betty Jespersen, Police Chief Jack Peck, 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 Hold a Public Hearing on a new Liquor License for the Stone Hearth Café, located at 168 Front Street, owned and operated by JM & JB Corp.

Richard Davis reviewed the liquor license application, and stated that owners John Moore and Jennifer Bjorn were present to answer any questions the Selectmen or public may have.

Chairman Ryan Morgan opened the Public Hearing under Item 2 at 6:35 P.M.

There were no questions or comments.

Chairman Ryan Morgan closed the Public hearing under Item 2 at 6:35 P.M.

Dennis Pike moved to approve a new Liquor License application for the Stone Hearth Café, located at 168 Front Street, owned and operated by JM & JB Corp.; Jessica Berry seconded.

Upon inquiry, John Moore reviewed the projected menu, and stated that they hope to open sometime the beginning of March.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

The Selectmen signed the application.

ITEM 3: To Review and Approve the Warrant for the 2014 Annual Town Meeting

Richard Davis reviewed the changes that had been made to Articles Twenty-Fifth, Twenty-Seventh and Thirty-Third since the copy the Selectmen last received, pointing out that all of the Articles except the Farmington Public Library have the same

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recommendations from both the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee. Mr. Davis also reviewed Article Twentieth for the Farmington Public Library, and Article Twenty-Third for the Snowmobile Clubs.

Dennis Pike moved to approve the Warrant for the 2014 annual Town Meeting; Andrew Hufnagel seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

The Selectmen signed two originals of the Warrant.

ITEM 4: To Consider hosting a Regional Meeting on April 30, 2014 regarding the Availability of Personnel in the Fire Service

Richard Davis reviewed the statewide issue of the lack of manpower in the Fire Service, and referred to an earlier discussion of hosting a meeting for discussion of this issue. Mr. Davis suggested that such a meeting be scheduled for April 30th, and asked the Selectmen which communities they would like to invite and what information they would like made available to them prior to that meeting. Fire Rescue Chief Terry Bell recommended inviting any, at least Countywide, who are interested in participating. Ryan Morgan suggested requesting the use of the Bass Room at Franklin Memorial Hospital. Suggested information included any pertaining to mutual aid agreements and calls, and the January 2006 Joint Fire Services Study. Mr. Davis passed on a message from Stephan Bunker offering his services to facilitate the meeting. He also pointed out that Mr. Courtney, who compiled the 2006 report, could also be asked to be the facilitator, but would probably charge a fee. Chief Bell reviewed a recent joint meeting of Fire Chiefs and Legislators. At Andrew Hufnagel's suggestion for a third party facilitator, Chief Bell agreed to send out an email to the Maine Fire Chiefs' Association to see if anyone is interested. Mr. Davis stated that if he is able to secure the Bass Room he will send out a "Save the Date" memo to all.

ITEM 5: To Approve a Resolution for Membership and Appointment of Voting Delegate Representative and Alternate for the Maine Service Centers Coalition

Richard Davis reviewed an update from the Maine Service Centers Coalition and explained the membership renewal process, including a Resolution for Membership and appointment of a voting delegate representative and alternate.

Andrew Hufnagel moved to appoint Richard Davis as Representative and Joshua Bell as Alternate, and approve a Resolution for Membership; Jessica Berry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 6: To accept a Donation of \$100 to the Parks and Recreation Department for the Jimmy-Joe Allen Scholarship Fund

Richard Davis reported that a check for \$100 has been received from Rosemary Allen, who is a relative of Jimmy-Joe Allen.

Jessica Berry moved to accept a donation of \$100 from Rosemary Allen to the Parks and Recreation Department for the Jimmy-Joe Allen Scholarship Fund; Joshua Bell seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

The Selectmen asked Richard Davis to send a letter of thanks on their behalf to Ms. Allen.

ITEM 7: To Approve the Minutes of January 28 and February 4, 2014

Jessica Berry moved to approve the minutes of February 4, 2014, and table the minutes of January 28, 2014, as they were not yet available; Joshua Bell seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 8: To Discuss Other Business

- A) Andrew Hufnagel announced that he will be resigning from his position as Selectman after Town Meeting due to personal issues. He expressed his pleasure and honor to have served and wished the current Board, Town Manager and incoming Selectmen the best of luck. Ryan Morgan requested that Mr. Hufnagel submit a letter of resignation. Richard Davis explained that the letter is necessary for procedural purposes as the nomination process for election of a Selectman to fill this seat will require a special election, which most likely will take place at the June 10th primary election. Mr. Hufnagel apologized for the necessity of a special election, as he thought that one of the candidates presently running for election would be able to be voted into his seat. The Selectmen and Town Manager thanked Mr. Hufnagel for his service.
- B) Joshua Bell stated that a resident complained to him about problems at the Transfer Station with recycling. Richard Davis stated that he assumes the problem was with plastics and explained that Sandy River Recycling Association stopped taking some plastics quite some time ago, but Mr. Archibald is researching the problem for recycling resolution. Jessica Berry reported that the mill in Athens will take the plastic bags that pellets come in. It was Mr. Davis' understanding that nothing else has changed at the Transfer Station and Mr. Archibald has reported that everything is going well.

ITEM 9: To Hold an Executive Session Pursuant To 1 M.R.S. § 405.6.D to discuss the Police Labor Contract Negotiations with the Negotiators, Richard Davis and Jack Peck

Jessica Berry moved to go into Executive Session at 7:06 P.M.; Andrew Hufnagel seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

The Selectmen came out of Executive Session at 7:14 P.M.

Andrew Hufnagel moved to ratify the Agreement between the Town of Farmington, Maine and the Bargaining Unit of the Maine Association of Police Effective April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2017; Jessica Berry seconded.

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

There being no further business to come before the Board, Andrew Hufnagel moved to adjourn at 7:15 P.M.; Joshua Bell seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda H. Grant.

Dennis C. Pike - Secretary