FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

Town Manager Richard Davis called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Ryan Morgan, Joshua Bell, Stephan Bunker and Andrew Buckland. Andrew Hufnagel was absent. Town Secretary Linda Grant, Channel 11, and members of the press and public were also in attendance.

ITEM 1: 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. Stephan Bunker generated a brief discussion regarding having the current officers continue as is until after the June election of the fifth member of the Board, thereby allowing the new member to participate in the vote of leadership. It was determined not to be a viable action.

Stephan Bunker nominated Ryan Morgan as Chairman; Andrew Buckland seconded. Town Manager Richard Davis called for a vote.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 ABSTAINED 1 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Ryan Morgan) (Hufnagel)

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

Andrew Buckland nominated Joshua Bell as Vice Chairman; Joshua Bell seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Hufnagel)

Chairman Ryan Morgan opened the floor for nominations for the position of Secretary of the Board of Selectmen for the ensuing year.

Joshua Bell nominated Stephan Bunker as secretary; Andrew Buckland seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 ABSTAINED 1 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Stephan Bunker) (Hufnagel)

ITEM 2: To Elect Officers for the Ensuing Year (Cont.)

Ryan Morgan reiterated, as Stephan Bunker had pointed out, that there will only be four Board members until June, so it is crucial that there are at least three members available to sign warrants or attend meetings until the June election.

To Consider a Request from the Farmington Downtown Association to use Meetinghouse Park and the Gazebo for Activities related to the Farmington Midsummer Festival on July 25, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Richard Davis noted that he received an email amending the date of the Festival from July 25, 2014 to July 26, 2014. Downtown Association and Festival committee member Gloria McGraw was present and, along with Andrew Buckland, gave an overview of the festival plans, and explained why the date was changed. Mr. Buckland disclosed that he also is a member of the Festival committee.

Andrew Buckland moved to approve a request from the Farmington Downtown Association to use Meetinghouse Park, the gazebo and the closure of Broadway for activities related to the Farmington Midsummer Festival on July 26, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Joshua Bell seconded.

Andrew Buckland generated a discussion regarding the end time of the Festival.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Hufnagel)

ITEM 4: To Consider Municipal Membership in the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce

Richard Davis reviewed a letter dated January 17, 2014 received from Chamber Executive Director Erin Arthers. Mr. Davis pointed out that Ms. Arthers was present, as well as various members of the Chamber's Board of Directors. Mr. Davis further stated that this consideration is being presented to the Selectmen as a result of the recent approval of the Franklin Printing Tax Increment Financing District amendment by the Department of Economic and Community Development, which allows for membership in organizations such as Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments and Franklin County Chamber of Commerce using TIF funds to pay membership fees. Chamber activities, as well as membership benefits were discussed, and it was pointed out that Chamber membership was highly encouraged on the Certified Business Friendly Community application. Current Chamber President Mike Blanchet and Past Chamber President Scott Landry were both present and encouraged the Town's support.

ITEM 4: To Consider Municipal Membership in the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce (Cont.)

Stephan Bunker moved to approve the Town's membership in the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce, with the \$2,500 membership fee to be taken from the Franklin Printing TIF account; Joshua Bell seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Hufnagel)

ITEM 5: To Discuss the Appointment of two (2) Interim RSU 9 Directors

Richard Davis handed out and reviewed a summary sheet of the term openings, Town Meeting election results, and resulting two vacancies until June 30, 2014. It was recommended that Tami Labul be appointed to fill Robert Flick's vacancy and Ken Charles be appointed to fill Stephan Bunker's vacancy, both until June 30, 2014. On July 1, 2014, both appointees will assume the terms to which they were elected at Town Meeting. The Selectmen discussed the importance of having the full Town membership of five on the School Board with the upcoming start of its budget process. Also discussed was the difference in the budget voting process this year.

Stephan Bunker moved to appoint Tami Labul and Ken Charles as interim RSU 9 Directors until June 30, 2014; Joshua Bell seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Hufnagel)

Town Manager Richard Davis stated that he will contact Ms. Labul and Mr. Charles, and email the School District budget voting dates to the Selectmen.

ITEM 6: To Take Formal Action with Regard to the Town's Right of First Refusal for Real Property of the Sandy River Recycling Association

Richard Davis explained that Sandy River Recycling Association (SRRA) is dissolving, effective June 30, 2014. Mr. Davis reviewed the property deed issued to SRRA by the Town in 1991, and stated that SRRA needs clarification as to whether the Town is interested in first refusal so that if it is not, SRRA can begin aggressively marketing the property on April 1st. SRRA member Jo Josephson was present and further explained the dissolution process. Further discussion included fair market value, road maintenance, right of way, estimated proceeds the Town may receive from the sale of the property, protective covenants regarding the water that comes from a well on the Town's transfer station property, and possible uses if the Town were to purchase the property.

ITEM 6: To Take Formal Action with Regard to the Town's Right of First Refusal for Real Property of the Sandy River Recycling Association (Cont.)

Stephan Bunker moved to waive the Town's right of first refusal and allow SRRA to market its property and other assets; Ryan Morgan seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Hufnagel)

To Adopt the Amended Town of Farmington All-Hazards Emergency Operations Plan

Richard Davis suggested tabling the vote on this Item until the next meeting to allow the two new members the time to review it. Mr. Davis reviewed the Plan's updates.

Stephan Bunker moved to table Item 7 until the Selectmen's next regularly scheduled meeting on April 8, 2014; Joshua Bell seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Hufnagel)

ITEM 8: To Approve an Order pursuant to 36 M.R.S. §906, Pertaining to Unpaid Taxes

Richard Davis reviewed the Order, which he stated is an annual occurrence after Town Meeting.

Stephan Bunker moved to approve an Order pursuant to 36 M.R.S. §906, pertaining to unpaid taxes; Joshua Bell seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Hufnagel)

The Board signed the Order.

ITEM 9: To Approve Municipal Quitclaim Deed(s)

Richard Davis reviewed two Municipal Quitclaim Deeds, one each for Karleen Ann Grenier and Nancy R. Bryant.

ITEM 9: To Approve Municipal Quitclaim Deed(s) (Cont.)

Stephan Bunker moved to approve Municipal Quitclaim Deeds for Karleen Ann Grenier and Nancy R. Bryant; Joshua Bell seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Hufnagel)

The Board signed the two Deeds.

ITEM 10: To Approve Cemetery Conveyance(s)

Richard Davis reviewed one Cemetery Conveyance for Timothy and Sandra Decker.

Stephan Bunker moved to approve a Cemetery Conveyance for Timothy and Sandra Decker; Joshua Bell seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Hufnagel)

The Selectmen signed the Conveyance.

ITEM 11: To Approve the Minutes of March 11, 2014

Richard Davis pointed out that members do not need to have been present at the meeting to approve the minutes.

Joshua Bell moved to table approval of the March 11, 2014 minutes until the April 8, 2014 meeting to allow the two new members the time to review them; Ryan Morgan seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Hufnagel)

Town Secretary Linda Grant was asked to email the draft minutes to Stephan Bunker and Andrew Buckland to review.

ITEM 12: To Discuss Other Business

- **A)** Board members and the Town Manager explained to new Selectman Andrew Buckland the purpose of the "Other Business" agenda item.
- B) Andrew Buckland reported that the annual eWaste disposal and recycling event will be held at Aubuchon Hardware again this year on Saturday, April 26th from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Richard Davis reported that a poster of the event is on display in the entryway of the Municipal Building.

ITEM 12: To Discuss Other Business (Cont.)

- C) Ryan Morgan welcomed new Selectman Andrew Buckland and returning Selectman Stephan Bunker. Mr. Buckland was encouraged to tour each of the Town's facilities and meet the staff, as well as utilize the Town Manager's knowledge and expertise.
- **D)** Andrew Buckland shared more information on this year's Midsummer Festival.
- E) Joshua Bell reminded the Selectmen of the upcoming meeting on fire service in the region, which will be held in the Bass Room at Franklin Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, April 30th. Richard Davis stated that he will email Andrew Buckland a copy of the invitation that has been sent out to Municipal and Fire Service officials county-wide. The purpose of the meeting was explained to Mr. Buckland and discussed by the Selectmen.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Stephan Bunker moved to adjourn at 7:37 P.M.**; **Andrew Buckland seconded.**

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Hufnagel)

| Minutes | respectfully | submitted | by Linda H. | Grant. |
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Stephan M. Bunker – Secretary