#### FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

#### Tuesday, April 22, 2014

Chairman Ryan Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Stephan Bunker and Andrew Buckland. Vice Chairman Joshua Bell was absent. Town Manager Richard Davis, 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

Chairman 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 Troll Valley, Inc., located at 283 Red Schoolhouse Road, owned and operated by Michael Sayward

Richard Davis reviewed the liquor license application.

Chairman Ryan Morgan opened the Public Hearing under Item 2 at 6:32 P.M.

Owner and applicant Michael Sayward was present and further reviewed his application and facility.

Chairman Ryan Morgan closed the Public Hearing under Item 2 at 6:33 P.M.

Stephan Bunker made inquiries regarding the serving area and the servers' participation in the Bureau of Alcohol's TIPS Program.

Stephan Bunker moved to approve a new liquor license for Troll Valley, Inc., located at 283 Red Schoolhouse Road, owned and operated by Michael Sayward; Andrew Buckland seconded.

### VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 ABSENT 2 MOTON CARRIED (Bell / Vacant)

The Selectmen signed the application. Mr. Sayward stated that he hopes to have his facility open by late summer.

To Consider a Request to Conduct a Community Oriented Activity involving the Distribution of Information about "Neighbors Helping Neighbors of Franklin County" at Meetinghouse Park on Saturday, May 17, 2014 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Richard Davis reviewed the request. "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" member Liz Richards was present and further explained the organization's request and the countywide event. Ryan Morgan disclosed that he is a member of this organization. Participation, as well as safe driving of participants was encouraged.

Stephan Bunker moved to approve use of Meetinghouse Park by "Neighbors Helping Neighbors of Franklin County" on Saturday, May 17, 2014 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., with emphasis on participant safe driving; Andrew Buckland seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 ABSENT 2 MOTON CARRIED (Bell / Vacant)

Liz Richards reviewed the procedure for registration and ticket purchase.

#### ITEM 4: To Proclaim Tuesday, May 20, 2014 as Arbor Day in Farmington

Richard Davis reported that Farmington has been proclaimed a Tree City USA for the past 36 consecutive years, and 2014 will most likely be the 37<sup>th</sup>. Conservation Commission Chairman Peter Tracy was present and reviewed his email dated April 22, 2014 which explained the planned Maine and Farmington Arbor Day/Week celebration activities. He also handed out a copy of last year's Maine Arbor Week Celebration brochure.

Stephan Bunker moved to proclaim Tuesday, May 20, 2014 as Arbor Day in Farmington; Andrew Buckland seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 ABSENT 2 MOTON CARRIED (Bell / Vacant)

Chairman Ryan Morgan signed the Proclamation.

## ITEM 5: To Review a Proposal for the Town to Assume Ownership of the former Sandy River Recycling Association Composting Facility and Operation

Richard Davis handed out copies of Dr. Tom Eastler's proposal. Dr. Eastler was present and reviewed his proposal. Dr. Eastler reiterated that if the Town is required to renew the license with DEP, he is willing to cover the cost of \$288. He also stated that if approved tonight, he will be presenting this proposal to the SRRA at its meeting tomorrow night.

To Review a Proposal for the Town to Assume Ownership of the former Sandy River Recycling Association Composting Facility and Operation (Cont.)

Stephan Bunker moved to propose that the Town support said request to Sandy River Recycling Association for the Town of Farmington to assume ownership of the former composting facility operation and said license; Andrew Buckland seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 ABSENT 2 MOTON CARRIED (Bell / Vacant)

At Stephan Bunker's request, Richard Davis explained why renewal of the license is necessary, even though the Town will not be composting for quite some time.

### ITEM 6: To Consider a Request to Lease the Former Town Garage lot for the Purpose of Conducting a Flea Market (Nancy Porter)

Richard Davis reviewed resident Nancy Porter's written proposal dated April 17, 2014. Mrs. Porter was present and further explained her request. Topics discussed included: liability insurance, access to the lot, parking, and mowing and maintenance of the lot. Mr. Davis pointed out the many options for use of this property, including the fact that he has been approached regarding a long term use of the lot, ie. financial assistance with design and landscaping, etc. to turn it into a public park. He asked the Selectmen for direction.

Andrew Buckland moved to table Item 6 until the insurance questions are answered; Stephan Bunker seconded.

### VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 ABSENT 2 MOTON CARRIED (Bell / Vacant)

Peter Tracy suggested involvement from existing Town Committees, or forming a sub-Committee to research uses for this property would be appropriate, and volunteered to help in any way he could. Richard Davis agreed to work with that suggestion.

# To Approve the Employment of Michael C. Booker as a Probationary Member of the Fire Rescue Department

Richard Davis reviewed Fire Rescue Chief Terry Bell's memo dated April 11, 2014 regarding Mr. Booker's qualifications. He stated that a background check revealed no issues.

To Approve the Employment of Michael C. Booker as a Probationary Member of the Fire Rescue Department (Cont.)

Stephan Bunker moved to approve the employment of Michael C. Booker as a probationary member of the Fire Rescue Department; Ryan Morgan seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 ABSENT 2 MOTON CARRIED (Bell / Vacant)

ITEM 8: To Approve the Minutes of March 25 and April 8, 2014

Stephan Bunker moved to approve the minutes of March 25, 2014, and table the minutes of April 8, 2014; Andrew Buckland seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 ABSENT 2 MOTON CARRIED (Bell / Vacant)

#### **ITEM 9: To Discuss Other Business**

- A) Richard Davis reported that he will be on vacation the week of the May 27<sup>th</sup> Selectmen's meeting. The Selectmen reviewed their options and upcoming agenda items, and agreed to meet on Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> instead of the 27<sup>th</sup>.
- B) Stephan Bunker reminded those present and the listening audience of the upcoming Franklin County Municipal Association meeting on Wednesday, April 30, 2014 for fire and elected officials regarding fire protection service. He also reported that he will not be able to attend, as he will be out of town from April 29<sup>th</sup> through May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Stephan Bunker moved to adjourn at 7:21 P.M.**; **Andrew Buckland seconded.** 

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 ABSENT 2 MOTON CARRIED (Bell / Vacant)

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda H. Grant.

 $Stephan\ M.\ Bunker-Secretary$