

FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, May 13, 2014

Chairman Ryan Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Joshua Bell, Stephan Bunker and Andrew Buckland. 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 Hear a Presentation from the UMF Climate Change and Society Class regarding the *Farmington Climate Adaptation Plan*

Richard Davis introduced UMF Sustainability Coordinator Dr. Lucas Kellett, and welcomed those students present from his UMF Climate Change and Society Class. Mr. Davis explained that this year's project for this class was to create a Climate Adaptation Plan for the Town of Farmington. Dr. Kellett explained the course curriculum and gave an overview of the project before turning the floor over to five groups of students who presented the five sectors of the Plan. Questions and contributions from the Selectmen included: the increase in ticks, lyme disease, and West Nile virus relative to public safety, including tourists; meeting certain needs and problems through litigation versus adaptation; river dredging; the change over the years in snow dumping practices; risk assessment (particularly relative to people); and a request for class comments and suggestions in regard to the Town's Emergency Response Plan adequacies. One of the students generated a brief discussion regarding the process and cost of the Whittier Road project, including the political involvement. Dr. Kellett explained that the final document will be delivered to the Town once compilation is complete, which most likely will be during the summer. The Selectmen thanked Dr. Kellett and his class for their excellent presentation and gave them a round of applause.

ITEM 3: To Consider a Proposal to Landscape the Former Town Garage lot

Richard Davis reported that Mrs. Porter has withdrawn her proposal to conduct a flea market at the site. He further reported that he was approached by Richard Bjorn with the proposal to landscape the site, and his generous offer to donate toward its cause. He stated that he is in the process of compiling some concepts for cost analysis of this proposal for presentation to the Selectmen and Mr. Bjorn. He asked for the Selectmen's opinions on what should be on site in regard to picnic tables, etc., and explained his ideas

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Joshua Bell moved to adjourn at 9:15 P.M.; Andrew Buckland seconded.**

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTON CARRIED
(Vacant)

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda H. Grant.

Stephan M. Bunker – Secretary