





**ITEM 5: To Accept a Donation of Landscaping of the Former Town Garage lot and Commit to its Future Maintenance (Cont.)**

**Stephan Bunker moved to gratefully accept the donation of landscaping from Richard Bjorn at the former Town garage lot, and commit to its future maintenance; Joshua Bell seconded.**

It was pointed out that the Town Meeting sentiment was in favor of this use.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED**

**ITEM 6: To Consider Eliminating one of the Community Banner Pole Locations**

Richard Davis explained that the verbal agreement with Leon Heckbert to relocate the High Street banner poles to his property across the street from the Municipal Building has been rescinded, and asked for suggestions of other sites to relocate the banner poles to. Mr. Davis also explained the landowner agreement issues relative to placing the poles on private property, as well as visibility, ease of access/parking, and traffic safety issues wherever the poles are placed. An information kiosk and talking sign were discussed. The general consensus of the Selectmen was to search for an alternate location before considering elimination of this set of poles. Solicitation of public suggestions was encouraged. Mr. Davis reported that E.L. Vining & Son, Inc. anticipates the start of this project within the next few weeks.

**Andrew Buckland moved to table Item 6 to search for an alternate location for the High Street banner poles, and place a moratorium on banner reservations for said poles after all current reservations have passed; Stephan Bunker seconded.**

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED**

Jim Kiernan left the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

**ITEM 7: To Review a Draft Request for Proposals for Tax Assessing Services and Consider Options for Assessing**

Richard Davis reviewed the information that was provided to the Selectmen back in February regarding assessing options, ie. contract assessing service, staff assessor, salaries of assessors in population-related towns, and a sample contract. Assessor Mark Caldwell joined the discussion regarding advantages and disadvantages of a contract service versus a staff assessor. Resident Dennis O'Neil pointed out his perceived disadvantages with contract services. For the sake of comparison, the Selectmen asked Mr. Davis to research each town's Assessing Department budget and the number of properties assessed, broken down into commercial, industrial, etc. It was the consensus of the Selectmen to also have the Town Manager and Assessor refine the RFP for Tax Assessing Services for them to review at their next meeting.

**ITEM 8: To Abate past Personal Property Taxes Assessed to Sandy River Excavation and Barry's Auto Service, as both Businesses are no longer Operating**

Richard Davis introduced Harold Hargreaves, former owner of Sandy River Excavation, and reviewed Assessor Mark Caldwell's memo dated June 20, 2014. Mr. Caldwell further explained the abatement requests and his recommendation to approve both.

**Joshua Bell moved to abate the 2010, 2011, and 2012 personal property taxes of Sandy River Excavation in the amount of \$2,223.76, and the 2012 personal property taxes of Barry's Auto Service in the amount of \$83.00; Stephan Bunker seconded.**

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED**

A brief discussion was generated by Ryan Morgan regarding what percentage of the Town's tax value consists of Personal Property, and the sending of the 706 notification.

Mark Caldwell left the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

**ITEM 9: To Amend the Policy on Treasurer's Disbursement Warrants for Employee Wages and Benefits and State Fees**

Richard Davis explained that it is required that this Policy be reviewed and amended any time there is a change in the composition of the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Davis also reviewed the purpose of the Policy.

**Stephan Bunker moved to approve Option 1 to amend the Policy on Treasurer's Disbursement Warrants for Employee Wages and Benefits and State Fees; Andrew Buckland seconded.**

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED**

The Selectmen signed the Policy.

**ITEM 10: To Renew the Town of Farmington Mission Statement on Safety**

Richard Davis explained that this Mission Statement is reviewed periodically and since there is a new Selectman should be renewed. Mr. Davis reviewed the Safety Committee membership, and reported that the current Workers' Compensation experience mod is .71, with anything under 1 being good, or anticipated.

**Joshua Bell moved to approve the renewal of the Town of Farmington Mission Statement on Safety; Andrew Buckland seconded.**

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED**

The Selectmen signed the Mission Statement.

**ITEM 11: To Appoint a Member of the Board of Selectmen to the Transportation Advisory Committee as an ad hoc Member**

Richard Davis explained that a member of the Board of Selectmen generally serves as an ad hoc member on this Committee. Mr. Davis stated that this Committee is scheduled to meet once per month unless there are no transportation-related issues to discuss. He also reviewed the agenda for the upcoming meeting on Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M.

**Stephan Bunker moved to appoint Selectman Michael Fogg to the Transportation Advisory Committee as an ad hoc member; Joshua Bell seconded.**

**VOTE                    AFFIRMATIVE    4                    ABSTAINED    1                    MOTION CARRIED**  
**(Fogg)**

**ITEM 12: To Appoint Board and Committee Members**

Richard Davis reviewed the summary of Board and Committee applications received submitted by Town Secretary Linda Grant. Mr. Davis explained that the reported new application of Gloria McGraw on the Planning Board is an error, as Mrs. McGraw is already on the Planning Board.

**Board of Appeals:**

Stephan Bunker reported that two renewal applications were submitted for the two 3-year term expirations on the Board of Appeals, but there remains one 2015 term vacancy and two alternate 1-year term vacancies.

**Stephan Bunker moved to re-appoint Michael Deschenes and Dennis O'Neil each to a 3-year term on the Board of Appeals; Joshua Bell seconded.**

**VOTE    AFFIRMATIVE    5    MOTION CARRIED**

**Board of Assessment Review:**

Stephan Bunker reported that two renewal applications and one new application were submitted for the two 3-year term expirations on the Board of Assessment Review.

**Stephan Bunker moved to re-appoint Michael Deschenes and Gloria McGraw each to a 3-year term on the Board of Assessment Review; Joshua Bell seconded.**

**VOTE    AFFIRMATIVE    5    MOTION CARRIED**





**ITEM 14: To Approve a Municipal Quitclaim Deed (Cont.)**

**Joshua Bell moved to approve a Municipal Quitclaim Deed for Western Maine Land Trust and David Rearick; Stephan Bunker seconded.**

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED**

The Selectmen signed the Deed.

**ITEM 15: To Approve a Cemetery lot Conveyance**

Richard Davis reviewed one Cemetery lot Conveyance for Gail L. Lange.

**Joshua Bell moved to approve a Cemetery Conveyance for Gail L. Lange; Andrew Buckland seconded.**

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED**

The Selectmen signed the Conveyance

**ITEM 16: To Approve the Minutes of June 10, 2014**

Item 16 was tabled until the next meeting, as the minutes were not yet available.

**ITEM 17: To Discuss Other Business**

- A) Stephan Bunker noted that the annual Antique Tractor Show is taking place at the Farmington Fairgrounds on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>.
- B) Andrew Buckland noted that with the closing of Skye Theater in September, there will be a lot of Sunday evening music concerts taking place in Town alternating between the Old South and North Churches, and will continue after Skye Theater is closed.
- C) New Selectman Michael Fogg thanked the Board and community for giving him the opportunity to serve as a Selectman.
- D) Chairman Ryan Morgan reported that the next Board of Selectmen's meeting will be on Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. He wished everyone a happy Fourth of July and reminded all of the parade that will be taking place in Town that day.



