#### FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

#### Tuesday, March 24, 2015

Town Manager Richard Davis called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Joshua Bell, Michael Fogg, Andrew Buckland and Matthew Smith. Stephan Bunker was unable to attend. Town Secretary Linda Grant, Plumbing Inspector Richard Marble, 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**

Town Manager Richard Davis led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### **ITEM 2:** To Elect Officers for the Ensuing Year

Town Manager Richard Davis noted the letter from Selectman Stephan Bunker expressing his interest in the position of Chairman. Mr. Davis then opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Board of Selectmen for the ensuing year.

Andrew Buckland nominated Joshua Bell as Chairman; Matthew Smith seconded. Town Manager Richard Davis called for a vote.

### VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 ABSTAINED 1 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Joshua Bell) (Stephan Bunker)

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

Matthew Smith nominated Stephan Bunker as Vice Chairman; Andrew Buckland seconded.

### VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Stephan Bunker)

Chairman Joshua Bell opened the floor for nominations for the position of Secretary of the Board of Selectmen for the ensuing year. In response to Michael Fogg's question as to the duties of the Secretary, Town Secretary Linda Grant stated that the duty of the Board's Secretary is the sign the approved minutes.

Michael Fogg nominated Andrew Buckland as Secretary; Matthew Smith seconded.

## VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 ABSTAINED 1 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Andrew Buckland)(Stephan Bunker)

## ITEM 3: To Authorize the Local Plumbing Inspector to Prosecute a Violation of the Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Rules

Richard Davis explained that this matter came about as a result of a subsurface wastewater system being installed without official approval and permit by virtue of non-payment. Mr. Davis and Plumbing Inspector Richard Marble reviewed the Notice of Violation - Order for Corrective Action, background information and issues pertaining to this matter, including the prosecution process. Mr. Marble reported that additionally there is a civil suit between the land owner and contractor.

Andrew Buckland moved to authorize Plumbing Inspector Richard Marble to prosecute a violation of the Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Rules; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Stephan Bunker)

#### ITEM 4: To Award the bid for a new Police Cruiser

Richard Davis reviewed the bid tabulation and recommendation to award the bid for a 2015 Interceptor to Quirk Ford for the amount of \$25,600. Police Chief Jack Peck was present and clarified that this vehicle is a sport utility vehicle (SUV). He further explained the bid process and answered questions of the Selectmen.

Michael Fogg moved to award the bid for a 2015 Interceptor police cruiser to Quirk Ford for the amount of \$25,600; Andrew Buckland seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Stephan Bunker)

# To Consider Requests to close Academy Street, a section of High Street, and South Street for UMF Events on May 2 and May 16, 2015

Richard Davis reviewed the letter of request and street closure plan, as required by MaineDOT, from University of Maine at Farmington Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police Brock Caton for two separate events in May. Police Chief Jack Peck assisted Mr. Davis in answering the Selectmen's questions. Chief Peck pointed out that the May 16<sup>th</sup> graduation is not actually a street closure since the closure will last no more than twenty minutes therefore eliminating the necessity of MaineDOT paperwork. In reviewing the letter of request for the May 16<sup>th</sup> event however, it was noted that the closure is expected to take one hour.

To Consider Requests to close Academy Street, a section of High Street, and South Street for UMF Events on May 2 and May 16, 2015 (Cont.)

Michael Fogg moved to approve the requests to close Academy Street, a section of High Street, and South Street for UMF events on May 2 and May 16, 2015, contingent upon completion of any necessary MaineDOT paperwork and approval for the May 16, 2015 High Street closure; Andrew Buckland seconded.

Chief Peck verified that there are no safety concerns with the closure of Academy Street for eight hours. He also stated that he will get clarification on the street closures for both events from Chief Caton tomorrow.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Stephan Bunker)

ITEM 6: To Approve an Order pursuant to 36 M.R.S. §906, Pertaining to Unpaid Taxes

Richard Davis stated that this is a routine annual authorization that allows the Tax Collector to apply any tax payments against the oldest outstanding delinquent taxes. He further stated that this authorization is required annually due to the potential turnover of Selectmen each year.

Andrew Buckland moved to approve an Order pursuant to 36 M.R.S. §906, pertaining to unpaid taxes; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Stephan Bunker)

The Selectmen signed the Order.

To Consider the Application of Robert Vallette to Serve on the Board of Appeals

Richard Davis explained that Robert Vallette is applying for a three year term but the only vacancy at this time is a one year alternate position. Mr. Vallette was present and verified that he will accept an alternate position.

Matthew Smith moved to appoint Robert Vallette to the Board of Appeals as an alternate member; Michael Fogg seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Stephan Bunker)

### ITEM 8: To Approve a Municipal Quitclaim Deed

Richard Davis reviewed the Municipal Quitclaim Deed releasing any interest the Town has in property owned by Kendra L. Baker and Jamie E. Jackson, and reported that all obligations have been satisfied.

Michael Fogg moved to approve a Municipal Quitclaim Deed for Kendra L. Baker and Jamie E. Jackson; Andrew Buckland seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Stephan Bunker)

The Selectmen signed the Quitclaim Deed.

ITEM 9: To Approve the Minutes of February 10 and 24 & March 10 and 18, 2015

Matthew Smith moved to table the minutes of February 10 and 24 & March 10 and 18, 2015 as they were not yet available; Andrew Buckland seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Stephan Bunker)

#### ITEM 10: To Discuss Other Business

- A) Richard Davis thanked the Selectmen for their participation in the Town Meeting last night.
- **B**) Andrew Buckland welcomed new Selectman Matthew Smith.
- C) In response to Michael Fogg's inquiry about a plan for moving forward with a Building Permit Ordinance, Richard Davis suggested that if the Selectmen would like to explore the matter further it can be brought up as an agenda item at a later date, although it is his opinion that it will not prove successful in the future either. In response to resident Bob Vallette's inquiry as to the status of the proposed amendments to the Sign Ordinance, Mr. Davis stated that it is on hold and the current Ordinance remains in effect.
- D) In response to Joshua Bell's inquiry about the Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> MaineDOT meeting, Richard Davis clarified that there will be two public informational meeting sessions held at the UMF North Dining Hall tomorrow, the first from 2-4 P.M. and the second from 6-8 P.M.

To Hold an Executive Session Pursuant to 36 M.R.S. §841.2.E to Consider an Application for Abatement of Property taxes based on Infirmity or Poverty

Andrew Buckland moved to go into Executive Session at 7:02 P.M.; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Stephan Bunker)

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:50 P.M.

Matthew Smith moved to abate the 2011 property taxes in the amount of \$74.47, to make no abatement of the 2012 property taxes, and to strongly encourage the property owner to contact Community Concepts and/or Western Maine Community Action to inquire about any available mortgage assistance and meet with the Treasurer to determine a workable payment arrangement; Andrew Buckland seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Stephan Bunker)

There being no further business to come before the Board, Andrew Buckland moved to adjourn at 7:52 P.M.; Michael Fogg seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Stephan Bunker)

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda H. Grant.

Andrew R. Buckland - Secretary