

ITEM 4: To Award the bid for Gymnasium Floor Covering in Anticipation of the General Election and Approve the Purchase of same from the Reserve Account entitled “Voting Machine” (Cont.)

Hillyard bid quote is more expensive, the warranty is for four years longer. It was suggested that Mr. Foster add an advertisement and picture of the new flooring and gymnasium rental rates to the Town’s website to encourage more use.

Andrew Buckland moved to award the bid for gymnasium floor covering to BSN Sports for the cost of \$9,769.23, with funding to be taken from the “Voting Machine” Reserve account; Matthew Smith seconded.

Mr. Foster and the Selectmen further discussed waiting to see the Hillyard sample before making a decision. Mr. Davis stated that the funds have been sitting in the “Voting Machine” Reserve account for a number of years.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 1 OPPOSED 4 MOTION FAILED
(Bell, Buckland, Bunker, Fogg)**

There was further discussion by the Selectmen.

Stephan Bunker moved to defer to the decision of the Town Manager and Parks and Recreation Director after seeing the Hillyard sample as to which company to award the bid for gymnasium floor covering, with the total cost not to exceed \$11,910.00 and funding to be taken from the “Voting Machine” Reserve account; Michael Fogg seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 5: To Accept a \$1,000 Grant from Walmart for the Parks and Recreation Department

Parks and Recreation Director Matthew Foster passed around information on a new style of ice rink that he is proposing to purchase with the grant money in Items 5 and 6, if accepted by the Selectmen. He explained how unpredictable use of the current skating rink has been in recent years, and how time consuming maintenance has been. He also explained the cost, setup and life expectancy of the rink and liner he is proposing to purchase.

Michael Fogg moved to accept a \$1,000 grant from Walmart for the Parks and Recreation Department; Andrew Buckland seconded.

Location of the existing skating rink was discussed.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 6: To Accept a \$7,000 Grant from the Healthy Community Coalition for the Parks and Recreation Department

Andrew Buckland moved to accept a \$7,000 grant from the Healthy Community Coalition for the Parks and Recreation Department; Matthew Smith seconded.

Ice quality and thickness was discussed.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 7: To Award the bid for a ¾ ton Four-Wheel Drive Pickup for the Sewer Department

Richard Davis reviewed a tabulation of the four bids received and recommended that the bid be awarded to Quirk Ford of Augusta for the amount of \$34,885.00.

Stephan Bunker moved to award the bid for a ¾ ton four-wheel drive pickup for the Sewer Department to Quirk Ford of Augusta for the amount of \$34,885.00; Matthew Smith seconded.

Mr. Davis verified that the truck is a new 2016 model, and funding for this truck will come from a Sewer Department Vehicle Reserve account.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 8: To Award the bid for a new Police Cruiser

Richard Davis reviewed the tabulation of three bids received and Chief Peck's recommendation to award the bid for a 2016 SUV to Quirk Ford of Augusta for the amount of \$27,096. Mr. Davis stated that this vehicle will be replacing the SUV that was totaled in a motor vehicle accident this past summer. The Town received over \$14,000 from the insurance company, which be applied toward the purchase of the new vehicle.

Stephan Bunker moved to award the bid for a new 2016 SUV police cruiser to Quirk Ford of Augusta for the amount of \$27,096, and to authorize the amount of \$8,000 to be taken from the Vehicle Reserve account and the balance to be taken from the Police Department's operating budget; Matthew Smith seconded.

Chief Peck explained the funding of the purchase and interior/exterior set up of the vehicle.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 8: To Award the bid for a new Police Cruiser (Cont.)

Chief Peck reported that Farmington Fair went well even though attendance was down, but as far as public safety was concerned all went very well. He also reported that he is in the process of conducting interviews to hire another police officer, which on paper at least will bring the department back to full staff, but two officers will be going to the Police Academy in January.

ITEM 9: To Review the Sewer Lien Foreclosures

Richard Davis explained that he wasn't aware at the time that he compiled the agenda that this Item also includes property tax foreclosures. He reviewed the list of both property tax and sewer lien foreclosures that was updated by Treasurer Lucy Cook, who was present and further explained the information provided.

Michael Fogg moved to take action on the highlighted sewer lien foreclosures on the list, as well as line 25 on the list;

Mr. Davis suggested that Treasurer Lucy Cook look back in the files and craft a letter similar to those sent in the past.

Matthew Smith seconded.

Joshua Bell expressed his hesitancy with acting on any property tax foreclosures tonight where it wasn't specifically on the agenda. Mr. Davis suggested that the Selectmen wait, and he will place the property tax foreclosures on the agenda for the next scheduled meeting.

Michael Fogg and Matthew Smith withdrew their motion and second.

Andrew Buckland moved to take action on those two (2) sewer lien foreclosures that are highlighted on the list; Matthew Smith seconded.

Mr. Davis and Ms. Cook further explained the sewer lien foreclosure process as it relates to the property tax foreclosure process. It was pointed out that any property that has both sewer and property tax foreclosures should be acted on at the same time. The Selectmen further reviewed the list of foreclosures.

VOTE

AFFIRMATIVE 5

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer Lucy Cook reported that the next round of foreclosures from 2014 will be in February, 2017.

ITEM 10: To Approve a Cemetery lot Conveyance

Richard Davis reported that this Conveyance is for two (2) lots in Fairview Cemetery for Keith E. Fronk and Rachel O. Fronk of Farmington.

Matthew Smith moved to approve a Cemetery Lot Conveyance for Keith E. Fronk and Rachel O. Fronk of Farmington; Andrew Buckland seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

The Selectmen signed the Cemetery Lot Conveyance.

ITEM 11: To Approve a Municipal Quitclaim Deed

Richard Davis reported that this Quitclaim Deed was approved by the Selectmen at their last meeting but it was found that there was a scrivener's error on the deed, which has now been corrected. He stated that this Quitclaim Deed is releasing any interest the Town may have in property of Donald E. Gudbrandsen at 278 Mosher Hill Road.

Matthew Smith moved to approve a Municipal Quitclaim Deed for Donald E. Gudbrandsen at 278 Mosher Hill Road; Andrew Buckland seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

The Selectmen signed the Quitclaim Deed.

ITEM 12: To Approve the Minutes of September 13, 2016

Stephan Bunker moved to approve the minutes of September 13, 2016; Andrew Buckland seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 13: To Discuss Other Business

A) Richard Davis reported that if all goes as planned, work will begin on the repaving of the Municipal Building's front parking lot at the end of this week or beginning of next week, notice of which has been sent to the local media. Mr. Davis further reported that only the small portion of the University's entryway next to the parking lot that the Town dug up due to its deterioration will be repaved as the University is unable to share in the cost due to budget constraints. Mr. Davis stated that he has suggested to the University that they budget for repaving of the driveway next year.

