

ITEM 7: To Establish the 2013 Tax Rate (Cont.)

is attributable to the five-year road improvement program, the benefits of which currently are visible in the Voter Hill Road. Mark Caldwell emphasized that any questions regarding valuation changes need to go directly through him, and he reviewed the process.

Jessica Berry moved to set the 2013 tax rate at 0.01575; Andrew Hufnagel seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 9: To Approve the Purchase of a Gas Boiler for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Dewatering Building

Richard Davis reviewed the quotes received and recommendation, referencing his memo dated August 23, 2013. Conversion of this boiler to natural gas upon its availability was discussed. Retiring Wastewater Superintendent Steve Moore was present.

Dennis Pike moved to approve ABT's proposal of \$24,871 for Option 2, which includes a 1,000 gallon propane tank, plus demolition and removal of the old chimney; Andrew Hufnagel seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 10: To Review the Sewer Connection Fees

Richard Davis reviewed the packet of information that he had supplied to the Selectmen, including a list of connection fees of various municipalities within Farmington's population range that he had surveyed in the past week. He also reviewed the Town of Farmington's current connection fee schedule and unit charge, and the Reserve account, which currently has a balance of \$394,000. Mr. Davis suggested that the Selectmen schedule a future work session for recommendations, possibly after the new Wastewater Superintendent has had a chance to get his bearings and review and make his own recommendations. Residents Dennis O'Neil and Stephan Bunker contributed to the discussion. Andrew Hufnagel suggested that the Town of Farmington's sewer connection fee be changed from \$750 per equivalent unit to a flat \$300. Mr. Davis stated that he has no issue with adjusting the rate and understands the purpose, but feels a differential should be maintained based on the actual impact of the user on the system, ie. residential user versus a large commercial business. He reiterated that he would like to give the new Superintendent six months to get acclimated and then ask him for his recommendation.

Andrew Hufnagel moved to change the sewer connection fee to \$375; further discussion; no second. Motion failed.

ITEM 13: To Discuss the Process for Conducting the Manager’s Annual Performance Evaluation

Richard Davis reviewed past procedure, pointing out that he always starts this process on his employment anniversary date, which is today.

Dennis Pike moved to proceed with this year’s evaluation using the same procedure as last year; Andrew Hufnagel seconded.

Ryan Morgan thanked former Chairman Stephan Bunker for the procedure that they now have in place.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Davis handed out the necessary materials, with Mr. Morgan requesting that completed paperwork be forwarded to him. Mr. Davis agreed to email an electronic form to the Selectmen.

ITEM 14: To Consider Making an Additional Contribution to the Lac-Mégantic Relief Fund from the Special Projects Account

Richard Davis reported that as of earlier this date the Relief Fund balance was at \$29,673.19. He explained that other Towns have contributed considerable amounts to the fund and asked the Selectmen if they were satisfied with their \$500 contribution that started the account, or if they would like to consider further contribution. Ryan Morgan reported that he received an email from Senator Tom Saviello this date reporting that four representatives from Lac Megantic, one of which will be the Mayor, will be coming to the 6:30-9:30 P.M. benefit concert and gathering here in Farmington on October 12th. The Selectmen discussed Mr. Morgan’s suggestion that the Town cover the cost of four hotel rooms for these representatives instead of contributing more money to the Relief Fund.

Andrew Hufnagel moved to have the Town Manager look at local rates before making a decision; Dennis Pike seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 15: To Approve the Minutes of August 13 and 20, 2013

Jessica Berry moved to approve the minutes of August 13 and 20, 2013; Dennis Pike seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

