FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, September 24, 2013

Chairman Ryan Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Andrew Hufnagel, Dennis Pike, Joshua Bell and Jessica Berry. 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.

To Consider a Request to use the Meetinghouse Park Gazebo for Musical Performances each Tuesday from 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Beginning on June 3, 2014 and Continuing each Tuesday thereafter until the last Tuesday in August, 2014 (Jeff and Donna Wells, Sandy Waite-Haskell and Ric Haskell, Bing and Nancy Crosby, and Margaret Arsenault and James Littlefield)

Richard Davis stated that this is an annual request and reviewed the letter of request.

Dennis Pike moved to approve a request from Jeff and Donna Wells, Sandy Waite-Haskell and Ric Haskell, Bing and Nancy Crosby, and Margaret Arsenault and James Littlefield to use the Meetinghouse Park gazebo for musical performances each Tuesday from 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. beginning on June 3, 2014 and continuing each Tuesday thereafter until the last Tuesday in August, 2014; Jessica Berry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 3: To Discuss a Proposal to Amend the Contract with Waste Management Disposal Services of Maine, Inc. for Disposal of Bulky Waste

Richard Davis reviewed the discussion that took place at the September 10th Selectmen's meeting as a result of the receipt of Waste Management's contract addendum request. He also reviewed the new Waste Management proposal memorandum dated September 13, 2013, which is good for sixty (60) days. Andrew Hufnagel thanked Mr. Davis for his research, and suggested that the Selectmen wait for the Archie's Inc. proposal before making a decision.

To Discuss a Proposal to Amend the Contract with Waste Management Disposal Services of Maine, Inc. for Disposal of Bulky Waste (Cont.)

Dennis Pike moved to postpone Item 3 until the October 8th Selectmen's meeting in anticipation of receipt of the Archie's Inc. proposal; discussion regarding Mr. Archibald's anticipated proposal, including guidelines and requirements he must follow. Mr. Davis stated that it would be best if the Selectmen received a written proposal in advance so that comparisons and research can be accomplished before Mr. Archibald comes before the Board again with his proposal. Resident Stephan Bunker pointed out that Sandy River Recycling Association (SRRA) needs to be factored in. Mr. Davis handed out and reviewed a copy of a letter from SRRA dated September 20, 2013 which explains the three options they are working toward to enable the organization to continue its operations. He noted that the cost structure for these options needs to be presented soon in order to be taken into consideration during the budget process; Jessica Berry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 4: To Discuss Municipal Services that may have Potential for Regionalization under County Government

Richard Davis explained that, as a result of a Legislative initiative to research ways for County government on a regional basis to achieve cost savings by contracting with municipalities, a list of 30+ examples of County public services has been compiled. He stated that he and three other Franklin County Town Managers ranked each example according to its potential for accomplishing said initiative. The Selectmen discussed the list and the rank of each example. Mr. Davis asked for the Selectmen's authorization to respond to the County Commissioners survey of the list, the deadline for which is September 30th.

Andrew Hufnagel moved to authorize the Town Manager to respond to the County Commissioner's survey; Dennis Pike seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 5: To Discuss the Process for Filling a Vacancy on the RSU 9 Board of Directors

Richard Davis reported that Eric Gilbert is moving to Jay, which creates a vacancy on the School Board of Directors. He reviewed the State Statute that pertains to a vacancy in municipal office, and the options for filling this vacancy. Mr. Davis reported that, according to Dan Gazette at RSU 9, the Board of Directors has not received an official

ITEM 5: To Discuss the Process for Filling a Vacancy on the RSU 9 Board of Directors (Cont.)

letter of resignation as yet. It was Mr. Davis' opinion that, from the Town's standpoint, the best option would be for the Board of Directors to make an appointment within thirty (30) days of receipt of a letter of resignation. Dennis Pike pointed out that the Selectmen had appointed someone to fill a vacancy in the past. The Selectmen asked Town Secretary Linda Grant to research how the prior appointment unfolded.

ITEM 6: To Establish the date for a Public Hearing and Special Town Meeting to Adopt the Proposed Downtown TIF and Amend the Franklin Printing TIF

Richard Davis reviewed several email exchanges between Eaton Peabody and him regarding the setting of a date for the Public Hearing and Special Town Meeting. Mr. Davis suggested that the date be set for October 29, 2013. Andrew Hufnagel asked that the Selectmen be provided with copies of the proposed TIF, and Ryan Morgan asked that a copy of a defined map be included in that information.

Joshua Bell moved to hold a Public Hearing and Special Town Meeting on October 29, 2013 at 6:30 P.M. to adopt the proposed Downtown TIF and amend the Franklin Printing TIF; Dennis Pike seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

To Consider the Application of Stephan Bunker to Serve on the Revolving Loan Fund Committee

Stephan Bunker was present to answer any questions the Selectmen may have. Richard Davis reviewed Mr. Bunker's application, pointing out that if appointed Mr. Bunker will be filling a vacancy on the five-member Committee left by the resignation of Emily Floyd.

Dennis Pike moved to appoint Stephan Bunker to the Revolving Loan Fund Committee; Andrew Hufnagel seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 8: To Approve Municipal Quitclaim Deeds

Richard Davis reviewed a Quitclaim Deed to John Paul Hoffman, IV of Newport, Maine, and another to Patrick Steenburg of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Jessica Berry moved to approve both Quitclaim Deeds as presented; Dennis Pike seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 9: To Approve a Cemetery lot Conveyance

Richard Davis reviewed a Cemetery Lot Conveyance to Linda Piawlock of 135 White Birch Lane, Farmington, Maine.

ITEM 9: To Approve a Cemetery lot Conveyance (Cont.)

Jessica Berry moved to approve a Cemetery Lot Conveyance for Linda Piawlock; Joshua Bell seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 10: To Approve the Minutes of September 10, 2013

The minutes of September 10, 2013 were tabled as they were not yet available.

ITEM 11: To Discuss Other Business

A) Richard Davis reported that Mavis Gensel missed getting the third quarter sewer commitment on the agenda as a regular Item and asked if the Selectmen would be agreeable to approving it under Other Business.

Richard Davis reported that the rates remained the same as the second quarter of 2013.

Dennis Pike moved and Jessica Berry seconded, as Sewer Commissioners, to approve the following rates for the third quarter 2013 Sewer Commitment:

Residential/Rental and Commercial Rate = \$7.285 / 100 cubic feet Residential/Rental and Commercial Minimum = \$36.43 / 500 cubic feet

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

The Board signed the Commitment.

- **B)** Richard Davis gave an update on the Whittier Road project, and encouraged the Selectmen to go down and look as it is fascinating.
- C) Richard Davis mentioned that, as of this morning, the balance of the Lac Megantic Relief Fund was \$32,755.08.
- **D**) Dennis Pike asked that his appreciation be passed on for very adequately taking care of the Willow Springs road opening on the Fairbanks Road.
- **E**) Resident Nancy Porter generated a discussion regarding the local tax burden created by non-taxable property in Farmington.

ITEM 11: To Discuss Other Business (Cont.)

- Ryan Morgan reminded everyone of the October 12th Lac Megantic benefit events at UMF's South Dining Hall from 6:30-9:30 P.M. He reported that admission bracelets may be purchased at Madore's Market in West Farmington, and County Seat Realty and Mooseville in downtown Farmington. The bracelet cost is \$10.00 in advance, or \$15.00 at the door, with all proceeds going to Lac Megantic.
- 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

Jessica Berry moved to go into Executive Session at 7:30 P.M.; Joshua Bell seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:07 P.M.

Jessica Berry moved to abate the 2007 to 2010 property taxes, interest and costs in the total amount of \$4,790.24, plus the outstanding sewer billing prior to June 27, 2011 in the amount of \$510.94, for a total abatement of \$5,301.18; Dennis Pike seconded.

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE 4 OPPOSED 1 MOTION CARRIED (Andrew Hufnagel)

There being no further business to come before the Board, Joshua Bell moved to adjourn at 8:10 P.M.; Jessica Berry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda H. Grant.

Dennis C. Pike - Secretary