FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, October 8, 2013

Vice Chairman Andrew Hufnagel called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Dennis Pike and Joshua Bell. Ryan Morgan and Jessica Berry were absent. Town Manager Richard Davis, Town Secretary Linda Grant, Code Enforcement Officer Steve Kaiser (6:30-6:45P.M.), Channel 11, and members of the press and public were also in attendance.

ITEM 1: Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Vice Chairman Andrew Hufnagel led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Hufnagel reported that Chairman Ryan Morgan is attending the school board meeting tonight in anticipation of their decision to appoint a new member to fill the term vacated by Eric Gilbert.

ITEM 2: To hold a Hearing to Determine whether the Structure owned by Linda Shipley, Located at 425 Industry Road is Dangerous or a Nuisance within the Meaning of 17 M.R.S. §2851

Vice Chairman Andrew Hufnagel opened the Public Hearing under Item 2 at 6:32 P.M.

At Richard Davis' request, CEO Steve Kaiser reviewed his memo dated September 23, 2013 and background information. Linda Shipley was present and clarified the reasons for not taking action on this property sooner. She reported that her contractor has stated that the house should be down within the next two weeks. It was Mr. Kaiser's opinion that October 31st would be a reasonable date to expect the building to be demolished and secured. Mr. Davis recommended that a Consent Agreement be signed as an assurance that this structure is taken care of by the designated date.

Vice Chairman Andrew Hufnagel closed the Public Hearing under Item 2 at 6:46 P.M.

Dennis Pike moved to establish the date of October 31, 2013 as the deadline for the Industry Road structure's demolition, and asked Steve Kaiser to set up a Consent Agreement with Linda Shipley; Joshua Bell seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 ABSENT 2 MOTION CARRIED (RM/JeB)

To Approve the use of Meeting House Park and the Gazebo on Sunday, May 4, 2014 from 7:00 A.M. until noon for the Hospice House 5K

Richard Davis reviewed the email dated October 2, 2013 that he received from Development Coordinator Terri Blaschke regarding this request.

Dennis Pike moved to approve the use of Meetinghouse Park and the gazebo on Sunday, May 4, 2014 from 7:00 A.M. until noon for the Hospice House 5K; Joshua Bell seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 ABSENT 2 MOTION CARRIED (RM/JeB)

ITEM 4: To Approve the Warrant for a Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, October 29, 2013

Richard Davis reviewed the three Articles on the draft Warrant.

Dennis Pike moved to approve the Warrant for a Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, October 29, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.; Joshua Bell seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 ABSENT 2 MOTION CARRIED (RM/JeB)

Richard Davis pointed out that the evening will start at 6:30 P.M. with Public Hearings for each Warrant Article, with the Special Town Meeting beginning at 7:00 P.M.

The Selectmen signed the Warrant.

ITEM 5: To Discuss Proposals for Disposal of Bulky Waste

Andrew Hufnagel reported that Alan Archibald was unable to attend the meeting tonight due to having contracted the flu.

Dennis Pike moved to postpone Item 5 until the October 22, 2013 Selectmen's meeting; Joshua Bell seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 ABSENT 2 MOTION CARRIED (RM/JeB)

ITEM 6: To Authorize the Treasurer to Draw \$32,000 from the Lac-Mégantic Relief Fund to Present to the Mayor of that City on October 12, 2013

Richard Davis reported that the balance in the Lac-Mégantic Relief Fund is now \$32,986, so once the check is drawn there will still be a sum that could be allowed to accumulate until such time as the Selectmen wish to close the account. He stated that the check will

ITEM 6: To Authorize the Treasurer to Draw \$32,000 from the Lac-Mégantic Relief Fund to Present to the Mayor of that City on October 12, 2013 (Cont.)

be presented to the Mayor of Lac-Mégantic as part of the concert program at UMF South Dining Hall on October 12th. Andrew Hufnagel stated that Ryan Morgan will be meeting with Senator Tom Saviello tomorrow to review the program agenda.

Dennis Pike moved to authorize the Treasurer to draw \$32,000 from the Lac-Mégantic Relief Fund to present to the Mayor of that City on October 12, 2013; Joshua Bell seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 ABSENT 2 MOTION CARRIED (RM/JeB)

To Consider an Expenditure of \$300 for a Commercial Land Appraisal of the Former Town Garage Property

Richard Davis reported that, in response to interest expressed in learning the value of the former Town garage property, he contacted appraiser Tom Mellen, who has agreed to give the Town an appraisal for the sum of \$300. Mr. Davis asked the Selectmen for authorization to enter into and sign said agreement. In answer to Andrew Hufnagel's inquiry as to the source of funding for an appraisal, Mr. Davis recommended that the Special Projects account be utilized, as the activity was not budgeted elsewhere. The Selectmen discussed the assessment of the property in regard to possible contamination, with resident Nancy Porter giving an explanation of Phase I and II surveys required by lenders. Mr. Davis added that an appraisal typically includes disclaimer language.

Dennis Pike moved to approve an expenditure of \$300 from the Special Projects account for a commercial land appraisal of the former Town garage property; Joshua Bell seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 ABSENT 2 MOTION CARRIED (RM/JeB)

ITEM 8: To Approve the Minutes of September 10 and 24, 2013

Joshua Bell moved to approve the minutes of September 10, 2013; Dennis Pike seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 ABSENT 2 MOTION CARRIED (RM/JeB)

The minutes of September 24, 2013 were tabled as they were not yet available.

ITEM 9: To Discuss Other Business

A) Richard Davis reviewed an email he received on October 4, 2013 from Iris Morgan in which she thanked the Selectmen for allowing her to hang pink lights in Meetinghouse Park and hold a gathering on Saturday, October 5, 2013. Due to an agreement with Safe Voices she will not be hanging the pink lights until the middle of October, and asked the Selectmen to consider allowing her to hold her gathering instead at 6:00 P.M. on Saturday, October 19, 2013.

Dennis Pike moved to allow Iris Morgan to hold her Breast Cancer Awareness gathering in Meetinghouse Park at 6:00 P.M. on Saturday, October 19, 2013; Joshua Bell seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 ABSENT 2 MOTION CARRIED (RM/JeB)

- B) Richard Davis gave an update on the Whittier Road erosion project, which he stated should be completed this fall. Mr. Davis reported that the end section of the road will be repaved due to the damage from the project, and some of the left over pilings will be utilized for signage stating "Erosion Control Area, Stay Out" in an effort to limit foot traffic.
- C) Dennis Pike reminded the Selectmen that there is a Disbursement Warrant to be signed.
- **D**) Joshua Bell asked if anything will be done to the Webster Road before another winter/spring season. Richard Davis stated that he will check with Public Works Director Denis Castonguay.
- E) Joshua Bell inquired as to when the shoulders will be completed on the Voter Hill Road. Richard Davis stated that three sections of guardrail are to be installed this week and additional material will be added to the shoulders at that time.
- F) Joshua Bell inquired as to the level of complaints of tax bills. Richard Davis stated that it is his understanding that there have been approximately 75 reviews scheduled to date, and the assessor has been making appointments and addressing complaints in a timely manner. In response to Nancy Porter's inquiry as to when the 2013 commitment book will be available, Mr. Davis stated that it should be now.
- G) Andrew Hufnagel stated that he received a complaint about how dark it is on Anson Street near the elderly housing and asked Richard Davis to check into the cost of two additional street lights. Mr. Davis agreed to contact the Central Maine Power municipal representative for a placement recommendation and cost.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Dennis Pike moved to adjourn at 7:15 P.M.**; **Joshua Bell seconded.**

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 ABSENT 2 MOTION CARRIED (RM/JeB)

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda H. Grant.

Dennis C. Pike, Secretary