

ITEM 3: To Ratify an Agreement between the Town of Farmington and the Bargaining Unit of the Maine Association of Police Effective April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2020 (Cont.)

Matthew Smith moved to approve an Agreement between the Town of Farmington and the Bargaining Unit of the Maine Association of Police effective April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2020; Andrew Buckland seconded.

Matthew Smith thanked the Town Manager and Chief Peck for their time and efforts with negotiations of this Agreement. Richard Davis stated that Chief Peck was instrumental with these negotiations, particularly in terms of pointing out what the costs would be to the Town for the contract, for which he expressed his appreciation.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 OPPOSED 1 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Joshua Bell) (Stephan Bunker)**

ITEM 4: To Discuss the Procedure for the Dedication and Acceptance of Willow Springs Drive as a Town Way

Richard Davis reviewed correspondence from Attorney Frank Underkuffler explaining the Town's options in this matter. According to Attorney Underkuffler the Selectmen have the option to refuse to put this dedication and acceptance on the Town Meeting Warrant without a petition, the procedure for which is somewhat tied to the Town's *Streets and Sidewalks Ordinance*. Mr. Davis reviewed the list of necessary items that need to be provided in order for a road to be proposed for acceptance, which items have been requested but not all as yet received. Mr. Davis further reviewed the items that the landowners and mortgage holders would have to present in the event the Selectmen refuse to put an Article of the dedication and acceptance on the Town Meeting Warrant. The required number of signatures for the petition is 319. The Town's Ordinance requires that this action would have to take place at an annual Town Meeting, not a Special Town Meeting. Mr. Davis reviewed the two versions of the Article that will be placed on the annual Town Meeting Warrant dependent upon the vote of the Selectmen. Mr. Davis verified the Selectmen's February 14th meeting vote on this Item for Michael Fogg, and updated Andrew Buckland as to the location of the proposed Town way.

Matthew Smith moved to refuse the dedication of Willow Springs Drive as a Town way; Michael Fogg seconded.

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

ITEM 5: To Review and Approve the Warrant for the 2017 Annual Town Meeting

Richard Davis reviewed Article Fourth regarding the LD1 property tax levy and explained why this Article needs to be placed at the beginning of the Warrant and voted on by written ballot. Mr. Davis stated that this is one of the simplest Warrants in years as it contains strictly budget Articles. He pointed out that the Statement of Fact under Article Twenty-Fifth indicates that for the first time in quite a while the estimated Unassigned Fund Balance at the end of the 2016 calendar year is approximately \$36,000 above the

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level that is recommended by the auditors to carry, which is approximately two months expenditures, or 12-15% of the total budget. Mr. Davis also pointed out that everything in the Warrant follows the budget process.

Matthew Smith moved to approve the Warrant for the 2017 annual Town Meeting; Andrew Buckland seconded.

Joshua Bell thanked all department heads, Budget Committee members, Town Manager, Town Secretary, and any others involved for all the effort that was put into this process.

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

The Selectmen signed a letter sized version of the Warrant to go in the Town Report and a legal sized version of the Warrant to be posted.

ITEM 6: To Consider an Amendment to the Agreement for Civil Engineering Services for the West Farmington Parking Project

Richard Davis reviewed an amended Agreement dated February 16, 2017 from Dirigo Engineering regarding the Bidding and Contract Administration portions of the Agreement at a cost of \$1,000 for the Bidding and \$1,500 for the Contract Administration, or a total of \$2,500. Mr. Davis recommended approving the Amendment for an easier, more consistent, and cleaner process. Mr. Davis reviewed the bid process, and verified that site visits are not included in the Agreement. Compaction testing was discussed, with Mr. Davis pointing out that since this is a smaller project, with his training in construction management, Public Works Director Philip Hutchins is capable of performing the inspections. Arrangement can be made at the time for compaction testing if the need arises.

Michael Fogg moved to accept an Amendment to the Agreement for civil engineering services for the West Farmington Parking Project at a cost of \$2,500, said funding to come from the Downtown TIF; Matthew Smith seconded.

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

ITEM 7: To Approve the Minutes of January 31 and February 14, 2017

Andrew Buckland moved to approve the minutes of January 31, 2017 and table the minutes of February 14, 2017 as they have not yet been reviewed; Matthew Smith seconded.

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

ITEM 8: To Discuss Other Business

- A)** Richard Davis clarified information given to the Selectmen by John Burrows from the Atlantic Salmon Federation (ASF) regarding the possible analysis of the Walton Mill Pond Dam. Mr. Davis reported that he and Joshua Bell will be meeting here Thursday at 9:00 A.M. with Mr. Burrows to talk about the options in terms of reviewing the dam and the impoundment, and what sources of funding there might be to do a study. He pointed out that whatever option is followed will likely take two to three years of process with public input to make certain everyone is heard on the topic of the dam and what ought to be done to it to accommodate the potential migratory fish in Temple Stream. Mr. Davis reviewed past improvements to the dam, as well as an attempted grant application to fund a study. He stated that Ron Greenwood has an inexpensive idea to allow for fish passage via a ladder that can be lowered and raised seasonally, but it may not be acceptable to the ASF. Mr. Davis reiterated that there needs to be substantial public input as it will be a Town Meeting decision.

- B)** Richard Davis reported that there will be a regional meeting in the downstairs meeting room of the Community Center at 6:00 P.M. on Thursday, March 16th on a Franklin County Broadband Planning Grant. A group called the Opportunity Center of North Franklin is working on an application for a planning grant, which if successful, would enable the group to move forward towards implementation of funding sources not yet known to install broadband high speed Internet service to businesses and individuals in the Greater Franklin County region. Mr. Davis stated that there is currently a rudimentary structure in place but it hasn't been expanded to the point where it's practical for the entire County. He further stated that there will be a press release regarding this out soon with a link for people to take a survey, and another link to conduct a speed test on their own. He also pointed out that this is a joint meeting with the Franklin County Municipal Officer's Association so hopefully there will be elected officials from other towns there as well.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Matthew Smith moved to adjourn at 7:18 P.M.; Andrew Buckland seconded.**

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Stephan Bunker)

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda H. Grant.

Andrew R. Buckland – Secretary