

FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, August 22, 2017

Vice Chairman Stephan Bunker called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Matthew Smith, Scott Landry and Michael Fogg. Chairman Joshua Bell was unable to attend. Town Manager Richard Davis, Town Secretary Linda Grant, Fire Rescue Chief Terry Bell, Deputy Fire Rescue Chief Clyde Ross, Assessor John O'Donnell, Police Chief Jack Peck, Channel 11, and members of the press and public were also in attendance.

ITEM 1: Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Vice Chairman Stephan Bunker led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ITEM 2: To Hold a Public Hearing on a new Lunch Wagon Permit for R.J.'s Hotdogs, owned by Matthew Rooney

Richard Davis explained that this is a new Lunch Wagon Permit application because the ownership of R.J.'s Hotdogs has changed.

Vice Chairman Stephan Bunker opened the Public Hearing under Item 2 at 7:30 P.M.

Owner Matthew Rooney was present and gave a brief overview of his personal background, work experience, and future prospects for the Lunch Wagon. Mr. Davis reported that all applicable department heads have reviewed and signed off on the application.

Vice Chairman Stephan Bunker closed the Public hearing under Item 2 at 7:33 P.M.

Matthew Smith moved to approve a new Lunch Wagon Permit for R.J.'s Hotdogs, owned by Matthew Rooney; Scott Landry seconded.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Joshua Bell)**

The Selectmen signed the Permit. Mr. Davis asked Mr. Rooney to touch base with Town Clerk Leanne Dickey as to when it can be picked up.

ITEM 3: To Review the 2017 Tax Rate Scenarios

Richard Davis pointed out to the Selectmen two documents provided to them, which Assessor John O'Donnell will be reviewing with them. Those documents were titled Farmington 2017 Tax Rate Choices and Farmington 2017 TIF Tax Choices. Mr. Davis reminded the Selectmen that it is the Assessor's purview to establish the tax rate and do the tax commitment. However, input from the Selectmen is necessary, particularly in terms of how much they wish to appropriate for the Downtown TIF projects. The floor

ITEM 4: To Authorize the Purchase of SCBAs from the Fire Equipment Reserve Account (Cont.)

Balance, which is at a sufficient level at this time. He also pointed out that the Town will have to borrow money for the 2020 truck purchase. The Selectmen discussed creating a separate Reserve account in the future for apparatus.

Scott Landry moved to schedule a Special Town Meeting to appropriate funds for the purchase of twenty new air packs from the Unassigned Fund Balance; Michael Fogg seconded.

The Selectmen discussed whether to accept the vendor quote or put the purchase out to bid. Chief Bell stated that it is the best quote he has received and they deal with this vendor frequently with the utmost satisfaction in service.

Scott Landry and Michael Fogg amended their motion and second to include going with the preferred vendor.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Joshua Bell)**

Deputy Chief and Budget Committee member Clyde Ross spoke in favor of Reserve accounts. Richard Davis pointed out that this Equipment Reserve account is one that has not decreased over the years, but instead has increased each year as the Debt Service decreased.

ITEM 5: To Consider an Appropriation of Approximately \$800 from the Municipal Building Reserve Account to Sealcoat the Parking Area in front of the Fire Station

Richard Davis explained that once the new pad was poured in front of the fire bays it was apparent that an effort should be made to preserve the rest of the parking area, so Chief Bell got an estimate on just purchasing the liquid asphalt to sealcoat the paved portion of the parking area, with his crew doing the application. The cost of the liquid is approximately \$800. Mr. Davis stated that he is in hopes that the sealcoat will preserve the parking area for a couple of years until he is in a position to put out a bid to sealcoat both the front and back parking areas.

Matthew Smith moved to approve an appropriation of approximately \$800 from the Municipal Building Reserve Account to sealcoat the parking area in front of the Fire Station; Michael Fogg seconded.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Joshua Bell)**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda H. Grant.

Michael J. Fogg – Secretary