FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

Secretary Michael Fogg called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Matthew Smith, and Scott Landry, with Chairman Joshua Bell joining the meeting during the Pledge of Allegiance. Stephan Bunker was unable to attend. Town Manager Richard Davis, Planning Assistant Cindy Gelinas, Assessor John O'Donnell, Channel 11 and members of the press were also in attendance.

ITEM 1: Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Secretary Michael Fogg led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ITEM 2: To Hold a Public Hearing and Vote on Amendments to the M.M.A. Model General Assistance Ordinance, Appendices A - D

Chairman Joshua Bell opened the Public Hearing under Item 2 at 6:31 P.M.

Richard Davis stated that this is an annual occurrence and reviewed Town Clerk Leanne Dickey's memo dated November 14, 2017 explaining the comparison to last year's figures. In answer to Scott Landry's inquiries as to how many people are accessing the general assistance fund and how much is budgeted each year, Richard Davis explained that the budgeted funding of \$25,000 isn't meant for on-going assistance so the clientele varies as they need to qualify for said assistance. Joshua Bell pointed out that this funding is basically a program of last resort and Ms. Dickey is very diligent in finding other ways to help her clients.

Chairman Joshua Bell closed the Public Hearing under Item 2 at 6:34 P.M.

Matthew Smith moved to approve the Amendments to the M.M.A. Model General Assistance Ordinance, Appendices A - D; Michael Fogg seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Stephan Bunker)

The Selectmen signed two separate Ordinance signature pages.

ITEM 3: To Consider the Application of Eric Whitney to Serve on the Conservation Commission

Richard Davis reviewed Eric Whitney's application and explained that Mr. Whitney was invited to attend the meeting tonight but was unable to attend.

Matthew Smith moved to appoint Eric Whitney to a one year term on the Conservation Commission as an Associate Member; Scott Landry seconded.

VOTE	AFFIRMATIVE	4	ABSENT	1	MOTION CARRIED
	(Stephan Bunker)				

ITEM 4: To Establish the Date for the 2018 Annual Town Meeting

Richard Davis stated that the Town Clerk needs to know this date so that she can plan for the nomination papers. He recommend that the annual Town Meeting be held on the last Monday in March as it has been for the last several years, which will be March 26, 2018.

Matthew Smith moved to establish the date of March 26, 2018 for the Annual Town Meeting. Scott Landry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Stephan Bunker)

ITEM 5: To Approve a Municipal Quitclaim Deed

Richard Davis stated that this Quitclaim Deed is from the Town to Pamela Poisson, who has paid for the property that she purchased from the Town.

Matthew Smith moved to approve a Municipal Quitclaim Deed for Pam Poisson; Michael Fogg seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Stephan Bunker)

The Selectmen signed the Quitclaim Deed.

ITEM 6: To Review Correspondence from *Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services*

Richard Davis reviewed the letter of request and brochure that was received from this agency. He pointed out that it has been the practice of the Town to not fund outside agencies, and he generally responds to any requesting organization to that effect. He felt obligated, however, to bring this one to the Board's attention because it was specifically addressed to the Selectmen. The Selectmen discussed how outside agency requests have been handled in past years. No action was taken.

ITEM 7: To Approve the Minutes of November 14, 2017

Matthew Smith moved to approve the minutes of November 14, 2017; Scott Landry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Stephan Bunker)

ITEM 8: To Discuss Other Business

A) Richard Davis reported that he received a call from Ryan Morgan who stated that circumstances have changed so he has rescinded his formal resignation from the school board and will be finishing his term.

ITEM 8: To Discuss Other Business (Cont.)

- **B**) Richard Davis reminded the Selectmen and listening audience of the meeting on the Walton's Mill Dam study tomorrow night from 6:30-8:30 P.M. in the downstairs meeting room at the Community Center. He has provided a copy of the draft report to the Selectmen, and it will be posted on the Town's website tomorrow. He pointed out that comments on the study will be taken until December 29th. In answer to Joshua Bell's inquiry as to the absence of any designs for the park in the plans, Mr. Davis stated that there may be discussion tomorrow night, but if not there will be another meeting at the end of February where park concepts will be presented.
- C) Michael Fogg stated that it is good to see that the West Farmington sidewalk project is progressing so well. Richard Davis reported that the decorative street lights will be installed soon, and the flag pole that has always been in front of the old post office has been moved into the park and a light will be installed at its base.
- **D**) Scott Landry stated that it is nice to see that the building is gone in Farmington Falls. During a brief discussion it was pointed out that the property is for sale but no other plans have been forthcoming.
- E) Joshua Bell pointed out that during the construction of the sidewalks for the West Farmington project a rail from the old railroad was dug up, and since it is still laying there the Town may want to take possession of it. Matthew Smith suggested placing it on display in the VIS Park. Richard Davis stated that he will look into it. He further stated that the projected timeframe for completing the project was three weeks, with this being the third week. The contractor needs warm weather, however, to finish the paving so time will tell.
- ITEM 9: To Hold an Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405.6.A to Discuss Matters pertaining to the Assessor's Position

Matthew Smith moved to go into Executive Session at 6:48 P.M.; Michael Fogg seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Stephan Bunker)

The Selectmen came out of Executive Session at 8:07 p.m.

No action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Matthew Smith moved to adjourn at 8:07 P.M.; Scott Landry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Stephan Bunker)

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lucinda J. Gelinas and Linda H. Grant.

Michael J. Fogg – Secretary