

ITEM 3: To Authorize the Purchase of two used Pickup Trucks for the Public Works Department with funds from the Public Works Equipment Reserve Account (Cont.)

Stephan Bunker moved to authorize the purchase of two used pickup trucks for the Public Works Department with the funding of up to \$45,000 to come from the Public Works Equipment Reserve Account, and leaving the Town's best interests to the discretion of the Town Manager and Public Works Director; Matthew Smith seconded.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Scott Landry)**

ITEM 4: To Grant Blanket Approval to Farmington Lodge #2430 BPOE for Beano/Bingo and Games of Chance for a Period of one year, from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018

Richard Davis stated that this item an annual approval.

Michael Fogg moved to grant Blanket Approval to Farmington Lodge #2430 BPOE for Beano/ Bingo and Games of Chance for a period of one year, from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018; Matthew Smith seconded.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Scott Landry)**

The Selectmen signed the Blanket Approval.

ITEM 5: To Grant Blanket Approval to the Roderick-Crosby Post 28 American Legion for Beano/Bingo and Games of Chance for a Period of one year, from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018

Richard Davis stated that this item is also an annual approval.

Michael Fogg moved to grant Blanket Approval to the Roderick-Crosby Post 28 American Legion for Beano/Bingo and Games of Chance for a period of one year, from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018; Matthew Smith seconded.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Scott Landry)**

The Selectmen signed the Blanket Approval.

ITEM 6: To Consider an Expenditure of up to \$400 from the Special Projects Account to Replace the Sign at the V.I.S. Park in West Farmington

Richard Davis gave an update on the now completed project, pointing out that the 20 foot section of railroad rail that was found during construction has been cut in half and will be made, using some railroad ties and spikes, into a short section of track in the park next to the old railroad bed next spring. Mr. Davis stated that everything looks nice in the park

ITEM 6: To Consider an Expenditure of up to \$400 from the Special Projects Account to Replace the Sign at the V.I.S. Park in West Farmington (Cont.)

except for the sign and asked the Selectmen if there is any interest in replacing it. He reviewed the sign design and quote options that he obtained from SignWorks, and suggested that funding come from the Special Projects account, which currently has a balance of \$1,274.00. He stated that the quotes don't include new posts but should be a minimal cost if the Public Works Department doesn't already have some.

Michael Fogg moved to approve an expenditure of up to \$400 from the Special Projects account to replace the sign at the V.I.S. Park in West Farmington with a new black sign with white lettering; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Scott Landry)

ITEM 7: To Approve a Cemetery lot Conveyance

Richard Davis stated that this Conveyance is for Victoria A. Corey for two graves in Fairview Cemetery.

Matthew Smith moved to approve a Cemetery Lot Conveyance for Victoria A. Corey; Michael Fogg seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Scott Landry)

The Selectmen signed the Conveyance.

ITEM 8: To Approve the Minutes of November 28, 2017

Matthew Smith moved to approve the minutes of November 28, 2017; Stephan Bunker seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Scott Landry)

ITEM 9: To Discuss Other Business

A) Richard Davis reviewed an email that he had forwarded to the Selectmen from Steve Gove at Maine Municipal Association regarding nominees to serve on the Maine Length of Service Award Program Board of Trustees. Mr. Davis explained the task and term of service of this Board and stated that Selectman Bunker has expressed an interest in serving on this Board. Stephan Bunker reiterated his interest and asked for his name to be included in the list of nominees. Mr. Bunker further explained the purpose of this Board.

ITEM 9: To Discuss Other Business (Cont.)

A) (Cont.)

Matthew Smith nominated Stephan Bunker to serve on the Maine Length of Service Award Program Board of Trustees; Michael Fogg seconded.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 ABSTAINED 1 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Stephan Bunker) (Scott Landry)**

Mr. Davis stated that the nomination paper requires a paragraph stating the nominee’s reason for wishing to serve on this Board and asked Mr. Bunker to email that to him.

B) Richard Davis reported that nomination papers will be available tomorrow, December 15th, for one expiring 3-year Board of Selectmen’s position presently held by Matthew Smith, and one expiring 3-year RSU 9 Board of Director’s position presently held by Iris Silverstein. Nomination papers must be returned to the Town Clerk’s office by January 26th.

C) Richard Davis reported that Public Works employee Andy Leavitt has left the Town’s employment for the position of Parts Manager at Cold Brook Saab in Madison. Mr. Davis stated that the position has been advertised.

D) Richard Davis asked the Selectmen if they would be amenable to granting the Town’s employees a paid holiday on Friday, December 22nd, explaining that the State Offices will be closed that day so there will be no Town office support. He further explained that the only expense would be payment of any employee who actually has to work that day, which pay would be at straight time. Mr. Davis stated that if the Selectmen choose not to pay the employees holiday pay but would be agreeable to the office being closed, employees will have to take a vacation day.

Matthew Smith moved to grant the Town’s employees an additional paid holiday on Friday, December 22nd; Stephan Bunker seconded.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Scott Landry)**

Mr. Davis thanked the Selectmen for their generosity, which the employees will greatly appreciate.

E) Stephan Bunker reported that today was his last day today as a member of the Maine Municipal Association’s Executive Committee. He explained that there is a vacancy of two years of a three year term on this Committee and encouraged any interested elected or appointed municipal employee to apply for consideration, the decision of which will be made within the next few weeks. Richard Davis thanked Mr. Bunker for his service.

ITEM 9: To Discuss Other Business (Cont.)

- F)** Michael Fogg asked if there is a Town policy in place to deal with a CDL driver's use of marijuana. Richard Davis stated that he will get legal advice for the addition of language relating to this issue in the Town's Personnel Policy, and assured the Selectmen that it will be addressed. Stephan Bunker stated that sorting through the ramifications of this is an on-going struggle for the Maine Municipal Association Legal Department. Mr. Davis pointed out there is still no legislation in place for recreational use of marijuana and the State moratorium runs out in February and may have to be extended if there is no legislation in place by then. The Town may also extend its moratorium even though great strides have been made in the Town's Ordinance. Impairment testing seems to be one of the drawbacks in this legislation.
- G)** Matthew Smith wished everyone a safe and happy holiday.
- H)** Chairman Bell also wished everyone a safe and happy holiday, and reminded everyone that the next Board of Selectmen's meeting will be at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, December 26th.
- I)** Stephan Bunker stated that he intends to inquire of the County Commissioners what their policy is going to be as to where outside agencies are expected to turn for their solicitations so that the Town will be prepared with a reply if approached. Richard Davis stated that in the past he has responded to any organization requests that the Town of Farmington no longer funds outside agencies and they should seek their funding from the County, but now that the County is no longer funding them his reply has been that the Town does not, and is not likely to return to funding outside agencies.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Stephan Bunker moved to adjourn at 7:14 P.M.; Matthew Smith seconded.**

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Scott Landry)

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda H. Grant.

Michael J. Fogg – Secretary