

FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

Vice Chairman Stephan Bunker called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Michael Fogg, Matthew Smith and Scott Landry. Chairman Joshua Bell was unable to attend. Town Manager Richard Davis, Town Secretary Linda Grant, Police Chief Jack Peck, Parks and Recreation Director Matthew Foster, 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 13: To Discuss Other Business

- A) Vice Chairman Stephan Bunker apologized to the Selectmen, explaining that he had asked for an agenda item too late for it to be a regular item, but there were people there to ask the Selectmen to discuss reaffirming or clarifying their budgeting position for the annual Town Meeting as it relates to Outside Agencies. Mr. Bunker further explained that this came about after he pressed the policy issues with the County Commissioners. The Selectmen agreed to discuss this issue under Other Business at the end of the meeting.

ITEM 2: To Hear a Presentation on the Walton's Mill Dam Feasibility Report (John Burrows and Joe McLean)

John Burrows, Director of New England Programs for the Atlantic Salmon Federation, and Wright-Pierce engineering project manager Joe McLean reviewed the project findings to date, the estimated time line, and how estimated costs were derived for the different options. They also discussed the estimated costs of the rough draft park design concept, dam removal, culverts, water shed to improve Temple Stream for salmon and trout habitat. Also discussed were the creation of a park endowment by the Atlantic Salmon Federation and other partners involved in paying for the dam removal, and annual maintenance. Observations and feedback from the last public meeting held at the Community Center were reviewed. Mr. Burrows stated that the final report will be reviewed at the last public meeting which will be held at 6:30 P.M. at the Community Center on Wednesday, February 21st. Mr. Burrows reiterated that there will be no funding required from the Town for this estimated \$1.2M project other than possible site labor, as well as a willingness to assist with writing any available grants. He stated that there is also a possibility that the Conservation Commission will be coordinating a presentation by representatives from different State and Federal resource agencies to address public questions regarding the eco-system. Mr. Burrows also reiterated his association's intentions to assist the Town in whatever way it can if it chooses to go with the fish passage alternative option instead of the dam removal option, although the funding will be much less. It was pointed out that anyone seeking information gathered to date may review a hard copy during business hours at the Town Office, or access the same information by link on the Town's website at www.farmington-maine.org.

ITEM 13: To Discuss Other Business (Cont.)

- B)** Richard Davis reported that earlier today there was a sewer backup at the Joseph Pinkham residence on Prescott Street due to a plugged sewer main that was the result of road work that was done last summer by the paving contractor. The lines were flushed at the time but evidently not cleared. The sewer came up through the toilet on the first level and caused extensive damage on that floor and in the basement. Mr. Davis stated that the insurance company has been notified and a cleaning company has been contacted.

- C)** Scott Landry pointed out that Police Officer Ryan Rosie has been named Officer of the Year.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Matthew Smith moved to adjourn at 8:10 P.M.; Scott Landry seconded.**

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Joshua Bell)

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda H. Grant.

Michael J. Fogg – Secretary