

FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Thursday, March 15, 2018

Chairman Joshua Bell called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Michael Fogg, Matthew Smith and Scott Landry. Stephan Bunker was unable to attend. Town Manager Richard Davis, Town Secretary Linda Grant, Deputy Police Chief Shane Cote, and members of the press and public were also in attendance.

ITEM 1: Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Chairman Joshua Bell led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ITEM 2: To Proclaim September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Richard Davis reviewed the letter of request from *Team Hailey Hugs* and a suggested Proclamation. He stated that this is the second year that this Proclamation has been requested.

Michael Fogg moved to proclaim September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month; Scott Landry seconded

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Stephan Bunker)

Chairman Joshua Bell signed the Proclamation.

ITEM 3: To Approve a Road Closure for a March for School Safety on March 24, 2018

Richard Davis reviewed a letter of request from Mt. Blue High School senior River Lisius, who was present with her mother, who handed out a flyer. Mr. Davis explained that Ms. and Mrs. Lisius have met with Police Chief Jack Peck who has discussed with them the cost and manpower involved in shutting down a major throughway. River Lisius further explained her letter of request, stating that as a result of discussions with Chief Peck the group has decided to march on the sidewalks on a route from Mallett School to Meetinghouse Park similar to that which the Chester Greenwood Day parade takes. Ms. Lisius requested permission for the group to use Meetinghouse Park for speakers and song, inviting any and all to attend this event. Mr. Davis stated that the use of Meetinghouse Park is scheduled through his office and it is available on March 24th.

ITEM 3: To Approve a Road Closure for a March for School Safety on March 24, 2018 (Cont.)

Scott Landry moved to approve the use of Meetinghouse Park on March 24th for the speakers and song at the conclusion of the March for Our Lives walk; Matthew Smith seconded.

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

ITEM 4: To Approve a Contract for Telephone Services for the Police Department

Richard Davis explained that this proposal is being brought to the Selectmen because it involves a 60-month contract, and long term contracts must be approved. Mr. Davis introduced utility consultant Larry Jordan and Deputy Police Chief Shane Cote, who further explained the need for and requirements of a new telephone system at the Police Station, as well as the difference between the three proposals presented.

Scott Landry moved to approve a 60-month contract for telephone service for the Police Department with Jive at a cost of \$405.60/month for 60 months; Michael Fogg seconded.

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

ITEM 5: To Approve \$7,919.00 in Budgeted Funds held over from 2017

Richard Davis reviewed a memo from Treasurer LucyAnn Cook dated March 12, 2018 in which she explained the new procedure under Generally Accepted Accounting Practices (GAAP) in regard to encumbered funds. He also reviewed the list of 2017 incomplete projects that are affected.

Matthew Smith moved to approve the holdover of \$7,919.00 in budgeted funds from 2017; Michael Fogg seconded.

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

ITEM 6: To Appoint the Interim School Director

Richard Davis reported that he has talked with Heather Huish, who is interested in being the interim director. She will send a letter of intent for filing purposes and come in to be sworn in before the next school board meeting.

Matthew Smith moved to appoint Heather Huish as interim school director; Michael Fogg seconded.

ITEM 6: To Appoint the Interim School Director (Cont.)

The Selectmen asked Richard Davis to pass on their thanks to Ms. Huish

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

In response to Scott Landry’s inquiry regarding the formula used for determining the number of directors appointed per town, Richard Davis explained the statute pertaining to that formula, and stated that he will email a copy of it to the Selectmen.

ITEM 7: To Approve Several Municipal Quitclaim Deeds

Richard Davis reviewed three Quitclaim Deeds releasing any interest the Town might have on account of undischarged liens on property of Samantha Mallett, 122 West Shore Road, and Michael DiStefano, 658 Farmington Falls Road; and undischarged sewer liens on property of Robert Straznitskas, 322 Perham Street Condo 1.

Matthew Smith moved to approve Municipal Quitclaim Deeds for Samantha Mallett, Michael DiStefano, and Robert Straznitskas; Michael Fogg seconded.

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

The Selectmen signed all three Quitclaim Deeds.

ITEM 8: To Approve the Minutes of February 27, 2018

Matthew Smith moved to table the minutes of February 27, 2018 as they were not yet available; Scott Landry seconded.

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

ITEM 9: To Discuss Other Business

A) Richard Davis reported that the Franklin County Broadband Study has been completed, and Greater Franklin Development Council Director Charles Woodworth, one of the people who spearheaded this endeavor, is willing to meet with each Town’s Board of Selectmen and explain the 500-page document in an effort to gain momentum for implementation, and get some direction. Mr. Davis stated that he received an email from the Town Manager in Jay on behalf of its Board of Selectmen inquiring if the Livermore Falls, Wilton and Farmington managers and Boards of Selectmen would be interested in holding a joint meeting to hear and discuss the information presented. It was the consensus of the Selectmen that, if the other three Towns are interested, they would like to meet jointly with them, possibly at the library in Jay as a central location. Mr. Davis

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- A) (Cont.) pointed out that the consultant from Sewall Corporation will also be at the meeting. The Selectmen supplied Mr. Davis with dates that they will not be available to attend a meeting, and continued discussion of questions they will ask at the meeting. Discussion also included high speed internet through BeeLine vs. Spectrum.
- B) Scott Landry stated that he was impressed with the downtown cleanup this morning. All of the Selectmen commended the work of the Public Works crew this season.
- C) Michael Fogg commented on the Fire and Ice Festival that was recently held on Front Street.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Matthew Smith moved to adjourn at 7:10 P.M.; Scott Landry seconded.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda H. Grant.

Michael J. Fogg - Secretary