

FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, July 23, 2019

Chairman Joshua Bell called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Stephan Bunker, Michael Fogg, and Matthew Smith. Scott Landry was unable to attend. Town Manager Richard Davis, Town Secretary Nancy Martin, Fire Rescue Chief Terry Bell, Captain Tim D. Hardy, and members of the press 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 Consider the Request of Caten Gabri to Waive the Requirement to Provide Fire Hydrants in the Sunrise Village Mobile Home Park

Richard Davis reviewed the above request to waive fire hydrants in the mobile home park. The development agreement adopted in 1977 by the Board of Selectmen required the developer provide hydrants, which was before the Town had zoning or subdivision ordinances requiring developments have hydrants. Mr. Davis and Fire Rescue Chief Bell recommended the request be denied. There is some distance between the hydrants on the Town Farm Road and the Sunrise Village Mobile Park. Mr. Davis stated that if the Town waives the fire hydrant requirement there will be additional requests from other developers.

Michael Fogg moved to deny the request of Caten Gabri to waive the requirement to provide fire hydrants in the Sunrise Village Mobile Home Park; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Scott Landry)

ITEM 3: To Approve an Expenditure of \$2,500 from the Compost Reserve Account to fund a Summer Internship with the Farmington Compost Cooperative

Richard Davis explained that the University of Maine student will be a UMF employee and there is no obligation for the Town to monitor the student or provide benefits. The student will work at the composting facility managing the compost piles. Funding comes out of the Compost Reserve Account which is self-supporting through the sale of the compost. There is no cost to the Town.

Stephan Bunker moved to approve an expenditure of \$2,500 from the Reserve Account to fund a summer internship with the Farmington Compost Cooperative; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Scott Landry)

ITEM 4: To Issue a Notice of Proposed Discontinuance of Stinchfield Road

Richard Davis explained that property owner Mark Welch has requested that the road be discontinued; he would like to gate it off at both ends and maintain Stinchfield Road himself. A Public Hearing will be held at 7:00 P.M. on August 13, 2019. If the discontinuance passes, the request goes to the next Town Meeting. If approved, the Town will no longer be obligated to maintain, repair, or plow the road.

Stephan Bunker moved to issue a Notice of Proposed Discontinuance of Stinchfield Road; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Scott Landry)

ITEM 5: To Cast a Ballot for Maine Municipal Association Vice President and Executive Committee Members

Richard Davis provided the Selectmen with bios of the candidates, and he stated that the Selectmen may cast their ballots themselves or they can designate him to vote.

Stephan Bunker moved to cast a ballot for Maine Municipal Association Vice President and Executive Committee Members as nominated and directed the Chair to so designate on behalf of the Board of Selectmen; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Scott Landry)

ITEM 6: To Approve Municipal Quitclaim Deeds

Richard Davis reviewed two Municipal Quitclaim Deeds releasing any interest the Town might have on account of undischarged liens on the following real estate: Roderick Adams Estate and Mckinley G. Adams at 733 Knowlton Corner Road; and Donna M. Galouch at 141 Tolman Lane.

Matthew Smith moved to approve the Municipal Quitclaim Deeds for Roderick Adams Estate and Mckinley G. Adams at 733 Knowlton Corner Road; and Donna M. Galouch at 141 Tolman Lane; Stephan Bunker seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Scott Landry)

The Selectmen signed the Quitclaim Deeds.

ITEM 7: To Approve Cemetery Lot Conveyances

Richard Davis reviewed the following five Cemetery Lot Conveyances: Muriel White for two (2) lots in Fairview Cemetery; and Jeff and Annette Tibbetts for three (3) lots in Fairview Cemetery.

Matthew Smith moved to approve Cemetery Lot Conveyances; Stephan Bunker seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Scott Landry)

The Selectmen signed the Cemetery Lot Conveyances.

ITEM 8: To Approve the Minutes of June 25, 2019

Matthew Smith moved to approve the Minutes of June 25, 2019; Stephan Bunker seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Scott Landry)

ITEM 9: To Discuss Other Business

A.) Richard Davis reviewed correspondence from Alan Archibald, owner of Archie’s, Inc. Due to the current recycling market conditions they will no longer be able to offer free recycling to the Town. Mr. Davis discussed two options: continue with the current service at a cost of \$41,915 per year which is reasonable, or send the refuse to the landfill at a cost of \$52,730 per year. The Board requested that the item be revisited at a future meeting, allowing them time to consider their options.

Stephan Bunker moved to revisit the available recycling options at a future meeting; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Scott Landry)

B.) Richard Davis reminded all present that the Public Meeting regarding the potential removal of the Russells Mills Road bridge will be held at 6:30 P.M. at the Community Center on Thursday, July 25th. Mr. Davis stated that he has emailed the results of the questionnaire sent to residents regarding the Russells Mills Road bridge project provided by MaineDOT to the Board of Selectmen. Participation was very good with about two hundred people responding. Joshua Bell stated that he has seen a petition to keep the bridge open and quite a few people have signed it. Mr. Davis hopes that many people come to the meeting because there is a lot of good information, and if the Town were to keep it open it would cost \$1,000,000 - \$1,500,000. The bridge was built in 1967 and will probably need to be replaced in about fifty-years at an estimated cost of several

million dollars.

- C.) Richard Davis announced that the Town was successful in getting two (2) \$95,000 grants through the Atlantic Salmon Federation for culvert replacements. The \$190,000 culvert replacements will take place next year; one (1) culvert for the Clover Mill Road and one (1) culvert for the Cummings Hill Road.
- D.) Richard Davis reviewed the Ethel N. Kelly Memorial Award and asked the Selectmen for perspective candidates. Stephen Bunker requested that any recommendation(s) for nomination be kept confidential and the Selectmen discuss the potential nominations privately.
- E.) Stephan Bunker encouraged Richard Davis and the Selectmen to join him at the 2019 Maine Municipal Association Convention on Wednesday, October 2nd to Thursday, October 3rd. Mr. Bunker stated that two days of great seminars are being offered. He plans to attend and highly recommends that others attend if possible.
- F.) Stephan Bunker stated he is looking forward to the many activities scheduled for the July 26th and 27th SummerFest. He reported that the American Legion is having a carwash just down the street at Pro Service. Mr. Bunker encouraged everyone to attend the American Legion Lobster Bake this coming August, for which he has tickets for sale at \$25 per person.
- G.) Joshua Bell inquired as to the status of the Central Maine Power (CMP) meters on Front Street. Richard Davis stated that the meters failed inspection the first time around due to grounding cable issues that have since been resolved. Mr. Davis stated that he called CMP and requested a second inspection which is scheduled to take place by Monday, July 29, 2019. Mr. Bell stated that he received positive comments from a gentleman who is impressed with the improvements on Front Street and in West Farmington.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Michael Fogg moved to adjourn at 7:12P.M.; Stephan Bunker seconded.**

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Scott Landry)

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nancy L. Martin.

Michael J. Fogg - Secretary