FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN Tuesday, August 13, 2019

Secretary Michael Fogg called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Michael Fogg, Scott Landry and Matthew Smith. Chairman Joshua Bell arrived at 6:46 P.M. Stephan Bunker was unable to attend. Town Manager Richard Davis, Town Secretary Nancy Martin, Code Assistant Kate Foster, Deputy Police Chief Shane Cote, and members of the press and public 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 Public Hearings on the Following Applications for Marijuana Businesses:

- Jacob Angelakis/Biome LLC 19-MJ-02 Adult Use Marijuana Store, Cultivation, Manufacturing 105 Bridge Street U29-002
- Mike McInnis/GreenGrow LLC 19-MJ-03 Medical Marijuana Store, Cultivation, Manufacturing 104 Fairbanks Road U19-16-A
- Luke Sirois/Narrow Gauge Botanicals LLC 19-MJ-04 Adult Use Marijuana Store 407 Wilton Road U34-004
- Luke Sirois/Lakemont LLC 19-MJ-05 Adult Use Marijuana Cultivation and Manufacturing 374 High Street U09-002-A
- Sam Morris/Caniba Naturals LLC 19-MJ-06 Medical Marijuana Store 232 Broadway U15-096
- Matthew and Wendi Smith 19-MJ-07 Adult Use Manufacturing 116 Partridge Road U22/2

Secretary Michael Fogg opened the Public Hearing under Item 2 at 6:32 P.M.

Selectman Matthew Smith stated that since he is on the list of applicants he will not be participating in any discussion and he will not be voting on his application.

Richard Davis stated that there was not a quorum to vote on Matthew and Wendi Smith's application. The Board will have to wait until Chairman Bell arrives before voting on their license. However, there is a quorum for the purposes of the other applications and the Selectmen will vote on them.

Richard Davis gave an overview of the applications for marijuana businesses. He stated that these uses have all been approved by the Planning Board and now under the Town Ordinance they need to be approved by the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Davis stated that all the businesses seem to be squared away with the exception of Biome LLC. He recommended the Board of Selectmen table any action on the Biome LLC application

ITEM 2: To Hold Public Hearings on the Following Applications for Marijuana Businesses: (continued)

pending resolution of code issues. Jacob Angelakis, Biome LLC, was present and stated they have not grown in the last five months, and the building is being completely remodeled to a lab type environment. The code issues are being addressed and will be resolved once the construction is complete. Mr. Davis requested a third and neutral party inspect the building once construction is complete.

Secretary Michael Fogg closed the Public Hearing under Item 2 at 6:38 P.M.

Scott Landry moved to table the Biome LLC 19-MJ-02 application; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 ABSENT 2 MOTION CARRIED (Joshua Bell, Stephan Bunker)

Scott Landry moved to approve the four (4) following applications: GreenGrow LLC 19-MJ-03, Narrow Gauge Botanicals LLC 19-MJ-04, Lakemont LLC 19-MJ-05, Caniba Naturals LLC 19-MJ-06; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 ABSENT 2 MOTION CARRIED (Joshua Bell, Stephan Bunker)

Scott Landry moved to approve the application for Matthew and Wendi Smith 19-MJ-07; Joshua Bell seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 ABSTAIN 1 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Matthew Smith) (Stephan Bunker)

ITEM 3: To Hold a Public Hearing to Determine whether to Issue an Order of Discontinuance of Stinchfield Road (7:00 P.M.)

Secretary Michael Fogg opened the Public Hearing under Item 3 at 7:00 P.M.

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. The Town will no longer be obligated to maintain, repair, or plow the road. A member of the public asked if discontinuing the road would give up the right-away for citizens to use. Mr. Davis stated yes, the public easement is also discontinued.

Secretary Michael Fogg closed the Public Hearing under Item 3 at 7:02 P.M.

Scott Landry moved that the Selectmen order the discontinuance of the Stinchfield Road, said road being a town way approximately fifty feet wide, including the rightaway, beginning at the southerly intersection of Stinchfield Road and Route 4 and running for a distance of approximately 750 feet in a generally northerly direction to the northerly intersection of Stinchfield Road and Route 4, as shown more particularly on Town Tax Map R-15, on file at the Farmington Municipal Building and that the following damages be paid to abutting property owners as follows: Caitlin Hanlon - \$0; Katie S. Preston - \$0; Mark Welch - \$0; Matthew Smith seconded.

ABSENT 1 (Stephan Bunker) **MOTION CARRIED**

ITEM 4: To Issue and file with the Town Clerk an Order of Discontinuance of Stinchfield Road

Matthew Smith moved that the Selectmen issue and file with the Town Clerk an Order of Discontinuance that accurately reflects the action taken by the Selectmen to discontinue the Stinchfield Road, and that the Selectmen send abutting property owners best practicable notice of this action without delay; Joshua Bell seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Stephan Bunker)

The Selectmen signed the <u>Order of Discontinuance of a Road</u> and the <u>Notice of Road</u> <u>Discontinuance</u>.

ITEM 5: To Award the bid for Fire Station Lighting Upgrades

Richard Davis reviewed a memo form Chief Bell stating that he received proposals from three companies: Collins and Collins Electric \$10,050., IEC Electric \$6,991., and RDM Electric LLC who submitted two bids \$4,174.73 which covers the items in the request for proposal, and \$5,830.75 which includes additional upgrades in the generator room and hose tower. Fire Rescue Chief Bell recommended the Town go with RDM Electric LLC for \$5,830.75.

All three companies did say the Town could be eligible for a \$1,000 rebate from Efficiency Maine if approved once the contract is awarded and the paperwork is submitted.

Matthew Smith moved to award the bid for fire station lighting upgrades to RDM Electric LLC for \$5,830.75; Scott Landry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 ABSENT 2 MOTION CARRIED (Joshua Bell, Stephan Bunker)

ITEM 6: To Approve Expenditures of up to \$10,000 from the Police Department Computer Equipment Reserve Account to Replace the Department's Server

Richard Davis reviewed a memo from Deputy Chief Cote. The balance in the account is over \$40,000 and the quote to replace the server is \$7,168.15. There will be additional labor costs involved. Deputy Chief Cote was present and explained the need to replace the old server. Georges Saucier, the Town's IT contractor, has advised that it is time to upgrade the server. It is no longer under warranty, and due to a drive failure, they are currently using borrowed equipment and experiencing digital storage issues. Scott Landry questioned if the new server would increase the storage capacity, system speed and last for few years. Deputy Chief Cote stated that it would increase storage capacity and system speed and should last 7 - 10 years. The current operating system is Microsoft 2008 and the new one will be Microsoft 2019, an upgrade of ten years.

Matthew Smith moved to approve expenditures of up to \$10,000 from the Police Department Computer Equipment Reserve Account to replace the Department's server; Scott Landry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 ABSENT 2 MOTION CARRIED (Joshua Bell, Stephan Bunker)

ITEM 7: To Consider the Application of Jane Woodman to Serve on the Zoning Board

Scott Landry moved to approve the application of Jane Woodman to serve on the Zoning Board; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE	AFFIRMATIVE	4	ABSENT 1	MOTION CARRIED
			(Stephan Bunker)	

ITEM 8: To Approve a Cemetery lot Conveyance

Richard Davis reviewed the following Cemetery Lot Conveyance: Gary and Jean Downs for two (2) lots in Fairview Cemetery.

Matthew Smith moved to approve the Cemetery Lot Conveyance as stated above; Scott Landry seconded.

VOTE	AFFIRMATIVE	4	ABSENT 1	MOTION CARRIED
			(Stephan Bunker)	

The Selectmen signed the Cemetery Lot Conveyance.

ITEM 9: To Approve the Minutes of July 23, 2019

Joshua Bell moved to approve the minutes of July 23, 2019; Scott Landry seconded.

VOTE	AFFIRMATIVE	4	ABSENT 1	MOTION CARRIED
			(Stephan Bunker)	

ITEM 10: To Discuss Other Business

A) Richard Davis stated the item to award the bid for a mower to replace the Parks and Recreation Department's Walker mower was removed from the Agenda in error. Mr. Davis explained the item should have remained on the agenda and he should have asked the Selectmen to vote to reject the bids. Matt Foster spoke with Richard Davis and recommended the Town reject the bids to replace the Walker mower and re-open bid in the spring, in part because he cannot buy a machine that meets the Town's needs at this time. Delaying the purchase of the new mower until spring will allow Mr. Foster the opportunity to place additional funds into the reserve account and to incorporate the expense into the 2020 Budget.

Matthew Smith moved to reject all bids for a new mower and put it back out to bid in the spring; Scott Landry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Stephan Bunker)

B) Richard Davis reviewed an email he received from Jennifer Bjorn regarding the three parking spaces in front of the Granary on Front Street. When stabilizing the retaining wall in front of the Granary they cut into the bank right up to the property line, so they no Longer need to purchase the parking spaces. Mr. Davis stated that the parking spaces were reduced from three angled spaces down to one parallel parking space that is in the Town's right-away.

ITEM 10: To Discuss Other Business (continued)

- C) Richard Davis reviewed an invitation from the Farmington Historical Society Board of Trustees. In in honor of the Town's 225th birthday the Trustees invite the Board of Selectmen and the Town of Farmington staff to their monthly meeting on Monday, August 26 at the North Church. There will be a potluck dinner at 6:00 P.M. followed by a brief FHS meeting at 6:45 P.M. with the celebration program beginning around 7:00 P.M. The birthday celebration will offer historical pictures, facts, and old fashioned games with prizes.
- Matthew Smith wished his Great Uncle Maurice Hovey a happy 99th Birthday. Mr. Hovey, a talented harmonica player, recently won the Farmington's Got Talent contest.
- E.) Scott Landry inquired on the completion date for Front Street. Richard Davis replied that crews would apply the pavement overlay in the next week or two and the Front Street project should be completed by the end of August. Joshua Bell stated that he has received compliments on the decorative street lights, and Michael Fogg shared that he drove up Front Street and it is very attractive and pleasing. Mr. Davis stated that, with the addition of the street lights and new sidewalk, Front Street is much safer for pedestrians.
- F.) Michael Fogg generated a discussion on the road patches on routes 2 and 4. Richard Davis stated that there were several areas of delamination where the top layer of pavement came off creating large ruts that needed repair. Those areas were ground out and patched. An area near Hannaford by the Fyfe Road and the entire Town Farm Road were also repaired.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Scott Landry moved to adjourn at 7:06 P.M.; Matthew Smith seconded

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (Stephan Bunker)

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nancy L. Martin.

Michael J. Fogg - Secretary