

**FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Tuesday, September 24, 2019**  
**6:30 P.M.**

Chairman Joshua Bell called the meeting to order at 6:37 P.M. with the following members present: Stephan Bunker, Michael Fogg, Scott Landry, and Matthew Smith. Town Manager Richard Davis, Town Secretary Nancy Martin, 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 Appoint the Interim School Director**

Richard Davis stated that the Town did not receive any applications, and he requested an extension to the application deadline. This item was tabled by consensus.

**ITEM 3: To approve an Expenditure of \$4,991.00 from the Cemetery Infrastructure Reserve Account for Road Work in Fairview and Riverside Cemeteries**

Richard Davis stated this expenditure is for gravel for the Fairview and Riverside Cemeteries roadwork, and this is a project that has been in the works for several years. Mr. Davis stated that the funds were previously appropriated; however, the appropriation lapsed.

**Scott Landry moved to approve an expenditure of \$4,991.00 from the Cemetery Infrastructure Reserve Account for road work in Fairview and Riverside Cemeteries; Matthew Smith seconded**

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

**ITEM 4: To Approve the Minutes of September 10 and 19, 2019**

**Michael Fogg moved to approve the minutes of September 10 and 19, 2019; Matthew Smith seconded.**

**VOTE                    AFFIRMATIVE    5                    MOTION CARRIED**

**ITEM 5: To Discuss Other Business**

A) Richard Davis stated that as part of the process for the Referendum on the firetruck appropriation, a Public Hearing should be held. The next date for a Public Hearing is at the next Selectmen's meeting on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Davis stated that the statutory process calls for a Notice of Public Hearing to be posted in the manner of a Warrant for a Town Meeting. Mr. Davis stated that he prepared an Order of Notice to be posted at the Post Offices.

**ITEM 5: To Discuss Other Business (cont)**

**Michael Fogg moved to approve the Order of Notice to hold a Public Hearing on a Proposed Bond Issue in the amount of \$500,000 for the purchase of a firetruck; Matthew Smith seconded.**

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

The Selectmen signed the Order of Notice.

**B)** Richard Davis stated that some of the Welcome to Farmington signs were faded and in bad shape, so he had SignWorks, Inc. reface them with metal skins. Mr. Davis requested an appropriation of \$320 from the Special Projects account to cover the cost of refurbishing the signs. Mr. Davis stated that he estimates the life expectancy for the updated signs is approximately ten years.

**Matthew Smith moved to approve the appropriation of \$320 from the Special Projects account to cover the cost of refurbishing the Welcome to Farmington signs; Michael Fogg seconded.**

**VOTE                    AFFIRMATIVE    5                    MOTION CARRIED**

- C)** Richard Davis stated that he and Chief Peck had a great visit with Chief Bell. Chief Bell is very sharp, alert, and joking.
- D)** Stephan Bunker apologized for being late; he was at a Fire Rescue debriefing. Mr. Bunker stated that the Maine State DOT is providing two (2) 4 x 8 roadside signs memorializing Captain Michael Bell. Firefighter Bunker stated that the Fire Rescue Department is receiving great staffing support for both day and night shifts. Mr. Bunker stated the generosity of folks supplying food and donations is overwhelming. He stated that personnel have touched base with all thirty-one displaced persons and are guiding resources towards those folks. The displaced have not been forgotten.
- E)** Michael Fogg stated that he is so very proud and happy to be able to say how proud and happy he is to be a citizen of Farmington. Our management and the strength of our individuals within different departments who didn't come unglued, but rather just stayed focused, helped us get through this.
- F)** Matthew Smith stated that he could not be prouder of where he comes from.
- G)** Scott Landry stated that there is no doubt that we live in the best part of the state, and that everyone has been absolutely incredible. Mr. Landry stated that the hard work is still going on with Dick right in the middle taking care of the people who were displaced. Mr. Landry stated that he was approached by someone who would like to do a sculpture type monument. Mr. Landry asked if the Town needs to approve a memorial sculpture. Richard Davis stated yes, the Town would need to approve the sculpture. It is a lovely gesture that would need to be vetted to assure it is a quality monument, and the family would need to be comfortable with anything that was done.

**ITEM 5: To Discuss Other Business (cont)**

- H)** Stephan Bunker stated that the calm management of the Town Manager has been a great help, and our Acting Chief Tim A. Hardy has been rock solid.
- I)** Scott Landry asked if Front Street was paved today. Richard Davis stated that yes, Front Street was paved.
- J)** Joshua Bell stated that he concurs with all that the other Selectmen said regarding the community response to the LEAP explosion. It's been overwhelming, and it's been amazing to see the support of the community. We live in a great place. The overwhelming support has been very helpful with the healing process.
- K)** Scott Landry stated we cannot forget that these folks will need ongoing counseling. Richard Davis stated that counseling is being arranged.

**ITEM 6: To Hold an Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405.6.A to Conduct the Manager's Annual Performance Evaluation**

Due to recent events, the Manager's Annual Performance Evaluation was postponed until October 8, 2019.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Scott Landry moved to adjourn at 6:55 P.M.; Matthew Smith seconded**

**VOTE                                  AFFIRMATIVE      5                          MOTION CARRIED**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nancy L. Martin.

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Michael J. Fogg - Secretary