FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN Tuesday, October 8, 2019 6:30 P.M.

Vice Chairman Stephan Bunker called the meeting to order at 6:34 P.M. with the following members present: Michael Fogg and Scott Landry. Matthew Smith was unable to attend. Town Manager Richard Davis, Town Secretary Nancy Martin, Deputy Chief of Police Shane Cote, Acting Fire Rescue Chief Timothy A. Hardy, Captain Timothy D. Hardy, Deputy Chief S. Clyde Ross, and members of the press and public were also in attendance. Chairman Joshua Bell arrived during the discussion of Item 4.

ITEM 1: Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Vice Chairman Stephan Bunker led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ITEM 2: To Hold a Public Hearing on the Following Application for a Marijuana Business:

Glen Pound/Two Guys Grow 19-MJ-01 Adult Use Cultivation Facility 249 Farmington Falls Road U08-002

Vice Chairman Stephan Bunker opened the Public Hearing under Item 2 at 6:35 P.M.

Richard Davis provided a copy of Two Guys Grow's application. He stated that the application was vetted and approved by the Planning Board prior to coming to the Board of Selectmen for approval.

Glen Pound introduced himself and stated that he grew up in Farmington, and that he operates a couple other successful businesses in town. Mr. Pound stated that he loves working with the community and that he is looking forward to operating this new business. Richard Davis asked what systems would be used for odor control. Mr. Pound stated that he currently has five different odor filtration systems. Mr. Pound asked how his location fares in comparison to other grow businesses in regards to odor complaints. Scott Landry, a member of the Odor Panel, stated that the Odor Panel inspected the location three times and there have been no issues. Mr. Davis stated that he has not received any odor complaints regarding this location.

Vice Chairman Stephan Bunker closed the Public Hearing under Item 2 at 6:37 P.M.

Scott Landry moved to approve the application for Glen Pound/Two Guys Grow 19-MJ-01; Michael Fogg seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 ABSENT 2 MOTION CARRIED (J. Bell, M. Smith)

To Hold a Public Hearing on a Proposed Bond Issue in the Amount of \$500,000 for the Purchase of a Firetruck

Vice Chairman Stephan Bunker opened the Public Hearing under Item 3 at 6:38 P.M.

Richard Davis provided a copy of the sample ballot to be voted on at the Municipal Election on November 5, 2019. Mr. Davis stated that the amount of the borrowing would be \$500,000, and \$300,000 would be appropriated from the firetruck reserve account. The estimated cost of the new firetruck is \$800,000. Mr. Davis stated that the Fire Rescue Department received a bid from Pierce Manufacturing, which was just over our estimate at \$806,000. Mr. Davis stated that if there are no adjustments to the bid price through changes in the specs, the Town would appropriate funds from the 2020 firetruck reserve account to cover the difference in cost.

Captain Timothy D. Hardy stated that the truck meets all the specifications that the Fire Rescue Department requested. Captain Hardy stated that they have looked at other trucks and manufacturers, and this firetruck has a galvanized frame system and undercarriage. Captain Hardy stated that the new firetruck will replace Engine 1, a 2002 rescue pumper that has frame corrosion and electrical issues that have plagued the truck over the last couple of years. The new truck is a rescue style pumper that carries all of the team's rescue equipment and has fire suppression capabilities. Captain Hardy stated that it takes 192 working days from the signing of the contract for the truck to be completed, and he estimated it will be approximately one year before the truck arrives.

Vice Chairman Stephan Bunker closed the Public Hearing under Item 3 at 6:43 P.M.

Scott Landry move to recommend the proposed bond issue in the amount of \$500,000 for the purchase of a firetruck; Michael Fogg seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 ABSENT 2 MOTION CARRIED (J. Bell, M. Smith)

ITEM 4: To Authorize the Purchase/Trade of Police Vehicles

Chairman Joshua Bell arrived at approximately 6:48 P.M. Richard Davis provided a memo from Deputy Chief Cote seeking to purchase a 2019 Cruiser to add to the Police Department's fleet. Quirk Ford has a Police Responder Ford F150 available for \$32,593. In addition to purchasing the Ford F150, the Police Department would like to trade the Town's 1985 Dresser loader for two used, fully equipped State Police cruisers, as well as the equipment and set up of the 2019 F150 purchased from Quirk Ford. The Dresser loader, valued at \$15,000 - \$20,000 was acquired from the LESO program and is not being used by the Town at this time. The acquisition of these three vehicles will allow the department to assign a cruiser to each officer, and to the Police Chief.

Michael Fogg moved to approve the acquisition of one 2019 Responder Ford F150 for \$32,593, Scott Landry seconded

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (M. Smith)

ITEM 4: To Authorize the Purchase/Trade of Police Vehicles (cont)

Scott Landry moved to approve the trade of the 1985 Dresser loader for equipment set up the 2019 Ford F150 and two surplus State Police Cruisers; Michael Fogg seconded

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (M. Smith)

ITEM 5: To Appoint the Interim School Director

Richard Davis provided copies of applications from Wayne Kinney and Kirk Doyle, both of whom have served on the Budget Committee. Joshua Bell stated both candidates are well qualified.

Joshua Bell moved to appoint Kirk Doyle as Interim School Director; Matthew Fogg seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (M. Smith)

ITEM 6: To Approve Municipal Quitclaim Deeds

Richard Davis reviewed three Municipal Quitclaim Deeds releasing any interest the Town might have on account of the undischarged liens on the following real estate: Michael A. Atwood at 1030 Farmington Falls Road; Timothy A. Seamon at 128 Philbrick Street; and Michael L. Viles at 207 Temple Road.

Michael Fogg moved to approve the Municipal Quitclaim Deeds for Michael A. Atwood at 1030 Farmington Falls Road; Timothy A. Seamon at 128 Philbrick Street; and Michael L. Viles at 207 Temple Road; Joshua Bell seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (M. Smith)

The selectmen signed the Quitclaim Deeds.

ITEM 7: To Approve the Minutes of September 24, 2019

The minutes of September 24, 2019 were not available.

Joshua Bell moved to table the minutes of September 24, 2019 until the October 22, 2019 Board of Selectmen's meeting; Scott Landry seconded

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (M. Smith)

ITEM 8: To Discuss Other Business

- A) Richard Davis stated that it is gratifying to see Chief Bell back in town, it is pretty heartwarming, and to see the good turnout that we had just continues to give him great faith in the deep down goodness of this community.
- B) Richard Davis announced that the Town has hired Morgan Bayreuther as the new Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation. She will start on Monday, October 22, 2019. Mr. Davis stated that Ms. Bayreuther is very well qualified for the position, and that she will be a good addition to the department.
- C) Joshua Bell stated that he is very glad to see his Uncle Terry come home.
- D) Scott Landry stated that it is so good to see Terry come back, and it is incredible to see how much support we have received from other communities. Sixty-three (63) different crews have worked in our station, just incredible support. We are so lucky to be where we are.
- E) Stephan Bunker stated that the fire department has been maintaining a record of all of the donations of services, labor, money, food, flowers, and cards. Mr. Bunker stated that he doesn't know how we are going to find a big enough thank you card to thank everyone. Mr. Bunker stated that the Town is most fortunate to have Deputy Chief Tim A. Hardy as the Acting Chief. He has been rock solid. Mr. Bunker also gave kudos to our Town Manager who has kept a hand on things and kept the process running, encouraging his staff, who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes on a lot of rules, regulations, submission of records and reports. Mr. Bunker stated we are very lucky to have Richard Davis as Town Manager.
- F) Stephan Bunker stated that he had a great experience at the MMA's Annual Convention. It gave him an opportunity to thank elected and appointed officials from all over the state, including the Fire Chief's Association for their assistance. Mr. Bunker stated that the town managers, boards of selectpersons, and city councilors were authorizing personnel and apparatus to come and assist us for days on end. Mr. Bunker stated that he received a lot of hugs. It was very gratifying, and we are in a great state.
- G) Michael Fogg stated that he was at the Cross Center in Bangor and was wearing a name badge that showed he was from Farmington. No matter where he was or what he was doing, people would stop him to express their genuine concern. Mr. Fogg stated it was quite an experience.
- ITEM 9: To Hold an Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405.6.A to Conduct the Manager's Annual Performance Evaluation.

Vice Chairman Stephan Bunker moved to go into Executive Session at 7:19 P. M.; Michael Fogg seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (M. Smith)

To Hold an Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405.6.A to Conduct the Manager's Annual Performance Evaluation. (cont)

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:21 p.m.

Scott Landry moved, pursuant to a highly favorable evaluation of the Town Manager's performance, to increase his current annual salary by a total of 3% effective April 1, 2020, said increase to include, and not be in addition to the standard annual COLA; Stephan Bunker seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (M. Smith)

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Stephan Bunker moved to adjourn at 8:22 P.M.**; **Scott Landry seconded.**

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED (M. Smith)

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nancy L. Martin.

Michael J. Fogg - Secretary