

**FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Tuesday, August 10, 2021**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**The conduct of the meeting included remote access by telephonic, video, and electronic means. The public was able to attend in person or by viewing the live stream at <http://mtbluetv.org/program-live-stream-farmington-selectmen.html> or Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/MBTV11/> and/or calling 778-6538**

Vice Chairman Stephan Bunker called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present: Michael Fogg, Joshua Bell, and Scott Landry. Chairman Matthew Smith was unable to attend. Town Manager Richard Davis, Town Secretary Nancy Martin, Police Chief Kenneth Charles, Officers Ethan Boyd and Ethan Whitney, Sabaidee Thai Restaurant Owner Chanthalaty Vilayphan, Food Dude Owners Takoda and Shelly Zoebisch, Mt. Blue TV camera operator Tom Martin, and members of the press and public were also present.

**ITEM 1: Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

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

**ITEM 2: To Hold a Public Hearing and vote on a new Application for a Liquor License for Chanthalaty Vilayphan d/b/a Sabaidee Thai Restaurant, LLC, located at 168 Front Street**

Vice Chairman Bunker opened the Public Hearing under Item 2 at 6:31 p.m.

Richard Davis provided a copy of the liquor license application for Chanthalaty Vilayphan d/b/a Sabaidee Thai Restaurant, LLC, located at 168 Front Street. Ms. Vilayphan and Wayne Whittemore were present and answered the Selectmen's questions. Ms. Vilayphan will take possession of the business on September 1<sup>st</sup> after some light remodeling, and she plans to open on October 1st. Sabaidee Thai will serve alcohol inside the main restaurant, bar area, and the outside courtyard.

Vice Chairman Bunker closed the Public Hearing under Item 2 at 6:35 p.m.

**Joshua Bell moved to approve the liquor license application for Chanthalaty Vilayphan d/b/a Sabaidee Thai Restaurant, LLC, located at 168 Front Street; Scott Landry seconded.**

<b>VOTE</b>	<b>AFFIRMATIVE</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>
			<b>(Matthew Smith)</b>		

**ITEM 3: To Hold a Public Hearing and vote on a new Application for a Lunch Wagon Permit for the Food Dude, Owned and Operated by Takoda and Shelly Zoebisch of Freeman Township, Located at Various Locations**

Vice-Chairman Bunker opened the Public Hearing under Item 3 at 6:36 p.m.

Richard Davis provided a copy of the application for a lunch wagon permit for the Food Dude, Owned and Operated by Takoda and Shelly Zoebisch of Freeman Township, located at various locations. Takoda Zoebisch and Shelly Zoebisch were present and answered the Selectmen's questions. The Food Dude truck will offer a variety of homemade tacos, nachos, and toppings.

Vice Chairman Bunker closed the Public Hearing under Item 3 at 6:35 p.m.

**Michael Fogg moved to approve the application for a Lunch Wagon Permit for the Food Dude, owned and operated by Takoda and Shelly Zoebisch of Freeman Township; Scott Landry seconded.**

<b>VOTE</b>	<b>AFFIRMATIVE 4</b>	<b>ABSENT 1</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>
		<b>(Matthew Smith)</b>	

**ITEM 4: To Meet new Police Officers Matthew Brann and Ethan Whitney**

Police Chief Kenneth Charles introduced Officer Ethan Whitney. Officer Whitney is from South Kingston, Rhode Island. For the past several weeks, he has trained with Officer Ethan Boyd and is doing an outstanding job. Officer Whitney graduated from the University of Rhode Island with a bachelor's degree in Sociology and Criminology. After graduation, he worked as a direct support professional for people with advanced mental health issues. Officer Whitney said he has always loved the mountains and looks forward to working here and hunting with his brother Eric, who has lived in the area for the past four years. Officer Brann asserted that Officer Whitney is an excellent fit for the position and Farmington. He received several emails from the public expressing their gratitude to Officer Whitney on how well he dealt with specific situations. He is highly professional and polite. Chief Charles reported that Officer Whitney would attend the police academy in January.

Chief Charles explained that Officer Matthew Brann is traveling and could not attend the Selectmen's meeting. Chief Charles reported that Officer Brann started his career with Farmington as an Officer from 2004 – 2009. From 2009 – 2020 Officer Brann worked his way up the ranks to supervisor at Franklin County Sheriff's Department. In 2020 Officer Brann worked full-time teaching law enforcement at Foster Technology. When Officer Bridgette Gilbert retired, Officer Brann seized the opportunity to re-enter law enforcement and accepted the position of School Resource Officer. Officer Brann is a certified academy instructor, trained as a police training officer, and credentialed in crisis intervention training. The Selectmen welcomed Officer Whitney and Officer Brann, congratulating them on their new positions.

**ITEM 5: To Approve an Application for Pole Locations on High Street for Consolidated Communications of Northern New England Company, LLC and Central Maine Power Company**

Richard Davis provided a copy of the application requesting permission for five (5) poles on High Street. Beginning approximately 76 feet southernly of the intersection of Middle Street, replacement of five (5) poles extending about 448 feet in a southeasterly direction to the corner of Perkins Street. Mr. Davis stated that the Selectmen will later receive a second application for the final three (3) pole locations, for a total of eight (8) poles.

**Scott Landry moved to approve the application for pole locations on High Street for Consolidated Communications of Northern New England Company, LLC and Central Maine Power Company; Joshua Bell seconded.**

**VOTE            AFFIRMATIVE    4            ABSENT    1            MOTION CARRIED**  
**(Matthew Smith)**

The Selectmen signed the Agreement.

**ITEM 6: To Approve an Agreement to Issue a Construction Overlimit Permit to the Contractor for Maine DOT Project Number 022296.01**

Richard Davis reviewed the Overlimit Permit Agreement.

**Scott Landry moved to approve an agreement to issue a Construction Overlimit Permit to the contractor for Maine DOT Project Number 022296.01; Michael Fogg seconded.**

**VOTE            AFFIRMATIVE    4            ABSENT    1            MOTION CARRIED**  
**(Matthew Smith)**

The Selectmen signed the Agreement.

**ITEM 7: To Determine how to fill the Town's Seat on the Maine Municipal Association's Legislative Policy Committee (LPC)**

Mr. Davis stated that he has served on LPC for many years and has enjoyed it tremendously. He explained that this is an elected position that serves Senate District 17. The committee develops the Maine Municipal Association's (MMA) agenda to advocate for legislative items of municipal interest and provides direction to MMA staff on testimony on items of municipal interest. With Mr. Davis' retirement, MMA is looking for someone to fill this position on behalf of the Town. Michael Fogg has been the alternate, and MMA is wondering if he would like to maintain Mr. Davis' LPC seat. Mr. Davis explained that the LPC would not resume until late fall or early spring. He asked if the Selectmen would like to appoint Mr. Fogg or wait and appoint incoming Town

**ITEM 7: To Determine how to fill the Town's Seat on the Maine Municipal Association's Legislative Policy Committee (LPC) (continued)**

Manager Christian Waller. Mr. Fogg agreed to assume Mr. Davis' LPC seat, and Stephan Bunker volunteered to act as the alternate.

**Joshua Bell moved to nominate Michael Fogg to fill the Town's seat on the Maine Municipal Association's Legislative Policy Committee (LPC) and nominate Stephan Bunker as alternate; Scott Landry seconded.**

**VOTE                    AFFIRMATIVE    4                    ABSENT    1                    MOTION CARRIED**  
**(Matthew Smith)**

**ITEM 8: To Approve the Minutes of July 27, 2021**

**Scott Landry moved to approve the Minutes of July 27, 2021; Joshua Bell seconded.**

**VOTE                    AFFIRMATIVE    4                    ABSENT    1                    MOTION CARRIED**  
**(Matthew Smith)**

**ITEM 9: To Discuss Other Business**

A) Richard Davis reviewed one (1) Cemetery lot Conveyance: Harold Kilponen for three (3) graves in Fairview Cemetery.

**Scott Landry moved to approve the Cemetery lot Conveyance to Harold Kilponen for three (3) graves in Fairview Cemetery; Joshua Bell seconded.**

**VOTE                    AFFIRMATIVE    4                    ABSENT    1                    MOTION CARRIED**  
**(Matthew Smith)**

The Selectmen signed the Cemetery lot Conveyance.

B) Michael Fogg stated that it appears that the Town is coming into an exciting year. We have the solar farm revenues coming in, a new town manager, and the High Street project. It is a real good time to be living in Farmington.

C) Joshua Bell inquired about the High Peaks Alliance item that appears on the Planning Board's agenda. Richard Davis stated that the High Peaks Alliance is developing the twelve acres of Town-owned property located off Front Street. They are making the trails ADA assessable and have installed reclaimed materials to firm up the roadway and parking area. The plan is to establish a kiosk with a map of the twenty-five (25) nature trails. Mr. Davis urged the Selectmen to check out the trails along the river, as it is a pretty area.

D) Scott Landry reported that Maine Superior Court Judge Michaela Murphy overturned the permit for crossing of public land by the Maine Clean Energy Connect Corridor.

**ITEM 9: To Discuss Other Business (continued)**

Mr. Landry predicted that the Maine Corridor saga is going to get interesting. The Maine Corridor received a two-thirds vote of approval by the Legislature before beginning work on the project. In many areas throughout the State, CMP has already started clearing the corridor. The issue will be brought before the people and voted on in November.

- E) Stephan Bunker suggested that a discussion regarding the Town's policy regarding COVID-19 and employee vaccinations be added to a future agenda. Mr. Bunker recommends a proactive approach to what we hear from the CDC, Universities, and hospitals. He asked the Selectmen to think through what they believe will be a sound policy.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Joshua Bell moved to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.; Scott Landry seconded.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nancy L. Martin.

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Michael J. Fogg - Secretary