

FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, March 22, 2022

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Chairman Matthew Smith called the meeting to order at 6:34 P.M. with the following members present: Michael Fogg, Joshua Bell, and Scott Landry. Town Manager Christian Waller, Executive Assistant Nancy Martin, Code Enforcement Officer Steve Kaiser, Police Chief Ken Charles, Deputy Police Chief Shane Cote, Appeals and Board of Assessment Review Member Dennis O'Neil, Blue Sky Labs Owners Chad Crandall and Levi Daku, Public Works Director Phil Hutchins, Farmington Public Library Director Jessica Casey, Parks and Recreation Director Matt Foster, Mt. Blue TV camera operator Tom Martin, and members of the press and public were also present. Members of the media and public participated remotely.

ITEM 1: Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

ITEM 2: To hold a Public Hearing to review the following:

- Addition to the section entitled *11-14.10.A.3 Standards For Permit/License* in the current Adult Use and Medical Marijuana Stores, Cultivation Facilities, Manufacturing Facilities, and Testing Facilities Ordinance be adopted. Re: Distance between Adult Use and Medical Marijuana businesses

Shall the following addition (in underlined, italicized, bold) to the section entitled *11-14.10.A.3 Standards For Permit/License* in the current Adult Use and Medical Marijuana Stores, Cultivation Facilities, Manufacturing Facilities, and Testing Facilities Ordinance be adopted:

“A property containing a building housing one or more Adult Use or Medical Marijuana business(es) may not be located within one thousand (1,000) feet of another property containing a building housing one or more Adult Use or Medical Marijuana business(es), unless such properties are located in the General Purpose District and are owned or controlled by the same person or entity or an affiliate of such entity that holds right, title, or interest in each property, by way of a deed, lease, sublease, purchase and sale agreement, or similar, in which case there shall be no separation by distance between same required.”

For the purposes of this section, “Affiliate” means, as to any entity, any other entity that, directly or indirectly, is in control of, is controlled by, or is under common control with such entity. For purposes of this definition, “Control” of an entity means the power, directly or indirectly, to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such entity whether by contract or otherwise.”

Chairman Matthew Smith opened the Public Hearing under Item 2 at 6:36 P.M.

Blue Sky Labs Owner Chad Crandall reviewed the proposed amendments and answered the Selectboard’s questions.

Chairman Matthew Smith closed the Public Hearing under Item 2 at 6:37 P.M.

ITEM 3: To hold a Public Hearing to review the following: (continued)

mentioned that the ordinance does say if they submit their application to the State and the State for some reason hasn't issued the license within the year the Town would work with them. Mr. Smith reiterated that if there were mitigating circumstances, the Town would look at them on a case-by-case basis. Mr. Crandall emphasized that Blue Sky Labs supports the changes. Mr. Kaiser remarked that the Office of Marijuana Policy (OMP) is turning things over much faster now, and the lag in processing licenses should go away.

Chairman Matthew Smith closed the Public Hearing under Item 3 at 6:40 P.M.

Joshua Bell moved to approve amendments to the section entitled 11-14.10 Standards For Permit/License in the current Town of Farmington Adult Use and Medical Marijuana Stores, Cultivation Facilities, Manufacturing Facilities, and Testing Facilities Ordinance; Scott Landry seconded

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 Absent 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Bunker)

ITEM 4: To allow Public Works Director Phil Hutchins and Farmington Public Library Director Jessica Casey to discuss an Earth Day Event on April 22, 2022

Earth Day will be held on Friday, April 22, 2022. The 9th Annual Cleanup Event will be from 1 pm – 3 pm and will begin in front of the Pierce House. Bags and gloves will be provided. Prize Categories: Happiest Cleanup Volunteer Group of Family; Oddest Litter Found; Most Adventurous Litter Retrieval; Youngest Volunteer; Most Litter Picked Up by an Individual; and Most Litter Picked Up by a Group or Team. To participate in a category, submit photos to Jess Casey at director@farmingtonlibrarymaine.org. You can also find Jess during the event at the Pierce House and she will take your picture then. Farmington spends an estimated \$12,000 on litter cleanup each year. Volunteers cleaned up 857lbs of litter in 2021. Jessica Casey noted, "Earth Day is the largest secular observance in the world." (earthday.org) Phil Hutchins and Jessica Casey encouraged everyone to join them on Earth Day. Matt Smith asked Mr. Hutchins what the oddest thing he had ever picked up was? Mr. Hutchins revealed he picked up a bucket from the early 1900s. He said it wasn't weird, but it was a random object that hadn't been touched for over one hundred years.

Vice-Chair Stephan Bunker joined the meeting at 6:46 P.M.

ITEM 5: To accept an anticipated award of up to \$4,200 from the Maine Bureau of Highway Safety (MeBHS) to purchase and install printers for the police cruisers to be used with the Maine eCitation system

Deputy Police Chief Shane Cote reviewed a memo dated March 14, 2022, from himself to the Selectboard regarding the MeBHS equipment grant. Deputy Chief Cote stated the total cost for the project would be just over \$8,200, which is why Item #6 is on the agenda. He explained the Town would need to meet a 20% match and the installation cost. Deputy Chief Cote and Chief Ken Charles answered the Selectboard's questions.

ITEM 5: To accept an anticipated award of up to \$4,200 from the Maine Bureau of Highway Safety (MeBHS) to purchase and install printers for the police cruisers to be used with the Maine eCitation system (continued)

Josh Bell moved to accept an anticipated award of up to \$4,200 from the Maine Bureau of Highway Safety (MeBHS) to purchase and install printers for the police cruisers to be used with the Maine eCitation system; Scott Landry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 6: To approve the expenditure of up to \$4,500 from the Police Department Computer Reserve Account, upon award of the Maine Bureau of Highway Safety (MeBHS) equipment grant, for the required match and excess costs to purchase and install printers to work with the Maine eCitation system

Mike Fogg moved to authorize the expenditure of up to \$4,500 from the Police Department Computer Reserve Account, upon award of the Maine Bureau of Highway Safety (MeBHS) equipment grant, for the required match and excess costs to purchase and install printers to work with the Maine eCitation system; Joshua Bell seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 7: To Approve the Minutes of March 8, 2022

Joshua Bell moved to approve the Minutes of March 8, 2022; Scott Landry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 8: To Discuss Other Business

A.) Citizen Pam Poisson addressed the Selectboard to discuss the ongoing issue of dog excrement in the Town's parks. Last week, she met with Town Manager Christian Waller and offered to donate a Dog Waste Station (DWS). Ms. Poisson provided a handout for a professional-grade/high strength DWS with everything included: sign, locking dispenser, waste can (10lb capacity) with lid, post, 400 waste bags, and 50 can liners. The Town will be responsible for replacing the waste bags. The cost for this station is \$247.77 through Amazon. Ms. Poisson announced she organized a "Poop Pickup Day" at the park for tomorrow at noon, and she invited the Selectboard and attendees to join her. Phil Hutchins, Animal Control Officer Matt Billian, Christian Waller, Karen Waller, and Matt Foster agreed to participate in "Poop Pick Up Day." Matt Smith commended Ms. Poisson for her efforts. Ms. Poisson stated she is committed to buying one DWS; however if we could get two for \$400, she would be willing to buy two. One for Meetinghouse Park and one for Bjorn Park. Mr. Foster agreed to look for better pricing. She would like to stay at \$400; if the Town doesn't want to chip in, she might be convinced to go a little higher, but not much. Mr. Smith proposed that the Selectboard pay up to \$100 as a thank you and a show of support to Ms. Poisson.

ITEM 8: To Discuss Other Business (continued)

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

The Selectmen signed the Municipal Quitclaim Deed.

ITEM 9: To Hold an Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405.6.A to discuss an individual's resignation

Scott Landry moved to go into Executive Session at 7:10 P.M.; Joshua Bell seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

The meeting came out of Executive Session at 7:22 P.M.

No action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Stephan Bunker moved to adjourn at 7:23 P.M.; Scott Landry seconded.**

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nancy L. Martin.

Michael J. Fogg – Secretary
Byron Staples

03/28/22 Byron Staples was a write-in candidate for the Selectboard, he won and replaced Michael Fogg. 04/12/22 Mr. Staples was nominated and accepted the position of Selectboard Secretary. When asked to sign these minutes which were approved during tonight's meeting (4/12/22), he declined.

Nancy L. Martin