

FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

The conduct of the meeting included remote access by telephone, video, and electronic means. The public could 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/> or calling 778-5874.

Vice-Chair Stephan Bunker called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Scott Landry and Byron Staples. Chairman Matthew Smith and Joshua Bell were unable to attend. Town Manager Christian Waller, Executive Assistant Nancy Martin, Public Works Director Phil Hutchins, Fire Deputy Chief/Town Budget Committee Chair Clyde Ross, Board of Appeals and Board of Assessment Review Member Dennis O'Neil, MDOL BLS Workplace Safety and Health Director Steven Greeley, MDOL, SafetyWorks! Program Manager Mary Matthews, MBTV Camera Operator Tom Martin, and members of the press and public were also present. Members of the press and public participated remotely as authorized by PL 209, c.617.

ITEM 1: Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

ITEM 2: MDOL, SafetyWorks! Program Manager Mary Matthews to present the SHAPE award to the Town of Farmington

On behalf of Governor Janet Mills, Commissioner Laura Fortman, and the Maine Department of Labor, BLS Workplace Safety and Health Director Steven Greeley presented the Safety and Health Award for Public Employees (SHAPE) Award to Town Manager Christian Waller. Mr. Greeley said. "the SHAPE Award recognizes employers who operate an exemplary safety and health management system. Acceptance into SHAPE is an achievement status that will single you out as the best of the best in workplace safety and health". To participate in SHAPE, the Town must: Request a consultation visit that involves a complete safety and health hazard identification survey; involve employees in the consultation process; correct all hazards identified by the consultant; implement and maintain a safety and health management system; and have an injury and illness rates that are below the state average for industry classification. Farmington is part of an elite group of 12 out of 82 locations in the State of Maine to receive this award. Director Greeley acknowledged the catastrophic event of 2019; this SHAPE Award shows what can be accomplished when the Town puts its time, effort, and resources together. Director Greeley encouraged the Town to maintain its SHAPE status so he could return in two years and give the Town a renewal plate for the plaque. Town Manager Waller thanked the Department Heads and Nancy Martin for their tireless effort in helping make Farmington one of the safest places to work in the state. Mr. Bunker echoed Mr. Waller's sentiments. He added that as a firefighter department member, they've focused on safety in their processes for as long as he can remember; the fire department is out training this evening. Mr. Bunker stated that it's an added feather in Farmington's cap that this is a town-wide award.

ITEM 3: To Hold a Public Hearing and Vote on a new Application for a Lunch Wagon Permit for Donnie's Fried Chicken, owned and operated by James Spina of Shapleigh

Vice-Chair Stephan Bunker opened the Public Hearing under Item 3 at 6:40 P.M.

Vice-Chair Stephan Bunker closed the Public Hearing under Item 3 at 6:44 P.M.

Mr. Spina was present and provided a brief overview of Donnie's Fried Chicken. Also present was Donnie Straguoly, whom Mr. Spina credits with creating the best-fried chicken recipe. The food truck will be operated at 654 Farmington Falls Road, Thursday through Saturday, from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Byron Staples commended them for being open later in the evening when there are few places to buy take-out.

