

FARMINGTON SELECT BOARD
Tuesday, May 23, 2023

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-streamfarmington-selectmen.html> or Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/MBTV11/> or calling 578-7395.

Chairman Matthew Smith called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M. with the following members present: Stephan Bunker, Joshua Bell, Byron Staples, and Dennis O'Neil. Addressing Officer, Terry Bell, Cornell Knight, Interim Town Manager, Leah Giusti, Executive Assistant, MBTV Camera Operator Lillie Clark, and members of the press and the 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

Chairman Matthew Smith led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ITEM 2: To review Memo from Addressing Officer, Captain Terry Bell regarding New Road Name request of Jon Bubier

The Addressing Officer, Terry Bell, advises that he approves the name Gantley Drive for the property Jon Bubier is developing on Whittier Road, Tax Map R02 Lot 14-A & C. There is no conflict.

Selectman Bunker moved to approve the naming of the road Gantley Drive; Selectman Bell seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 3: To review Memo regarding Community Resilience Grant regarding heat pumps in the Community Center and approve expenditure of upfront costs for same

Interim Town Manager Cornell Knight states that the grant has been amended so that it meets Efficiency Maine Standards.

Selectman Bunker moved to approve the expenditure of upfront costs for heat pumps in the amount of \$25, 320 to be reimbursed; Selectman Staples seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 4: To review and sign Town of Farmington District Budget Validation Referendum Warrant and Notice of Election

Selectman Bunker moved for a motion to authorize and sign the warrants; Selectman Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 5: To hold a Public Hearing and vote on the following new and renewal applications for Innkeeper and Lunch Wagon Permits

- **Mount Blue Motel – owned and operated by Rick Collins; located at 454 Wilton Road, located at 593 Wilton Road (renewal)**
- **Mount Blue Motel DBA Colonial Valley Motel – owned and operated by Rick Collins; located at 593 Wilton Road (renewal)**
- **Sandy River Dairy – owned and operated by Eric Johnson; located at 560 Farmington Falls Road (renewal)**
- **The Ugly Dumpling - owned and operated by Lou Sarofeen; located at 430 Farmington Falls Road (renewal)**
- **The Outpost - owned and operated by Brian Bates; located at 495 Wilton Road (renewal)**
- **The White Fox, LLC – owned and operated by Nico Regas (renewal)**
- **The Frost Paw – owned and operated by Mary Hastings (renewal)**
- **Aces Hot Spot – owned and operated by Michael McNamara; located at 660 Wilton Road (new)**

Selectman Smith opens the public hearing.

Member of the public enquires about the status of the Farmington Motel. The Farmington Motel was taken off the list at a request by the Town Clerk as they did not reapply or respond to attempts to contact them.

Selectman Smith closes the public hearing

Selectman Bunker moved to approve all applications and renewals as one vote; Selectman Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 6: To review and sign Municipal Quitclaim Deed regarding 998 Farmington Falls Road

All taxes have been paid, and signatures are needed on the quitclaim deed to complete the sale.

Selectman Bunker moved to sign the Municipal Quitclaim Deed; Selectman Bell seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 7: To reappoint Steve Kaiser as Code Enforcement Officer and Local Health Officer, and Andrew Marble as Local Plumbing Inspector

Selectman Bell asks if the positions are advertised. Selectman Smith believes it generally rolls over. Interim Town Manager states that he will ask Code Enforcement Officer Steve Kaiser.

Selectman O’Neil moved for a motion to reappoint Steve Kaiser as Code Enforcement Officer and Local Health Officer, and Andrew Marble as Local Plumbing Inspector; Selectman Bell seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 8: To review and sign MDOT over limit permit for the Russell Mills Bridge Replacement

It is not a replacement; it is a removal. Selectman Smith stated that it is standard practice for the Maine Department of Transportation to request permission and advise the town when they travel over the roads.

Selectman O’Neil inquires as to whether we ever require the bond. Interim Town Manager Cornell Knight stated that we may but haven’t needed to do so to date.

This request is specific to this project. Selectman Bell would strongly urge them to replace the bridge.

Selectman Bell moved to approve; Selectman Bunker seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

states that they are going through a checklist to ensure that the processes were followed and everything was done correctly. This is being done before the final letters go out. When complete, they will come back to advise the board. They want to ensure due diligence is done.

Interim Town Manager Knight states that he is meeting with the appraisal firm tomorrow regarding contract assessing work to ensure the commitment is done, tax bills and transfers, etc. by August.

Motion by Selectman Bunker to adjourn at 6:58 p.m.; Seconded by Selectman Bell.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

Minutes respectfully submitted by Leah Giusti.

Byron Staples - Secretary