

**TOWN OF FARMINGTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 14, 2011
356 Main Street, Farmington, NH**

Selectmen Members Present: Paula Proulx, Charlie King, Gerry McCarthy and Jim Horgan

Selectman Excused: Joan Funk

Town Staff Present: Interim Town Administrator Gary Stenhouse, Fire Chief Rich Fowler and Deputy Fire Chief James Reinert

Public Present: Neil Johnson and Elizabeth Johnson

Chairman Proulx called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

1. Public Comment:

A. Paula welcomed the newest Selectman Jim Horgan and thanked Gail Ellis for her time served on the Board.

2. Review of Minutes:

A. *Charlie King motioned to accept the public minutes of February 18, 2011, 2nd Gerry McCarthy. Motion carried with Jim Horgan abstaining.*

B. *Charlie King motioned to accept the public minutes of February 28, 2011 as amended, 2nd Gerry McCarthy. Motion carried with Jim Horgan abstaining.*

C. *Charlie King motioned to accept the non-public minutes of February 28, 2011 part A as written, 2nd Gerry McCarthy. Motion carried with Jim Horgan abstaining.*

D. *Charlie King motioned to accept the non-public minutes of February 28, 2011 part B as written, 2nd Gerry McCarthy. Motion carried with Jim Horgan abstaining.*

3. Re-Organization of the Board:

A. *Charlie King motioned to table the re-organization of the Board except for the Conservation Commission to March 28, 2011 so that Joan Funk can be present (as she requested), 2nd Jim Horgan.* Discussion followed where Gerry stated he would have liked to have known that Joan was not going to be present tonight because he had another appointment tonight. Jim stated that there is a Conservation Commission on Wednesday and he is unsure of what should occur this week. *Motion carried with all in favor.*

B. *Gerry McCarthy motioned to nominate Jim Horgan as the Selectmen Conservation Commission representative, 2nd Charlie King. Motion carried with all in favor.*

4. Fire Department:

- A. **Appointment of Deputy Wardens to the Fire Department** – Rich explained that every 3-5 years the fire department needs to update their Forest Fire Deputy Wardens with the State of NH. Rich recommends appointing the following firefighters; James Reinert, Steve Gagnon, Tom Bonneau, Lars Dore, Bill Cameron, Chris Macdonald, Dave Sowards, Mike Galimberti, Jessica Poulin, Jim Girard and Bryan Aube and Issuing Agents of; Mike Sproul, Rolly Edgerly, Mike Davenport Jr., Scott Norton, Amanda Varney, Nathan Phillips, Ian Freas and Roxanne Hodgdon. *Jim Horgan motioned to recommend the list of firefighters and EMS workers the Fire Chief recommended as deputy wardens, 2nd Charlie King. Motion carried with all in favor.*
- B. Rich read a thank you letter from a resident who was appreciative of the work, expertise and thoughtfulness of the fire department from a home owner whose home experienced a large structure fire.
- C. Rich submitted his resignation from the Visiting Nurses Association Board because he was requested by their Board members to sign a confidentiality agreement that will not allow him to report to the Selectmen on any of the information, budgetary information or meeting minutes. Rich noted that if things change down there then he would be willing to serve on the VNA Board again because he did enjoy his time on it. *Gerry McCarthy motioned to accept Rich Fowler's resignation with regret from the Rochester VNA, 2nd Jim Horgan. Motion carried with all in favor.*
- D. Gerry asked Rich if the fire protective clothing can be purchased directly from the manufacturer and Rich replied no, he has to go through a vendor.

5. Acceptance of Irrevocable Letter of Credit: Regarding Governors Road and Dodge Cross Road.

Gary informed the Board that he reviewed the letter of credit with the Road Agent and he said the amount was correct as calculated. Paula noted the letter of credit will be in place through December 31, 2012. *Jim Horgan motioned to accept the letter of credit regarding Governors Road and Dodge Cross Road, 2nd Gerry McCarthy. Motion carried with Charlie King abstaining.*

6. Board/Committee Applications:

- A. *Gerry McCarthy motioned to appoint Ann Titus to the Downtown Committee for three years, 2nd Jim Horgan. Motion carried with all in favor.*
- B. *Charlie King motioned to appoint Joe Pitre to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for three years, 2nd Jim Horgan. Motion carried with all in favor.*
- C. *Gerry McCarthy motioned to appoint Kathy Spangler to the Conservation Commission for up to a three year term, 2nd Charlie King. Motion carried with all in favor.*

7. Other Business to Come Before the Board:

- A. Gary noted the Tom Closson is available to meet with the Board on March 28 at 5:30pm. The Board noted the regular meeting will need to be scheduled for 6:30pm that night.

- B.** Gary informed the Board that the School Superintendant Dr. Frank Mellaci would like to meet with the Board in non-public regarding the lease agreement of the upstairs of the Municipal Building. Gary will schedule this non-public session for the first meeting in April at 5:30pm and Charlie asked if they have anything in writing to present it would be helpful to get it in advance.
- C.** Gary informed the Board that he will be forwarding the Whittum Conservation Easement to town counsel for review.
- D.** Gerry stated that he would like a copy of the list of people who went to the Celtics game with the Rec. Charlie added that he would also like to see a trip report for the Blue Man Group.
- E.** Charlie reminded the Board that they need to meet with MRI regarding the Wage/Salary Study for the introductory meeting. Gary will schedule this initial meeting.
- F.** Paula noted that the request for the Road Swap was defeated and also noted that Rte. 153/ Charles Street will need to be posted because it is in dire shape. The police department will need to be notified of the posting so it can be enforced.
- G.** Gerry noted that the town clock is still not working even though the work was authorized.
- H.** Paula noted a letter was received from a resident regarding the bridge on Haywagon Road. The Board stated it is a Class VI road and Gary stated he would respond to the letter.
- I.** Charlie questioned if the Board was going to take action on the letter from a local real estate agent stating an appraisal should be done at the Sarah Greenfield Business Park. Gerry stated he would like to discuss this at a later meeting so he can do so research.

At 7:05pm, Jim Horgan motioned to adjourn, 2nd Gerry McCarthy. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandy Sanger

Recording Secretary

Chairman Paula Proulx

Jim Horgan

Joan A. Funk

Gerald McCarthy

Charlie King