

Town of Farmington
Board of Selectmen – Public Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 10, 2014
6:00PM
Selectmen’s Chambers
356 Main Street

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Charlie King, Chairman
Paula Proulx, Vice Chairman
Matt Scruton
James Horgan
Arthur Capello

OTHERS: TA Keith Trefethen, PW Director Dale Sprague, John Radcliffe, Neil Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Landers.

Meeting called to order by Chairman King @ 6PM

Approval of Minutes: ***MOTION Horgan second Capello “table the 4th minutes and all outstanding minutes and have them ready for approval at the business meeting of the 24th” passed 5-0.***

Hawkers & Peddlers License Renewal request: Board was provided a memo from the CEO that indicated that Mr. Wright did not avail himself of contact with the CEO to resolve any outstanding issues with this license renewal as was recommended to him by the Board. ***MOTION Capello second King “deny application renewal of the Hawkercs & Peddlers License for Mr. Wright” passed 4-1.***

TIF & 79-E Discussion: Planner Kathy Menici provided additional information on the TIF to the Board on the various programs and the Board was engaged in various aspects of the program and what impact this may have for other taxpayers. Some discussion occurred as to what rules apply if the Sewer Extension is constructed and went by existing property owner’s lots and if those property owners are required to hook up. Additional information is being sought on this aspect. 79-E program will allow property owners in the 79-E zone to upgrade they properties capture existing assessment values for a period of time if the program involves a Public Benefit Criteria approved by the Board of Selectmen. ***MOTION Capello second Horgan “advertise a Public Hearing to be held on Monday February 24, 2014 to explain the programs and finally determine if these programs will be included upon the Town Warrant for action” passed 4-1.***

MOTION King second Proulx “take a five minute recess” passed 5-0 @ 8:48PM
Board returned to business 8:52PM.

Status of Sidewalk Plow: Board moved to this subject and discussed the tractor with Dale and Town Mechanic John Radcliffe. Discussion ensued on the needed repairs to the existing unit and what course of action will be explored with the tractor. At this time the town will repair the existing unit to last another 2-4 years and efforts should be taken by the Town to search out other units to be a primary unit in the future with the unit as a back-up. The BOS took the following action. ***MOTION Capello second King “make repairs up to \$26,000 to include a new blade” passed 5-0.***

The Board decided that the funds for repair will come for the existing budget and if the budget is to run over the Board will find funds in the existing Municipal Operating Budget to pay for the overrun.

Abatements Water/Sewer: Dale provided recommendation on some abatement requests and the Board reviewed paperwork and asked question of Dale. ***MOTION King second Horgan “approve abatement of \$48.52 for 57 Central Street” passed 5-0. MOTION Scruton second Capello “approve abatement of \$237 for 9 Laurel Lane” passed 5-0.*** These abatements are for Sewer only.

Assessing Clerk Position: Administrator advised the Board of the process and bringing forward three candidates for interview. The Board will interview candidates on the 24th starting at 5:30 and concluding around 6:30 with the Boards business meeting to follow.

Police Chief open position and process: The Board wishes to have retiring Chief Willey involved in the beginning process of selecting a new Chief. They wish for the Administrator to reach out to some groups that assist in recruitment to find out a rough cost. In addition they instructed the Administrator to advertise the open position on the NHMA Website as well as locally and begin the process to seek a new Chief. The Board will then review if an outside firm will be used to complete some of the process once the estimates are obtained.

Review Town Meeting Warrant: Questions were asked and direction was provided on some articles. Still remaining after Public Hearing is if the TIF & 79-E will appear in warrant. Board wants to have Budget Committee and BOS recommendations if allowed on Operating Budget. Board wants Article #21 on New Landfill Closure CRF to include that the BOS will be the agents to expend. Board will vote and finalize and sign the Warrant at the meeting of February 24, 2014.

NOTE Selectmen Scruton left as a result of illness.

MOTION Capello second Horgan to enter Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) Collective Bargaining-Teamsters. Passed Roll call 4-0 all in favor @ 9PM. Roll Call King-Proulx-Horgan-Capello (yes)

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the final offer made by the Board on “cost items” and to decide a strategy on how to proceed on all outstanding language issues.

Board enter General session again @ 9:30PM

MOTION Capello second Horgan “to adjourn: passed 4-0 @ 9:34PM

Respectfully Submitted

Keith M. Trefethen
Administrator