

Town of Farmington
Board of Selectmen – Public Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 9, 2014
5:30PM
Selectmen’s Chambers
356 Main Street

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Matt Scruton
Charlie King
Paula Proulx
Brian St. Onge
Arthur Capello

Also present: Town Administrator Keith Trefethen and Public Works Director Dale Sprague

Non-Public Session

Chairman King opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. and requested a motion to enter non-public session.

Motion (St. Onge, second King) to enter non-public session under RSA 91A:3 II(b) for the purpose of interviewing Fire Chief candidates passed 5-0.

(Scruton, King, Proulx, St. Onge, Capello - yes)

Non-public session ended at approximately 7:50 p.m.

Motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session (St. Onge, second King) passed 5-0.

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Public session was reconvened by Chairman King at 8 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Tabled by Selectmen

Public Comment

No members of the public present.

Water/Sewer Abatements

Public Works Director Dale Sprague met with the board to discuss a resident request to abate an erroneous water bill. After reviewing the process with board members, Sprague said he determined there was no human error involved and could not determine why an incorrect amount was registered. Motion: St. Onge, second King to approve a resident request for abatement . Motion passed 5-0.

A second request for an abatement was tabled by the board.

Selectmen inquired as to the progress regarding road paving work in town. Sprague said most of the scheduled paving has been completed and shoulder work was expected to be completed in the next few days. He said any paving not completed due to the asphalt plant shut down will be completed when the plant can fit it in.

Other Business

Town Administrator reported receipt of a letter from the 500 Boys and Girls Club regarding the possible acquisition of a parcel of land located on Paulson Road. Selectmen were not clear as to whether the club intends to just use the property or to purchase it and what land use restrictions may apply. The parcel has a conservation note on it, so the letter was sent to the Conservation Commission for their review and feedback on the issue.

UNH has announced the selection of Ernest Morgan as a Rhodes Scholar. Selectmen commended Morgan on his accomplishments and will present him with a Certificate of Achievement.

Town Administrator relayed a request for information from the NH DOT regarding the proposed replacement of the bridge on Main Street. The bridge may be eligible for historic designation. The request for information will be forwarded to the Historical Society.

Town Administrator reported it would be cost prohibitive to electronically key all doors at the town office building. The exterior and handicapped doors will be re-keyed and proper hardware installed at a cost of \$1200.

The board reviewed a request to make a withdrawal from Trustees of the Trust Funds Future Technology Account for new computers, monitors and a warranty for the equipment.

Motion: Capello, second Proulx to withdraw up to \$11,000 for purchase of 11 computers and monitors and a one-year warranty passed 5-0.

The recent auction of town owned property along the south side of Rt.11 resulted in the sale of eight parcels totaling \$131,400 to be received by the town. Bidders have 45 days to pay any balance of their bid due and will receive a quit claim deed from the town. The board discussed a report that two of the properties have "for sale" signs on them where the owner has not yet received a deed for the property. Motion:King,second Capello,to have the signs removed and notify the buyer that no signs may be placed on the property until proper ownership has been received. Motion passed 5-0.

Non-Public Session

Motion:Capello,second,King to enter non-public session under RSA 91A:3 II(a)for the purpose of discussing the Teamsters' contract and wage adjustments for administrative staff passed 5-0 (Scruton,King,Proulx,St.Onge,Capello-yes)at 8:30 p.m.

Board came out of non-public session and the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Magoon

Recording Secretary

Chairman, Matt Scruton

Paula Proulx

Arthur Capello

Brian St. Onge

Charlie King