

Town of Farmington
Board of Selectmen Public Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 10, 2017

Board Members Present:

Paula Proulx, Chairman
Neil Johnson, Vice Chairman
Jim Horgan
Charlie King
Ann Titus

Others Present:

Arthur Capello, Town Administrator
Police Chief Jay Drury
Fire Chief James Reinert
DPW Director Dale Sprague
Deputy DPW Director Jason Gagnon
Collin Lentz, Regional Transportation
Planner, Strafford Metro Planning Org.
John Law, Strafford Regional Planning
Commission (SRPC) -Farmington Rep.
Jeff Andrews, Custom Crushing Co.
Residents Linda McElhinney, Michelle
Elbert, Bobbie and Matt Stormann,
Elise Haig, Elizabeth Johnson, Paul
Turner

1). Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:

Chairman Proulx called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2). Public Input:

Michelle Elbert thanked everyone who attended the roundtable discussion about Farmington's future held recently at the Goodwin Library. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. upstairs at the library. Ms. Elbert said she will be the group liaison and will provide occasional updates at the future board meetings.

Jeff Andrews of Custom Crushing Company said that his company submitted a bid for materials crushing/mixing services this year and has not been awarded the contract for the last 5 years even though he was the lowest bidder. He said that he hoped that a 2014 incident involving Town employees found guilty of stealing his equipment did not have an effect on the consideration of his bids.

Mr. King said that the employees involved were terminated and prosecuted and that the incident has not been held against his company.

Chairman Proulx said the board would be discussing the bids later in the meeting and invited Mr. Andrews to stay for the discussion.

Mr. Andrews said that that last year some statements were made alleging they did not do a good job but if those statements were true they would not have been solicited to submit a bid this year.

Paul Turner came forward to present an idea for the use of the old Fire Station property. He suggested that the front portion of the property could be used to provide a green space in the downtown area as found in other towns. He said this could be accomplished by pushing back the parking spaces about 40 or 50 feet from the sidewalk and installing a green common area that could contain trees and seating. Ms. Proulx said the board sent out an RFP to get some idea of the value of the property and best use of the lots and planned to award the appraisal bid later in the meeting. Mr. King asked what Mr. Turner thought should happen with the old Fire Station. Mr. Turner said he did not see anyone buying/repurposing the building due to its poor condition and that it would probably be torn down. Mr. King asked if Mr. Turner was suggesting the building be removed and that portion of the property be used to replace the parking area taken up by the proposed green space. Mr. Turner said he thought that only about 20 parking spaces would be needed there and that he was not suggesting the station be removed for additional parking. Bobbie Stormann suggested the 3 lots that make up the property could be split for 3 uses such as keeping 1 lot for a green space and one lot for parking and to sell the third lot. She then asked if the board would work with the "UNH group" to get ideas from the townspeople on how the property would be used or if it is solely a board decision. Ms. Proulx said she would like to see a lot of input from the town and that all considerations and potential uses for the property are being looked at by the board. She noted there are access easements that go with the lots that also must be considered so there is a lot involved in the decision. Mr. King said that is why the board had the property surveyed to see that all rights to the property were solidified. Mr. Capello said any new building there would have to meet Town zoning regulations but noted that the Town would be exempt from zoning.

3). Accept Department of Public Works Bids:

A). Contract for Levee- Mr. Sprague said that he and Mr. Gagnon attended a meeting with representatives of the Army Corps of Engineers (ACoE), the NH Dept. of Environmental Services (NHDES) and Sean Sweeney, Manager of Headwaters Hydrology, PLLC to discuss the ACoE and NHDES' request to restore the levee and the river channel to the original design conditions. He said the consensus of the group was to question if the levee will hold against a certain volume of water going through there and what that entity is. The parties will calculate the volume from the original design and if current conditions will meet that number it could minimize the amount of work needed to be performed by the Town on the riverbank and levee. If the water volume figures do not meet that test, the Town could be responsible for significant costs to plan and restore the levee and the river channel to their original design. They asked Mr. Sweeney to prepare a hydraulic model to show if the current river channel and levee configuration meets the original design intent he said.

Mr. Sprague said the new Main Street Bridge will be wider and taller and should help the situation and that Mr. Sweeney has copies of the bridge information from NH Dept. of Transportation (DOT) for use in his calculations.

Mr. King expressed concerns about paying Mr. Sweeney for additional services only to have the ACoE refuse to accept his results. He suggested the Town get the agreed upon parameters of the study in writing from the ACoE before hydraulic work begins.

Mr. Gagnon said that the next step is to figure out what is necessary and that would be found through the proposed additional hydrology work to be conducted by Mr. Sweeney. The results of the study will show the current volume of water which will pass through there with the new bridge. If it is the same or more than the original design the ACoE is open to allowing the Town to conduct minimal work on the levee structure to make sure it meets the original design. They would then not worry about the river channel as it meets the original design as is he said.

Mr. Gagnon said Mr. Sweeney's configurations are based on a survey by a registered surveyor depicting the shape of the river plus the engineering data for the new bridge provided by the bridge contractor and he uses a modeling software developed by the ACoE which is the industry standard. There is no way to know what should be done without knowing what the river and the levee are allowing to pass through he said. Additional discussion included if the ACoE accepts the software to be used, what parameters and issues should be covered in the study, approx. amount of funds in the budget for the study, the number of meetings with Mr. Sweeney and his billing procedure.

Mr. Sprague said he would contact the parties from the meeting and reach agreement on the modeling, software and the parameters to be used by Mr. Sweeney and attempt to get an agreement in writing.

Mr. Capello asked the board to include authorizing him to sign the contract after receipt of the additional information requested if they chose to approve the proposal.

Motion: (King, second Titus) to approve and authorize the Town Administrator to enter into a contract for \$6,960 with Headwaters Hydrology, PLLC for the levee research passed 5-0.

B). Contract for Well Five Cleaning- Selectmen received copies of the proposed contract with Denis L. Maher, Inc for review following the award of the bid to Mr. Maher at the previous meeting pending the contract review.

Motion: (Johnson, second Horgan) to accept the contract proposal with Denis L. Maher, Inc. and to authorize the Town Administrator to sign it passed 5-0.

C). Catch Basin and Culvert Cleaning- Mr. Sprague recommended awarding the bid to Hartigan Wastewater Services as they have "done a good job" for the Town previously. He added that this is the only response received.

Motion: (King, second Titus) to authorize awarding the contract with Hartigan Wastewater Services at a rate not to exceed \$109.50 per hour passed 5-0.

D). Crushing and Reclaimed Material Processing- Mr. Sprague said that the Town has been using F.L. Merrill for the last 3 years and noted the company was easy to work with, will change blends as needed and bid the same price this year as last year. Mr. King asked Mr. Gagnon which company he would recommend be awarded the bid. Mr. Gagnon said he had no experience with any of the bidders and could only base a recommendation on the reviews provided by the references given. He said Northeast Earth Mechanics was highly recommended by the Manchester and Merrimack DPWs and Custom Crushing Company received one good review and one bad review. Mr. Johnson said that based on the bad review he could not recommend awarding the bid to Custom Crushing Company.

Motion: (Johnson, second King) to award the bid to Northeast Earth Mechanics not to exceed \$36,344.

Additional discussion included the reason for the unfavorable review, third party testing of the product produced, receipt of the testing report takes 2 days and visual inspection of the products will be conducted by the DPW.

Mr. Andrews said the way the Town of Farmington operated was to bring in “sweepings, dirt, old asphalt and chicken guts and feathers” to blend in with the virgin materials causing the blend to be off spec. He said the Town has to generate enough material to make enough product and you have to start with good materials.

Mr. Sprague said a small portion of old pavement is mixed with the virgin mix and that the town was not making 3,000 yards of “crap product”. He said the contractor has to be willing get materials from different areas of the pit to make the blend needed so that we get the product we need to have made. He said they will go over the terms of the contract with the contractor and point out the piles/pit areas to obtain the materials and the mix required.

Vote- The motion passed 3-2 (Johnson, King, Titus –in favor; Proulx, Horgan – opposed).

E). Street Sweeping Services- Mr. Sprague said two responses to the RFP were received. He said the town used HiWay Safety Systems, Inc. last year but noted they had trouble with their machines and showing up on time and were not available for the post Hay Day sweeping. Previous to HiWay Safety Systems the town used SVR but did not receive a response from them he said.

Mr. Johnson asked about the companies’ references.

Mr. Sprague said he did not check the references.

Mr. Capello said the town staff did the prep work for the HiWay Safety Systems and they never showed up to complete the work.

Mr. King asked if Mr. Sprague discussed the no-show with the company.

Mr. Sprague said they only discussed not charging the town for the work that was not done.

Motion: (King, second Horgan) to contract with Immaculate Power Sweeping, LLC not to

exceed \$123.25 an hour contingent on the receipt of good references or if the references are not acceptable to send the work back out to bid and to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the contract passed 5-0.

F). Pavement Striping- Mr. Sprague noted the name of the third bidder should be "Markings, Inc."

Mr. Capello said that Industrial Traffic Lines, Inc. did the striping downtown last year and did a good job.

Mrs. Stormann said she watched people trying to parallel park in the tight spots in front of the Rec. Dept. and asked if the spaces were made smaller in an effort to "cram in" extra spaces.

Mr. Capello said the company went with industry specifications for the parking spaces and added that some space was lost due to the addition of the Coast bus shelter.

Motion: (Johnson, second Horgan) to award the contract to Industrial Traffic Lines, Inc. not to exceed \$12,690 and to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the contract passed 5-0.

G). Processed Aggregate- Picked Up- Mr. Gagnon said he sought prices for materials in case the town needs to purchase them from someone else's pit. The prices reflect the cost to load materials onto the Town's trucks at their pit he said.

Mr. King asked if the quality of materials was assessed between the 2 bidders.

Mr. Gagnon said he did not assess the materials but noted they have to meet NH DOT specifications for materials depending on what you are going to do with it.

Mr. King said that Brox Industries, Inc. did not supply a bid for crushed gravel according to DOT specifications and asked if this is something the town uses.

Mr. Gagnon said the town has a supply of crushed gravel and would not need to purchase any unless it runs out.

Motion: (King, second Titus) to accept the prices as submitted by M. Bradsher Co., Inc. and Brox Industries passed 5-0.

H). Paving Bids- Mr. Horgan asked about the paving work scheduled for this season.

Mr. Gagnon said this year's list includes grinding, re-grading, drainage work, base and top course for all of Silver Street and select re-claiming and base paving of Bay Road.

He said there is \$350,000 in the road reclamation and paving line of the dept. budget.

Mr. Gagnon also told the board that he requested proposals for small quantity paving projects and received responses from 2 paving companies. He explained the on-call nature of the small projects and how it is easier, more flexible and cost effective to use small companies rather than to try to work around the big companies' schedules.

Motion: (King, second Horgan) to accept the prices as submitted by S & S Paving and Advanced Excavating & Paving for small quantity paving projects passed 5-0.

Motion: (Johnson, second King) to award the contract for road reclamation and paving to R & D Paving not to exceed \$350,000 and to authorize the Town Administrator to sign it passed 5-0.

I). Source Water Protection Plan- Mr. Gagnon said Farmington was selected by the Granite State Rural Water Association to receive free assistance in developing a source water protection plan for the community would include potential water sources and involve all stakeholders of the Town's water supply.

Mr. Horgan asked if there would be a cost to the Town if the consultants the board hired to seek out potential water sources were asked to attend these meetings.

Mr. Gagnon said he thought the consultants would be welcome to attend the program and they would probably request to be paid for their time.

Mr. Horgan asked that a representative from the association speak with the board before moving forward with the plan.

J). Other DPW Business- Mrs. Titus asked about the potholes downtown.

Mr. Gagnon said they had a truck filled with cold patch ready to fill them today but the project was delayed due to an unexpected water leak. He said they planned to address the problem the next day.

Mr. King asked when the gravel road grading would begin.

Mr. Sprague said they expected to begin the grading work within the next few days in the Dodge Cross Road/Waldron Road area.

4). Review of Minutes: Postponed until later in the meeting.

5).Strafford Regional Planning Input on Ten Year Road Plan:

The board received copies of the Strafford MPO Ten Year Plan(2019-2028) Project Solicitation Workbook, Appendix A (projects currently included in the statewide Ten Year Plan) and Appendix B (projects proposed by the Town in past project solicitation rounds).

Collin Lentz said he came before the board to get their feedback regarding the Town's past project proposals and potential new transportation improvement projects for possible inclusion in the plan. He said the primary goal of the meeting was to look at the list of transportation projects submitted and determine if Farmington is represented accurately.

He said the projects are scored and ranked according to criteria established by state and federal agencies and the Regional Planning Commissions. The state will make the final decision as to which projects will move into the 10 year plan he said.

Mr. Horgan asked for a definition of a "transportation project".

Mr. Lentz said that these are projects involving a state owned or numbered route such as Route 11 or 153 which are eligible for federal aid through the highway program. He said that one of his goals is to help the town create project proposals that are more competitive for federal or other funding sources.

Mr. Horgan asked if Strafford MPO will submit the project application on Farmington's behalf or if the board submits the application directly to NHDOT.

Mr. Lentz said the Strafford MPO will submit the application to NHDOT on behalf of the

town.

Mr. Lentz said he was also representing his colleague who deals with economic development which could include a broader list of projects. He said he would like to hear about projects that are economic or transportation related and noted that economic funding is somewhat more flexible than the federal highway funds.

Mr. Horgan asked how Farmington is eligible for Mr. Lentz's assistance.

Mr. Lentz said it is because the town is a dues paying member of the Strafford Regional Planning Commission. He said Farmington SRPC member Martin Laferte told him that there is a lack of transportation for people who can't afford a car, are disabled or elderly. He said he also works with Coast Bus Company to coordinate the service for areas needing transportation.

Ms. Proulx noted the project scoring schedule states the SMPO reviews scoring results by April 7 and asked if the town still has the possibility of being included in the process. Mr. Lentz said his deadline to submit projects to the NHDOT for their review is April 30 and if there were no updates or information added to the current list it would be submitted as is. The more details given to DOT the easier it is for them to see that one of projects would fit within their fiscal constraints he said.

Ms. Proulx said she wished the process for new/old projects was explained a little better in the workbook given to the board. She said she assumed that they were seeking the board's input on whether the listed projects still apply and that neither the board or the DPW Director/Deputy Director were prepared to submit a revised list of projects.

Mr. Lentz said that for new projects the new federal mandate is based on performance. The state has targeted goals for safety, congestion, infrastructure conditions and environmental impacts. If the state set a 5 year goal to improve safety, the performance is tracked yearly and how the state meets its target affects the federal funds it receives. If the state needs to improve in safety performance overall and Farmington puts forth a safety project that project will be more competitive than a congestion reduction project.

Ms. Proulx asked Mr. Sprague and Mr. Gagnon if they have reviewed the project list and if they wished to state if any of projects listed there remain relevant today.

Mr. Sprague said one project that should be included is Spring Street/Central Street intersection which has a "Y" configuration that makes it difficult for drivers to see back up the street and the whole configuration should be changed.

Mr. Law joined the discussion and said that communication and expressing their concerns and desires to the DOT is key component of the process. He said the plan is prioritized and the list of priorities for Farmington is located a few pages back in the plan and suggested having more of a voice in the process will help move the projects up the list.

He suggested the board also keep planning and zoning regulations in mind when considering projects included on the list of long-range projects. He also suggested a downtown green space could be included in a downtown revitalization project.

Mr. King asked how the third item on the list, Routes 75 and 153 Downtown Corridor scored.

Mr. Lentz said the project scored at about the middle of the pack of projects and suggested increasing the scope of the work and include in the project narrative why this work is important to the town.

Ms. Proulx asked Mr. Lentz what he was looking for from the board at this meeting. He said he would like the board to review the list and suggest any changes needed such as things that should be dropped from the list because they have been completed or items that should have a change in priority.

Ms. Proulx asked to revisit the issue at the April 24th meeting and asked the board, Mr. Sprague and Mr. Gagnon to submit their project comments/ranking for the meeting.

Recess- Motion: (Horgan, second King) to take a five minute recess passed 5-0 at 8:40 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

6). Fire Chief Regarding Possible Utility Truck:

Fire Chief James Reinert told the board that the 1989 GMC utility truck is in need of approx. \$3,000 worth of repairs. The estimate for the repairs provided by B & B Auto and RV showed the almost 30 year old vehicle needs replacement of the muffler, brakes/brake lines, fuel tank/ fuel lines and associated parts/labor.

Mr. Johnson asked who performed work on the vehicle before it was sent out to B & B Auto.

Mr. Capello said that previously Town staff did repair work needed on Town vehicles. Mr. Johnson added that most of these problems did not happen overnight and suggested that the Town is now facing \$3,000 in expenses because someone did not do their job properly.

Mr. King asked for the amount of mileage on the truck and for the condition of the body and frame.

Chief Reinert said he was not sure of the mileage as the odometer does not have a marking for 100,000 miles and he is not sure how many times the odometer has flipped over. He said the truck has seen a lot of different uses over the years and that the body and frame are in decent shape as far as the amount of corrosion on it.

Mr. Horgan asked what the dept. would use the truck for.

Chief Reinert said the dept. needs a pick-up truck with a flat bed for conducting inspections, personnel transport and training, hauling and returning equipment and for forestry uses. He told the board that the Town of Milton is looking to get rid of a 2003 GMC 2500 Duramax with a rescue body and crew cab as they are purchasing a new vehicle to replace it. He said he was told they would sell it for its trade in value.

Mr. Johnson said he was a little nervous about them getting rid of a truck with no problems.

Chief Reinert said they decided to get rid of the vehicle because they do not use it for what it was designed for.

Mr. King said that it may be time to replace the 1989 GMC as the potential purchase has better value but expressed concerns about the condition of the body and frame of the Milton vehicle and the efficiency of the fuel injectors as he had experience with a 2004 model of this truck which was prone to lose fuel efficiency.

Mr. Capello said the town would not buy a vehicle without having it mechanically checked out.

Mr. Johnson asked if there would be any other costs associated with purchasing the Milton vehicle such as repainting it.

Chief Reinert said the truck would need to have the Milton identification removed and re-lettered as a Farmington vehicle. He said that he took the truck for a test drive and it drove and handled nicely and did not appear to have any problems.

Additional discussion included where the money would come from to purchase the vehicle, selling the old air tank fill station to help offset the cost, getting an inspection and firm price for the vehicle and the actual condition of the rest of the Town vehicles. Consensus of the board was to authorize Chief Reinert to move forward to determine the price and condition of the 2003 GMC for sale by the Town of Milton.

Retirement- Chief Reinert then told the board that Assistant Chief Tom Bonneau has announced his retirement from the fire service effective Sunday, April 30, 2017. He wished him the best of luck and thanked him for his 7 years of service to the Town. He added that he did not plan to immediately replace Asst. Chief Bonneau and that the dept. would operate at “status quo” for a while.

Face Book Posting- Chief Reinert said he was unaware that the Firefighters’ Association had posted an ad on Face Book looking for call firefighters. He said he told an Association representative that requests for additional personnel can’t be posted without prior approval.

Mr. Johnson asked for the current number of per diem staff and how many he would like to add.

Chief Reinert said there are 24 per diem personnel, 5 of which are strictly on-call. He said he would like to increase the on-call roster by a few members and there is some surplus gear to outfit them.

Generator Status- Chief Reinert said they are waiting on Howard Systems to finish the installation and submit an invoice for payment. He said they will then be able to address the \$18,000 to be paid by the Town as a result of the recalculation of the Town’s portion of the grant for the new generator. It must be paid by Sept. in order not to lose the grant he said.

7). Awarding of Bid for Fire Station Lots:

The board reviewed 3 bid proposals for appraisal and best use of the old fire station lots submitted by Bergeron Commercial Appraisal, Capital Assessment and The Stanhope Group. Mr. Capello provided a summary of the proposals and recommended the bid be awarded to The Stanhope Group at a cost of \$3,500 for the appraisal report. He said

Stanhope's Director, Peter Knight is highly recommended by his references and he is the only one of the bidders who visited the property and spoke to him about the project. Selectmen discussed the proposed timeframe for completion of the appraisal and additional costs per hour such as meetings, travel, etc.

Mr. Johnson asked about the additional cost per hour for Stanhope Group which was not included in their bid.

Mr. Capello said their bid stated additional costs would be "negotiated" with the Town which could be included as part of the contract if the board chose to award the bid to them.

Mr. Horgan asked why Mr. Capello did not recommend Capital Assessment who was the lowest bidder at a cost of \$2,500 for the appraisal report and \$175 per hour for additional costs.

Mr. Capello said he chose Stanhope Group due to their references but did not check Capital Assessment's references.

Mr. King expressed concern about approving the bid without knowing all of the costs involved and also asked Mr. Capello to check Capital Assessment's references.

Mr. Capello said he will provide the requested information at their next meeting.

8). Board Appointments:

Selectmen made the following committee appointments;

Motion: (King, second Horgan) to appoint Matt Stormann as an alternate member of the Planning Board for a one year term passed 5-0.

Motion: (Titus, second Horgan) to appoint Kathy King as a regular member of the Economic Development Committee for a one year term passed 4-1(King opposed).

Motion: (Horgan, second Johnson) to switch Patience Taylor from alternate member of the Conservation Commission to regular member of the Conservation Commission for a 3 year term passed 5-0.

Motion: (King, second Horgan) to appoint Elise Haig as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a 1 year term passed 5-0.

Motion: (King, second Johnson) to appoint Elise Haig as a regular member of the Economic Development Committee for a one year term passed 5-0.

9). Town Administrator's Business:

A). Rental Fee Waiver- The Farmington Town Players in collaboration with the Farmington Women's Club and the Farmington Community Band submitted an application to waive the \$125 per day rental fee for use of the Town Hall gymnasium to provide a USO themed variety show on May 3, 2017 and May 6, 2017. The event is a fund raiser for all 3 groups and there is a \$25 entrance fee to the public.

Motion: (Horgan, Johnson) to approve waiving the required rental fee of \$250 for the use of the Town Hall on May 3 and May 6 by the Farmington Women's Club, Community Band and Town Players passed 4-0-1(Titus abstained).

B). Fireworks RFP- Recreation Director Rick Conway submitted a draft RFP for the

fireworks display to take place on August 19, 2017. Selectmen reviewed the terms of the proposal request and noted the first specification stated the show should be less than 20 minutes in length.

Ms. Proulx asked if someone submitted a proposal for more than 20 minutes would it be a “deal breaker” for that bidder.

Mr. Capello said a longer show would not necessarily disqualify the bidder and said he would advise Mr. Conway to change the requirement to say the length of the show will be “approx. 20 minutes”.

Consensus of the board was to allow Mr. Conway to send out the RFP for qualified bidders with the minor change.

C). Open House for Public Safety Building- Mr. Capello asked the board to set a date for the Grand Opening of the new Public Safety Building. Police Chief Jay Drury suggested the board pick Saturday, June 3 as it is after Memorial Day weekend and then listed various reasons why other weekends would not work as well such as Memorial Day, FHS graduation, other area graduations and Father’s Day. He said that June 10 would be the worst choice for the dept. as there are several requests for vacation days due to other graduations.

Mr. Johnson suggested the event be held on Sunday, June 4 beginning at 2 p.m. Discussion included recognizing donors with plaques, transfer of items from the old fire station, who to invite to Grand Opening and to the decommissioning ceremony for the old fire station, developing a program for the event and contingency plans in case of bad weather.

Mr. Capello said he will consult with the Police and Fire Chiefs for suggestions on who to include on the plaques and return with a list for the board.

D). Authorization for Withdrawals- Mr. Capello asked the board to approve withdrawals for landfill monitoring and payment of moving costs to the Public Safety Building.

Motion: (Johnson, second Horgan) to approve the withdrawal of \$11,199.54 from the Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund to pay costs associated with monitoring the landfill passed 5-0.

Motion: (Johnson, second Horgan) to approve payment of \$5,706.23 for moving expenses with the funds to be withdrawn from the Public Safety Building Outfitting Capital Reserve Fund passed 5-0.

E). Town Property Showing- Mr. Capello reminded the board that he would be attending the property showing of the Town owned property for sale on Tappan Street on Friday from 9 a.m. to noon.

F). Vacation Request- Mr. Capello asked if the board would approve his taking a 2 week vacation in August instead of the one week specified in his contract.

Mr. King suggested that he submit the request in writing and include a management

plan depicting how things will get done in his absence. He joked that if he did not pass this “test” he would not be allowed to take any vacation.

10). Additional Board Business:

A). Public Safety Building Issues- Mr. Horgan reported he checked on the water running off the roof during the last heavy rain and found that the solution to the water pooling in front of the bays is working well. He then said there a few areas on the Fire Dept. side of the building where water is puddling on the ground.

Mr. Capello suggested this is probably due to the fact that the grading has not been completed at the site.

Mr. King asked if there are some unresolved electricity issues at the building.

Chief Drury said there are some issues with the recording/public address systems and payment is being withheld until the issue is addressed.

Mr. King asked Chief Drury about allowing cruisers to park next to the building and not in the designated parking areas which could hinder access for larger vehicles.

Chief Drury said he allowed the vehicles to park next to the squad room for quicker response in the event of an emergency call but has been uncomfortable with how the passage around the cruisers is a little tight.

Mr. King said they should not be worrying about getting out of the way but should “be” out of the way as passage around the building was intended to be open and clear.

Chief Drury said he would take care of the matter the next day.

Mr. Johnson asked about water leaking onto the sally port floor.

Chief Drury said that snow was running off the doors and across the floor and under the wall. He suggested this may be due to the way the floor has settled.

Selectmen discussed possible causes and solutions, types of materials to use to solve the issue, opening up the wall to check for mold and whether the builder or the Town is responsible for the problem.

Mr. Capello said he will contact the builder about a solution to the problem and report back to the board.

B). EDC By-laws- Selectmen briefly reviewed the changes to the by-laws (removal of members/officers, update the revision date and Selectmen signature page) that were discussed at the previous meeting.

Motion: (Johnson, second Horgan) to approve the revised Economic Development Committee By-laws passed 5-0.

C). NH Solar Gardens Agreements- Selectmen received finalized copies of the Land Lease, Payment in Lieu of Taxes and the Group Net Metering agreements following voter approval at Town Meeting. The board initialed and signed the contracts.

D). Surplus Equipment – Chief Drury told the board there are several file cabinets and lockers that are no longer needed by his dept. being stored in cold storage and asked the board how they wished to dispose of them. He said the lockers are “military style” and estimated their worth at about \$200 each.

Consensus of the board was to offer the items to Farmington non-profit groups for free and then to other interested persons by sealed bid.

E). TDS PEG Channels- Selectmen reviewed the e-mail updates regarding when the TDS PEG Channels will be available to consumers. Mr. Johnson said that they stated that it looks like the installation of the access channels turned out to be more complicated than previously thought. He suggested if the work isn't completed by next Friday the Town should pull the contract with TDS as they have already exceeded the 90 days allotted to get the channels up and running. He added that the Town has had to "chase" them and that Mr. Capello has been asked to call them several times for progress reports.

No action was taken.

11). Next Meeting: Monday, April 24, 2017 at 6 p.m.

12). Non-Public Session A:

Motion: (King, second Johnson) to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (c) Reputation passed 5-0 by a roll call vote (Proulx, Johnson, Horgan, King, Titus- yes) at 10 p.m.

Motion: (Horgan, second Titus) to come out of non-public session passed 5-0 at 10:20 p.m.

Motion: (King, second Horgan) to seal the minutes passed 5-0.

13). Review of Minutes:

April 3, 2017- Public Meeting Minutes- No errors or omissions

Motion: (Johnson, second King) to approve the minutes as written passed 5-0.

April 3, 2017- Non-Public Session Meeting Minutes- No errors or omissions

Motion: (Titus, second Johnson) to accept the minutes of non-public sessions A, B, and C as written passed 5-0.

14). Adjournment:

Motion: (Horgan, second Titus) to adjourn the meeting passed 5-0 at 10:22 p.m.

Respectively submitted

Kathleen Magoon, Recording Secretary

Paula Proulx, Chairman

Neil Johnson, Vice Chairman

Jim Horgan

Charlie King

Ann Titus

