

**Town of Farmington  
Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Monday, July 25, 2016**

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Others Present:**

Fire Chief James Reinert

Chairman King opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

**1). Non-Public Session A:**

Motion: (King, second Proulx) to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (b)  
Hiring passed 5-0 by a roll call vote (King, Johnson, Horgan, Proulx, Titus- yes) at 5:30 p.m.

Motion: (King, second Titus) to come out of non-public session passed 5-0 at 6:05 p.m.

**2). Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:**

Chairman King opened the public session of the meeting at 6:10 p.m. All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3). Public Input:** None.

**4). Review of Minutes:**

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Motion: (Titus, second Johnson) to accept the minutes as amended passed 5-0.

Non-Public Sessions A-D:

Motion: (Johnson, second Titus) to accept the minutes as written.

Non-Public Session E: Tabled.

Motion: (Johnson, second Titus) to seal Non-Public Session C until the negotiations are completed passed 5-0.

**5). Engine 1 Status:**

Chairman King asked Fire Chief James Reinert about the status of Engine 1, which has been out of service for about two years, and what his thoughts were about the intended use of the truck following completion of the needed repairs.

Chief Reinert said he is intending to use the engine for however long it will last. He said he sent wheel rims out to be refinished and found that they are beyond repair.

Replacement of the rims and tires for the six wheeled truck is estimated to cost \$4,500

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he said. He added that they have recently found that all of the hose on the truck needs replacement after it failed to pass testing. It is expected to cost \$7,800 - \$10,000 for new hose he said.

Chairman King asked why all of the tires need to be replaced.

Chief Reinert said the new rims are for tubeless tires and the current tires are tube tires. Discussion also included future uses for the truck, if the town can get along without it, the status of the grant application for a new truck, whether to put any more money into it, wait to see if the town is awarded the grant or put it out to bid.

Motion: (Horgan, second Titus) to authorize putting Engine 1 and the two surplus Army trucks up for sale and failing receipt of successful bids send them to the White Farm for auction passed 5-0.

**6). Fill Station for Fire Dept.:**

Fill Station- Chief Reinert told the board the current fill station that is used to refill the Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus bottles and pressurized tanks is 15 years old and replacement parts are unavailable. He added the dept. has already spent \$3,500 to repair the fill station. He said he plans to install the new fill station in the new Public Safety Building.

Discussion included three quotes were received American Fire Equipment (\$62,200), New England Fire Equipment Company (\$63,463) and Fire Tech & Safety of New England, Inc. (\$58,143), the number of fills in one quarter, any "mutual aid" requests to fill bottles, how to pay for it, model features, what happens if the current fill station fails, care and maintenance of the current system, lead time to acquisition and co-coordinating the installation at the new building with the builder.

Chief Reinert will provide the board with the additional information requested.

Gear Rack- Chief Reinert said the dept. is in need of a gear rack to store all of their turn out gear in the gear room. He said the steel units are 24" wide per person and are similar to an open faced locker. They can be customized to hang or as free standing units to fit the number of users and the configuration of the room he said.

The Chief said he will obtain quotes for the racks. Mr. Capello said the \$5,000 shown in the information provided to the board is only a "place holder" until a firm quote can be obtained.

Gear Extractor- Chief Reinert told the board the NFPA is recommending the use of washer-extractors to clean gear and reduce firefighters' exposure to carcinogens and contaminants. He explained that these specialty programmed washers wash and spin the gear at the correct level to decontaminate the gear without damaging the material. He told the board clean gear would reduce the risk of exposure to contaminants not only to the firefighters but also to their families by not bringing the soot and particles into their cars and homes.

Discussion included if there is a warranty for the machines, obtain quotes from various

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manufacturers, what are the benefits of an extractor vs. a commercial washer, research what other towns/cities use to clean gear and finding a machine with the necessary functions without the NFPA certification.

Chief Reinert will provide the additional information to the board.

EOP-The Fire Chief also presented the revised Emergency Operations Plan that was originally approved in 2005. The plan contains individual sections to be reviewed and signed by the Town Administrator, Selectmen and Code Enforcement Officer. Mr. Capello asked the board to review and sign the documents by this week.

**7). Fowler Settlement:**

Mr. Capello suggested using the bulk of the \$184,544 received from the former Fire Chief Fowler embezzlement settlement for the Fire Dept. and public building repairs as follows; fill station (\$58,143), equipment for the new station (\$30,000), Fire Vehicles and Equipment Fund (\$25,000), Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (\$15,000), public building repairs (\$15,000), Emergency Medical Motorized Equipment Fund (\$13,901), Gear extractor (\$7,000), Fire Dept. land survey (\$7,000), Gear racks (\$5,000), Automated External Defibrillator-AED (\$5,000) and auditing (\$3,500).

Selectmen discussed the additional repair work needed for the public buildings, getting a cost breakdown for installing a composite deck material (TREX) on the gazebo floor, the municipal building repair budget line is overspent by about \$10,000, putting money in the Capital Reserve Funds, where the money to pay for the survey of the current Fire Station lots will come from, buying the fill station, gear rack and gear extractor as a package for a better deal, use some of the funds to buy down the tax rate and not spending all of the money now.

Motion: (King, second Horgan) to authorize the Town Administrator to expend the funds to continue the necessary repairs to the Municipal Building, replacement of the Recreation Dept. windows, the gazebo repairs and to maintain the budget passed 5-0.

**8). Public Safety Building Update:**

Mr. Capello said the next construction meeting was scheduled for Tuesday. He said there was a momentary concern about a possible delay to the concrete pouring but he learned it was due to a miscommunication and the pouring is being conducted as scheduled. He noted that there was a lack of any "washout" of the grounds at the site following the recent rain storm and added the site seems to have very good drainage.

**9). Additional Board Business:**

A). Proposal for Legal Representation- Mr. Capello said he received a proposal from Attorney Marcia Brown of NH Brown Law to review the proposed power purchase agreement between the town and NH Solar Garden at a rate of \$255 per hour.

Motion: (King, second Horgan) to authorize the Town Administrator to enlist with NH Brown Law to review the contract documents passed 5-0.

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B). Consultant Services- Mr. Capello told the board he received an agreement proposal from George Sansoucy to provide consulting services for the pool of towns appealing utility tax abatements.

Motion: (Horgan, second Titus) to contract with George Sansoucy to provide general consulting and expert witness services for the 2014 Eversource tax appeal and the 2015 abatement for Eversource, FairPoint and NH Co-op passed 5-0.

C). Town Signs- The board reviewed the color proofs for the two new town signs and the consensus of the board was to chose the green background with gold leaf lettering.

D). Second Floor Bathroom- At the previous meeting the board asked Mr. Capello to obtain a revised quote to install an ADA compliant bathroom on the second floor of the Municipal Building without a shower. He said the revised quote for the plumbing and electrical work is \$9,112 and the total cost for the project is estimated at about \$16,000. He added that he submitted an insurance claim to repair the damage to the heat pump.

Motion: (Horgan, second Titus) to authorize the expenditure, not to exceed \$16,000, out of the Public Building Maintenance Fund for the second floor bathroom passed 5-0.

E).RSA 91-A Request- Chairman King said he received a 91-A request from a resident requesting any correspondence regarding the Donald Trump campaign event held in January. He will let the resident know when the requested materials are available.

F). Appliance Sign- Selectman Titus said she wanted to inform residents that the sign was taken down to facilitate work on the Main Street bridge and the adjacent sidewalks. She said the owners are not selling the sign and are considering putting the sign back up when the work is completed. Mr. Capello said the DOT will contact other businesses in the bridge area if necessary and the town's only involvement in the bridge work is the installation of the new sewer lines.

**10). Non-Public Session B:**

Motion: (King, second Titus) to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (d) Sale of Property passed by a roll call vote (King, Johnson, Horgan, Proulx, Titus- yes) at 8 p.m.

Motion: (King, second Johnson) to come out of non-public session passed at 8:25 p.m.

**11). Non-Public Session C:**

Motion: (King, second Titus) to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (b) Hiring passed 5-0 by a roll call vote (King, Johnson, Horgan, Proulx, Titus- yes) at 8:25 p.m.

Motion: (King, second Titus) to come out of non-public session passed 5-0 at 8:35 p.m.

Motion: (King, second Titus) to seal the minutes until the process is complete passed 5-0.

**12). Non-Public Session D:**

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

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8:35 p.m.

Motion: (King, second Johnson) to come out of non-public session passed 5-0 at 8:50 p.m.

Motion: (King, second Titus) to seal the minutes until the issue is resolved passed 5-0.

**13). Non-Public Session E:**

Motion: (King, second Horgan) to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (e) Litigation passed 5-0 by a roll call vote (King, Johnson, Horgan, Proulx, Titus- yes) at 8:50 p.m.

Motion: (King, second Horgan) to come out of non-public session passed 5-0 at 8:53 p.m.

Motion: (King, second Titus) to seal the minutes until the matter is resolved passed 5-0.

**14). Non-Public Session F:**

Motion: (King, second Titus) to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a + c) Negotiations passed 5-0 by a roll call vote (King, Johnson, Horgan, Proulx, Titus- yes) at 8:53 p.m.

Motion: (King, second Titus) to come out of non-public session passed 5-0 at 8:55 p.m.

Motion: (King, second Titus) to seal the minutes until the matter is resolved passed 5-0.

**15). Non-Public Session G:**

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 (King, Johnson, Horgan, Proulx, Titus- yes) at 8:55 p.m.

Motion: (King, second Johnson) to come out of non-public session passed 5-0 at 9 p.m.

**16). Non-Public Session H:**

Motion: (King, second Titus) to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (c) Reputation passed 5-0 by a roll call vote (King, Johnson, Horgan, Proulx, Titus- yes) at 9 p.m.

Motion: (King, second Horgan) to come out of non-public session passed 5-0 at 9:10 p.m.

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

**17). Beach Parking Permits:**

Selectmen briefly discussed resident use of the beach at Lancelot Shores.

Motion: (King, second Johnson) to allow residents to use the beach at Lancelot Shores with permission and to authorize the issuance of parking permits passed 4-1 (Horgan opposed).

**18). Adjournment:**

Motion: (King, second Horgan) to adjourn the meeting passed 5-0 at 9:15 p.m.

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Respectively submitted  
Kathleen Magoon, Recording Secretary