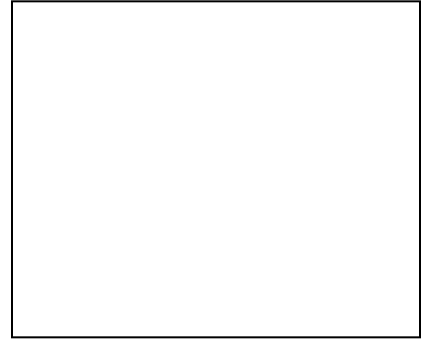


**Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
February 28, 2022**



Present

Brian Wotton, Commissioner
Robert Hobson, Commissioner
Marcus Ferro, Commissioner
Steven Riley, Commissioner
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent
Rebecca Vento, Office Manager

Mr. Durant was not in attendance

I. Call to Order

Mr. Wotton called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m.

II. Routine Matters

A. Signing of Departmental Bills

III. Approval of Minutes

A. February 7, 2022

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes of February 7, 2022. Mr. Riley seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. February 7, 2022 – Executive Session A

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes of February 7, 2022. Mr. Ferro seconded. Vote unanimous.

IV. Appointments

A. Chris Medeiros, Driveway Waiver 2nd Opening – 451 Sconticut Neck Road

Mr. Riley motioned to approve a second driveway opening of 12' at 451 Sconticut Neck Road. Mr. Ferro seconded. Vote unanimous.

V. Item for Action

A. Hart Engineering, West Island Treatment Facility Upgrades, Payment #9 \$63,033.45

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve payment #9 to Hart Engineering in the amount of \$63,033.45 for the West Island Treatment Facility Upgrades. Mr. Ferro seconded. Vote unanimous

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B. Chamber Street- Path to Beach

Mr. Furtado - If you go all the way west on Chambers Street it runs into the beach. A resident asked if we could trim the overgrown path there because it is the closest public access to the beach from her property. A few years ago, we did mow a path there without seeking permission from Conservation and we got in trouble. Our two options are the Board can file or the Board can grant Ms. Augenti permission to file with Conservation to get permission to trim the path.

Mr. Hobson - We have dealt with this issue before. When we let the path get overgrow the residents cannot access the beach.

Mr. Furtado – We have to get permission from Conservation to cut the path. The vote tonight will decide who will file with Conservation for approval.

Mr. Riley - I believe that this is a paper street. If this is a paper street, the abutters on each side own to the middle of the street. I do not believe that we need to do the paperwork. This should be the responsibility of the abutters.

Mr. Riley motioned to let the petitioner file with Conservation for approval and if approved by the BPW will cut the path. Mr. Ferro seconded. Motion passes 3-1 with Mr. Hobson opposed.

C. Approval for Tree Warden for replacement of deceased or removed trees & stump grinding depth to 16”

Mr. Furtado –I received two requests from the tree warden. One of the requests from the Tree Warden is to get permission from the Board to replace deceased or removed trees in the Parks. The other request is to have stumps ground to a 16” depth instead of a 12” depth.

Mr. Riley- Just confirming that the trees that he is going to plant will not be in the area of the new pickleball courts or the skate park.

Mr. Wotton - I see nothing wrong with stump grinding to 16”. My recommendation is to plant the new trees 3-4 feet away from where the old one was and not to replant on top of the tree that was removed.

Mr. Ferro- I think that this is another example of why the Tree Department would be better suited under the BPW. I think that it is important to bring the Tree Department under the BPW umbrella so we can make a better Tree Dept.

Mr. Ferro motioned to approve the requests for the replacement of deceased or removed trees and for the stump grinding depth to go from 12” to 16”. Mr. Riley seconded. Vote unanimous.

VI. Tabled Matter

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A. n/a

VII. Public Comments / Open Forum

VIII. Old Business / New Business

A. Superintendent

Superintendent Report for February 28, 2022

- Meet with CFO and Accountant re Water and Sewer Revenue
- Chair MRV Meeting
- Attend CPC meeting - Pickleball - et. Al
- Jeff and I present at Fincom
- Complete recycling report for State DEP Grant
- Receive notice that Town is on Intended Use Plan from State - borrowing of \$ for plant upgrade is approved - minimum of \$7 M loan forgiveness
- Receive notice from State re DCR approval of 28 Cherrystone for sewer tie-in and State denial for 14 Cherrystone sewer tie-in
- Snow and sanding events
- Still trying to chase down status of ARPA Funds
- Meet with SRTS engineer - re next steps necessary
- Jeff and I attend quarterly meeting for raw water use
- CDBG approved for remainder of Hedge - Main to Adams
- Meet with resident re mowing for beach extension on Chambers St - will be on agenda
- Attend BBAC Meeting as Town's rep
- Jeff and I attend water meter installation update meeting
- Contact unions re contract negotiations
- Contact union re status of pending Highway Grievance

Mr. Furtado answered any questions that the Board had regarding the Superintendent Report.

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Mr. Furtado - There was an open space and recreation committee a while ago and I am not sure if our Board and the Select Board are going to meet at a future meeting to discuss reassembling this committee.

Mr. Wotton - I feel like this is our purview and do not see a need for another committee.

Mr. Furtado - I spoke with Ms. Graves about union negotiations since all of our contracts expire on June 30th. I was not certain if the new TA would be onboard and able to sit in on the negotiations and Ms. Graves said that she is willing to sit in on her behalf. I reached out to the unions to get the ball rolling since Town meeting is in May. We will put this on the next agenda to pick a Board Member to sit on the negotiation committees.

Mr. Ferro - Just looking for a status regarding ARPA Funds. Does there seem like there is any progress?

Mr. Furtado - No.

B. Board Members

Mr. Ferro - We have a Commission on Disability Meeting coming up. We are trying to work on Adopt a Stop, which would entail shoveling out bus stops. We will be discussing this more at our next meeting. In addition, I am looking to see where we stand with the streets that I discussed with you and making them handicap accessible.

Mr. Furtado - They will be doing work on the sidewalks by Fairhaven Village, in the area of Sharon Street, Glenhaven Avenue and on South Street at the western end of the bike path in the near future.

Mr. Riley – Do we have any updates on Howard Farms?

Mr. Furtado – Mr. J Furtado has been in contact with the residents and it is moving in the right direction and getting better.

Mr. Riley - Can we get approval from Conservation to remove the 50-foot section of dock that washed ashore?

Mr. Hobson - At the Seaview Avenue boat ramp there is about two feet on snow across the entrance of the boat ramp. Can we send someone there to move it?

C. Marine Resources Committee – BPW Related Matters

Mr. Hobson – The Marine Resources Committee has not met since our last meeting.

D. Town Administrators Screening Committee – BPW Representative

IX. Set Date for the Next Meeting

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Mr. Ferro motioned to set the date for the next meeting on March 14, 2022 with the Select Board at Town Hall. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Ferro motioned to set the date of the meeting next Board of Public Works on March 21, 2022 at 6:15 p.m. Mr. Riley seconded. Vote unanimous.

X. Adjourn

Mr. Ferro motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca L. Vento

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Office Manager

Minutes approved on March 21, 2022