

**Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
April 26, 2022**

Present

Brian Wotton, Commissioner
Robert Hobson, Commissioner
Cameron Durant, Commissioner
Marcus Ferro, Commissioner
Anne Smith, Commissioner
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent
Rebecca Vento, Office Manager
Daniel Snell, Water Department
Thomas Carvalho, 148 Shaw Road
Victoria Virtue, Fullshare Inc.
Mark Young Jr., Elite Paving



I. Call to Order

Mr. Wotton called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

II. Routine Matters

A. Signing of Departmental Bills

III. Approval of Minutes

A. April 4, 2022

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes of April 4, 2022. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. April 11, 2022

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes of April 11, 2022. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Ferro entered the meeting at 1:07 p.m.

IV. Appointments

A. Interview Water System Maintenance Craftsman & Meter Repairman

1. Daniel Snell

Mr. Furtado - We will have a vacancy within the next month or so because the current person that holds this position will be retiring. This will be a promotion for Mr. Snell and he is already familiar with the position because he fills in when the current person is on vacation.

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Mr. Hobson motioned to promote Mr. Snell to a Water System Maintenance Craftsman and Meter Repairman. Mr. Ferro seconded. Vote unanimous.

C. Lisa Carvalho, 148 Shaw Road, Waiver for Dirt Driveway Apron

Mr. Carvalho - My daughter owns the property at 148 Shaw Road and she is looking to get an occupancy permit. This property has been in the family for years and has never had a paved driveway. She built a new house in the same place as the old house. She is looking for a waiver so she does not have to pave the current dirt driveway.

Mr. Wotton - This is the procedure that we have to get occupancy. Will she eventually pave the driveway?

Mr. Carvalho - She may eventually.

Mr. Durant – This is an old farmhouse and based upon the historic nature I support the driveway waiver of an aggregate driveway apron.

Mr. Ferro motioned to approve the driveway waiver for an aggregate driveway apron at 148 Shaw Road. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

C. Victoria Virtue, Fullshare Inc., - Request to Use Fort Phoenix to Film a Movie

Ms. Virtue explained that they are looking to film a quick scene for the movie *Finest Kind* at Fort Phoenix.

Discussion ensued amongst all present.

Mr. Ferro motioned to approved the Request to Use Fort Phoenix to film *Finest Kind*. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

D. Mark Young Jr., Elite Paving, New Driveway Contractor

Mr. Furtado – Mr. Young is from Elite Paving and he is looking to become a new driveway contractor in Town. He has submitted letters of recommendations from folks that he has done work with. The only question I have for Mr. Young is that he has received five fines for previously doing work in Town without the necessary permits. If I received fines for doing work without the necessary permits, I would have been here sooner to get the necessary paperwork in to become an approved contractor.

Mr. Wotton - One of my biggest concerns are the multiple fines. I would need to understand this a little better before I make a decision. We are here for the residents and we want to make sure that we protect the Town.

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Mr. Young- I did not think that I would be doing a lot of work in Fairhaven and my business is growing and I would like to be able to work in Town legally. I do 700 to 800 driveways a year and I have had a few salesmen come and go.

Mr. Wotton - If you are approved in Town I would like to see a probationary period of 1 year and that every job gets inspected by the Superintendent.

Mr. Durant motioned to approve Elite Paving as a new driveway contractor with a probationary period of 1 year and every job is to be inspected by the Highway Superintendent. Mr. Ferro seconded. Vote unanimous.

V. Item for Action

A. Sign Supply Contract, Handsup US LLC., Mattress Pickup

Mr. Furtado – Currently we have two ways of getting rid of a mattress. The first way is that a resident can bring their mattress here for \$40 and the second way is to call ABC and schedule a pickup with them for \$100 per mattress. Handsup US LLC contacted us to see if we would be interested in having them come into Town and pickup mattresses curbside. They would charge \$40 per mattress as long as the mattress is clean.

Mr. Wotton – I am familiar with this company. They are a non-profit company that are trying to keep mattresses out of the landfill.

Mr. Furtado – I just want to make it clear that by signing this contract you are allowing Handsup US LLC to work in Town and the residents will pay them directly.

Mr. Durant motioned to sign the Supply Contract with Handsup US LLC. Mr. Ferro seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. Stantec Consulting Services, Town-Wide Sanitary Sewer Force Main Condition Assessment, Payment #12 \$9,446.84

Mr. Ferro motioned to approve Stantec Consulting Services, Town-Wide Sanitary Sewer Force Main Condition Assessment, Payment #12 in the amount of \$9,446.84. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote unanimous.

C. Sign Notice to Proceed for Engineering Services, GCG Associates, CDBG Hedge Street Phase 3

Mr. Ferro motioned to Sign the Notice to Proceed for Engineering Services with GCG Associates for CDBG Hedge Street Phase 3. Ms. Smith 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 April 25, 2022

- Labor Counsel contacts Union re grievance
- Met with BBC re land purchase for Conservation Restriction
- Meet with DEP re recycle center move
- Meet with TA re BPW Schedule and recycle center update
- Attend Fincom re Water and Sewer Articles
- Chair MRV monthly Meeting
- Meet with Whitney and BETA re 194 language redo
- Backflow bids received
- Rene meeting at plant with engineers re #D mapping for Arsene plant upgrade
- Jeff and I meet with Engineer and contractors re pre-bid meeting for water line repair on Causeway Bridge
- Send MRV ANR approval letter for Rochester property
- WPI students doing training/recruiting film at sewer plant
- Meet with GCG re 39 Shaw Rd drainage issue

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

B. Board Members

Mr. Durant- Can anything be done for the resident at 17 Cedar Street?

Mr. Furtado – I have looked at the notes and spoke with Mr. Charbonneau and to get the correct elevation it would cost about \$20,000. The only way to get this done is to seek Chapter 90 funds or wait until next year's Town Meeting.

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Mr. Durant - Is there anything we can do temporarily?

Mr. Wotton - I think the only thing to do is make sure the drain is not clogged.

Mr. Furtado - GCG will be here next Thursday and I will have them check it out.

Ms. Smith – I would like to recommend people go by Cooke Park and see how beautiful it looks. Also, I just wanted to follow up with the Tree Warden discussion from last night's Select Board meeting and remind people not to take their eyes off the steps. We need to approve step one before we can do anything else and by approving step one that would make this position appointed not elected.

C. Marine Resources Committee – BPW Related Matters

Mr. Hobson - Hoppy's Landing needs to be graded before the shells are spread. In addition, they are not collecting enough money to hire someone to cut Hoppy's Landing is there any way that we could help them.

Mr. Wotton – It is not that we do not want to help with Hoppy's Landing but we have one person in the Park department and we keep asking the Town for additional employees and we keep getting denied.

Mr. Durant - I would love for a letter to be sent to the neighbor requesting assistance with mowing Hoppy's Landing since they benefit from it too.

IX. Set Date for the Next Meeting

Mr. Durant motioned to set the date of the next meeting for May 9, 2022 at 6:15 p.m. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

X. Adjourn

Mr. Ferro motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:29 p.m. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca L. Vento

Rebecca Vento
Office Manager

Minutes approved May 9, 2022