

**Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
May 9, 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 Nault
Kyle Jones, HMEO Interview
Ronald Raphael, 33 Nancy Street
Mark Collins, 58 Wilding Street
Cailin Aubut, Gate Attendant Interview
Danica Andersen, Gate Attendant Interview



I. Call to Order

Mr. Wotton called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Mr. Wotton asked for a moment of silence in memory of Daniel Freitas.

II. Routine Matters

A. Signing of Departmental Bills

III. Approval of Minutes

A. April 26, 2022

Mr. Durant motioned to approve the minutes of April 26, 2022. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

IV. Appointments

A. Ethan Nault, Eagle Scout Project on Phoenix Bike Trail

Daniel Nault - My son Ethan is a junior at FHS and he is looking to install four bat boxes on the bike path as an Eagle Scout project. I am here tonight for him because he plays baseball for the High School and the game is still going on. He has been a boy scout since he was six years old and he is looking for the Boards permission to put up these boxes. The boxes will have to be placed 12 feet high and facing the sun because bats like to be warm when they sleep during the day. Bats can eat about a 5-gallon bucket full of bugs a month these boxes will help control the bugs on the bike path.

Mr. Hobson - You do not see kids doing stuff like this anymore so I appreciate him doing something like this in our community.

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Ms. Smith - Is he making the boxes himself?

Mr. Nault - The boys are making the boxes and he is overseeing it. He also has permission to put these boxes on Shaw Road.

Mr. Wotton – Could he submit a plan where he plans to put these boxes so we know where they are?

Mr. Durant motioned to allow Ethan Nault to install four bat boxes on the bike path as an Eagle Scout Project. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. Interview for Highway Department Heavy Motor Equipment Operator

Mr. Furtado – Mr. Jones has been a temporary laborer in the Highway Department since the beginning of November. He received his CDL last week and we would like to hire him as a Heavy Motor Equipment Operator. He is a great employee and Mr. Charbonneau and I recommend him to the Board for hire.

Mr. Hobson motioned to hire Mr. Jones as a Heavy Motor Equipment Operator for the Highway Department. Mr. Ferro seconded. Vote unanimous.

C. Ronald Raphael, Driveway Waiver, Additional Widths on 2 Driveways – 33 Nancy Street

Mr. Raphael – I have two driveways for my property at 33 Nancy Street, one on Nancy Street that I would like to widen 6 feet and the other on Marguerite Street that I would like to widen 13 feet. If approved Nancy Street would have a 19-foot opening and the one on Marguerite Street would have a 26-foot opening.

Mr. Ferro motioned to approve the driveway waivers for 33 Nancy for a 19-foot opening on Nancy Street and a 26-foot opening on Marguerite Street. Mr. Durant seconded vote unanimous.

D. Mark & Christine Collins, Driveway Waiver, 28" Opening – 58 Wilding Street

Mr. Collins - When we put the driveway in a few years ago we were told that we could not widen the driveway anymore. The street is under construction and I found out that I was able to request a waiver to widen my current driveway to 28 feet.

Mr. Durant motioned to approve the driveway waiver of 28 feet at 58 Wilding Street. Mr. Ferro seconded. Vote unanimous.

E. Interview New Gate Attendants for West Island Town Beach

1. Danica Andersen

Mr. Furtado – Ms. Andersen is one of the applicants that we recommend for the Gate Attendant Position at West Island.

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Mr. Hobson - Are you available for the whole season including weekends and holidays?

Ms. Andersen – Yes, with the exception of one week that I already have a vacation scheduled.

Ms. Smith - What did you do when you volunteered for the Fairhaven Improvement Association

Ms. Andersen - I helped with the Homecoming Fair and with the flower boxes.

2. Cailin Aubut

Mr. Furtado – Ms. Aubut is another applicant that we recommend for the Gate Attendant Position at West Island.

Mr. Hobson – Are you available the whole season including weekends and holidays?

Ms. Aubut – Yes I am.

Mr. Ferro motioned to hire Ms. Andersen and Ms. Aubut as Gate Attendants for the 2022 season at the West Island Beach. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

V. Item for Action

A. Award of Backflow Device Testing, July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025

Mr. Furtado - Every three years we go out to bid for our backflow device testing. We received two bids and Western & Sampson was the lowest bidder. We are looking to award the bid to them starting July 1, 2022.

Mr. Ferro motioned to Award the Bid for Backflow Device Testing to Western & Sampson. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. Hire Summer Help – West Island Town Beach

Mr. Hobson – Since the parking lot attendant is not coming back this year maybe we could schedule two gate attendants on the weekends. One of them could check the permits and the other one could park the cars. This is just a thought because if the cars are not parked correctly then we might not be able to fit as many cars in the lot as possible.

Mr. Ferro motioned to rehire Ms. Amaral, Mr. Carvalho, Mr. Croteau, Mr. Davis, Ms. Hoeg-Chick and Mr. Silva for the 2022 West Island Beach Season. Mr. Ferro seconded. Vote unanimous.

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C. Southcoast Health, Nicole Podkova Annual 5K, October 8, 2022

Mr. Furtado - This is correspondence from the Select Board. They are looking for the Boards approval as we have done in the past.

Ms. Smith motioned to approve Southcoast Health's Nicole Podkova Annual 5K on October 8, 2022. Mr. Ferro seconded. Vote unanimous.

D. Marine Resources Committee Representative

Mr. Durant motioned to appoint Mr. Hobson as the BPW Marine Resources Committee Representative. Mr. Ferro seconded. Vote unanimous.

E. Award Goulart Memorial Bridge Repairs

Mr. Furtado – We received three bids for the repairs to the Goulart Memorial Bridge. The bids are still under review so we are going to skip over this tonight.

F. Award Farmfield Street, Harborview Avenue & Akin Street Roadway Improvement Project

Mr. Durant motioned to Award the Bid for Farmfield Street, Harborview Avenue & Akin Street Roadway Improvement Project to CN Corp in the amount of \$562,545.50. Mr. Ferro seconded. Vote unanimous.

VI. Tabled Matter

A. n/a

VII. Public Comments / Open Forum

VIII. Old Business / New Business

A. Superintendent

Superintendent Report for May 9, 2022

- Causeway bridge water line repair bids received
- Meet with Selectboard re: Tree Article and Wastewater plant upgrade
- Flushing will be halted to collect samples and then will reconvene in North Fhvn
- Rene and I met with Tighe and Bond re NPDES permit comments
- MRV meets with BBC re land purchase for conservation restriction

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- MRV holds special meeting for borrowing for water plant upgrades
- Meet with TA re BPW annual auction
- Meet with Finance team re necessary borrowing for this fiscal year
- Rene and I meet with Force Main engineers - re update
- Attend Fincom for year end transfer
- Meet with GCG project updates
- Lots of year end budget work with all departments - line item cuts coupled with fuel costs poses some difficulty to make fiscal year end
- Still dealing with ABC - documents needed to pay invoices
- Opening of annual BPW Bids
- Bid opening of water and road work of Farmfield and Akin St
- Began process of seeking remediation from insurance company of boat owner that damaged water main

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

Mr. Furtado - Just a reminder that we will be flushing in North Fairhaven starting on Wednesday night. We will be sending out the alerts like we have done in the past. I will be before the Finance Committee this Thursday to request a reserve fund transfer of \$50k for the Sewer Department. Brian and I met with the Town Administrator about Union Negotiations. We are going to be meeting with Teamsters this Monday at 2 p.m. to start the negotiations.

B. Board Members

Mr. Hobson - Are there any plans to start the hiring process for the new Highway Superintendent, as Mr. Charbonneau will be retiring soon?

Mr. Furtado - I believe he will be retiring sometime in November.

Mr. Hobson – Mr. Charbonneau does an excellent job. I would like to see his replacement here before he leaves.

Mr. Furtado - My thought is that he will sit in on the interviews and he will help us pick his replacement.

Mr. Durant- I think that we should have the discussion with the Town Administrator about hiring an Engineer? Did we ever get someone to look at Cedar Street?

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Mr. Wotton – We will be with her on Monday, maybe we could mention it to her at that time.

Mr. Furtado – GCG Associates was here on Thursday and they looked at it then. At this time, I have not received anything back from them.

Mr. Ferro – Are we going to be able to get the beach mats out in time for the opening of the beach season?

Mr. Furtado – We have not ordered the mats yet because the money will not be available until July 1st.

Ms. Smith – I have had a few people ask if it is possible to go back to selling day pass at the beach.

Mr. Furtado – A few years ago we did away with the sales of passes at the beach.

Ms. Smith - Is there any way to have an electronic option to buy day passes?

Mr. Furtado - If the Board wants to go back to issuing a day pass than we could do something. However, this would have to be voted on by the Board.

C. Marine Resources Committee – BPW Related Matters

Mr. Hobson – I believe that we will be spreading the shells at Hoppy's Landing this week.

IX. Set Date for the Next Meeting

Mr. Hobson motioned to set the date for the next meeting on May 23, 2022 at 6:15 p.m. Mr. Ferro seconded. Vote unanimous.

X. Adjourn

Mr. Hobson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. and enter into executive session to discuss the Highway Grievance and not to reconvene in open session.

Rollcall vote: Mr. Wotton, Mr. Hobson, Mr. Durant, Mr. Ferro and Ms. Smith in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca L. Vento

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Office Manager

Minutes approved on May 23, 2022