

**Town of Fairhaven  
Board of Public Works Meeting  
August 23, 2022**

**Present**

Brian Wotton, Commissioner  
Robert Hobson, Commissioner  
Marcus Ferro, Commissioner  
Anne Smith, Commissioner  
Travis Raposa, Commissioner  
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent  
Rebecca Vento, Office Manager  
Daniel Wieghmink, HMEO Interview



**I. Call to Order**

Mr. Wotton called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m.

The meeting reconvened from executive session to open session at 6:50 p.m.

**II. Routine Matters**

**A. Signing of Departmental Bills**

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**A. August 8, 2022**

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes of August 8, 2022. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote 4-0-1 with Mr. Raposa abstained.

**B. July 25, 2022 – Executive Session A**

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes of July 25, 2022 – Executive Session A. Mr. Ferro seconded. Vote 4-0-1 with Mr. Raposa abstained.

**IV. Appointments**

**A. Interview Highway Department – Heavy Motor Equipment Operator**

**1. Daniel Wieghmink**

Mr. Furtado – There is a vacancy in the Highway Department for a Heavy Motor Equipment Operator. Mr. Charbonneau and I interviewed Mr. Wieghmink and we both recommend him to the Board for hire.

Mr. Hobson – Are you aware that this is more of a laborers position than a truck drivers position?

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Mr. Wieghmink- Yes, I am aware of that.

Ms. Smith motioned to hire Mr. Wieghmink as a Heavy Motor Equipment Operator for the Highway Department at a Grade 5 Step 1 pending pre-employment screenings. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

**V. Items for Action**

**A. Stantec Consulting Services, Town-Wide Sanitary Sewer Force Main Condition Assessment, Payment #15 \$20,499.11**

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve Payment #15 to Stantec Consulting Services for the Town-Wide Sanitary Sewer Force Main Condition Assessment in the amount of \$20,499.11. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous

**B. Buzzards Bay Coalition, Marsh Island Salt Marsh Restoration Project Construction Agreement, Approval to work on Town right of way and easements**

Mr. Furtado - Back in 2011 the Board of Public Works signed a similar agreement for Marsh Island. At that time it was not owned by Buzzard Bay Coalition. Signing the Agreement, would be allowing them to construct a road through the cemetery over our sewer system to give them access to Marsh Island. When they are done with the work they will film the sewer line and anything they disturb they will fix.

Mr. Rapoza motioned to Sign the Construction Agreement with Buzzards Bay Coalition and give approval to drive on the Towns sewer easement for the Restoration Construction Project on Marsh Island. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

**C. GCG Associates Engineering Agreement, 245 Huttleston Avenue - \$3,270.00**

Mr. Hobson motioned to Sign the Engineering Agreement with GCG Associates for 245 Huttleston Avenue in the amount of \$3,270.00. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

**VI. Tabled Matters**

**A. Sign Engineering Agreement GCG Associates, BMX Park – Bernese Street \$20,980.00**

Ms. Smith motioned to bring the discussion of Signing the Engineering Agreement for the BMX Park – Bernese Street back to the table. Mr. Rapoza seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Furtado - This was tabled because we were waiting for Chapter 90 approval. We received a denial letter from Chapter 90 for these funds so I reached out to them and explained to the gentleman that this amount was for drainage and not for the design. He asked me to have the Agreement revised and resubmit the request to Chapter 90. We will keep this Tabled until we receive approval.

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**VII. Public Comments / Open Forum**

**VIII Old Business / New Business**

**A. Superintendent**

**Superintendent Report for August 22, 2022**

- Attend Jerusalem Rd grant kick-off meeting - various required grant tasks discussed
- Meet with website creator for MRVPAC
- Rene and I attend a couple of meetings re force main project
- Meeting with both BPW potential candidates for vacancy
- Chair monthly Mattapoisett River Valley meeting
- Numerous meetings re clerical situation/HR
- Attend Selectboard meeting for BPW vacancy
- Town Meeting is November 15
- Attend Safe Routes to School pre meeting for public hearing September 15
- Attend BBAC meeting as Town Rep
- Chapter 90 BMX request denied - seeking reconsideration
- Meet with NFIA - re various issues
- Meet with water engineers re project status
- Meet with new Concom agent
- Attend meeting re update to landfill
- Attend meeting re BMX/skatepark

Mr. Furtado answered any questions regarding the Superintendent Report.

**B. Board Members.**

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Mr. Wotton - The Board would like to offer employment to one of the Candidates for the Highway Superintendent Position.

Mr. Hobson - Both candidates were great and I wish we could hire both of them.

Mr. Hobson motioned to offer employment to Joshua Crabb for the Highway Superintendent Position pending Contract Negotiations. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Hobson- Where we blacktopped Fir Street to the east side of Causeway Road is there any way to extend the paving another 40 feet to go past her driveway? This will help with the flooding she is now getting in her yard.

Mr. Rapoza - I was wondering if the BPW could draft a letter and work with the High school to get volunteer hours for the students. I do not mind spearheading the project.

Mr. Furtado - This is a great idea.

**C. Marine Resources Committee – BPW Related Matters**

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

**IX. Set Date for the Next Meeting**

Mr. Hobson motioned to set the date for the next meeting on September 12, 2022 at 5:15 p.m. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

**X. Adjourn**

Mr. Hobson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:21 p.m. to enter into Executive Session to conduct Highway Superintendent Interviews, to discuss an issue with a contractor and to discuss a dirty water issue and then to reconvene in open session. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Wotton, Mr. Hobson, Mr. Ferro, Ms. Smith and Mr. Rapoza in favor.

Ms. Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Mr. Rapoza seconded. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rebecca L. Vento*

Rebecca Vento  
Office Manager

Minutes approved on September 12, 2022