

**Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
October 24, 2022**

Present

Brian Wotton, Commissioner
Robert Hobson, Commissioner
Anne Morton Smith, Commissioner
Travis Rapoza, Commissioner
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent
Rebecca Vento, Office Manager
Michael Reis, Larry's Equipment Rental Inc.
Seth Alexion, Water Department



I. Call to Order

Mr. Hobson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

II. Routine Matters

A. Signing of Departmental Bills

III. Approval of Minutes

A. October 17, 2022

Mr. Rapoza motioned to approve the minutes of October 17, 2022. Ms. Smith Seconded. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Hobson, Ms. Smith, Mr. Rapoza and Mr. Wotton all in favor.

B. October 17, 2022– Executive Session A

Mr. Rapoza motioned to approve the minutes of October 17, 2022 – Executive session. Ms. Smith Seconded. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Hobson, Ms. Smith, Mr. Rapoza and Mr. Wotton in favor.

IV. Appointments

6:00 Michael Reis, Larry's Equipment Rental Inc. – New Water and Sewer Drainlayer

Ms. Smith – Have you ever been approved to work in the Town of Fairhaven.

Mr. Reis – No, I have not.

Mr. Rapoza motioned to approve LER as a Water and Sewer Drainlayer pending completion and inspection of the first job. Ms. Smith seconded. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Hobson, Ms. Smith, Mr. Rapoza and Mr. Wotton in favor.

6:15 Interview Water System Maintenance Craftsman

A. Seth Alexion

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Mr. Furtado - Both Mr. J Furtado and I recommend Mr. Alexion for the promotion to the Water System Maintenance Craftsman position. Based on the current CBA Mr. Alexion can started at a Grade 6 Step 5.

Mr. Rapoza motioned to promote Mr. Alexion to the Water System Maintenance Craftsman position starting at a Grade 6 Step 5. Rollcall vote: Mr. Hobson, Ms. Smith, Mr. Rapoza and Mr. Wotton in favor.

6:30 Interview Special Motor Equipment Operator

A. James Lawrence

Mr. Hobson - How long have you worked for the Town?

Mr. Lawrence - 8 years.

Mr. Hobson - Do you have all the licenses needed for this position?

Mr. Lawrence – Yes, I do.

Mr. Furtado – Based on the CBA Mr. Lawrence would have to be started at a Grade 7 Step 5 because if he is started at a lower step this would decrease his pay.

Mr. Hobson- What is the highest step that we can start him at?

Mr. Furtado – Step 7 is the highest step he can be started at.

Mr. Hobson - I would like to recommend that we hire Mr. Lawrence at a Grade 7 Step 7.

Ms. Smith – If we can do it without having any issues with the Union that I would like to give it to him.

Mr. Furtado – Mr. Lawrence do you see an issue with the union if you are hired at a step over a current SMEO?

Mr. Lawrence – I do not think so, but if there is an issue than we will deal with it.

Ms. Smith motioned to promote Mr. Lawrence to a Special Motor Equipment Operator in the Highway Department starting at a Grade 7 Step 7 pending there are not issues with the union. Mr. Rapoza seconded. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Hobson, Ms. Smith, Mr. Rapoza and Mr. Wotton in favor.

6:45 John Medeiros Re: Benoit Square & Livesey Park

Mr. Furtado – Mr. Medeiros called and he will not be coming in tonight.

V. Item for Action

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A. n/a

VI. Tabled Matter

A. n/a

VII. Public Comments / Open Forum

A. n/a

VIII. Old Business / New Business

A. **Superintendent**

Superintendent Report for October 24, 2022

- Union negotiations
- Create PPT presentation for Town Meeting
- Josh, JC and I conduct HMEO Interview
- Attend cell tower meeting
- Attend Dept Head meeting
- Shared streets work being conducted
- Jeff and I attend AMI project meeting
- Rene and I attend March Island pre-construction meeting
- Meet with Sunset Beach Assn re: Betterment
- Attend FY 24 MRV Budget Meeting

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

Mr. Wotton left the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

B. Board Members

Mr. Hobson – What's going on with the patches on Sconticut Neck Road?

Mr. Furtado - They are supposed to fix the patches before the asphalt plant closes.

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C. Marine Resources Committee – BPW related Matters

Mr. Hobson – The Marine Resources Committee has not met in a few months.

IX. Set Date for the Next Meeting

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

X. Adjourn

Ms. Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m. and enter into executive session to conduct an interview and not to reconvene in open session. Mr. Rapoza seconded. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Hobson, Ms. Smith and Mr. Rapoza in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca L. Vento

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Office Manager

Minutes approved on November 7, 2022