

**Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
January 23, 2023**

Present

Brian Wotton, Commissioner
Robert Hobson, Commissioner
Marcus Ferro, Commissioner
Anne Morton Smith
Travis Rapoza, Commissioner
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent
Rebecca Vento, Office Manager
Joshua Crabb, Highway Superintendent
Jeffrey Furtado, Water Superintendent
Rene Robillard, Sewer Superintendent



I. Call to Order

Mr. Wotton called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

II. Routine Matters

A. Signing of Departmental Bills

III. Approval of Minutes

A. January 9, 2023

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes of January 9, 2023. Mr. seconded. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Wotton, Mr. Hobson, Ms. Smith and Mr. Rapoza in favor. Mr. Ferro abstained.

IV. Appointments

5:30 Superintendents

A. FY24 Budgets

Mr. Furtado and Mr. Robillard presented the Sewer Department Budget to the Board.

Mr. Hobson – With the new plant will salaries and wages need to go up?

Mr. Furtado – We were thinking in about 2026 to add another employee to the department for the new upgrade.

Mr. Hobson – I just want to make sure there is enough money in the budget.

Mr. Furtado – We have enough money in the budget.

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Mr. Furtado and Mr. Robillard reviewed the three projects on the FY24 Sewer Departments Capital Plan with the Board.

Mr. Crabb & Mr. Furtado presented the Highway Department Budget to the Board.

Mr. Furtado reviewed the two projects on the FY24 Highway Department Capital Plan with the Board.

Mr. Ferro left the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

Mr. Crabb & Mr. Furtado presented the Park Department Budget to the Board.

Mr. Furtado reviewed the three projects on the FY24 Park Department Capital Plan with the Board.

Mr. J Furtado presented the Water Department Budget to the Board.

Mr. J Furtado reviewed the two projects on the FY24 Water Department Capital Plan with the Board.

Mr. Furtado presented the BPW Administration and Sanitation Department Budgets to the Board.

V. Item for Action

**A. Ti Sales, Inc., Payment #8 Water Meter and Advanced Metering Infrastructure
\$68,985.80**

Ms. Smith motioned to approve payment #8 to Ti-Sales, Inc. for Water Meter and Advanced Metering System in the amount of \$68,985.80. Mr. Hobson seconded. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Wotton, Mr. Hobson, Ms. Smith and Mr. Rapoza in favor.

B. Sign Agreement for Engineering Services, GCG Associates, Nakata Avenue and Phoenix Trail Culvert Replacement Project \$18,775.00

Ms. Smith motioned to Sign the Agreement for Engineering Services with GCG Associates for Nakata Avenue and Phoenix Trail Culvert Replacement Project in the amount of \$18,775.00. Mr. Hobson seconded. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Wotton, Mr. Hobson, Ms. Smith and Mr. Rapoza in favor.

C. Baystate Winsupply Co, AMI Installation, Payment #6 \$105,921.68

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve payment #6 to Baystate Winsupply for AMI installation in the amount of \$105,921.68. Ms. Smith seconded. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Wotton, Mr. Hobson, Ms. Smith and Mr. Rapoza in favor.

D. Baystate Winsupply Co, AMI Installation, Payment #7 \$13,219.72

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Ms. Smith motioned to approve payment #7 to Baystate Winsupply for AMI installation in the amount of \$13,219.72. Mr. Hobson seconded. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Wotton, Mr. Hobson, Ms. Smith and Mr. Rapoza in favor.

E. Beta Group, Inc. Year 5 MS4 Permit Tasks \$39,800.00

Mr. Hobson motioned to Sign the Agreement for Professional Services with Beta Group, Inc. for Year 5 MS4 Permit Tasks in the amount of \$39,800.00. Ms. Smith seconded. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Wotton, Mr. Hobson, Ms. Smith and Mr. Rapoza in favor.

VI. Tabled Matter

A. n/a

VII. Public Comments / Open Forum

VIII. Old Business / New Business

A. Superintendent

Superintendent Report for January 23, 2023

- Attend Dept. head meeting - budget meeting with Town's budget team rescheduled for tomorrow (24th)
- MRV Meeting
- Authorize title exam for SRTS project
- Sanding/salting events
- Attend CPC Meeting - 1 section of bike path approved - skatepark ramps approved
- Issues with EL Harvey - numerous truck breakdowns -
- Cobbles transported off site
- Bridge water main project must be rebid
- Freedom of information act request for Cherrystone
- Josh and I meet with landfill engineers re logistics of moving and site plan
- Meet with engineers re force main update
- Annual report submitted

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- Disciplinary letter
- Jeff and I meet with other PWS re potential class action suit
- Drainage issues in a few areas that Josh handled
- Eversource meeting with Josh - streets for 2023
- Meet with Mattapoisett re sewer bill questions

Mr. Furtado answered any question the Board had regarding the Superintendent Report.

B. Board Members

Mr. Hobson - Can you have the Highway Superintendent go down to Bayside Street and Bayberry Street put some stone in the road?

C. Marine Resources Committee – BPW related Matters

Mr. Hobson - We have not met since our last meeting.

IX. Set Date for the Next Meeting

Ms. Smith motioned to set the date for the next meeting on February 13, 2023 at 5:15 p.m. Mr. Wotton seconded. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Wotton, Mr. Hobson, Ms. Smith and Mr. Rapoza in favor.

X. Adjourn

Mr. Hobson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. Ms. Smith seconded Rollcall Vote: Mr. Wotton, Mr. Hobson, Ms. Smith and Mr. Rapoza in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca L. Vento

Rebecca Vento
Office Manager

Minutes approved on February 13, 2023