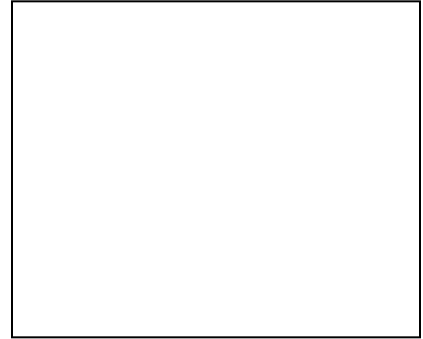


**Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
February 13, 2023**



Present

Brian Wotton, Commissioner
Robert Hobson, Commissioner
Marcus Ferro, Commissioner
Anne Morton Smith, Commissioner
Travis Rapoza, Commissioner
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent
Rebecca Vento, Office Manager
Joshua Crabb, Highway Superintendent
Gary Lavallette, Conservation Committee
Karen Isherwood, Conservation Committee
Amy Desalvatore, Conservation Committee
Jessica Fidalgo, 47 Union Street

I. Call to Order

Mr. Wotton called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

II. Routine Matters

A. Signing of Departmental Bills

III. Approval of Minutes

A. January 23, 2023

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes of January 23, 2023. Mr. Rapoza seconded. Vote unanimous.

IV. Appointments

5:15 Gary Lavalette & Karen Isherwood, Storm Damage Update Goulart Memorial Drive & West Island

Mr. Lavallette, Ms. Isherwood and Ms. Desalvatore gave an update to the Board on the storm damages to Goulart Memorial Drive and West Island from the storm on December 23, 2022.

Discussion ensued amongst all present.

V. Item for Action

A. Water Superintendent Vacation Carryover

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Mr. Furtado - Mr. J Furtado is requesting to carryover seven vacation days.

Mr. Ferro motioned to approve the request to allow the Water Superintendent to carryover seven vacation days. Mr. Rapoza seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. Revisions to 2023 Recycle Center Accepted Items

Mr. Crabb - We all know that the sewage treatment plant will be breaking ground soon. Mr. Furtado and I have been trying to find a new spot for the recycle center and at this time Bridge Street Landfill is off the table and we will not be able to store anything there going forward. We have been cleaning up the backyard because we will have to move the Recycle Center here. In my opinion, there is a big problem with the materials that we accept. I would like to request that we make the following changes to the accepted materials. Brush and branches must be clean and separate from leave and grass. The Town reserves the right to refuse / reject mixed yard waste. Failure to adhere to this policy may result in your permit being revoked without reimbursement of your permit.

Mr. Ferro - What will the enforcement be?

Mr. Crabb- We will be inspecting each load that is brought in.

Ms. Smith motioned to approve the changes presented by Mr. Crabb to the accepted items at the Recycle Center. Mr. Rapoza seconded. Vote unanimous.

C. Update on Recycling Center

Mr. Crabb gave an update to the Board on the Recycle Center.

Discussion ensued amongst all present.

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

D. Revised Rules & Regulations for Driveways, Sidewalks & Curbing

Mr. Crabb reviewed the proposed changes to bring the Rules and Regulations for Driveways, Sidewalks and Curbing up to date with the Board and he answered any questions that the Board had.

Mr. Crabb - I also would like to propose that the fees be changed to \$50 per Residential Permit and \$150 per Commercial Permit.

Mr. Rapoza – I would like to see an amendment to the section that talks about ADA ramps. I would like to have a timeframe added.

Mr. Crabb – I can make that change.

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Mr. Rapoza Motioned to approve the driveways, sidewalks and curbing rules and regulations with the added verbiage. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

E. Stantec Consulting Services, Town-Wide Sanitary Sewer Force Main Condition Assessment, Payment #20 \$12,444.95

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve Payment #20 to Stantec Consulting Services for Town-Wide Sanitary Sewer Force Main Condition Assessment in the amount of \$12,444.95. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

F. Sign Engineering Agreement, GCG Associates, 128 Huttleston Avenue \$8,520.00

Ms. Smith motioned to Sign the Engineering Agreement with GCG Associates in the amount of \$8,520.00 for 128 Huttleston Avenue. Mr. Rapoza seconded. Vote unanimous.

G. West Island Town Beach

1. 2023 Permit Fees

Mr. Rapoza motioned to keep the fees the same as 2022 and to sell 100 non-resident permits for the 2023 Season. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

2. Heat Advisory

Mr. Furtado- Last year we received a letter asking if the Board would be in favor to opening the Town Beach to all Fairhaven residents during High Heat Advisory Days. If residents have not purchased a sticker then they would have to show proof of residency.

Mr. Rapoza - I would be in favor of this.

Ms. Smith - I think that many people in Town do not know there are free beaches. I think that it would be great to go back to the days that you can buy a day pass. I think that this may be an issue on the weekends since that is the busiest time.

Mr. Hobson motioned to deny the request to all no permits on High Heat Advisory Days. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote 3-1 with Mr. Rapoza opposed.

H. Buzzards Bay Coalition, 17th Annual Water Shed Ride, October 1, 2023

Ms. Smith motioned to approve the Buzzards Bay Coalition 17th Annual Water Shed Ride on October 1, 2023. Mr. Rapoza seconded. Vote unanimous.

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I. Tata & Howard, Unidirectional Water Flushing Technical Assistance \$14,500

Mr. Rapoza motioned to approve Tata & Howard, Unidirectional Water Flushing Technical Assistance in the amount of \$14,500 pending approval from Town Counsel. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

VI. Tabled Matter

A. n/a

VII. Public Comments / Open Forum

VIII. Old Business / New Business

A. Superintendent

Superintendent Report for February 13, 2023

- Management staff meets with TA and her budget team to present FY 24 budget
- Management staff attend crisis tracking training
- Attend MVP seminar for potential grant \$\$
- Attend BBAC Meeting as Town Rep
- Claim for bikepath injury
- Bridge St (not landfill) meeting with Josh and GCG
- Meeting with Josh, Chiefs and TA re vehicle maint
- Union grievance
- Rene and I meet with Clerk of the Works candidate
- Attend Concom meeting for Wastewater Plant Upgrade
- Sewer back-up from years ago claim
- Josh and I meet with Compost vendor
- Meet with Labor Counsel - various issues
- Attend Select Board meeting re water over last weekend
- Send letter (in FYI) re failure to make water appointment

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- Prepare public water presentation (in FYI)

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

B. Board Members

Ms. Smith - We are concerned about how long it is taking to notify the residents of dirty water. It frequently has been several hours before anything was sent out. I would like to see the notifications go out as soon as we know there is an issue.

Mr. Furtado - When we know there is an issue we send something out. We can be better, but we need to be notified by the residents that they are having an issue.

Mr. Hobson - The owner of Rick's Marine on Little Bay Road is looking for the road to be graded. In addition, they would like to get the little section paved.

C. Marine Resources Committee – BPW related Matters

Mr. Hobson – Can we grade the parking lot at Hoppy's Landing before they put down the shells?

IX. Set Date for the Next Meeting

Mr. Rapoza motioned to set the date for the next on February 27, 2023 at 5:15 p.m. Ms. Smith seconded
Vote unanimous

X. Adjourn

Mr. Hobson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Ms. Smith seconded Rollcall Vote unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca L. Vento

Rebecca Vento
Office Manager

Minutes approved on March 13, 2023