

**Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
July 10, 2023**

Present

Brian Wotton, Commissioner
Robert Hobson, Commissioner
Anne Morton Smith, Commissioner
Travis Rapoza, Commissioner
Daniel Lopes, Commissioner
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent
Rebecca Vento, Office Manager
Joshua Crabb, Highway Superintendent
Eric Britto, TrueBounce Inc.



I. Call to Order

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

II. Routine Matters

A. Signing of Departmental Bills

III. Approval of Minutes

A. June 5, 2023

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes of June 5, 2023. Mr. Rapoza seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. June 20, 2023

Mr. Rapoza motioned to approve the minutes of June 20, 2023. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

IV. Appointments

6:00 – 6:20 Eric Britto, Proposed 3 Man Basketball Courts at Cushman Park

Mr. Wotton- Congratulations on a well run tournament at the festival. I spoke with a few of the kids that played at the festival and they had a great time. Mr. Britto is here tonight because he is proposing to change the basketball courts at Cushman Park to a shorter three on three game that he invented.

Mr. Britto- My proposal is to remove the existing hoops and put in a new court, which is smaller. It is about fifty feet long and about thirty-eight feet wide. The three on three game is more of an inside game then an outside game that we invented. It is very similar to arena football and pickleball. The three-person game allows more players to play, participate, and get involved in the game. This is a quick action game, which lasts about 10 minutes and you use a lot of energy because it is nonstop. My goal is to pilot this around our region, which this will be the first court in our area. We received a lot of good feedback at the festival. My plan is to have events, camps and leagues to gather the youth around the area and have a good time.

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Mr. Hobson - I think that getting six kids to play a game would be easier than trying to get ten. When I do see people playing I see them only playing half court. If this works out here than maybe, we could add additional courts at other parks.

Mr. Rapoza - Can you explain to me how your version of the game is played?

Mr. Britto explained the fundamentals of the game to the Board.

Mr. Wotton reviewed Mr. Britto's proposal.

Mr. Rapoza motioned to approve Mr. Britto's proposal to install three Man Basketball Courts at Cushman Park as proposed. Mr. Lopes seconded. Vote unanimous.

V. Item for Action

A. BPW Authorized Signatures

Mr. Rapoza motioned to approve the listed Board Members and Superintendents as approved authorized signatures for the Board of Public Works. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

**B. Gravity Construction, Hedge Street Phase 3 Roadway Improvement Project,
Payment #2 \$198,505.59**

Mr. Rapoza motioned to approve Payment #2 to Gravity Construction in the amount of \$198,505.59 for Hedge Street Phase 3 Roadway Improvement Project. Mr. Lopes seconded. Vote unanimous.

C. Sandstone Construction, Inc. Millicent Library Sidewalk Improvement Project

1. Change Order #1 (increase contract time by 37 calendar days)

Mr. Rapoza motioned to approve Change Order #1. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

2. Payment #1 \$169,240.00

Mr. Lopes motioned to approve Payment #1 to Sandstone Construction in the amount of \$169,240.00 for Millicent Library Sidewalk Improvement Project. Mr. Rapoza seconded. Vote unanimous.

3. Sign Certificate of Substantial Completion

Mr. Rapoza motioned to Sign the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Sandstone Construction Millicent Library Sidewalk Improvement Project. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

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4. Sign Certificate of Final Completion

Mr. Rapoza motioned to Sign the Certificate of Final Completion for Sandstone Construction Millicent Library Sidewalk Improvement Project. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

D. Open Meeting Law Complaint, Tobie Simmons, Water Meter

Mr. Furtado – In the packet was an Open Meeting Law Complaint that we received from Ms. Simmons. It appears that what she thought was an Open Meeting Law Violation was actually more of a records request. We did send the information that she requested to the Town Clerk who is responsible for these matters. Also, in the packet is a response to the Open Meeting Law Complaint. Does the Board have any comments or concerns with the letter that was drafted?

Ms. Smith motioned to sign the drafted response to the Open Meeting Law Violation. Mr. Rapoza seconded. Vote unanimous.

E. Memorial Benches Fort Phoenix

Mr. Furtado - In April 2022, the Board made a motion to allow six additional memorial benches with a limit of one per year to be placed at Fort Phoenix. Currently we have three requests. We are looking for the Board to rescind the previous motion so we can allow these three requests.

Mr. Crabb – I do not think that the Board should allow anymore after these six benches are installed.

Mr. Rapoza motioned to rescind the vote that was made on April 4, 2022 and allow four benches to be installed at Fort Phoenix on a first come first serve basis. 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 July 10, 2023

- Mediation date set for Sewer Dept.
- Sunset Beach Sewer Betterment Project Bid opening

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- Buzzards Bay Coalition Conservation Restriction
- Work with Attorney re sewer tie-in
- Work with Attorney re brokerage account
- Conduct Planning Director Candidate Interview
- Contact SEMASS re reduction in brokerage account
- Meet with ARPA Reps re County Disbursement
- Meet with Mass Maritime re FY 24 contract
- Finalize CDBG Invoices
- Brian and I meet with Mattapoisett Reps, Sewer Engineer and TA re sewer bids for upgrades
- Meet with TA re lifeguard pays

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

B. Board Members

Mr. Wotton – When is the textile shed going to be installed here in the parking lot?

Mr. Furtado – That is still in the hands of Town Counsel.

Mr. Hobson – Rick’s Marina on Little Bay Road has complained about the road because the new material causes a lot of dust to be kicked up. Could we chip seal it to keep the dust down?

Mr. Crabb –I am currently working with Conservation but the first part of Little Bay is on my list and.

Mr. Hobson – When are you starting Fisherman Road?

Mr. Furtado – That is still in with Conservation and we are waiting for them.

Mr. Hobson – I would like to meet with Mr. Crabb at Hoppy’s Landing to discuss the grass there and to show him what has been approved by Conservation.

Ms. Smith –The last time we met we discussed taking out the gardens at Cooke Park because they were a mess. We got a few people together to clean it out and it looks better. There is a group that is willing to maintain the park and they have questions about the center where the anchor and shells are. Does the Board need to hear from this group?

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Mr. Furtado – No, they do not need to come before the Board.

C. Marine Resources Committee – BPW Related Matters

Mr. Hobson – We have not met since our last meeting and we are not scheduled to meet again until September.

D. Community Preservation Committee – BPW Relate Matters

Mr. Rapoza – We have not met since our last meeting.

IX. Set Date for the Next Meeting

Mr. Rapoza motioned to set the date for the next meeting on July 17, 2023 with the Select Board at Town Hall and July 24, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at the Board of Public Works. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

X. Adjourn

Mr. Rapoza motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:15p.m. Mr. Lopes seconded. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca L. Vento

Rebecca Vento
Office Manager

Minutes approved on July 24, 2023