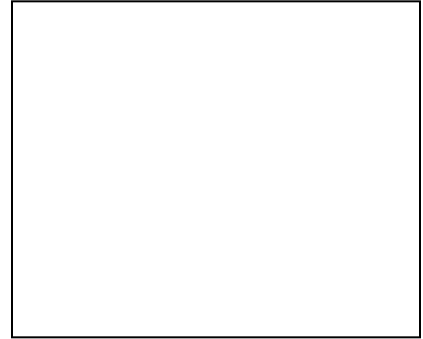


**Town of Fairhaven  
Board of Public Works Meeting  
November 13, 2023**



**Present**

Brian Wotton, Commissioner  
Robert Hobson, Commissioner  
Anne Morton Smith, Commissioner  
Daniel Lopes, Commissioner  
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent  
Rebecca Vento, Office Manager  
Joshua Crabb, Highway Superintendent  
Rene Robillard, Sewer Superintendent

Mr. Rapoza not in attendance.

**I. Call to Order**

Mr. Wotton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Wotton reconvened in open session at 6:38 p.m.

**II. Routine Matters**

**A. Signing of Departmental Bills**

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**A. October 30, 2023**

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes of October 30, 2023. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

**B. October 30, 2023 – Executive Session A**

Mr. Lopes motioned to approve the minutes of October 30, 2023 – Executive Session A. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

**IV. Executive Session**

- A. To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel (Rubbish & Recycle Contract)
- B. To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel (Methuen Construction Company)

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**V. Appointments**

**A. N/A**

**VI. Item for Action**

**A. Town Meeting Review**

Mr. Furtado reviewed the articles that will be presented at Town Meeting and answer any questions that the Board had.

**B. Tighe & Bond, WPCF Upgrade Project Payment #4 \$22,811.86**

Ms. Smith motioned to approve Tighe & Bond Payment #4 in the amount of \$22,811.86 for WPCF Upgrade Project. Mr. Lopes seconded. Vote unanimous.

**C. Sign Engineering Agreement, GCG Associates - Rita's Way \$6,550.00**

Ms. Smith motioned to Sign Engineering Agreement with GCG Associates in the amount of \$6,550.00 for Rita's Way. Mr. Lopes seconded. Vote unanimous.

**D. Lloyd Center for the Environment, 2024 Proposal for Piping Plover Management at West Island Town Beach \$7,568.00**

Mr. Lopes motioned to Sign the Lloyd Center for the Environment 2024 Proposal for Piping Plover Management at West Island Town Beach in the amount of \$7,568.00. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

**E. Sign MassDEP Revised Project Cost Estimate Summary Sheet, WPCF Upgrade**

Mr. Furtado – These are seven items that the state is requiring us to submit by Wednesday for the funding for the WPCF Upgrade.

Mr. Lopes motioned to sign MassDEP Revised Project Cost Estimate Summary Sheet for WPCF Upgrade. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

**F. Sign Contract Agreement for Consulting Services, Bridge Street Landfill \$21,600.00**

Mr. Furtado – We are going to skip over this until the next meeting.

**G. Sign Cost Escalation Agreement POTW**

Mr. Hobson motioned to Sign Cost Escalation Agreement Public Owned Treatment Works. Mr. Lopes seconded. Vote unanimous.

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**VII. Table Matters**

**A. Deposit for Events**

**B. Water Meter Fees**

Both Tabled items were not brought back to the Table for discussion

**VIII. Public Comments / Open Forum**

**IX. Old Business / New Business**

**A. Superintendent**

**Superintendent Report for November 13, 2023**

- Complete/film all Town meeting Powerpoints
- Meet with local State delegation re 0% loan
- Work on FY 25 capital project submittal
- Josh, Kathy and I meet with State's Southeast Region Recycling Coordinator re using grant money for recycling center plan
- Josh and I attend Stormwater By-Law meeting
- Rene, Nick & I meet with SRF re: borrowing to-do list
- Meet with Methuen re contract issue
- Attend FY 25 MRV budget prep meeting with Jeff
- Attend required ERP training
- Attend Sewer Force Main Meeting (project schedule) with Rene
- Attend meeting with Town Moderator - re Town meeting preview
- Meet with Snow Route Engineers with Josh
- Follow-up with CPC re November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting
- Work on updated rate study with Becky
- Staff meets with Eversource re 2024 streets
- Meet with TA re various issues
- Moving forward with Jerusalem Rd Stormwater project and Complete Streets
- Meet with Police with Josh re camera installations

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- Interviewed by New Bedford Light re Nitrogen upgrade
- Mattapoisett Town Meeting approved additional \$8M - they have \$11M in total for nitrogen upgrade

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

**B. Board Members**

Mr. Hobson – What is going on with Torrington Avenue? Did we have to sign off on anything?

Mr. Furtado – There was a request to discontinue the paper street and we sent the Planning Dept. a letter to let them know that there were easements there.

Mr. Hobson – Have we received anything about getting an antenna on the water tower.

Mr. Furtado – No, but we might be able to put an antenna on the radio tower that’s behind the building.

Ms. Smith – What are the items being presented at CPC?

Mr. Furtado – We are asking for one, maybe two handicap tables for the bike path, to narrow the sidewalk on walnut street between center and south and the BMX Track at Macomber Park.

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

Mr. Hobson - The Marine Resources Committee has not met since our last meeting.

**D. Community Preservation Committee – BPW Relate Matters**

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

Ms. Smith motioned to set the date of the next meeting on November 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

**XI. Adjourn**

Mr. Hobson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 p.m. and enter into executive session to discuss contract agreements and to reconvene in open session. Ms. Smith seconded. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Wotton, Mr. Hobson, Ms. Smith and Mr. Lopes in favor.

Mr. Hobson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

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Respectfully submitted,

*Rebecca L. Vento*

Rebecca Vento  
Office Manager

Minutes approved December 11, 2023