

**Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
September 16, 2024**

Present

Brian Wotton, Commissioner
Robert Hobson, Commissioner
Anne Morton Smith, Commissioner
Daniel Lopes, Commissioner
Hillary Rotondo, Commissioner
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent
Rebecca Vento, Office Manager



I. Call to Order

Mr. Wotton called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

II. Routine Matters

A. Signing of Departmental Bills

III. Approval of Minutes

A. September 9, 2024

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes from September 9, 2024. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

IV. Executive Session

- A. Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(1) To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual. (workplace culture assessment & sewer department employees)**

V. Appointments

- A. n/a**

VI. Item for Action

- A. n/a**

VI. Tabled Matters

- A. Tree Department**

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B. Trash Fee Logistics

VII. Public Comments / Open Forum,

VIII. Old Business / New Business

A. Superintendent

Superintendent Report for September 16, 2024

- POTW upgrade meetings
- HHW Day logistics
- Labor Counsel meetings
- Film trash fee presentation
- Chair MRV Meeting
- Will be presenting Fall TM Articles to Selectboard on 9/18
- Fall Newsletter
- Meet with TA
- Meet with Buzzards Bay Coalition re sewer plant upgrade

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

B. Board Members

Mr. Hobson – Is there anything new regarding the Bridge Street Landfill?

Mr. Furtado – Not at this time.

Ms. Smith – Could we get an update on social media regarding dirty water?

Mr. Hobson – There are weeds at the boat ramp on Middle Street. There are weeds on Sconticut Neck Road at Shipyard Farm because the farmer cut the hay, can we go and spray the wall?

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C. Marine Resources Committee – BPW Related Matters

Mr. Hobson – We met and there was nothing that pertained to the BPW, we mostly discussed Union Wharf.

D. Community Preservation Committee – BPW Related Matters

Ms. Smith – Is the Board of Public Works going to submit anything for 2025? The deadline is coming up? Can we put something in for more of the picnic tables?

IX. Set Date for the Next Meeting

Ms. Smith motioned to set the date for the next meeting on September 19, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. and September 30, 2024 at 6:00p.m. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Vote unanimous.

X. Adjourn

Mr. Wotton motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 p.m. and enter into Executive Session to discuss the Sewer Department and the workplace incident of August 27, 2024 Workplace Culture Assessment and to not reconvene in open session. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Wotton, Mr. Hobson, Ms. Smith, Mr. Lopes and Ms. Rotondo in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca L. Vento

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Office Manager

Minutes approved on September 30, 2024