

**Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
September 30, 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 6:01 p.m.

Mr. Wotton reconvene in open session at 6:31 p.m.

II. Routine Matters

A. Signing of Departmental Bills

III. Approval of Minutes

A. September 16, 2024

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes from September 16, 2024. Ms. Rotondo 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. Fairhaven Pickleball Association / Fairhaven Tennis Association, Letter of Support for Cushman Park Project**

Mr. Furtado - The Fairhaven Pickleball Association and Fairhaven Tennis Association were looking for a letter of support for their application for the tennis courts at Cushman Park. I wrote a letter of support for them because the applications for CPC funding were due this past Friday at noon time.

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VI. Item for Action

A. Sign Contract Agreement TEC, Inc. Sconticut Neck Road TIP Project \$12,000

Mr. Furtado – TIP stands for Transportation Improvement Project and this Engineering Company specializes in this type of work. Mr. Crabb put this together and this project will assess the travel corridor of Sconticut Neck Road.

Mr. Lopes motioned to Sign the Contract Agreement with TEC, Inc. in the amount of \$12,000 for Sconticut Neck Road TIP Project. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. Stantec Consulting Services, Town Wide Sanitary Sewer Force Main Condition Assessment Payment #28 \$590.35

Ms. Smith motioned to approve Stantec Consulting Services Payment #28 in the amount of \$590.35 for Town Wide Sanitary Sewer Force Main Condition Assessment. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Vote unanimous.

C. Speakman Excavating, Livesey Skate Park Improvement Project Payment# 1 \$68,310.22

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve Speakman Excavating Payment #1 in the amount of \$68,310.22 for Livesey Skate Park Improvement Project. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

D. Speakman Excavating, Jerusalem Road Buzzard Bay Stormwater Retrofits Payment# 2 \$11,400.00

Ms. Rotondo motioned to approve Speakman Excavating Payment #2 in the amount of \$11,400.00 for Jerusalem Road Buzzard Bay Stormwater Retrofits. Mr. Lopes seconded. Vote unanimous.

E. Sign Contract Agreement, MXI Environmental 2024 Household Hazardous Waste Day

Mr. Hobson motioned to Sign the Contract Agreement with MXI Environmental for 2024 Household Hazardous Waste Day pending approval from Town Counsel. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

F. Tighe & Bond, CWMP, Payment #3 \$64,680.00

Ms. Smith motioned to approve Tighe & Bond Payment #3 in the amount of \$64,680.00 for Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Vote unanimous.

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**G. Stantec Consulting Services, Town Wide Sanitary Sewer Force Main Condition
Assessment Payment #30 \$3,752.34**

Mr. Lopes motioned to approve Stantec Consulting Services Payment #30 in the amount of \$3,752.34 for Town Wide Sanitary Sewer Force Main Condition Assessment. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

VI. Tabled Matters

A. Tree Department

B. Trash Fee Logistics

VII. Public Comments / Open Forum,

VIII. Old Business / New Business

A. Superintendent

Superintendent Report for September 30, 2024

- POTW upgrade meetings
- HHW Day logistics
- Labor Counsel meetings
- Attend joint Fincom/SB Meeting re Articles
- Newsletter
- Attend Kilburn Mills Nitrogen in the Bay event as a panelist
- Town Counsel re sauna, trash fee and Betterments
- Forward additional information to Insurance Counsel re west island sewer tie in regs
- CDBG logistics
- BID opening for Water Plant Upgrade (filed sub bids - electrical)
- BBAC Chair Meeting
- Sewer Force Main Update Meeting
- Water Main repair of leak on SN Rd

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

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B. Board Members

Mr. Hobson – Middle Street and Washington Street there are some really tall weeds. Also, Orchard Street at Sconitcut Neck Road there are still a few branches that are hanging over the sign.

Ms. Smith – Do you know when they will be doing the ramps at the skate park.

Mr. Furtado – Sometime next year, we still have to go out to bid for that part of the project.

Ms. Smith – The rain garden at Cooke Park needs some fill.

C. Marine Resources Committee – BPW Related Matters

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

D. Community Preservation Committee – BPW Related Matters

IX. Set Date for the Next Meeting

Mr. Hobson motioned to set the dates for the next meetings on October 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. for executive session only and October 21, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

X. Adjourn

Mr. Wotton motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 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 reconvene in open session. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Wotton, Mr. Hobson, Ms. Smith, Mr. Lopes and Ms. Rotondo in favor.

Mr. Hobson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca L. Vento

Rebecca Vento
Office Manager

Minutes approved on October 21, 2024.