

**Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
October 21, 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
Manny Rapoza, 3 Jameson Street



I. Call to Order

Mr. Wotton called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Mr. Wotton reconvened in open session at 6:57 p.m.

II. Routine Matters

A. Signing of Departmental Bills

III. Approval of Minutes

A. September 30, 2024

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes from September 30, 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. (Sewer Maintenance Craftsman Robillard)**
- B. Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(2) "To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel" (Highway Superintendent / Tree Warden)**

V. Appointments

- A. n/a**

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VI. Item for Action

A. Tata & Howard, Lead Service Line Inventory, Payment #15 \$8,565.81

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve Tata & Howard Lead Service Line Inventory Payment #15 in the amount of \$8,565.81. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

**B. Tata & Howard, Meter Pit Evaluation at New Bedford Interconnections
Payment #51 \$651.60**

Ms. Smith motioned to approve Tata & Howard Meter Pit Evaluation at New Bedford Interconnections Payment #51 in the amount of \$651.60. Mr. Lopes seconded. Vote unanimous.

C. Tata & Howard, Unidirectional Flushing Plan Updates, Payment #4 \$11,977.00

Mr. Lopes motioned to approve Tata & Howard Unidirectional Flushing Plan Updates Payment #4 in the amount of \$11,977.00. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Vote unanimous.

D. Methuen Construction Co., WPCF Upgrades, Payment #10 \$2,439,754.32

Ms. Rotondo motioned to approve Methuen Construction Co. Payment #10 in the amount of \$2,439,754.32 for WPCF Upgrades. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

E. DEP Pay Req #10 (Loan CWP-22-67) \$2,439,754.00

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve DEP Pay Req #10 (Loan CWP-22-67) in the amount of \$2,439,754.00. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

**F. Tighe & Bond, WPCF Upgrade Project Construction Services, Payment #16
\$152,987.91**

Ms. Smith motioned to approve Tighe & Bond Payment #16 in the amount of \$152,987.91 for WPCF Upgrade Project Construction Services. Mr. Lopes seconded. Vote unanimous.

G. DEP Pay Req #10A (Loan CWP-22-67A) \$152,988.00

Mr. Lopes motioned to approve DEP Pay Req #10A (Loan CWP-22-67A) in the amount of \$152,988.00. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Vote unanimous.

H. Highway Superintendent Vacation Carryover

Mr. Crabb – I am requesting to carryover 5 vacation days.

Ms. Rotondo motioned to approve the Highway Superintendents request to carryover 5 vacation days. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

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**I. Tighe & Bond, Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan, Payment #4
\$45,478.75**

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve Tighe & Payment #4 in the amount of \$45,478.75 for Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

VI. Tabled Matters

A. Tree Department

B. Trash Fee Logistics

VII. Public Comments / Open Forum

Mr. Rapoza – When is the Town going to start repairing the roads that Eversource dug up?

Mr. Wotton – There was a hold up with Jameson Street due to Conservation restrictions. We just got the issues resolved with Conservation and we will be starting to make the repairs in the spring time. Just so everyone is aware there is a process after the streets get dug up and it usually takes about a year to complete.

Mr. Furtado – It is beneficial to the Town but it is a process and takes sometime to repair and repave the road curb to curb.

Mr. Hobson – Eversource only pays for half of the road to be repaved?

Mr. Crabb – That is correct, but the Town gets a better price through our contractor for paving and we are able to repave the road curb to curb using our contractor.

VIII. Old Business / New Business

A. Superintendent

Superintendent Report for October 21, 2024

- POTW upgrade meetings
- Labor Counsel meetings
- Attend Fincom
- Attend Selectboard
- Newsletter completed - sent with water invoices

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- Town Counsel re Betterment Apportionment
- CDBG logistics
- Communication Board Ceremony at Livesey
- BID opening for Water Plant Upgrade
- Town Meeting Committee
- Create/film water filter video
- Work with State re MRV Loan
- Army Corps Hurricane Barrier Inspection
- TA appoints Josh Tree Warden pending BPW approval
- Met with West Island IA re speed bumps
- Preconstruction Meeting for Judd St
- CWMP Draft
- Sewer Force Main Improvement Meeting
- Chair Monthly MRV Meeting

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

B. Board Members

Ms. Smith – The rain gardens at Cooke Park gets extreme weeds, we talked about replacing the sand media.

Mr. Crabb – I am still looking into it.

Mr. Lopes – On Nancy Street approximately 4 houses down there is a storm grate that is missing.

Mr. Crabb – I will look into it.

Ms. Smith – Who responsibility is it for mattress that are left on the sidewalk?

Mr. Furtado – That is the Board of Health's responsibility.

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C. Marine Resources Committee – BPW Related Matters

Mr. Hobson – Mr. Cox will be reaching out to you for help moving poles at Union Wharf.

D. Community Preservation Committee – BPW Related Matters

Mr. Smith – The Community Preservation Committee met to review the first round of applications. I think that they send some feedback about our application for the study of needs for various parks and they are hoping that we can come back to them and expand the parameters beyond the two biggest active parks and add Macomber Park and Rogers School.

IX. Set Date for the Next Meeting

Mr. Wotton motioned to set the date for the next meeting on November 4, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

X. Adjourn

Mr. Wotton motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 p.m. and enter into Executive Session to discuss Sewer Maintenance Craftsman Robillard and the Highway Superintendent / Tree Warden and to reconvene in open session. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Wotton, Mr. Hobson, Ms. Smith, Mr. Lopes and Ms. Rotondo in favor.

Mr. Lopes motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca L. Vento

Rebecca Vento
Office Manager

Minutes approved on November 4, 2024.