

FAIRHAVEN SELECT BOARD

Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2024

Present: Chair Stasia Powers, Clerk Andrew B. Saunders, Members Keith Silvia and Andrew Romano and Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison

Ms. Powers opened the Select Board meeting at 6:30p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING: EVERSOURCE PETITION 11612305

The Public Hearing was continued from October 15, 2024, Ms. Powers read the notice.

Petition #11612305 from NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource to relocate 16 JO poles and install 2 new JO poles, 1 with anchor/guy in Scoticut Neck Road, Fairhaven. This work is necessary for MassDOT project #609518

Highway Superintendent Josh Crabb addressed the Board, he reviewed the documentation sent to the Board recapping the dates that notices were sent to the resident at 35 Scoticut Neck Rd regarding work due to the MassDOT project and the compensation given (*Attachment A*).

Public Comment: None received

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:34p.m.

Motion: Mr. Romano motioned to approve Eversource petition #11612305 to relocate 16 JO poles and install 2 new JO poles, 1 with anchor/guy in Scoticut Neck Road, Fairhaven. This work is necessary for MassDOT project #609518 and Eversource work in coordination with MassDOT's Safe Routes to School project and the approved layouts per their design plans. Mr. Saunders seconded. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

Motion: Mr. Romano motioned to take item C1 Water Department Update out of order. Mr. Saunders seconded. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

Water Department Update

Public Works Superintendent Vinnie Furtado addressed the Board and reviewed a presentation of the Water Treatment Plant Filter Upgrade project (*Attachment B*). Mr. Furtado recapped the history of the issue, options to address, challenges with obtaining state funding and frequently asked questions.

The Board asked about the purpose of the filters, what the cost to a resident is for running the water at home and the average run time a resident would have, funding clarifications and for the final slide in the presentation to be posted online. Mr. Furtado said the filters filter the iron and manganese and they are also using UV for disinfection. He added that at the time funding was denied for the Mattapoissett River Valley Water District (MRVWD) project some towns experienced PFAS issues and that may have been why the MRVWD funding was denied.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Mr. Romano motioned to enter Executive Session Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(2) To conduct strategy session in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel; Town Administrator, and to return to open session. Mr. Saunders seconded. Roll Call Vote. Mr. Romano in favor, Mr. Saunders in favor, Ms. Powers in favor and Mr. Silvia in favor. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 6:57p.m.

Meeting returned to Open Session at 7:47p.m.

APPOINTMENT AND COMMUNITY ITEMS

102nd Birthday Recognition: Irene Inglis

Ms. Powers read the recognition for Ms. Inglis 102nd birthday. Robert McConnell addressed the Board about Ms. Inglis and the request he made for the birthday recognition. Mr. McConnell is working with the Veterans Agent on a state proclamation. An invitation will be forwarded to the Board once details are confirmed.

Motion: Mr. Romano motioned to award Irene Inglis a 102nd birthday recognition. Mr. Saunders seconded. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

MINUTES

Motion: Mr. Romano motioned to approve the October 15, 2024 Open Session minutes. Mr. Saunders seconded. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Ms. Ellison reported to the Board:

- Fort Phoenix Flag Management Protocol was developed to ensure there is a protocol in place. Issues can be reported to the Veterans Agent (*Attachment C*).
- Staffing Update: David DeManche has been hired as a Grant Writer and will be in Town Hall one day weekly. Ms. Ellison addressed comments made regarding the staff, during the discussion on restructuring and a Land Use Department. She has been consistent in not allowing anyone to talk badly about staff and asked the Board, if it happens, to stop the comments. The staff is skilled, they learn and develop and are in their positions with the capacity to do the job.

ACTION / DISCUSSION

Select Board Representative: Harbormaster Plan Steering Committee

Mr. Saunders addressed the Board concerning his participation on the Harbormaster Plan Steering Committee. He spoke with State Ethics and to be proactive to prevent a potential conflict asked the Board to appoint another representative. No conflict exists presently and he left their first meeting before any votes were taken.

Motion: Mr. Romano motioned to appoint Stasia Powers to the Harbormaster Plan Steering Committee. Mr. Saunders seconded. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS/ COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

Ms. Powers said for Board Member Items and Committee Liaison Reports the intention is to communicate committee membership, give reports from committee meetings, request agenda items or make an announcement on behalf of something the member is involved with. Going forward, public comment will be held to Public Comment and limited to two minutes; if there is a request for additional time, the Board will consider it. Ms. Powers said this is how the meeting has been structured and, as reminder, this is the intention moving forward.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None received

CORRESPONDENCE

The Veterans Day Parade is Monday, November 11, 2024. Contact the Council on Aging to reserve a seat on the van.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Powers read a statement and announced that Ms. Ellison and the Select Board have negotiated the terms of a mutually acceptable separation. The Select Board thanks Ms. Ellison for her dedicated service and contributions to the Town of Fairhaven and Ms. Ellison extends her thanks to the Select Board and the citizens of Fairhaven for the opportunity to serve the Town.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06p.m.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Select Board Clerk (ah)

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Summary of Contact with 35 Sconticut Neck Rd.: Josh Crabb
- B. Water Department Update presentation: Vinnie Furtado
- C. Fort Phoenix Flag Management Protocol

Approved on November 12, 2024

*Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works*

*5 Arsene Street
Fairhaven, MA 02719
508-979-4030*



October 17, 2024

Mr. & Mrs. Letourneau
35 Sconticut Neck Road
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Letourneau:

Following up on the public comment session from the Selectboard meeting this past Tuesday, October 15, 2024, you contested receipt of notifications relative to the proposed work for the Safe Routes to School Project along Sconticut Neck Road, and expressed concerns with the utility pole placement within the Right of Way in front of your property. As requested, I have compiled the mailings that went out as part of this project which can be found attached herein and can be summarized as follows:

- August 2023 – certified letter mailed and confirmed receipt returned which described the proposed work, includes Federal Aid Acquisition guidelines and a plan depicting the changes in front of your property which did include the contested utility pole placement.
- November 28, 2023 – Certified letter which was unclaimed provided proposed impacts, federal aid acquisition guidelines, Right of Way property sketch, and just compensation report was attempted to be provided.
- December 12, 2023 – standard mailing was sent to all property owners along the project corridor offering a public update and opportunity to answer questions
- February 12, 2024 – Selectboard meeting minutes reflect the vote for the Right of Way acquisitions
- March 8, 2024 – Certified letter was mailed and confirmed receipt which described the Order of Takings and how to obtain compensation

Any questions or concerns please feel free to call this office to discuss further. 508-979-4031

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joshua Crabb", is written over a horizontal line.

Joshua Crabb
Highway Superintendent

cc: DPW Superintendent
Selectboard Members



August 2023

MONICA LETOURNEAU

35 SCONTICUT NECK ROAD

FAIRHAVEN, MA 02719

RE: 609518 – LEROY WOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IMPROVMENTS (SRTS)

35 SCONTICUT NECK ROAD

The Town of Fairhaven, in conjunction with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division (MassDOT), is undertaking a transportation construction project along Sconticut Neck Road – Safe Routes To School Project with the use of Federal Aid funds. The Project will include the following:

- SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL (SRTS) – MINOR ROADWAY NARROWING
- PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ALONG SCONTICUT NECK ROAD IN ADVANCEMENT OF THE LEROY WOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

As the owner of property within the Project area, the Project will affect your property. Because the Project requires the temporary and or permanent use of your property, the Town of Fairhaven is required to acquire the necessary legal rights to use your property in conjunction with the Project.

The enclosed right-of-way sketch illustrates how the Project affects your property and depicts the proposed location(s) and dimension(s) of Project impacts to your property.

The proposed temporary and/or permanent rights to your land required for the project are identified on the enclosed right-of-way sketch as follows:

Easement Parcel #	Area (SF±)
PUE-8 TE-14	1084SF 558SF

As the owner of property affected by a Federal Aid transportation project, you are entitled to certain rights. Such rights include an appraisal to determine the value of the above referenced property rights, a review appraisal, and just compensation. Accordingly, the Town of Fairhaven will be contracting a qualified appraiser. The appraiser will notify you of the date and time of their inspection and you will be afforded the opportunity to attend said inspection. Upon completion of the appraisal, you will be presented with an offer of compensation from the Town of Fairhaven.

Your rights as a property owner are further described in the enclosed "Federal Aid Acquisition Guide for Property Owners."

Lastly, the Town of Fairhaven is required to interview all affected property owners. Accordingly, the appraiser will reach out separately to schedule an interview. Interviews can be conducted in-person, by phone, or by video conference—whichever is preferred by property owners.

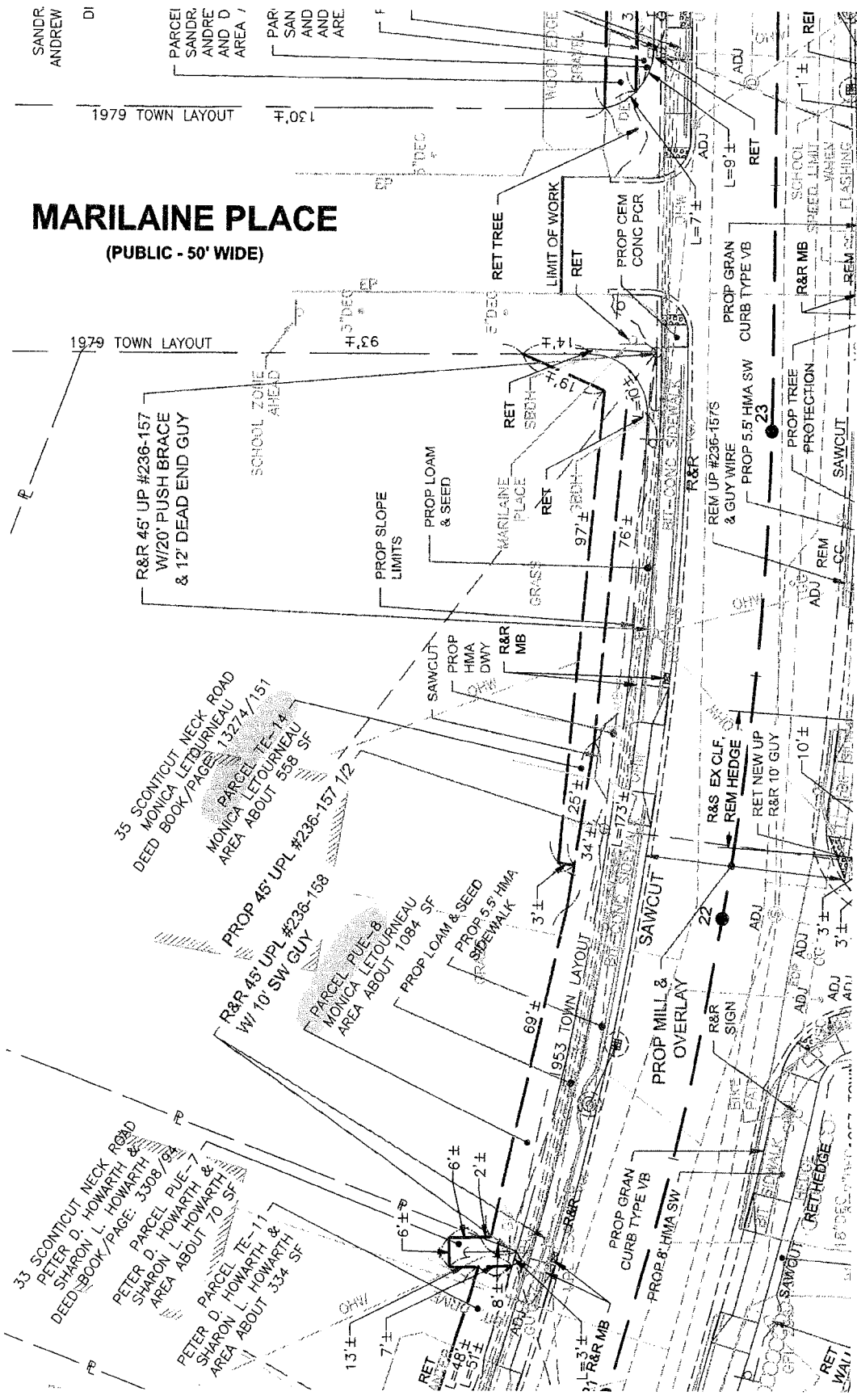
Please feel free to contact Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent with any questions, concerns, or comments.

Sincerely,

Vincent D. Furtado,
BPW Superintendent

Enc: Federal Aid Acquisition Guide for Property Owners
Right of Way Plan

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MARILAINE PLACE

(PUBLIC - 50' WIDE)

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ANDREW

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1979 TOWN LAYOUT

1979 TOWN LAYOUT

R&R 45' UP #236-157
W/20' PUSH BRACE
& 12' DEAD END GUY

35 SCONTICUT NECK ROAD
MONICA LETOURNEAU
DEED BOOK/PAGE: 13274/151
PARCEL TE-14
MONICA LETOURNEAU
AREA ABOUT 888 SF

PROP 45' UPL #236-157 1/2
R&R 45' UPL #236-158
W/ 10' SW GUY

PARCEL PUE-8
MONICA LETOURNEAU
AREA ABOUT 1084 SF

33 SCONTICUT NECK ROAD
PETER D. HOWARTH &
SHARON L. HOWARTH
DEED BOOK/PAGE: 3308/93
PARCEL PUE-7
PETER D. HOWARTH &
SHARON L. HOWARTH
AREA ABOUT 70 SF

PARCEL TE-11
PETER D. HOWARTH &
SHARON L. HOWARTH
AREA ABOUT 334 SF

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Monica Letourneau
 35 Sconticut Neck Road
 Fairhaven, MA 02719

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Monica Letourneau
 35 Sconticut Neck Road
 Fairhaven, MA 02719



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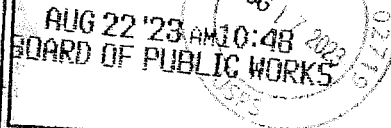
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Fairhaven

Department of Public Works

November 28, 2023

CERTIFIED MAIL

Monica Letourneau
35 Sconticut Neck Road
Fairhaven, MA 02719

RE: Written Offer of Just Compensation

Subject Property: 35 Sconticut Neck Road
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Dear Owners,

The Town of Fairhaven is acquiring necessary rights for the construction of the Sconticut Neck Road Transportation Improvement Project (TIP), Project Number 609518 in the Town of Fairhaven, Bristol County. A copy of a plan showing the subject easement(s) has been included with this letter. Easements shown on the plan and listed below permanent utility easements (PUE) and/or temporary easements (TE). Please note that the temporary easements will be in effect for five (5) years from the date of recording. All other easements will be in effect in perpetuity.

The easement(s) to be acquired over a tract of your land for various purposes are as follows:

Easement Parcel #	Area (square feet)
PUE-8	1,084 square feet
TE-14	558 square feet

The Town's approved offer is \$6,800.00 for the required easement(s). This offer is based upon a professional appraisal, dated October 14, 2023, made by a qualified appraiser to determine the fair market value of your property plus damages to the remainder, if any. The appraised value was reviewed by the Town's reviewing appraiser to assure that you will receive just compensation for the easement(s) over your property. The basis for the value set forth is summarized in the enclosed Just Compensation Report. There are no buildings in the easement area(s).



Fairhaven

Department of Public Works

You have a minimum of thirty (30) days to consider the written offer and ask questions or seek clarification of anything that is not understood. If you believe that all material or factors were not considered during the appraisal, you may present such information during this thirty-day time period. Modifications in the proposed terms and conditions of the Town's acquisition of the easement(s) may be required. The Town will consider any reasonable requests that are made.

Also enclosed is a copy of the Federal Aid Acquisition Guide for Property Owners that explains the easement acquisition process. If you have any questions concerning the construction, acquisition details or the easement plans, please contact Vincent Furtado by email at vfurtado@fairhaven-ma.gov.

Occasionally, to reduce costs to municipalities, property owners may choose to donate the rights to use their property. Donations, however, are an alternative and are *not* required. If you choose this alternative, you may sign the "Certificate of Donation" form enclosed herewith and return the signed form to the Town of Fairhaven in the enclosed stamped, self-addressed envelope. Please note that the form must be signed by all parties, including lenders, who own the property, or an authorized representative thereof. By signing the "Certificate of Donation," you agree to waive an appraisal, review appraisal, and the right to just compensation for the property interest(s) to be acquired by the Town of Fairhaven.

Sincerely,

Vincent Furtado
Public Works Superintendent
Town of Fairhaven

Enclosures: Certificate of Donation
 Right-of-way sketch
 Just Compensation Report
 Federal Aid Acquisition Guide for Property Owners

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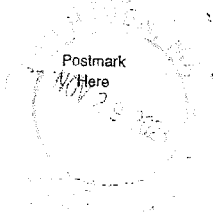
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*Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works*

*5 Arsene Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts 02719
TEL. 508-979-4030
FAX. 508-979-4086
waterdept@fairhaven-ma.gov*



December 12, 2023

Dear Resident:

As you may be aware by now, Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) will be reconstructing a portion of Sconticut Neck Road from David Drown Boulevard to the northern driveway entrance for the Leroy Wood Elementary School. Your property is being impacted to some degree requiring temporary and/or permanent easements of some sort as a result of this project.

We would like to invite you to a meeting to discuss the overall project and answer any questions you may have as it relates to the direct impacts that are anticipated at your property.

This meeting will be hybrid and offered both in person or via Zoom. Please join us in whichever capacity suits you best.

WHEN: Thursday, December 21st, 2023 @ 6:00pm

WHERE: Fairhaven BPW Building
5 Arsene Street
Fairhaven, MA 02719

ZOOM LINK: <https://zoom.us/j/89709104939>

MEETING ID: 897 0910 4939

PASSCODE: 450333

CALL: 1 929 205 6099

FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

all letters mailed - 12/12/23

Donald & Jodie Poineau
2 Timothy Street
Fairhaven, MA 02719

John & Irene Jusseaume
29 Sconticut Neck Road
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Matthew & Jill Macolini
31 Sconticut Neck Road
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Peter & Sharon Howarth
33 Sconticut Neck Road
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Monica Letourneau
35 Sconticut Neck Road
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Sandra Perrone
1 Marilaine Place
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Adelina Winfield
54 Sconticut Neck Road
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Ronald & Margaret Labrecque
61 Sconticut Neck Road
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Donald Murphy
65 Sconticut Neck Road
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Victor & Margaret Oliveira
67 Sconticut Neck Road
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Ian & Joelyn Moniz
69 Sconticut Neck Road
Fairhaven, MA 02719

NSTAR Electric
107 Seldon Street
Berlin, CT 06037

Fairhaven HUH 2014 LLC
c/o Ryan LLC
One International Place
100 Oliver St, Suite 1840
Boston, MA 02110

Route Six Marketplace LLC
867 Middle Road
Acushnet, MA 02743

Riccardis Fairhaven LLC
38 Sconticut Neck Road
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Ryan Stuart Jr
112 Dexter Avenue
Watertown, MA 02472

Pillar LLC
150 John Vertente Blvd
New Bedford, MA 02745

Leroy Wood School
60 Sconticut Neck Rd
Fairhaven, MA 02719

- respective boards/committees. The Town thanks them for their work.
- Grant Award: Green Communities \$125,810 that the Conservation Agent will oversee the use of for projects around Town. FY24 Municipal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Improvement Grant Program \$85,000 that the Commission on Disability will use for assessment of Town properties and ADA accessibility.
 - Community Compact Cabinet (CCC) Broadband Grant: Response letter received from Sean Cronin at the Department of Revenue regarding the request to change the project focus. The request was denied and the state will expect the funds to be returned. Mr. Espindola asked for a copy of the letter.
 - The December 2023 expense report is in the packet for review. Mr. Espindola asked about no legal line item, Ms. Ellison asked him to send Ms. Hart an email to request any specifics, the report has overall categories.
 - Weather forecast and Town Hall open/close. At this time any changes to Town Hall hours or other Town offices will be posted on the web on the Town's website and shared on social media.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing for the Liquor License Transfers: OEA Restaurant Group d/b/a Olivia's opened at 6:49p.m.
Mr. Correy read the notice.

Jay Lanagan of 116 Chestnut Street addressed the Board. He represents applicant Cullen North Walker Street LLC (Cullen) who purchased 1 Middle Street from Ferry Station. Cullen sold to OEA Restaurant Group. The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) investigator wanted the transfers to be filed from Ferry Station to Cullen and then Cullen to OEA Restaurant Group because the transfer from Ferry Station to Cullen was not filed with the Town or the ABCC when it occurred.

All paperwork is on file and has been reviewed by the Select Board office (*Attachment A*). The office has been working with applicant Brandon Roderick and the ABCC.

Public Comment: none received

The Public Hearing for the Liquor License Transfers: OEA Restaurant Group d/b/a Olivia's closed at 6:54p.m.

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to transfer the Liquor License from Ferry Station LLP to Cullen North Walker Street LLC. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to transfer the Liquor License from Cullen North Walker Street LLC to OEA Restaurant Group doing business as Olivia's Restaurant. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL: ORDER OF TAKINGS

Mr. Espindola recused himself and exited the banquet room at 7:38p.m. due to the proximity to his home related to this item

Joshua Crabb Highway Superintendent addressed the Board regarding this item (*Attachment B*).

Motion: Ms. Powers motioned to accept, approve and file the tacking of land on Sconticut Neck Road for temporary and permanent easements for roadway project for the Safe Routes to School program as outlined in the order of taking. Mr. Silvia seconded. The motion passed (4-0-1). Mr. Espindola abstained.

Mr. Espindola returned at 7:40p.m.

MARINE RESOURCE FEES

Mr. Cox addressed the Board regarding the fees of the Marine Resources Department and proposal to increase fees for shellfish permits, parking, waterways, Union Wharf Daily Dockage, Lobster Boats and mooring fees. He advised the Board that in seventeen years only the Lobster Basin fee has changed. Michael McNamara Marine Resources

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March 8, 2024

Monica Letourneau
35 Sconticut Neck Road
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Re: Order of Takings

Notice is given that the Town of Fairhaven Select Board has determined it necessary and essential as a matter of public safety and necessity to make improvements along Sconticut Neck Road and that the public interest and convenience required the acquisition of a Temporary and or Permanent Easement on your property for construction of this project.

On February 12, 2024 the Town of Fairhaven Select Board voted to acquire the easements. The Order of Taking was submitted for recording March 8, 2024 at the Registry of Deeds, Referencing Book 13274 Page 151. The parcels voted upon and the amount awarded for the parcels are below:

Easement Parcel#	Easement Area (S.F.)	Just Compensation
PUE-8	1,084	\$5,480.70
TE-14	558	\$1,282.53
		Total \$6,800.00

You may obtain payment of this award at the Fairhaven Board of Public Works, located at 5 Arsene Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719 on or after April 1, 2024. Please bring proper identification. You may also need to complete a W-9 Taxpayer Identification form as part of receiving the award.

Very truly yours,

Vincent Furtado
BPW Superintendent

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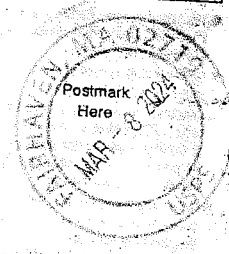
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Street 35 Scoticut Neck Road

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M. Letourneau

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Collect on Delivery Restricted Delivery

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Filter Upgrade

Attachment B

- Mattapoissett River Valley Water District oversees water distribution in member communities – Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoissett and Rochester
- Filters need to be replaced and the current filters aren't made anymore
- District needed to conduct a pilot study to obtain State approval of new technology which took place



Filter Upgrade

- State has approved upgrade
 - District Town's approved \$\$ at their respective Town meetings
 - District was denied State funding, in 2022 and 2023 which is available annually on 2 separate occasions which cost us 2 years worth of time
 - District did not qualify for Private lending
 - Representative Strauss' help allowed District to purchase filters via emergency funding (\$2M 2023)
- 




Filter Upgrade

- Filters are on their way and are scheduled to arrive next month
- District was finally approved funding in September 2024 to purchase additional needed equipment and to complete the construction/installation portion of this effort



Conventional Flushing (Reactive)

- When someone has dirty water we employ the conventional flushing method consisting of opening hydrants and discharging the water until the accumulations are removed and the water becomes clear. This method of flushing is easy to conduct but requires a large amount of water and may not completely clean the pipe network as the water moves freely from all directions so the scouring is less.
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Unidirectional flushing (Proactive)

- Unidirectional flushing is a standard industry maintenance practice used to scour, clean, and improve the carrying capacity of our water distribution system. Unidirectional refers to the fact that during the cleaning, water is only flowing in one direction. Crews will open and close pre-determined valves to isolate a specific section of water main. This type of maintenance helps to provide high-quality drinking water to customers and when we conducted this last year, we had 0 dirty water calls for circa 5 months.



Flushing

- The only way we can remedy a small percentage of folks who (randomly) get dirty water is to create dirty water havoc by stirring everything up but that's the process as there is no other means to remove that sediment. Since we haven't flushed in a year and with there being more system sediment because of the filters, Tuesday (16th) Wednesday there were a lot of office calls but the calls have substantially decreased to 0-5 last week



Timetable

- **Why weren't the filters upgraded sooner?**
- I assume because there was no need. Should that have happened sooner? - retrospectively, of course. I became the MRV Chair in late 20 and water quality folks are overseeing the District and since then, the District has done nothing but try to improve the water quality by upgrading the filters, adding disinfection and flushing the network.



Water is safe

- In the video, when I mentioned that the water is safe, I was referring to the non-existent bacteriological content and that the sampling results have consistently revealed that the iron and manganese levels (which is what is tinting the water) are below concentrations of concern. By no means was I suggesting folks should drink discolored water.



Water Costs

- **Abatement?**
- Please be aware that the Town of Fairhaven pays the Town of Mattapoisett for water consumed and the Town is subject to DOR audits often.
- Please be aware that when running water, 750 gallons cost roughly \$10 – water and sewer combined.



Additional Information

- If they are flushing in North Fairhaven, how come I get dirty water and I live elsewhere?
- When we flush, we are redirecting the natural flow of the water to create a scouring effect and some mains are so full of debris that the material spreads out exponentially during this redirection



Flushing

- Why are they flushing again?
- We are going to flush every year moving forward. The BPW has been actively working with our water engineer to modify the flushing plan to make the flushes quicker and we strongly believe that they will be conducted in 1/2 the time moving forward.



Flushing

- Is it also imperative to note that we will need to flush the system once the new filters are in place so that we can rid our system of debris – going to be lingering effects.



Flushing

- When are we going to be completed this round?
- We have 11 zones – 100 miles of mains – completed 2- each zone takes circa 1 week – mostly conduct at night to minimize inconvenience – targeting flushing to certain areas – flushing 3 days a week – sometimes during day is necessary – due to season but no business areas



Dirty Water

- If the dirty water is coming from the plant, how come everyone doesn't have it?
- The water issue location is all related to the use in your site specific section of Town – typically the majority of flow equals the dirtiest areas. Dead ends, pipe materials and diameters can affect this as well.



\$\$ Grant


- **Mattapoissett River Valley gets \$4.5 million water**

- **supply protection grant**

- BOSTON – Rep. Bill Straus (D-Mattapoissett) has announced that several area towns will share over \$4.5 million in funding through the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Planning and Action Grants program administered by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.
- In the largest of the local grants, \$4.5 million will be awarded to The Mattapoissett River Valley Water Supply Resilience Project which will help protect over 240 acres in the towns of Mattapoissett, Acushnet, and Rochester as well as protecting the aquifer which will increase its resilience to climate change. The Mattapoissett River Valley provides drinking water to Mattapoissett, Acushnet, Rochester, Marion, and Fairhaven.
- “Protecting our drinking water supplies that come from the shared aquifer around the Mattapoissett River has been a long-time effort of mine; I sponsored a number of pieces of legislation creating the district and providing it the financial resources for land acquisition and jurisdiction of the water supply within the aquifer” said Rep. Straus



If you get dirty water

- Please do not run Hot Water
 - Run water closest to your meter which is most likely outside
 - Call the Water Department at 508-979-4032
 - Do not dry or use bleach on your laundry if discolored
 - Use Iron-Out to remove stains
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FORT PHOENIX FLAG MANAGEMENT PROTOCOL

In the event that the American flag or flag pole needs repair or maintenance the following protocols will be followed.

First call is to the VSO.

If the VSO is unavailable then the Historic commission chair will be called.

Should both be unavailable then the DPW will be contacted.

When repair is completed an email from the party who does the repairs will be sent to all parties letting them know the repair has been completed.

The VSO and Historic commission will establish a regular maintenance schedule for the Fort.

