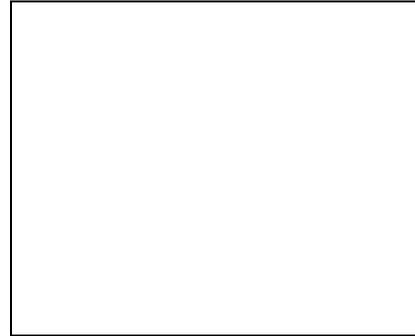


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Present

Brian Wotton, Commissioner
Robert Hobson, Commissioner
Cameron Durant, Commissioner
Keith Silvia, Commissioner
Frank Coelho, Commissioner
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent
Rebecca Vento, Administrative Assistant
Mike Saunders, MHT Excavating
John Medeiros, NFIA



I. Call to Order

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

II. Routine Matters

A. Signing of Departmental Bills

III. Approval of Minutes

A. February 24, 2020

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes of February 24, 2020. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

IV. Appointments

A. Mike Saunders, MHT Excavating – New Driveway Contractor

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve MHT Excavating to be a new driveway contractor pending the completion and inspection of the first job. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote unanimous.

IV. Items for Action

A. Rescind Vote for Electric Vehicle Article

Mr. Furtado - The last time we met I asked the Board if they would support the article for the electric vehicle because it seemed like we would be getting one. At that time, I did not realize that there would be money involved. At the last meeting, someone asked if this would affect our

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budget and I told them that it would not. If we submit the article then we would have to get an amendment to the current budget to cover the cost of the lease.

Mr. Hobson - How much money are they going to take out of our budget?

Mr. Furtado - It would not be coming out of our budget. They would just add the money to the Highway Budget to cover the lease.

Mr. Hobson - Who suggested this?

Mr. Furtado – Mr. Rees is the one who suggested this and he asked if the Board of Public Works would support the article since one of the vehicles would come to us.

Mr. Hobson – How many vehicles are we getting?

Mr. Furtado – I believe the Town is getting two vehicles, one would go to the Board of Health and the other would come to us. I just wanted to bring this back to the table now that there is money involved. It does not matter to me either way.

Mr. Hobson – If the mechanics need to go and get a part would they take this vehicle?

Mr. Furtado – It depends what the part is that they are picking up and if the part would fit into the vehicle.

Mr. Hobson – How big is the vehicle?

Mr. Wotton – My guess is that it would be similar in size to the Sewer Department's Prius.

Mr. Coelho - Do we have a charging stations for the vehicles?

Mr. Furtado – Even if one of the vehicles does not come to us they will be putting two charging stations in our yard near the Railroad Avenue Sewer Pumping Station. This is not going to affect our budgets at all for FY20 but moving forward I am not sure how this will affect the budget for FY21.

Mr. Hobson – So this is a lease and if Mr. Rees decides that next year he does not want to fund it then it would come out of our budget.

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Mr. Furtado – Yes, then it would come out of the Highway Department’s budget.

Mr. Silvia – I am against this. The reason why is because these are two vehicles that we really do not need. They are constantly hitting the taxpayers in their pockets.

Mr. Durant – I agree, I am against it as well if there is not a need for this vehicle and we are just taking advantage of a grant. Is there actually a need for this new vehicle?

Mr. Furtado - We used to have an old Crown Victoria that we replaced last year with a Ford Explorer that we got from the Police Department. Getting the vehicle from the police department was under the stipulation that we replaced this vehicle with a “green “vehicle. We put in our FY21 budget for a new “green” vehicle and we were denied because they were going to give us an electric vehicle in its place. We do need a vehicle for training and currently we are using the Ford Explorer for a staff vehicle.

Mr. Hobson – I would like to know how much this vehicle is going to cost before I vote on it.

Mr. Durant – I think that Mr. Rees should come to our next meeting to discuss this with the Board.

Mr. Silvia – I heard that the electric vehicle with a full charge would only be able to go about 100 miles.

Mr. Wotton - I was introduced to a gentleman that has a Tesla. If we are talking about getting a similar vehicle, I do not think that the Board of Public Works needs this kind of vehicle, I think administration could us this vehicle.

Mr. Silvia- Another question that I have is I heard that the lease was for 8000 miles and anything over that would be fifty cents per mile. Do we travel more than 8000 miles with the vehicle that this would be replacing?

Mr. Furtado - I am not sure the terms of the lease. I believe that we use less than 8000 miles per year. The only time that it travels a great distance is when an employee attends a class.

Mr. Wotton - I think that we should table this until we get more information.

Mr. Hobson motioned to rescind the vote taken on February 24, 2020 regarding the electric vehicle article. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

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Mr. Durant - I think that we need to get more information about this and then discuss it at a future meeting.

Mr. Furtado - I believe that the Town will pursue this even though the Board does not support this article and rescinds the vote.

B. Nemasket Group, Annual 5K Walk/Run, Saturday May 2, 2020

Mr. Coelho motioned to approve the Nemasket Group annual 5K walk/run on May 2, 2020. Mr. Coelho seconded. Vote unanimous.

C. South Shore Race Management: Race for a Reason 5K, September 19, 2020

Mr. Coelho motioned to approve South Shore Race Management's, Race for a Reason 5K on September 19, 2020. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

D. Sign Contract Agreement, GCG Associates, 132 Weeden Road, \$5,370.00

Mr. Silvia motioned to Sign the Contract Agreement with GCG Associates in the amount of \$5,370.00 for 132 Weeden Road. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote unanimous.

E. Pasta House Grease Trap

Mr. Furtado - Just an update since the last meeting when Farland Corp. was here. I contacted the Board of Health to see if they approved the plans. They were waiting for an updated plan because there are more seats in the Pasta House than what was shown on the plan, which means they would have to install a larger grease trap. Also, I spoke with Farland Corp. because I wanted to make sure that the lines from the bathroom were not tied into the same line that would be installed on the grease trap. At this time, I am waiting for an updated set of plans with the details that we requested.

VI. Tabled Matters

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**A. Contract Agreement, Stantec Consulting Services Inc., Town Wide
Evaluation of Sanitary Sewer Force Mains \$250,000**

Mr. Durant motioned to enter into Agreement with Stantec Consulting Services Inc. in the amount of \$250,000 for the Town Wide Evaluation of Sanitary Sewer Force Mains. Mr. Coelho seconded. Vote unanimous.

VII. Public Comments / Open Forum

Mr. Medeiros- I just wanted to bring up something that happened in North Fairhaven and how the Board of Public Works reacted to it. There is a flagpole on Main Street that has a light that has been out for a while.

Mr. Wotton – Is this the one next to the Cemetery?

Mr. Medeiros – Yes, on Main Street near 195. I made a call to both Mr. Hobson and Mr. Furtado to see if they could help me. Mr. Furtado worked hard to get Mr Paczosa to fix it . Mr. Paczosa called me the same day to get information on what needed to be done. It did take him a little longer to get the lights because he was trying to get us a rebate. He did end up getting the rebate for the lights and they were a good deal. Mr. Paczosa called me a few times a week and kept me up to date with everything that was going on. It was not only here it is everyone in the office and then down the line, they all do a good job.

Mr. Wotton - Did we find out who owns this property?

Mr. Medeiros – That was started by Bob Cormier and Ted Silvia many years ago. It started when the Marine that was living at Fairhaven Village would put the flags up every day after 9/11. It is state property but I guess the town owns it.

VIII. Old Business / New Business

A. Superintendent

Superintendent Report for March 9, 2020

- Contact landfill engineer - he will appear in front of BPW, with BOH on 3/23
- Complete water and sewer budget sheets for Town Meeting

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- Linda and I had conference call with Town's MVP consultant re: pump stations for vulnerability study
- Met with TA and Finance Director re: estimate of water and sewer rates moving forward - especially sewer in consideration of plant upgrade
- Linda, Jeff and I attend Fincom - present budgets
- Attend monthly BBAC meeting as Town's rep
- Meet with MMA re: engagement letter for interns to conduct field work to satisfy MS4 permit
- Met with Conservation Agent re: modifying current Town Stormwater Bylaw to reflect division of duties
- Becky will be attending Human Resource Training in Chicopee on 3/6, 3/20 and 4/3
- Reviewed Pasta House plans further and sent suggestions to engineer
- Meet with Tighe and Bond about West Island Plant Improvements
- Attend Selectmen Budget Meeting
- Attend meeting with MRV re rate for raw water cost
- Attend preconstruction meeting for Weeden Rd
- Attend project update meeting with GCG
- Bid opening for asphalt and concrete
- Attend Special Permit meeting re: new condominiums proposed on Huttleston Ave

B. Board Members

Mr. Hobson – Any new information about the project on Hiller Avenue?

Mr. Furtado – No, I thought that they were done with that project.

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Mr. Hobson - Did you see if we could put the new recycling center there? Why don't you ask the gentleman that owns it since we are looking for a new location for the recycling center and we need to make a move soon. Are they going to be starting Billy's Way in the spring?

Mr. Furtado – Yes, they are there now doing the survey for the drainage.

Mr. Hobson - Can we make sure that we stay on top of the weeds this year.

Mr. Durant - Did we ever find out if the grant for the Livesey Park Project was approved?

Mr. Furtado - I will contact Mr. Lussier and find out.

C. Marine Resources Committee – BPW Related Matters

Mr. Coelho – At the last meeting, which was last Thursday, they discussed the water usage fee. They also talked about getting a grant for the engineering study to dredge West Island.

IX. The next regularly scheduled Board of Public Works Meeting is Monday, March 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the BPW Conference Room.

X. Adjourn

Mr. Hobson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote unanimous.

XI. Executive Session

A. n/a

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Vento
Office Manager

Minutes approved on March 25, 2020