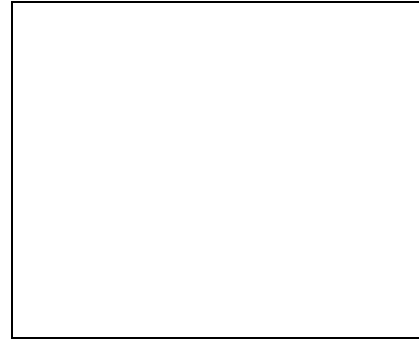


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Present

Brian Wotton, Commissioner
Robert Hobson, Commissioner
Cameron Durant, Commissioner
Frank Coelho, Commissioner
Marcus Ferro, commissioner
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent
Antone Medeiros, A. Medeiros Construction
John Hinds, 130 Ebony Street
Eric Britto, 52 Manhattan Avenue



I. Call to Order

Mr. Wotton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Routine Matters

A. Signing of Departmental Bills

III. Approval of Minutes

A. September 21, 2020

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes of September 21, 2020. Mr. Ferro seconded. Vote unanimous.

IV. Appointments

A. Antone Medeiros, A. Medeiros Construction, 137 Balsam Street – Driveway Waiver

Mr. Hobson recused himself and left the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Mr. Medeiros – We are looking to make the current driveway twenty-six feet wide. The driveway width will be twenty-four feet with two flares on each side.

Mr. Furtado – Is Conservation involved in this?

Mr. Medeiros – No, they are not in a flood zone.

Mr. Ferro motioned to approve the driveway waiver for an opening of twenty-six feet wide at 137 Balsam Street. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote 4-0-1 Mr. Hobson recused.

Mr. Hobson entered the room at 6:04 p.m.

B. Antone Medeiros, A. Medeiros Construction, 113 Center Street – Driveway Waiver

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Mr. Medeiros – I was called about this property after the previous contractor who is not approved by the Town dug up the driveway. I am looking for a driveway waiver for thirty feet. This property did have to go through Conservation and I have the release from them if you need it.

Mr. Wotton – You are looking to widen this driveway to thirty feet?

Mr. Medeiros – The previous contractor has already made it thirty feet wide. I am not sure what the previous driveway was. The homeowner is looking to widen the driveway so he can get his boats and trailers off the street.

Mr. Durant – If Mr. Charbonneau has no concerns with the width I am ok with it.

Mr. Durant motioned to approve the driveway waiver for an opening of thirty feet wide at 113 Center Street. Mr. Coelho seconded. Vote unanimous.

C. John Hinds, West Island Traffic

Mr. Hinds – I am on the West Island Improvement Association and one of the biggest issues on the island is speeding. I met with Lt. Sobral and Officer Cannon from the Police Department to discuss the issue. They said that seventy percent of speeding tickets on West Island are from West Island Residents. I then brought that information back to the West Island Improvement Association Board. We are very serious about changing how fast people drive on the island. The Police Department told me to get in touch with Mr. Furtado to discuss this. We will be sending a letter to all the residents of West Island informing them of what we are trying to do. Along with the letters, we will have a few yard signs made up. We are also looking to see if we could have some street paintings done that say “go slow island speed”. The Association thinks that having this painted on the street would make a big difference.

Mr. Hobson – As a homeowner I understand what you are trying to do. How many streets are you looking to paint this on?

Mr. Hinds – The only streets that we are looking to paint this on is Balsam Street and Causeway Road.

Mr. Hobson – Where do you plan to put this on Causeway Road?

Mr. Hinds – We were thinking somewhere around the Marina and Off the Hook going onto the island and somewhere around Dogwood Street coming off the island. Then on Balsam Street, we were thinking somewhere around the intersection of Alder Street and the other one would be three telephone poles after you turn off Bass Creek Road.

Mr. Hobson – I do not think that we should put this on the Causeway where there are no houses and it might be easy to miss. I think that we should do this more in the residential area.

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Mr. Durant – I think that this is an interesting concept. If I were on the Association, I would want the font to be legible since it is going to be on the street. I think that this should be done by a graphic designer like someone from BCC to make it more appealing.

Mr. Ferro – This is going to actually be painted on the street?

Mr. Hinds – Yes.

Mr. Durant – I think that the concept is a good idea. I also think that the abutters should be notified to make sure that everyone is ok with this being painted on the streets.

Mr. Hinds – We will be sending letters to everyone that live on the island to make them aware of this.

Mr. Coelho – I hope that the Association knows that the police department will be checking for speeding on all the streets and not just Causeway Road and Balsam Street.

Mr. Hinds- We would be open to putting the paintings on all the streets but we do not want to be greedy and ask for too much.

Mr. Durant – Maybe something could be posted in the summer when you leave the Town Beach to remind people to drive slow.

Mr. Hinds – I will go back and talk this over with the Association. Then once we have a design I will come back before this Board.

Mr. Furtado – I will also get a price for what this will cost for the markings.

Mr. Hinds- What about what Mr. Durant mentioned about the signs? I think that signs would be more visible.

Mr. Furtado – The signs would be cheaper than the paintings.

Mr. Wotton – You can get more creative on a sign than you could with painting the street.

D. Eric Britto, 52 Manhattan Avenue – Driveway Waiver

Mr. Britto – I would like to relocate my driveway approximately twenty feet to the other side of my property. I would like to move it because there is a town tree that is currently there. Once it is moved, I will put the curbing back where the old driveway was. I also asked for seventeen feet and I was wondering if I could make that a little wider so I can add the flares. I was thinking twenty-four feet. We have submitted our application to Conservation and I am currently waiting to hear back from them.

Mr. Coelho motioned to approve the driveway waiver for an opening of twenty-four feet at 52 Manhattan Avenue pending the approval from Conservation. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

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V. Items for Action

A. Covid-19 Matters

VI. Tabled Matters

A. BPW Independent Study

Mr. Coelho motioned to bring the BPW Independent Study back to the table for discussion. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote 4-1 with Mr. Hobson opposed.

Mr. Furtado – I have found an Engineering Company that does something similar to the study the Board is looking to have done. They go into BPW's they do an assessment and then they make recommendations to what they find. They will be here on October 14th if anyone would like to come.

Mr. Hobson – I think that Mr. Wotton, Mr. Coelho and Mr. Furtado should attend the meeting and then they can bring it back to the Board.

Mr. Ferro motioned to table the discussion of the BPW Independent Study until the next meeting. Mr. Coelho seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. Town Auction

Mr. Durant motioned to bring the discussion of the Town Auction back to the table for discussion. Mr. Ferro seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Furtado – We received the price for the data software and it would cost us twenty-five hundred dollars per year. With that my recommendation is we do a silent auction the old fashion way or we wait until the spring to have the auction.

Mr. Wotton - With the Governors new regulations we could have up to one hundred people outside.

Mr. Furtado – I will ask the Board of Health and see if I can get there permission to have the auction before it gets too cold.

Mr. Wotton – We can either attempt to do it this year or we can wait until the spring.

Mr. Coelho – I would be in favor of waiting until the spring.

Mr. Wotton – I am personally in favor of waiting until next year to do it as well.

Mr. Furtado – We should definitely have it in this fiscal year. We could wait until April or May.

Mr. Coelho motioned to postpone the 2020 Town Auction until the spring of 2021. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote unanimous.

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Mr. Furtado – We have had a few inquiries about the cobblestones in the back. I did not know if the Board wanted to declare some of the cobblestones as surplus materials since we have quite a large quantity.

Mr. Wotton – If we need the room in the back I do not see why it is an issue. My recommendation is to take old pallets, put the cobblestones on the pallets, and sell them by the pallet.

Mr. Coelho – Would you be putting them out to bid?

Mr. Furtado – We could add them to the auction. There would only be a section.

Mr. Hobson - I would like them to go to the residents before they are offered to contractors.

Mr. Wotton – I would come up with a number of how many we want to deem surplus and then we can discuss how we want to sell them.

VII. Public Comments / Open Forum

VIII. Old Business / New Business

A. Superintendent

Superintendent Report for October 5, 2020

- Attend to weed requests
- Newsletter completed
- Town Counsel - ABC MOU for recycling cart purchase
- Town Counsel for Huttleston Ave sewer tie-in
- Becky and I meet with TA and staff re: FY 21 budget
- Review water proposals
- Attend BBAC meeting
- Green St preconstruction meeting
- Meet with GCG - projects
- Go with Linda to 2 Academy Ave - Eversource broke sewer service

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- Annual Stormwater report completed and submitted
- Linda and I got to Pasta House - look at grease trap because of grease backing up Coastal Dental
- Review projects for MRV approval in Zone 2
- Meet with BETA re projects update
- Check with Town Counsel re liability issue

Mr. Furtado – The Water bills will be sent out on October 7. I met with the Finance Committee and all of our articles were approved. I am looking to see if anyone is interested in being the BPW Representative for the CPC. Frank Rezendes was our representative and he can no longer attend.

Mr. Ferro – I was on the Community Preservation Committee if you need someone.

Mr. Wotton motioned to make Mr. Ferro the BPW Representative for the Community Preservation Committee. Mr. Coelho seconded. Vote unanimous.

Discussion ensued amongst all present in regards to questions about the Superintendent Report.

B. Board Members

Mr. Coelho – There is a letter in the packet in regards to the metal container. Could we contact a company like Mid-City Steel to get a container to put these items in? This would prevent our employees from having to unload the container and then load the items into truck to bring them to the scrap yard.

Mr. Wotton – Do we know what caused the main break on Sconticut Neck Road?

Mr. Furtado – We do not know.

C. Marine Resources Committee – BPW Related Matters

Mr. Hobson – They will be looking into getting water at Union Wharf. They are also continuing the rules and regulations until the spring.

IX. Set Date for the Next Meeting

Mr. Hobson motioned to set the date of the next meeting on October 19, 2020. Mr. Ferro seconded. Vote unanimous.

X. Adjourn

Mr. Durant motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. Mr. Ferro seconded. Vote unanimous.

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XI. Executive Session

n/a

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca L. Vento

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Office Manager

Minutes approved on October 19, 2020