

**Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
October 19, 2020**

Present

Brian Wotton, Commissioner
Robert Hobson, Commissioner
Cameron Durant, Commissioner
Frank Coelho, Commissioner
Marcus Ferro, commissioner
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent
Rebecca Vento, Office Manager
Jamie Kenny, Clifford & Kenny
Brenda Rogers-Savage, 13 Evergreen Street



I. Call to Order

Mr. Wotton called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

II. Routine Matters

A. Signing of Departmental Bills

III. Approval of Minutes

A. October 5, 2020

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes of October 5, 2020. Mr. Ferro seconded. Vote unanimous.

IV. Appointments

A. Jamie Kenny, Review Board Member Responsibilities

Attorney Jamie Kenny reviewed with the Board Members the responsibilities of elected officials.

Discussion ensued amongst all present.

Mr. Durant motioned to take a brief recess at 7:03 p.m. Mr. Ferro seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Wotton reconvened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

B. Brenda Rogers – Savage – 13 Evergreen Street

1. Driveway Waiver & Drainage Pipe

Mr. Wotton – Just to make sure I understand correctly, you are looking to widen your driveway and the work was started by an unapproved contractor.

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Ms. Savage – Yes, I am looking to replace my driveway and I am looking to widen it to 25 feet.

Mr. Furtado - The pipe that you have installed needs to be tied into the catch basin because the water cannot be discharged into the street.

Ms. Savage – The pipes have been there for years and I was only replacing one of the pipes. To be honest I have never seen anything coming from those pipes.

Mr. Furtado – The Board cannot approve a pipe that would discharge onto the street. You would have to either redirect the pipe and have it discharge onto your property or tie it into the nearest catch basin.

Mr. Wotton - You could ask the gentleman that is doing your driveway to cut the pipe back and have them put an elbow to redirect the pipe and then have them install a pop up drain. That would redirect the pipe onto your front lawn and the water would then be discharged onto your property and not onto the street.

Mr. Coelho – I would be in agreement with what Mr. Wotton suggested as long as Mr. Charbonneau is in agreement with having it done that way.

Mr. Ferro motioned to approve the driveway waiver for an opening of twenty-five feet wide at 13 Evergreen Street. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote unanimous.

C. Eric Smith, WC Smith and Son, 250 Bridge Street – Driveway Waiver

The Board passed over this appointment until the next meeting.

V. Items for Action

A. Covid-19 Matters

No new Covid-19 Matters at this time.

B. Bench – 122 Main Street

Mr. Furtado - We received a request to remove the bench that is in front of 122 Main Street.

Mr. Hobson – I was the one that brought this up, as well as someone from the Board of Health and the owner of 122 Main Street. The owner does not want that bench in front of his property anymore because there has been people sleeping on it.

Mr. Coelho - The Board of Health wants the bench removed?

Mr. Furtado – Yes, both the property owner and the Board of Health would like the bench removed.

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Mr. Coelho - Who owns the bench?

Mr. Furtado - The Town owns the bench. I did not want to remove it without bringing it before the Board.

Mr. Wotton - I do not want to have any problems. Before we remove the bench could you please check with the owner to verify that he wants it removed.

Mr. Hobson motioned to remove the bench in front of 122 Main Street pending the approval from the owner of the property. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote unanimous.

VI. Tabled Matters

A. BPW Independent Study

Mr. Ferro motioned to bring the BPW Independent Study back to the table for discussion. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Furtado – Mr. Coelho and I had a meeting with Tighe and Bond. They have someone on their staff that does the independent study that the Board is looking to have done. They are going to get us a proposal and once we receive it then we will present it to the Board.

Mr. Wotton - When they submit the proposal could you please ask them for an example of what they did in the other city or town.

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

VII. Public Comments / Open Forum

VIII. Old Business / New Business

A. Superintendent

Superintendent Report for October 19, 2020

- Contact Town Counsel re: liability issue
- Contact Labor Counsel re: Board responsibilities
- Meet with GCG re: Green St project
- Submit CPC request
- Review AMI Proposals

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- Green St project meeting notices distributed to residents and posted
- Attend pre Town Meeting meetings
- Attend 2 Finance Committee Meetings re general Fund and Enterprise Capital Projects
- Chair monthly MRV meeting
- Meet with John Hinds - follow-up to our meeting - Island Speed
- Speak with Police re: above
- Linda and I meet with Stantec re: I and I project
- Attend Dept. Head meeting
- Frank and I meet with Engineer re: scope and proposal for potential cost savings study
- Attend Green St project meeting
- Attend Town meeting precinct meeting

Mr. Furtado - Just a reminder that Town Meeting is scheduled for tomorrow night. I also made a presentation for the AMR.

Mr. Durant - What happened with the Roadwork Articles?

Mr. Furtado - The Finance Committee approved the Roadwork Articles.

B. Board Members

Mr. Hobson – Maybe within the next year we could get water at Union Wharf.

Mr. Furtado - We have no problem with that as long as they pay for the water.

Mr. Hobson - At the end of Saltmarsh Road they keep putting stone dust down and it only lasts a few days before the potholes are back.

C. Marine Resources Committee – BPW Related Matters

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

IX. Set Date for the Next Meeting

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Mr. Ferro motioned to set the date for the next meeting on November 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

X. Adjourn

Mr. Ferro motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote unanimous.

XI. Executive Session

n/a

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca L. Vento

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Office Manager

Minutes approved on November 2, 2020.