

**Town of Fairhaven  
Board of Public Works Meeting  
December 28, 2020**

**Present**

Robert Hobson, Commissioner  
Frank Coelho, Commissioner  
Marcus Ferro, Commissioner  
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent  
Rebecca Vento, Office Manager  
Jamie Kenny, Clifford & Kenny



**I. Call to Order**

Mr. Hobson called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m.

**II. Routine Matters**

**A. Signing of Departmental Bills**

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**A. December 14, 2020**

Mr. Coelho motioned to approve the minutes of December 14, 2020. Mr. Hobson seconded. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Hobson, Mr. Coelho and Mr. Ferro in favor. Motion passes 3-0.

**IV. Appointments**

**A. N/A**

**V. Items for Action**

**A. Covid-19 Matters**

Mr. Furtado - The only update is that the Town received extra money and we ordered masks, supplies and PPE.

**B. Sign Contract Agreement, MassDEP, Sustainable Materials Recovery Program Grant \$14,300**

Mr. Furtado - We received a grant for \$14,300 from MassDEP for the Sustainable Materials Recovery Program. This Grant is time sensitive and since it has not been signed and is due by January 15, 2020, I am asking this Board to sign it before we miss out on this grant.

Mr. Coelho motioned to Sign the Contract Agreement with MassDEP for the Sustainable Materials Recovery Grant in the amount of \$14,300. Mr. Ferro seconded. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Hobson, Mr. Coelho and Mr. Ferro in favor. Motion passes 3-0.

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**VI. Tabled Matters**

**A. BPW Independent Study**

Mr. Coelho motioned to bring the BPW Independent Study back to the table for discussion. Mr. Hobson seconded. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Hobson, Mr. Coelho and Mr. Ferro in favor. Motion passes 3-0.

Mr. Furtado – At this time I do not have any new updates other than emailing the pared down version request to the proposers and am awaiting replies.

Mr. Coelho motioned to keep the BPW Independent Study under tabled matters. Mr. Ferro seconded. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Hobson, Mr. Coelho and Mr. Ferro in favor. Motion passes 3-0.

**VII. Public Comments / Open Forum**

**VIII. Old Business / New Business**

**A. Superintendent**

Mr. Furtado answered any questions that the Board had regarding the Superintendent Report dated 12/28/2020.

**Superintendent Report for December 28, 2020**

- Dept budgets submitted for FY 22
- Water Main Break - email sent to Board
- Activate code red with PC re: break
- Attend Dept Head meeting
- Driveway issue at 68 Akin St
- Meet with Elmwood Ave resident re: neighbor discharging into street
- Issue with coliform result in raw water - all notifications and samples taken care of - resample yields compliant result
- Snow Event
- Speak with Town Counsel - finalizing fees for 245 Huttleston Ave tie-in and being offered to sit on TA Selection Committee

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- Attend Selectmen Meeting re: appointment to TA Selection Committee and light issue at Reservation Rd
- Attend CPC Meeting re: \$\$ for sidewalk around library at William and Walnut and Skatepark upgrade
- Speak with Labor Counsel re: appearance before BPW on 12/28
- Conduct Truck Driver interview for Highway vacancy
- Review current stormwater regs per MS4 permit requirements
- Meet with Tighe and Bond bridge engineers re: next steps after preliminary assessment
- Send letter to 21 Goulart Memorial Drive re: water leak
- Attend MRV meeting re: Upgrade to filters at Plant
- Attend Capital Planning Committee Meeting

**B. Board Members**

Mr. Coelho - The Veteran's Agent called me and he was looking for the signs for the Bridge on Main Street. While I had him on the phone, I asked him to research the history of this site.

Mr. Hobson – There is a drain that is clogged on Grandview Avenue. Have you heard anything about the Hiller Avenue Project?

Mr. Furtado - I have not heard anything lately but I will check on the Conservation Departments agenda.

Mr. Hobson - I have receive several phone calls from people that live around there and they are very concerned. I think the Town should buy it for the Recycling Center. Do you know what is going on near North Street?

Mr. Furtado - That is in the lawyers hands.

Mr. Hobson- How much longer until they finish the project on Union Wharf?

Mr. Furtado – I believe another 2 to 3 weeks.

**C. Marine Resources Committee – BPW Related Matters**

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

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**IX. Set Date for the Next Meeting**

Mr. Ferro motioned to set the date of the next meeting on January 11, 2020 at 6:15 p.m. Mr. Coelho seconded. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Hobson, Mr. Coelho and Mr. Ferro in favor. Motion passes 3-0.

**X. Adjourn**

Mr. Coelho motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 pm and to enter into executive session to discuss Highway Union Side Table Updates and not to reconvene in open session. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Hobson, Mr. Coelho and Mr. Ferro in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rebecca L. Vento*

Rebecca Vento  
Office Manager

Minutes approved on January 11, 2021