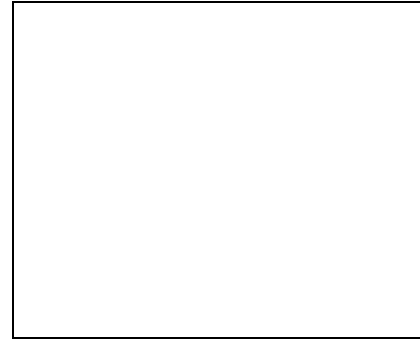


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Board of Public Works Meeting
January 25, 2021**

Present

Brian Wotton, Commissioner
Robert Hobson, Commissioner
Cameron Durant, Commissioner
Frank Coelho, Commissioner
Marcus Ferro, Commissioner
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent
Rebecca Vento, Office Manager
David Rebello, 8 Hathaway Street



I. Call to Order

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

II. Routine Matters

A. Signing of Departmental Bills

III. Approval of Minutes

A. January 11, 2021

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes of January 11, 2021. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. January 11, 2021 – Executive Session (b)

Mr. Durant motioned to approve the minutes of January 11, 2021 Executive Session (b). Mr. Ferro seconded. Vote unanimous.

IV. Appointments

A. Articles

1. FY22 Roadwork

Mr. Furtado – We do not have to pick the roads tonight but I just want to make you aware of the recommendation from the Highway Superintendent. Mr. Charbonneau and I recommend that we pave Littleneck Road, Pleasant Street and Eaton Road. The residents from Eaton Road came before us in the past because they have a drainage issue and we would like to pave it to try to rectify the issue there.

Mr. Hobson – I believe that the only way to fix the issue on Eaton Road is to pave the road and pitch it towards the pumping station.

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Mr. Rebello - My concern is the condition of Cove Street. Every time there is a rain storm there is a big issue with flooding. Cove Street has to be one of the most neglected streets in Fairhaven. I moved here a few years ago with the hope that the Town would fix the issue. In the summer it is a dust pit and in the winter it is a mud pit. I would like to see Cove Street paved.

Mr. Wotton – Is Cove Street a gravel road?

Mr. Rebello – Yes it is. I am hoping that we could get some help down there.

Mr. Wotton – Does the price on the list reflect drainage in the street?

Mr. Furtado – Yes it does.

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the Road Work Article in the amount of four hundred thousand dollars and select the roads at a future meeting. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote unanimous.

2. State Aid to Highway

Mr. Ferro motioned to approve the State Aid to Highways Article. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote unanimous.

3. Revolving Funds – Park

Mr. Durant motioned to approve the Park Revolving Fund Article. Mr. Ferro seconded. Vote unanimous.

4. Sewer Enterprise Fund Operating Budget and Capital Plan

Mr. Ferro motioned to approve the Sewer Enterprise Fund Operating Budget and Capital Plan. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote unanimous.

5. Water Enterprise Fund Operating Budget and Capital Plan

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the Water Enterprise Fund Operating Budget and Capital Plan. Mr. Ferro seconded. Vote unanimous.

6. Amendment to Stormwater By-Law

Mr. Ferro motioned to approve the Amendment to the Stormwater By-Law. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

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7. Cart Curbside By-Law

Mr. Ferro motioned to approve the Curbside Cart By-Law. Mr. Durant Seconded. Vote unanimous.

8. Street Acceptance – Robert Street

Mr. Furtado - If you recall at last year's Town Meeting Robert Street was approved and we were going to pave it. We were asked by the Town's Attorney not to pave it because some time frame was never met after Town Meeting. If the Board still wants to pursue paving Robert Street then we would have to start this process over again.

Mr. Wotton – I just want to verify that this is just a placeholder pending approval from Town Counsel. If Town Counsel does not approve the Street Acceptance then we will pull the Article.

Mr. Durant motioned to approve the placeholder for the Street Acceptance for Robert Street pending approval from Town Counsel. Mr. Ferro seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. Special Town Meeting Articles

1. FY21 Roadwork

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the FY21 Roadwork Article with the following Streets to be paved Bellevue Street, Fisherman Road, and Massasoit Avenue. Mr. Durant Seconded. Vote unanimous.

2. Sewer Capital Improvements Stabilization Fund

Mr. Ferro motioned to approve the Sewer Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund Article. Mr. Ferro seconded. Vote unanimous.

V. Items for Action

A. Covid-19 Matters

Mr. Furtado – As the Board knows we had a small outbreak of positive tests a few weeks ago. We had the clerical staff stay home and we closed the office per the Board of Health Regulations. Everyone is now back in the office. Even though the office was closed, we were still open for business and I would like to thank the management staff for helping during this time.

Mr. Hobson - How about the Highway staff?

Mr. Furtado - We will hopefully be back to regular shifts next week.

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B. Town Leaf Pick-up

Mr. Wotton – I requested that this be on the agenda. This quote is for a truck that I would like to see the Town purchase to make the operation run better. Many municipalities are starting to utilize these kinds of trucks. My recommendation to the Board is to look into purchasing a dumpster truck. The quote that we have in front of us is for a garbage truck. I would like to recommend a few changes to this quote. I was thinking a multi-purpose truck like a hook lift or switch and go would be best for the Highway Department. That means you can take the body off the truck and switch them. It is easy to do and only takes one person. This will make garbage pickup easier.

Mr. Hobson - I like this idea.

Mr. Wotton - I was also thinking that we could get a couple extra dumpsters for the items at the Recycling Center. Also, we can utilize this truck for leaf pickup in the fall and we could eliminate that from our contract with ABC. This one truck can do what six trucks do. I think that the next time we go to buy a truck for the Highway Department we should think about this.

VI. Tabled Matters

A. BPW Independent Study

Mr. Furtado - I have not received any new information at this time.

VII. Public Comments / Open Forum

VIII. Old Business / New Business

A. Superintendent

Superintendent Report for January 25, 2020

- Office follows Board of Health protocol due to Covid outbreak amongst employees
- Attend conference call re: Independent study in an attempt to narrow focus and costs
- Work on Annual Report - included in Board's packet for review
- Attend/chair monthly Mattapoisett Plant Drinking Water Meeting
- Highway Department digs test pits at Drive-In for (potential) Police Station relocation and Astroturf Field for School
- Meet with State's Engineers re: preliminary work for \$1M safe routes to school grant

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- Attended CPC Meeting re: \$\$ for sidewalk around library and skatepark at Livesey
- Review articles
- Continue with budget tweaks
- Receive engineering plan for Town drainage relocation on Middle St
- Attend Meeting with Unibank re: additional borrowing for Drinking Water Plant Upgrade
- Send approval letter to developer re: building in zone II
- Attend Stormwater Meeting with Town staff and consultants re: redo of Stormwater Bylaw

Mr. Hobson - I would like to see the Sewer Superintendents job posted sooner than later.

Mr. Wotton - If the Board has no changes to the job description we can post it. Let's update the date and get it posted.

Mr. Furtado - We put money in the budget for the new superintendent to shadow her for a month. Right now Rene has stepped up and has been shadowing her and they meet a couple of times a week to go over things.

Mr. Durant - Can we add the salary range to the Job Description?

B. Board Members

Mr. Hobson -There is a resident from Rodman Street that is getting a lot of water on their property. Can we check to see if there is an issue with the drainage? Is there anything going on with the article for the tree warden?

Mr. Furtado - The Selectmen are meeting tonight with the Tree Warden in Executive Session and I believe the Selectmen are going to put in this petition.

C. Marine Resources Committee – BPW Related Matters

Mr. Hobson the Marine Resources Committee has not met since our last meeting.

IX. Set Date for the Next Meeting

Mr. Ferro motioned to set the date for the next meeting on February 8, 2021 at 6:15 p.m. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote unanimous.

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X. Adjourn

Mr. Ferro motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca L. Vento

Rebecca Vento
Office Manager

Minutes approved on February 8, 2020