

**Town of Fairhaven  
Board of Public Works Meeting  
April 20, 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  
Jeffrey Furtado, Water Superintendent  
Robin Hurley, 16 Perry Street  
Donald Livramento, 16 Perry Street  
Gary Amaral, Greco Construction Corp.  
Steven Hickox, 14 Cherrystone Road  
Attorney Thomas Crotty



**I. Call to Order**

Mr. Wotton called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

**II. Routine Matters**

**A. Signing of Departmental Bills**

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**A. April 5, 2021**

Mr. Ferro motioned to approve the minutes of April 5, 2021. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote unanimous.

**IV. Appointments**

**A. Robin Hurley, 16 Perry Street – Driveway Waiver 2<sup>nd</sup> Opening**

Mr. Livramento - We are looking to put a second driveway on Sylvia Street with a 12-foot opening, which is the backside of the property.

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve a second driveway with a 12-foot opening on Sylvia Street for the property at 16 Perry Street. Mr. Ferro seconded. Vote unanimous.

**B. Greco Construction Corp. – New Water & Sewer Drainlayer**

Mr. Ferro motioned to approve Greco Construction Corp. as a Water and Sewer Drainlayer pending completion and inspection of the first job. Mr. Coelho seconded. Vote unanimous.

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**C. Steven Hickox – 14 Cherrystone Road**

Mr. Hickox - This is a follow up from the meeting on February 8, 2021. At that meeting, we discussed the vote from the Board of Health and we agreed that our lawyers should talk and address the comments and concerns that your Board had. Our attorneys have spoke a few times and those items have been completed. I am here tonight to request your approval to connect to the sewer system.

Mr. Furtado - As Mr. Hickox mentioned there is one available stub and our records show that stub belongs to the property at 175 Ebony Street. We then did some research and twenty years ago there was no evidence that this property had a septic system or that the property was missed. At that time, the Building Department declared this property unbuildable. The reason why the West Island Plant was built was because of failed septic systems. With that being said everyone that had a septic system at that time received a letter as well as all properties at that time.

Discussion ensued amongst all present.

Mr. Crotty – The Town is clearly under a limitation of how many properties were able to tie into the sewer system. I do not think that the State would give the Town any leeway with the number of properties that were able to tie-in. The Building Department listed this property as a toolshed and their records go back to the 1940's. I cannot say that this looks like a mistake or that the Town missed this property. It appears that the previous owner was trying to stay out of the Town's radar. Right now, I think that you need to make the decision of who is going to be entitled to the one stub that is left.

Mr. Hobson motioned to deny Mr. Hickox's request for the available stub to tie his property at 14 Cherrystone Road into the sewer system. Mr. Ferro seconded. Vote unanimous.

**V. Items for Action**

**A. Covid-19 Matters**

Mr. Furtado - I have no updates at this time.

**B. Howard Farms Subdivision Update**

Mr. J Furtado – Last week we had a meeting with Tata and Howard regarding the situation at Howard Farms. After the meeting, I went to each property that is having an issue to check their plumbing and I found that they all are fed with a ¾" line that goes from the main into their properties. Once inside the property their plumbing was upgraded to either 1" or 1 1/2". I then went to the Plumbing Inspector about this and he said that it is plumbing code to have the plumbing upgraded. Currently I am in the process of putting together a flushing plan and scheduling some night flushing. I will take my findings to Tata and Howard and see if they have any recommendations. Also, I am in the process of discussing ice picking with the Swansea Water Department which is a better way of flushing and more beneficial than unilateral flushing.

Mr. Wotton - If we could keep an open line of communication with the residents that this is affecting.

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Mr. Durant - How many total homes are in this subdivision? How many are having an issue?

Mr. J Furtado – There are 34 homes in the subdivision and three of them are having an issue. We are also having an issue with one resident on Alexander Lane and I am going to try to get into his property to check his plumbing.

**C. Sign Contract, FY20 PeopleGIS Annual SimpleCITY Stormwater Services \$2,083.33**

Mr. Ferro motioned to Sign the Contract Agreement with PeopleGIS for FY20 Annual SimpleCITY Stormwater Services in the amount of \$2,083.33. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote unanimous.

**D. Sign Contract, FY21 PeopleGIS Annual SimpleCITY Stormwater Services \$5,000.00**

Mr. Hobson motioned to Sign the Contract Agreement with PeopleGIS for FY21 Annual SimpleCITY Stormwater Services in the amount of \$5,000.00. Mr. Ferro seconded. Vote unanimous.

**E. Sign Contract, FY22 PeopleGIS Annual SimpleCITY Online Services \$14,000**

Mr. Ferro motioned to Sign the Contract Agreement with PeopleGIS for FY22 Annual SimpleCITY Online Service in the amount of \$14,000.00. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote unanimous.

**F. Sign Agreement, Tata and Howard General Engineering Services, Amendment #2**

Mr. Durant motioned to sign Tata and Howards General Engineering Service Agreement Amendment #2 in the amount not to exceed \$15,000. Mr. Ferro seconded. Vote unanimous.

**VI. Tabled Matters**

**A. Sign Service Agreement, GM Framingham LLC. – Mattress Recycling**

Mr. Furtado – We have not received the revised agreement at this time.

**B. GCG Associates, 347 Main Street, Oxford School Residences – Sign Engineering Agreement \$7,390.00**

Mr. Furtado – They have not paid the deposit at this time so we can skip over this.

**VII. Public Comments / Open Forum**

**VIII. Old Business / New Business**

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**A. Superintendent**

**Superintendent Report for April 20, 2021**

- Attended to various grading, fill and garbage pick-up requests
- Attended to plow damage repairs
- Graffiti removal took place in Town - we have request for Sheriff's crew to paint the W.I. tower
- Conducted interviews for new Sewer Supt.
- John and I met with the State re: narrowing of SN Rd project and specifically all the ROW paperwork needed to be filled to comply with needed permanent and temporary easements
- Contact various Robert St residents re: street acceptance
- Work on BBNEP Grant for Jerusalem Rd Storm water project
- Jeff and I met with Water Engineer re: Howard Farms dirty water issue
- Met with new Tree Warden multiple times
- Meet with Tighe and Bond re: Causeway bridge repair plan
- Send grievance response to union
- John and I attend meeting with Eversource re: future paving program
- Attend weekly stormwater interns meeting
- Linda/Town Counsel work on info re: 14 Cherrystone
- Attend Town sponsored training session with Jeff
- Attend Selectmen's meeting re: budgets
- Attend MRV Monthly Meeting
- Attend Planning Meeting re: TM Articles
- Attend Fincom Meeting

Mr. Furtado reviewed the Superintendent Report and answered any questions that the Board had.

**B. Board Members**

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Mr. Wotton - The Roger's School Committee is looking to have someone spray the weeds on the baseball fields and then have a fresh coat of stone dust put down.

Mr. Durant – Mr. Badway reached out to me on Facebook asking if we can put a few recycling containers at the Fort and at the West Island Town Beach during the summer months? I also would like to see the Recreation Department and Park Department merge. Can we invite Ms. Graves to a future meeting to get her opinion about this?

Mr. Coelho- Route 6 heading north on Adams Street there are a bunch of potholes that the state needs to fix. Could you contact them?

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

Mr. Hobson - We have 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 May 3, 2021 @ 6:15 pm. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote unanimous.

**X. Adjourn & Executive Session**

Mr. Ferro motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. and enter into executive session to conduct interviews for the Sewer Superintendent Position and to reconvene in open session after the Interviews. Mr. Durant seconded. Rollcall vote: Mr. Wotton, Mr. Hobson, Mr. Durant, Mr. Coelho and Mr. Ferro in favor.

Mr. Ferro motioned to adjourn executive session at 9:15 p.m. and reconvene in open session. Mr. Durant seconded. Rollcall vote: Mr. Wotton, Mr. Hobson, Mr. Durant, Mr. Coelho and Mr. Ferro in favor.

Mr. Coelho motioned to hire Rene Robillard as the Sewer Superintendent and discuss his salary at a future meeting. Mr. Ferro seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Ferro motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rebecca L. Vento*

Rebecca Vento  
Office Manager

Minutes approved on May 3, 2021.