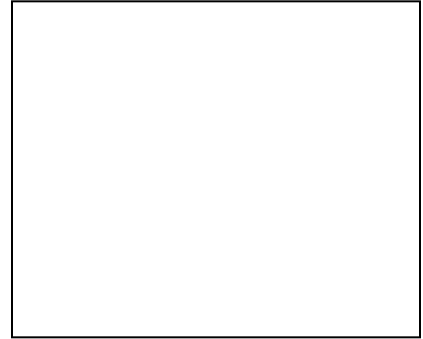


**Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
August 23, 2021**



Present

Robert Hobson, Commissioner
Frank Coelho, Commissioner
Cameron Durant, Commissioner
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent
Rebecca Vento, Office Manager
Gary Lavalette
Doug Brady, 97 Pleasant Street

I. Call to Order

Mr. Hobson called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

II. Routine Matters

A. Signing of Departmental Bills

III. Approval of Minutes

A. August 9, 2021

Mr. Durant motioned to approve the minutes of August 9, 2021. Mr. Coelho seconded. Rollcall vote: Mr. Hobson, Mr. Durant and Mr. Coelho in favor. Motion Passes 3-0.

IV. Appointments

A. Gary Lavalette, Beach Personnel Matter

Mr. Furtado - A few of meetings ago we had someone come in and voice a concern about an issue they had at the Town Beach with an employee. Mr. Lavalette could not attend the last meeting so we have him on the agenda tonight.

Mr. Durant - I hope that the Board learned their lesson and going forward we will stop anyone that has an issue with an employee and put them on the next agenda so all parties can be present. I apologize to you Mr. Lavalette for how this was handled.

Mr. Hobson - I happen to go to the Town beach quite often. If Mr. Lavalette is not there to tell residents where to park then people would park anywhere and we would not get more than 100 cars in the lot. I think that you do an excellent job with what you do. He should have been here when we discussed this and I apologize that this happened the way that it did.

Mr. Lavalette - It is unfortunate that this happened the way that it did. When someone has the habit of parking wherever they want for the past 10 years it can get controversial and people get confrontational when you tell them where to park. I think that this was a lesson learned by everyone and we should move forward.

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B. Brennan Luscombe, AMP's Public Community Solar

Mr. Furtado - This is just a follow up from the last meeting. Town Counsel is still reviewing the Credit Purchase Agreement. We can skip over this until a future meeting.

V. Item for Action

A. Century Paving, Green Street Phase 3, Roadway Improvement Project

1. Change Order #1 \$49,787.37

Mr. Durant motioned to approve Century Paving Change Order #1 in the amount of \$49,787.37 for the Green Street Phase 3 Roadway Improvement Project. Mr. Coelho seconded. Rollcall vote: Mr. Hobson, Mr. Coelho and Mr. Durant in favor. Motion passes 3-0.

2. Payment #3 \$167,979.53

Mr. Coelho motioned to approve Century Paving Payment #3 in the amount of \$167,979.53 for the Green Street Phase 3 Roadway Improvement Project. Mr. Durant seconded. Rollcall vote: Mr. Hobson, Mr. Coelho and Mr. Durant in favor. Motion passes 3-0.

3. Certificate of Substantial Completion

Mr. Durant motioned to sign the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Century Paving Green Street Phase 3 Roadway Improvement Project. Mr. Coelho seconded. Rollcall vote: Mr. Hobson, Mr. Coelho and Mr. Durant in favor. Motion passes 3-0.

B. Sign Engineering Agreement, GCG Associates, Livesey Skate Park Improvements \$19,820.00

Mr. Durant motioned to sign the Engineering Agreement with GCG Associates in the amount of \$19,820.00 for the Livesey Skate Park Improvements. Mr. Hobson seconded. Rollcall vote: Mr. Hobson, Mr. Coelho and Mr. Durant in favor. Motion passes 3-0.

C. Sign Contract Agreement for Household Hazardous Waste Day

Mr. Furtado - The contract is still being reviewed by Town Counsel. We will put this on the next agenda for the Board to vote on.

D. Cooke Park

Mr. Furtado - At one of the last meetings we were ask to put the anchor at Cooke Park near the rain garden and have the Historical Commission create the wording for the sign that was to be placed near the anchor. The anchor was moved to the location and the sign has been erected. I thought we were done with this but unfortunately we are not.

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Mr. Durant - I think this is a situation of quantity vs. quality and there was a disagreement at the meeting two meetings ago about whether we should put it there and what the sign should say. I like what we did, I like the anchor where it is and how the sign looks. After speaking with the Town's Tourism Director to get his opinion and historical knowledge I think that we should add a separate sign stating that this is Cooke Park former site of Oxford Burial Hill. By doing this I am hoping that this will satisfy everyone and I think that it would be a nice idea to do this and recognize everything that was previously there.

Mr. Coelho – We have been discussing this for quite a while now and I know when we discussed putting the sign there it sounded to me like it was going to be a plaque. The sign that is there is not what I expected to be put there. How big is this new sign going to be? I think if I lived in the area, I would be against having all these big signs there.

Mr. Hobson – I agree with Mr. Coelho. We were expecting a smaller sign. I would like to discuss this when we have a full Board.

Mr. Lavalette – When we constructed the basin and planted the flowers we were asked by the EPA where this anchor was going to be placed. They wanted to know whether the anchor was going to be placed inside or outside. We then had to send them a picture of where we wanted to place it. We then received approval from them. I think the sign is way too big and a 6"X6" plaque would have been better. I am here asking permission to have the anchor moved into the basin. I looked at the Order of Conditions from the Conservation Committee and the basins have not worked in years because how they were constructed. If the anchor stays where it is now we will need another 100 cobblestones. I am looking for permission to put the anchor in the basin and cut down the sign to make it blend in with the gardens. We can discuss this at a later date and have the Historical Commission present at that time.

Mr. Furtado - I have no issues with the sign being cut down in size. The only problem with the anchor being moved into the basin is the EPA approved the rain garden as part of our Stormwater Permit.

Mr. Hobson - Can we check with the EPA?

Mr. Coelho – I think that this should be brought up when we have a full Board.

Mr. Furtado – I will check with the EPA and we can discuss this at the next meeting.

Mr. Durant motioned to have Mr. Furtado check with the EPA to see if the anchor can be moved into the rain garden and bring this back to the Board at the next meeting. Mr. Coelho seconded. Rollcall vote: Mr. Hobson, Mr. Coelho and Mr. Durant in favor. Motion passes 3-0.

Mr. Lavalette – I will get a backup plan in place just in case the EPA does not approve our request to move the anchor to the basin.

VI. Tabled Matter

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A. N/A

VII. Public Comments / Open Forum

Mr. Brady- We have taken all the stuff out of the old building at Rogers School and moved it into the gym. We will be having a walk through at 4pm tomorrow if anyone would like to attend and see if there are any items that they would like for the office. I know they approved the roadwork on Pleasant Street from Washington Street to South Street at Town Meeting. Do you know what will be done? Will they be replacing water and sewer lines?

Mr. Furtado – When we redo a section of roadway we have the Water & Sewer Department go there ahead of time and make any necessary repairs. Once the road is paved there is a five year moratorium.

Mr. Brady - Is it possible to have the lateral line replaced to the sidewalk at the homeowners expense? I think that it would be good to be proactive if you can check into it because we know the issues that I have with my line.

Mr. Furtado - I have no issue with that at all but we will only dig up the sewer line if there is a problem with it.

VIII. Old Business / New Business

A. **Superintendent**

Superintendent Report for August 23, 2021

- Attend complete streets meeting - logistics and project with engineer
- Preconstruction meeting for Clark St and Morgan St
- Chair Mattapoisett Water Meeting
- John C selected location on bike path for library - resident contacted
- Speak with Rep Straus - re: recycle center and relief \$\$ for treatment plant upgrade
- Request letter from engineer on letterhead of approximate cost of nitrogen upgrade
- Issues about anchor placement and memorial sign at Cooke Park
- Meet with property owner re: drainage issue
- Meet with State re: SN Rd narrowing project - quite a few logistics involved as part of this funding - additional meeting scheduled
- Contact BOH to ascertain if we can shut off water as part of last resort for properties that will not make AMI appointments - was referred to Town Counsel

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- Meet with Town Counsel - re: Household Haz Waste Contract, CPC contract and Solar proposal and shutting water off language in 3rd notice
- Attend construction update at West Island
- Met with Selectman Espindola re: meeting with Rep Straus (there's going to be 2 - ours and one with other Town reps seeking help with State relief funding available)
- Attend Dept Head meeting - various Town issues
- Logistics involved with required procurement, insurance and contract of Haz Waste Day
- Contact State re: a couple of intersections with pedestrian push button issues
- Follow-up with bleacher request - school was looking for us to transport (construction company they're working with said they would load them on a trailer from FHS - So we would transport to Livesey - we will do this shortly
- State scheduled work on Adams - north of Route 6

Mr. Furtado answered any question the Board had regarding the Superintendent Report.

B. Board Members

Mr. Durant- I want to thank Representative Straus and his Chief of Staff for accepting our invitation to come to a future meeting and discuss a few things that we have concerns with.

Mr. Coelho - The Selectboard voted for a study to be done at the Town Hall. I was wondering if the Board of Public Works could be part of this study. I think that we should look into this and possibly combine this to make it cheaper for the Town.

Mr. Furtado – The same study was done in 2012 and we were a part of it then. I am assuming that we will be part of this again.

Mr. Hobson - I just wanted to say that the Highway Department did a great job weed whacking. The flagpole at Livesey Park will be taken down tomorrow so they can refurbish it?

Mr. Furtado – Yes, and we are moving the bleachers from the High School to various locations.

Mr. Hobson – What is going on with the patch on Union Street where they broke the water main?

Mr. Furtado - I will check on it.

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C. Marine Resources Committee – BPW Related Matters

Mr. Hobson – I do not have any updates since we have not met for the last month.

IX. Set Date for the Next Meeting

Mr. Durant motioned to set the date of the next meeting for Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 6:15 p.m. Mr. Hobson seconded. Rollcall vote: Mr. Hobson, Mr. Coelho and Mr. Durant in favor. Motion passes 3-0.

X. Adjourn

Mr. Durant motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Mr. Hobson seconded. Rollcall vote: Mr. Hobson, Mr. Coelho and Mr. Durant in favor. Motion passes 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca L. Vento

Rebecca Vento
Office Manager

Minutes approved on September 7, 2021