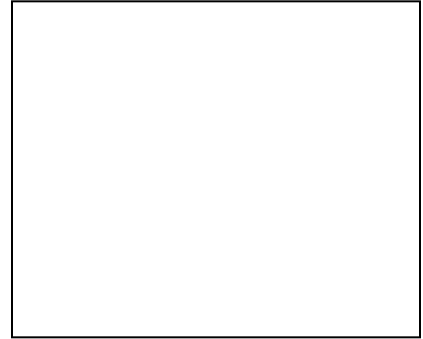


**Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
November 15, 2021**



Present

Brian Wotton, Commissioner
Robert Hobson, Commissioner
Cameron Durant, Commissioner
Marcus Ferro, Commissioner
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent
Rebecca Vento, Office Manager
Robert Espindola

Mr. Riley not in attendance

I. Call to Order

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

II. Routine Matters

A. Signing of Departmental Bills

III. Approval of Minutes

A. November 1, 2021

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes of November 1, 2021. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote unanimous.

IV. Appointments

A. Robert Espindola – Town Broadband

Mr. Espinola gave a presentation of the fiber optic loop that currently serves the public buildings and what the Broadband Study Committee has been looking into. We need a certain percentage of residents to sign on for this project to be beneficial to the Town. We are looking to apply for grant money so we can conduct a pilot project. The pilot project would consist of erecting three buildings and have about 100 residents participate in the pilot. The residents that choose to participate in the pilot program would just need to provide feedback. After conducting the pilot program and if this is something that the Town wants to proceed with then it would have to go to Town Meeting for approval. We estimate that the project will cost \$750,000. We are looking to submit the grant in December but before we do so we need to figure out what properties that these buildings will be placed on. A few possible locations that we thought of are at Hastings Middle School, The BPW Building, Cushman Park on the Main Street side, the West Island Treatment Plant on Fir Street, Anthony Field on North Street and Macomber Park on Bernese Street

Mr. Ferro entered the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

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Mr. Hobson – What is the advantage to this?

Mr. Espindola- This is to give you options for your internet service and hopefully cut costs.

Discussion ensued amongst all present.

B. BRW Property Services, 78 Akin Street – Driveway Waiver (cobblestones)

Mr. Wotton recused himself from voting.

Mr. Wotton - I have been contracted to install a driveway at 78 Akin Street. The property owner is in the process of getting a building permit and in order to obtain the permit they need to obtain a driveway permit. Once this property is built, I will then install a cobblestone driveway.

Mr. Hobson - How big of a driveway?

Mr. Wotton – The driveway would be 26 feet wide.

Mr. Durant motioned to approve the cobblestone driveway 26 feet wide at 78 Akin Street. Mr. Ferro seconded. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Hobson, Mr. Durant and Mr. Ferro in favor. Motion passes 3-0.

Mr. Ferro exited the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

V. Item for Action

A. Sign Agreement for Engineering Services, GCG Associates, Littleneck Road, Cove Street & Fisherman Road, Notice of Intent \$10,920.00

Mr. Hobson motioned to Sign the Engineering Agreement with GCG Associates in the amount of \$10,920.00 for the Notice of Intent for Littleneck Road, Cove Street & Fisherman Road. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. 2022 Annual Fees

1. Recycle Center

Mr. Durant motioned to raise the 2022 Recycle Center Fees for residents to \$30, seniors to \$15, non-landscapers (GVW 10,000lbs - 12,999lbs) to \$150, non-landscaper GVW (13,000lbs - 35,000lbs) to \$550, dump trucks / pickup truck with dump body to \$550 and landscapers to \$550. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

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2. Driveway Contractors

Mr. Hobson motioned to leave the Driveway Contractors Annual Fees the same. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote unanimous.

3. Water & Sewer Drainlayers

Mr. Hobson motioned to leave the Water & Sewer Drain Layers Annual Fees the same. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. Sign Contract Agreement, Tighe & Bond, Repairs to Causeway Bridge Water Main \$35,000.00

Mr. Durant motioned to Sign the Contract Agreement with Tighe & Bond in the amount of \$35,000.00 for the Repairs to Causeway Bridge Water Main. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

VI. Tabled Matter

A. n/a

VII. Public Comments / Open Forum

VIII. Old Business / New Business

A. Superintendent

Superintendent Report for November 15, 2021

- Correspondence back and forth with State DCR re: West Island Sewer Tie-in approval
- Meet resident at 14 Cherrystone
- Attend BBAC Meeting
- Replied to AFSCME grievance
- Union requests to go to step 3 before Board
- Highway crews spend over a week picking up road debris
- Attend MRV FY 23 Budget Subcommittee meeting
- Meet with Town Counsel re: West Island tie-in and Contracts

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- Attend water meter installation progress update meeting
- Write letter of support to CPC for Pickleball Courts
- Emails back and forth re: 14 Cherrystone
- Attend/Chair MRV Meeting
- Union Wharf Meeting about invoice

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

B. Board Members

Mr. Hobson - Is there anything going on with the Hiller Avenue project?

Mr. Furtado – Nothing since the last time we spoke about it.

Mr. Hobson – Are there any updates for the relocation of the Recycling Center?

Mr. Furtado - Not at this time.

Mr. Hobson - Can you speak with the Town Planner about Water Street between Washington Street and Union Street. The Street is starting to Cave in and this is a serious hazard. Maybe he can get us some grant money to get this fixed.

Mr. Durant - I had a resident call me about a possible drainage pipe that runs under her driveway at 34 Huttleston Avenue. Were you able to find anything?

Mr. Furtado – The only thing that we found there is a pipe that runs on the west side of her property between her house and the neighbor’s property.

C. Marine Resources Committee – BPW Related Matters

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

D. Town Administrator Screening Committee – BPW Representative

Mr. Durant - We are done with the Town Administrator Screening Committee. The next step is scheduling interviews with the finalists and the Select board.

IX. Set Date for the Next Meeting

Mr. Durant motioned to set the date for the next meeting on November 29, 2021 at 6:15 p.m. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

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X. Adjourn

Mr. Durant motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca L. Vento

Rebecca Vento
Office Manager

Minutes approved on November 29, 2021