

**Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
December 27, 2021**

Present

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



I. Call to Order

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

II. Routine Matters

A. Signing of Departmental Bills

III. Approval of Minutes

A. December 13, 2021

Mr. Ferro motioned to approve the minutes of December 13, 2021. Mr. Hobson seconded. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Wotton, Mr. Hobson, Mr. Ferro, Mr. Riley and Mr. Durant in favor.

IV. Appointments

A. n/a

V. Item for Action

A. FY23 Draft Budgets

Mr. Furtado presented the FY23 Draft Budgets to the Board and answered any questions regarding the Budgets.

Mr. Durant – I would like to see the amount requested for playground equipment revised. A lot of the equipment needs to be replaced at Cushman Park. I also would like to see another fulltime person requested for the Park Department and possibly look into merging the Park Department with the Recreational Department. I also would like to look into requesting a Town Engineer in the FY23 Budget. I know that we discussed this with the previous Town Administrator last year.

Mr. Wotton – I think that is a great idea and that would save the Town money.

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Mr. Furtado – I will see what I can do to make the changes since the budgets were due on December 20th.

B. Tata & Howard, Amendment #3 Installation of Water Meters and Advanced Metering Infrastructure and Meter Pit Evaluation \$30,000.00

Mr. Riley – I would like to see the original agreement because the amendment states “delete paragraph 1.4.3 in its entirety”.

Mr. Riley motioned to table Tata & Howard, Amendment #3 for the Installation of Water Meters and Advanced Metering Infrastructure and Meter Pit Evaluation until the next meeting. Mr. Ferro seconded. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Wotton, Mr. Hobson, Mr. Ferro, Mr. Riley and Mr. Durant in favor.

B. Baystate Winsupply Co, AMI Installation, Payment #1 \$28,966.93

Mr. Ferro motioned to table Baystate Winsupply Co, AMI Installation, Payment #1 in the amount of \$28,966.93 until the next meeting. Mr. Hobson seconded. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Wotton, Mr. Hobson, Mr. Ferro, Mr. Riley and Mr. Durant in favor.

D. Baystate Winsupply Co, AMI Installation, Payment #2 \$49,107.87

Mr. Ferro motioned to table Baystate Winsupply Co, AMI Installation, Payment #2 in the amount of \$49,107.87 until the next meeting. Mr. Hobson seconded. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Wotton, Mr. Hobson, Mr. Ferro, Mr. Riley and Mr. Durant in favor.

VI. Tabled Matter

A. n/a

VII. Public Comments / Open Forum

VIII. Old Business / New Business

A. Superintendent

Superintendent Report for December 27, 2021

- Permission given to use Selectmen Engineering funds - reach out to vendor who quoted BMX design
- Work on budgets
- Meet with Town Counsel re SRTS project

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- Meet with Town Counsel re ABC Brokerage agreement
- Attend/chair monthly MRV Meeting
- Attend monthly BBAC Meeting
- Email to BOH re: 28 Cherrystone
- Meet with Malcom Harper - DEP - re 319 Grant for Jerusalem Rd
- Meet with Planning and Concom - re drainage at landfill
- Meet with Bridge Engineers - update on Causeway Project
- Meet with Mark Reese re projects
- Town Covid Policy updated
- Auditor's meet with Becky re Water/Sewer
- NOI's filed to Concom - Fisherman Rd work
- Attend Selectmen's meeting re ABC Brokerage account - issued tabled until next meeting

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

Mr. Riley – In regards to the Town's Covid Policy. I think that we are going to have multiple union grievances with how the current policy is written. I would like to make a suggestion that the Board send a letter to the Selectboard addressing all the concerns that we have.

Discussion ensued amongst all present regarding the Town's Covid Policy.

B. Board Members

Mr. Durant – Have we heard back from Representative Straus's secretary?

Mr. Furtado – No, not at this time.

Mr. Durant - I hope that we will hear back from them before the next meeting.

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Mr. Riley – Do we still hire the Sheriff's Department to pick up the trash because the quarter mile on Sconticut Neck Road is a mess with litter.

Mr. Hobson - When you sand the roads could you include Union Wharf and Union Street because it was a sheet of ice. Also, there are quite a few boats that are selling seafood and the docks are a mess from the Seagulls. Maybe we could team up with the Marine Resources Department and power wash the docks. Any update on the Recycle Center relocating to Bridge Street?

Mr. Furtado - No updates on relocating the Recycle Center at this time.

C. Marine Resources Committee – BPW Related Matters

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

D. Town Administrators Screening Committee – BPW Representative

Mr. Durant did not give an update regarding the Town Administrators Screening Committee.

IX. Set Date for the Next Meeting

Mr. Ferro motioned to set the date of the next meeting on January 10, 2022 at 6:15 p.m. Mr. Riley seconded. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Wotton, Mr. Hobson, Mr. Ferro, Mr. Riley and Mr. Durant in favor.

X. Adjourn

Mr. Ferro motioned to adjourn the meeting at 740 p.m. Mr. Hobson seconded. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Wotton, Mr. Hobson, Mr. Ferro, Mr. Riley and Mr. Durant in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca L. Vento

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Office Manager

Minutes approved on January 10, 2022