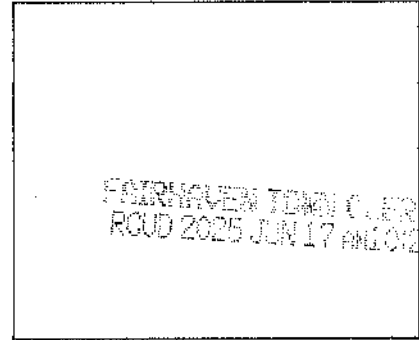


**Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
June 2, 2025**



Present

Brian Wotton, Commissioner
Robert Hobson, Commissioner
Anne Morton Smith, Commissioner
Daniel Lopes, Commissioner
Hillary Rotondo, Commissioner
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent
Rebecca Vento, Office Manager
Joshua Crabb, Highway Superintendent
Shawn Francis, Highway Department
Tim Cox, Harbormaster
John Moniz, 51 Gilbert Street
Will Gardner, 17 Cottage Street

I. Call to Order

Mr. Wotton called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

II. Routine Matters

A. Signing of Departmental Bills

III. Approval of Minutes

A. May 5, 2025

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes of May 5, 2025. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. May 5, 2025 – Executive Session A

Ms. Smith motioned to approve the minutes of May 5, 2025 – Executive Session A. Mr. Lopes seconded. Vote unanimous.

C. May 19, 2025

Mr. Lopes motioned to approve the minutes of May 19, 2025. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Vote unanimous.

D. May 19, 2025 – Executive Session A

Ms. Rotondo motioned to approve the minutes of May 19, 2025 – Executive Session A. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

E. May 19, 2025 – Executive Session B

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes of May 19, 2025 – Executive Session B. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

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IV. Appointments

A. Interview / Hire, Highway Department SMEO

Mr. Furtado – Mr. Francis has been with the Town for almost 6 years. If you remember we just promoted an employee to the vacant Foreman position which left a vacant operator position. Mr. Crabb and I both recommend that the Board promote Mr. Francis to the vacant SMEO position.

Mr. Hobson – I think that Mr. Francis is a great candidate.

Ms. Smith motioned to promote Shawn Francis to a SMEO in the Highway Department at a Grade 7 Step 4. Mr. Lopes seconded. Vote unanimous.

V. Item for Action

A. Award Annual Bids #29-75

Mr. Lopes motioned to award Annual Bids #29-75 to the lowest bidder and for bid #59 to the lowest bidder for 180 days and reassess at 180 days. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. Ferreira Construction, Force Main Access Manholes Phase 1, Change Order #2 \$11,552.87

Ms. Rotondo motioned to approve Ferreira Construction, Force Main Access Manholes Phase 1 Change Order #2 in the amount of \$11,552.87. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

**C. Blue Diamond Equipment Company, Sconticut Neck Water Main Replacement Project
1. Change Order #1 (\$1,288.25)**

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve Blue Diamond Equipment Company, Sconticut Neck Water Main Replacement Project, Change Order # 1 in the amount of (\$1,288.25). Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

2. Payment # 2 (Final Payment) \$109,972.66

Ms. Smith motioned to approve Blue Diamond Equipment Company, Sconticut Neck Water Main Replacement Project, Payment #2 (final payment) in the amount of \$109,972.66. Mr. Lopes seconded. Vote unanimous.

3. Sign Certificate of Substantial Completion

Mr. Lopes motioned to Sign the Certificate of Substantial Completion with Blue Diamond Equipment Company for the Sconticut Neck Water Main Replacement Project. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Vote unanimous.

**D. Stantec Consulting Services, Town Wide Sanitary Sewer Force Main Condition Assessment
Payment #34 \$45,636.70**

Ms. Rotondo motioned to approve Stantec Consultant Services, Town Wide Sanitary Sewer Force Main Condition Assessment Payment #34 in the amount of \$45,636.70. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

E. Weston & Sampson Services Inc., Backflow Testing, Change Order #1 \$1,257.00

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Ms. Smith motioned to approve Weston & Sampson Service Inc., Backflow Testing Change Order #1 in the amount of \$1257.00. Mr. Lopes seconded. Vote unanimous.

F. Wastewater Treatment Plant Update

Mr. Furtado gave up update of the construction at Wastewater Treatment Plant (Attachment A)

G. Memorandum of Agreement, Massachusetts Maritime Academy, FY26 Stormwater Services \$20,000.00

Mr. Lopes motioned to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with Massachusetts Maritime Academy for FY26 Stormwater Services in the amount of \$20,000.00. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Vote unanimous.

H. Union Wharf Trash

Mr. Hobson – I would like to get this settled one way or the other. There are a lot of tourists that visit Union Wharf especially on the weekends because there are lobstermen and scallopers that sell their products. When the trash barrels that are currently there get filled people just throw the trash on the ground. I know the lobster boats and charter boats have keys for the dumpster. I just want to make sure Union Wharf is clean. I think that we should have a couple barrels with smaller lids just for coffee cups and bags.

Mr. Wotton – The residents of Fairhaven should not be responsible for the trash from commercial fishing boats when they have a key to the dumpster. We have made the police department aware of the commercial fisherman that is leaving his trash everywhere and asked them to patrol the area.

Mr. Hobson – There is more than one person that is the problem.

Mr. Cox – I was brought here tonight because a resident complained about the vote that was taken at the last meeting.

Mr. Furtado – This is on the agenda tonight because there was a request to put one or two barrels back.

Mr. Cox – Mr. Crabb and I spoke about a solar compactor which I may have the funds to purchase but it will only hold small items like bags and cups not all the other stuff that is there.

Mr. Moniz - There are a lot of people that put trash in the barrels. The commercial fisherman are not going to walk to the dumpster just to throw away a few coffee cups.

Mr. Wotton – Correct and we want Union Wharf to look good that's why we do not want trash infested with fish guts and maggots. The barrels there are for public use not for commercial use. There is a dumpster there for commercial use and the BPW has no responsibility for that dumpster. The barrels that were there were not being used just for residential use they were being abused by the commercial fisherman and at the last meeting the Board voted to remove those barrels.

I. Tighe & Bond, Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan, Payment #11 \$ 18,480.00

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve Tighe & Bond, Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan, Payment #11 in the amount of \$ 18,480.00. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

VI. Table Matters

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A. n/a

VII. Public Comments / Open Forum

Mr. Gardner – I am on the Livable Streets Committee and I have some questions about boxes on poles. I asked Public Safety what they were for and they said it was for a town wide speed study that the BPW was conducting. I am looking to get details on that study.

Mr. Furtado – This is not on the agenda tonight it is scheduled to be on the next agenda. The Board has not seen any information regarding the speed study at this time but I do not know if Josh wants to discuss it a little.

Mr. Crabb – Where specifically are these speed boxes that you are questioning?

Mr. Gardner – I have been asked by some people about boxes in specific places but when I asked Public Safety they said it was a town wide study.

Mr. Crabb – Public Safety has randomized where they put these speed boxes for miscellaneous data collection and I am not privy to exactly where those are but the Town is actively doing isolated speed data collection.

Mr. Wotton – I am going to interject because this is not on the agenda tonight and it has taken a lot longer than sixty seconds. This will be on a future agenda and we would be happy to discuss any other questions that you have at that time.

VIII. Old Business / New Business

A. Superintendent

Superintendent Report for June 2, 2025

- POTW upgrade Change Order Meeting
- POTW Upgrade Meetings
- Water Filter Upgrade progress meeting - June 10 is current scheduled date of total completion
- Continue Labor Counsel matter
- Continue with CWMP Review
- Receive Union Grievance
- CBA negotiations
- Chair BBAC Meeting
- BMX Park and Hedge St (Phase 4 - CDBG) out to bid
- Meet with TA and Labor Counsel re active lawsuit

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

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B. Board Members

Mr. Hobson – There are tree limbs blocking the no parking signs on Ferry Street and people keep parking there.

Mr. Crabb – I will look into it and speak with the police department regarding enforcement.

Mr. Hobson – There is a tree on Laurel Street and Cottage Street that is dead and needs to come down. Could you put it on the list?

C. Marine Resources Committee – BPW Related Matters

D. Community Preservation Committee – BPW Related Matters

E. Town Administrator Search Committee

The TA Search committee has met the last few weeks and will hopefully have a list to the Select Board within the next few weeks with the chosen candidates.

IX. Set Date for the Next Meeting

Mr. Hobson motioned to set the date for the next meeting on June 16, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

X. Adjourn

Ms. Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. Mr. Lopes seconded. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca L. Vento

Rebecca Vento
Business Manager

Minutes approved on June 16, 2025