

**Town of Fairhaven  
Board of Public Works Meeting  
September 22, 2025**

**Present**

Brian Wotton, Commissioner  
Robert Hobson, Commissioner  
Hillary Rotondo, Commissioner  
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent  
Rebecca Vento, Office Manager  
Jeffrey Furtado, Water Superintendent  
Michael Lopes, Highway Department  
Jeffrey Furtado, Water Superintendent  
Alliea Group, 228 Sconticut Neck Road

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**Absent**

Anne Morton Smith, Commissioner  
Daniel Lopes, Commissioner

**I. Call to Order**

Mr. Wotton called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**II. Routine Matters**

**A. Signing of Departmental Bills**

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**A. September 8, 2025**

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes of September 8, 2025. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Vote unanimous.

**IV. Appointments**

**A. Interview / Hire, Water Department – Water System Maintenance Man**

Mr. Furtado –We currently have a vacancy in the water department due to a maintenance man being promoted at the last meeting. Mr. Lopes is currently in the Highway Department and has signed the promotional bulletin for the maintenance man position in the Water Department. He has a Grade 1 distribution license which meets the qualification for the position.

Mr. Hobson – I am happy that you got your water license, I think that he will be a good fit in the water department and I think that it is great that he wants to better himself.

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Mr. J Furtado – With this promotion it will bring me up to a full crew and we do have the training for him to get his hoisting and cdl licenses. Also, within the next six months I would like to see you get your T1 license.

Ms. Rotondo motioned to hire Mr. Lopes as a Water System Maintenance Man at a Grade 5 Step 1. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

**V. Item for Action**

**A. Tighe & Bond, Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan, Payment #13(Final Payment) \$2,310.00**

Mr. Furtado – We are going to skip over this tonight.

**B. Methuen Construction Co., Inc., WPCF Upgrades, Change Order #4**

Mr. Furtado – We are going to skip over this tonight.

**C. TEC, Inc. Sconticut Neck Road Corridor Improvements, Change Order #1 \$332,500.00**

Ms. Group – I live on Sconticut Neck Road and I am concerned because the speed limit went from 25 to 35 in front of my property, which seems like part of the speed study that you mentioned.

Mr. Furtado – This item that we are speaking about is the same group of engineers but nothing to do with the speed study. The speed limit study is an ongoing town project and is not complete. I will look into the 35 mile an hour sign and get back to you.

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve TEC, Inc. Sconticut Neck Road Corridor Improvements Change Order #1 in the amount of \$332,500.00. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Vote unanimous.

**D. Wastewater Treatment Plant Update**

Mr. Furtado updated the Board on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades.

**E. Tata & Howard, UDF Plan Updates, Payment #10 (final payment) \$2,065.00**

Ms. Rotondo motioned to approve Tata & Howard, UDF Plan Updates, Payment #10 (final payment) in the amount of \$2,065.00. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

**F. Tata & Howard, TC Corrective Action Assistance, Payment #1 \$724.89**

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve TC Corrective Action Assistance Payment #1 in the amount of \$724.89. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Vote unanimous.

**G. Tata & Howard, Test Well Investigation, Payment #21 \$1,885.39**

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Ms. Rotondo motioned to approve Tata & Howard Test Well Investigation Payment #21 in the amount of \$1,885.39. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

**H. Macomber Pimental Park, BMX Park Project – Dirt Sculpt, LLC.**

**1. Sign Notice of Award**

Mr. Furtado – We went out to bid for the CPC Project and Dirt Sculpt was the most qualified contractor.

Mr. Hobson motioned to Sign the Notice of Award for Macomber Pimental Park BMX Park Project with Dirt Sculpt, LLC. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Vote unanimous.

**2. Sign Contract Agreement**

Mr. Wotton – We are going to skip over this tonight and we will put it on a future agenda when we received the contract from the contractor.

**I. Fairhaven Stormwater Asset Management Authority to File**

Ms. Rotondo motioned to approve the Board of Public Works Superintendent the Authority to File for the Asset Management Grant. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

**J. Sign Contract Agreement, 2025 Sidewalk Restoration & Related Work – LAL Construction**

Mr. Hobson motioned to Sign the Contract Agreement for 2025 Sidewalk Restoration & Related Work with LAL Construction. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Vote unanimous.

**K. Sign Contract Agreement, 2025 HMA Patches & Related Work – Mass Pavement Reclamation, Inc.**

Mr. Furtado – We are still waiting for the contract from the contractor.

**L. 2026 Annual Fees**

**1. Highway Contractor**

**2. Water & Sewer Contractor**

Mr. Wotton motioned to keep the 2026 Annual Fees \$500 each and reassess them next year. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

**M. ADU Development Fees**

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Mr. Furtado – We put this on the agenda because we would like the Board to think about assessing a development fee to ADU's. When water and / or sewer is tied into a property they are assessed a development fee. Now that all these ADU's are popping up we wanted to bring this up and see how everyone felt. We will put this on the next agenda for discussion.

**N. Greater New Bedford Track Club Turkey Trot 5K, Cushman Park Track, Thursday, November 27, 2025**

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve Greater New Bedford Track Club Turkey Trot 5K at Cushman Park Track on Thursday, November 27, 2025. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Vote unanimous.

**O. Sign Contract Agreement, MXI Environmental, Household Hazardous Waste Day**

Mr. Furtado – We are skipping over this because we are still waiting for the contract. This contract is for the Household Hazardous Waste Day which will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2025. The company that we've hired charges a mobilization fee and \$95.00 per car. I would like to recommend to the residents that if you can consolidate with your neighbors to do so. By asking this we are hoping to cut down on the number of residents that only bring one or two things.

Mr. Hobson – Does the resident have to show proof of residency?

Mr. Furtado – Yes, you have to be a resident. We have had some preliminary meetings with New Bedford and we have discussed having joint events with them.

**P. Stantec Consulting Services, Town Wide Sanitary Sewer Force Main Condition Assessment, Payment #38 \$61,468.06**

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve Stantec Consulting Services Town Wide Sanitary Sewer Force Main Condition Assessment Payment #38 in the amount of \$61,468.06. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Vote unanimous.

**Q. TEC, Inc. Traffic Regulation Data & Analysis, Change Order #1 (time extension)**

Ms. Rotondo motioned to approve TEC, Inc. Traffic Regulation Data & Analysis Change Order #1 for a time extension to March 31, 2026. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

**VI. Table Matters**

**A. n/a**

**VII. Public Comments / Open Forum**

Ms. Group - What is the status for the pilot project and the line painting on Sconticut Neck Road? I know we discussed this being done for this past spring / summer. I would like to see it on a future agenda so we can get it scheduled for next year.

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**VIII. Old Business / New Business**

**A. Superintendent**

**Superintendent Report for September 22, 2025**

- Meet with Town Counsel re PCO's
- Support letter for CPC
- Eversource winter letter
- Water & Sewer Union negotiations
- Meeting with BETA - re projects
- POTW upgrade Change Order Meeting
- POTW Upgrade Meetings
- Fall Newsletter
- Attend Small Claims Court
- Chair MRV
- Chair BBAC
- Land Use Control Document certified by Town Clerk - sent to State
- Meet with Snipatuit Pond Modelers
- Water Filter Upgrade progress meeting - equipment startup is complete -ok received from DEP - full startup (finally) 9/10
- Sewer Force Main Upgrade Progress Meeting ~

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

**B. Board Members**

Mr. Hobson – There is a pothole by the resident beach on Causeway Road. There are a few small potholes by the mailboxes on Potter Street. There is brush or a tree on the west side of Hathaway Street that sticks out into the street and needs to be trimmed. Also, Lindberg Marine on Middle Street has sold and the brush is overgrown and going through the fence. Can we look into this to see who is responsible for it? What is going on with the tree hearing?

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Mr. Furtado – We have a tree hearing scheduled on Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup> for trees on Oliver Street / Rivard Street.

Mr. Hobson – What is going on with the barrels from New Bedford for Union Wharf?

Mr. Wotton – Mr. Cox was supposed to get a solar trash compactor.

Ms. Rotondo – Do you know if they are done with the skatepark? Whatever material they are using is like clay and it is slippery and getting on bikes and ruining them.

Mr. Wotton – There is a tire that was in the middle of RT 6 that someone put it on the sidewalk near Weeden Road by Ocean Meadows. Can we see if it is still there?

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

**D. Community Preservation Committee – BPW Relate Matters**

**IX. Set Date for the Next Meeting**

Mr. Hobson motioned to set the date for the next meeting on October 6, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Vote unanimous.

**X. Adjourn**

Mr. Wotton motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rebecca L Vento*

Rebecca Vento  
Business Manager

Minutes approved on October 6, 2025