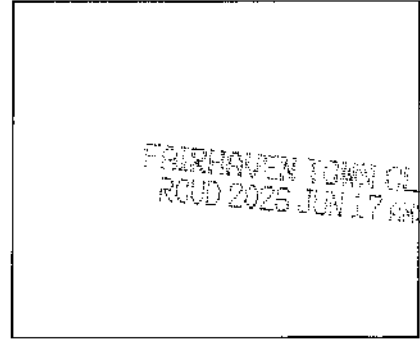


**Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
June 1, 2026**



Present

Brian Wotton, Commissioner
Robert Hobson, Commissioner
Anne Morton Smith, Commissioner
Daniel Lopes, Commissioner
Hillary Rotondo, Commissioner
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent
Rebecca Vento, Business Manager
Krystal Lunn
Elanor Chew
David Raposo, JR and Sons Construction
Bonne DeSousa, Bikes for All
Jane Finnerty, Bikes for All

I. Call to Order

Mr. Wotton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Routine Matters

A. Signing of Departmental Bills

III. Approval of Minutes

A. May 11, 2026

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes of May 11, 2026. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

IV. Appointments

A. Krystal Lunn, Commission on Disability 2nd Annual Inclusive Beach Day on August 7, 2026

Ms. Lunn – Last year we had our first annual Inclusive Beach Day at the West Island Beach. It was a huge success. This year we are looking to host another event just like last year. Would it be possible to set up a few pop-up tents?

Mr. Wotton – The tents will not be an issue.

Mr. Furtado – Will there be a rain date?

Ms. Lunn – We did not do one last year but maybe we should think about one.

Ms. Smith motioned to approve the Commission on Disability 2nd Annual Inclusive Beach Day on August 7, 2026 at the West Island Town Beach. Mr. Lopes. Vote unanimous.

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B. David Raposo, JR & Sons Construction - New Driveway Contractor

Mr. Furtado – Mr. Raposo is here tonight to become a town approved contractor for driveways, sidewalks and curbing.

Mr. Raposo – Up until a few years ago we were an approved contractor in the Town of Fairhaven but for some reason we have not renewed the last few years.

Mr. Lopes motioned JR & Sons Construction as a new Driveway Contractor pending completion and inspection of the first job. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Vote unanimous.

C. Bonne DeSousa & Jane Finnerty, Friends of Mattapoisett Rail Trail - Bikes for All

Ms. DeSousa – Bikes for All was founded in 2020 as an idea developed by Ms. Finnerty to provide bicycles to children in Mattapoisett who did not have access to them. The program has since expanded beyond Mattapoisett and is now active throughout the South Coast region. I am here tonight because Mr. Gardner had connected the organization with the Board of Public Works (BPW) to explore whether the Board would be interested in collaborating with the program.

Ms. Finnerty - The program currently serves communities from Mattapoisett to Wareham and the surrounding area. Donated bicycles are rehabilitated by volunteers and then distributed throughout the community. I would like to continue expanding the program but we lack a permanent location for storing the bicycles. To date, Bikes for All has distributed more than 300 bicycles and has received over 700 donated bicycles, either for parts or rehabilitation. The organization also helps children learn to ride bicycles safely. Currently, instruction takes place on grass, which is not ideal, and the group is seeking access to a paved area.

Mr. Wotton – The Highway Superintendent was unable to attend the meeting but had provided comments indicating an interest in meeting with representatives of Bikes for All to discuss a potential location.

Mr. Furtado - The Highway Superintendent was also seeking information regarding the size of the space needed, whether the structure would be permanent or seasonal, and who would be responsible for maintenance and upkeep.

Mr. Hobson – What size storage container are you looking for?

Ms. Finnerty - We are considering either a 10-foot by 20-foot or a 10-foot by 40-foot storage container, with a preference for the larger option because the container fills quickly. The organization would be responsible for all maintenance and upkeep and would ensure that the container remained presentable, as community members would visit the site to pick up bicycles.

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Ms. Smith – The organization provides bicycle-riding lessons?

Ms. Finnerty – No, the program does not offer formal lessons. We work with recipients to ensure they understand how to ride and use their bicycles safely.

Ms. Rotondo motioned to allow Bikes for All to place a storage container on the BPW property pending location approval from Mr. Crabb. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

V. Items for Action

A. Apex Companies LLC., WPCF Upgrades Peer Review Payment #10 \$1,056.25

Ms. Rotondo motioned to approve Apex Companies LLC., WPCF Upgrades Peer Review Payment #10 in the amount of \$1,056.25. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. FTI Consulting, WPCF Upgrades Payment #4 \$12,796.32

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve FTI Consulting, WPCF Upgrades Payment #4 in the amount of \$12,796.32. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

C. Walnut Street Sidewalk Rehabilitation and Related Work, Sandstone Construction Inc

1. Sign Contract Agreement \$315,190.00

Ms. Smith motioned to Sign the Contract Agreement for the Walnut Street Sidewalk Rehabilitation and Related Work with Sandstone Construction in the amount of \$315,190.00. Mr. Lopes seconded. Vote unanimous.

2. Sign Notice to Proceed

Mr. Lopes motioned to Sign the Notice to Proceed with Sandstone Construction for the Walnut Street Sidewalk Rehabilitation and Related Work. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Vote unanimous.

C. Cushman Park Tennis Courts Rehabilitation and Related Work, East Coast Sealcoating Inc.

1. Sign Contract Agreement \$ 99,680.00

Mr. Lopes motioned to Sign the Contract Agreement for the Cushman Park Tennis Courts Rehabilitation and Related Work with East Coast Seal Coating Inc., in the amount of \$99,680.00. seconded. Vote unanimous.

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2. Sign Notice to Proceed

Mr. Lopes motioned to Sign the Notice to Proceed with East Coast Seal Coating Inc. for the Cushman Park Tennis Courts Rehabilitation and Related Work.

E. Tighe & Bond, WPCF Upgrades, Payment #31 \$115,148.45

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve Tighe & Bond WPCF Upgrades Payment #31 \$115,148.45. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

F. Dep Pay Req #25A (CWP 22-67A) \$115,148.00

Ms. Smith motioned to approve DEP Req #25A (CWP-22-67A) in the amount of \$115,148.00. Mr. Lopes seconded. Vote unanimous.

G. Methuen Construction, WPCF Upgrades, Payment # 29 \$984,192.35

Mr. Lopes motioned to approve Methuen Construction WPCF Upgrades Payment #29 in the amount of \$984,192.35. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Vote unanimous.

H. Dep Pay Req #29 (CWP 22-67) \$984,192.00

Ms. Rotondo motioned to approve DEP Req #29 (CWP-22-67) in the amount of \$984,192.00. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

I. 2025 Road Rehabilitation & Related Work, P.J. Keating – 1 Year Contract Extension

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve a 1-year contract extension for 2025 Road Rehabilitation and Related Work with P.J. Keating. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

J. 2025 HMA Patches and Related Work, Mass, Pavement Reclamation, Inc. – 1 Year Contract Extension

Ms. Smith motioned to approve a 1-year contract extension 2025 HMA Patches and Related Work, Mass, Pavement Reclamation, Inc. Mr. Lopes seconded. Vote unanimous.

K. 2025 Sidewalk Restoration & Related Work, LAL Construction – 1 Year Contract Extension

Mr. Lopes motioned to approve a 1- year contract extension for 2025 Sidewalk Restoration & Related Work, LAL Construction. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Vote unanimous.

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L. 2025 Pavement Preservation and Related Work, Indus Inc. – 1 Year Contract Extension

Ms. Rotondo motioned to approve a 1-year contract extension for 2025 Pavement Preservation and Related Work, Indus Inc. – 1 Year Contract Extension. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

M. Award FY27 Annual Bids

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

N. Mattress Fee

Mr. Furtado - The Board members had been provided with a list of mattress collections and the associated fees collected over the past several years. The Town currently charges a fee of \$45 per mattress but is not recovering its disposal costs at that rate. I am recommending that the Board increases the fee to \$60 per mattress. I also want to make residents aware that they have alternative disposal options, including contacting HandUp for curbside mattress pickup.

Mr. Hobson motioned to raise the Mattress Fee to \$60 effective immediately. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

O. Stantec Consulting Services Inc., Town Wide Sanitary Sewer Force Main Condition Assessment, Payment 42 (final payment) \$17,075.67

Ms. Lopes motioned to approve Stantec Consulting Services Inc., Town Wide Sanitary Sewer Force Main Condition Assessment, Payment 42 (final payment) in the amount of \$17,075.67. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Vote unanimous.

P. Donation of Saris Bike Tool Stand and Tire Pump for Rail Trail

Mr. Furtado – We have received a letter from John Woodford, the owner of Rubber Duck Car Wash in New Bedford. He is offering to donate a Saris bike tool stand and tire bike pump for the bike path. I contacted Town Counsel to get her opinion regarding the installation of a sign associated with the donation.

Ms. Smith motioned to install a Saris Bike Tool Stand and Tire Pump for the Rail Trail pending the location approval from the Highway Superintendent and Town Counsel regarding the proposed sign, and final Board approval of the sign design. Mr. Lopes seconded. Vote unanimous.

Q. Homecoming Fair – Highway Department Employees

Mr. Furtado - In past years, the Board of Public Works has covered the cost of staff assigned to the Homecoming Fair to collect the trash. Due to budget constraints, this would be the last year that BPW employees would be available to assist with the Homecoming Fair.

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Mr. Wotton – I think that a letter should be sent to whoever runs the Homecoming Fair advising them that the BPW will not have funding to cover employee overtime costs for future events. Also maybe a copy of the letter should be provided to the Town Administrator so that he is aware of the Board's decision.

R. Pao Corp, Phoenix Rail Trail Rehabilitation, Payment #1 \$417,904.46

Ms. Smith motioned to approve Pao Corp, Phoenix Rail Trail Rehabilitation, Payment #1 in the amount of \$417,904.46. Mr. Lopes seconded. Vote unanimous.

VI. Tabled Matters

A. N/A

VIII. Old Business / New Business

A. Superintendent

Superintendent Report for June 1, 2026

- Water Supt. Interviews Conducted
- Department Head Meeting
- Chair Monthly BBAC Meeting
- Additional \$\$ given to us for mowing help
- POTW Schedule meetings
- Jeff O and I meet with Attorneys re Mediation
- Labor Counsel re Highway Change in duties
- Meeting with Town Counsel re POTW Upgrade
- Earle St meetings
- Water Dept. Sanitary Survey by State
- Attended meeting with TA re override
- Meeting with MA DOT re upcoming regional/local projects
- Quarterly water meeting re raw water use

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- Meet with HUB Insurance re MRV
- Meet with Mike Livingston re Hermeneau St
- Bid Openings
- Meeting re various water projects

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

B. Board Members

Mr. Hobson – There is a pothole on the Causeway Road Bridge. There is a tree a Wood School that is dead. There are no trash barrels at Union Wharf, Josh said he was going to look for the barrel with a small hole for people to throw their coffee cups and small items away.

Mr. Lopes – I just wanted to thank my wife for letting me help the residents of Fairhaven by serving on the Board of Public Works and I wanted to congratulate Mr. Ferro on returning to the Board.

Mr. Wotton – The Town of Fairhaven and the Board thanks you for your service.

C. Marine Resources Committee – BPW Related Matters

D. Community Preservation Committee – BPW Related Matters

IX. Set Date for the Next Meeting

Ms. Smith motioned to set the date of the next meeting on June 15, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Lopes seconded. Vote unanimous.

X. Adjourn

Mr. Lopes motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. and enter into executive session and not to reconvene in open session. seconded. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Wotton, Mr. Hobson, Ms. Smith, Mr. Lopes and Ms. Rotondo in favor. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca L. Vento

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Business Manager

Minutes approved on June 15, 2026