

**Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
July 13, 2026**

Present

Brian Wotton, Commissioner
Robert Hobson, Commissioner
Anne Morton Smith, Commissioner
Hillary Rotondo, Commissioner
Marcus Ferro, Commissioner
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent
Rebecca Vento, Business Manager

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I. Call to Order

Mr. Wotton called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

II. Routine Matters

A. Signing of Departmental Bills

III. Approval of Minutes

A. n/a

IV. Appointments

A. n/a

V. Items for Action

A. Tata & Howard, Wolf Island Well Permitting, Payment #28 \$715.45

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve Tata & Howard, Wolf Island Well Permitting, Payment #28 in the amount of \$715.45. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

B Tata & Howard, TC Corrective Action Assistance, Payment #5 \$439.78

Ms. Smith motioned to approve Tata & Howard TC Corrective Action Assistance, Payment #5 in the amount of \$439.78. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. Approve Rail Trail Sign Design for Green Lanterns

Mr. Wotton – The Green Lanterns came before the Board at a prior meeting with several sign designs. We provided our feedback, and they did a great job incorporating our comments into the revised design.

Ms. Smith – The Green Lanterns have raised enough money to pay for one of the three signs.

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Mr. Wotton – I would like to thank the Green Lanterns for all of their hard work and dedication.

Ms. Rotondo motioned to approve the design for the new Rail Trail sign as presented by the Green Lanterns. Mr. Ferro seconded. Vote unanimous.

D. Award Annual Bid #59

Mr. Ferro motioned to Award Annual Bid #59 to the lowest bidders. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

E. Board of Public Works Supporting Community Festivals

Ms. Smith – One of the issues that has come up since the Board of Public Works budget was reduced is that we are finding it difficult to retain staff, and it is becoming harder to support community events. I was asking if it would be possible for organizations to contract directly with us.

Mr. Furtado – We looked into this and were told that we could set up an agency account to charge payroll for the overtime. Unfortunately, we can no longer provide these services without charging because our overtime budget was cut by \$19,000.00.

Mr. Wotton – Unfortunately, this is where we are at. The Town has voted twice, and this is the outcome.

Ms. Smith – I heard that a block party was cancelled because there were no barricades available.

Mr. Wotton – Barricade requests should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event. Mr. Furtado can we draft a policy and put it on a future agenda?

**F. Dig It Construction, Glenhaven Water Main Replacement Project, Payment #2
\$515,061.31**

Ms. Smith motioned to approve Dig-It Construction, Glenhaven Avenue Water Main Replacement Project Payment #2 in the amount of \$ 515,061.31. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Vote unanimous.

G. Pao Corp, Rail Trail Improvement Project, Payment #3 \$378,484.59

Ms. Rotondo motioned to approve Pao Corp, Rail Trail Improvement Project Payment #3 in the amount of \$378,484.59. Mr. Ferro seconded. Vote unanimous.

H. Sign Contract Agreement, CYVL, Pavement Management Plan \$12,825.00

Mr. Furtado – We are skipping this tonight.

VI. Tabled Matters

A. n/a

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VII. Public Comments / Open Forum

VIII. Old Business / New Business

A. Superintendent

Superintendent Report for July 13, 2026

- Lots of meetings with attorneys re mediation prep
- Attend Mediation in Boston
- Labor Counsel re Highway Change in duties
- Attend Fincom re closing FY 26
- Engage with Pavement Management Group
- Meet with SRPEDD re Open Space Plan
- Plant odor control meetings and implementation
- Glenhaven water main project moving well
- Earle St meeting

Mr. Furtado – At the last meeting, the Board voted to install speed bumps on West Island. I then reached out to the West Island Improvement Association to let them know that we would be deploying the speed bumps we have available. I received an email in response stating that they would prefer something smaller and flatter. We have a meeting with the West Island Improvement Association tomorrow to discuss the matter.

Mr. Wotton – I know that the residents who will have speed bumps installed in front of their homes are not happy about having them placed on West Island and in front of their properties. If there are any changes to the style or type of speed bump that was presented to and approved by the Board at the last meeting, the revised proposal will need to come back before the Board for approval.

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

B. Board Members

Mr. Hobson – Who is responsible for the bell from Oxford School?

Mr. Furtado – The bell is currently being stored upstairs in our mezzanine. I was approached in late May or early June regarding repairs to the bell. We advised that if we were notified when the bell repair

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person would be coming, we would make arrangements to move the bell into the garage bay for the repairs to take place. After the repairs are completed, we could place the bell in a storage container so that we would not have to continue moving it. This would make storage and accessibility easier, especially for future use during parades. We received an email a few weeks ago stating that the project was on hold for the time being.

Mr. Hobson – In the area of 262 Sconticut Road, there is brush extending into the bike lane. At 61 Raymond Street, there is a dead tree that has been dead for approximately five years and needs to be removed rather than trimmed. The weeds near the clothing donation bin by Mac's Soda Bar and along the stone wall at Shipyard Farms on Sconticut Neck Road also need to be cut.

Ms. Smith – Thank you to the Water Department for installing a temporary water line at Livesey Park this weekend.

C. Marine Resources Committee – BPW Related Matters

D. Community Preservation Committee – BPW Related Matters

IX. Set Date for the Next Meeting

Mr. Ferro motioned to set the date of the next meeting on July 20, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

X. Adjourn

Mr. Wotton motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. and enter into executive and not reconvene in open session. seconded. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Wotton, Mr. Hobson, Ms. Smith, Ms. Rotondo and Mr. Ferro in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca L Vento

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Business Manager

Minutes approved on July 20, 2026