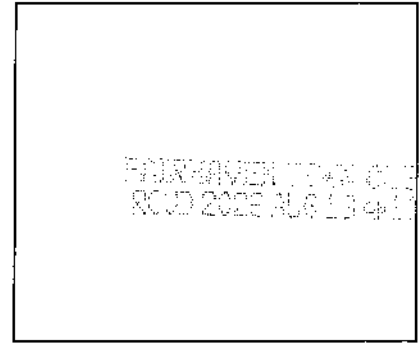


**Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
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Present

Brian Wotton, Commissioner
Robert Hobson, Commissioner
Anne Morton Smith, Commissioner
Hillary Rotondo, Commissioner
Marcus Ferro, Commissioner
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent
Rebecca Vento, Business Manager
David Quintal, JDQ Excavating
Peter Masciantonio – South Coast Mobile Fitness
John Morin - South Coast Mobile Fitness
James Anderson, 99 Green Street
Doug Brady, 97 Pleasant Street
John Medeiros, 538 Dana Farms

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. July 20, 2026

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes of July 20, 2026. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. June 1, 2026 – Executive Session A

Ms. Smith motioned to approve the minutes of June 1, 2026 – Executive Session A. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Vote unanimous.

C. June 15, 2026 - Executive Session A

Ms. Rotondo motioned to approve the minutes of June 15, 2026 – Executive Session A. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

IV. Appointments

A. David Quintal Jr, JDQ Excavating, Inc, New Water Drainlayer

Mr. Quintal is here tonight because he is looking to become a Water Drainlayer.

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Mr. Hobson – Do you have a job in Town?

Mr. Quintal –Yes, I am looking to do a job at 10 Monodach Avenue.

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve JDQ Excavating Inc as a New Water Drainlayer pending completion and inspection of the first job. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. Southcoast Mobile Fitness, Request for Portable Restroom at Cushman Park

Mr. Masciantonio – We are looking to rent a portable restroom for our Sunday events. We currently have a key for the restroom, but we believe a portable restroom would be a better option. We have contacted Mr. Cesspool and would like to place it near the Conex container that is already on site. We are also looking to extend the program beyond Labor Day and want to make sure there are no conflicts with the School Department's use of the track.

Mr. Wotton – As long as there are no scheduling conflicts, I do not see any issue.

Mr. Morin – Would it be possible to hold a kids' event on Saturdays?

Mr. Masciantonio – We would like to expand the program to include children as well. We were thinking of holding the kids' event on Saturdays so we can give them the attention they need.

The Board had no objections, provided the track is available.

Mr. Masciantonio – We are also looking to host a Wellness Weekend. Boston has several free wellness events, and we would like to bring something similar to the South Coast. We hope to partner with other local gyms to showcase different fitness opportunities and give people a chance to try them in a welcoming environment. We are planning to hold the event before Labor Day weekend to help encourage fitness throughout the community.

Mr. Ferro – I appreciate your enthusiasm and your efforts to make use of the Town's public spaces.

Mr. Morin – We would also love to involve the high school and get students participating in the program.

C. Greater New Bedford Garden Club, North Street Stone School House Garden Maintenance

Ms. Browne – The Greater New Bedford Garden Club is looking to weed and maintain the Memorial Garden at the Old Stone School House on North Street.

Ms. Smith – Isn't the property owned by the Historical Commission.

Mr. Furtado – Yes, but we maintain the grounds.

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Ms. Smith motioned to allow the Greater New Bedford Garden Club to weed and maintain the memorial stone at the Old Stone School House on North Street. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Vote unanimous.

V. Items for Action

A. Changes to Livesey Park Pickleball / Tennis Court Layout

Mr. Furtado – The Pickleball Association and Tennis Association were approved by CPC to make repairs to the pickleball and tennis courts at Livesey Park. Mr. Crabb prepared an RFP, and before it was issued, it was sent to both associations to ensure it captured everything they were looking for. After receiving feedback, both associations requested changes to the project, including modifications to the court layout. We wanted to bring these proposed changes before the Board for discussion and direction before moving forward.

Mr. Wotton – Besides opening the fence, what other changes are they looking to make?

Mr. Furtado – They are looking to add more pickleball courts.

Mr. Wotton – I do not have a problem with that, but I would like to see more information. I want to see a layout showing how they intend to expand the courts. If the storage container needs to be relocated, I would also like to know where it would be moved.

Mr. Crabb – Originally, with the Fiscal Year 2026 Cushman project, the plan was to convert one of the four tennis courts into a dedicated pickleball court and use portable pickleball nets on the other courts. After the bid was awarded, both the Pickleball Association and Tennis Association requested changes, indicating they preferred to keep the tennis courts dedicated to tennis and use portable nets. After several discussions, we worked through those changes, and construction has since begun at Cushman.

As for Livesey Park, my understanding is that the CPC application was for crack repairs and resurfacing of the existing courts. The associations are now proposing to remove one existing tennis court and convert it into permanent pickleball courts with fencing. I do not believe that was the scope that was originally approved when funding was requested and allocated. Before formalizing any changes, I wanted to make sure the Board was aware of the requested changes.

Mr. Wotton – I think there should be a joint meeting with the Pickleball Association and the Tennis Association. We cannot simply convert tennis courts because both groups use the facility, and the schools also use the courts as overflow from Hastings Middle School.

Mr. Crabb – Both the Pickleball Association and Tennis Association have agreed to the proposed changes, but I am not sure whether any other parties need to be involved in that decision. Before making a permanent change to the courts, I wanted to make sure the Board was comfortable with the proposal. I also do not believe the Pickleball Association was contributing funding toward this phase of the project, although I would need to verify that.

Mr. Furtado – I thought the Tennis Association was contributing funding.

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Mr. Crabb – I would have to go back and confirm. My understanding is they were prepared to contribute if there were insufficient funds to complete all of the resurfacing work. However, now that the scope has changed to include permanent fencing within the existing tennis and basketball court area, I do not believe there will be enough funding to complete everything that was originally discussed. Because of that, they had indicated they would help fund the additional work if necessary.

Mr. Wotton – If everyone is on board with the proposed changes, that is fine. I just want to make sure all interested parties are aware of what is being requested before any decisions are made.

Ms. Smith – They were awarded \$70,000 through CPC. Since they are changing the scope of the project from what was originally proposed, they may need to go back before CPC for approval.

Mr. Wotton – I would still like to see a preliminary sketch showing what they are proposing. Do we need to approve this tonight?

Mr. Crabb – No. I simply wanted to get the Board's feedback and blessing before sending the RFP out.

**B. Sign Contract Agreement, GCG Associates, Holiday Drive and Grover Street
Acceptance Plan \$5,035.00**

Mr. Furtado – This agreement is for the preparation of the acceptance plan for Holiday Drive and Grover Street so the private streets can be accepted by the Town at Town Meeting. Mr. Crabb and I have no concerns and recommend moving forward with the agreement.

Mr. Hobson motioned to Sign the Contract Agreement with GCG Associates for Holiday Drive and Grover Street Acceptance Plan in the amount of \$5,035.00. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

**C. East Coast Seal Coating, Cushman Park Tennis Courts Rehabilitation, Change
Order #1 \$3,500.00**

Mr. Ferro motioned to approve East Coast Seal Coating, Cushman Park Tennis Courts Rehabilitation, Change Order #1 in the amount of \$3,500.00. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

**D. TEC, Inc. Traffic Regulation Data & Analysis Support, Change Order #2, Time
Extension Only**

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve TEC, Inc. Traffic Regulation Data & Analysis Support, Change Order #2, Time Extension Only. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

E. Award FY27 On-Call Tree Services Bid, North-Eastern Tree Services, Inc.

Ms. Smith motioned to Award the FY27 On-Call Tree Services Bid to North-Eastern Tree Services, Inc. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Vote unanimous.

F. Maher Services, Cleaning & Redevelopment of Tinkham Lane Well

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1. Sign Contract Agreement \$23,465.00

Ms. Rotondo motioned to Sign the Contract Agreement with Maher Services for Cleaning and Redevelopment of Tinkham Lane Well in the amount of \$23,465.00. Mr. Ferro seconded. Vote unanimous.

2. Notice to Proceed

Ms. Rotondo motioned to Sign the Notice to Proceed with Maher Services for Cleaning and Redevelopment of Tinkham Lane Well. Mr. Ferro seconded. Vote unanimous.

**G. Sign Contract Agreement, Tata & Howard, Replacement Wolf Island Well #3
\$141,100.00**

Mr. Ferro motioned to Sign the Contract Agreement with Tata & Howard for Replacement Wolf Island Well #3 in the amount of \$141,100.00. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

H. Tighe & Bond, WPCF Upgrades, Work Change Directive

Mr. Furtado reviewed Tighe & Bond, WPCF Upgrades, Work Change Directive #7 with the Board.

I. WPCF Upgrade Change Order 7

Ms. Smith motioned to approve Methuen Construction Change Order #7 in the amount of \$300,384.64. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Vote unanimous.

J. WPCF Upgrade Change Order 8

Mr. Wotton – We are skipping this tonight.

VI. Tabled Matters

A. n/a

VII. Public Comments / Open Forum

Mr. Anderson read a letter from Mary Lihota, of 79 Green Street, who was injured while using the Rail Trail. She was unable to attend the meeting because she is still recovering from her injuries.

Mr. Wotton – The Rail Trail is an active construction site and has not yet been completed.

Mr. Furtado – Mr. Anderson sent an email to Natalie Mello on the Select Board, who forwarded it to me. Prior to receiving that email, neither Mr. Crabb, Ms. Vento, nor I were aware of any injuries related to the construction. Once we became aware of the incident, Mr. Crabb met with the contractor and

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additional construction warning signs were installed throughout the area. We certainly feel for anyone who has been injured while using the Rail Trail.

Mr. Brady – Are there any updates on the Park Assessment?

Mr. Furtado – There will be a public meeting on September 23.

Mr. Brady – Will information be available before the meeting?

Mr. Furtado – Information will be posted as it becomes available.

Mr. Medeiros – I would like to discuss the Rogers School Bell.

Mr. Wotton - Both bells are being stored here upstairs in the mezzanine. They will remain there until we receive further direction from the Select Board and/or the Historical Commission.

Mr. Hobson – Mr. Medeiros is trying to get these bells out of storage.

Mr. Brady shared historical information regarding the Rogers School Bell and the Oxford School Bell, stating that the Town, through the Select Board, owns the bells.

VIII. Old Business / New Business

A. Superintendent

Superintendent Report for August 3, 2026

- Mediation debrief and project scheduling review meeting
- Work with Bond Counsel re various borrowing Articles
- Bid opening for new on-call tree service
- Letter okaying Earle St Sewer Tie-in
- Meeting with Union re job reclassification and drug policy
- Meeting with Methuen re moving forward MOU
- Department Head Meeting
- Respond to email inquiry re H2S Monitoring at Plant and SDS of Chemicals - emailed Board
- Met with new Teamsters BA - George is retiring
- Chair monthly BBAC Meeting

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- Meet with SOCO reps re additional parking approval
- Appear before BOH re noise complaints
- Meeting with Synagro Rep re contract extension

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

B. Board Members

Mr. Hobson – At 270 Sconticut Neck Road, there is brush hanging into the roadway that is forcing bicyclists into the travel lane. The David Drown Blvd sign is also missing, and what is the status of getting “No Parking” signs installed?

A few meetings ago, Josh was going to look into installing a trash barrel with a smaller opening at Union Wharf. Also, there are weeds growing around the dumpster at Union Wharf if we could send someone there. I would also like an update on the dead tree on Raymond Street.

Ms. Smith – There is a large piece of granite at Civil War Park that I would like to have moved. Also, the Green Lanterns have raised enough money for two Rail Trail signs, and they are expecting them to be completed by the end of August.

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 August 17, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Vote unanimous.

X. Adjourn

Mr. Hobson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca L. Vento

Rebecca Vento
Business Manager

Minutes approved on August 17, 2026