

**Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
September 14, 2026**



Present

Robert Hobson, Commissioner
Anne Morton Smith, Commissioner
Hillary Rotondo, Commissioner
Marcus Ferro, Commissioner
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent
Rebecca Vento, Business Manager
Josh Crabb, Highway Superintendent
Cleilson Fini, Jr Campbell Construction
Peter DaSilva, Applicant Laborer

Absent

Brian Wotton, Commissioner

I. Call to Order

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

II. Routine Matters

A. Signing of Departmental Bills

III. Approval of Minutes

A. August 17, 2026

Ms. Smith motioned to approve the minutes of August 17, 2026. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Hobson, Ms. Smith, Ms. Rotondo and Mr. Ferro in favor.

B. August 31, 2026

Ms. Smith motioned to approve the minutes of August 31, 2026. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Hobson, Ms. Smith, Ms. Rotondo and Mr. Ferro in favor.

C. August 31, 2026 – Executive Session A

Ms. Smith motioned to approve the minutes of August 31, 2026 Executive Session A. seconded. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Hobson, Ms. Smith, Ms. Rotondo and Mr. Ferro in favor.

D. August 31, 2026 – Executive Session B

Ms. Smith motioned to approve the minutes of August 31, 2026 Executive Session B. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Hobson, Ms. Smith, Ms. Rotondo and Mr. Ferro in favor.

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E. August 31, 2026 – Executive Session C

Ms. Smith motioned to approve the minutes of August 31, 2026 Executive Session C. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Hobson, Ms. Smith, Ms. Rotondo and Mr. Ferro in favor.

IV. Appointments

A. Ir Campbell Construction, New Water Drainlayer

Ms. Rotondo motioned to approve Ir Campbell Construction as a new water drainlayer pending completion and inspection of the first job. Mr. Hobson seconded. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Hobson, Ms. Smith, Ms. Rotondo and Mr. Ferro in favor.

B. Interview / Hire Highway Department Laborer

Mr. Furtado - Mr. Crabb and I interviewed Mr. DaSilva and recommend him to the Board for hire. Mr. DaSilva has experience with snow plowing and is interested in utilizing the Town's resources to obtain his CDL.

Ms. Smith motioned to hire Peter DaSilva at Grade 4, Step 4, pending completion of pre-employment screenings. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Hobson, Ms. Smith, Ms. Rotondo, and Mr. Ferro in favor.

V. Items for Action

A. Sign Contract Agreement, Brown and Caldwell, FY27 Environmental Monitoring Bridge Street Landfill \$30,740.00

Mr. Hobson motioned to sign the Contract Agreement with Brown and Caldwell for FY27 Environmental Monitoring at the Bridge Street Landfill in the amount of \$30,740.00. Ms. Smith seconded. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Hobson, Ms. Smith, Ms. Rotondo and Mr. Ferro in favor.

B. Articles for Special Town Meeting

Mr. Furtado reviewed the five articles with the Board for the special town meeting of Tuesday, November 17, 2026.

Ms. Smith motioned to approve the Articles for Special Town Meeting as presented. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Hobson, Ms. Smith, Ms. Rotondo and Mr. Ferro in favor.

C. FTI Consulting, WPCF Peer Review, Payment #8 \$31,147.04

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve FTI Consulting WPCF Peer Review Payment #8 in the amount of \$31,147.04. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Hobson, Ms. Smith, Ms. Rotondo and Mr. Ferro in favor.

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D. Highway MOU

Mr. Furtado – I have to go in front of the Select Board tonight to discuss the Highway MOU that we discussed at the last email. There is an email addressed to Mr. Hickey with what I will be discussing.

E. Methuen Construction, WPCF Upgrades Payment #33 \$606,136.32

Ms. Smith motioned to approve Methuen Construction, WPCF Upgrades Payment #33 in the amount of \$606,136.32. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Hobson, Ms. Smith, Ms. Rotondo and Mr. Ferro in favor.

F. DEP Pay Req Payment #33(CWP-22-67) \$606,136.00

Ms. Rotondo motioned to approve DEP Pay Req Payment #33(CWP-22-67) in the amount of \$606,136.00. Ms. Smith seconded. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Hobson, Ms. Smith, Ms. Rotondo and Mr. Ferro in favor.

G. Tighe & Bond, WPCF Upgrades, Payment #35 \$103,862.45

Ms. Smith motioned to approve Tighe & Bond, WPCF Upgrades Payment #35 in the amount of \$103,862.45. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Hobson, Ms. Smith, Ms. Rotondo and Mr. Ferro in favor.

H. DEP Pay Req #29A(CWP-22-67A) \$103,862.00

Ms. Smith motioned to approve DEP Pay Req Payment #29A(CWP-22-67A) in the amount of \$103,862.00. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Hobson, Ms. Smith, Ms. Rotondo and Mr. Ferro in favor.

I. Dig It Construction, Spring Street Water Main Replacement Project, Payment #8 \$12,700.97

Ms. Smith motioned to approve Dig It Construction, Spring Street Water Main Replacement Project, Payment #8 in the amount \$12,700.97. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Hobson, Ms. Smith, Ms. Rotondo and Mr. Ferro in favor.

J. Tata & Howard, Wolf Island Well #3 Replacement, Payment #1 \$5,292.51

Ms. Smith motioned to approve Tata & Howard, Wolf Island Well #3 Replacement, Payment #1 in the amount of \$5,292.51. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Hobson, Ms. Smith, Ms. Rotondo and Mr. Ferro in favor.

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**K. Tata & Howard, Wolf Island Well Generator Replacement, Payment #2
\$3,185.00**

Ms. Rotondo motioned to approve Tata & Howard, Wolf Island Well Generator Replacement, Payment #2 in the amount of \$3,185.00. Mr. Hobson seconded. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Hobson, Ms. Smith, Ms. Rotondo and Mr. Ferro in favor.

VI. Tabled Matters

A. n/a

VII. Public Comments / Open Forum

VIII. Old Business / New Business

A. Superintendent

Superintendent Report for September 14, 2026

- Frederick St issue continuing
- Articles for Town Meeting
- Chair monthly MRV meeting
- Chair BBNEP Meeting
- Meeting with Unibank re Bond Counsel
- POTW Upgrade progress meeting
- POTW Scheduling conference
- POTW PCO Meeting
- Trash RFP
- Department Head Meeting
- Preliminary estimate on Sewer betterment in Silvershell St area
- BOH re: additional odors
- Work on Highway positions reclass for SB appearance

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

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B. Board Members

Mr. Ferro – I am looking forward to the Pump Track Opening Day on Saturday, September 18, 2026 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Ms. Smith – The Phoenix Rail Trail is opening on October 17, 2026. Also, there are some concerns of the weeds on the bike path. Could we ask Mr. Crabb to look into this?

Mr. Hobson – Almond Street and Washington Street there are branches hanging into the roadway.

C. Marine Resources Committee – BPW Related Matters

Mr. Hobson – The Marine Resource Committee has not met since our last meeting.

D. Community Preservation Committee – BPW Related Matters

Ms. Smith – CPC applications are due on October 2, 2026. If you have anything you would like to submit, please make sure your application is submitted by the deadline.

IX. Set Date for the Next Meeting

Ms. Smith motioned to set the date of the next meeting on September 28, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Rotondo. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Hobson, Ms. Smith, Ms. Rotondo and Mr. Ferro in favor.

X. Adjourn

Ms. Rotondo motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m. Mr. Hobson seconded. Rollcall Vote: Mr. Hobson, Ms. Smith, Ms. Rotondo and Mr. Ferro in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca L. Vento

Rebecca Vento
Business Manager

Minutes approved on September 28, 2026