Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
November 2, 2026

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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
Joshua Crabb, Highway Superintendent
Misty Santos, Sewer Interview
Sean Simonin, Highway Department
Kyle Winderlick, Highway Department
Louise Quintin, Resident
John Medeiros, Resident

I. Call to Order

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

Mr. Wotton reconvened the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

II. Routine Matters

A. Signing of Departmental Bills

III. Approval of Minutes

A. October 19, 2026

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes of October 19, 2026. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

IV. Appointments

A. Interview / Hire Highway Department, Senior Motor Equipment Repair Person

Mr. Furtado – A few months ago, Mr. Crabb and I presented the proposed reclassification for a position in the Garage to the Board. The Board was in favor of the reclassifications, which then required approval from the Select Board. That approval has now been received.

Ms. Smith – Motioned to promote both Mr. Simonin and Mr. Winderlick to Senior Motor Equipment Repair Person, Grade 9, Step 3, effective immediately. Ms. Rotondo seconded. Vote was unanimous.

B. Interview / Hire Sewer Department Sewer System Maintenance Craftsperson

Mr. Ferro motioned to hire Ms. Santos at a Grade 9 Step 7 pending preemployment screenings. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

V. Items for Action

A. Sign Contract Agreement, Maher Services, Wolf Island #1 Repairs $10,605.00

Ms. Rotondo motioned to Sign Contract Agreement with Maher Services for Wolf Island #1 Repairs in the amount of $10,605.00. Mr. Ferro seconded. Vote unanimous.

VI. Tabled Matters

A. n/a

VII. Public Comments / Open Forum

Ms. Quintin – My brother was a Marine and was killed when I was 14. When it comes to Vietnam and Veterans it hits close to home. I am here tonight looking for help getting the David Drown Blvd sign reinstalled.

Mr. Furtado – We are taking precautions so the sign does not get damaged again and it is scheduled to be reinstalled by the end of the week.

Mr. Medeiros – I am here tonight regarding the Rogers School Bell. The Historical Commission voted to let me move the bell to get work done. I have located a gentleman that specializes in bell repairs and he is coming to Fairhaven on Friday. I would like him to come look at the bell so he can give me an estimate to repair the bell.

Mr. Wotton – The Public Works Department was asked to store the bell here a while ago and it has been here ever since. A few months ago, we had a visit from a few members of the Historical Commission, who is responsible for the bell.

Mr. Lucas – Would it work for you to have the chairman send an email giving Mr. Medeiros permission.

Ms. Chew – I just want to clarify some things. At the beginning of the year the Historical Commission voted not to do anything with the bell and Mr. Medeiros does not have approval from the Historical Commission to proceed with any repairs.

Mr. Wotton – The bell has nothing to do with the Board of Public Works. When the Historical Commission wants someone to see the bell have them send an email to the Public Works Superintendent.

Mr. Furtado will email Mr. Hickey to see who has jurisdiction of the Rogers school bell.

Mr. Espindola – There has been quite a few complaints logged especially on Halloween and we are looking to see proposals and the status for the odor control.

Mr. Furtado – When we received the odor complaints on Saturday we dispatched the employee that was on call and there were odors detected in the neighborhood but nothing at the plant. As far as the odor sensors we asked the Town Engineer because the neighborhood wanted something that logged and notified in real time. The units cost $15,000-$20,000 each, $15,000 to wire it and then the $35,000 to $40,000 for the Scada system (computer system). The units that don't log in real time are between $2,000 and $4,000 per unit. Rep Sylvia has been involved and he is looking to see if there is any money available.

Mr. Espindola – I am looking for details about the units that you are discussing to make sure its what we the neighbors are looking for.

Mr. Furtado – At this time I do not have anything in writing, we have just gone over this verbally. I will work on getting this information.

VIII. Old Business / New Business

A. Superintendent

Superintendent Report for November 2, 2026

- ERP Training
- Chair monthly BBAC
- Meet with EPA re extension of deadline
- Gov Deals - Auction
- MRV FY 28 Budget
- Earle St
- Meet with TA on Delano St
- POTW Upgrade Meeting
- PCO Meeting
- Surety Letter sent
- Offer BWG Plant Tour
- Union Meeting re meet new water super

- Union meeting re POTW privatization
- Extension of Builder's Risk Insurance

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

B. Board Members

Ms. Smith – I couldn't attend the Park Assessment but I watched the recording. There wasn't a lot of people in attendance or even feedback. What are the next steps?

Mr. Wotton – The brush on Mill Road need to be trimmed.

C. Marine Resources Committee – BPW Related Matters

Mr. Hobson – There are some potholes at Hoppy's Landing if we could fill in the holes. The Causeway Road Bridge the rails are rust and falling apart.

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 November 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

X. Adjourn

Mr. Wotton motioned to adjourn the meeting and enter into executive session and to reconvene in open session at 6:01 p.m.

Rollcall Vote: Mr. Wotton, Mr. Hobson, Ms. Smith, Ms. Rotondo and Mr. Ferro in favor.

Mr. Ferro motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca L Vento

Rebecca Vento
Business Manager

Minutes approved on November 16, 2026