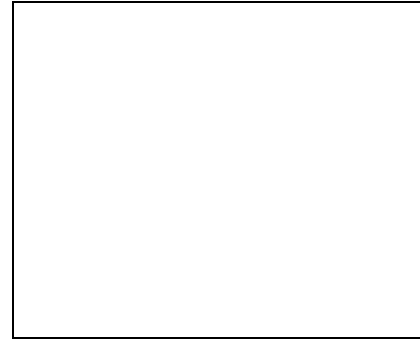


**Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
March 26, 2012**

Present

Geoffrey Haworth, Commissioner
Robert Hobson, Commissioner
Kathleen Sturtevant, Commissioner
G. Steven Riley, Commissioner
Daniel Freitas, Commissioner
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent
Kathy Tripp, Administrative Assistant
Antone Medeiros, Jr., A. Medeiros Contractor



I. Call to Order

Mr. Haworth called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Routine Matters

A. Signing of Departmental Bills

III. Approval of Minutes

A. March 12, 2012

Mr. Riley motioned to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2012 meeting. Mr. Freitas seconded. Vote unanimous.

IV. Appointments

A. Antone Medeiros, Jr. – Re: 5 Weeden Road Driveway Waiver

Mr. Medeiros – I am representing the homeowner, Joseph Correia for a driveway waiver. He built a new garage on Dartmouth Street. He wants a 22' opening. The garage is 20' wide.

Mr. Hobson – I have no problem with it. You want 22'. The permit says 24'.

Mr. Riley – I went by there. The house entrance is on the other street. We have allowed it in the past when it's on a different street. I have no problem with it.

Mr. Freitas – I have no problem.

Mr. Haworth – I visited the site. Nobody really parks on the street. Do you want 22' or 24'?

Mr. Medeiros – Leave it at 24' and if the homeowner wants 22' we'll change it.

Mr. Freitas motioned to approve the driveway waiver for 5 Weeden Road for a second entrance for 22' or 24'. Mr. Riley seconded. Vote unanimous.

V. Items for Action

A. Fairhaven Bicentennial Committee – Request for Cushman Park Electric

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Mr. Haworth – The Fairhaven Bicentennial Committee is requesting the use of electricity on July 5th to July 7th for the Vietnam Moving Wall. It would be for security and safety.

Mr. Riley – I have no issues. If they use extension cords from the concession stand or bandshell it should be covered so no one trips and falls.

Mr. Freitas – It's great for the Town. I have no problem.

Mr. Hobson – It's for a good cause.

Ms. Sturtevant arrived at 6:35 p.m.

Ms. Sturtevant – I'm all right with it.

Mr. Haworth – This event is going to attract many people. They need to make sure that it's kept safe and help them out.

Mr. Riley motioned to allow the Fairhaven Bicentennial Committee the use of electricity at Cushman Park on July 5th to July 7th from either the bandshell or concession stand for the Vietnam Moving Wall. Mr. Freitas seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. West Island Town Beach – Fee Schedule / Hiring Process

Mr. Haworth – If we stay with last year's fees I'm fine.

Mr. Freitas – We had a surplus at the end of last year. If it stays the same I'm fine.

Mr. Hobson - I'm okay with that. We sold a lot more stickers for \$100.

Ms. Sturtevant – It's a plus that we didn't lose any money.

Mr. Riley – I have a difference of opinion. I'm fine with the Town residents but I think we should charge more for the day pass and walk-ins for non residents and we don't have a rate for seniors. I would change it to \$20 day pass, \$10 for walk-ins and \$5 for senior walk-ins. I'll go with the wish of the Board.

Mr. Freitas – One thing, swimming lessons are \$10? I would change that to \$20.

Mr. Haworth – I'd agree with that and Mr. Riley's car day pass to \$20.

Mr. Riley motioned to change the nonresident fees for the West Island Town Beach to Day Pass: \$20, Walk-ins: \$10, Senior Walk-ins: \$5 and swimming lessons \$20 for the first child and \$10 each for additional children. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

Ms. Tripp – I wanted to know what you want to do about the hiring process. The employees were much better last year. Do you want to interview them all over again?

Mr. Freitas – I think we should have them all come in to a meeting and make it very clear to them that we are deadly serious. What about buses? Didn't we have a problem with that last year?

Ms. Tripp – Yes.

Mr. Hobson – No buses without two weeks' notice; charge them \$150.00.

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Mr. Haworth – For Fairhaven programs only.

Mr. Freitas motioned to charge \$150 per bus load with two weeks advance notice and for Fairhaven programs only. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

C. Brown and Caldwell – Pay Requisition

Mr. Furtado – There is no pay requisition for tonight. It is still under review.

D. Grease Rates

Mr. Furtado – I have called all over the State and checked the internet. We need grease for the digester. In our area it's going for about .10 to .14 per gallon. We estimate that we'll need about 1,000 gallons per day. We need to set a grease rate. Today I would recommend .10 per gallon.

Mr. Riley – We should start getting phone calls in April.

Mr. Furtado – I've already spoken with three or four vendors.

Mr. Riley – We should set the rate tonight.

Mr. Haworth – That would give us about \$3,000 a month in added revenue.

Mr. Freitas – Are they going to unload in the back tanks?

Mr. Furtado – The same way.

Mr. Hobson – Ten cents is good.

Mr. Riley motioned to set the 2012 grease rate at .10 per gallon. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

E. Mattapoissett River Valley Advisory Committee Vacancy

Mr. Furtado – I was told by Mr. Osuch that there is a vacancy on the Mattapoissett River Valley Advisory Committee. That is different than the District Committee. We should have a representative on that committee. We should have a voice.

Mr. Riley – Is Mr. Fortin willing to do it?

Mr. Furtado – If he isn't I will.

Mr. Riley motioned to have Mr. Fortin as the BPW Representative on the Mattapoissett River Valley Advisory Committee and if he declines then it will be Mr. Furtado.

VI. Board Members, Superintendent – Old Business / New Business

Ms. Sturtevant – I have nothing.

Mr. Riley – Three things; Mr. Charbonneau, the letter in the packet about the retaining wall, has he followed up on it?

Mr. Furtado – I don't know, I will check.

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Mr. Riley – Second; the Bike Path at the Orchard Street entrance side, there is profanity towards the stone building. The last one, our projects are now more manageable can we get back to using the white board?

Mr. Freitas – Mr. Scieszka, a long time employee in the Water Department is retiring. I would just like to wish him the best. He was here for thirty-three years.

Mr. Freitas motioned to send Mr. Scieszka a note thanking him for his service to the Town. Mr. Riley seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Hobson – Will the recycle center open on April 1st?

Mr. Furtado – Yes, April 2nd, if not it will still be behind the BPW building.

Mr. Hobson – Do we accept paint?

Mr. Riley – That would be at the Hazardous Waste Day. It's every other year.

Mr. Hobson – Can you find out when that is? Will there be another meeting before the election?

Mr. Riley – No.

Mr. Hobson – I just want to see that if I don't get elected it was a pleasure working with all of you. Mr. Haworth, you've done a good job as chairman.

Mr. Haworth – I would also like to thank the Board but I don't want to be chairman. I would also like to thank you all.

Mr. Furtado – The Mass Division of Ecological Restoration installed some tidal gauges at the West Island Beach last week. They are collecting tidal elevation data.

We had a preconstruction meeting two weeks ago for the West Marine project on Route 6.

SRPEDD is offering engineering to the BPW for optical speed lines which gives a driver the illusion that they are driving faster. We're sending them the paper work. We would supply the paint.

Howland Road; the thermoplastic that was put down is coming up. We will put that on their punch list items.

Mr. Haworth – Also, at Adams and Howland, the northeast corner, the concrete sidewalks are all cracked.

Mr. Furtado – The turbine people asked if they could tie into our cable line. I denied that. It's not good practice.

Still trying to get the number as to what the Treatment Plant is worth. I've called Ron Porter from FS&T for a little insight. The Town of Mattapoisett will owe us an additional 5% in one lump sum.

Earth Day; there are some volunteers that are going to pick up around the Hurricane Dike on April 22nd.

The most recent CBDG with Bill Roth came in under budget so he can do an additional 450' of drain pipe. We can use some of the Chapter 90 money for that.

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P.J. Keating; they donated some stone dust for the Livesey Park infields.

We are preparing an article for the Special Town Meeting for additional money for the digester.

Discussion on budgets followed.

VII. Set Date for the Next Meeting

Mr. Riley motioned to hold the next meeting on April 9, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

VIII. Adjourn and Executive Session.

Mr. Haworth motioned to adjourn the open meeting at 7:30 p.m. and not to reconvene and enter into executive session to discuss the Digester and Union Negotiations. Ms. Sturtevant seconded.

Roll call taken: Mr. Haworth, Mr. Hobson, Ms. Sturtevant, Mr. Riley and Mr. Freitas in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. Tripp
Administrative Assistant