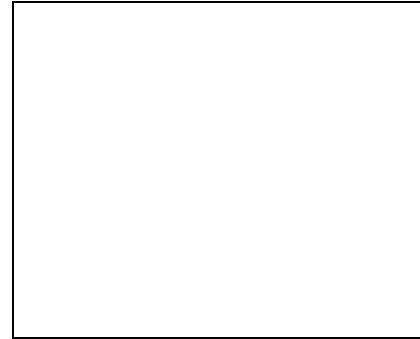


**Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
July 23, 2012**

Present

G. Steven Riley, Commissioner
Robert Hobson, Commissioner
Kathleen Sturtevant, Commissioner
Geoffrey Haworth, Commissioner
Daniel Freitas, Commissioner
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent
Kathy Tripp, Administrative Assistant
Linda Schick, Sewer Superintendent
Christopher Cooney, C.C. Construction
Charlie Sermaidas, 44 Howland Road
Jacob Freeman
Jeffrey Osuch, Executive Secretary



I. Call to Order

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

II. Routine Matters

A. Signing of Departmental Bills

III. Approval of Minutes

A. July 10, 2012

Mr. Haworth motioned to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2012 meeting. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

IV. Appointments

A. Christopher Cooney, C.C. Construction – New Drainlayer

Mr. Cooney – We are the site contractor for the new elementary school. We have to cut into the street three times for water. The sewer work is not into the street. There is a little drainage work in the street. The street will be milled next spring or summer, curb to curb with new striping. We have been in business for more than twenty-nine years. We have done work for Fairhaven before bringing in 11,000 feet of water main thru the swamp four or five years ago.

Mr. Hobson – You are well recommended.

Ms. Sturtevant – I'm okay.

Mr. Haworth – The shut off of the Stop and Shop Plaza and the elderly care facility. Do it with the least impact to them.

Mr. Cooney – We plan on doing it off peak at night probably from 10:00 to 2:00 a.m.

Mr. Freitas – No problem.

Mr. Riley – You have very extensive qualifications.

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Mr. Hobson motioned to approve C.C. Construction as a drainlayer in the Town of Fairhaven. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. Charlie Sermaidas – 44 Howland Road – Re: Grease Trap

Mr. Riley – You are here for a grease trap waiver?

Mr. Haworth – Mr. Sermaidas is a past client of mine so I will be excusing myself because of my client relationship.

Mr. Haworth left the meeting.

Mr. Sermaidas – I am the owner of the property and I have a proposed tenant. The question came up about the existing 4" sewer line and a 6" line.

Mr. Sermaidas showed a diagram about his proposed plan on the board.

Ms. Sturtevant – Why the 6" line?

Mr. Furtado – That is what's required. That's our ordinance for a grease tank. I denied it but I told him he could offer it to you. We are not going to tear up the new street. We would like to see the bigger line.

Mr. Sermaidas – I have it in other places with no problems.

Ms. Schick – It's an old 4" line and I don't know the condition of it. If they have grease problems it will clog up the line really fast.

Mr. Riley – My one concern is giving you a waiver. Eight months from now it clogs up. You are going to want to cut into Sycamore Street or Howland Road. Every time we give a waiver someone else down the road wants one.

Mr. Hobson – How many places in Town have 4" lines?

Ms. Schick – Older places.

Mr. Riley – In 2008 the Board of Health wants to limit the amount of grease that gets into the system.

Mr. Freitas – You lease, the next owner doesn't care. I'd like to see if allowed that if there are problems then the business will be shut down. We need to protect the Town and other tenants.

Mr. Riley – Attach something to the deed that you are responsible.

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve what Mr. Freitas said. Mr. Freitas seconded.

Mr. Freitas – If there are problems then the business has to be shut down. In the deed is has to show that if it's sold he ends up maintaining that line also. In five years then put in the 6" line. Notify Ms. Schick when it is being pumped out.

On the motion: Vote Mr. Hobson and Mr. Freitas in favor. Ms. Sturtevant and Mr. Riley opposed. Motion fails.

Mr. Haworth returned to the meeting.

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C. Michael Botelho, 6 Jameson Street – Driveway Waiver

Mr. Hobson – He called me at 6:15 with a family emergency. He now drives over the curb. He was told to get a curb cut. He spoke to all the neighbors and they don't have a problem with it. I don't see a problem with it.

Mr. Haworth motioned to approve the second driveway for 6 Jameson Street. Mr. Freitas seconded. Vote unanimous.

D. Paul Lima, Able Asphalt – Re: 28 Fort Street, Driveway Waiver

Mr. Lima was not in attendance.

Mr. Hobson – This is a good time to do it.

Ms. Sturtevant motioned to approve the two driveway openings of 20' for 28 Fort Street. Mr. Haworth seconded. Vote unanimous.

V. Items for Action

A. 22-24 Main Street – Sewer Abatement 2nd Request

Mr. Riley – Mr. Mello has sent another letter requesting a sewer abatement.

Mr. Haworth – This is the same argument. We did not get access to the property. It's not our job to chase people. It's up to the owner to police their property.

Ms. Sturtevant – I agree. I've had rental property.

Mr. Hobson- I own some rental property. Sometimes the bills go to the house and not the owner. He's upset he has to pay a big bill.

Mr. Freitas – We've already discussed this.

Ms. Tripp – Years ago we used to mail the property owners postcards instead of leaving tags on the door. I've told the staff that's what they need to do.

Mr. Haworth motioned to deny a sewer abatement for 22-24 Main Street. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. Award Bid for the Northern Fairhaven/New Bedford Inner Harbor LID Stormwater Improvements to D&C Construction

Mr. Haworth – There is a discrepancy on the bid form.

Mr. Haworth motioned to table awarding the Stormwater Improvements award. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

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E. Jacob Freeman – Request to use Cushman Park 7-29-12

Mr. Freeman – We would like to use the stage area on the 29th. My band is new and we are from New Bedford. We want to put on a small concert for friends and family and the neighborhood churches. There probably won't be a lot of people. Probably about fifty max.

Mr. Freitas – I don't have a problem, just clean up.

Mr. Freeman – We'll provide our own trash containers. It will be from 3 to 7:00.

Mr. Sturtevant motioned to approve the request from Jacob Freeman to use the Cushman Park bandshell on July 29, 2012. Mr. Freitas seconded. Vote unanimous.

V. Items for Action

C. Church of the Good Shepherd – Request to use Livesey Park 9-30-12

Mr. Haworth – They hold the same event every year.

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the request from the Church of Good Shepherd to use Livesey Park for the "Blessing of the Animals" on September 30, 2012. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

D. Rosemarie Sparrow – Request to use Fort Phoenix 8-4-12

Mr. Haworth motioned to approve Rosemarie Sparrow's request to use Fort Phoenix on August 4, 2012 with the standard stipulations. Mr. Freitas seconded. Vote unanimous.

E. Linda Schick – Request to carry over Vacation Days

Ms. Schick – I would like to carry over six days of vacation. I've had to spend a lot of time with the digester lately.

Mr. Freitas – We've talked about this in the past. We weren't going to allow this anymore. We've said this in the past.

Mr. Haworth – I agree with Mr. Freitas but the digester was supposed to be done last year. We should grant this. It's out of the ordinary.

Ms. Sturtevant – I agree.

Mr. Hobson – I agree with Mr. Freitas and Mr. Haworth. This is an emergency. Next year it won't be allowed. I'm willing to go along with it.

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve Linda Schick to carry over six vacation days. Mr. Sturtevant seconded. Vote 4-1 with Mr. Freitas opposed.

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

Mr. Hobson – On Sconticut Neck on the west side near Bonney Street there are weeds in the sidewalk and road. Someone needs to weedwack them out. On Sconticut Neck Road and Winsegansett there is new curb. They need to come back. There is a 6" drop. It needs stone dust or loam.

Ms. Sturtevant – Weybridge Road, survey? We are still having problems there.

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Mr. Furtado – I will look into it.

Mr. Hobson – Sedgewick Road; did you check with Mr. Charbonneau about the drains into the harbor with Mr. Tripp?

Mr. Furtado – It is in the works.

Mr. Haworth – Bridge and Alden is looking very nice. I didn't know there were cameras there.

Mr. Furtado – Yes.

Mr. Haworth – The Memorial Park with the brick work at Green and Union on the sidewalk near the Unitarian Church. It's a major tripping hazard.

Mr. Freitas – All set.

Mr. Riley – Do you have a schedule from Nstar?

Mr. Furtado – The pole has been set.

Ms. Tripp – I've been back and forth with Nstar and trying to find out when they can finish. People are on vacation. As of today, the Town's electrical inspector said he called Nstar last Friday and told them it passed inspection.. Now we just have to wait for Nstar to make the connection.

Mr. Riley – The lights at Adams and Howland with the timing.

Mr. Furtado – I had asked Mass DOT about it.

Ms. Sturtevant – Paper towels in the trailer?

Ms. Tripp – There aren't supposed to be paper towels in there. We've had problems in the past where they flush them and plug up the toilet. Last week someone flushed baby wipes in the handicap bathroom and we had to call a plumber.

Mr. Riley – Once the electric is hooked up maybe we can put in the electric hand dryers.

Mr. Hobson – The bike path committee? Aren't we supposed to appoint the committee members?

Ms. Tripp – I found paperwork afterwards that the Selectmen make the appointments.

Mr. Osuch – The original Bike Path Committee was appointed by the Board of Selectmen. It is an active committee.

Mr. Furtado – Last week we had a service leak on Morgan Street. There was a sewer break on Francis Street. We helped with that repair. The Highway Department has been several times to Oliver Street but every time we go there the grass is already cut. We had a preconstruction for the school. The Water Department is exercising the gates in Town. The electric pole and meter box is in, just waiting for Nstar to hook it up. Chapter 90 is going to pay for the balance of the street sweeper. I would like to start setting up interviews for the HMEO position.

Mr. Haworth – Our policy says that we need to interview all Fairhaven residents and veterans.

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VII. Set Date for the Next Meeting

Mr. Haworth motioned to hold the next meeting on August 13, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

VIII. Executive Session and Adjourn

Mr. Riley motioned to adjourn the open session and enter into executive session at 7:35 p.m. and not to reconvene the open session to discuss the Digester. Ms. Sturtevant seconded.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. Tripp
Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved 8-13-12.