

**Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
January 28, 2013**

Present

G. Steven Riley, Commissioner
Robert Hobson, Commissioner
Kathleen Sturtevant, Commissioner
Geoffrey Haworth, Commissioner
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent
Kathy Tripp, Administrative Assistant



Mr. Freitas was not in attendance.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Routine Matters

A. Signing of Departmental Bills

III. Approval of Minutes

A. January 17, 2013

Ms. Sturtevant motioned to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2013 meeting. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

IV. Appointments

There were no appointments scheduled.

V. Items for Action

A. AFSCME – Union Negotiators

B. Teamsters – Union Negotiators

Mr. Riley – Mr. Freitas will not be running for office so we have to choose between the four of us.

Ms. Sturtevant and Mr. Haworth will negotiate with the Water and Sewer Departments and Mr. Hobson and Mr. Riley will negotiate with the Highway Department.

Mr. Riley – Can you get two or three dates to meet at around 4:30, 5:00?

C. Fay, Spofford & Thorndike – Assisting with the Development of an Intermunicipal Agreement between the Towns of Fairhaven and Mattapoisett.

Mr. Furtado – The agreement is for \$10,000. Mattapoisett came in to talk to us. The document has expired. We would use FS&T especially now because of recent changes. They currently pay for loads

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and flow and 10% of the costs. We voted to give them another 5%. We need to add to that indirect costs for the debt we may incur. They do not pay interest.

Mr. Riley – Plus in ten, fifteen, twenty years we will be working on upgrading the facility.

Mr. Haworth motioned to sign the agreement with Fay, Spofford and Thorndike with Assisting with the Development of the Intermunicipal Agreement. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

D. Brown and Caldwell – Anaerobic Digester, Amendment #7

Mr. Riley – Brown and Caldwell is giving us a credit for the static motor that was put in and then taken out. The amount is \$10,227.51.

Mr. Haworth motioned to sign Brown and Caldwell Amendment #7 for a credit of \$10,227.51. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

E. Request to Change Name of Fairhaven Bike Path Committee to “Fairhaven Bikeway Committee”

Mr. Riley – The committee wants to change the name from “Fairhaven Bike Path Committee” to “Fairhaven Bikeway Committee”.

Ms. Sturtevant – It’s not just for bikes. They walk and rollerblade. We thought it would be more appropriate.

Mr. Haworth motioned to change the name of the “Fairhaven Bike Path Committee” to Fairhaven Bikeway Committee”. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor with Ms. Sturtevant abstaining.

F. Request to use Fort Phoenix for Wedding – June 8, 2013

Mr. Riley – We have a request from Ms. Santos to use Fort Phoenix for a wedding on June 8, 2013.

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the request to use Fort Phoenix for a wedding on June 8, 2013 with the standard regulations. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

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

Superintendent’s Report for January 28, 2013:

- Met with FST re: expanding GIS
- Work with FST to ensure that Indirect Costs and Debt are included in the next IMA with Mattapoissett
- Storm Event: sanding, plowing
- Attend Finance Meeting at Town Hall concerning how the Town’s Bond Rating is determined
- Attended Selectmen’s Meeting with Chairman Riley concerning increase in indirect costs to enterprise funds. Selectmen agreed to phase in new amounts over a 2-3 year period.
- Met with Bike Path folks concerning name change and safety issues

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- Responded to Finance Committee request to ascertain how Mattapoissett Invoices (for sewer use) are calculated
- Letter to Anthony Moniz re: Probation Extension
- Attended Pre-Bid Conference Meeting with FST concerning Taber/South pump station and upgrades and Aeration basin rehab
- Attend DOR meeting at Town Hall concerning the report/recommendations

Mr. Furtado – Other than what I listed there are two things I'd like to bring up. On February 11th we will be meeting with Selectmen about budgets.

Also, on the 19th, on Tuesday Patrick O'Neale will be in front of the Selectmen to talk about DEP regulations for the Mattapoissett River Valley Water Authority. We are welcome to attend. The premise is that uniformly Mattapoissett, Marion and we conserve water. There will be regulations coming down from DEP.

There was a meeting with Lisa Dickerson from UniBank to discuss the Bond ratings for the Town; the do's and don'ts and how it affects the rating.

Steve and I last Tuesday attended the Selectmen's meeting to discuss the indirect costs. We are short about \$400,000 in the water and sewer. They are willing to amortize the number over a two or three year period.

Discussion followed on the DOR Report.

Mr. Hobson – Street lights; who do you call?

Ms. Tripp – The Police Department.

Mr. Hobson – I was asked about the bike path and the snow. A lot more people walk the bike path. Can't we use a pickup truck somehow? Can't we rent a machine from someone?

Ms. Tripp – You could add some type of machine to our annual bids.

Ms. Sturtevant – The Bike Path Committee would like to be on the next agenda to discuss some new signage that says "South Coast Bikeway". It starts at Fall River and ends down towards the Cape. I will let them know it will be the 25th.

I would also like to ask the BPW if we can discuss Weybridge Road. It's an accepted street from Torrington to Eaton. There is a person that has put up a gate that is not accessible. Someone has unlocked the gate and the Town has plowed it. It's overgrown. I'd like to find out if we can use engineering funds from the Selectmen so we can move forward with this.

Mr. Furtado – The funds may have been used for North Street.

Ms. Sturtevant – Robert Silva would like to come and talk to you about it. I'll let him know to come in at 6:15 on the 25th.

Mr. Riley – Schedule the Bike Path for 6:30.

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Mr. Haworth – Green Street and Route 6; with the construction the crosswalk signals and the changing of the lights you have to wait a cycle. It's backing up high school traffic.

Mr. Riley – Put on the 25th for Mr. Furtado to give his review of all the jobs and how they layer into each other.

I would like to congratulate Bill and Jeff for passing the water distribution course.

Also, on February 5th at either 2 p.m. or 6 p.m. there will be liability training at the Town Hall. All Board members must attend one of the sessions.

VII. Set Date for the Next Meeting

Mr. Hobson motioned to hold the next meeting on February 11, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall and February 25, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Board of Public Works. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Furtado – Also, next Tuesday and Wednesday myself and two other employees will be taking the pesticide class and the exam is on the 17th.

Last Friday I had my first session with the wastewater guys.

Mr. Hobson – May other guys in other departments may want to attend.

VIII. Adjourn

Mr. Hobson motioned to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. Tripp
Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved February 11, 2013.