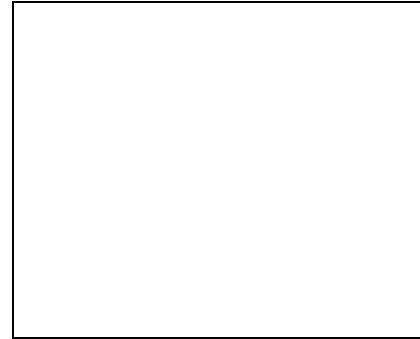


**Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
March 25, 2013**

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
Louis M. Badwey
Shane Jackson, 60 Linden Avenue



I. Call to Order

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

Mr. Riley – This is Mr. Freitas' last meeting and I want to say that I appreciated his contribution and it may also be Mr. Haworth's last meeting. We appreciate all of your service. Also Kathy and I will be leaving around 6:20 to attend the Selectmen's meeting.

II. Routine Matters

A. Signing of Departmental Bills

III. Approval of Minutes

A. March 11, 2013

Ms. Sturtevant motioned to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2013 meeting. Mr. Haworth seconded. Vote unanimous.

IV. Appointments

Mr. Riley – We were supposed to have an appointment with the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife but they cancelled the appointment. Mr. Badwey would like to take a minute to say something.

Mr. Badwey – I was just given this email from them. I would like to ask that the matter go off this evening be allowed to talk about where thee want to put up the fencing. I argue that fact finding is important. The reason we should have a public meeting is so people can be present and comment. I'm opposed to an off-site meeting that I wouldn't be able to attend.

Mr. Riley – I don't' want to speak for the Board but have them come to a public hearing on the 8th of the 22nd.

Ms. Tripp – I spoke with Mr. Melvin and he would prefer to come down during the day and have an on-site visit with Mr. Furtado and some Board members.

Mr. Riley – Unfortunately, I can't do it during the day.

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A. Shane Jackson, 60 Linden Avenue – Driveway Waiver

Mr. Jackson – I will keep the twenty-six feet and stay within the limit, put cobblestones at the street and at the garage. In front there is an asphalt sidewalk. I would like to put that back to grass. Everyone in the neighborhood has grass.

Mr. Freitas – I drove by there this afternoon. Cobblestones, no problem.

Mr. Haworth – You do not have a contractor.

Mr. Jackson – He is going to come before the Board in two weeks. If not, I have Joe Dupre as backup.

Ms. Sturtevant – The opening is twenty-eight feet?

Mr. Riley – No, he changed it to twenty-six.

Mr. Hobson – I'm all set.

Mr. Riley – I went by. The contractor that you were going to use had had no references. Normally, we would let the contractor do one job and go from there.

Mr. Freitas motioned to approve the cobblestone material for the driveway at 60 Linden Avenue and remove the asphalt sidewalk and replace with grass. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. Ann Richard – Request to use Livesey Park April 27, 2013

Ms. Tripp – I sent her an email about the meeting but she never responded.

Mr. Riley – Ann did contact me after our last meeting. She wanted verbal approval because she wanted to start with marketing.

Mr. Hobson motioned to allow an event at the Livesey Park Skate Park on April 27, 2013. Mr. Freitas seconded. Vote unanimous.

V. Items for Action

Mr. Riley – I would like to take these out of order.

G. Weybridge Road – Estimates for Survey

Mr. Riley – Weybridge Road; Dr. Bowcock said we could present this to the Board of Selectmen tonight. We have a quote of \$850 to engineer that road. If there is not enough money they could take it out of next years' budget.

Mr. Freitas motioned to ask the Selectmen for \$850 from the engineering account to survey Weybridge Road. Mr. Haworth seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Hobson – The Selectmen, BPW, Vinnie, John Charbonneau; we approved Dogwood and then the Finance Committee take it away. I don't appreciate how much money we get.

A. Award Bids 1-12 (4/1/13 – 3/31/14) – Asphalt, Concrete and Other Related Work

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Mr. Riley – We tabled it at the last meeting. Mr. Charbonneau was dissatisfied with their work. We are covered. We can pick the next lowest bidder. Items 2a, 2c, 2e and 2f award to Century Paving.

Mr. Haworth – Send a letter to the contractor.

Mr. Riley – Yes, Vinnie send a letter.

Mr. Freitas motioned to award the bids to the lowest bidder as noted and Items 2a, 2c, 2e and 2f to Century Paving. Mr. Haworth seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Haworth motioned to have Mr. Furtado send a letter to J. Oliveira explaining why they did not receive the bid. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. West Island Town Beach Fees

Mr. Riley – You have the numbers from 2001 to 2012. The beach last year there was a whole lot of difference from the year before. The girl at the gate was excellent.

Mr. Haworth – The money for salaries is less.

Ms. Tripp – We have one more week of salary which is about \$700.

Mr. Haworth – I'd like to clean the place up a little bit. I would like to see a beach comber.

Ms. Sturtevant – I have no problem leaving the fee the same.

Mr. Hobson – Last year we had a problem in September with no lifeguards.

Mr. Haworth motioned to keep the fees for the West Island Town fees the same as 2012. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

C. Award Contract for Upgrades to Taber & South Street Pumping Station and WPCF Aeration Tanks – Nuwater, Inc.

Mr. Riley – Nuwater's bid was \$676,090 from Seekonk, MA. That's the low bidder.

Mr. Haworth – Why is the bid so low?

Mr. Furtado – Bob Letourneau reviewed the bids. He said the same thing. He called the President of the company and they sent correspondence.

Mr. Freitas – Some of the items are significantly lower. Some are off by thousands of dollars.

Mr. Haworth motioned to table awarding the contract for the Upgrades to Taber and South Street Pumping Station and WPCF Aeration Tanks. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

D. Appointment to the Mattapoisett River Valley Water District Commission

Mr. Riley – It has come to our attention that Mr. Raphael's term had expired last year. We need to make it formal.

Mr. Freitas motioned to appoint Alfred Raphael to the Mattapoisett River Valley Water District Commission. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

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Mr. Riley – Mr. Brodeur’s term has expired also. We need to reappoint someone.

Mr. Hobson – I would like to see Mr. Furtado serve.

Mr. Furtado – When you appointed me to the Advisory Committee last March, I’ve attended a few of the District meetings. I’ve only seen Mr. Brodeur there once. I don’t know if he’s been notified. They didn’t have a quorum at the last meeting.

Mr. Riley – Let’s invite Mr. Brodeur to the next meeting.

Ms. Sturtevant motioned to table the appointment to the Mattapoissett River Valley Water District Commission. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

E. FY14 Article 32 – Mattapoissett River Valley Water Protection (Fee Change)

Mr. Riley – The last two years we have fought this. In light of the water rates going up in May, how can we support this at Town meeting?

Mr. Riley and Ms. Sturtevant left the meeting at 6:27 p.m. to attend the Board of Selectmen’s meeting.

Mr. Haworth took over as Chairman.

Mr. Freitas – We need to hold this.

Mr. Haworth – I agree. We fought this for two years on Town meeting floor. The fee increase with indirect costs and projects; there is no way we can support this.

Mr. Furtado – Currently we pay \$43,000 for this. It will go up.

Mr. Hobson motioned to not support Article 32. Mr. Freitas seconded. Vote unanimous.

F. Fairhaven Tennis Association – Request to place Storage Container at Cushman Park

Mr. Haworth – The Association would like to place a container at Cushman Park.

Mr. Hobson motioned to permit the Fairhaven Tennis Association to place a storage container at Cushman Park. Mr. Freitas seconded. Vote unanimous.

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

Mr. Hobson – The Recycle Center; this site needs to be changed. It’s wet, mud. This Board and the Board of Health need to see Dartmouth and Mattapoissett. This Town really needs it. We need to be open two days in the winter. At the end of Briercliffe Road, have you made any progress?

Mr. Furtado – The Army Corp of Engineers approved it. The work needs to be done with the planning of the tides. We’ve pumped it out twice. It should be resolved in a week or two. We will supply the pipe and Bristol County Mosquito Control will do the work.

Mr. Freitas – I would like to expand on what Hoppy said. We sit here and we make votes. We check what we look at. Other Boards disapprove what we do. They take different votes. We actually go out and look at the road work or the numbers. I’ll say the Finance Committee has done this to us numerous times on

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union negotiations. We were given a number and we picked three streets. We then went with two streets and they decided differently. I personally drove out to these streets. This is my last meeting and this has always been a pet peeve of mine. People second guess us. They should come to our meeting. In the paper it read the Finance Committee went rogue and they voted 6-3 to change what we said. On a good note, since it is my last meeting I would like to say that with Mr. Furtado we are in excellent hands. That was my best vote. Also, I would like to thank Kathy. She doesn't get recognized enough.

Mr. Haworth – I would like send my condolences on the passing of Vinnie's father. The other day, during the snow storm I received a call at 5:50 in the morning from a resident complaining that the sand barrels are all gone. The parking ban ends March 31st. They should be left out until then. Fort Street, the barrels, Green from Washington to Center Street in the southbound side needs repair of the trench.

Mr. Furtado – Pavao will start up again next week. You have their schedule.

Mr. Haworth – Danny, I also appreciate what you have done on the Board.

Mr. Furtado – We need to make an appointment for a representative to the CPC. Mr. Rezendes was our representative. He does not want to do it anymore. They meet every couple of months on a Thursday.

Mr. Hobson – I'll volunteer for that.

Mr. Haworth motioned to appoint Mr. Hobson to the Community Preservation Committee. Mr. Freitas seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Furtado – I spoke with Bill Roth earlier today. The CPC has approved \$32,000 be used for some improvements to Livesey Park. They do not want the gate locked. The utilities should be completed at Wood School next need. They plan on draining the Boston Hill Tank tomorrow. Scott Franklin, who is a drainlayer, is asking the Town for a letter of recommendation so he can do other jobs.

Mr. Freitas – I've dealt with him before. He does an excellent job.

Mr. Freitas motioned to write Franklin Bros. a letter of recommendation. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Furtado – I would like to thank Danny for serving on the Board and how you treated me. You were very helpful. Geoff, you also. Thank you for the support of the passing of my dad one week ago.

Supt. Report for March 25, 2103:

From last meeting:

- Piping plover follow-up with Mass Wildlife continues
- Follow-up with bidding laws – on agenda
- John Charbonneau will track storm related (curbing) damage
- Complaint on condition of Fort Street relayed
- Complaint in reference to light sequence while heading north on either Main or Adams to Howland – forwarded to State

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- Informed Finance Committee of Board's selection of Dogwood and North for the two streets to do this year

New Items:

- Met with Army Corps. and Bristol County Mosquito re: Briercliffe/Eaton Rd flooding condition – permission was granted to repair pipe
- Economic meeting – although not voted, seems that Selectmen will require water/sewer depts. to increase indirect costs max amount
- Attend Mattapoisett River Valley Meeting
- Chipping at Recycle
- Nuwater (Seekonk, MA) was the bid winner for the Sewer Pump Station(s) and Aeration basin rehab
- Various storm events
- Continued to work with MA DEP on digester – still awaiting plan from BC
- Boston Hill Rehab logistics effort underway
- Union Negotiation with Highway nearly complete
- Train wastewater personnel
- Bereavement for my dad

VII. Set Date for the Next Meeting

Mr. Freitas motioned to hold the next meeting on April 8, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

VIII. Adjourn

Mr. Freitas motioned to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. Tripp
Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved on April 8, 2013.