

**Town of Fairhaven  
Board of Public Works Meeting  
May 20, 2013**

Present

G. Steven Riley, Commissioner  
Robert Hobson, Commissioner  
Kathleen Sturtevant Commissioner  
Michael Ristuccia, Commissioner  
Brian Wotton, Commissioner  
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent  
Kathy Tripp, Administrative Assistant  
Mara Hartig  
Madison Maniatis  
Rachel McNamara  
Michelle Grenier  
Timothy Hopp  
Lauren Francis  
George Duarte, Fairhaven Youth Football  
Mark Gioiosa, Fairhaven Youth Football  
Steven Gioiosa, SITEC Engineering



**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. February 23, 2013 – Executive Session (b)**

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes of February 23, 2013 Executive Session (b). Mr. Riley seconded. Vote 2-0 in favor. Ms. Sturtevant, Mr. Ristuccia and Mr. Wotton abstained.

**B. March 11, 2013 – Executive Session (a)**

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes of March 11, 2013 Executive Session (a). Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor. Mr. Ristuccia and Mr. Wotton abstained.

**C. March 11, 2013 – Executive Session (b)**

Ms. Sturtevant motioned to approve the minutes of March 11, 2013 Executive Session (b). Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor. Mr. Ristuccia and Mr. Wotton abstained.

- D – H. April 8, 2013 – Executive Session (a)**
- April 8, 2013 – Executive Session (b)**
- April 8, 2013 – Executive Session (c)**
- April 22, 2013 – Executive Session**
- May 6, 2013**

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Ms. Sturtevant motioned to approve the minutes of April 8, 2013 Executive Sessions (a) (b) and (c), April 22, 2013 Executive Session and May 6, 2013 Open Session. Mr. Ristuccia seconded. Vote 4-0 in favor. Mr. Wotton abstained.

**IV. Appointments**

**A. West Island Beach Applicants**

**1. Gate Attendant – Madison Maniatis, Mara Hartig**

Ms. Maniatis – I am a junior at Fairhaven High School and work at Vivvy's.

Ms. Hartig – I attend U Mass Dartmouth and work at Honey Dew Donuts.

Ms. Sturtevant – There are a lot of stipulations about what people come in and the collection of money. You can't be on the telephone.

Mr. Hobson – We have to pick one out of two?

Mr. Furtado – Yes.

Mr. Hobson – Are you both Fairhaven residents?

Ms. Maniatis – Yes.

Ms. Hartig – Yes.

Mr. Hobson – Last year we had an issue where there was no one to work on Labor Day? Will you be available?

Ms. Maniatis – Yes.

Ms. Hartig – Yes.

Mr. Riley – You need to be punctual. I like both candidates.

Mr. Ristuccia – Do they work seven days?

Ms. Tripp – We are open seven days but they normally work three to four days each.

Ms. Sturtevant motioned to hire both candidates and to split the time. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

**2. Lifeguard – Rachel McNamara**

Ms. Sturtevant – I know her. She comes highly recommended.

Mr. Ristuccia – You do live in Town?

Ms. McNamara – Two minutes away from the beach.

Mr. Wotton – You have all your certifications?

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Ms. McNamara – Yes.

Mr. Wotton motioned to hire Rachel McNamara as a lifeguard. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

**V. Items for Action**

**E. Summer Help**

Mr. Riley – We have recommendations from the Superintendents and Mr. Furtado. We'll take the water and sewer first. I will have to reclude myself from the other four people because I have coached them. The first is Erik in the Water and also Tyler Perry in the Sewer Department. I will reclude myself from Nate because I have coached him.

Ms. Sturtevant motioned to hire Erik Horsley in the Water Department and Tyler Perry in the Sewer Department. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Wotton motioned to hire the Superintendent's recommendations for the Park Department. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

Ms. Sturtevant motioned to hire the recommendation of Mr. Fortin for the Water Department. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

**IV. Appointments (Continued)**

**B. Lauren Francis, 1 Smugglers Road – Re: Drainage**

Ms. Francis – The Town has a drainage easement on Scoticut Neck Road that goes across my property. Last year in April Mr. Fostin and Mr. Charbonneau walked the property after Mosquito Control. This past winter it overflowed. It needs major repairs. It needs a stormceptor where the manhole is. In 2002 there was a problem with the pipe at the other end. Mr. Charbonneau went in and replaced that pipe. The open ditch is maintained by Mosquito Control. In 2005 they did a major repair. It is the Town's responsibility to maintain it. There needs to be a bigger better pipe and it will be better.

Mr. Furtado – I spoke with John. We have no problem putting in two sections of pipe at the corner that's north of the intersection. A stormceptor would require a submitted plan. After July 1<sup>st</sup> we can fix the two sections of pipe.

Mr. Wotton – That's the short way to fix the problem now.

Mr. Riley – The first part would be to replace the two pieces of pipe. Everyone would have to get involved including Conservation.

Ms. Francis – One hundred sixty feet of pipe needs to be replaced. Maybe there is some grant money available.

Ms. Sturtevant – I'm familiar with the property. How much is it going to cost to do those two pipes? Grants are a possibility. I would like to see it move forward, absolutely.

Mr. Ristuccia – It seems to me we need to replace the two pieces of pipe to get the flow started. It's going to take time to get the rest of it resolved.

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Mr. Wotton – It would benefit the entire neighborhood. The mosquito issue is huge. Fix those pipes to make the flow better.

Mr. Riley – I don't disagree. Two hundred and fifty feet is a process. Do the first two pipes now.

**C. Keith Silva – Re: 25 Littleneck Road, Request to tie into Drainage**

Mr. Silva – I am the agent for 25 Littleneck Road and we would like to tie into the surface drain.

Mr. Furtado – We have no problem.

Mr. Wotton – This is for the sump pump and roof?

Mr. Silva – Yes.

Mr. Riley – 4" pipe?

Mr. Silva – Yes.

Mr. Hobson – I'm all set.

Mr. Ristuccia motioned to allow 25 Littleneck Road to tie into the drainage system. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

**D. George Duarte, Mark Gioiosa Fairhaven Youth Football Association  
Steven Gioiosa, SITEC Engineering**

Mr. S. Gioiosa – The football league would like to replace the existing structure at Livesey. They would like to improve their facility with a room for meetings with players, bathrooms, and a storage room for a tractor. We would bring in a gas line, not touch the existing landscaping. It would need domestic water. There is an area with an overhead door that would be used for a small tractor, oil and water separator. There would be no grade changes.

Mr. Riley – The existing storage building is in need of repair. Two things; the Planning Board needs to be involved. Second, the overhaul in 2002; there are restrictions with the State on public land. There is a deed. The other thought is when we built the concession stand the Town supplied the materials and the Voke did the construction. With the grant money, I'm not sure what can be done. There may be a stumbling block with the restrictions.

Mr. Hobson – I agree with Mr. Riley.

Mr. S. Gioiosa – There will be other hurdles.

Ms. Sturtevant – My question is how do you put up a private building on Town owned land. This would be a private organization utilizing it.

Mr. Ristuccia – Public land is not really for public use. Maybe a portion of the building could be used for something other.

Mr. M. Gioiosa – Voke seemed interested.

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Mr. Wotton – It's a great idea. My concern is 100% is only going to be used by you. The bathrooms would have to be used by the public. What if someone wanted to rent it and have a function? Is there a kitchen?

Mr. M. Gioiosa – No.

Ms. Sturtevant – I know the NFIA, we had a Fun Fair. We always used that building and the concession stand. You are going to get people who want to use it.

**V. Items for Action (Continued)**

**B. Fairhaven Business Association – Request to use Fort Phoenix July 13, 2013**

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the Fairhaven Business Association request to use Fort Phoenix on July 13, 2013 with the Board of Health approved certificates and the BPW's standard stipulations. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

**D. WES Construction – Final Payment Application \$20,116.99**

Mr. Furtado – This is the final payment to WES. There was money held, \$70,000 less the change order of the credit of \$50,000. This will close out the project. We owe them the difference.

Ms. Sturtevant motioned to approve Final Payment of \$20,116.99 to WES Construction. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

**F. Cheryl Audette – Request to use Fort Phoenix June 15, 2013**

Ms. Sturtevant motioned to approve the use of Fort Phoenix for a wedding on June 15, 2013 with the normal stipulations. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

**A. Water and Sewer Rates**

Mr. Riley – These will go into effect now for the fall bill. This year water and sewer enterprise had to move extra money to the general fund. We need to replenish that money for upcoming needs. The Board appealed to the Selectmen to make it over a two or three year period process. That wasn't the will of the Town. Tata and Howard are working on the tiered approach but that will not be ready. That is a huge project.

Mr. Furtado – The Water and Sewer departments are funded by an enterprise system which is outside the tax base. They are to be self sufficient. There are indirect costs that involve other departments. We need to raise \$165,000 in water which means we will have to raise the rate \$.40. The minimum usage is 2,250 cubic feet. The minimum will go from \$78.75 to \$87.75. That is a \$9.00 increase over a six month period. The sewer money needed is \$266,000 based upon what we sold last year. It will have to o up \$.75. or \$.70.

Mr. Ristuccia – I am not a fan of the tier system. What are the total indirect costs?

Mr. Furtado – Water is \$415,000 and sewer is \$561,000.

Mr. Ristuccia – Do we get an accounting of it?

Mr. Furtado – Yes.

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Ms. Sturtevant – We've got to do it. The rates have to go up \$.70 for sewer and \$.40 for water.

Mr. Hobson – I'll support \$.40 and \$.70 for sewer. Things go up every year. I feel bad for the elderly people.

Mr. Hobson motioned to increase the water rate an additional \$.40 from \$3.50 to \$3.90 effective immediately. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Wotton motioned to increase the sewer rate an additional \$.70 from \$5.75 to \$6.45 effective immediately. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

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

Mr. Hobson – In East Fairhaven last year, that development off of Gellette Road, mosquito control was supposed to go there. They have been waiting two years. Mr. Charbonneau knows about it.

Ms. Sturtevant – Weybridge Road?

Ms. Tripp – The homeowner came in today and paid.

Mr. Ristuccia – The plover signage at the beach?

Ms. Tripp – I haven't heard from the Lloyd Center. They were going to send me something.

Mr. Furtado – At the last meeting or prior to Bill Roth had contacted me about the BPW representative to the CPC and an opening. Frank Rezendes term had expired. I assumed that Mr. Rezendes did not want to be reappointed and Hoppy volunteered. Frank is still interested.

Mr. Hobson – I went down and got sworn in. Frank was a board member. He'd be better on it. I'll resign if the Board wishes he take over that seat.

Mr. Ristuccia motioned to accept Mr. Hobson's resignation from the CPC. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Furtado – I will let Mr. Rezendes know.

Ms. Sturtevant motioned to reappoint Mr. Rezendes as the BPW's representative to the CPC. Mr. Ristuccia seconded. Vote unanimous.

Superintendent's Report for May 20, 2013:

From last meeting:

- Obtained prices/drafted design for beach signs
- Weybridge Survey \$\$ is \$650 available
- Drug testing Lifeguards
- Sent notice to 4 Deerfield Lane re: Hydrant

New Items

- Lots of work with digester – sludge ended up in gas line – system was shut down – after cleaning, vendors (Varec-flare and Westech – duosphere) were called in to check out/restart their systems

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- Met at Washburn Ave with road contractor (Mendoza) – material placed down was unacceptable – we required Mendoza to remove and replace
- Met with John Medeiros – he requested that large font street signs (like at Alden/Bridge) could be hung in Benoit Sq area...his group would be willing to pay – we obtained prices.....He has secured a group to put a Gazebo in Benoit Square. There will be four openings to Gazebo. They were hoping we could shoot grades for them and help them w sauna tubes....we agreed to...Veteran's Park..Middle/Route 6. He wants us to help with installation of Bicentennial Sign and clean-up area- we will
- Met with Al Benac – he wants assistance with the replacement of Joshua Slocum signs
- Met with Lauren Francis – re: Smugglers Way drainage/conservation
- Few residents of Washburn Ave came to office to report drainage issues
- Grievance received – settled
- 319 Grant nearing completion – tree box filters – review draft of final reports due to State - The Town has a plan to finish all BMP construction before the deadline of June 30, 2013. Remaining work includes activating tree box filters and installing rain gardens and leaching catch basins
- Mattapoissett River Valley Authority Meeting – group also met with Cullum Associates – PR Firm in Marion to create brochure for water conservation and educational purposes
- Met with BC re: level indicators on digesters – alarms – general operations
- MEP report for the Nasketucket River that was prepared by Brian Howes and others from UMASS Dartmouth will be discussed at the Selectmen's meeting on Monday June 3 at 7:30 pm...we should plan on attending as this will have an impact on the nitrogen limit imposed on Town and, as such, future upgrades
- Met with AW Martin rep re: formulating payment plan for scrap metal monies owed
- Met with Planning re: formulating an RFP for Livesey Park Court work
- Summer employee application review
- Met with MA DOT – another \$58 k for Howland Rd follow-up based on increase in wage rates and for punch list items – this should finally close out project

**VII. Set Date for the Next Meeting**

Mr. Ristuccia motioned to hold a meeting on June 17, 2013 at 6:00 at the West Island Improvement Association with the Board of Selectmen. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Ristuccia motioned to hold a meeting on June 3, 2013 at 6:00 at the Town Hall. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

**VIII. Adjourn and Executive Session**

Mr. Riley motioned to adjourn the open session at 8:10 p.m. and enter into executive session to discuss a personnel issue and not to reconvene the open session. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

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Roll call taken: Mr. Riley, Mr. Hobson, Ms. Sturtevant, Mr. Ristuccia and Mr. Wotton in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. Tripp  
Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved June 3, 2013.