

**Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
August 26, 2013**

Present

Robert Hobson, Commissioner
Michael Ristuccia, Commissioner
Kathleen Sturtevant Commissioner
Brian Wotton, Commissioner
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent
Kathy Tripp, Administrative Assistant
Randy Moniz, 8 Vincent Street
Lauren Francis, 1 Smugglers Beach Road



Mr. Riley was not in attendance.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Routine Matters

A. Signing of Departmental Bills

III. Approval of Minutes

A. August 12, 2013

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2013 meeting. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

IV. Appointments

A. Theodore Charpentier – Re: Jeannette Street Drainage

Mr. Charpentier was not in attendance.

B. Randy Moniz, 8 Vincent Street – Re: Driveway Waiver

Mr. Moniz – I live on a dead end street. I have 160' of frontage. I have one driveway on the west side of the house and there is 80' on the east side. I can't turn my vehicle around. I have to jump over the curb or back all the way down the street. I have a dually truck. I am putting up a two car garage, 21 x 32 and then I can park my big truck off the street.

Mr. Hobson – So you want a 24' apron for the new garage?

Mr. Moniz – Yes.

Mr. Ristuccia – I see no problem.

Ms. Sturtevant – No problem. It's a dead end street. I had to back up down the street myself.

Mr. Wotton – No problem.

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Mr. Wotton motioned to approve the driveway waiver for 8 Vincent Street to install a second driveway with a width of 24'. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

V. Items for Action

A. Nuwater Inc. – Upgrades to Pump stations; Change Order #2

Mr. Furtado – This is Change Order #2. It has to do with the removal of the concrete walkways on the side of the aeration tanks. The contract called for them to be rehabbed but after investigation it would be cheaper to do away with them.

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve Change Order #2 for Nuwater Inc. in the amount of \$64,180.00. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. Request to use Livesey Park October 6, 2013

Mr. Furtado – This is a request from the Church of the Good Shepherd to use Livesey Park on October 6th from 12:00 to 2:00. You are the Park Commissioners so they need your approval.

Mr. Hobson – They do this every year.

Ms. Sturtevant motioned to approve the request to use Livesey Park on October 6, 2013 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

C. Worldwide Industries, Boston Hill Water Tank – Payment #4

Mr. Furtado – The payment is for \$23,050.80. We are still holding retainage. There is a punch list.

Ms. Sturtevant motioned to approve Payment #4 to Worldwide Industries in the amount of \$23,050.80. Mr. Ristuccia seconded. Vote unanimous.

D. Tata & Howard Engineering Proposal – Hydrant Replacement Program

Mr. Furtado – The Water Department was granted an article at Town Meeting to replace approximately forty hydrants. They are proposing a \$35,000 of engineering associated with the preparation; map, GIS, design plans, contract documents. This will be a typical engineering agreement. They are our primary engineer for the Water Department.

Mr. Ristuccia – \$35,000 for engineering and lump sum put together. I think it's a good thing to keep the folks honest. Can you have another company do the same type of work? No disrespect to anybody.

Mr. Furtado – Tata & Howard is very good. We have used them for a long time. One of the engineer's is a Fairhaven resident.

Mr. Ristuccia motioned to table until the next meeting. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

E. School Department – Request to place Radio Repeater on Boston Hill Water Tank

Mr. Furtado – Paul Kitchen has asked to place a repeater on the Boston Hill Water Tank. In order to do that there has to be a written agreement with the School Department. The electrician Ray will have to see if there can be another electric meter installed that they will have to pay for.

Ms. Sturtevant – Isn't there someone else there, EMA?

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Mr. Furtado – Yes, but they haven't done it yet.

Ms. Tripp – The Housing Authority has an agreement with us.

Mr. Wotton – Who will be paying for the costs?

Mr. Furtado – It's all on them.

Mr. Ristuccia motioned to approve the School Departments request to install a radio repeater on the Boston Hill Water Tank. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

IV. Appointments (Continued)

C. Lauren Francis, 1 Smugglers Beach Road - Re: Drainage Easement

Ms. Francis – The last time I was here was on May 20th about the drainage easement off of Jerusalem Road. There is a Town easement. I wanted you to install a stormceptor to help the Town clean the ditch. The pipe was repaired. There wasn't any grant money to install stormceptor. The Town BPW can do this work.

Mr. Furtado – There is pipe and rental of equipment costs. The last piece of pipe is 113', not 260'. A portion of the pipe that is in now is broken so that cost would come down to about \$5,000.

Ms. Francis – You have to go to Conservation. The Conservation Commission made a site visit on May 5th. They are on board. There will be an Order of Conditions because it's in the wetlands.

Mr. Wotton – Conservation approved this? We are clear to fix the two broken pipes?

Ms. Francis – Yes. The pipe that was broken last spring back up to Jerusalem Road was totally blocked. The BPW came in with brush cutters and cleaned it up. Mr. Taylor said we can't do that without permission. I had told the BPW to do whatever they needed to do. I heard my name mentioned at the Conservation Meeting. It's not my easement. It's the Town's easement. I have tried to work between the two boards.

Mr. Wotton – You want us to fix what's in and add 113'?

Ms. Francis – Conservation wants it repaired properly.

Ms. Sturtevant – Conservation said they don't need an Order of Conditions?

Ms. Francis – No, there has to be an Order.

Ms. Sturtevant – We have to do that?

Ms. Francis – Yes. They are happy with this plan.

Mr. Furtado – A portion, 26', of the 147' needs replacement.

Mr. Ristuccia – The plan says pipe in the swale.

Ms. Francis – The easement calls for the whole length.

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Mr. Hobson – It used to be farmland.

Ms. Francis – Yes, a horse farm. The first section of pipe was installed in 1955.

Mr. Hobson – Why wasn't it done then? I can see us fixing the broken pipe.

Ms. Francis – The easement according to the plan calls for more pipe that is there. I have owned the property since 1996. It was broken then.

Mr. Furtado – The cost would be half of that. You have to figure 4-5 days of work and materials.

Ms. Sturtevant – I think we should definitely fix the broken pipe.

Mr. Wotton – We should fix the 26' and clear all this anyway. It would help if we knew the actual cost.

Mr. Furtado – We can table this until the next meeting.

Mr. Ristuccia – My feeling is I'm opposed. I think my position is to watch out for the Town of Fairhaven. Fix the broken pipe and make sure it works. Clean it and check it. I don't think the Town should be doing this. Clean the swale and get on with it.

Mr. Ristuccia motioned to continue this at the next meeting. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

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

Superintendent Report for August 26, 2013:

From last meeting:

- Put a "Stop Sign" at Town beach with the gate attendant so folks would stop
- Union Wharf Barrel added
- Court Crew and Highway Employees cut Shipyard Farms
- Cleaned up canon side of Fort Phoenix – we do so every Monday morning
- John C had no info about owing someone a driveway apron on Orchard St – there is one there presently – any other work would be conducted on private property

New Items:

- Assisted Al Benac with more Joshua Slocum signs
- Conservation requests BPW to repair an old drain pipe that feeds into Old Bass Creek that was discovered crushed
- Received a letter to assist property owner on Thompson Street with drainage – swale needs to be cut – will be done when we cut brush in fall
- Lauren Francis will be on our agenda for 8/26. She is requesting to replace (260') existing 12" rcp in the drainage easement, we estimate this to cost about 11K
- Work on light duty policy
- Teach wastewater class
- Attend season's first Economic Meeting (with Department Heads)
- Attend Mattapoisett River Valley Meeting – recent projections (which still have to be verified) have demonstrated that the Town is withdrawing less water than originally estimated. This could result in a savings to us.

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- Have meeting with sewer employees who submitted Harassment letter
- Paid outside vendor to conduct Harassment Training with entire Sewer Department
- Met with Town of Mattapoisett re: request for additional capacity at our POTW. Mattapoisett is scheduled to appear in front of the Board at our next meeting
- Meeting with BC concerning update of digester system. I will be writing a letter to BC allowing them to finish
- Met with Government Study Committee concerning BPW's role in Town Government

Ms. Sturtevant – One person asked me again about the lights at Bridge and Alden. They are still not changing.

Mr. Wotton – The same at Route 240 and Bridge early in the morning. I sat thru four sets. We need to do something about the David Drown Boulevard intersection. The guys did a fantastic job cutting the grass at Bridge and New Boston Road.

Ms. Tripp – My suggestion would be to have the engineer who worked on it before, Greenman and Pederson, and give us a proposal and then use Chapter 90 funds.

Mr. Hobson – Union Wharf; there is a lot of brush that's sticking out. It needs to look a little better.

Mr. Furtado – Now that Rogers and Oxford Schools are closed we have inherited the job of cutting the grass at those locations.

VII. Set Date for the Next Meeting

Mr. Hobson motioned to hold the next meeting on September 9, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

VIII. Adjourn and Executive Session

Mr. Hobson motioned to adjourn the open session and enter into executive session at 7:08 p.m. and not to reconvene the open session to discuss an AFSCME Side Letter of Agreement regarding Light Duty.

In favor: Mr. Hobson, Mr. Ristuccia, Ms. Sturtevant and Mr. Wotton.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. Tripp
Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved on September 9, 2013