

**Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
December 16, 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
Edward Fortin, Water Superintendent
Linda Schick, Sewer Superintendent
John Charbonneau, Highway Superintendent
Norman Fredette, Town of Acushnet BPW
David Darmofal, Harbormaster
Marc Jodoin, EMA Director



Mr. Wotton was not in attendance.

Mr. Ristuccia arrived at 6:45 p.m.

I. Call to Order

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

Mr. Riley – I'd like to have a moment of silence for Lance Corporal Matthew Rodrigues. He gave the ultimate sacrifice to his town and county.

II. Routine Matters

A. Signing of Departmental Bills

III. Approval of Minutes

A. December 9, 2013

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2013 meeting. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

IV. Appointments

A. Town of Acushnet BPW – Re: Intermunicipal Sewer

Mr. Riley – They called and are not ready to come in yet.

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Mr. Furtado – They are in turmoil over there. The Highway Superintendent and acting BPW Superintendent called and said they would not be here. Not sure if other members would come.

Ms. Sturtevant motioned to table the discussion with Acushnet. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

V. Items for Action

A. NuWater, Inc. – Change Order #3, Upgrades to Taber & South Street Pumping Stations and WPCF Aeration Tanks

Mr. Riley – The change order is for \$15,685.

Mr. Furtado – That was for the slide gates. The contract that we have with NuWater is working on the upgrades to Taber and South street change order slide gates that were worked on.

Mr. Riley – The figures in the contract awarded have 14% in change orders from original bid. Do you see any more change orders?

Ms. Schick – I hope not, but we haven't opened the other tanks yet.

Mr. Furtado – We anticipated this. There is extra money in the contract.

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve Change Order #3 to NuWater, Inc. in the amount of \$15,685.00. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. Worldwide Industries – Pay Requisition #5, Boston Hill Water Tank

Mr. Riley – The amount of this invoice is \$62,301.95.

Mr. Furtado – This is for the mixing system solar bee.

Mr. Hobson – Is it almost finished?

Mr. Fortin – Yes. There is just retainage left.

Ms. Sturtevant motioned to approve payment #5 to Worldwide Industries in the amount of \$62,301.95. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

IV. Appointments (Continued)

A. Norman Fredette, Acushnet BPW

Mr. Fredette – I am here to report findings to the Board. The first question would be the rate. You would charge us so we would have to see if we could make this work. We would like to try to keep one

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rate for the whole town. What the rate would be and where the tie-in would be. Mr. Costello is running the line down the sidewalk in Main Street. It would have to be metered somehow. We would like to see the meter pit near the Town line and have other residents tie in.

Mr. Riley – Mr. Furtado has sent some dialogue back and forth. One would be an Intermunicipal Agreement.

Mr. Fredette – We would have to talk about that.

Mr. Riley – How many homes; now and in the future. We now have an agreement with the Town of Mattapoisett. You would be part owners.

Mr. Fredette – Thirty six or thirty seven units in those two buildings. I'm going to guess maybe 150 – 200 houses would probably be able to tie in. Businesses would be the auto sales place at Alden at Main Street and the Realtor at Swim Queen Pools, also an auto body shop on Laura Keene.

Mr. Riley – There is a sewer tie-in fee. Almost possible that if you buy in it goes back to dollar one. I don't know what the cost would be.

Mr. Furtado – We have a current agreement with the Town of Mattapoisett. Based on percentage \$6.45 per hundred cubic feet.

Mr. Furtado – Mattapoisett owns 10% of the plant. We charge them a monthly invoice quarterly. 10% of the whole plant. \$6.45 plus that.

Mr. Fredette – Is it possible I could get a list of the fees, this way we could have the fees and meet after the first of the year?

Ms. Sturtevant - My big thing was Mattapoisett is part of this. They are 10% owners. Make sure in the long run what happens down the road, Wilbur's point etc.

Mr. Furtado – We don't have a capacity issue unless it rains. Dry weather we have ample room.

Ms. Sturtevant – When we did the sewer tie in down here it was a concern.

Mr. Furtado – We have the room. Mass Highway is on board but the DEP would also have to be on board.

Mr. Fredette – I don't know if we have to do an impact study.

Mr. Hobson – That was my concern too. Another two hundred homes on the Neck that could tie in. If Mattapoisett is okay, I'm all for it.

Mr. Fredette I believe we have seven hundred some odd tied into New Bedford. Acushnet is loaded with ledge.

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Mr. Riley – When is your next meeting?

Mr. Fredette – We were supposed to have one tonight but it was cancelled.

Mr. Riley – Can you have the numbers by Friday?

Mr. Furtado – Yes.

B. Robert Fernandes, Fernandes Excavation – New Drainlayer

Mr. Fernandes – We have a couple of jobs coming up; New Boston Road and a drain on Scoticut Neck Road. We do a lot of septic systems in Town.

Mr. Hobson – You’ve done work in Dartmouth, Wareham and Acushnet.

Mr. Fernandes – I’ve been in business twenty-eight years.

Mr. Riley – When will you do the work?

Mr. Fernandes – Next year, sometime in February.

Ms. Sturtevant motioned to approve Fernandes Excavation as a drainlayer. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

C. GCG Associates – Agreement for Professional Services; 111 Huttleston Avenue

Mr. Furtado – This is for the inspectional services for work being done at the property next to Emma Jean’s.

Mr. Hobson motioned to sign the agreement with GCG Associates for professional services for 111 Huttleston Avenue. Ms. Sturtevant seconded.

E. Recycle Center

Mr. Riley – Two meetings ago we discussed an interest for the land on Alden Road. The Selectmen had some dialogue and voted to sell that piece of property. We’re trying to find another place to put it.

Mr. Hobson – I think that if we go thru the right procedures and get approval we could make some type of place over on Bridge Street.

Mr. Charbonneau – The only issue is the room that we have right now. We have loam and our road excavate. There is not a lot of room.

Mr. Riley – If we move some of that stuff from there to here?

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Mr. Charbonneau – There is not much of room here.

Mr. Riley – I don't know of any other vacant lots.

Mr. Hobson - Thought there was room back there.

Mr. Charbonneau – There was a wetlands issue. We had cut the area in half.

Mr. Riley – One option would be to check with Mr. Roth to see if there are any vacant parcels. How much land do you think we'll need?

Mr. Charbonneau – Three to four acres.

Mr. Hobson – Get an opinion to see what we can do there.

Mr. Riley – Check both sites. Give Pat a call. Find out from Mr. Roth.

D. Landfill Storage Building

Mr. Riley – About a year ago you were in asking to store your expensive boats for the 2012-2013 season and you want to use the steel building again.

Mr. Jodoin – We were using it.

Mr. Riley – As far as I know it's under the BPW.

Ms. Tripp – Yes, the building belongs to the BPW.

Mr. Jodoin – I've been paying the electric bill. Next thing I know it's been turned over to them. I never said I didn't need it.

Mr. Darmofal – We were approached by the EMA saying they were going to give up that building. Asked by Mr. Cox to use that building. It wasn't for us to use until you kicked us out. This is not something we went looking for. We were kind enough to clean out the four to six inches of mud inside. We repaired the roof and repaired the siding and cleaned inside. Presently I have three boats in there worth about \$120,000. There are picnic tables in there to repair this winter. It's a valuable asset for us. \$200,000 and \$80,000 worth of boats outside uncovered. The Police boat is there also. It's a vital part not to leave the boats out in the weather. There are vandalism problems in the back. We've done a lot of work over there. We keep it pretty neat and would like to retain it.

Mr. Jodoin – When we first took over we asked the Finance Committee to put a new roof on and they said no it belongs to Public Works. We've repaired the doors a few times. The south door motor mechanism burned up so we put a chain fall on it.

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I'm not looking to take over the whole building. I don't want to leave the truck outside. The cabinets can't lock and there is a generator.

Mr. Hobson – That's the problem. We have issues at Mill Road with you people. The garage and the trailer. These people took over. They really cleaned it up and take care of the building. We're trying to get you guys to move the trailer. The truck verse \$200,000. It's not that we don't empathize with them.

Mr. Darmofal – If you take one boat outside you still won't have room.

Mr. Hobson – What kind of truck is it?

Mr. Jodoin – F450 with cabinets.

Mr. Hobson – You can't find another place to put that?

Mr. Jodoin – We just acquired this truck. It has 17,000 miles on it.

Ms. Sturtevant – The motion that was made it was for the 2012 winter season.

Mr. Riley – I think it was a trial season. We said let them try it for a year and see how it goes.

Mr. Darmofal – We are asking to continue on. It is your building.

Mr. Riley – Economics, somewhere that slipped thru the cracks. Have you thought about parking in on Sconticut Neck?

Mr. Jodoin – Can't lock the door.

Mr. Riley – What is the value of the truck?

Mr. Jodoin – I don't know.

Mr. Furtado – Park it here.

Mr. Charbonneau – That's not an issue here but it can't be inside. Not secure in the back here.

Mr. Riley – The Town has more assets with the three to five boats in my opinion.

Mr. Hobson motioned let the Shellfish/Harbormaster use the landfill storage shed for their boats and renew every 2 years.

Mr. Riley – I would prefer every year.

Mr. Hobson amended the motion to every year.

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On the motion; Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

F. Superintendent's Budgets – FY15

Mr. Charbonneau – This is very preliminary. The Park is straight forward. No capital outlay. No equipment at this time. Everything else is level budgeted, gas and diesel and electric are decided by the Finance Committee. It's not a big budget. Changed .7%.

Mr. Furtado –1.3% has to be salary and wages, not operational. Who you are going to cut?

Mr. Charbonneau – Highway; it is level funded except for salaries up \$24,000. Level funded the electric and fuel. Everything else is level funded. Snow and ice always underfunded. Equipment replacement would be a 1983 Jet Rodder. It has not been operational in the last two months. Replace our bobcat trailer. Actually it is a utility trailer no longer usable. \$92,000 for both is preliminary numbers. Rubbish collection up in the air.

Mr. Ristuccia arrived at 6:45.

Mr. Charbonneau - The sidewalk repair is level funded. Total budget is down .6% overall.

Mr. Riley – Level funded on the road surfacing, curbing. How much this year?

Mr. Charbonneau – I won't know until I get a bid price.

Mr. Fortin – Salaries and wages with the scenario the Finance Committee wants to do. Purchase of Services; some movement in line items to make up for some of the deficiencies. Equipment maintenance was increased by \$400 which was inspection stickers listed under supplies. Well cleaning increase by \$6,000 based on the years before number. Postage is down by \$500. That had included advertising that had to be listed separately. Uniforms were increased by \$1300 and transferred out of supplies to cover the negotiated clothing items in the new contract. Increase in water assessment should be \$63,500 based on a few scenarios. DEP assessment based on the water that we pump. River Valley charges .01 per hundred gallons. Power increased; look at what was spent we had to go for more money last year. No capital outlay yet; waiting for an assessment from the mechanics on one of the vehicles. \$1.1 million for the Water District.

Ms. Schick – The last couple years we used a best guess number for the digester. Overall \$23k decrease in operating expenses. Capital Outlay 4 items, 1st is the motorize valve, they don't make the parts any more. UV bulbs; 288 bulbs due now for sleeve replacement. Polymer pump replacements; will try to take it out of the repairs to equipment. Fourth item; NuWater changed gates; this is to put new D.O. into those new tanks. Last item replacement for #48. Some prices are a little higher. Put out to bid. It's an expensive vehicle that will tow the Jet Rodder. Plow assembly.

Mr. Riley – How hold is #48?

Ms. Schick – I have to go back to look.

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Mr. Riley – Can they do a three year average on the other budgets?

Ms. Tripp – Budgets are due the 14th

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

Mr. Ristuccia – I don't have anything to add.

Ms. Sturtevant – All set

Mr. Hobson – All set. Good job sanding. Roads were in very good shape.

Mr. Furtado – We had the sanding operating come in around 4:00 Saturday. Kept everybody on to plow. Very happy with the condition of the Town.

Mr. Riley – Spent about \$1900 for that storm and will probably spend more tomorrow.

Mr. Furtado – We settled a couple of cases that we had.

Superintendent's Report for December 16, 2013:

- Department head meeting re: Town switching over to Verizon from Sprint – BPW needs “hotspots” for tablets as part of our GIS upgrade
- Meeting with Travelers Insurance Agent concerning safety during daily activities
- Town of Acushnet want to proceed with logistics of tying into Fairhaven Sewer – will appear before Board on Monday
- Meet with Town of Mattapoisett to go over invoices for sewer use
- Settle with Severance Trucking for \$2500 (Water Main break at Alden Road)
- Create a new payment plan with A.W. Martin – should they fail to comply, property will be lien
- Meet with Town Hall Maint. crew re: additional help BPW could provide re: snow removal
- City of New Bedford sewer filming Welcome Street for the Town to ascertain stub location(s)
- Tour Cintas (potential new laundry firm the Town may contract with) with Kathy Tripp

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- Began preparation for a Stormwater Grant to assist with drainage on Sedgewick Road
- Meet with CDM re: finalizing comments to DEP re: MEP report
- Attend Mattapoisett River Valley Meetings

VII. Set Date for the Next Meeting

Mr. Sturtevant motioned to hold the next meeting on December 30 at 6:00 pm. Mr. Ristuccia seconded. Vote unanimous.

VIII. Adjourn

Ms. Sturtevant motioned to adjourn at 7:00 pm. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. Tripp
Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved on December 30, 2013.