

**Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
January 13, 2014**

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



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 6, 2013

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2013 meeting. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

IV. Appointments

A. Steve Rafferty, CDM Smith – Massachusetts Estuary Project Report

Mr. Riley – Mr. Rafferty had his scheduled change therefore he will not be appearing tonight.

Mr. Furtado – The BPW hired CDM for our MEP response for the UMass project. They have a group of scientists that will form an opinion. UMass has scientists that the state has hired for the data basis for the permit limit. We hired CDM to review to either agree or refute. The contract with CDM is for \$12,500. We will meet with CDM this Friday and to discuss a draft they will submit to the state and take it from there. I don't know what the Federal Government will give us for a nitrogen limit but the lower the number the more the cost. What we've hired these folks to do is to refute the data. No matter what, we are going to have to spend some money.

Mr. Riley – We've been fighting the UMass study now for 3 ½ years. It's an ongoing process. Still questioning it.

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Mr. Furtado – There are so many millions of dollars any question they have can save the Town some money.

Mr. Riley – The contract is not to exceed \$12,500.

Ms. Sturtevant motioned to approve the CDM Smith Agreement in the amount of \$12,500. Mr. Ristuccia seconded. Vote unanimous.

V. Items for Action

A. FY15 Town Meeting Articles and Budgets

Mr. Furtado – Two of the articles I don't have. State Aid to Highways allows the Board of Public Works to use chapter 90 money.

Ms. Sturtevant motioned to sign the article for State Aid to Highways Chapter 90. Mr. Ristuccia seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Furtado – The next article is to update the intermunicipal with the Town of Mattapoisett. The last one was dated in 1992. We have been working on it for the last year or so. Mattapoisett is asking for additional percent rage amortized over a period of time.

Ms. Sturtevant motioned to sign the article for the Fairhaven-Mattapoisett Intermunicipal Agreement. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Furtado – Maintenance to this building is to replace six doors. We haven't maintained this building in quite a while. The request is \$70,000.

Mr. Riley – Do all six doors need to be replaced? Is it prudent to replace all at one or some of them? My concern is depending on what comes in the budget and what we may or may not have to cut our work force. We have to maintain the building and spend x number of dollars.

Mr. Furtado – We could phase it in.

Mr. Ristuccia – Before I would approve it I would like to see the doors in question.

Mr. Wotton – This is what six doors cost?

Ms. Sturtevant – That's a high price.

Mr. Furtado – It's based on 3 quotes.

Mr. Riley – I would like to table until the next meeting. Come down and see the doors. Can all the Board members come Thursday and look?

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Ms. Sturtevant motioned to approve article after reviewing the doors in question. Mr. Ristuccia seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Furtado – There are three other articles. The second one we haven't prepared yet. One is based on the assessment done at the Tinkham Lane well. Additional work will be required. Put forth an article depending on what happens there is going to be additional cleaning and repairs to be done. Eddie is getting prices for that. Another article put forth would be to finish the Taber Street Pumping Station. The money in retained earnings and the projects going with the aeration basin is a priority.

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve Taber Street Pumping Station and Tinkham Lane Well articles. Mr. Ristuccia seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Furtado – The last article is the road work.

Mr. Riley – There is no indication on how much money we will receive. Use the premise of \$300,000 and pick one road we can all agree on. John and Vinnie made their recommendations.

Mr. Furtado – We did get one hard surface petition for Billy's way.

Mr. Hobson– For five years we've been putting in dirt roads on West Island. Five years we haven't done nothing. I think we should do a section of Cottonwood Street or Bluepoint Road.

Mr. Furtado - We listed sixteen streets. Our first choice would be Bridge Street. Obviously the choice of the streets is the boards.

Mr. Hobson – Some of the streets could be done with chip seal. People have been petitioning that for a long time. Summit Drive chip seal. Should do a hard-surface road and do a couple of little small streets with chip seal. Consider Summit or Bluepoint.

Mr. Furtado – All of these are on the table.

Ms. Sturtevant – I agree with Vinnie and John's first pick and the second one. Issues with dirt roads. Chip seal can be reasonable. How much chip seal can we do with the other ones? Union Street is \$74,000. If we go with the fact with the higher amount of money we could do a chip seal but Billy's Way would be separate.

Mr. Ristuccia – I know Bridge Street is a rough section of road, \$217,000. So if we pick that one and another small one. Bridge Street is the right one to do. My feeling Bridge Street and after that whatever, it doesn't matter.

Mr. Wotton – Bridge Street is a high traffic area and as many others in chip seal and just bang those out. Do two or three other ones to get them off the list and move on to the next year.

Mr. Hobson – This \$80,000 for Summit Drive hard surface or chip seal. See what it would cost.

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Mr. Riley – I don't disagree. Bridge Street is the #1 road and again we have time to get these in. Chip seal for some of these other side streets and that will get us under the \$300,000.

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

Superintendent's Report for January 13, 2014:

- Complete Annual Report (pending Board comments)
- Traffic Study re: chicane on Oliver St – began this week
- Continue to work on Budgets
- Meet with Department Heads re: Town phone plan
- Preconstruction meeting Brooklynne Deli
- Meeting with GCG, BPW Dept Heads and Bill Roth re: Grant \$\$, Chapter 90 \$\$ and potential Articles for road, drain, water and sewer work on Francis/Elm Avenue6
- Attend Court – Severance Trucking and Senna matters have been resolved – still continued is AW Martin
- Meet with John Craig, Waste Zero, Pay as You Throw Program
- Received petition for Hard Surface from Residents on Billy's way
- Per the Board's request, notices were sent to Sewer Grade 4 License Holders to inquire of the Grade 5 testing status
- Send Deficit Spending Request for Snow and Ice

Mr. Wotton – The only thing I have is about the garbage contracts. Alternative ways to save money. I would like to sit in on this.

Mr. Ristuccia – Driving to the Town Beach over the last couple of weeks it's very obvious how tough the parking area is. If we are going to do Dogwood street maybe we call haul some of that material to the parking lot. They did Cottonwood a few years ago and hauled the top gravel away. Maybe we should be some gravel to the Town Beach area. It was really good material on Cottonwood. When are we planning to start Dogwood Street?

Mr. Furtado – March.

Ms. Sturtevant – My only questions was the tree warden. Feedback from Weybridge?

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Mr. Furtado – Nothing since we met. I'll follow up with the Tree Warden.

Mr. Hobson – A lot of complaints with people on dirty water. Two or three people have filters on their system in Hamlet Homes. They have to keep changing their filters.

Mr. Furtado – If you call us we can investigate.

Mr. Hobson – The same two people keep calling me.

Mr. Furtado - We would flush and investigate.

Mr. Hobson – Class 1 and 2 licenses are expiring January 31. You need a medical card.

Ms. Sturtevant – Class A you have to take a physical.

Ms. Tripp – Municipalities are different, but you still have to do the self-certification.

Mr. Hobson – The Recycle Center; can you put in paper that we are open every Wednesday from 8:15 to 12 and open the last Saturday of January and February from 9:00 to 1:00? The other thing is there any progress with finding a new site for a recycle center. Come up with another spot.

Mr. Furtado – I asked the Town Planner and he knew of no land.

Mr. Riley – Remind the Board that this past week letters to four employees reminding them of the Wastewater License. They have six months and if not we'll have another discussion.

Mr. Furtado – I know of two employees who have taken it one or two times. Pretty much during the holidays I haven't held class. I started up again last week. The contract says they have to take the test three times. It hasn't been voted yet. The contract says you can revisit it. The Board has the right to revisit it before the next fiscal year.

In the packet there was your annual report. Do you have any comments? I need to know because they are waiting for it at Town Hall. We are deficit spending in snow and ice account. Right now we are \$4,000 over. We put forth an article which may be passed over for the February Town Meeting. We changed the highway budget to reflect that next year. We will ask for \$35,000 next year. I went to court last week and settled two of the matters pending. Also, I met with Bill Roth and other folks about the CDBG grant on Francis Street. Hoping we can do water and sewer at the same time.

Mr. Hobson – At the end of Seaview somebody hit the wall about a year or two ago. Get an estimate. It looks terrible.

VII. Set Date for the Next Meeting

Ms. Sturtevant motioned to hold the next meeting on Monday the January 27, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Ristuccia seconded.

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VIII. Adjourn

Ms. Sturtevant motioned to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Mr. Ristuccia seconded. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. Tripp
Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved on January 27, 2014.