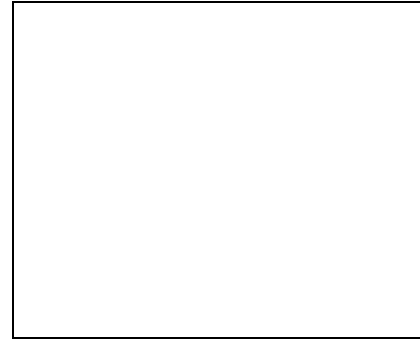


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Present

Michael Ristuccia, Commissioner
Robert Hobson, Commissioner
Kathleen Sturtevant, Commissioner
Brian Wotton, Commissioner
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent
Kathy Tripp, Administrative Assistant
Lucas Cabral
Jacob Levasseur
Madison Maniatis
Michael Young
Jose Cuoco
Michelle Grenier
Timothy Hopp
Rachel McNamara
Amelia Phaneuf
Mara Hartig
Alexander Kuechler



Mr. Riley was not in attendance.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Routine Matters

A. Signing of Departmental Bills

III. Approval of Minutes

A. May 5, 2014

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2014 meeting. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

IV. Appointments

A. Donald Spooner – Re: Sconticut Neck

Mr. Spooner – I just wanted to come before the Board to see about doing some changes for the future to make a second exit out of Sconticut Neck. One exit, especially now with traffic at Wood School, a second exit to leave then it would aid everyone. The other thing is we should start thinking about the future and the tide crisis. Where they show Bonney Street area; we should start getting the land now

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and could almost have an engineer from colleges do a project to design that whole area, Orchard, Grape toward Manzone Drive area. Still keep your utilities down below.

Mr. Hobson – Raise the houses?

Mr. Spooner – That’s their problem. Any house in a flood zone or future flood zone should be on sixteen foot stilts.

Mr. Ristuccia – Certainly thinking for the future. Egress from Sconticut Neck.

Mr. Spooner – Only could go behind Alden Road and continue behind the Wood School and connect it to Jameson. Wetlands; install culverts and put the road right over it.

Mr. Hobson – You realize how much these people would be upset about it.

Mr. Spooner – Sconticut Neck Road is 4.5 miles and if you took to make an example crash course it’s to take Green Street and every street, Chestnut, Laurel and all that, everyone into Green Street south has to go up Green Street to Route 6.

Mr. Hobson – You have some pretty good ideas. It’s going to take a lot of money and time.

Mr. Spooner – Do it gradually. \$325k was appropriated to do David Drown Boulevard all the way to Pleasant and they put it back into the Town funds.

Mr. Ristuccia – Certainly deserves some more input. Vinnie, find out about the wetlands and I’d like to know how many homes there are on the route. Talk about it some more at that point.

Mr. Spooner – One more for the future has to do with the water. The water tank on Boston Hill Road, take and start putting stainless steel liners in theses tanks. Take sections out in the future just take the section out.

Mr. Ristuccia – Thank you. The Board deserves to look into this.

B. Interviews for West Island Beach Lifeguard Positions

Mr. Wotton motioned to appoint Michelle Grenier as Head Lifeguard. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Wotton motioned to appoint Tim Hopp as the Assistant Head Lifeguard. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

1. Seth Bettencourt

Mr. Bettencourt was not in attendance.

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2. Lucas Cabral

Mr. Cabral – I want to be a lifeguard. My brother did it for five years and he enjoyed it.

Mr. Hobson – You live in Acushnet. Have you ever done this before?

Mr. Cabral – It would be my first time.

Ms. Sturtevant – Actually do you have any experience?

Mr. Cabral – No. I just got something at the Y part time.

Ms. Sturtevant – You know the requirements of being a lifeguard. There is a printout of what is required of you and we are going to hold you to it. No iPods. Taking care of people is your responsibility.

Mr. Wotton – This is a time commitment. Is there a time you would not be able to work?

Mr. Cabral – No.

2. Jacob Levasseur

Mr. Levasseur – I live in Fairhaven, love to swim, work outside. I got my certifications last year. It's been about a year now and I'm really interested to work outside.

Mr. Hobson – Are you a student?

Mr. Levasseur – I was at UMass Dartmouth. I stopped because I didn't know what I wanted to major in. I went to Greater New Bedford Voke.

Mr. Hobson – Are you going back?

Mr. Levasseur – Probably not, I'm probably going to join the Coast Guard.

Ms. Sturtevant – Do you have experience?

Mr. Levasseur – Yes, I work at the Y.

Mr. Wotton – Any other time commitments?

Mr. Levasseur – I do rock wall at the Y from 6 – 8.

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3. Madison Maniatis

Ms. Maniatis – I am a senior at Fairhaven High School. Next year I will be going to Bridgewater. I got my certification during April vacation. I was going to do it last year but I didn't have time. My summer is free.

Mr. Hobson – Still playing softball?

Ms. Maniatis – No, I stopped this year.

Mr. Sturtevant – Going to college?

Ms. Maniatis – Yes, I leave at the end of summer.

Ms. Sturtevant – Will you be here for Labor Day weekend?

Ms. Maniatis – Yes.

V. Items for Action

A. NuWater, Inc.

1. Change Order #5

Mr. Furtado – This was for Nuwater. Their bid came in markedly cheaper. The Town added a few change orders. For the \$27k it was to replace the transfer switch; power to generator power and Steve's question last time. In the package there was an email between the general contractor to do it at night and that we may get a fee from Nstar. Steve asked if it was coming out from a line item. We can do any of those. Bottom line is we requested the change order. We could get extra work done.

Mr. Ristuccia – How much cheaper?

Mr. Furtado - \$100,000 if not more. It was questioned if they could do the work for that price. It's a very small crew.

Mr. Hobson – I think that we should go along with Vinnie's recommendation.

Ms. Sturtevant – All set.

Mr. Wotton – I'm good.

Ms. Sturtevant motioned to approve change order #5 in the amount of \$27,476.76. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

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2. Time Extension

Mr. Furtado – This was a lousy winter. The aeration basin for as long as I've been here only runs on the east side. What happened was to repair the concrete on the west side it transferred more problems than what they had anticipated.

Mr. Ristuccia – I don't see any reason to not approve this.

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve the time extension to July 7, 2014. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. Inland Waters, Inc. – Sewer System Evaluation

Mr. Furtado – Last year in 2013 and more recently we have assessed the sewer pipes all through the Town. Nice sunny day we treat about three million gallons a day. On a rainy day about ten million with sump pumps hooked in. There are cracks in many of the pipes. Camera work did assessment on the pipes that are worse and the pipes that are in good shape. Fix the worse ones first.

Mr. Ristuccia – The money we spent will come from where?

Mr. Furtado – Article last year and this year.

Mr. Hobson- All set.

Mr. Furtado – In the future we have the new camera truck and we will do it ourselves.

Mr. Wotton – Do we shadow them?

Mr. Furtado – We could.

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve a contract with Inland Waters, Inc. for \$21,560 for cameras to check the sewer pipes. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

D. Award of Annual Bids – FY15

Mr. Furtado – This is for the equipment and supplies for the Highway, Sewer and Water Department. We opened the bids a couple of weeks ago. If the lowest bid is qualified then the low guy wins. Your vote would take care of all of that.

Mr. Wotton motioned to award the bids to the lowest vendor for FY15. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

E. Beach Permit Fees

Mr. Furtado – What you have is what they paid last year.

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Ms. Sturtevant – Are we going to have swimming lessons?

Ms. Tripp - No.

Mr. Ristuccia – Do we really need to allow people from outside of the town?

Mr. Wotton – There are a lot of people who rent cottages that use the beach.

Mr. Wotton motioned to keep permit fees the same as 2013. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

F. Rochester Fire Association – Request to use River Road Pumping Station Property

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve use the Mattapoisett River Road Pumping Station to the Rochester Fire Association for the boat race. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

G. Brown & Caldwell – Invoice

Mr. Furtado – Brown and Caldwell were the design engineers for the digester. There were a couple of hiccups along the way. We have not paid them in full. We have retained about \$36,000 if everything had gone smoothly. Last year and one-half of 2012 they have had numerous personnel come here. They have reissued the invoices from the last time and are looking for their money. If we don't pay them we could be spending that money for town counsel. They haven't walked away. They send numerous inspectors. I would give them something.

Mr. Ristuccia – The reason they are standing up to it is because it's a lot of money.

Mr. Furtado - The last year and one-half, they have not invoiced for any of that.

Mr. Hobson – I'll go along with what Vinnie wants. Offer them \$10,000.

Ms. Sturtevant – I agree.

Mr. Wotton – Would you say half of the problems are fixed?

Mr. Furtado – Yes.

Mr. Wotton – Give them a quarter.

Mr. Ristuccia – I wouldn't send anybody else down to work.

Mr. Hobson motioned to pay Brown & Caldwell \$10,000. Mr. Wotton seconded.

Ms. Sturtevant motioned to pay Brown & Caldwell \$8,000. Mr. Ristuccia seconded.

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Mr. Ristuccia motioned to pay Brown & Caldwell \$9,000. Mr. Wotton seconded.

Motion for \$10,000 dies.

Motion for \$8,000 dies.

Motion to pay \$9,000 passes 3-1 with Mr. Ristuccia, Mr. Hobson and Mr. Wotton in favor and Ms. Sturtevant against.

IV. Appointments (Continued)

B. West Island Beach Lifeguards

Michael Young

Mr. Young – I got my lifeguarding certificate at Boy Scout camp. It's a good job to have. Good summer job. I like the beach.

Mr. Ristuccia – Have you worked as a lifeguard in the past?

Mr. Young – No.

Mr. Hobson – Are you available to Labor Day weekend?

Mr. Young – I am.

Mr. Hobson – You have to work weekends and work with four girls. Other activities can't interfere.

Mr. Young – I understand.

Ms. Sturtevant – Do you have your license?

Mr. Young – I am going June 11th.

Mr. Wotton – I don't have anything.

V. Items for Action (Continued)

H. Capital Planning Committee Appointment

Mr. Hobson – I talked to Mr. Haworth. It could be a Board member or Vinnie.

Mr. Furtado – We are going to want to have a representative there. This committee is going to decide road work, highway, water, and sewer. Wish list. Capital planning is going to help decide where that money goes. One of us needs to be on it.

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Mr. Hobson – I would like Mr. Furtado to be on it if he has the time.

Ms. Sturtevant motioned to appoint Mr. Furtado to the Capital Planning Committee. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

C. Summer Help

Mr. Hobson – Basically there are one or two openings. Last year's help have the most experience.

Mr. Furtado – This list was provided to the Superintendent's.

Mr. Ristuccia – Is this the time to bring up Rogers and Oxford School?

Mr. Furtado – Sure.

Mr. Ristuccia – Jeff Osuch called the other day and talked to Vinnie. They want somebody to cut the grass at the Oxford and Rogers. We didn't factor this into our budget. My thought is that the selectmen should allow us to have extra help. One more of the young kids who want to work.

Mr. Furtado – The schools gave up their buildings. Osuch is calling us.

Mr. Hobson – The whole issue is do we have money to cut the grass?

Mr. Ristuccia – Ask the Selectmen.

Mr. Hobson – Do this for the School Committee? I wouldn't do it.

Mr. Ristuccia – I agree with what you are saying. If we have one of those young men or women. A couple of days of work that they can't do now we have to do.

Mr. Hobson – The Town keeps getting more property. We are lucky that the Highway and Park work together.

Mr. Ristuccia - This is the perfect time. Cut the grass right now. Cut again, there is a decision to make. We need to pick three for the park, two for the water and one in the sewer.

Mr. Hobson motioned to hire the four summer help that were here last year. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Wotton motioned to hire Zachary Cudmore in the Park Department.

Ms. Sturtevant motioned to hire Noah Arbec either in Park or whatever.

Mr. Ristuccia – Anybody here that is applying for summer help?

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Alex Kuechler - I'm pretty good with lawn mowers. I graduated from Fairhaven High School last year and currently am at Bristol Community College.

Mr. Furtado – You could hire Alex until June 30th.

Ms. Sturtevant motioned to hire Alex Kuechler in the Park Department until June 30th. Mr. Ristuccia seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Wotton motioned to hire Zachary Cudmore for the Water department. Ms. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Hobson motioned to hire Noah Arbec in the Park Department. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

IV. Appointments (Continued)

B. West Island Beach Lifeguards

Jose Cuoco

Ms. Cuoco – I have lifeguarded before for Yarmouth. I hoped I helped a lot of patrons. Worked with children and stayed with them. Two weeks as a camp counselor.

Mr. Ristuccia – Are you in school?

Ms. Cuoco - Yes, Fairhaven High School.

Mr. Hobson – This requires weekends, Saturdays and Sundays.

Ms. Cuoco - I swim for Cape Cod Swim Club.

Mr. Hobson – You will be committed to work up to Labor Day. It is what it is.

Mr. Ristuccia – The young people here have all represented yourselves well. It's very difficult to pick a person. Really wanted to have you all stay. I would like to pick you all.

Ms. Sturtevant – I would like to give the opportunity to hire Madison as a lifeguard. She took the test and wanted to become a lifeguard. Mr. Wotton seconded.

Mr. Hobson motioned to have another young man, not all girls. Jacob Levasseur. Mr. Wotton seconded.

Ms. Grenier – No offense but it really would be nice to hire someone with more experience and have another boy. Experience is key. I've been thru the drills. There is a lot of lifting and seaweed.

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On Mr. Hobson motion: vote 3-1 in favor with Ms. Sturtevant opposed.

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

Mr. Wotton – Everybody down on Wilbur's Point is happy with the grading. Great job and on Welcome Street on the south side of Route 6.

Ms. Sturtevant – The beach at Briercliffe there is no sand to fill in. It will take a piece of equipment to fill in. It's about three feet deep.

How did you make out with the sewer tie-ins?

Mr. Furtado – The end result is I sent an email to Pat Fowle. She indicated we could take ownership of that if we wanted to. Exempt, they enforce that. What does that entail? Housing court. Town Counsel form we fill out. Waiting for her to let me know what's involved. There is a by-law who enforces the tie-in. They haven't granted a waiver to everybody.

Ms. Sturtevant – The waivers were for five years. I was under the assumption after five years you have to tie into the system or get another five year waiver.

Mr. Furtado – I will have to look at that by-law better. She wants us to enforce it.

Ms. Sturtevant - On the street with the Planning Board, how is that going?

Mr. Furtado – I'll check with Bill Roth.

Ms. Sturtevant – When they built the Wood School that was brought up for an exit. I don't think enough people cared about it to push it.

Mr. Wotton – We need more trash cans on the bike path, every corner on the bike path.

Livesey bathrooms, Anthony Field; when they play baseball there is no place to use a bathroom. Baseball games at Town parks should have porta-jons.

Mr. Furtado – In the packet I had Kathy look up the value of the Staffon property which is \$500,000. So the question that Steve asked last week is what we would have to do to make up the money that is lost. If it's sold for \$500,000 based on the value and current tax rate they would collect \$11,000 in taxes. Right now when you count the money you take in at recycle, \$45,000 pay to get rid of brush. The overtime would up that salary even more. Just counted the Saturdays somebody there 20 hours per week. Bottom line we make about \$15,000 there. Count the salary 36 weeks half a day, probably a loss or a wash. We have to make up \$11,000. They are not going to give up that property. They would lose way too much money.

Mr. Ristuccia – Is there something that could happen at Staffon property to make an extra \$15,000?

Mr. Furtado – Eliminate brush.

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Mr. Ristuccia – The resident at 1 Bella Vista. He called me over the weekend a dozen times. They filled three or four holes.

Recycling I believe there is money to be made there. Dispose of stuff that they don't want. I don't think that the Selectmen are going to give us the Staffon property.

Mr. Hobson – What about the Landfill?

Mr. Furtado – I checked with DEP and they suggested we don't.

Request from the Selectmen they want me or one of you guys to make job descriptions.

John Charbonneau is going to be in front of Conservation about Seaview Avenue on June 2nd. He will talk with them about the Town Beach.

Mr. Ristuccia – Do we still want to meet at 6:00? On June 2nd I am on with Conservation myself. I will have to leave here at 6:45.

Superintendent's Report for May 19, 2014:

From Last Meeting:

- Estimated recycling center receipts versus property and tax gains per the Board's request

New Items:

- UMass progressing toward running additional model scenarios for NPDES permit discussion
- Oliver Street residents will appear before Board to discuss chicane options
- Crews at 87 Main Street to assist in demolition of property...cut and cap water/sewer and backfill
- Met with additional consultants re: Mill Road dam bridge repair/removal
- Sent Coyne Textile contract cancellation notice – Town will enter into a 3 year contract with Cintas commencing July 1
- Department had the bid openings for various Highway, Water and Sewer (lab) needs for next fiscal year
- Attended NSTAR meeting re: Municipal Response
- Request to cut grass at Rogers School

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- ABC Contract nearly completed to sign
- Met with Lauren Francis re: tying in water/sewer to her buildable property
- Met with GCG re: Seaview Ave parking lot repair/drainage project and first phase (Washington to South) of Green Street project
- Met with reps from FST and NuWater re: requested 30 day time extension for aeration basin work
- Attend Housing Court re: AW Martin
- Received request from Safety Officer re: one side parking request on North Street – from Castle Avenue to Main Street
- Inquired of ConCom re: paving Town beach
- Met with reps from Water Planet re: operational techniques to decrease discharge nitrogen
- Calculated estimated costs for Staffon property taxes versus recycling center
- Met with BC re: digester project status and requested payment
- Attended Mattapoisett River Valley meeting

VII. Set Date for the Next Meeting

Mr. Hobson motioned to hold the next meeting on June 2, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

IX. Adjourn

Mr. Ristuccia motioned to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. Tripp
Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved on June 2, 2014.