

**Town of Fairhaven  
Board of Public Works Meeting  
June 2, 2014**

Present

Michael Ristuccia, Commissioner  
Robert Hobson, Commissioner  
Kathleen Sturtevant, Commissioner  
Brian Wotton, Commissioner  
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent  
Kathy Tripp, Administrative Assistant  
Vincent Manfredi, 14 Houle Street  
Antone Medeiros, Contractor  
Tom Carreiro, 34 Oliver Street  
John Kopaczewski, 23 Point Street  
Charles Vera  
Alessandro dosSantos



Mr. Riley was not in attendance.

**I. Call to Order**

Mr. Ristuccia called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**II. Routine Matters**

**A. Signing of Departmental Bills**

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**A. May 19, 2014**

Ms. Sturtevant motioned to approve the minutes of May 19, 2014. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

**IV. Appointments**

**A. Vincent Manfredi, 14 Houle Street – Re: Driveway Waiver  
Antone Medeiros, Contractor**

Mr. Manfredi – I have a small driveway. I live on the corner of Houle & Wilding in North Fairhaven and I have a 22' boat. Right now I have a 14' wide curb cut. Two vehicles can't park there. Already crunched and I park the boat on another area. If I park in front of the driveway I can't get out at all. On Houle Street there is 150' of frontage. I would like to drive thru.

Mr. Wotton – I have no problem with it.

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Ms. Sturtevant – On Houle Street go where the front door is or on the opposite side?

Mr. Manfredi – Closer to the end.

Mr. Medeiros – Connect Houle Street to Wilding Street.

Mr. Hobson – I'm all set.

Mr. Furtado – I'm fine.

Mr. Ristuccia – I don't see any reason why we shouldn't.

Ms. Sturtevant motioned to approve the waiver for a second driveway opening for 14 Houle Street. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

**B. Tom Carreiro, Oliver Street – Re: Chicane**

Mr. Furtado – Tom and some other residents have been petitioning the removal of the chicane that is there. Letter we received we maintain it, not own. We forwarded to Selectmen information from that meeting and they gave us permission to use their engineering money. I hired Bayside Engineering who is the town's traffic consultant. They did a traffic study with options. Selectmen sent Tom a letter to go back to Public Works.

Mr. Hobson – This thing was put in by the Planning Board years ago. Recently they voted not to take it out.

Mr. Furtado – They felt that a compromise would be okay. They would support a crossover.

Mr. Hobson – The other issue is we don't have the \$5,000 to \$10,000 to take this thing out. We can approve anything we want but we need the money. It's a vicious circle. One option would be to go to Town Meeting and ask for the money.

Mr. Ristuccia – Put in an article at Town Meeting to pay for that work to be done.

Mr. Carreiro – There are fifty-seven houses there. It doesn't make any sense. The danger is when you come up Oliver Street. There is a ninety degree bend. It becomes an obstacle after you engage the turn. People drive on the wrong side of the road. It's poorly designed. The other issue is ask them to shorten it. I have no access for emergency vehicles.

Mr. Ristuccia – The Planning Department is the one that wanted that there in the beginning. They don't want to remove it. My suggestion is that you get the neighbors and get what signatures you need. Special Town Meeting; get the people together. It's the Town Meeting members you need to impress. I would get Town members to go to see what that is and see what they are voting for.

Mr. Hobson – Did you go as a group to the Planning Board?

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Mr. Carreiro - A lot signed the petition but did not go.

Mr. Furtado – I don't mind assigning the Highway guys to assist. The only way this is going to fly is to put forth an article at Town Meeting and we would stand up and support it at that time.

Mr. Carreiro – You can't see people coming around the turn. Close calls. As residents there we have seen it. I need access to my driveway. There is no way to make the turn. There has to be a compromise.

Mr. Ristuccia – Did you speak at the Planning Board?

Mr. Carreiro – Yes, Mr. Roth doesn't want to take it out. The chicane isn't doing anything to help.

Mr. Ristuccia – You need to go to Town Meeting. If you need any assistance Vinnie would be happy to guide you in certain areas. If the Planning Board had no say we might feel differently. If you want to make an article at town meeting you can make it the article you want it to be. You will have the support from this department.

Ms. Sturtevant – Are you a Town Meeting member?

Mr. Carreiro – No, I am not.

Ms. Sturtevant – You would have to ask Town Meeting to speak.

Mr. Furtado – To remove is about \$10,000. Roughly to put driveway cutouts would be about half of that.

Mr. Wotton motioned to support the decision made on the chicane once agreed. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

**C. John Kopaczewski – Re: 23 Point Street – Driveway Violation**

Mr. Kopaczewski – I came in front of the Board around July 2013. I own 23 Point Street. In July of 2013 I applied for occupancy. I found out I needed to have a driveway to get occupancy. I didn't want to hold up the occupancy so it was suggested that I give a \$1000 deposit. I put it in before winter in 2013 and I asked for the \$1000 back. John said he wasn't a happy camper. When I put the driveway in I hook into the storm drain too. He said that's good. I did all that stuff. Got permission. I gave the \$1000 check and John at the time gave me an approved drain list of people to hook into the storm drain. I put the driveway in and I said I would like to get my \$1000 back. He said I didn't use an approved contractor. I wasn't aware. We thought we put it in right. The bottom line is did it say I was supposed to get an approved contractor. I'm not sure how it came about. I don't want to say ignorance on my part. I think we did the driveway and I asked Wayne. Wayne said he didn't have a problem.

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Mr. Ristuccia – As a matter of principle, every single time somebody comes in they are handed a list. Just like you were given a list for the driveways. There is no doubt in my mind that you got it. You were also given a list for bonded contractors.

Mr. Hobson – When you got the drain permit did you get it at the same time?

Mr. Kopaczewski – John said you won't get occupancy without concrete or asphalt.

Mr. Hobson – There is a \$300 fine. You will get \$700 back.

Mr. Kopaczewski - I'm not going to argue that point. I never got this. Honest to God I never received this.

Mr. Wotton – Even if you didn't get this we would have said with an approved contractor.

Mr. Kopaczewski – I can tell you honestly I never received. This. I don't have a problem with that.

Mr. Ristuccia – Going back to our meeting when you brought the driveway out the Board gave you a waiver.

Mr. Kopaczewski – We took it off of Point Street and ran it under the house to Rockland Street.

Mr. Ristuccia – Weren't there grading issues?

Mr. Wotton – We had mentioned if they ever paved that road you might want to make the elevation higher.

Mr. Wotton – He did beautify the road/sidewalk area there. Have a feeling that we owe him little bit?

Mr. Wotton motioned to fine Mr. Kopaczewski \$300 for not using an approved driveway contractor and refund \$700. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

**D. Interviews for HMEO – Highway Department**

**1. Charles Vera**

Mr. Furtado – He is here for the opening in the Highway Department. Hoppy was representing Board; John and I did the interviews. We narrowed it down to the top three. Marco is not on the list. He could not make it tonight.

Mr. Hobson – We interviewed six people and we picked the three that would be the best for the town. This gentleman was in the top three. Interview him and then pick one later.

Mr. Vera – I don't have any experience with road work. I've been driving truck for ABC for six months. It's labor intensive. I'm dependable, there every day. Always on time. They gave me my own truck and my own route.

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Mr. Hobson – He understands it's a truck driver laborer job.

Mr. Wotton – Why are you looking to leave ABC?

Mr. Vera - No retirement benefits. I just obtained my CDL when I got a job at ABC.

Mr. Wotton - Have you had any other experience as far as laboring? Digging holes?

Mr. Vera – No.

Ms. Sturtevant – Weed whacking or cutting grass?

Mr. Vera - Yes. I worked for the City of New Bedford.

**2. Alessandro dosSantos**

Mr. dosSantos – Right now I work for RJV Construction in South Boston as a pipe layer. I received my CDL in 2003. I also worked for Cibotti and Andreassi, same type of work; water, drain, and drive back and forth tri-axle truck.

Mr. Hobson – I interviewed him with Mr. Charbonneau. The only issue is he is making a lot of money right now in Boston. He explained to us he doesn't need the insurance.

Ms. Sturtevant– Why would you take a cut in pay and what's the reason?

Mr. dosSantos – At the first interview I told them it is nice to make the money. I'm only 36. I don't want to retire and get the social security. I want to spend more time with my wife with my kids. I've been doing this for thirteen years to Tewksbury. I want to be close to home.

Ms. Sturtevant – Are you ready for that?

Mr. dosSantos – Yes.

Mr. Wotton – I think you are overqualified for the position. As long as you are willing. Want longevity.

Mr. dosSantos – I want to be here 30-35 years.

Mr. Wotton – He has the experience. You have worked for them for numerous years.

Mr. Ristuccia – You have a nice way about you. I think that if this Board voted to have you I think that with your skills that you probably have now and the desire that I think that you have you will advance here. I don't think that you will be overqualified.

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Mr. Hobson – We interviewed these three people. Mr. dosSantos came in first with experience. Two out of three picked Mr. Vera seconded. Marco came in third. Basically we recommend to you Mr. dosSantos.

Mr. Ristuccia – He represented himself very good. He has talent and desire. Can't image who would be more qualified.

Mr. Hobson – Mr. dosSantos is very qualified.

Mr. Wotton motioned to offer the job to Mr. dosSantos for the truck driver position and if turns down alternate to the second.

Ms. Sturtevant – Everyone agree?

Mr. Furtado – Not necessary, two and three 3 flip flop.

Mr. Wotton – If he turns it down interview again. Rephrase motion to offer Mr. dosSantos the truck position and if he turns it down we will interview the two other candidates. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Ristuccia left the meeting to attend a Conservation Commission meeting at 7:05 p.m. and did not return.

Mr. Hobson took over as Chairman.

**V. Items for Action**

**A. Nuwater, Inc., Taber & South Street, Aeration Tanks – Payment #342-06; \$165,913.70**

Mr. Furtado – They have a contract with the Town working on three things; two pump stations and the aeration basins up the street. Contract is nearly over. Pay Requisition is signed by the resident engineer, \$165,913.70.

Ms. Sturtevant motioned to pay \$165,913.70 to Nuwater for Taber and South Street. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

**B. Pavao Construction, Elliot Lane – Payment #3; \$22,315.58**

Mr. Furtado – This is for the Elliot Lane Roadway Improvement. Primarily it is CDBG money. Public Works is required to pay \$22,315.58 from the Chapter 90 account.

Ms. Sturtevant motioned to pay \$22,315.58 to Pavao Construction from the Chapter 90 account. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

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

Mr. Furtado – Just before Town Meeting when the joint Boards of Health and Public Works we voted to go to the cart program for recycle land rubbish collection. Shortly after Town Meeting we had Town Counsel review the contract and we forwarded it to ABC to get this going in anticipation for a summer start. Logistically we were going to start in the summer. Now there is a little snafu in getting the trucks in time. ABC is now telling me that it will start the latter part of this year or beginning of 2015. Probably recommend put it off till spring. Thru the Board the BPW negotiated to keep the current contract the way it is. We won't pay for the cart program until it starts. That will save us about \$1,700 a month.

Mr. Wotton – Barrels on the bike path. Can you put one at Pierces Point and maybe one near Evergreen Street? The one that is Arsene Street is on a post. Maybe put a real one there so it's visible.

Mr. Furtado – There are a couple of pieces of correspondence. Selectmen are starting up an Emergency Planning Committee. The last time we met we voted on me sitting on the Capital Planning Committee. Could be me or one of you folks. Doesn't say when they are going to meet.

Mr. Hobson – Bring it up at the net meeting.

Mr. Furtado – Schools; Rogers and Oxford. We cut the grass the last time. There is a letter from the Selectmen's office asking us to continue to cut the grass basically.

Mr. Wotton – We can put this into our routine.

Mr. Hobson – I think we have to cut it.

Ms. Tripp – I found a Park payroll from the 80's. We had seven summer help, now we have two. We have more areas to cut and less people to do it. Monday's and Friday's the summer help pick up trash from all over Town in the barrels. That leaves Tuesday to Thursday. The Highway Department subsidizes the Park Department with three of their employees so leaves John short of help to do road work. You need to ask for more summer help.

Ms. Sturtevant – Sewer tie-ins; anything on that?

Mr. Furtado – Once upon a time the Board of Health use to do that. There is a by-law that reads that if sewer is available you are required to tie-in two years. Only the Board of Health can grant a waiver. Anyone can enforce that. Entrance was that any Town agency can. I have Pat looking at the list that was generated to give me some advice. Moving forward it will fall upon us to prepare for housing court to get residents to tie in.

Mr. Hobson - I was down by the causeway today. They are going to do some borings on the causeway. The bridge and part of that is falling apart.

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Mr. Furtado – It needs some attention. I have a report from the State and am meeting with them on Wednesday. I've met with the Town's water engineer, Tata and Howard. The logistic is to provide water to the residents. If that gets breached during the repair we still have to provide water.

Superintendent's Report for June 2, 2014:

From last meeting:

- Beach erosion at Briercliffe – received permission from Conservation and asked Century Paving (our contractor) to install an asphalt berm at bottom of street to direct water to catch basin to the north
- Asked Selectmen for additional \$\$, or letter of support, re: cutting grass at Wood/Oxford
- Checked with Planning re: Weybridge – no movement to date on this matter
- Placed additional trash barrel at Hoppy's/grass cutting too
- Currently, bike path trash barrels are located at the following intersections: Main street, Chestnut street, Pleasant street, David Drown Blvd, Arsene Street, Weeden Road, Hamlet street and Shaw Road, the only others would be Green Street, Laurel Street, Tripp street and Gелlette Road.....the distance between Green and Laurel is only a couple hundred feet – so we will add only one there

New Items:

- Met with Conservation re: Briercliffe erosion and Dogwood project
- Inquired about ABC Contract
- Cooke Street paved
- Attended sea level rise seminar and how that is affecting water/sewer utilities
- Hurricane Barrier Inspection conducted in Fairhaven by Army Corps.
- Attend Water Conservation meeting concerning Town's by-law
- Researched landfill issues re: DEP permitting
- Attended DEP seminar re: changes in sewer regulations



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- Met with representative/received proposal from Water Planet re: in-house process modifications that can be conducted at the sewer plant to reduce nitrogen
- Working on grant application for drainage at Sedgewick/Jerusalem/Calumet
- Working on grant application for nutrient (nitrogen) removal at POTW
- Continued to work on Mill Road dam remediation
- Conducted truck driver interviews for Highway

**VII. Set date for the next meeting**

Mr. Wotton motioned to hold the next two meetings on June 16, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. and June 23, 2014 at 6:00 at West Island. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

**VIII. Adjourn and Executive Session**

Mr. Hobson motioned to adjourn the open session and enter into executive session and not to reconvene the open session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss the Howland Road agreement.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. Tripp  
BPW Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved on June 16, 2017.