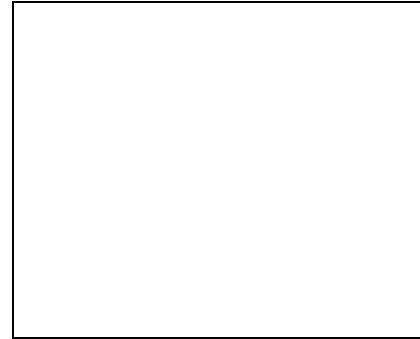


**Town of Fairhaven  
Board of Public Works Meeting  
July 7, 2014**

Present

Michael Ristuccia, Commissioner  
Robert Hobson, Commissioner  
Brian Wotton, Commissioner  
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent  
Kathy Tripp, Administrative Assistant  
Jay Johanson  
Jaime DeSousa  
Warren Rensehausen, Recreation Director  
Jon Gregory, Tata & Howard



Ms. Sturtevant and Mr. Riley were 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. n/a**

**IV. Appointments**

**A. Jay Johanson, 565 Scoticut Neck Road – Driveway Violation**

Mr. Johanson – We had a company come in and pave the driveway. I asked about the permit and information. I went away for a business trip for two days. I assumed they would do it properly. I then received a citation from the Town.

Mr. Ristuccia – When you came down to apply for the permit there were only certain people to do it. I'm sure you were given a list of approved contractors.

Mr. Hobson – I've been going by your house for twenty years. I know you are fixing it up. You are doing an excellent job. You didn't pull permit. The guy here before paid a \$300 fine.

Mr. Ristuccia – Someone was here three to four weeks ago. We really didn't want to fine him but the rules weren't followed. That's how it is. How long have you lived there?

Mr. Johanson – About a year.

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Mr. Johanson – A mistake was made.

Mr. Wotton motioned to assess a \$300 fine for use of an unapproved contractor. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

**B. Jaime DeSousa – Re: Cushman Park**

Mr. Ristuccia – We have been kicking out the fees and the cost of maintaining the fields.

Mr. Furtado – Jaime is here to request use of the park.

Mr. DeSousa – We started a youth soccer club in Town and unfortunately the down side is there are no soccer fields in Fairhaven. I approached Warren to use the track at Cushman Park. It's not like a baseball field. There would be no cost to the Town. All we need is the use of the field. Mariner charges \$100 an hour. We are willing to work with the Town, cut the grass, fertilize.

Mr. Hobson – How old?

Mr. DeSousa – Varies in age; under 10 team, under 13, and 14-18. Right now our core is 6, 7 and 8 year olds.

Mr. Hobson – How many times a week?

Mr. DeSousa – Usually get the field twice a week and on Sunday.

Mr. Hobson – How many teams?

Mr. DeSousa – Three teams.

Mr. Hobson – The majority are from where?

Mr. DeSousa – It varies.

Mr. Hobson – Everybody wants to go to Cushman Park to use it for football, baseball, and track. What area do you want to use?

Mr. DeSousa – In the middle of the track.

Mr. Wotton – First one to play on the track. The only concern that I have is the responsibility of the goals. I recommend chain them somehow. Possibility of restroom. Last thing, in the fall league times would be the High School. They would be using it for field hockey. Lining. I can't speak for Scott Francis.

Mr. DeSousa – It probably won't take in effect until next year. 100 x 75 yards. It's the space.

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Our schedule doesn't happen until after 6:00. Games are on Sunday. We know we are second to the High School.

Mr. Hobson – If Warren is in charge of the fields he should give a recommendation.

Mr. Rensehausen – With the exception of the games I wasn't aware that the School Department had first option. He is the first one to use it for track.

Mr. Ristuccia – It's the upkeep of the fields that are the concerns. What about the field if it gets damaged. Maintenance; that is going to cost the town money. Only one use inside the track. Maintain what it is.

Mr. DeSousa – If we are the sole group using it we are willing to maintain it.

Mr. Rensehausen – I have not permitted for that group.

Mr. DeSousa – Thursday night is men's softball.

Mr. Ristuccia – Unfortunately you are the first. We are really concerned about these fields.

Mr. Wotton – I know exactly how to handle this. Majority are Fairhaven kids used by the children of our communities. Assess a small fee and see if that fee meets the maintenance costs. \$500 cost and 5 teams we assess a \$100 fee. Perfect grass is fantastic. Kids need to use these fields.

Mr. Hobson – This is the man that does the scheduling. I'm all for the kids. The selectmen just went thru this at their last meeting. There should be a fee.

Mr. Furtado – Warren came up with some fees.

Mr. Rensehausen - Scott and I work on a regular basis. I will be working it out with Scott and everybody involved.

Mr. Ristuccia – I think you are here one meeting too soon. We need to talk about the fees. Next meeting better idea what to do. We are kind of wasting your time right now. We don't know what we are going to do with the fees.

Mr. Hobson motioned to use the fields with Warren's discretion. Mr. Wotton seconded.

Mr. Furtado – We upped the lights from \$10 to \$40. He put together the permit application. There is a fee for all predicated youth or adult and residents or not. Charge for those groups.

Mr. Rensehausen – I received nineteen responses from different communities. It varies. Some communities charge per participant. Tried to get something midpoint. Proposed weekday, practices. \$200 for the season I think is reasonable. Special events and tournaments. Charge for people to come in there should be some fee so that group is not making on the money for a Town field.

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Mr. Wotton – Good structure here. More for adult teams. \$200 is a reasonable number.

Mr. Ristuccia motioned to use the #'s that he has. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Wotton motioned to enter into executive session at 6:50 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter and to reconvene open session at its conclusion. Mr. Hobson seconded.

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

**C. Jon Gregory, Tata & Howard – Re: Water Rates**

Mr. Gregory – I would like to discuss a little bit more where we are going with this. We understand the Boards concerns to try to keep the burden more on the higher uses. We are also looking at data from a little while back. We are working on more updated data. We want to make sure we have the most accurate data to provide the town with coming up with new rates.

Mr. Hobson – I hear from the people who are not using the water.

Mr. Ristuccia – Here is what is going to be happen, charge \$65 and then per drop.

Mr. Furtado – 2,250 is the minimum cubic feet with the meter rental it's \$92. Nobody pays less. Jon and I looking at who pays \$92 and who pays less. Try to still make it \$92. The tier structure is one idea Tata & Howard is looking at and everybody pays what they use. There are about 700 residents that their bill would go down.

Mr. Gregory – We need to check on that flat rate. My gut feeling is that it is too low.

Discussion continued on water rates.

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

Superintendent Report for June 30 – July 3, 2014:

- Water is off at 5 Taber Street
- Work on recycle center proposal
- Work with Tom Crotty re: ABC contract and mediation with Tibbetts
- Attend meeting with Mattapoisett and Marion re: water withdrawal permit for Mattapoisett River Valley issued by DEP

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- For David Drown Boulevard crosswalk issue; the line painting list for crosswalks went out in the mail today. For that crosswalk, Bill Roth ordered green paint for inside of the lines in the crosswalk and he has a removable pedestrian crosswalk sign that will get installed in the crosswalk once the area is painted
- Also, For the David Drown cross walk issue; Matt Coes, from the Fairhaven Bikeway Group, gave me a list of vendors of Crossing Beacons that the CPC awarded that group \$\$ for. Using this money, we will order the beacon and install it for them
- Tata and Howard; revisit water rates for meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup>
- Met Jeff Osuch at Rogers School – water/sewer departments need to cut/cap services prior to demo of portables slated for the end of this month

**VII. Set Date for the Next Meeting**

Mr. Ristuccia motioned to hold the next meeting on July 21, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

**VII. Adjourn**

Mr. Wotton motioned to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Mr. Ristuccia seconded. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. Tripp  
Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved on July 21, 2014.