

**Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
August 25, 2014**

Present

Michael Ristuccia, Commissioner
Robert Hobson, Commissioner
Kathleen Sturtevant, Commissioner
Brian Wotton, Commissioner
G. Steven Riley, Commissioner
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent
Kathy Tripp, Administrative Assistant
John Medeiros, Lions Club
Bill Moniz, Lions Club
Mark Rogers, Beaver Express
Douglas Pinard, Sewer Department
Laurie Traudt, Dog Park Committee
Carol Tyson, Dog Park Committee
Laurie Cannon, Safety Officer
Rene Fleurent, Resident



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. August 11, 2014

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2014 meeting. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

IV. Appointments

A. John Medeiros, Bill Moniz, Lions Club – Flag Donation

Mr. Medeiros – I am the President and I am here with Bill and our first woman member Dianne. Years ago the Fairhaven Lions Club when they built this building in 1983 the Lions Club gave the flag pole and stone. We have quite a few members but we are also looking for members to join. You probably don't know what your crew does but they do a lot of nice things and we would like to donate three flags. One is for this building, one for Cushman Park and the last for Livesey Park. If there is any need for repair for the flags we will gladly repair them for you.

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Mr. Ristuccia – Thank you.

Mr. Medeiros - Next September 11th there will be a flag retirement program with the Boy Scouts and NFIA. Think about letting the public know that the BPW should stay. I like the different layers of government. Not one person in control.

Mr. Ristuccia – It’s not often that people do things out of generosity and kindness.

B. Mark Rogers, Beaver Express LLC – New Drainlayer

Mr. Rogers – Dan couldn’t get here in time. I am a Superintendent and a personal drainlayer in the City of Boston for twenty years.

Mr. Riley – Thank coming out of your way. Letters of recommendation appreciated, insurance conforms.

Mr. Wotton – No issues.

Ms. Sturtevant – All set.

Mr. Hobson – Where are you planning on working?

Mr. Rogers – Alves, a sewer tie-in. Not sure of the street.

Mr. Ristuccia – I have no questions. Everything is in order.

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve Beaver Express as a drainlayer. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

V. Items for Action

A. BPW Commissioners (2) for Interviews - HMEO

Mr. Furtado – We need two folks to volunteer to be on our interview team. Ad for HMEO went in the Standard Times. Justyn Stack resigned and we posted internally. Promoted Vinnie and now his position is vacant.

Mr. Riley and Mr. Wotton volunteered for the preliminary interview process.

IV. Appointments (continued)

C. Douglas Pinard – Flex Time

Mr. Pinard – I am on the agenda to ask for flex time.

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Mr. Furtado – Doug is just following the procedure outlined in the contract. Flex time is a time that is available to folks in the water and sewer so they can alter their schedule. More than one month requires the board's permission to do so. Doug was in front of the Board last December asking for similar requests. His child doesn't get bussing. School year has ended and commencing request to change his hours to reflect what he needs to take care of at home.

Mr. Hobson – Last year I was against this. There is no reason to give flex time for eight to nine months. Flex time is out of control. It should be for a doctor's appointment or emergency. You gave it to him last year. If everyone drop their kids off where would we be? Flex time wasn't put in the contract when I was here. Once in a while but not five days a week. That's my opinion on it. Some guys last year couldn't use any. Nothing against him personally.

Mr. Riley – If I could make a suggestion. Longer than a month. We received this late. I wish we had it earlier. I agree with Mr. Hobson, get the union involved and put this back on the agenda. Next two weeks you can work with Linda and Vinnie but no longer than a month. Invite the union in. I heard muttering from a few employees they were restricted with flex time. Get the union in and discuss flex time. If it benefits the department then there are other options. If the Union wants to change the hours from 8:00 to 4:30 then this flex time would all go away.

Mr. Ristuccia – Flex time should be for doctor's appointments or situations to change the time of day to do that. You are right when you say take it on your own thru Linda. I also as well as you and Hoppy have people that have said to me what's with the flex time?

Mr. Wotton – I agree. Talk further about it.

Ms. Sturtevant – I know the situation. My grandson will be going to ORR too and they don't take the bus. Straighten out with the union.

Mr. Pinard - Last year it wasn't a problem when another individual used flex time. I told them if you need to flex I can try to make other arrangements and work with Rene or Linda. My mother-in-law did it before and she can't do it now. He will be sixteen the end of November and then whenever it takes for him to get his license. I can work with Linda on a week by week basis instead of doing it that way. I've always said you need me to come back I can do that. I know there was some grumbling last year. Not detrimental to the department.

Mr. Hobson – Nothing in there for eight or nine months.

Mr. Pinard – I am following the procedure.

Mr. Ristuccia – I would like to put it off until the next meeting and get the union to talk to us about it. I'm not comfortable if you have it and switch. Is there is a motion on the floor?

Mr. Hobson motioned not to allow it three or four times a week.

Motion dies for lack of second.

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Mr. Riley motioned that per the current contract to allow it with Mr. Furtado and Linda for two weeks and invite the union to discuss the best way to work around flex time. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote 4-1 in favor with Mr. Hobson opposed.

D. Laurie Traudt, Carol Tyson, Fairhaven Dog park committee

Ms. Tyson – As you know the selectmen approved the area pending the BPW because you control it.

Ms. Traudt – Next step would be what do we do next?

Ms. Tyson – We would like to use the area in the back.

Ms. Traudt – Near the pond.

Mr. Hobson – How big of a space?

Ms. Tyson – One and one-half acre. Bring your dog unleashed. Let them run.

Mr. Wotton – Who will open and close the gate based on the situation?

Ms. Tyson – A lot of people are willing to help.

Mr. Wotton – Lock probably should be spending money there. It might keep some motor vehicles out.

Mr. Ristuccia – This is a good start. By far it's not the end. We will need the Board to be informed as you go along with the plan that you want. We need to see that plan. Thinking about insurance. Town of Fairhaven needs to be indemnified. There is conservation land there. Check with conservation to see them. Fence, maybe you do have to go in front of them.

Mr. Riley – Speak with Mr. Osuch about the insurance and what we are liable for. Funding for the fence?

Ms. Tyson – Raise funds. We are going to see if we can use CPC funds.

Mr. Riley - Sometimes we have to dump brush there if we have a hurricane.

Mr. Ristuccia – Dump brush is exactly where they want to put it.

Mr. Riley – Hurricane fills it up and will overflow the lot.

Mr. Wotton – I'm good.

Ms. Sturtevant – I'm fine with it.

Mr. Hobson – Good idea.

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E. Laurie Cannon, Safety Officer – Scoticut Neck Road Safety

Mr. Furtado – A couple of weeks ago the chairman nearly hit someone at Scoticut Neck Road and the bike path.

Mr. Ristuccia – It's too wide there. North on Scoticut Neck Road there is one lane that is very wide at the worst place to be wide. Bike path traffic he stopped because there was somebody across the street. He didn't see me. He was coming to this meeting. I can't tell you how many complaints I've had. We need to make it narrower.

Mr. Riley – We talked about it two and one-half years ago. Couldn't do it because it's a state road. It fell thru the cracks. We all think something needs to be done.

Ms. Cannon – I am in agreement to do that. I am open to make anything safer. That is a town road.

Mr. Riley – First entrance to stop and shop. My question is why can't we put yellow painted diagonal lines?

Ms. Sturtevant – Biggest problem is if we put it down to one lane stop and turn down David Drown Boulevard, people would get backed up on Scoticut Neck Road. It was a big problem when we were doing the Wood School. Talked about putting lane with arrows.

Mr. Riley – My concern is north on Scoticut Neck Road.

Ms. Cannon – Regardless however there is going to be a downside to anything unless you make a tunnel or a bridge.

Mr. Ristuccia – Put in the rubber things. Do something.

Ms. Cannon – Need to have an engineer.

Mr. Fleurent – SRPEDD has funds they can get involved with. I've actually been involved with that intersection with what is being said. It's not if, it's when. It's going to happen. I've experienced it on both sides. Anything we can do to construct it to one lane. Involve some people absolutely.

Mr. Riley – I concur.

Mr. Ristuccia – Wood school. I don't have young children but I have grandchildren that go there. Next door at the playground but I just think that maybe they should be a safety officer there for ten to fifteen minutes at the end of the day. Cars are sitting there. They don't even let the school buses out.

Ms. Cannon – I do it when I can.

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Mr. Riley – Mr. Fleurent, when you take a right on Neck Road into the plaza you have to wait for the cars to move. Into the plaza you can't go left. Can you contact the owner to see if they can make that opening bigger?

Mr. Fleurent – I'll ask.

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

Superintendent's Report for August 25, 2014:

From last meeting:

- Stone Wall repair at Seaview Avenue – Approved by Con Comm – have to meet for hay bale locations etc...in the works
- Issue with gate at Fort Phoenix – Police are supposed to be opening and closing gate
- Sent notice to Fairhaven Housing re: BPW Board allowing in-line grease trap with the caveat being that Fairhaven Housing provide Public Works with the grease trap service records, on a quarterly basis, so that we can ensure that maintenance is being provided to the unit. In addition, as we had discussed, if there is a grease build-up in the sewer as a result of this effort, the remedy will be the responsibility of Fairhaven Housing. Fairhaven Housing agreed
- Meeting with Board of Health on September 15 – grease traps

New:

- Write non-union personnel job descriptions – send to Select Board
- Drainage installation and road construction on Dogwood Street
- Sent grease letter to Pasta House
- Issues with digester generator
- Contact various vendors for new Hoisting license TCH's
- Tinkham Lane well issue – pump is back in place – all samples are clean – just waiting for official ok from DEP to place back in service
- Medeiros came in to pull a permit to conduct water leak work at 5 Taber Street
- A couple of employee issues that arose during the last two weeks
- Kathy and I met with Safety Officer in preparation for meeting

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- Attended MRV Meeting
- Correspondence submitted form Harbormaster concerning installing a permanent pump out station on Union Wharf – Harbormaster received a grant – they are seeking permission and labor help – on going will update in subsequent meetings
- Met with Dave Janik (CZM Regional Director) concerning various grant opportunities for storm water remediation
- Meeting a West Island re: implementing CDM report on monitoring wells and plant efficiencies
- Inter-municipal Agreement signed and delivered – just awaiting on Accountant’s Signature for Rubbish Contract – then that’ll be all set too

Ms. Sturtevant – I have nothing.

Mr. Wotton – On the next agenda can we discuss the licensing fee for the drainlayers?

Mr. Riley – Cross training of employees, getting back to doing that. Figure out where we are with water and sewer. Discuss that at the next meeting.

Mr. Hobson – Budget next year; we give dirt away. In the winter time we could screen that dirt ourselves and reuse it. Get our own screener.

Mr. Ristuccia – Say that one of the members brought it up. There are some areas in the water, sewer and highway; paying people to do things that aren’t necessary to do. Do we really need someone at West Island from 8:00 to 4:30?

Mr. Furtado – Answer is some day’s yes he could be moved around two or three times a week. Samples and reporting need to be done, but yes we can always be better.

Mr. Hobson – We read meters twice a year. There is a company that goes around and reads the meter for .50 a meter.

Mr. Furtado – Next meeting Farland who was the contractor for 100 Alden Road we have a bill for \$7,000. We are meeting with the Board of Health on the 15th.

VII. Set Date for the Next Meeting

Mr. Wotton motioned to hold the next meeting on September 8, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Riley seconded. Vote unanimous.

VIII. Adjourn

Ms. Sturtevant motioned to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

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Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. Tripp
Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved on September 8, 2014.