

**Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
November 3, 2014**

Present

Michael Ristuccia, Commissioner
Robert Hobson, Commissioner
Kathleen Sturtevant, Commissioner
Brian Wotton, Commissioner
G. Steven Riley, Commissioner
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent
Kim Nogueira, Head Clerk
Humberto & Nelia Pacheco, 15 Dover Street
Antone Medeiros, 15 Sunrise Court



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. October 20, 2014

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2014 meeting. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

IV. Appointments

A. Humberto & Nelia Pacheco – Re: 15 Dover Street Driveway Waiver

Mr. Furtado – This applicant requested to replace the current concrete apron with asphalt. The permit was denied by the Highway Superintendent based on the policy is to replace with existing so they are here before this Board to request permission to replace the apron with asphalt.

Mrs. Pacheco – Many of the homes around us have asphalt aprons. I have some pictures for the Board.

Mr. Pacheco – The existing concrete apron is full of cracks, I want to make it nice.

Mr. Hobson – I don't have a problem with this request.

Ms. Sturtevant – Is the sidewalk going to be asphalt?

Mr. Pacheco – Yes it is.

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Mr. Riley – Many times we have the opposite request, if the other driveways are asphalt I can see your point.

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve the waiver request to replace the existing concrete apron with asphalt to the street for 15 Dover Street. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Ristuccia – Check in with the Highway Superintendent regarding the elevation of the driveway.

B. Nils Johnson, 409 Huttleston Avenue – Re: External Grease Trap Waiver

Mr. Johnson was not in attendance.

C. Antone Medeiros, Contractor – Re: 15 Sunrise Court Driveway Waiver

Mr. Ristuccia – We have another driveway waiver request.

Mr. Furtado – The applicant is looking to install a 36' wide asphalt apron.

Mr. Medeiros – This is a gravel road with no sidewalks or curbing and he is looking for the extra width to get the cars off the road. It is very narrow.

Mr. Riley – I agree, it is very tight and would benefit the other homeowners.

Ms. Sturtevant – It would be better to have the cars off the road.

Mr. Ristuccia – We have approved this size apron before.

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the waiver request for a 36' wide apron for 15 Sunrise Court. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

V. Items for Action

A. Sewer Use Ordinance Comments on Draft

Mr. Furtado – Based on the Board's comments from the last meeting I revised the ordinance accordingly. I hope you are happy with it. John and I attended a stormwater meeting and there will have to be some changes down the road for our permit requirements but it is good to go for now.

Mr. Riley – On page twelve number four, the ordinance states that both the Board of Health and BPW need to approve the type of grease removal system and yet on the agenda there is a waiver request for a grease trap from this Board alone.

Mr. Ristuccia – The Plumbing Inspector actually decides what type of grease trap is required. We should remove the Board of Health from that section of the ordinance.

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Mr. Furtado – The Board of Health does the inspections but the Plumbing Inspector determines what size and type of grease trap is required and if it is installed correctly.

Mr. Riley – I am concerned that businesses that have been granted waivers will try to expand their business and have a change of use.

Mr. Ristuccia - We need to establish a visual inspection procedure for restaurants and schools. The Board of Health only checks the maintenance chart that is posted. We need to have periodic inspections of the actual grease traps. The amount of grease in the sewer system is a problem. Do we have the manpower to get these grease traps inspected?

Mr. Furtado – We will have to make it work. Maybe we could share the workload with the Board of Health.

Mr. Ristuccia – How many establishments have grease traps?

Mr. Furtado – I don't have the exact numbers back yet, but I would guess around one hundred.

Mr. Ristuccia - So over a six month span we could do one inspection per day, four days a week.

Mr. Riley – Is it fair to say that the Town is better served to require external grease traps?

Mr. Furtado – Compliance wise, yes. They work better, less maintenance and receive better discharge.

Mr. Hobson – I think Mr. Furtado should go back to the Board of Health first and see what they can do.

Mr. Ristuccia – I spoke with the Board of Health Agent and they do not have the staff to do the inspection and she also thinks it is our responsibility. It enters our sewer system. We should inspect three small, three medium and three large businesses grease traps to establish a base line and show these places what they are discharging into our system.

Mr. Hobson – That is a good idea.

Mr. Riley – All new establishments should have external grease traps.

Mr. Furtado – I can change the wording in Section 5 N-4 to state that.

Mr. Wotton – We need to meet with the plumbing inspector to determine the requirements.

Mr. Ristuccia – I also noticed that on Section 2 (a) the last word says “bylaw” it should say regulation.

Mr. Furtado – This ordinance was initially written for Town Meeting, but I will make that change.

Mr. Hobson motioned to table this discussion until the next meeting and to request the Plumbing Inspector to attend. Mr. Riley seconded. Vote unanimous.

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B. GCG Associates, Construction & Observation Services – 90 Bridge Street

Mr. Furtado – GCG submitted an agreement to provide inspection services for water and sewer services at 90 Bridge Street for \$4,510.00. The money has already been received from the property owner.

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the agreement with GCG Associates in the amount of \$4,510.00 for inspection services for 90 Bridge Street. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

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

Superintendent's Report for November 3, 2014

- Attended Capital Planning Committee meeting
- Revised water rates letter based on Board comments – send to Bill Trust
- Wrote draft of our first Neighborhood News article
- Attended preconstruction meeting for Francis Street – drainage – sewer – water reconstruction
- Attended pre-bid meeting for Taber and South Street Pump Station upgrades
- Pine Grove Pump Station back in operation
- Attended Stormwater meeting in Lakeville concerning new regulations that the EPA will impose on Town
- Attended preconstruction meeting for 90 Bridge Street – water and sewer
- Attended preconstruction meeting for drainage repair at Shore Drive
- Updated Sewer Use Ordinance based on Board comments received
- Assisted Financial Department with completing SRF project loan update for Boston Hill Tank
- Attended file sub bid meeting for Taber and South Street Pump Stations
- Attended Mediation in Boston re: Fairhaven vs. Tibbetts (Howland Road)

Mr. Furtado – The Water Department is on site now repairing a water main break at Shore Drive. The contractor pulled the main. The water and sewer bills are due to be mailed out on Friday.

Mr. Hobson – Do the interviews for the truck driver job need to be televised? The Police, Fire and School don't. How do they get away with it?

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Mr. Furtado - Open meeting law requires them to be televised. I don't know how the other departments get away with it. It is an invasion of privacy.

Mr. Hobson – Ask Mr. Osuch how they do it.

Mr. Ristuccia – If the subcommittee and Superintendents recommend A.B.C.D. candidates, I am confident in their choice they don't need to come to the Board.

Ms. Sturtevant – Like we do with the summer help. They don't come to the Board.

Mr. Riley – I think you do have to mention their name in the vote.

Mr. Wotton – I have chosen my selections for interviews. We can narrow it down after the interviews.

Mr. Ristuccia – We can discuss this again at the next meeting.

Mr. Hobson – The Highway guys did an excellent job repairing the stone wall at Seaview Avenue. When is ABC going to start the new program?

Mr. Furtado – We are looking to start with the new cart program in March or April. We were reluctant to start in January because of snow removal. This will also allow time to send out notices to the residents and to have an informational session. ABC is still charging the Town the old contract price for trash collection so I have sent an email to ABC asking how much they would charge for leaf collection for 2 weeks.

Mr. Riley – We signed the contract in good faith back in July; they should pick up the leaves for free. We are losing revenue, I think they own it.

Mr. Wotton – Many residents can't get their leaves to the recycle center. We need to work on a draft for next fall using our trucks and personnel.

Mr. Hobson – Is the recycle center going to be open on Saturdays in the winter?

Mr. Furtado – Yes, the last Saturday of the month, same as last year.

Mr. Ristuccia - There is going to be a weekly article in the Neighborhood News to inform the residents what this Board is working on. A lot of people don't know what we do. For instance, we have been working on the Nitrogen Permit for the Sewer Department and have saved the Town millions of dollars. We have also implemented a new water and sewer rate billing structure designed to encourage conservation. The government is going to place water restrictions on the Town. If we go over the restriction there will be penalties. This Board takes the Town citizens and money very seriously. We are needed.

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VII. Set Date for the Next Meeting

Mr. Riley motioned to hold the next meeting on November 17, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

VIII. Adjourn

Mr. Wotton motioned to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Nogueira
Head Clerk

Minutes approved on November 17, 2014.