

**Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
December 1, 2014**

Present

Michael Ristuccia, Commissioner
Kathleen Sturtevant, Commissioner
Brian Wotton, Commissioner
G. Steven Riley, Commissioner
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent
Kathy Tripp, Administrative Assistant
Norman Lussier, Plumbing Inspector
John Charbonneau, Highway Superintendent
James Lawrence, HMEO Applicant
Edward Fortin, Water Superintendent



Mr. Hobson was not in attendance.

I. Call to Order

Mr. Ristuccia called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

II. Routine Matters

A. Signing of Departmental Bills

III. Approval of Minutes

A. November 17, 2014

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2014 meeting. Mr. Riley seconded. Vote unanimous.

IV. Norman Lussier, Plumbing Inspector – Re: Sewer Use Ordinance

Mr. Furtado – On page twelve over the past number of months, the Board has been toying around with grease traps and how to approve grease traps or how to put them on the restaurant owner to make sure it's maintained. Section is listed on top of page. Work in progress. Since you and the Board of Health are the two approval authorities for the installation we wanted to invite you in and get your thoughts to what is written here and if you think anything should be added or deleted.

Mr. Lussier – Go back five or six years ago we had problems and how serious and expensive it is for the Town. The Board of Health implemented a rule we couldn't enforce. The State said we can't tell them to put in an automatic grease trap. I went to Pat and told her that so if a guy challenges me on an automatic grease trap we can't make them do that. Pat has a schedule where she goes into each of the restaurants and tries to keep an eye on it. Emptying the bottle, who knows where they are emptying it? Nobody knows where it's going unless they have a certified guy that comes in and documents to dispose of it in the proper way.

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Mr. Furtado – Have them forward the reports to us so we can have a master list. We met back in September with a joint meeting with the Board of Health and they expressed issues with checking. They hired a new inspector and things are going in the right direction.

Mr. Lussier – It's not full proof.

Mr. Furtado – One problem is the restaurant owner in his mind believes he was doing his due diligence having roto rooter twice a year. Matter a fact, he replaced his service and our service and we have filmed it and it's heading back into the same direction.

Mr. Lussier – I know it's a serious problem. We had an instance where a manhole was full of grease six hundred feet downstream from a restaurant and that six hundred feet after it's cleaned out there was grease that was almost to the top of the manhole. Seasonal Seafood Hut at the corner of Main and Alden Road.

Mr. Riley – We met with the Board of Health and everything that's downstream is us and it goes into our system. That's where this came up. Is it in our regulation that we can we require an external grease trap?

Mr. Lussier – Pasta House; that was a classic case of an easy fix. We need to enforce them with the outside grease trap. The BPW said we don't have any regulations.

Mr. Riley – We can require restaurant's to have external grease traps?

Mr. Lussier – You can do that in a free standing restaurant, not in a strip mall.

Mr. Furtado – Number four, commencing this January is subject to change. Number five, anything installed prior can remain unless it's problematic based on knowing what the plumbing regulations are.

Mr. Lussier – Me, only inside the building. Otherwise, I can only suggest.

Mr. Furtado– You all right with that?

Mr. Lussier – Yes.

Mr. Furtado – We wanted to make sure the document is designed to encompass one thru seven which is why we invited you here. We didn't want to supersede you.

Mr. Ristuccia – Make sure that you are okay with this.

Mr. Lussier – I can't enforce, but I am the inspector of the grease trap.

Mr. Ristuccia – Number six is plumbing and BPW and Board of Health.

Mr. Lussier – It's actually my jurisdiction. State plumbing code for internal.

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B. John Charbonneau, Highway Superintendent – Re: Controlled Density Fill

Mr. Charbonneau – You required me to put something together because we didn't have anything. The Gas Company is the worst but they are exempt from flowable fill. I'm not sure all roadways is the answer. Main roads for sure and new streets upping the warranty period from one year to three years, because I don't think we should require it on all the streets. Some mention water, highway and sewer doing it. In the past fifteen years I've had two trenches settle. We let ours sit for six to eight months with cold patch. Also, any new subdivisions not use it. Those roads sit for over a year. Settlement within two to three year period. New Boston and Bridge Street are not sewered. That would triple the price of that project.

Mr. Ristuccia – Good info to know.

Mr. Furtado – I called Mike on Wednesday in preparation for this. NStar trench permits, we receive twenty a week. It just seems foolish. Nstar is exempt from the flowable fill and they are the contractor who digs the most trenches. Increase liability to two or three years. It's going to cost so much money. I believe when you order the flowable fill you have to order a minimum of five yards.

Mr. Charbonneau – I did get a guarantee from the gas company that before the five years they will come back and patch them. Recently I started doing that. Craig Mello from the gas company is more than willing to do that.

Mr. Wotton – I new about the gas. I think flowable fill is a good product and great to be used. If the Town is doing it it's going to be a lot of money. Private contractor's increase is a cost for residents. Up it from one to three years guarantee for the patch. That may fix our problem.

Mr. Ristuccia – We can change it from one to three?

Mr. Charbonneau – I would prefer the three.

Mr. Ristuccia – Mechanism in place so that when you come in the morning there is a list of trenches to be checked.

Mr. Furtado – John is the eagle eye of the patches.

C. Appointment of HMEO – Highway Department

Mr. Furtado – We interview the HMEO candidates for the Highway Department. There were six candidates we interviewed and we have Mr. Lawrence here if you are willing to offer to Mr. Lawrence the position.

Mr. Charbonneau – I know he doesn't have the air brakes. Sanding is coming up I can't use him if he doesn't.

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Mr. Lawrence – Tomorrow I go to the registry and take my written test and Wednesday pay them up front. It all depends on when I can take the test.

Mr. Riley – He can ride shotgun.

Mr. Ristuccia – He is all over it.

Mr. Wotton motioned to hire James Lawrence as a Heavy Motor Equipment Operator in the Highway Department. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

**D. Edward Fortin, Water Superintendent
Re: Streamflow Gaging System - River Road, Mattapoisett**

Mr. Fortin - See the request from the U.S. Geological Survey what they want to install a streamflow gaging system on the Mattapoisett River. They sent me this in November. Evidently they have picked the site close to where they use to have it years ago. They thought it was cut and dry. I told them no until I find out what is going to happen and who is to control access to the property and I wanted a formal agreement. I have that now. The issues that we have I'm not sure who owns the agreement, BPW or Selectmen. Property was transferred over to you so I would like to ask the selectmen to authorize using Town Counsel.

Mr. Wotton motioned to ask selectmen to use Town Counsel to review the documents for the U.S. Geological Survey Streamflow Gaging System. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Riley – In the past there was some lateral infringement of water being used by a certain business in that area. Is there any state agency that could be involved to send a letter to them?

Mr. Furtado – I spoke with the Mattapoisett Water Superintendent. That will be on his Board's agenda regarding trespassing.

Mr. Fortin– Where they are now is Mattapoisett. Withdraw water; I don't know if it's us or them. Same thing on Wolf Island Road in the brook I asked them to remove their equipment. Two years ago on the River Road property and they did.

V. Items for Action

A. Road Openings – Closing Date December 12, 2014

Mr. Furtado – Steve had mentioned to John every year that date has been when Keating closes just make it that from now on.

Mr. Riley motioned December 12, 2014 the last day to open roads. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

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Mr. Riley motioned for upcoming years when P.J. Keating closes their plant the town's road openings will also be closed. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. Department of Natural Resources – Request to use Landfill Storage Building

Mr. Furtado – This was maybe two or three years ago so the shellfish warden and harbormaster came before the Board and asked if they could use the old storage building at the landfill. They have done a great job on it. Part of the Board's vote is they require them ask for it annually. I see no problem with it.

Ms. Sturtevant motioned to allow the Fairhaven Shellfish Department and Harbormaster to use the landfill storage building. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

C. NuWater Inc. – Final Payment for Taber & South Street, Aeration Tanks WWTP

Mr. Furtado – This is the final payment for the work that was done to the Taber and South Street. A lot of concrete work and the wastewater plant aeration basins. They left the Town this past summer. Final payment that is owed them.

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve payment of \$40,546.57 to Nuwater Inc. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

D. Award Bid for Taber & South Street Pumping Station Improvements

Mr. Furtado – Following suit at the last town meeting, it's the continuation of the needed repairs to the Taber and South Street Pumping Stations. We had a bid opening with five bid alternates. With the amount of money that was approved at town meeting last year we are only able to accept the minimum work. Fay, Spofford & Thorndike recommends approving the contract to Bay State Regional in the amount of \$981,743.00.

Mr. Riley – That is 31% below. Last time we ran into this enormous amount of extras.

Mr. Furtado – There was a lot from us. Majority of the change orders were from us.

Mr. Riley – Are we heading down that path again?

Mr. Furtado – The money that we had earmarked aside, I would say no in this case.

Mr. Wotton motioned to award the contract to the the low bidder Bay State Regional Contractors in the amount of \$981,743.00 for the Taber and South Street Pumping Station Improvements. Mr. Riley seconded. Vote unanimous.

E. I.W. Harding – Change Order #1 – Shore Drive Parking Lot Drainage Improvement s

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Mr. Furtado – This is being paid by Chapter 90, Shore Drive parking lot reconstruction. The change order for \$2,386 was requested by John Charbonneau for more drainage and pavement costs.

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$2,386.50. Mr. Riley seconded. Vote unanimous.

F. I.W. Harding – Payment #1 – Shore Drive Parking Lot Drainage Improvements

Mr. Furtado – This is the payment for the work done in the amount of \$120,788.42.

Mr. Ristuccia – Wasn't there an issue with the water main?

Mr. Furtado – They broke it and our folks repaired it. I will have to check.

Mr. Riley motioned to pay I.W. Harding \$120,788.42. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

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

Mr. Ristuccia – What's happening with the crosswalks at the bike path?

Mr. Furtado – At the last SRPEDD meeting I attended they were scheduling that.

Ms. Sturtevant – I have nothing.

Mr. Wotton – Nothing.

Mr. Riley – I'm good.

Mr. Furtado – Our most important invoice water bills went out. We received some angry comments and comments that are happy so we received both so far.

Mr. Ristuccia – In regards to that; put back on the agenda the first meeting in January. We could do more talking about it. Even more we can do to help out.

Mr. Furtado – Quite honestly, the amount of money that came in was more than we anticipated based on usage. People used a lot more water.

Mr. Ristuccia – I pulled one of my water bills for one period; 7500 to 15700 so that was just one we need to let the folks why we are concerned about conserving water.

Mr. Furtado – Ed was in here talking about getting permission for the geo folks. Reason why that is taking place is to do with water withdrawal by DEP. When that permit comes in it's going to contain some water restrictions from what we have now. Implementing the tier structure we are a step ahead.

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Mr. Ristuccia – We know what it is Vinnie is talking about; severe fines and penalties. We've started articles for the Neighborhood News publication to let the rate payers know why we do things, conserve water, that's why the tier system is in place.

Mr. Riley – Especially in the summer months. Second thing, pro or con, you have to go thru three billing cycles to really determine what conservation measures are going to be.

VII. Set Date for the Next Meeting

Mr. Riley motioned to hold the next meeting on December 15, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

VIII. Adjourn and Executive Session

Mr. Riley motioned to adjourn the open meeting and enter into executive session to discuss a personal matter and not to reconvene in open session at 7:10 p.m. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. Tripp
Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved on December 15, 2014.