

**Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
July 20, 2015**

Present

Michael Ristuccia, Commissioner
Robert Hobson, Commissioner
Kathleen Sturtevant, Commissioner
Brian Wotton, Commissioner
Daniel Freitas, Commissioner
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent
Kathy Tripp, Administrative Assistant
Francis Demers, 42 Grandview Avenue
Antone Medeiros, A. Medeiros, Contractor
Troy Tonnessen
Gail Costello, Rodney Immerman, 13 Fort Street



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. July 6, 2015

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2015 meeting. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

IV. Appointments

**A. Francis Demers, 42 Grandview Avenue – Re: Driveway Waiver
Antone Medeiros, A. Medeiros, Contractor**

Mr. Medeiros – He built a new garage and has 2 doors. He owns both houses look for waiver for second driveway with a 14' cut.

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve second driveway for 42 Grandview Avenue. Mr. Freitas seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Medeiros – I had a Driveway on Crescent Drive that was approved for Mr. Costa last year. It was too late in the season to do it. Do I have to go thru the process again?

Mr. Ristuccia – No problem.

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B. Chris Medeiros, Troy Tonnessen – Request to sell Prepared Food at Town Beach

Mr. Medeiros was not in attendance.

Mr. Tonnessen – We opened the general store on West Island. There is a full kitchen inside that the Board of Health inspected. There are grease traps and we have a trailer outside with fried clams. We are looking to use an electric golf cart to bring food from the building, wrap them and go down to the Town Beach for a couple of hours. Pat Fowle is all set but she said we need to get permission for the Town Beach.

Mr. Ristuccia – I checked with Peter DeTerra and he said it was fine.

Mr. Hobson – It's a good operation. I'm okay with it.

Mr. Tonnessen – If word gets out it will be good.

Mr. Freitas – No problem. I would only say if you park during the hours the beach is open you will need a parking pass like everybody else.

Mr. Tonnessen – It's like a golf cart.

Mr. Ristuccia – Park near the path.

Mr. Freitas – They leave the gate open in that area.

Ms. Tripp – What about trash?

Mr. Ristuccia – If you bring one and leave, take it.

Mr. Tonnessen – I just don't want to run into a Board of Health issue.

Mr. Hobson motioned to allow Chris Medeiros pay the fee \$30 and use the West Island Town Beach to sell prepared food. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

Ms. Sturtevant – Last Sunday it was zoo in there. Triple parked and a mess. He wouldn't have even been able to make it to that point.

C. Gail Costello & Rodney Immerman, 13 Fort Street – Re: Road Opening

Ms. Costello - Thank you for the time. As I outlined in the letter we recently moved to Fairhaven. One of the criteria was that we needed a gas hookup because the furnace has to be replaced. It was of highest priority. Eversource went out before we bought the house and said yes we could hook up. At the end of June one of their guys came out and said this is new pavement. He said there was a moratorium for the road. It was paved in October 2013. So what we are looking for is a waiver to install a gas line. We

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need a new furnace by winter. Someone said to put in an oil furnace and convert to gas later but you lose efficiency. I talked to Eversource again and they said to ask Town for a waiver. They said they would have to rectify the road and maybe it would be an additional cost to the homeowner.

Mr. Furtado - I spoke with the Highway Superintendent and he put some suggestions in the member's packet. It's like the arthroscopic surgery way with the least evasive disturbance. As long as you follow that I have no issue with tying in.

Mr. Ristuccia – When we just pave a road we don't like to dig it up. Small hole deteriorates but the smaller the hole the less chance.

Mr. Wotton – I'm okay with it as long as they follow John Charbonneau's recommendations.

Ms. Sturtevant – I hate to see a road dug up.

Mr. Freitas – Who would be doing the work? I don't have a problem with you doing that. There are a lot of areas going in and digging. There are quite a few spots and potholes where they have been working. Later on we should come up with some type of law. It's getting bad.

Mr. Ristuccia – If Eversource is charging you there is an option something to think about. Convert to propane and then convert to natural gas. Simple one hour conversion. Just a suggestion.

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve the opening of 13 Fort Street to tie into gas with Mr. Charbonneau's recommendations. Mr. Freitas seconded. Vote unanimous.

V. Items for Action

A. Award Tinkham Lane Roof – JD & D Construction

Mr. Furtado – This is something that has been in the works for a little while. The roof was compromised and now we want to do the full repair. Tata & Howard approved the material. We'd like you to award the bid to JD & D Construction.

Mr. Freitas motioned to award the Tinkham Lane Roof Repair to JD & D Construction in the amount of \$14,400.00. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. Award Annual Bid – Ferric Chloride

Mr. Furtado – This was inadvertently left off the annual bid list. This would have been included then. Roberts Chemical was the only bid.

Ms. Sturtevant motioned to award the bid for ferric chloride to Roberts Chemical. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

C. Award WWTP Contract – Evoqua

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Mr. Furtado – We are going to bypass this tonight. Tom Crotty has an issue with the agreement. They are going to do the nitrogen removal pilot study. The contract reads that if the equipment fails they don't guarantee that it's going to work.

D. Dog Park Committee – Requesting obsolete Fire Hydrants

Mr. Furtado – I spoke with Ed this morning. He has no issues.

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve giving the Dog Park Committee two obsolete hydrants for the dog park. Mr. Freitas seconded. Vote unanimous.

E. Pavao Construction – Francis Street Roadway Improvements, Pay Req. #5

Mr. Furtado – This is the next payment due to them. GCG has approved the amount of \$42,161.00.

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve payment of \$42,161.00 to Pavao Construction. Mr. Freitas seconded. Vote unanimous.

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

Superintendent Report for July 20, 2015:

From last meeting

- Post softball list at Cushman Park
- Send email to Police asking for stop signs at streets intersecting the causeway
- Send email to Police asking for help opening and closing gates at Fort Phoenix
- Fort Phoenix is a deeded park
- Repaint crosswalk at Sconticut Neck Road at bike path

New items

- Go with sewer department to visit some residents who had sewer backups over 4th of July weekend
- Attend meeting with EPA concerning high PCB counts found against Coggeshall Street bridge and their planned remedy
- Termination of lifeguard due to poor conduct
- Meeting with Mattapoisett River Valley Bylaw Committee – prepare for issuance of water permit from DEP
- Met with Jon Gregory - re: Tata and Howard water projects in the works
- Assisting NFIA with the various logistics needed for Benoit Square renovation
- Insurance company for Tibbetts engineering offered settlement which Town accepted
- Hired new life guard

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Mr. Furtado – One of the things we replaced the lifeguard. New person come on board. The Town received an offer from insurance company from Tibbetts. We will meet in executive session when I get the offer. The main thing is when we get that money that we either pay off the State or put in the old Chapter 90 account. What I don't want is to get that money to go into the general fund. \$500,000 pay off the State and keep getting our annual allotment.

Mr. Hobson – Problem with the Route 6 and Washington Street. It's a total mess where the sewerage was put in. Terrible condition; somebody is going to fall there. We need to advertise to the Town employees about spraying. Kind of a shame. Weed whack.

Mr. Furtado – I think somebody passed the exam. I will verify that.

Mr. Hobson – After they weed whack, spray it.

Mr. Hobson – Town beach parking; the girl at the gate should pay attention to the cars that are parked on the side of the road.

Mr. Furtado – The easiest thing would be to pave it.

Mr. Hobson – Cars outside the gate. If she sees that she should call the police.

Mr. Ristuccia – I talked to her about that on Saturday. She called the police to ticket. Maybe all of the gate attendants should know that.

Mr. Furtado – Do they have the Police's phone number?

Ms. Tripp – Yes.

Mr. Hobson – Next year design that parking lot. They park anyway they want. I think maybe next year after the stone dust use spray cans. The Town beach is so popular now.

Mr. Wotton – Spraying of weeds, we possibly have someone now. Apply chemical legally; buy a spray rig that goes on the back of the truck. Minimize the amount of time with 6 or 7 times weed whacking.

Ms. Sturtevant – Chase Road, Gilbert and Raymond?

Mr. Furtado – I went there and took pictures.

Ms. Sturtevant – The gate attendant down there Sunday, people were parked three deep. One of the lifeguards came up to give the gate attendant a hand. One gentleman tried to come in with a state pass. He was told he cannot come in. He was sitting there arguing. Cars start building up. They were parking on both sides. The Police came down and she did ticket the car. The cars in the middle couldn't leave.

Mr. Freitas – Maybe send no parking signs and a couple of hoses on that side of the road. Let the girls know park on that side and make a sweep. Long Road; there is a gas company pothole that you could

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get lost in. It's pretty deep right now near Adams Street. West Island trailer needs some spray deodorizer. Odor from the thing in there. Looked to see if it's clean. Causeway Road is very tight in there. There are really no crosswalks anywhere over there. There needs to be a safe place to walk. There is no room for anybody to make a move. Kids are jumping off the causeway. We need to put a crosswalk on both sides of the causeway.

Mr. Furtado – Signs on the intersecting streets.

Ms. Tripp – I spoke with the Chief. In order to put up stop signs there has to be an engineering study done. What he did suggest for now is to put up signs like the ones they have on Washington Street where it intersects at Adams Street.

Mr. Ristuccia – There was a woman walking on the causeway a few years back and two cars passed by her. A car and truck were at the same point where this woman was at. She became so frightened she fell off the edge. My wife saw her. It is a problem.

Mr. Wotton – See what we could do to have the eng study done. It still needs to be done. There are a lot of people on that Island. Danger to that area. They all pay water and sewer. It is dangerous. Get a cost to have that engineering study done.

Mr. Furtado – I'll send them an email to see what it will cost.

Mr. Hobson – What happens when they put up the fish pier on both sides it's going to get worse.

Mr. Ristuccia – We all saw the deed for Fort Phoenix. That is under the purview of the BPW. It is a park.

VII. Set Date for the Next Meeting

Mr. Wotton motioned to hold the next BPW meeting on August 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

VIII. Adjourn

Mr. Wotton motioned to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Mr. Freitas seconded. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. Tripp
Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved on August 10, 2015.