

**Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
September 28, 2015**

Present

Michael Ristuccia, Commissioner
Robert Hobson, Commissioner
Brian Wotton, Commissioner
Kathleen Sturtevant, Commissioner
Daniel Freitas, Commissioner
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent
Kathy Tripp, Administrative Assistant



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. September 14, 2015

Mr. Freitas motioned to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2015 meeting. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. September 14, 2015 – Executive Session (c)

Mr. Freitas motioned to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2015 Executive Session (c). Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

IV. Appointments

n/a

V. Items for Action

A. GCG associates – Agreement for Engineering Services; Shore Drive \$12,470

Mr. Furtado – This is for drainage and to redo the parking lot. We will be using Chapter 90 money for the agreement for the engineering consultant that the Highway Department uses. Bid conferences, being out there and watching the work.

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Ms. Sturtevant motioned to approve the agreement with GCG Associates in the amount of \$12,470.00
Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. Town Administrator's Position

Mr. Furtado – Reiterate from the last time we met with the Board that you wanted to do a couple of things. One was to get language changed based on the vote of the Town to retain the board. I sent an email to the Selectmen asking this to be on the agenda for them to sponsor an article for Town Meeting. If they don't we should do it ourselves. Secondly, to appeal the Special acts where they can have the abolishment of the Board four additional times. I requested them to put an article at the next Town Meeting to appeal that, if they don't we will put in an article. The people voted and that should have been corrected.

Mr. Ristuccia – That happened two Town Meetings ago.

Mr. Furtado – Whoever put that forth thought the Board was going to be eliminated. What I'd like to do is see where it goes and take a vote in plenty of time to submit an article.

Mr. Ristuccia – We should know by November.

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

Mr. Furtado – I have nothing other than the Superintendent's Report if anybody has any questions.

Superintendent's Report for September 28, 2015:

From last meeting:

- Sent Select Board BPW's request to change language of Town Administrator to reflect Town vote and to repeal special acts language
- Sent Select Board notice of BPW's vote concerning Fish Pier Construction at Causeway Road
- Sent the Select Board notice of the BPW's vote to make the water and sewer stipends equal for now
- Emailed Traffic Engineer concerning expediting traffic study at West Island – before last meeting (Fish Pier) my original time table for this was before next summer season
- Staff contacted resident at 17 Turner Avenue (water/sewer abatement request) – still pending
- Notified Engineering Companies and Select Board that there may be scheduling conflicts between the required repairs of the Causeway Bridge and the new Fish Pier, if allowed
- Checked with Town Counsel concerning a few issues

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New Items:

- Alpine and Main construction continues – sewer repair, manhole installation, water and drainage work – should be complete by 10/9 (at the latest)
- Green Mountain (slip lining) crew is in Town conducting sewer repairs on some streets in the north end
- Assist with Nitrogen Pilot Plant installation
- Crews are reading water meters
- Assisted sewer department in Linda's absence (vacation)
- Mass DOT was paid in full for the Howland Road cost overruns – matter is closed – Town will continue to receive normal Chapter 90 allotments
- Crews Chip Sealed Point Street and Summit Drive
- Crews paved North Street
- Drainage swale at Capeview Avenue
- Received notice from a Macomber Park resident concerning dog park location
- Applied for grant to remediate storm drains in the Calumet/Jerusalem Road area
- Attended Mass Water Pollution Control Association gathering (I need the Training credits)
- Registered for a couple of classes which will take place in October so I can obtain needed water and sewer credits
- Wrote letter to folks who own 414 Main Street. Town has drainage to the west of this property which we believe is either broken or obstructed. As we have no drainage easement here, we need permission to access property to remedy drainage issue which will stop flooding in the Veranda/Magnolia area

Mr. Hobson – Need to do something about Route 6. What's the game plan on tarring this road?

Mr. Furtado – When John and I sat in the preconstruction meetings they gave out nothing.

Mr. Hobson – Did anybody apply for the spraying job?

Mr. Furtado – Three, one person will pay for it themselves and if he passes I told him we would reimburse him.

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Mr. Hobson – Ask Town Counsel if any member of any Board can vote by phone.

Mr. Furtado –The answer that I got it's allowed but the Selectmen have to approve.

Mr. Freitas– You can do it. But if somebody was on the phone and they were not sure it's Dan Freitas for instance it would be an issue and they could not vote.

Mr. Furtado – I think what they don't want is to have a meeting with me here and five phones.

Mr. Ristuccia – So obviously a lot of what was just talked about directed to this board is who will be in Florida for an extended period of time. If that's the case go the Selectmen and have them approve it. Any support from me is there. I can't speak for the rest of the Board. You were there but sometimes I forgot you were there.

Ms. Sturtevant – First of all it's been an ongoing thing. Last year I didn't vote because I was afraid I would hurt the Board. I went a step further and printed something from the Attorney General. I can vote and in executive session also. Ninety percent of the time I could hear you. It didn't say anything about going to the selectmen. If so, I will go to them. I should also have an approval from this Board.

Mr. Wotton – Two things; what Hoppy said about Route 6. There are a lot of manhole covers that don't have tar around them. Damaged tires and rims. Spoke with the company on Route 6. A lot of people are dodging them. It's extremely dangerous. I know they are jumping around but public safety is my concern. Push on them. Not happy with the progress. Grind and wait weeks is not good. They haven't started paving. The other thing set up with you to meet you down Scoticut Neck and Manomet Street. A couple of problems going on erosion of asphalt, cold patched or filled in. There is a twenty-five foot stretch that used to be asphalt. People drive in her yard. Nobody lives on the street but that's where her driveway is.

Ms. Sturtevant – If people want a second recycle barrel can they get it?

Mr. Furtado – It's the Board of Health, not us.

Ms. Sturtevant – What about a bulky item?

Ms. Tripp – We have a phone number, they can call ABC directly.

Mr. Furtado – They can call here. We will pass the message along.

Mr. Freitas – I don't think we should be calling Town Counsel if we can figure it out. Disco light any calls? Have we had anybody allowed to do cross training?

Mr. Furtado – We had one request. The cost is \$600.00. We don't have that money in the budget. I told him it was a little bit more than what we could pay. Moving forward next year we can put it in the budget. We voted now but the fiscal year budget was all set.

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Mr. Freitas – I agree 100% with what Brian was saying. Route 6 is a mess.

Mr. Ristuccia – I actually hope that we vote to have you vote from the phone because I enjoy it. Go thru with it if you need it makes it good and its five votes. Two to two, what do we do then? I do encourage you to do that.

VII. Set Date for the Next Meeting

Mr. Wotton – I would like to set it for three weeks. The agenda has been a little light lately. We can come in and sign bills when Kathy calls us. It would be good to alternate with the other boards so we are not on the same nights.

Mr. Wotton motioned to hold the next meeting on October 19, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

VIII. Adjourn and Executive Session.

Mr. Wotton motioned to adjourn the open session at 6:26 p.m. and to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters and not to reconvene in open session. Mr. Hobson seconded.

In favor: Mr. Ristuccia, Mr. Hobson, Mr. Wotton, Ms. Sturtevant and Mr. Freitas.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. Tripp
Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved on October 19, 2015.