

**Town of Fairhaven  
Board of Public Works Meeting  
February 11, 2016**

**Present**

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



Ms. Sturtevant was not in attendance but was listening via cell phone and Skype.

**I. Call to Order**

Mr. Ristuccia called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

**II. Routine Matters**

**A. Signing of Departmental Bills**

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**A. January 25, 2016**

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2016 meeting. Mr. Freitas seconded. Vote unanimous.

**IV. Appointments**

n/a

**V. Items for Action**

**A. Bay State Regional Contractors – Taber Street Pump Station Payment #5, \$436,666.14**

Mr. Furtado – This is for the ongoing work at the pump station; sheet metal, piping, itemized list that Bay State did. We have a resident engineer there and he approved the work.

Mr. Freitas motioned to pay Bay State Regional Contractors \$436,666.14. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

**B. Street Acceptance Requests**

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- 1. Treasure Bay Lane**
- 2. Rockland Street (submitted by BPW)**
- 3. Welcome Street**

Mr. Furtado – These are the three streets for street acceptance. There is \$2,000 in an engineering account. Rockland Street has about seven homes. It's not accepted and in crappy condition. I put a request to utilize that money. In order to get street accepted GCG will put together plans. The Selectmen want to know if we have any problem accepting them. I checked with Linda and Eddie and they are all set.

Ms. Tripp – The procedure is that the Selectmen, the Planning Board and the BPW have to recommend accepting them. Welcome Street, according to the email, already has a plan that was prepared.

Mr. Wotton motioned to recommend acceptance of Treasure Bay Lane, Rockland Street and Welcome Street. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

**C. Stormwater Grants – Sconticut Neck**

1. ESS Group - \$68,920
2. ESS Group - \$16,970

Mr. Furtado – These are the two grants. I am pulling the top one. We got the \$16,970 first and when we submitted both grants it was for the same work. We got both. With the second one we had to change the scope because they weren't going to give us same money twice. I will have new paperwork to sign. The second one is from CZM and is already to go. Approve that amount and table number one.

Mr. Wotton motioned to table ESS Group request number one. Mr. Freitas seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve ESS Group request number two for \$16,970. Mr. Freitas seconded. Vote unanimous.

**D. Water and Sewer Permit Applications**

Mr. Furtado – When anyone comes and they apply for water or sewer, we give them nothing but a receipt. We give them nothing and nothing in return. Kathy had put together these forms a few years ago. We sent this to Tom Crotty and he said we should use this from now on for the water or sewer permit. Things they have to submit and the fees. Critical component something that promoted this is the folks on Stone Street, they have a private sewer there. If anyone wants to tie into that we have no say. Somebody wants to tie in to our system its extra revenue for the owners. We can't tell them they can tie in unless they get permission. I even spoken with Tom Crotty to see if we could take it over? Be in litigation. Money making opportunity from people that own it. One of the items that is on this form at the bottom is to check public sewer or private. It takes us off the hook. We can provide Wayne

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Fostin that water and sewer is there. We are telling them yes but if you didn't get your permission. In the past we provided an availability. Good idea, more informative.

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve the new water and sewer permit applications. Mr. Freitas seconded. Vote unanimous.

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

Superintendent's Report for February 8, 2016:

- Snow event January 23 & 24 – assist wherever needed
- Met with BBAC Rep re: Stormwater Grant we received to map drainage/collect samples
- Attend Town Economic Meeting – we will present budget to TA – who will then present it forward
- Met with Town Safety Officer – hold on changing signs around Livesey until receive State ok to do so
- Attend Boston NEWEA conference
- Attend first (for me) BBAC meeting as I'm the Town's new rep on this Committee
- Working back and forth with Tom Crotty and Kathy on Sewer and Water Permit – ready to go
- AFSCME – getting dates for negotiation meetings
- Review HMEO applications for vacant Highway position
- Conference call with Stantec re: existing projects and their current status
- File additional Article re: making sure that the balance of reward from Howland Road settlement goes into the Town's old Chapter 90 account versus the general fund – plan is to use these monies (\$67k) to do streets Board voted for FY17
- Working with Sarah Williams re: another Stormwater Grant we have concerning required tasks – fyi – we have been awarded three Stormwater Grants – two for the drainage repair on some East/West Streets (west side) of Sconticut Neck Road and another grant to assist us in mapping the entire drainage system and collecting samples during some rain events (which will eventually be required of us by Feds)

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- Tata and Howard, as an option, will include a condo rate in their projected rate study for those buildings with 11 units or more to see the amount of lost revenue this will cause and how it will affect the rate of the tiers
- Sent Highway employee letter thanking him for his years of service and advising him that, as he is out of accrued time, he no longer is an employee of the Town
- Incident on Thursday at North Street – far west end - Highway employees are cutting brush to maintain drainage ditch – homeowner came home and asked employees to leave his property and claims that they are trespassing – Police are called to make sure that there is no incident – Highway employees leave - spoke with Tom Crotty who informs me that land court has declared this area a Public Way (which I knew – just wanted to verify) and we have right to be there – Al Martin notifies me that we have been cutting this area for 24 years

Mr. Furtado – If you have any questions as far as any new things. The Finance Committee is meeting tonight. We are requesting to deficit spend \$15,000. We are \$8,000 in the hole. Two loads of sand and one load of salt costs \$3,500. A bunch of vehicles got beat up. Request that tonight.

Mr. Hobson – Can you ask them for the money for Pinard so you can post that job?

Mr. Furtado – Until his payoff is done we can't afford to hire someone.

Ms. Tripp – You can promote first and then hold off on the next hiring.

Mr. Furtado – We have done the CORI checks for the truck drivers position and the last thing I am now the Chairman of the Mattapoissett River Valley.

Mr. Freitas– One, thank you for getting that truck removed. Second, I went to the town beach today it is bad. There is a two foot drop when you enter the parking lot.

Mr. Hobson – I called about Seaview drain clogged and you took care of that. Keep an eye on that drain the whole marsh on both sides goes into people's yards.

Mr. Furtado – The Shore Drive project should take care of that.

Mr. Wotton – Alden road and Bridge Street north at Bridgewater Credit Union, that light only lets three cars to straight thru it. It was forty cars deep yesterday. It was ridiculous.

Mr. Hobson – In front of the old Fairhaven Hardware there are potholes.

Mr. Wotton – The incident on North Street?

Mr. Furtado – The highway department is responsible for eighty some odd drainage ditches. That one there is just one of the eighty. We were there and the homeowner came home. He wasn't happy. He called the police. I went there. He was there. So the police had our back. Al Martin explained I've been

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cleaning this for twenty-four years. Honestly if he is responsible we would have charged him. I spoke with Crotty, he is of the opinion we have the right to be there. I can see his aggravation.

Mr. Ristuccia – Meadow Lane, public or private?

Ms. Tripp– I have a folder in the office all about it.

Mr. Ristuccia – The highway ground a stump at 49 Cedar Street and the stump had grown up in half of the sidewalk. The sidewalk is concrete. Ground the stump but there is a 4” difference from the concrete sidewalk. Somebody is going to trip.

**VII. Set Date for the Next Meeting**

Mr. Wotton motioned to hold the next meeting on February 22, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Freitas seconded. Vote unanimous.

**VIII. Adjourn**

Mr. Wotton motioned to adjourn at 6:43 p.m. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. Tripp  
Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved on February 22, 2016.