

**Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
February 22, 2016**

Present

Michael Ristuccia, Commissioner
Robert Hobson, Commissioner
Brian Wotton, Commissioner
Daniel Freitas, Commissioner
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent
Kathy Tripp, Administrative Assistant
Timothy Cox, Fairhaven Harbormaster
Ryan Dubay, President of the Kayak Fishing Club
Yak Patrol of Cape Cod



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

I. Call to Order

Mr. Ristuccia called the meeting to 6:00 p.m.

II. Routine Matters

A. Signing of Departmental Bills

III. Approval of Minutes

A. February 11, 2016

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2016 meeting. Mr. Freitas seconded. Vote unanimous.

IV. Appointments

A. Ryan Dubay – Request to use West Island Town Beach June 4, 2016

Mr. Dubay – I’m the president of the Kayak Fishing Club Yak Patrol of Cape Cod. We are in Rhode Island and Massachusetts. There are two hundred seventy-five members; fifty active. We’ve had three or four small tournaments at Gooseberry in Westport. It’s State property. They don’t mind us having it there. We start when the gate opens. There is limited parking. We want to grow and make it a charity tournament for Dana Farber and give back. The size at Gooseberry doesn’t really work. Started to look for other locations. Pick a date we know that we have an inside cove that is a good spot to fish. West Island looked great. Want to grow this tournament. Our club members and another club in Rhode Island twenty-five to thirty guys at most. Most of the big kayak tournaments are from Boston and New York. There is a lot of parking at West Island. It could get big and helpful for you also with a lot more people coming into town. We would do it before you open the beach when the water and air is warm enough. We fish from kayaks. Next year it could grow to one-hundred guys.

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Mr. Ristuccia – There are certain things that need to be in place.

Mr. Freitas – I personally don't have a problem. Legalities; we're just giving permission if they really wanted to they could go there anyway.

Mr. Cox – They can kayak from anywhere.

Mr. Hobson – We aren't liable. We would be giving permission for the parking lot only.

Mr. Freitas – Trash, left the way you found it.

Mr. Dubay – It is one guy in a boat. Liability is a lot more if it were a fresh water tournament, you could get insurance. More than twenty-five boats EPO on site. I've made phone calls but I can't get an answer from the EPO. As the tournament grows we will definitely consider. Last year limit was up to twenty-five people. We don't collect money until the day of the tournament.

Mr. Freitas – Notify the police and fire. He knows you are out there. Good cause. I just want to make sure we keep it clean. There will be barrels down there.

Mr. Wotton – I'm on the same page as Dan, contact police, fire and Mr. Cox. Adequate barrels. Give the office a call on the Thursday before.

Mr. Hobson – I'm good with it. Basically a good cause and try to raise some money. Weather rough you could use Hoppy's Landing. I would stick with the town beach unless bad weather.

Mr. Ristuccia motioned to approve the Kayak Fishing Club Yak Patrol of Cape Cod to use the town beach on June 4, 2016 with the stipulation of contacting Tim Cox, Harbormaster. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Freitas – We should waive the \$25.00 fee.

Mr. Wotton motioned to waive the \$25.00 fee to use town property. Mr. Freitas seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Dubay – It starts at sunrise and will go until 4:00.

Mr. Dubay left the meeting.

Mr. Cox – The big stone pile next to the boat ramp at Hoppy's. We want to make a car top. Last couple of years Hoppy's has become very popular. They don't want to use the boat ramp. It's the only way to get down to the beach. Marine Resource Committee brought a car launch ramp there. Ask you if the conservation commission is okay with it. Rock pile starts at the tall grass. Remove that but ask for help from the BPW for a dump truck and loader. I've got to get permission from conservation first. While

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waiting, you can think of where we can put that stuff. I want to clean up from the sea grass. ABC is supposed to be dropping me off shells.

V. Items for Action

A. Indirect Costs

Mr. Ristuccia – This used to be my favorite item. I told the selectmen that I thought that they were ripping us off. Danny, the first year I came the selectmen had voted that we hadn't been paying our fair share and we had to raise the water and sewer rates.

Mr. Furtado – Water went up \$165,000 and sewer went up \$250,000. The formulas have changed. Steve and I went to the selectmen and asked if we could amortize that number over a few years. They didn't vote. After DOR came that was one of the suggestions. The selectmen didn't do that so we had to raise the rates and the money went to the general fund.

Mr. Freitas motioned to approve the amounts for the direct and indirect costs for water and sewer for FY17. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

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

Superintendent's Report for February 22, 2016:

From last meeting

- Filled in entrance to Town Beach
- Posted Sewer Department vacancy
- 49 Cedar Street sidewalk – will add cold patch

New items

- Assist with Snow Removal Operation
- Attend Department Head Meeting with Town Manager
- Elected Chairman of Mattapoisett River Valley Committee at February's meeting
- John C and I met with Eversource concerning coordination of streets. Town would like to rehab this year and services in Town that are on Eversource's list to repair
- Kathy, John and I met with Insurance Agent re: Workman's case claim against Town
- Attend Court Hearing in Fall River concerning Workman's comp case – matter was continued
- Budget meeting with Mark Rees and all the BPW Superintendents & Kathy

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- Conference call with State and Federal Officials who awarded Town Stormwater Grants – since we received two – ironed out change in scope with extra \$\$ received
- Taber Street Pump Station bypass pumping failure – sent email – Town’s Insurance Co and Town Counsel are aware - residential claims for damages will have to be submitted to Town and then our Insurance Company and Baystate’s (Taber Street contractor) will have to sort things out
- Met with Advocate re: Taber Street upgrades
- Send deficit spending request from snow and ice account to Fincom
- Attended Fincom meeting re: deficit spending – deficit spending in the amount of \$15,000 was granted
- Shore Drive bid opening – Century Paving was low bidder

Mr. Furtado – As far as new things we started the HMEO interviews today. Continue tomorrow and one Thursday. This Thursday at 4:45 the highway negotiations will begin. Water and sewer; George won’t be available until mid March. I met with the Advocate. He came on Friday and asked about how do you go about picking the streets, pavement management, worse streets, most travelled streets. You select. Capital plan. We are waiting for the water rate study.

Mr. Freitas – I saw a job for stormwater in the MMA today. We’re looking for someone?

Mr. Furtado – No, the Buzzards Bay Action Committee is hiring a stormwater consultant. That person is going to work with Fairhaven and other towns. The BBAC is on the third floor at town hall. Jeff Osuch is working for the BBAC. They are looking for a stormwater person.

Mr. Wotton – The light on Bridge Street?

Mr. Furtado – I emailed Laurie last Thursday.

Mr. Hobson – I know the guys work hard plowing but plow dug up a lot of dirt on Sconticut Neck Road $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way down. Plow the side of the road. Why can’t they clean that up a little? They should go down there and take care of that now. I was at the accident on the causeway. You get off Sconticut Neck Road $\frac{1}{3}$ of the way around there are guard rails. There is water on Jack’s Cove side. When it’s a moon high tide there is 10’ of water there. Past Earl’s Marina and the causeway. The last three or four year’s cars have gone off the causeway.

Mr. Ristuccia – I called Vinnie about the safety of that stretch of road. Comes back to when is the safety of people in town on that stretch of road.

Mr. Freitas – Guy off the side of the road. When there are a couple of kids there, that’s when everybody is going to do something.

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Mr. Hobson – Whose responsibility is it?

Mr. Furtado – I'll look into that.

Mr. Freitas – Send Bill Straus a letter. We need to send them a letter. Well overdue and it's about time.

Mr. Furtado – I'll draft a letter to Straus.

Mr. Hobson – Did you ask the Finance Committee for the money from Pinard?

Mr. Furtado - We posted the job. Now we have to wait to see if somebody internally applies. I'd rather have the guy have the license.

VII. Set Date for the Next Meeting

Mr. Wotton motioned to hold the next meeting on March 7, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. and to have the final interview for the HMEO candidates on the agenda. Mr. Ristuccia seconded. Vote unanimous.

VIII. Adjourn

Mr. Wotton motioned to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. Tripp
Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved on March 7, 2016