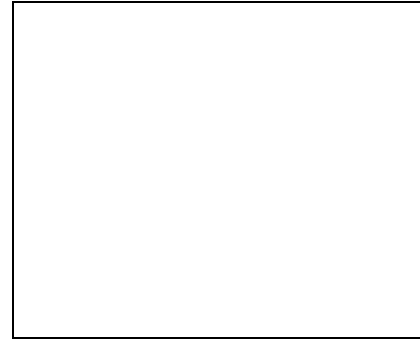


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Present

Michael Ristuccia, Commissioner
Robert Hobson, Commissioner
Daniel Freitas, Commissioner
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent
Kathy Tripp, Administrative Assistant
William Torres, HMEO Applicant
Dana Hathaway, TPO Applicant



Ms. Sturtevant was not in attendance was listening via cell phone.
Mr. Wotton was not in attendance.

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. August 10, 2010 – Executive Session (a)

Mr. Hobson motioned approve the minutes of August 10, 2010 Executive Session (a). Mr. Freitas seconded. Vote 2-0 in favor with Mr. Ristuccia abstaining.

B. September 27, 2010 – Executive Session (a)

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes of September 27, 2010 Executive Session (a). Mr. Freitas seconded. Vote 2-0 in favor with Mr. Ristuccia abstaining.

C. November 15, 2010 – Executive Session

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes of November 15, 2010 Executive Session. Mr. Freitas seconded. Vote 2-0 in favor with Mr. Ristuccia abstaining.

D. December 13, 2010 – Executive Session (b)

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes of December 13, 2010 Executive Session. Mr. Freitas seconded. Vote 2-0 with Mr. Ristuccia abstaining.

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E. February 22, 2016

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2016 meeting. Mr. Freitas seconded. Vote unanimous.

IV. Appointments

A. Interview for HMEO – Highway Department

1. William Torres

Mr. Torres – I have been a driver with thirteen years experience. I have a Class A with School Bus and Tanker endorsements. I have a clean record.

Mr. Ristuccia – I was impressed with his interview. Give the other members some of your history.

Mr. Torres – I have lived in the Town of Fairhaven for five years. I love the history, I enjoy it. I'd like to get into part of Public Works and work for the Town of Fairhaven. I lived for thirteen years in New Jersey. Five years ago I decided to move to Fairhaven. I am a master barber also. That's my hobby.

Mr. Freitas – You went over everything. In general why do you want to work for the town? I think to tell you the position is truck driver, but a lot of it isn't. I worked for the town for twenty years. A lot of the time you are a laborer. All I ask if you are one of the people, show up on time and work hard for the town. It's a privilege. If we hire you that is all you should think about.

Mr. Hobson – Truck driver part is very slim. It's mostly labor, cutting grass, brush, we do construction. Mr. Charbonneau does his own roads. You will probably start out at the recycle center four hours a day. Take plate numbers and help the people. You look like you would be an asset to the town.

Mr. Ristuccia – I might say that this young man and another gentleman stood up well above the others. He is my number one choice. The way you handle yourself, background experience. We will contact you shortly.

Mr. Torres left the meeting.

Mr. Furtado – We had two people. One guy was a little older. Nothing against him but the other gentleman backed out. We had no problem with hiring either person.

Mr. Hobson – Hire him for six months to prove himself.

Mr. Freitas motioned to hire William Torres for the HMEO Highway position. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

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B. Interview for Treatment Plant Operator – Sewer Department

1. Dana Hathaway

Mr. Hathaway – I've been here for sixteen years at the same job. I want something more challenging. Right now I work on pumps, generators do it there. Process part and the money. I want to learn more.

Mr. Hobson – You will be all by yourself most of the time. You've been a good employee for sixteen years.

Mr. Freitas – I had the pleasure of working with Dana. Fit in there just fine. You've had enough experience down there?

Mr. Hathaway – I don't know everything. I was backup for you and Doug. Still a little bit of a learning curve. It will take me a little bit to catch up to speed.

Mr. Freitas – He'll do fine down there. Hopefully soon some more guys up the street. Other things that need to be addressed.

Mr. Hathaway – I would like the step increase to bump up to a higher step.

Mr. Furtado – Step promotion to vote accordingly pays five steps at a higher rate. The contract says at least .25 more. What he is asking for is consideration go beyond the quarter.

Mr. Ristuccia – I think we've heard enough. Let you go home to your family and I'm sure we will talk to you tomorrow.

Mr. Freitas motioned to promote Dana Hathaway as a Treatment Plant Operator and start him one grade below the top step to four because of sixteen years of service. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

V. Items for Action

A. Shore Drive Reconstruction Project; Notice of Award – Century Paving

Mr. Furtado – We had a bid opening a few weeks back. The awarded bidder was Century Paving. We looked at all the unit prices. GCG spoke with them in their bid calculation and they were okay with it. It will be paid by Chapter 90. It's for drainage and the parking lot at Shore Drive.

Mr. Freitas motioned to award the Shore Drive Reconstruction Project to Century Paving in the amount of \$217,381.70. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous

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B. Award Annual Bids #1-12

Mr. Furtado – These are the annual bids for the asphalt, concrete and related work for the highway department. Need a vote to accept the low bidder for the line items.

Mr. Freitas motioned to award the annual bids #1-12 to Century Paving, Fairhaven Excavating and PJ Keating to the lowest bidder for each item. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

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

Superintendent Report for March 7, 2016:

From last meeting

- Requested Causeway Guard Rail Project to State
- Spoke with Chief re: Traffic Lights at Bridge and Alden
- Spoke with Mark Rees re reclass of non-union positions
- Barrels will be at Town Beach for June 4 for Kayak event

New items

- Conducted HMEO interviews
- Began Union Negotiations with Highway Department
- Various meetings and conference calls re: logistics of stormwater pipe remediation grants
- Worked on final versions of FY17 sewer and water budgets – expense and revenue sheets
- Met with Mark Rees – re: submittal of water and sewer budgets
- Met with Bob Barboza of Advocate – nice positive article was the end result last week
- Attend monthly BBAC Meeting
- Digester issue
- Attend department head staff meeting with Mark Rees
- Review articles for Town Meeting
- BPW Fincom date is March 31st
- Work on Mattapoissett River Valley subcommittee – set agenda as this group's new chairman

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Mr. Furtado – Next Tuesday we will be having a meeting at town hall for the Green Street reconstruction project, March 15th at 6:30. Last week the town hall sent all the articles for the annual town meeting for the department heads to review. Had to go back and forth a little with town hall. Didn't see the article we suggested the select board to kill the referendum to go to the ballot. I printed out what they sent so you could see. Sections with the language change.

Mr. Hobson – Last meeting I brought up with the vehicles going off the causeway.

Mr. Furtado – Every year we have to provide a list of projects to Bill Straus. I have included it.

Mr. Hobson – Cut brush already and pick up the sand barrels. Curbs have dirt.

Mr. Furtado – We started sweeping the streets.

Mr. Hobson – The plows hit the grass and push into people's lawns. Go down Potter Street, down Bayberry and go to Bayside Street to Winsegansett about a football field down there is a ditch there and it's all polluted, all blocked up.

Mr. Freitas – Next meeting I want to talk on the digester. Met Vinnie last week. To work forward we need to get it fixed right to where it needs to be. Open discussion about it. It will cost a few bucks. Engineer left out. We need to have a full board discussion on that.

Mr. Furtado – We are holding off. We want to do it right.

Mr. Freitas – Muffin monster, we need more than one. The baby wipes, industry wide people are using the wipes that are not flushable.

Mr. Furtado – We have a sewer use ordinance now.

Mr. Freitas – It's a topic now and more people are using these. People are sending these from their homes in an aging infrastructure. We as a board are going to have to appropriate some funds to get that running right. We're not getting the maximum use.

Mr. Hobson – When does the recycle center open up?

Ms. Tripp – April 1st.

Mr. Freitas – They just released the budget. Did that budget include any of the raises?

Mr. Furtado – No.

VII. Set Date for Next Meeting

Mr. Ristuccia motioned to hold the next meeting on March 21, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Freitas seconded. Vote unanimous.

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VIII. Adjourn

Mr. Freitas motioned to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. Tripp
Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved on March 21, 2016.