

**Town of Fairhaven  
Board of Public Works Meeting  
June 20, 2016**

**Present**

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



Mr. Lussier 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. June 6, 2016**

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes of June 6, 2016. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor with Ms. Sturtevant abstaining.

**B. June 6, 2016 – Executive Session (a)**

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2016 Executive Session (a). Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor with Ms. Sturtevant abstaining.

**C. June 6, 2016 – Executive Session (b)**

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2016 Executive Session (b). Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor with Ms. Sturtevant abstaining.

**IV. Appointments**

**A. Marcie McCormick, 33 Nelson Avenue – Re: Driveway Waiver**

Ms. McCormick - Actually my daughter owns 33 Nelson Avenue. She would like to put in a driveway. Paperwork says she is allowed to go 14 feet but she only wants 10 feet. The driveway is from the street

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eight feet in cobblestone and then grass and narrows down to 8 feet. She's two feet from the property line from her neighbor. I understand this is a non approved substance.

Mr. Furtado - In the winter time if we beat it up her will be responsible. We are now finishing up the damages from last year.

Mr. Hobson – She has an approved contractor?

Ms. McCormick – Peter DeTerra.

Mr. Wotton – I'm fine with it.

Ms. Sturtevant – All set.

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve the ten foot cobblestone apron eight feet in depth for 33 Nelson Avenue. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

**B. Allen Decker, Buzzards Bay Coalition – Re: Conservation Restriction**

Mr. Decker – I am the director of land protection for the Buzzards Bay Coalition in New Bedford. This evening I am here related to Article 29a which was an approval to spend CPA money on land acquisition in the Town of Mattapoisett by the Mattapoisett Water and Sewer. Fairhaven voted to put money into that project in return for a conservation restriction co held by BBC, Marion and Fairhaven for drinking water aquifer protections. Town meeting flyer map and I brought copies of that to share. Also share with you the municipality voted and signed by Conservation in Fairhaven for their support for the BPW being a co holder. One hundred fourteen acres in the River Valley. Mattapoisett is acquiring for aquifer protection so there will be zero development in the future. Into the future what will happen it will be open for public access. Town of Mattapoisett is using the vast majority from the state drinking water protection grant. We are involved is because we have the contract with the family who is selling that, Howard Tinkham. We are the principals for day to day contact. There will be some trails. Very similar to the existing conservation restriction that you hold in Mattapoisett on Wolf Island Road. Seeking from you to be a co-holder and signing of the signature page.

Mr. Furtado – I sit on the MRVAC and I don't know how many parcels. The Town of Mattapoisett is to buy to protect the source. Marion, Mattapoisett and Fairhaven contributed \$65,000 each.

Mr. Decker – The purchase price is \$628,000.

Mr. Wotton – I do a lot of work for the BBC. It will not affect my capability on the vote. I am 100% in support. I utilize it with my family all the time.

Mr. Hobson – I've been out there. Good thing. It preserves the land.

Mr. Ristuccia – Was this from this year's town meeting?

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Mr. Decker – Yes.

Mr. Wotton motioned to accept the conservation restriction and be a co-holder for the Tinkham property with the Buzzards Bay Coalition. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

**V. Items for Action**

**A. Award Contract for the Green Street Roadway Improvements – Phase 1**

Mr. Furtado – Low bidder was P.A. Landers for \$652,650. This will be paid out of Chapter 90. The first phase is from Washington to South Street.

Mr. Wotton – What is phase 2?

Mr. Furtado – South Street to Old Fort Road. Maybe next year or the year after.

Ms. Sturtevant motioned to award the contract for the Green Street Roadway Improvements to P.A. Landers in the amount of \$652,650. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

**B. Award Contract for the Causeway Bridge Water Main Pipe Support Replacement**

Mr. Furtado – This is for the water main on the north side of the causeway. Tata and Howard is the engineer of record. There were three bids. Took it back and verified the references. Low bidder is D & C Construction in the amount of \$104,800. This was appropriated last fiscal year.

Mr. Ristuccia – We should talk about when we should do this. The pipe and support in tough shape. Fall or right now?

Mr. Wotton motioned to award the contract to D & C Construction in the amount of \$104,800 and to start after Labor Day. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Hobson – What about the bridge?

Ms. Tripp – We received the final evaluation on that last week. I will email that to you.

**C. Award Contract for Sludge Disposal**

Mr. Furtado – Someone has to haul the sludge away. Only bidder was Synagro. You can look at one of the sheets. We have reduced our tonnage.

Mr. Wotton motioned to award Synagro sludge disposal at a price of \$375.00 for hauling per 9,000 gall load and \$350.00 disposal dry per ton. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

**D. Finance Committee Transfers**

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Mr. Furtado – This Thursday I have to go in front of the finance committee. We need a couple of reserve transfers. Two are for park. One is for an issue with the tractor. Between an unexpected repair to the tractor that had to go back in service and the beach trailer had an issue too. \$1000 total; \$350 for the tractor and \$650 for the repairs to the beach trailer.

Mr. Wotton motioned to allow the Finance Committee transfers for the park department for a total of \$1000. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Furtado – There is also an amount of money for the sewer department. Every year we have \$25,000 in retained earnings. Next year it will be \$50,000. We are requesting \$25,000. Recently went thru the cleaning of the digesters. That total bill is \$50,000 some odd. \$15,000 was appropriated at special town meeting and we are asking for \$25,000 from retained earnings. The rest of the balance \$15,000, came out of our purchase of service account.

Mr. Wotton motioned to request \$25,000 from the sewer reserve fund. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

**E. Remote Vote**

Ms. Sturtevant – All I want to do is have the vote from the Board to go forward and go before the Selectmen. At every meeting last year I was on the phone. I really like doing the phone but when two people talk it runs together. Skype was wonderful.

Mr. Ristuccia – Should have Jarrod here to vote.

Mr. Hobson – The whole Board should be here.

Mr. Ristuccia – He should be here to give his input.

Mr. Hobson – I found it very disruptive.

Mr. Furtado – No one would interrupt my tablet.

Ms. Sturtevant – This board voted to go ahead with it. It happens all over the world. If one board can do it I don't know why other boards can't do it.

Mr. Ristuccia – I think that Jarrod should be involved. Wise for Hoppy how long it's been? Vote on it then.

Ms. Sturtevant – When we voted the last time and it passed and go to the selectmen again.

Mr. Ristuccia – Table until the next meeting. Find out when we voted on that.

Mr. Wotton motion to table the remote vote to the next meeting. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

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

Superintendent's Report for June 20, 2016:

- Meeting with Water Department
- Work on various stormwater grant items
- Town Counsel re: claims from pump station failure last February
- Attend Department head meeting
- Annual Army Corps. Hurricane Barrier Inspection
- Sewer Department meets with various contractors to obtain quotes to tie NFIA Bldg into sewer
- Coordinate next Highway Union meeting
- Stormwater sampling (via grant) as part of MS4 permit began with interns
- Town Counsel – can we leave water off at 73 Akin Street based on issue of misrepresentation on sewer permit
- Meet with Town Planner re: Tree removal
- Try to remove cut up boat on West Island – first time machine wouldn't fit there – second time we sent someone to cut boat into smaller pieces – person got 14 stitches in knee
- Attend/Chair Mattapoissett River Valley Committee
- Interview applicant for vacant sewer position
- Met with Engineering Consultant re: required tasks and estimated costs of new MS4 permit

Mr. Ristuccia– It has to do with our next meeting. Two weeks from today is July 4<sup>th</sup>. The Monday after that is July 11<sup>th</sup>. I'd like to meet on June 30<sup>th</sup> at special town meeting to talk about a couple of things. Reason is because the highway negotiations are on July 6<sup>th</sup>. I have some thoughts that I want to talk about in regards to the highway department.

Mr. Hobson – Roadwork from last year we said we were going to do Bluepoint and a couple of other roads.

Mr. Furtado – We may have talked about it but I don't think it was voted.

Mr. Hobson – Guys getting hurt without safety equipment.

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Ms. Sturtevant – I wasn't at the last meeting but I have read about the water and sewer abatement. It blew me away because how can we do this when we've never done it before. Them of all people, toilets running someone would have said something. An old lady had a toilet leak and didn't hear it. Unaware and we have never given the money back. You've just opened up a can of worms.

Mr. Furtado– We allowed them to give them the second tier. It seemed from my jest from them they were going to approve something. So I said why don't we charge the second tier? If we get audited it's not free water. Starting July 1<sup>st</sup> we will have a condo rate in town.

I got the warrant for special town meeting. Article 1 is the sale of the Oxford School. Article 2 is the tie in for the old fire station. Last couple of weeks Linda and I met with different contractors to tie that building in. They are on a septic system. I sent them two prices already. One is going northerly with a 6" main or go east about 700'. Manholes in Livesey Park. Talk tonight with the selectmen about what's on the agenda for town meeting and they got the 100 signatures for Welcome Street, reconstruct and hard surface. Our thought is it's not on our pavement list. It just got accepted last May. Look at the condition of the other streets on that list.

Mr. Wotton – David Drown Boulevard intersection, when is that going to be done?

Mr. Furtado – We have the design but not a contract.

Mr. Wotton – Paint that crosswalk.

On the Selectmen's agenda there is a request to consider 5k run and walk from Fort Phoenix and movie night at Livesey Park. That has nothing to do with them.

Ms. Tripp – Vinnie already approved the Livesey Park movie night.

Mr. Furtado – We weren't considering Welcome Street.

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

Mr. Wotton motioned to hold the next two meetings on June 30 at the Hastings Middle School at 6:30 p.m. and July 11, 2016 at 6:00 at the Board of Public Works.

**VIII. Adjourn**

Mr. Ristuccia motioned to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. Tripp  
Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved on July 11, 2016.