

**Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
July 25, 2016**

Present

Michael Ristuccia, Commissioner
Robert Hobson, Commissioner
Kathleen Sturtevant, Commissioner
Jarrod Lussier, Commissioner
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent
Kathy Tripp, Administrative Assistant
Antone Medeiros, Contractor
Mike Robinson, 18 Church Street
Linda Schick, Sewer Superintendent
John McGilvray



Mr. Wotton was not in attendance.

I. Call to Order

Mr. Ristuccia called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

II. Routine Matters

A. Signing of Departmental Bills

III. Approval of Minutes

A. July 11, 2016

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes of July 11, 2016. Mr. Lussier seconded. Vote unanimous.

IV. Appointments

**A. Antone Medeiros, Contractor – Re: Driveway Waiver, 18 Church Street
Mike Robinson, Property Owner**

Mr. Medeiros – We are here tonight because Mike is applying for a sidewalk along Church Street property line to the Fort Street and property line. Put in a concrete 4' sidewalk but he also wants to use a special aggregate. Have to have approval.

Mr. Robinson – I wish I had brought the file.

Mr. Furtado – They have a copy of it.

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Mr. Medeiros – It will be a stone finish like the wall. Driveway apron and everything take out and start new.

Mr. Hobson – I’ve been watching this project for three years. What he has there is tar in one area. Stone wall to the curb.

Mr. Medeiros – Four foot sidewalk with a grass strip.

Mr. Hobson – That’s town property and he is going to pay?

Mr. Medeiros – Yes.

Ms. Sturtevant – It’s beautiful, well kept.

Mr. Lussier – I’m with my colleagues.

Mr. Ristuccia – I’ve been by. Very qualified man doing the job.

Ms. Sturtevant motioned to approve waiver at 18 Church Street for a 4’ aggregate sidewalk on Church and Fort Street property to property line with a grass strip. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. Shawn Guillotte, Contractor – Re: Driveway Violation & Waiver – 10 Cherry Street

Mr. Guillotte was not in attendance.

Ms. Sturtevant motioned to table the driveway violation and waiver for 10 Cherry Street. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

C. Sewer System Maintenance Man Interview – John McGilvray

Mr. Furtado – John is applying for a position in the sewer department. There has been a vacancy since Doug left four to five months ago. We’ve had difficulty finding someone. Rights as management we can hire a maintenance man. John doesn’t have the license. Linda and I interviewed him. References came out fine. He is willing to accept the wage the job pays. We are behind in hiring. We need to get somebody on board.

Ms. Schick – We have the same issue with highway department. The wages are not there. Something to consider taken into the future.

Mr. McGilvray – I’ve reviewed al the job description. My past work history will give me the ability to transfer some wastewater treatment when I worked at a plating factory. I’ve done a lot of irrigation using PVC. I’m used to trenching and being out in the hot sun and pouring rain. A lot of my past work history could transfer. Promote from within and it’s a good place to further my skills.

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Mr. Hobson – I looked at your application and have good references. Two years of college and if we put you there are you willing to get the license?

Mr. McGilvray – Most certainly, I've got the book to study.

Mr. Hobson – We are looking to hire somebody and looking for people who want to advance. The most important thing for you is to get your license and a Class 2 to plow. I'm willing to go along with this and see how it works out.

Mr. Furtado – The position that John is going to do doesn't require the license. Put somebody there will benefit us and him. Stuck not being able to hire someone. I'll do some training with him.

Mr. McGilvray – It's on me to study. I do have the book and have looked it over. Definitely on the top of my agenda.

Ms. Sturtevant – I looked it over and all references are good plus to get somewhere here to get the license and willing to stay.

Mr. Lussier – I'll have to agree. Good application and is eager. That's a good thing.

Mr. Ristuccia – I agree with everybody on the board. One of your references feels you are worthy then I should too.

Ms. Sturtevant motioned to hire John McGilvray as a Sewer System Maintenance Man pending passing the physical and drug test. Mr. Lussier seconded. Vote unanimous.

V. Request to use Chapter 90 Funds for West Island Stop Sign Study

Mr. Ristuccia – Do we need this study? There are forty-two intersections and three stop signs. Seems like maybe we need stop signs there. Chapter 90 funds reading thru this there are conditions that need to be met. Yes, we need stop signs but the state is the one that makes the final decision.

Mr. Furtado – I think what that means stop signs should be used if a then b. The only time a traffic control sign can be put up is if there was a sign there already. We can't put up anything new without a study. Hire these folks to do the study while summer is still going on. Really the problem is not with the people who live there. They have done a lot of work for the town. Get the results and send it to the state.

Mr. Lussier – How long does a traffic study take?

Mr. Furtado – A week or two I guess. They know what the state is looking for. Chapter 90 approves it then I have to enter into a contract with Bayside.

Mr. Ristuccia – Look at a t causeway and look at the crossroads, drive thru Causeway Road is a potential for a real problem.

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Ms. Sturtevant – Just on Causeway Road?

Mr. Furtado – All the streets, entire West Island.

Mr. Lussier motioned to use Chapter 90 funds for a West Island Stop Sign survey. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

VI. Board Members, Superintendent

Superintendent's Report for July 25, 2016:

From Last Meeting

- Brush along Sconticut Neck Road cut
- Shipyards Farm Wall cut
- No Parking at Benoit Square point scheduled
- 1 Main Street – public sewer was broken – scheduled for repair on 7/22
- Town Counsel – re: Remote Vote
- Sent Fairhaven Bikeway BPW approval of East Coast Greenway inclusion
- Speed zone on Glenhaven Avenue is 25 mph near the park at 30 further east – per the Police
- Chicane Removal – 100 signatures for this matter to be considered at a Special Town Meeting – 10 signature to have this matter considered at May's Town Meeting

New Items

- Attend Department Head meeting
- Lots more emails and phone calls concerning Green Street project
- July 26 at 6:30 pm at Town Hall is Public Forum re: Green Street – abutters notices were sent – ad placed in paper
- Forwarded received quote to Chapter 90 for approval to do West Island Traffic Study
- Receive notice from ConComm not to place woodchips at Little Bay any longer
- Attended BBAC meeting as Town's rep
- Met with Safety Officer re: various traffic signs

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- Working on coordinating Union meeting for Water and Sewer Contract negotiations
- Submit grant match for Coastal Zone Management stormwater grant
- Met with Town Manager and Mark Rees re: Green Street tree issue
- Dismiss one Gate Attendant based on attendance
- Attended Open Space and Recreation Committee meeting as BPW rep
- Highway Contract negotiations with Union
- Receive Sewer Department report from State Department of Labor – we need to implement some corrective actions

Mr. Furtado – The only thing I have following up from the remove vote from last time was to get some opinions from town counsel and Kathy gave a copy to everybody. Questions I asked about voting again. His opinion is that we vote again so that it's on record but it's not required. There is no waiting period. The Selectmen are the designated authority to approve and that Kathy can vote because she has no financial interest.

Remind you folks about Green Street. There was a meeting in March that was decently attended. Trees have been tagged and tomorrow we'll see what's what. Mike Carter will be there, Brian Bowcock, myself and John Charbonneau.

One thing that is important is that we are going to spend \$2 million on that street when all is said and done. Chapter 90, cities and town receive an allotment so that means it is a reimbursable project so when they come and after it's completed it has to be ADA compliant.

Mr. Lussier – That was one of the comments I made. Handicap you can't leave out. You have to consider everybody.

Mr. Furtado – You compromise the roots when you dig up the road. I've asked Mike Carter to look at the seventeen trees. Maybe it could be fifteen. It can't be zero. To do this project the trees have to come down. We can't do the project and leave the trees. The goal is not to anger the neighborhood. We get a \$500,000 allotment each year. It's going to cost 2 million dollar when we are done.

Mr. Lussier – Can any of the trees be relocated and what is the ratio for replacement trees?

Mr. Furtado – No, you can't relocate the trees. It's two for one.

Mr. Lussier – Some people want more mature trees.

Mr. Furtado – Tom Crotty stated that the role as road commissioners if we deem a tree to come down because of safety it circumvents a hearing.

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Ms. Sturtevant – Who deems those tree, the engineer?

Mr. Furtado – Yes.

Mr. Ristuccia – View tomorrow’s meeting Vinnie will be giving an overview then the gentleman will give a five or ten minute window. Then at that point before any further, ask the people who live in the neighborhood to stand. When those folks are standing tell them it’s your neighborhood. If the people in that neighborhood say we don’t want this I don’t see why it should happen.

Mr. Furtado– I can understand what you are saying but as the road commissioners we still have a road that is not in good condition. We are responsible for all the roads in town.

Mr. Lussier – One issue with the usage of the park and no safe crosswalks. Can we do a traffic study on Glenhaven?

Mr. Furtado – I spoke to the safety officer about additional speed signage.

Mr. Lussier – NFIA painting of the point with the no parking there and the last thing told Vinnie about the Pokemongo at Livesey Park is horrendous. Walking into signs. All the picnic tables have been demolished.

Mr. Furtado – The Town got those as part of a grant. They are not concrete. Metal bends pretty easy. Next year we can put in money to get more tables. I’m on a new committee for open space and recreation. Last Tuesday we met and looked at everywhere in town. We are going to send a survey. You’ll get something in the mail. Apply for some grants. My thought is maybe I can upgrade the benches.

Mr. Lussier – Removed what’s damaged.

Ms. Sturtevant – Someone on Briercliffe mentioned at the top of the road storm drain. It’s raised. The ground underneath collapsed.

Mr. Hobson – Thank Vinnie for Scoticut Neck cutting all the weeds down and the wall. Spray machine and the farmer went down and cut the hay send the machine down there.

Mr. Furtado – We actually sprayed last week for the first time.

Mr. Hobson – At the parks maybe put a few extra barrels.

Mr. Ristuccia – I want to talk about ABC. Signed the contract with ABC and the charge went up a little bit. Because of the fact only take stuff from the barrels the dumping fee will be less.

Mr. Furtado – We negotiated the five year contract with them.

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Mr. Ristuccia – The bottom line is we are paying more and we said as a result we'll pay less for weight going to the dump. I drive up and down the streets, people put anything they want out and ABC picks it up.

Ms. Tripp – Pat Fowle told me that the numbers have gone down for recycling. I will get that information for you for the next meeting.

Mr. Furtado – People know the rules and they don't obey. Pat, myself and Gerry Dugan explained the program. Notices were sent out and everybody received a copy of the do's and don'ts. People know. It's just that people try to get away with it.

Mr. Ristuccia – Call them and let them know that they are only to take what's in the barrel.

VII. Set Date for the Next Meeting

Mr. Hobson motioned to hold the next meeting August 8, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

VIII. Adjourn

Ms. Sturtevant motioned to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. Tripp
Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved on August 8, 2016