

**Town of Fairhaven  
Board of Public Works Meeting  
December 5, 2016**

**Present**

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



Mr. Lussier arrived at 6:10 p.m.

**I. Call to Order**

Mr. Ristuccia called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**II. Routine Matters**

**A. Signing of Departmental Bills**

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**A. November 21, 2016**

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2016 meeting. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote 3-0 with Mr. Hobson, Mr. Wotton and Ms. Sturtevant in favor with Mr. Ristuccia abstaining.

**IV. Appointments**

**A. Interviews for HMEO Highway Department**

**1. Marco Machado**

Mr. Ristuccia – Brian and I, Vinnie and John Charbonneau did the interviews for these folks and Marco was a very qualified nice young man. He would be a great addition to the department.

Mr. Machado – I moved from Rhode Island to Massachusetts. I live in Fairhaven and I have a CDL driver's license. I've driven tractor trailer and have done a bit of construction. Working for Fairhaven would be a great opportunity for me and my family.

Mr. Hobson – I just want to stress that if hired it's not just a truck drivers' job. Probably 75-80% is running chain saws, cutting brush, landscaping and digging up roads. If you think it's just driving and it ain't your cup of tea drive. You drive truck 25-30% of the time. We hire all these guys that have Class A

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license and they think they are going to drive a lot of trucks. There is a big difference on Blue Cross and Blue Shield. Just want to give you a heads up. We go thru a lot of people.

Mr. Furtado – During the interview process we also gave them a copy of the benefits and pay. The two gentlemen here are interested.

Ms. Sturtevant – Question, why come to Fairhaven and cut in pay.

Mr. Machado – Security is the most of it and close to home.

Ms. Sturtevant – Is it a money issue?

Mr. Machado – No.

Mr. Wotton – I'd like to state that these two are the best qualified candidates I have seen in a long time. I'm excited that you are ready to take on the role.

**2. Thomas Perry**

Mr. Perry – Thank you for the opportunity. I've been a laborer my whole life. Been a truck driver since 2004 and have done labor work at the same time; carpet, asphalt, numerous construction work. I'm from New Bedford and 40 years old; looking for retirement and future. Not taking a huge cut so it should be fine. It works for me.

Mr. Hobson – If it snows you are required to come in.

Mr. Perry – I'm not afraid of work. Presently I work at Fairhaven lumber.

Ms. Tripp – Mr. Charbonneau recommended Marco number one and Tom number two.

Mr. Lussier arrived at 6:10 p.m.

Mr. Wotton motioned to hire Tom Perry and Marco Machado as Heavy Motor Equipment Operators in the Highway Department. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

Ms. Tripp – I will call you with your appointment for your physical.

**V. Items for Action**

**A. Stantec, Inc. – Agreement for Bike Path Sewer Line**

Mr. Furtado – At the last meeting I told you we have an issue on the bike path, the sewer underneath it from Shaw Road to Weeden Road. The structural integrity is gone. I sat with Mark Rees. Rather than borrow more money we can take what we had planned last town meeting and change the scope. Additional \$800,000 in sewer retained earnings not being borrowed. In front of you is the contract for

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the engineering. At the next town meeting request the town to change the itemization. This has become a priority. Approve the contract with Stantec for the repair of the bike path sewer line. Mattapoisett is paying 30%.

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve the engineering agreement with Stantec, Inc. in the amount of \$181,000 for the sewer main repair in the bike path. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

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

**Superintendent's Report for December 5, 2016:**

- Met with Stantec on bike path – re: sewer job to be shared with Mattapoisett
- Conducted Truck Driver interviews for Highway Department
- Attended Emergency Response Training as required for water license
- Visit site – update other Town Departments/Media re: water main work on Causeway Bridge
- Submit non-union job descriptions to Town manager for consideration for upgrade
- Meet with Mattapoisett River Valley subcommittee – re: approval of solar farm on site which used to be upland bog in Rochester
- Met with Town manager re: current status of various Union negotiations
- Attended Employee Assistance Program training for supervisors
- Work on required report submittals re: storm water grant
- Attend annual BBAC meeting as Town's rep
- Conduct wastewater training
- Attend Complete Streets Training in Taunton

Mr. Hobson – There is an elderly couple that lives at end of Winsegansett, Sippican Street. They used to be summer residents but now they are year round. The road is kind of bumpy. Like to see some potholes fixed, also at Potter and Saltmarsh. Other issue research on the snow ban. Different towns and cities and Acushnet the same way, the snow ban not like we have ours. I think pretty sure the police department has some concern if we could do the same thing to have the ban just when it snows. If we wanted to consider.

Ms. Tripp – The problem with that is if it starts snowing at 2 a.m. do you think people are going to leave their homes and move their car? I doubt it. So when we plow they will be zigzagging down the street

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and then they will want us to come back the next day. I don't think it's a good idea. Town meeting has to vote on it anyway. It's a town by-law.

Mr. Furtado – I know the chief is for this. John does not want it.

Mr. Hobson – Nothing we can do about it then this year anyway if it's a town by-law.

Mr. Wotton – I would like to thank Mrs. Sturtevant for her many years of service for Town of Fairhaven and the many boards she has sit on for the residents of town.

Ms. Sturtevant – Thank you. I just have one issue. I do have pictures. Eaton and Weybridge there is water when the heavy rain goes down the street on the right side then left side and it pools in front of this house at the bottom. This is a picture three days after the rain.

Mr. Lussier – Alden Road travelling north where you take a left on Howland. The cars that wait in traffic swerve around to the right where it's a bike lane. Travel in the wrong lane. There was a close call. A lot of people pass on the right. Just paved north of Howland on Alden. Can we put up a sign between Marguerite and Nancy, "No passing bike lane"? Paint bike emblem in that lane.

Mr. Hobson – Go down Washington Street, the water department patch and another one, fill that in.

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

Mr. Wotton motioned to hold the next meeting on December 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Lussier seconded. Vote unanimous.

**VIII. Executive Session & Adjourn**

Mr. Wotton motioned to adjourn open session and enter into executive session at 6:25 p.m. to discuss union negotiations, Family Medical Leave and a personnel matter and not to reconvene in open session. Ms. Sturtevant seconded.

In favor: Mr. Ristuccia, Mr. Hobson, Mr. Wotton, Ms. Sturtevant and Mr. Lussier.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. Tripp  
Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved on December 19, 2016