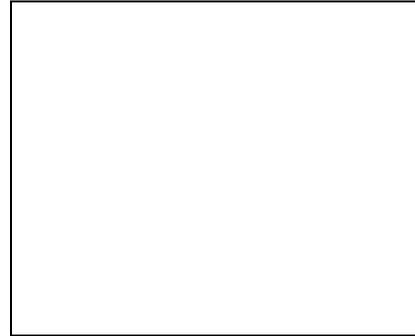


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Board of Public Works Meeting
December 19, 2016**

Present

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



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. December 5, 2016

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve the minutes of December 5, 2016. Mr. Lussier seconded. Vote unanimous.

IV. Items for Action

A. 2017 Recycle Center Fees

Mr. Hobson – I think the fees should stay the same. I think that we should warn the people that very shortly open the recycle center is going to go on the winter hours soon. Announce that the proper way.

Mr. Ristuccia – The next two Saturday's it will be closed, the 24th and 31st and recycle will only be open on Wednesdays from 8:15 to 12 and the last Saturday of the month.

Mr. Wotton – Do we make enough to cover costs?

Ms. Tripp – No. If this were an enterprise you would be in the negative. I would go up on the seniors to \$10.00. That number hasn't increased since 2009.

Mr. Wotton – I'm okay on some categories to cover up some of the loss we do. One of things 1028 stickers for senior citizens more than in town. I don't know how many times they come in. Looking at the sheet the most obvious spots. Other fees are \$400, \$100 and all the regular residents are \$20.

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Seven hundred eighty four (784) stickers for \$20 and 1,028 for \$5. I don't like to go up for seniors but a \$10 recycle sticker won't kill anybody to cover costs. As much as we have to pay for the tub grinders, fuel and people it gets expensive. Maybe the numbers will drop down. Another thing the illegal landscapers coming in. Legit at \$400. I've been asked that quite a few times. Letters on their truck. We need to be a little bit more alert with trailers. The homeowner doesn't come in on a daily basis. What's fair is fair. Honest opinion I could name ten without even thinking. They don't have commercial plates. People hit with the hire margin.

Ms. Tripp – Kim keeps track of that.

Mr. Wotton – I think \$5 increase will not put them in the poor house. Fresh had a 50% discount from the residents, they should be happy with that.

Mr. Ristuccia – Ten landscapers who paid \$20 instead of \$400, that's 50% of the revenue.

Mr. Hobson – Poor senior's water bill goes up and sewer bill goes up.

Mr. Ristuccia – I don't see a reason for \$10.

Mr. Lussier – Can you go up to \$22 for the residents and \$7 or \$8 for the seniors?

Ms. Tripp – The only problem with that is we are not a bank. We don't keep a lot of cash on hand.

Mr. Wotton – The tickets what were those?

Ms. Tripp – If a resident had to borrow a vehicle they would have to buy a \$10 ticket for each load.

Mr. Wotton – Some paying are paying \$10 already. It's only \$10 a year.

Mr. Hobson – Where do you dump in New Bedford?

Mr. Wotton – I don't. You have to live in New Bedford.

Mr. Hobson – Where is 90% of your business?

Mr. Wotton – Fairhaven.

Mr. Wotton motioned to increase the fee for a senior permit from \$5 to \$10. Mr. Lussier seconded.

Mr. Hobson motioned to increase the fee to \$500 on the landscaper.

Mr. Wotton – We classify landscaper and GVW it's 13,000 to 35,000. Most landscapers don't qualify.

Mr. Hobson – What's the rule?

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Mr. Ristuccia – Landscapers or GVW over 13,000.

On Mr. Hobson motion: not seconded. Motion dies.

On Mr. Wotton’s motion: vote 2-1 in favor with Mr. Hobson against. Mr. Ristuccia abstained. Motion passes.

B. Green Street Roadway Improvement Project

1. P.A. Landers, Change Order #1 - \$16,500

Mr. Furtado – This is from the historical commission had asked us to install electrical conduit in anticipation there is an article in the future that the duct work would be there. I got the approval from Chapter 90 to do that.

Mr. Wotton – Makes sense while they are in there and doing it. A lot of physical manpower.

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve Change Order #1 to P.A. Landers in the amount of \$16,500. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

2. P.A. Landers, Payment #2 - \$208,211.83

Mr. Furtado – This is the payment due. It’s nearly complete. Come back in the spring sometime for the brick work and do the road.

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve payment #2 to P.A. Landers in the amount of \$208,211.83. Mr. Lussier seconded. Vote unanimous.

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

Mr. Hobson – Just want to make sure the public is aware that if they want street lights or street tarred or street acceptance you have to do it by January 12th. Petition turned in by January 12th.

Mr. Furtado– Our next meeting is the 9th so we will be voting on the roadwork then.

Mr. Lussier – As I brought up last time, they put up the sign on Alden Road. It doesn’t seem to be very effective. Cars are passing on the right. Even with the sign there right in front of the automotive shop out in the open. How many people pay attention?

Mr. Ristuccia – I don’t have anything myself.

Mr. Furtado – This Wednesday there is a meeting. I sit on the Capital Planning Committee. I represent the BPW for all the articles or capital outlay anything more than \$20,000. \$300,000 on roadwork but we haven’t voted. Same with water and sewer. Tomorrow in prep for that I will be looking at all the budgets in their entirety. Can we afford it money wise? I don’t have numbers for the water yet. I told

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the engineer I need the numbers by Wednesday. Also the budgets for all the departments are due next Friday. Every year in the past Jeff Osuch has us do it on an excel spreadsheet. They have new software but we haven't had access to it yet. It's hard with folks out. We will do the best we can.

Mr. Ristuccia – We will not be going into executive session tonight. There is nothing to report.

VII. Set Date for the Next Meeting

Mr. Wotton motioned to hold the next meeting on January 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Ristuccia seconded. Vote unanimous.

VIII. Adjourn

Mr. Wotton motioned to adjourn at 6:28 p.m. Mr. Lussier seconded. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. Tripp
Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved on January 9, 2017.