

**Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
February 27, 2017**

Present

Michael Ristuccia, Commissioner
Robert Hobson, Commissioner
Brian Wotton, Commissioner
Jarrod Lussier, Commissioner
Keith Silvia, Commissioner
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent
Kathy Tripp, Administrative Assistant
Donald Spooner, Resident
James Wing, 10 Sunset Beach Road



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. February 6, 2017

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2017 meeting. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

IV. Appointments

A. Donald Spooner – Re: Parking & Numbering Hydrants

Mr. Spooner – I like to drive around the town and I have noticed the amount of people that are parked near hydrants. Never got out but they should be parked at least ten feet either side. I'd like to see the boy scouts or somebody marks a yellow mark with a T square measure ten feet on the curb; allow a strip down and across the top. If no curb measure ten feet and then put in a test hole, take a copper roofing nail and put it in there that way it's marked. Take like in New Bedford, that every hydrant has a district and an item number. It's right below the flange so the number is protected and won't get covered with snow. Officer goes by and sees somebody parked there.

Mr. Ristuccia – It's something for us to think about and talk about with other departments in town.

Mr. Wotton - Currently we use a company that paints the street lines. We need equipment to do that. I like your idea. Do we have the authority without the police and fire department and this is something I would look into. Work with them and give us the authority to do that. I don't think we can do that.

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Communicate what the legality is if we can. Then we could leave a foot line on the payment instead of copper line. We paint the fire hydrants right?

Mr. Furtado – Yes. Maybe have the summer kids do that.

Mr. Spooner – I asked the fire chief in Mattapoisett. They do in the district and the downtown that they do mark it.

Mr. Hobson – Maybe do it around the town hall.

Mr. Wotton – As far as marking the hydrants I would say that probably is the fire department. Better to start in the congested areas. I think it's a great idea.

B. James Wing – Re: 10 Sunset Beach Road Sewer Extension

Mr. Wing – When I came to Fairhaven I purchased two lots on Sunset Beach Road. One for the future for family and so over the years I've been paying a lot of taxes on a buildable lot. I approached the town and had a sewer design to put in the street. Found out the cost was \$100,000 so that went out the window. I have a lot next to it and we want to build on that lot but it has my septic system on it. I can't use that lot. Don't have enough room for a leaching field. I seeking special permission to put a temporary line down my lot and that lot would have another line to build a house if sewer comes by and pay my betterment fee then.

Mr. Hobson– I was here when this started in 2008 and another person came to do a similar thing and turned him down. So you are talking sidewalk vs. street but supposedly there are wires in the sidewalk already.

Mr. Wing – It's my electric and cable to my house. I don't have to go down the sidewalk and go in my land.

Mr. Hobson – If we are going to do something in that area you need to do it for all the houses. Approach them and ask them to chip in.

Mr. Wing – Nobody wants to pay. My house is not selling and they can't afford to bring the sewer in. Other houses have issues.

Mr. Hobson – I'm for everybody tying in. Sunset Beach right now only goes to two houses. There is a whole pile down the street on both sides. You want to go down the sidewalk to your house? So, for this to make any sense we should just do it the right way and do all the houses because we have already turned down one person. People on Sconticut Neck paid \$12,000 and some people way down to the beach. They hooked into the system and they didn't pay anything.

Ms. Tripp – The policy has been when the main is extended it has to go in the street and stubs are left for the abutters. We just had a woman on Jason Terrace do the same thing. She extended the main and

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left a stub for her neighbor and she tied in. What about the houses now across the street? You have to look out for the neighborhood.

Mr. Ristuccia – The fact is it is so close to the sewer from your own land. Come to the town go out into the street and go into the asphalt.

Mr. Hobson motioned to table voting on this matter for two weeks. Motioned dies for lack of a second.

Mr. Ristuccia – His land crosses into the street and tie into the main. Pay a sewer betterment fee and go into the street and patch it with no flowable fill. You will need an easement.

Ms. Tripp – You will need an easement and also a maintenance agreement in case the line breaks. It needs to be for the two lots. The town is not going to fix it.

Mr. Wotton motioned to extend the sewer from 5 Sunset Beach Road with the restrictions of an easement to that buildable lot and house #10 because it's on private property with no flowable fill in the street but pavement up to the quality of Mr. Charbonneau and pay two betterment fees. Mr. Lussier seconded. Vote 4-1 in favor with Mr. Hobson opposed.

V. Items for Action

A. Procedure for Tabled Matters

Mr. Ristuccia – This is from the last meeting. Mr. Furtado has some ways other boards deal with this subject.

Mr. Furtado - You will see at the very bottom or how things come up after the agenda is posted. The Planning Board reads "Any other Town Business not reasonable anticipated 48 hours prior to the posting of this meeting". Look at the next one Board of Selectmen "Subject matter listed in the agenda consists of those items that are reasonable anticipated (by the Chair) to be discussed. Not all items listed may be discussed and other items not listed (such as urgent business not available at the time of posting) may also be brought up for discussion in accordance with applicable law." That's how two other groups handle it. My understanding fall into urgent or not three of you would have to vote. Kathy posts the agenda on Thursday morning.

Mr. Wotton – Board members, old new business before or after that. Tabled matters that have been discussed. After a month it has to be put back on the agenda. Matter that just been dissolved. Not brought up in two meetings and come back in and put on the actual agenda.

Mr. Wotton motioned to add line item "Tabled" automatically be placed on the next agenda as a tabled matter and if no one is here for discussion it be removed. Mr. Lussier seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Ristuccia – If I table something tonight and don't come back to the next meeting we don't talk about it with the applicant, it is removed from the table and come back in and make an appointment.

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B. Water & Sewer Indirect Costs

Mr. Furtado – There are three operating budgets, General Fund, Water and Sewer and actually Recreation. Water and sewer fees by state law we have to pay various overhead costs, indirect costs. Anybody helps us with anything. It's for time they work for us that are paid out of the general fund. For example, somebody makes \$50,000 and they work at town hall and spend 10% of their time processing bills we would owe them \$5,000. Some of the indirect costs direct costs for employees that work in those departments. In 2012 the Town invited the Department of Revenue to do a study. Even though we were paying water and sewer costs they weren't paying enough. Not only owed 10% of that person's time we also owed 10% of their benefits. Kathy provided the front sheet what the increases have been. Vote on tonight is the increase for the next budget.

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve the water and sewer direct and indirect costs in the amount of \$ 413,866.13 for water and \$549,590.27 for sewer. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote 4-0 in favor with Mr. Ristuccia abstaining.

C. Century Paving – Shore Drive Roadway Construction, Payment #3

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve payment #3 to Century Paving in the amount of \$6,251.83. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

D. D & C Construction – Causeway Bridge Water Main, Change Order No. 2

Mr. Furtado – This is the change order in the amount of \$4,534.05. The original contract price was \$104,800 now making it a total of \$109,334.05. Basically it's for a chain link fence so we don't have a diving contest. Also, an increase of additional time.

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve D & C Construction Change Order #2 in the amount of \$4,534.05 and also always 121 days to complete the contract. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

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

Superintendent Report for February 27, 2017:

From Last Meeting

- Contact State re: traffic light sequencing
- John and Kim compared current electronic vendor prices to those of competitors and found that even with recent increases, the current vendor is still the least expensive

New Items

- Met with Eversource at Water Treatment Plant re: new electrical lines in building
- Attended Selectmen's meeting re: BBAC rent

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- Plowing and spot plowing
- EPA draft permit meeting is next week
- Attend Mattapoissett River Valley Meeting
- Union negotiations for sewer
- Union negotiations for water
- Attend a safety meeting at Insurance Company
- Attend court for workman's comp case
- Present water and sewer capital budgets to Fincom
- Attend preconstruction meeting for 232 Huttleston Ave.
- Attend Town Energy Collaborative meeting
- Write Mattapoissett River Valley letter concerning transformation of an upland bog to a solar farm
- Meet with resident at 10 Sunset Beach Road re: sewer

Mr. Furtado –A couple of things; one thing is a presentation from Waste Zero. They are contemplating where they have a program where they pick up textiles in town for people who don't make it to the bins. They want to give a presentation in a couple of weeks. It saves money, less tonnage. The Marsh Island project has been resurrected again. Person from NOAA sent an email to Kathy and I for comments. For the restoration they have to drive along the side of Riverside Cemetery and exercise caution because of the sewer main to Taber Street. I have to go to the Finance Committee on March 9th. I went two Thursdays ago and presented our capital budgets and then the 9th for a park department transfer. We will probably present our budgets on the 23rd or 30th of March.

Mr. Hobson – Recycle center; how nice it was Saturday. A lot of people didn't realize it and they had no sticker so they got turned away. I think that in the future rule we should let them slide until April.

Mr. Wotton – Take the \$10 from the residents at Recycle Center to renew their sticker as prepaid.

Mr. Ristuccia – Allow the guys to handle the cash. I agree with you and not agree. Make a decision at the gate not that he's the one making the decision.

Mr. Silvia – When is the digester going on line?

Mr. Ristuccia – What it comes down to is nothing to do with temperature to a degree. We don't have enough food for it. Without the weather being warmer you need to pound the food to it.

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Mr. Furtado – Have to keep it at 100 degrees and this is the down time for the food.

Mr. Hobson – When are we starting on the side of the roads from the plow damage?

Mr. Furtado – April.

Mr. Hobson – A couple of streets like Littleneck need some grading.

VII. Set Date for the Next Meeting

Mr. Wotton motioned to hold the next meeting on March 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Lussier seconded. Vote unanimous.

VIII. Adjourn & Executive Session

Mr. Wotton motioned to adjourn the open session at 7:21 p.m. and enter into executive session to discuss union negotiations and not to reconvene in open session. Mr. Silvia seconded.

Roll call taken: Mr. Ristuccia, Mr. Hobson, Mr. Wotton, Mr. Lussier and Mr. Silvia in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. Tripp
Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved on March 13, 2017