

**Town of Fairhaven  
Board of Public Works Meeting  
March 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  
Jim Wing, 10 Sunset Beach Road  
Eric Braitmayer, 2 Leeward Way  
Jeffrey Osuch, 9 Sunset Beach Road  
Lauren Francis, Smugglers Beach  
Jerry Normandin, 7 Sunset Beach Road  
Steve Riley, 6 Leeward Way



**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. March 13, 2017**

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes of March 13, 2017. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

**V. Items for Action**

**A. Award Annual Bids #1-12**

Mr. Furtado – Award the annual bids we have for asphalt and concrete. The bid opening was sometime between now and last meeting. Who bid on what. Century, Fairhaven Excavating and PJ Keating. Highlighted columns are the lowest bid. Approve the bids as submitted from April 1 to March 31.

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve the low bidders for the annual bids for #1-12. Mr. Lussier seconded. Vote unanimous.

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**B. Human Resource Director**

Mr. Ristuccia – At the last meeting with Mark Rees he spoke about the human resource director position. I asked him to leave it with us and we would discuss it later.

Mr. Furtado – The Town is seriously contemplating hiring a personnel director responsible for labor relations, collective bargaining, workers comp, training, exiting and benefits. The reason he was here last time was to see if we wanted to be part of that. Some of the responsibilities Kathy and I do you would be directed to this person. Assuming yes then a portion of this salary will come from the general fund and indirect costs. Up to you whether part of that or not. Business as usual or if yes, some things would change.

Mr. Hobson – Is he trying to tell us that he is going to do the hiring and labor negotiations? Is he going to do it for school, police or fire? I'm just saying we are not going to be able to hire or fire the people we want.

Mr. Ristuccia – I'd like to know what's for us. How much pay, what percentage of that will be indirect costs?

Mr. Wotton – I'm not for it at all. Hiring, firing, union negotiations basically all taking and taking and take a ton of money with the indirect costs. We do this fine in house without having to sub out to anybody. I'm not for it.

Mr. Lussier – I have to agree with Mr. Hobson and Mr. Wotton. The employee recruitment, we want to be the ones to choose. I do agree with having someone for labor negotiations.

Mr. Silvia – I have to agree with all of you. We do it now with no cost.

Mr. Wotton motioned to deny our involvement with human resource director. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

**VI. Tabled Matters**

n/a

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

Superintendent's Report for March 27, 2017

From Last Meeting

- Notified neighborhood of Sunset Beach Sewer Meeting
- Notified State of Fairhaven Town line Marker issue

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New Items

- Snow events
- Notified all unions of Board's Vote – still no response from water and sewer unions
- Work on stormwater grant
- Attend Hazard Mitigation meeting
- Kathy and I set up street light maintenance contract
- Provide comments on draft Articles
- Kathy and I met with Cintas to set up new uniform vendor contract
- Email/meet with EPA representatives re: access agreement to Town's utility easement on River Avenue
- Highway Union agrees to BPW offered contract – review changes
- Attend Mattapoissett River Valley Water Protection/Treatment Meeting
- Preconstruction meeting for Marijuana facility on Pequod Road
- Kathy and I met with Waste Zero concerning textile recycling
- Contact various Towns concerning water and sewer hourly wage rates for union negotiations
- Create spreadsheet with information obtained from above
- Attend Buzzards Bay Advisory Committee meeting as Town's rep
- BPW appears before Fincom to present all budgets including capital expenditures

**A. Waste Zero – Curbside**

Mr. Furtado – This company Waste Zero came in. We met with one of the people a few years back before we started the cart program. It's like the pay as you throw at the curb for textiles. Give all the residents a bag like this. List of basically clothing articles that folks can put there. It would go to the same thing. They make their dough people drop off their clothes to Salvation Army. We would get a fee for every ton they collect. That would be that much less tonnage we pay. Basically on our recycle day's one of their trucks will go up and down whatever route looking for these bags. Leave two for every one they collect. They will be here four days a week. Doesn't cost us anything. The gentleman will be in front of the Board of Health on Wednesday. They are in charge of recycling. Me personally can't see how it's a bad thing.

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Mr. Riley – How do they know what percentage of clothes?

Mr. Ristuccia – I hope before the Board of Health does business with these folks they know where it goes. Are there other companies?

Mr. Wotton – My biggest concern if they miss a stop. Save money on tipping fees and money on tonnage. It's a win, win. If I was to vote I'd take it.

Mr. Furtado – Other than the notes in the packet there is a couple of things. The Pokémon is starting to pick up again we may start getting complaints again, garbage, I don't know what we are going to do. If it picks up ask the selectmen if they can do anything. The folks that live down there pay a lot of taxes and we don't want people ruining historical sites.

Mr. Hobson – There is trash all over the place.

Mr. Furtado – We went from picking up on Monday and Friday and from Pokémon we had put twelve barrels there and picking up three times a week.

Mr. Hobson – Where the state is full of trash all over the place. The water leak on Scoticut Neck Road, on the other side buckled up too. South there is a bump on the other side of the road. At the entrance to the Town beach the car hits bottom.

Mr. Wotton – Commend the guys on the water main break. People were happy. Good job.

Mr. Lussier – I really don't have anything. Statement on behalf of the board. This is my last meeting. Spare time has been exhausted. Daughter plays sports and baby on the way. I also wrote a letter to the selectmen.

Mr. Hobson – Great job for the time he was here. I appreciate you stepping up.

Mr. Silvia – Not really anything.

Mr. Ristuccia – Street light maintenance there are some that are out.

Mr. Furtado – Series of lights out since January on Route 6 from Adams to Main. I am meeting with someone tomorrow with wiring issues I wasn't aware of.

Mr. Hobson – Police used to do it.

**IV. Appointments**

**A. Abutters – Re: Sunset Beach Road Sewer Extension**

Mr. Furtado – When we met a couple of weeks ago with Mr. Wing you allowed him to extend the sewer. Looking back as a matter of practice and policy, situations in the past always required to have the

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residents run the sewer in the street and to leave stubs for residents as the sewer goes by. Didn't last time. Should be considered today. In prep ask some of the residents not now but the future. There are seventeen to eighteen homes eventually some will fail a perc test and will have to have sewer. The main focus of today is to have Mr. Wing run that sewer down the street, put in a patch at least in the middle of the street not like Stone Street where it will be partially private. We'd like to have it run in the street. Leave a stub at Normandin's and make it as fallible for him and that's where it stands.

Mr. Ristuccia – Sunset Beach, Leeward and Windward. I have to say that I spoke of this at the last meeting. What I said did not sit well with folks.

Mr. Riley – My concerns came up after I read the article in the Neighborhood News. Previous water or sewer extensions leave the appropriate equipment for the next person down the line. That's my only concern. Not to Sunset and Leeward way. Follow the Boards policy and tap in for the next lot that he passes. If you don't and two houses down put a tap then you have a beehive and hornets' nest. Jerusalem Road had to put taps in. Bad situation getting yourself into.

Mr. Ristuccia – I feel that what this board should have done I believe the gentleman has the right to go on his property. Comes by one home that has to pass twenty or thirty feet, hook on his property and on his property he can do whatever he wants there. Building lot before his house they put a stub and one for his own home. He's paying two betterments at \$12,000 each.

Mr. Wing – This is what the engineer did in 2009. I turned it down because of the cost. You wanted me to pave curb to curb. At the time these houses weren't built. Sewer is approximately thirty-five feet.

Mr. Osuch – There are approximately eighteen or so homes in that area to the cul de sac. Downhill whatever you are doing or other location need for a public sewer. The sizing, the location of valves has to be kept in consideration.

Ms. Tripp – Linda has a report that will support the whole neighborhood.

Mr. Ristuccia – There is a house right now has an issue with the septic.

Mr. Osuch – If you are close to the ocean the perc rate is much less the longer the septic exists. Some had to have a spare section that was tested and approved so that for example no sewer contributes to pollution. So obviously homes closer to the ocean there will be a problem in the future. More people, potential is greater.

Mr. Ristuccia – My understanding as long as it's not curb to curb.

Mr. Hobson – Did you ask anybody to chip in?

Mr. Wing – I'm not going to ask anybody for money.

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Mr. Wotton motioned to approve sewer to go down the middle of road and to leave two additional stubs on Sunset Beach and two for himself, pay two betterment fees and cap it at Leeward Way. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Wing – Can I get something written up so I can turn it to the engineer.

Ms. Francis – Pump to Sconticut Neck Road. Each pump goes into that two inch line?

Mr. Furtado – Yes.

Mr. Osuch – Issue this Board should consider in the future. Getting people to pay the \$12,000 in some respect besides any owner and then charge for the line extension should have some consideration.

Mr. Ristuccia – If the entire neighborhood got involved and brought the sewer there we would be collecting sewer fees and waived the betterment fee. Send a letter to the neighborhood with thoughts of what you are speaking about.

Mr. Wotton – There was a guy here at our last meeting that paid \$30,000 for the main to be extended and still has to pay us the \$12,000.

Ms. Tripp – He paid \$30,000 for houses services.

Ms. Francis – Sewer came down Sconticut Neck. Everybody all shared the cost and if not the sewer they couldn't get it later. Now the BPW is allowing other people to tie in, they should pay too.

Mr. Hobson – I agree. I had to go 200' and it costs me another \$7,000 and pay the \$12,000. You are not going to tell me somebody with all these nice houses are not going to pay.

Mr. Osuch – You are going to have to do something with the rest of the neck and come up with a solution. Public sewer systems look at to solve these problems with 100% betterment fees. Share equally those costs. The sewer currently ended at Camel. The pump station there, that would have been an exorbitant cost but it was spread out evenly. All charges have the same betterment fee. Develop a home that doesn't have sewer and pay for the expansion of the system. Discrepancy.

Mr. Ristuccia – I believe twenty homes or one or two extend, that's a whole different thing than the system for the whole street. It's not the same. In that respect I review that as a whole other project. I review that as an extension on to the system. Those are things that I want to talk about in the future.

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

Mr. Wotton motioned to hold the next meeting on April 10, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Ristuccia seconded. Vote unanimous.

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**IX. Adjourn and Executive Session**

Mr. Wotton motioned to adjourn the open session at 7:03 p.m. and enter into executive session to discuss union negotiations and not to reconvene in open session.

In favor: Mr. Ristuccia, Mr. Hobson, Mr. Wotton, Mr. Lussier and Mr. Silvia.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. Tripp  
Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved on April 10, 2017.