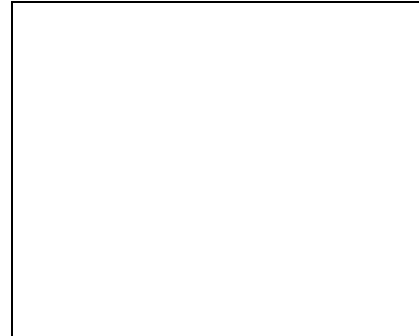


**Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
May 1, 2017**

Present

Michael Ristuccia, Commissioner
Robert Hobson, Commissioner
Brian Wotton, Commissioner
Keith Silvia, Commissioner
Cameron Durant, Commissioner
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent
Kathy Tripp, Administrative Assistant
Tom & Marcia Carron, 39 Laurel Street



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. April 24, 2017

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve the minutes of April 24, 2017. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

V. Items for Action

A. Summer Help

Mr. Furtado – I apologize for not having this now, so these are my recommendations. Highway for John, the 4 persons that he selected. Hire those four. Sewer one addition to Ryan Robillard hire Tyler Perry. He has worked here the last 3 or 4 years. Rene is happy with his performance. He had expressed interest but I told him it was not due until after May. My fault his application was not there. Then as far as Water goes I would like to recommend the third person down Drew Diggins and skip one and hire Kyle Franks. Park: Ian, Noah, Owen and Nathan, Sewer: Tyler and Ryan and Water it will be Drew and Tyler Franks. Mr. Wotton motioned to approve the selected candidates. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

IV. Appointments

A. Mr. & Mrs. Carron, 39 Laurel Street – Re: Sewer Plug Up

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Mrs. Carron - We met with DPW and they are saying we have notified multiple contractors, sewer excavators, people advise from everyone in town that DPW is responsible for the road if there is a blockage in the road. And we're told by many communications its two feet into the road and other people say yes you are responsible for it.

Mr. Carron – It's clearly on town property.

Mr. Ristuccia – If it's in the main.

Mrs. Carron - Every contractor that does sewer for the DPW has said it's your responsibility.

Mr. Wotton – We want to help you. I understand your frustration. What I don't want to do is get in an argument or shouting match. Help you is our goal. Unfortunately talking to one person outside does nothing for you. Individually he's just another resident. Conversation with Mr. Ristuccia unfortunately has no relevance here tonight. What we can do is try to work with you guys.

Mrs. Carron - I'm aggravated with receiving so many different stories. It should be black and white. Different story by the same person then it's a credibility issue.

Mr. Furtado – What I said to him twice was that back in 2014 or 2015 the BPW adopted some by-laws for the sewer system. I told Mr. Carron in the room that if the blockage in the main line in the street it's our responsibility absolutely. The sticky wicket here the sewer use ordinance, the second time with them I gave them a copy of the sewer use ordinance. I understand how they don't understand. Their contractor believes where the blockage is on top of the road. If it was a pothole it would be our responsibility. But the sewer use ordinance which you adopted clearly states that the resident owns that pipe to the main sewer. The street how they would misunderstand that. I gave one story you may have misunderstood that.

Mrs. Carron – The second meeting was when you brought in the ordinance.

Mr. Furtado – When Tom came in the resident said I have a blockage. There are 6,000 some odd properties that are sewerred. I wasn't certain that this was the property with the check valve issue. If you are having an issue with the flapper and it may be a different story. Normal blockage in the main line we own it. Private we don't.

Mrs. Carron – The homeowner own the lateral line?

Mr. Wotton – Yes.

Mrs. Carron – If this has been around since 2014, why don't all the contractors know that language?

Mr. Ristuccia – I told this young man we might not help because the problem blockage is on your property because it broke off and broke off the line. I told you this yes or no?

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Mr. Carron – Yes.

Mr. Ristuccia – You also said something working with the pipe you could help.

Mrs. Carron – Anytime there is a break in the line it's my responsibility to fix?

Mr. Furtado – Yes.

Mrs. Carron - If that is true I am completely astounded I do not know that. Shame on you.

Mr. Wotton – Talk about this without shouting. I will disassociate. I come here to volunteer. Try to come here tonight with a resolution. I'll motion to table and we'll be done with it. Main line in the street is the Town's which is the line that connects to the lateral is your property, you own it. Your flapper valve broke off 24' in. If that flapper valve is in the main line our problem.

Mrs. Carron – We own from our house to the main? I'll have to pay?

Mr. Wotton – Yes.

Mr. Furtado – Only exception is if it's a Town tree.

Mrs. Carron – We are waiting for an estimate. We have one for \$5,000.

Mr. Hobson – We just had the same problem on Main Street. He had to hire someone to do it.

Mr. Wotton – I had spoken with Mr. Furtado to get an estimated time to repair this for you and our fee to do it. We could probably save you some money. Not for free. We dig this up and it's free, every time come back to this situation and we can't do that. What we can do is try to assist you. That's what I recommend. I think \$5,000 is a lot of money. Look at from the Town's situation. Your object is stuck in your line. My recommendation is to write up what it would cost to save you some money if that's the will of the Board.

Mr. Durant – To attempt to comply with what Mr. Wotton is saying is to allow the BPW to assist you. If we find that it's not what we expected I don't want to be an optimist, but digging it we'll know that we can assist you further with a cost savings.

Mr. Silvia – If you do come up with a price did you try it with anything but the Town jet rodding it?

Mr. Ristuccia – If we do something Friday maybe Thursday you could try to get your rooter people there.

Mr. Wotton motioned to assist them at cost if that's the way they want to go.

Mr. Hobson – Only problem is the whole pipe.

On the motion: Mr. Durant seconded. Vote 4-0 with Mr. Hobson abstaining.

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V. Items for Action (Continued)

B. Rochester Fire Association – Request to use Route 6 & River Road Field, Mattapoissett

Mr. Ristuccia – Have their race again.

Mr. Wotton – I thought we gave Vinnie approval to do this.

Ms. Tripp – I will send them a letter.

**C. D & C Construction, Causeway Bridge Water Main Pipe Support Replacement
Final Payment \$9,714.21**

Mr. Furtado – This is the final payment for D & C. This is for the water main on the Causeway. It's been certified by our contract engineer Tata & Howard.

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve the final payment to D & C Construction in the amount of \$9,714.21.
Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

VI. Tabled Matters

A. Verizon Request to put Cell Tower on Sconticut Neck Water Tank

Mr. Furtado – That is still in the works getting information from other communities.

B. Human Resources Job Description

Mr. Furtado – We met last week I gave everybody. I have a copy and highlighted the few changes I made. First section the position summary duties of that person the very last sentence.

Mr. Wotton – I agree with what you are saying read different assist in recruitment.

Mr. Hobson – I don't want them telling us who we can hire.

Mr. Durant – I agree with Hoppy. At the end of the day I'm glad Vinnie wrote this. It clarifies our expectation. Bylaws of the Town, of the BPW, we can put over the by-law put money towards this budget and receive something back in return. Separate job description; x amount of hours a small amount to help out for our investment. Truly advisory, we write everything appropriate. They should do the clerical work make sure posted everything correct and we could have candidate's richer pool. I think that this is great. Only half the battle.

Mr. Ristuccia – I'm not comfortable with the first paragraph. This person will do all these things. My feeling is two paragraphs there one everybody else and one that pertains to the public. We should be completely separate.

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Mr. Wotton motioned to table. Mr. Ristuccia seconded. Vote unanimous.

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

Superintendent's Report for May 1, 2017:

From Last Meeting

- Grade Fir Street at Causeway
- Grade Dogwood at Senior Cove
- Spread shells at Hoppy's
- Picked up dumped materials at Little Bay
- Prepped Kayak spot at Hoppy's Landing

New Items

- Attended water license training
- Attended BBAC meeting as Fairhaven's rep
- Met with residents from 39 Laurel St – re: blocked drain issue – explained sewer use ordinance to them – invited them to Board meeting
- Assisted water and sewer unions with paperwork for vote
- Met with stormwater grant people re: status update
- Met with Mark Rees and Town Finance people re: water and sewer budgets
- Attended Fincom to present water and sewer budgets

Mr. Furtado – Water and sewer approved their contracts. I have them here for you to sign. They have been posted.

Mr. Hobson – I'd like to say to the new board members that this takes a long time and a lot of hours to get this done. You will be required to do this.

Mr. Ristuccia – Town meeting is Saturday and as a Board we like you to attend that meeting.

Mr. Hobson – Brian's picture in Neighborhood News. You did an excellent job picking that stuff up. The road race went off very well.

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VIII. Set Date for the Next Meeting

Mr. Wotton motioned to hold the next meeting on May 15, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

IX. Adjourn

Mr. Wotton motioned to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. Tripp
Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved on May 15, 2017.