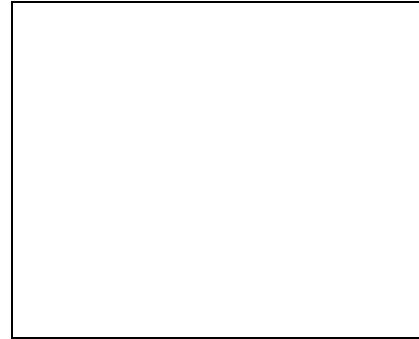


**Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
June 26, 2017**

Present

Michael Ristuccia, Commissioner
Robert Hobson, Commissioner
Brian Wotton, Commissioner
Keith Silvia, Commissioner
Cameron Durant, Commissioner
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent
Kathy Tripp, Administrative Assistant
Edward Fortin, Water Superintendent
Allen Decker, Buzzards Bay Coalition
Christopher Borba, 86 Oliver Street



I. Call to Order

Mr. Ristuccia called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. Routine Matters

A. Signing of Departmental Bills

III. Approval of Minutes

A. June 5, 2017

Mr. Wotton motioned o approve the minutes of June 5, 2017. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. June 12, 2017

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve the minutes of June 12, 2017. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

IV. Appointments

A. Allen Decker – BBC; Conservation Restriction

Mr. Decker – I am with Buzzards Bay Coalition and in front of you is an exciting project. This is the protection of the Branch Brook property on 164 acres in Rochester and a small parcel in Mattapoisett. Specific business this is a repetition of a project we did in Mattapoisett last year. Variety of partners and the long term owner of this property will be the Town of Marion. Town of Fairhaven at the Spring Town Meeting did support Marion's acquisition appropriating \$20,000 of CPA funding. So did Mattapoisett as well as Marion. The proposal is that the BPW along with the Mattapoisett Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners and the Buzzards Bay Coalition act as co holders. Marion will have four drinking water source wells if needed within a four acre well field within the parcel. The property will be open to the public. Develop a trail network on the property. Town of Marion is buying this property on Thursday.

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Mr. Hobson– What is the cost to Fairhaven?

Mr. Decker – Fairhaven has put in \$20,000 of CPA funding at town meeting.

Mr. Hobson – Marion?

Mr. Decker – It cost Marion \$20,000 as well. They do have to front some money. \$435,000 will come from a state drinking water grant. MRVAC \$100,000, Mattapoisett, Fairhaven and Marion all put in \$20,000 of CPA money. Mattapoisett and Rochester have state grants of \$35,000 each.

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve the conservation restriction and to be a co-holder of the restriction with the Buzzards Bay Coalition and Town of Mattapoisett. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. Christopher Borba, 86 Oliver Street – Request to put Basketball Post & Hoop in Street

Mr. Borba – I'd like to put legally a basketball hoop on the sidewalk of my property so my sons could play basketball. Only flat area is the street. My driveway slopes down.

Mr. Ristuccia – Do you feel comfortable with the kids playing in the street?

Mr. Borba – There are about fifty houses and eighty plus kids so people drive safely. It's not a speedway or anything.

Mr. Wotton – I am always in favor of kids being outside playing. Concern is if this was allowed you would have to sign a waiver that the Town would not be responsible for any damages. Can you see that the backboard is flush with the curb so that the UPS truck will not hit it? Those are typically my concerns. I am familiar with the neighborhood. It's not busy. All the driveways slope down. Those are my only concerns.

Mr. Hobson – Would this be a permanent pole?

Mr. Borba – I have a movable post. I could move it in the winter.

Mr. Hobson – They are portable?

Mr. Borba – Yes but it weighs four hundred pounds.

Mr. Hobson– It could be moved if it becomes an issue.

Mr. Silvia – All set.

Mr. Durant – Mr. Hobson made a good point.

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Mr. Ristuccia – I'm very much in support. The only concern I have is if we allow you to put that there are we liable for the children playing in the street? Town some type of liability. I know what they look like. Winter, that's a good idea to get it back.

Ms. Tripp – It's on the form that he signed that the Town would not be responsible for any damages.

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve with the signing of the waiver to allow a basketball hoop within the town layout at 86 Oliver Street. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

V. Items for Action

A. Request for Vending Cart at Town Beach

Mr. Ristuccia – I have to recuse myself as a board member. I'd like to request permission to have a push cart, a 3 x 3 cube with wheels and umbrella and sell ice cream at the Town beach from 11:00 near the end of the boardwalk until 4:00 and bring it back home. I won't be on it myself doing the work. I would have some of the youth in Town do it for a summer job. They can keep the profits. I provide the cart and the first batch of ice cream. Three want to do it.

Mr. Furtado – You need permission from the Board of Health.

Mr. Ristuccia – I've already spoken with the Board of Health. I'm going Wednesday to get my vendors license from the state then the health department will issue the permit. The cart will be here Thursday.

Mr. Silvia – Good idea.

Mr. Durant – Great thing.

Mr. Hobson approved having an ice cream cart at the Town beach pending the approval from the Board of Health. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote 4-0 in favor.

VI. Tabled Matters

n/a

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

Superintendent Report for June 26th, 2017:

From Last Meeting

- Sent request to Mark Rees to allow Recreation to schedule fields under BPW Authority
- Regrade Nakata Avenue
- Letter to employee to appear before Board

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New Items

- Work on various tasks to complete stormwater grant by June 30th
- Attend Hazard Mitigation Meeting
- Various emails concerning Cooke Park status
- Send Burial Hill report to Tom Crotty to obtain his comments
- Attend seminar at Easton Water Department re: various metering systems and their costs
- Meet with Army Corps re: annual inspection of Hurricane Barrier
- Attend Department Head staff meeting
- Attend/Chair Mattapoisett River Valley Committee Meeting
- Attend regional stormwater workshop with Mattapoisett and Marion
- Bids for Sewer Treatment Plant and Pump Station upgrade received
- Receive/review West Island Traffic Study

Mr. Hobson – If we table something how can we bring it up at the next meeting? If we table it and ten people show up and table and the next meeting ten people don't show up. My point is table something bring it up.

Mr. Wotton – We said we would keep it on the agenda for one month.

Mr. Hobson – Not fair for ten to twenty people show up for a subject. I've seen it happen with other boards. Next meeting they bring up a tabled matter and the person that brought it up isn't there. Concern or planning they are not notified.

Mr. Ristuccia – On the corner of Union and Green where they just paved Green Street about thirty or forty feet on Union westerly. They've set all the grades for sewer and installed a driveway apron that's three or four inches above the grade of the street. Green Street is flush with Union behind the church.

Mr. Hobson – Residents on Winsegannset, a lot of potholes and the same thing on Bayberry Street and on Middle Street where the board ramp is south, weeds are sticking out of the road. Mr. Viveiros cut all the hay on Sconticut Neck. Can we go back and get what he missed? Church and Fort, I'd like to commend that guy. He put his own sidewalk in and hired an outside contractor. Not many people do that. Who paid for the Sconticut Neck Road speed bump?

Mr. Durant – Cushman Park; the playground equipment, the units are decent but the smaller of the two has some cracks in it. Graffiti residue probably been painted over. I understand how expensive moving forward it is to try to replace. It's such a beautiful park.

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Mr. Hobson – I received an email from Mr. Freitas. He’s changed Hoppy’s Landing. Mr. Coelho is going to send a letter to the Selectboard to ask if one member of the BPW be appointed to the board. The only reason he did this is because I didn’t vote for his daughter.

VIII. Set Date for the Next Meeting

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

Mr. Furtado – We are going to need you to come in July 6th and sign bills.

Mr. Wotton motioned to adjourn the open session and enter into executive session at 6:05 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter and to reconvene in open session at the West Island Community Center.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. Tripp
Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved on July 10, 2017.