

**Town of Fairhaven  
Board of Public Works Meeting  
November 13, 2017**

**Present**

Michael Ristuccia, Commissioner  
Brian Wotton, Commissioner  
Robert Hobson, Commissioner  
Keith Silvia, Commissioner  
Cameron Durant, Commissioner  
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent  
Kathy Tripp, Administrative Assistant  
William Farrell, Water Department  
Mike Rotondo  
Colman Lopes



**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. October 30, 2017**

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve the minutes of the October 30, 2017 meeting. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

**IV. Appointments**

**A. Brian Wotton, BRW Properties – Re: 107 Dogwood Street, Driveway Waiver**

Mr. Wotton recused himself as a Board member.

Mr. Wotton – I have a customer on Dogwood Street who is looking to add a second opening, not paved. The road narrows out and it's wooded. She wants to add another spot and connect the two driveways. Waiver for the second opening and shells for the apron and in speaking with Mr. Charbonneau he has no problem.

Mr. Ristuccia – I believe this is just before the end of Dogwood at Misty Bay.

Mr. Hobson – I went by and given other people on West Island the same stipulation some put cobblestones first and then the shells and others just the shells. Get their cars off the street.

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Mr. Silvia – It's a good idea getting cars off the street. Mr. Charbonneau has no problem, I'm good.

Mr. Ristuccia –It's on part of the street that is not paved.

Mr. Wotton – It's very rutty. No reason to do a dirt apron.

Mr. Hobson motioned to grant a waiver for shells with the understanding that if it gets chew up it's their responsibility to repair it and the second opening. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote 4-0 in favor.

**B. Mike Rotondo – Re: Livesey Park BMX Pump Track**

Mr. Rotondo – My name is Mike Rotondo and I live at 17 Studley Street. I've been here six years and I'm here to try to get something for the kids, small BMX track.

Mr. Lopes – I am Colman Lopes and I rid BMX too. Good for the kids

Mr. Rotondo – I'm assuming not everyone talked about it. This is preliminary. As far as the location I don't know. Not even at Livesey Park for that matter. This design is a generic design. Different sizes. Loose plan at this stage.

Mr. Hobson – How much land would this take up?

Mr. Rotondo – They built one at Rogers Williams. Used this as a base, 1/8 of an acre. The jumps are pretty tight.

Mr. Hobson – Are you set at Livesey or anywhere else? Maybe other locations. Neighbors be notified. Bring a lot of people there. Decide other locations we might have. Baseball field in East Fairhaven or other areas in town. I'm for what you want to do. Vinnie and Mr. Charbonneau and other people get involved to get a spot.

Mr. Wotton – So what these gentlemen are looking to do is form a little committee and answer those questions. Looking to do in a town location. They will supply the money to construct the park. Maybe use some extra dirt and fill that we have. Not looking for money or anything like that. I'm all for it. Livesey might not be the right spot. Maybe Long Road. I'd be willing to help with that committee.

Mr. Ristuccia – Get people from town to be on the committee.

Mr. Rotondo – Whoever, people who are for the track.

Mr. Ristuccia – I'm all for this type of thing. Make sure we do it the right way. Maintenance, dirt, needs grooming.

Mr. Rotondo – It would.

Mr. Ristuccia – The Town?

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Mr. Rotondo – The committee would assume the maintenance but if the town were available to help as well. Roger Williams, the city is not involved at all. All volunteers.

Mr. Silvia – Good idea something for the kids to do. Bobcat or all hand?

Mr. Lopes - All by hand.

Mr. Durant– Great idea. What does maintenance entail? Make sure that if the committee for some reason no longer exists the town could take over. Simple enough.

M – a lot of things you have to think about in today’s world. Work out and talk about. Have a rep from the board as part of that committee. Mr. Wotton would volunteer

**C. Interview for Water System Maintenance Craftsman & Meter Repairman  
William Farrell**

Mr. Furtado – The water system maintenance craftsman was Stanley’s position. Per union requirements there was a posting. Bill has been covering that for awhile now when Stan has been out. He is familiar.

Mr. Farrell – I’ve been working for the town for thirteen years, in the water for about twelve. I’ve done a lot of the different things for the water department. When Stan is out I’ve worked off and on seven or eight weeks for the last four or five years. Appreciate the interview for the spot.

Mr. Wotton – Bill is a great asset and will do a great job.

Mr. Hobson – I think that the water department is going thru a lot of changes, two openings plus the superintendent retired. With his experience he is an asset to the town and also think we have such a hard time finding people to work for the town almost have to go begging. Start him off at the top step.

Ms. Tripp – I’m not sure you want to do that. There is a minimum dollar amount for promotions that is in the contract.

Mr. Silvia – He’s the right man for the job.

Mr. Durant – I’ve inquired and he is a great asset to his position and the town.

Mr. Furtado – Bill has done the job since I’ve been here. Represent the department well. Have to have people skills. No qualms about that.

Mr. Hobson motioned to promote William Farrell to Water System Maintenance Craftsman at the maximum salary of \$22.98 per hour. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

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**V. Items for Action**

**A. Insituform – Sewer Interceptor Rehab Bike Path; Change Order #1 Revised - \$24,969.00**

Mr. Furtado – Those are the folks on the bike path. Proceed westerly. We have some additional work in the not so distant future.

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve Change Order #1 to Insituform in the amount of \$24,969. Mr. Ristuccia seconded. Vote unanimous.

**B. Insituform – Sewer Interceptor Rehab Bike Path; Final Payment - \$95,082.00**

Mr. Ristuccia motioned to approve the final payment to Insituform in the amount of \$95,082.00. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Furtado – We also have to sign the Notice to Proceed and contract for Gravity for Jeannette Street.

**VI. Tabled Matters**

n/a

**VII. Old / New Business**

**A. Superintendent**

**Superintendent's Report for November 13, 2017:  
From Last Meeting**

- Branch picked up at Nakata
- Capeview Street scheduled to be paved 11/16
- Working on Sewer Betterment language change
- Tree issue at Carefree Homes resolved

**New Items**

- Worked on Mattapoissett River Valley FY 19 Budget
- Met with finance, legal and health agent re: ABC change in recycling contract
- Met with John Charbonneau and Rick Charon re: Drainage at Fir Street property
- Attended Unemployment Hearing Conference call for former employee
- Review water department superintendent resumes

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- Working on a grid/questions for water superintendent interview
- Attended construction meeting for wastewater plant and pump station improvements
- EPA appeal conference call is 11/16 – working on coordinating a strategy meeting before the meeting with assembled team
- Created/submitted a CPC grant application for parking at Livesey Park
- Met with various residents/contractors re: water department issues – tie-ins and the like
- Meet with State re: covered water boxes on Route 6

Mr. Furtado – Catch up this Thursday we have a conference call with EPA for the new sewer discharge permit with the legal folks and engineers. We appealed the permit.

We will begin the process for some of the applications for water superintendent.

In the packet is a very rough design for the parking at Livesey. Submitted the CPC application.

**B. Board Members**

Mr. Wotton – A couple things; you met with the state about the covered water boxes on Route 6?

Mr. Furtado – Did the final walk through and there were a couple of boxes that they paved over. Part of the punch list.

Mr. Wotton – A few weeks or months ago I mentioned about the brush on Route 6 near the liquor store and the real estate office across from Mikes. The state doesn't care. Can our guys cut some of that back?

The Fairhaven little league has requested the water meter been removed.

Mr. Hobson – Went to a Thanksgiving dinner on West Island. Concern about the side streets to get to the quahog beds and we've been promising for four years to do Bluepoint Road. When it rains real hard the gravel goes down and test in the harbor and it doesn't pass. The other one was the marine resource committee. Met with the selectmen which was interesting. They weren't going to attend and go thru all the rules and regulations. They only want to pick a few that pertains to everything. Go thru all the rules just don't pick certain ones. They never fixed Sconticut Neck near Briercliffe. End of Goulart or Causeway Road near the community center and go down to Fir Street. Can't get by without hitting bottom.

Ms. Tripp – Just so you know the Highway Department is still shorthanded. One-third of the workforce is absent so some of this work won't be getting done.

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Mr. Furtado – Then you have people that call in sick or on vacation.

Mr. Durant– In regards to looking for community support for Livesey Park, Mr. Furtado will get estimates for the costs. Defray cost there would have to be some kind of account set up. The media will be more than happy to start advertising so next season it will be well lit.

**C. Marine Resources Committee**

This was previously discussed.

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

Mr. Wotton motioned to hold the next meeting on November 27, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Ristuccia seconded. Vote unanimous.

**IX. Adjourn**

Mr. Wotton motioned to adjourn at 6:47 pm. Mr. Ristuccia seconded. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. Tripp  
Administrative Assistant

Minutes Approved on November 27, 2017.