

TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN



Minutes of the Meeting for <March 1st, 2012> at the BPW Building, Fairhaven, MA

Members in attendance: Chairman- John Roderiques, Pat Elliott, Kim Hyland, Therese Szala, Kathi Carter, Ron Quintin, Lisa Plante, Sid Martin, Scott Fernandes and Ted Silva. Not present-, Jennifer Bishop, (Scott in 8:30 pm) This meeting was televised.

Meeting called to order by Chairman John Roderiques at 7:00 P.M. and announced that the proceeding was being televised and recorded by government access.

Minutes of prior meeting 2/23/12 were reviewed. Motion to accept by Kim/Sid vote unan 7-0 Pat abstained
Rec Center director Warren Rensehausen reviewed the budget. Noted that revenue brought in totaled about \$167000 being \$52000 from membership and \$115,000 from programs. Reviewed line items in budget. Chairman noted that we would likely be looking at the revolving account for some funding. Discussion of funding source for parking lot article.

BPW- Vin Furtado discussed Admin budget. Discussed employee assistance program. Highway super has advised Mr. Furtado he needed to add \$4320 to salary for arbitration award.

Discussions about salaries used for Homecoming and other groups. Homecoming and Manjuro Festival. Explained the need for new sweeper at \$128000 if 20% discount is applied.

Discount dependent on at least two other towns also purchasing like item.

Park dept- Mr. Furtado reviewed park dept budget. There were no questions.

Serwer Dept- Linda Schick explained budget. Ron questioned that "misc" was increased by \$2350 from last year. Will get explanation next week.

Water Dept- Luke Fortin explained details of budget. (Scott in) Water budget taken from water revenue.

BPW Articles- 16- Water management was explained by Mr. Fortin

26- Sewer sys Collection rehab was explained by Linda Schick

27- Road work Mr. Furtado reviewed proposed road work. Noted preference would be by [C] Pleasant St first, [D] Wayne St second and [A] Dogwood St third.

28- Wastewater treatment plant- Linda noted \$75000 for phase one of the plan

32- Wastewater rehab tank system for \$541000

34- Sewer collection sys pump rehab- Taber and South St for \$757000

Noted currently there is \$1.861 million in sewer retained earnings. Money needed is available now.

NOTE- Luke Fortin shared information of potential issue for highway dept about asphalt price increase. Chair also noted concern about roadwork and price increases.

Art 29- Water dept- Boston Hill Tank – requesting \$1515000 for rehab. Water retained earnings currently has \$600000. Supt stated reviewing borrowing. Need to raise rates to break even now and again to fund this project. Talked about raising rates about \$0.25 to stay even. For project would possibly need to raise \$2.00 on rates. Issue is Boston Hill tank. Chairman noted that FinCom decision would not be made until BPW set rate to fund borrowing.

36- Macomber Pimental field. Brief discussion of fencing

48- BPW two way radio. Supt noted buying radios for EMA, shellfish warden and harbormaster, and building inspector. Noted that EMA asked for 14 radios.

Chair noted that FinCopl may need to double up meetings to complete tasks necessary before town meeting. Chairman noted that the town budgets cannot continue to be based on the principle of "That's the way its always been done."

Next week scheduled harbormaster and fire department

On 3/15/12 the articles related to impeachment, term limit and ethics will be reviewed. School department will be in on 3/22

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 Kim/Ted unanimous

Submitted by Ted Silva secretary