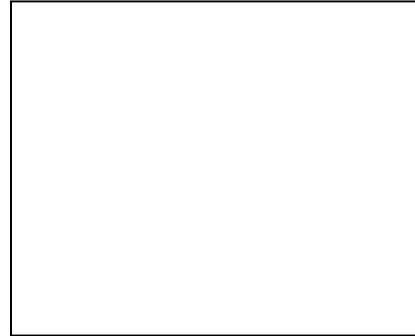


**Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
October 15, 2012**

Present

G. Steven Riley, Commissioner
Robert Hobson, Commissioner
Kathleen Sturtevant, Commissioner
Geoffrey Haworth, Commissioner
Daniel Freitas, Commissioner
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent
Kathy Tripp, Administrative Assistant



I. Call to Order

Mr. Riley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Routine Matters

A. Signing of Departmental Bills

III. Approval of Minutes

A. October 1, 2012

Ms. Sturtevant motioned to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2012 meeting. Mr. Freitas seconded. Vote unanimous.

IV. Appointments

There were no appointments scheduled.

V. Items for Action

A. Fairhaven Gridiron Club – Request to use Cushman Park November 21, 2102

Mr. Riley – This is for the Gridiron Club on November 21st for their bonfire.

Mr. Freitas – How did they make out last year dragging the field afterwards for nails?

Mr. Riley – It was cancelled last year because of rain.

Mr. Freitas motioned to allow the Fairhaven Gridiron Club to use Cushman Park on November 21, 2012 for their annual bonfire. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. WES Construction – Payment #31

Mr. Riley – We tabled this at the last meeting because there was a conflict with the amount.

Mr. Furtado – This payment reflects the pay period August 1st thru September 30th. This number is right. There is no retainage.

Ms. Sturtevant motioned to approve WES Construction payment #31 in the amount of \$137,187.73.

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Mr. Freitas seconded. Vote unanimous.

C. Articles for Special Town Meeting

Mr. Riley – Articles are due next week. We have two in front of us. One to discuss in executive session about union negotiations that we'd like to get resolved and two; the final payment for the Anaerobic Digester negotiated with WES Construction.

Mr. Haworth – The Digester, weren't we going to transfer the money from the solar article?

Mr. Furtado – No, the money we will be using will be coming from retained earnings. The solar article will be used for the solar panels at the landfill.

Mr. Freitas motioned to approve the Salary & Wages Special Town Meeting Article for FY12 and FY13 for the Sewer Department. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

Ms. Sturtevant motioned to sign the Anaerobic Digester Article for \$196,000.00 to take from retained earnings. Mr. Freitas seconded. Vote unanimous.

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

Mr. Freitas – I have nothing.

Mr. Hobson – I've already discussed this with Vinnie about the cleaning of the ditch off Jerusalem.

Mr. Furtado – That is our responsibility. It's our easement.

Mr. Hobson – There is another ditch before Potter Street that's all clogged up; Harborside.

Ms. Sturtevant – At our last meeting we had an issue with Fairhaven Excavating and Mr. DeTerra taking loam. I just want it to be known that he did not take loam. Mr. Charbonneau was talked to and it was compost. It wasn't stolen.

Mr. Haworth – The solar panels?

Mr. Furtado – That money as of last week was earmarked. After last week we were told it had to come from retained earnings. I'm assuming the solar money is earmarked for the solar panels at the landfill.

Mr. Haworth – That money was for the Treatment Plant, the West Island Treatment Plant and this building. That is sewer enterprise money.

Mr. Furtado – That was a grant.

Mr. Riley – I talked to Mr. Furtado and Mr. Fortin. We have plenty of re-reads on the water meters. It's costing us a lot of time and expense. Mr. Furtado and I talked about some sort of variance number. We could charge a normal fee if we have to go back.

Superintendent's Report:

From Last meeting

- Letter of support to Fairhaven Tennis Association

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- Verified with John Charbonneau that the pile that Pete DeTerra is removing compost from is indeed the pile that we offered to Fairhaven contractors. In addition, through Jeff Osuch, in exchange for some road debris/boulders which were used as fill, CC Construction (Wood School Contractor) helped out the Town by assisting in straightening out our stockpiles (using their equipment) and delivering some loam to us
- Spoke with all Departments concerning smoking distance from building/vehicles; cell phone policy (handed it out, again) and Dunkin Donuts left turn. Had all employees sign in
- Briercliffe Road washout taken care of
- BPW would paint bike path lines if Bike Path purchased paint. Issue would be cost for Police Details

New Items

- Working on settling Union Contract. Setting weekend/holiday overtime hours and requiring all employees to obtain a grade 5 license
- Met with the Communications vendor to begin the process of purchasing/installing new two way radios to comply with narrow band requirement
- Brown and Caldwell...obtaining credit for static mixer
- Public Works has an employee working for the Highway Department for 25 hours to complete Community Service
- Verified that WES Construction pay requisition number 31 is correct
- Attended Economic Meeting with Department Heads and Finance Committee concerning upcoming fiscal year projections
- Met with Finance Chair concerning Sewer Union Proposal
- Mattapoissett River Valley Advisory Meeting – grant for additional monitoring
- An employee in Highway Department requests a demotion
- Employee conflict
- Worked on Pleasant Street/Sycamore Street drainage
- Made/gave a Landfill Key. Met with contractor to review solar panel installations
- Town meeting sometime before December 8th. Articles due October 23. We will be submitting two; digester transfer from retained earnings to settle with Wes Construction and Sewer Union Settlement

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- Met with Lauren Francis concerning longstanding conceptual repair ideas of drainage issues at Sconticut Neck/Jerusalem Road

VII. Upcoming Meetings

- A. Finance Committee – October 25, 2012 at 7:20 p.m. BPW Building**

VIII. Set Date for the Next Meeting

Mr. Freitas motioned to hold the next meeting on October 25, 2012 at 7:20 p.m. with the Finance Committee. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

Ms. Sturtevant motioned to hold the next regular BPW meeting on October 29, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

IX. Adjourn and Executive Session

Mr. Riley motioned to adjourn the open session at 6:22 p.m. and enter into executive session to discuss the Digester Project and Sewer Negotiations and not to reconvene the open session. Ms. Sturtevant seconded.

Roll call taken: Mr. Riley, Mr. Hobson, Ms. Sturtevant, Mr. Haworth and Mr. Freitas in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. Tripp
Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved 10-29-12.