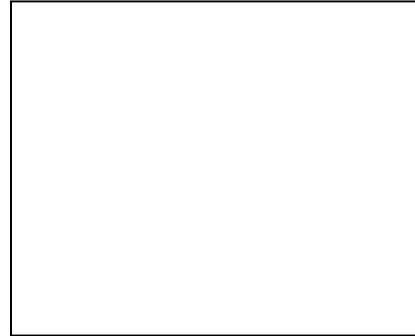


**Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
January 27, 2014**

Present

G. Steven Riley, Commissioner
Robert Hobson, Commissioner
Kathleen Sturtevant Commissioner
Michael Ristuccia, Commissioner
Brian Wotton, 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. January 13, 2014

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2014 meeting. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

IV. Appointments

A. Russell Dubois, Parkside Excavation, Inc. – New Drainlayer

Mr. Dubois – I have been an excavator contractor since 1991. I've done numerous septic systems in the Town. The reason why I want to be one now is that I have always referred this to Nelson Cardoza and now he is semi retired. I'd like to get the license myself. Currently I have the license in Acushnet and Mattapoisett.

Mr. Hobson – Everything is in order, insurance.

Mr. Ristuccia motioned to approve Parkside Excavation as a Town drainlayer. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

V. Items for Action

A. FY15 Town Meeting Articles and Budgets

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Mr. Riley – There are three articles; Sewer Collection Rehab for \$425,000, Sewer Pump Station Rehab for \$575,000 and The Tinkham Lane Well for the Water.

Mr. Furtado – There will be a couple more. Continuation of the I & I, pump station, and one for water. They will be pulling the pump from the Tinkham Lane well tomorrow and depending on what is revealed will indicate the number. There will be two more for water. The Drinking Water SRF was funded. One is to replace a piece of cement vinyl line pipe on Farmfield Street. Roughly 2.5 million and also have a water main replacement on Main Street. A few years ago Tata & Howard did the Capital Efficiency Plan. Projects were approved last week. Typically the SRF is 2%. A portion of that we will have to borrow. Some associated costs are not allowed.

Mr. Ristuccia – I think that Farmfield Street is on the repaving list. So does this tie into that?

Mr. Riley – No, that was Green to Chestnut.

Mr. Furtado – Also, a sewer by-law we want to present to the Town at the Annual Town meeting.

Mr. Riley – Like the conflict we had off of Weeden Road.

Mr. Furtado – Private or public sewer; there is no language right now. We should have a law that spells everything out.

Mr. Riley – There are five articles.

Ms. Sturtevant motioned to approve the articles here and the two pending. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Riley –At the last meeting Mr. Furtado told Mr. Charbonneau to come up with some chip seal prices. Point Street and Summit Drive to go along with our number one pick Bridge Street for \$217,000 and to follow up with some gravel streets to do triple chip seal.

Mr. Hobson – Why can't Bridge Street come under Roth's project?

Mr. Furtado – Calculating the better good for the Town, Bridge Street and how heavily it is travelled. They want us to pony up \$300,000 from Chapter 90 for the CBDG.

Mr. Riley – We have been following the Pavement Management Study.

Mr. Furtado –This is based on the needs of the Town that are paved streets. It's just a coincidence that it is in the same area.

Mr. Riley – We all voted on Bridge Street at the last meeting. To get to \$300,000 we have Summit Drive and Point Street.

Mr. Hobson – I would like to see Summit Drive and Point Street #3.

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Mr. Riley – That’s what I have also.

Mr. Hobson motioned to submit Summit Drive as #2 and Point Street as #3 for the road work article.
Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. Waterline Industries; Digester Feed Piping – Payment #1

Mr. Riley – The invoice is for \$9,997. This had to be done.

Mr. Furtado – This was for the feeding source from the sludge processing building and going directly into the digester. It was finished a couple of weeks ago. One of the problems we had was to feed it constantly with the food that we had, we weren’t able to. Now we just need more food. This is for one side. Digest the sludge and make gas. Send gas to the generator and it makes a little bit of electricity. We receive a residual check every now and then.

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve Payment #1 to Waterline Industries in the amount of \$9,997.00. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

C. Nuwater, Inc.; Taber, South Street & Aeration Tanks WWTP – Payment #4

Mr. Riley – The amount is \$136,324.05.

Mr. Furtado – This is a continuation that has been going on. There is a list of everything that they have done.

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve Nuwater, Inc. Payment #4 in the amount of \$136,324.05. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

D. Fairhaven Tennis Association - Request for Storage Container

Mr. Riley – The Fairhaven Tennis Association; Mr. Foster sent a letter requesting a permanent trailer where they had a temporary one the last few years at Cushman Park. We did it for the Fairhaven Football a few years ago. The only thing we didn’t allow was signs on it. It’s a storage unit. It’s up to you to allow it. It has been there six or seven months. It’s in a section of the park that doesn’t affect anything.

Mr. Hobson – Try it for a year and if it works out extend it.

Ms. Sturtevant – They have had it there a couple of years now. Same size?

Mr. Hobson – Yes.

Mr. Wotton – Hard surface or on the grass?

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Mr. Riley – I can't remember. Do we have access to that trailer?

Ms. Tripp – No.

Mr. Riley – We can approve it for the calendar year and review it.

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the Fairhaven Tennis Association to place a storage container for one year and review it next year. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

E. 29 Holiday Drive – Sewer Betterment Deferral

Mr. Riley – We have a request for a sewer betterment deferral for 29 Holiday Drive. We have a letter from the Board of Assessors.

Mr. Hobson – Why would they want to do it?

Mr. Riley – It falls under the General Laws.

Mr. Ristuccia – If the situation changes does that negate it?

Ms. Tripp – If and when the house is sold or transferred then the betterment will be paid plus interest. If the property owner qualifies for the real estate deferral then they can ask for the betterment deferral. It is based on their assets and income.

Mr. Hobson – What is that?

Mr. Tripp – That is private information that only the Assessors are privileged to have.

Mr. Ristuccia motioned to approve the sewer betterment deferral for 29 Holiday Drive. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

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

Mr. Wotton – Concerning the funds for the snow plowing and salting, is that all settled?

Mr. Furtado – We had to write a letter to the Finance Committee and Selectboard to deficit spend. We spend about \$43,000 on average. This year we put in for \$35,000.

Mr. Wotton – New England storms meltdown and refreeze. Funds are there. Stock with salt to treat the roads.

Mr. Furtado – We sanded Saturday.

Mr. Wotton – Everything has been handled phenomenal. Traveling in other town's roads is horrendous. Our roads have been down to bare pavement. Commend them for a great job.

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Mr. Ristuccia – Inquire about the Camp Dresser review. Did they meet with you?

Mr. Furtado – Yes. We met a couple of Fridays ago. Decided to task UMass to do one, maybe two different scenarios and take it from here. The Mass Estuary project is up and down all the communities. They run models which in New England means they do this hypothetical if the discharge were five, three, or ten, what kind of marine species would grown. They ran our scenarios at five millimeters per liter. Assume that the permit would be five millimeters per liter. What we want to do is run a scenario at ten. Right now we discharge thirteen. See what eight comes out to.

Mr. Ristuccia – How long before they have the results?

Mr. Furtado – Honestly I hope as long as possible. They are so overwhelmed with data.

Ms. Sturtevant – All set.

Mr. Hobson – Glad to see you looked into that stone wall at Seaview. The other thing was somebody knocked the street sign down at Winona. Cut that thing up at Mill Road?

Mr. Furtado – ABC delivered a dumpster last week at Mill Road. We will knock down the trailer.

Mr. Hobson – Glad to see you (Mr. Riley) are on the Government Study Committee. There are questions on there and they didn't put the question about the BPW.

Mr. Riley – The guys did plow multiple times and did a very good job.

Mr. Furtado – The wind was our biggest enemy.

Mr. Riley – THE CDL renewals?

Ms. Tripp – Most of them have done it and they have let me check that on-line for them. I will know more when I give the information to the Insurance Company. They will check on that for us.

Mr. Riley – Tour of the building. Will that come out of capital outlay?

Mr. Furtado– No, an article.

Mr. Riley – At that time we were astonished at \$70,000. In your packets there are three estimates. The lowest one is \$43,644.

Mr. Furtado – There will be an extra \$2,000 for the alarms. Look at the pictures and the condition of the doors.

Mr. Riley – How does the Board feel about it?

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Mr. Hobson – Add the alarm and take the low bidder.

Mr. Ristuccia – I'm not an advocate for spending the money. Can't we do small repairs?

Mr. Riley – It has to be done \$45,000 is better than \$73,000. I do understand Mikes' position. What can be repaired or not. Cost us more money in the long run if you split it. It's been thirty plus years for the initial doors.

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the article for BPW Door Replacement in the amount of \$45,644. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Ms. Sturtevant seconded.

Mr. Riley – Have Mr. Charbonneau at the February 10th meeting so we can feel more comfortable about the doors.

On the motion. Vote unanimous.

Superintendent's Report for January 27, 2014:

From Last meeting

- John Charbonneau gave chip seal (versus hard surface costs) prices to Kathy for some of the smaller streets on the road list
- Resetting/repairing the Seaview Avenue stone wall will be done in the spring assuming we receive permission from Con Comm
- Weybridge/Torrington Street loop should be starting (weather permitting) by Tree Warden within a week or two
- Dumpster has been delivered to Mill Road Pump Station for demo of EMA Trailer

New Items

- Met at/walked through Lauren Francis' property with Bristol County Mosquito Control – BPW needs to repair broken pipe (in spring) – Mosquito Control clearing brush
- Budget/Article Work
- Working on Ordinance for Sewer
- Hired Traffic Study Engineer for Oliver Street
- Employee docked/grievance issue

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- Indirect Costs review – less than last year
- New feed (piping) system for digesters is providing continual feed source – digesters are producing lots of gas
- New (cell) phones for the Department
- Attended recycling meeting at ABC – will be presented to the Board next meeting
- Meeting with CDM re: MEP report for proposed nitrogen limit
- Attend Economic Meeting
- Snow removal
- Mass DOT will allow use of Chapter 90 funds to paint fog lines down Scoticut Neck Road – Board needs to approve use of this money – received a request from Bikeway Committee
- Send correspondence to the Selectmen to pull the Snow and Ice \$20,000 Article (Feb Town Meeting) as both Fin Comm and Selectmen approved deficit spending
- To settle Howland Road monies owed, Mass DOT has proposed, in lieu of monetary compensation, is for the Town to assume ownership and maintenance of Adams Street (at Route 6) and head north where it intersects and merges to Main Street until the Acushnet Town line

VII. Set Date for the Next Meeting

Mr. Wotton motioned to hold the next meeting on February 10, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Sturtevant seconded. Vote unanimous.

VII. Adjourn and Executive Session – Solid Waste Contract

Ms. Sturtevant motioned adjourn open session at 6:58 p.m. and enter into execution to discuss the solid waste contract and not to reconvene open session. Mr. Hobson seconded.

Roll call taken: Mr. Riley, Mr. Hobson, Ms. Sturtevant, Mr. Ristuccia and Mr. Wotton in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. Tripp
Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved on February 10, 2014