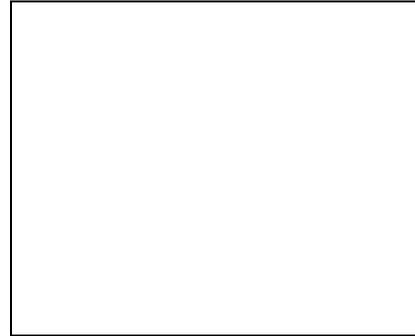


**Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
February 10, 2014**

Present

G. Steven Riley, Commissioner
Robert Hobson, Commissioner
Michael Ristuccia, Commissioner
Brian Wotton, Commissioner
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent
Kathy Tripp, Administrative Assistant
Manuel Fontes, Mercury Heavy Equipment
Lee Castignetti, Long Built Homes
Susana Lachat, Billy's Way



Ms. Sturtevant was not in attendance.
Mr. Riley arrived at 7:05 p.m.

I. Call to Order

Mr. Hobson called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

II. Routine Matters

A. Signing of Departmental Bills

III. Approval of Minutes

A. January 27, 2014

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2014 meeting. Mr. Ristuccia seconded.
Vote unanimous.

IV. Appointments

A. John Charbonneau, Highway Superintendent – Re: BPW Door Article

Mr. Charbonneau was not in attendance.

Mr. Hobson – We looked at the door article for Town Meeting.

Mr. Ristuccia – I'm comfortable with what needs to be done.

Mr. Wotton – Same, I'm comfortable with it.

Mr. Hobson – The doors really need to be replaced.

Mr. Furtado – I spoke with Mr. Osuch about the budget request. We may not get all six doors.

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**B. Manuel Fontes, Mercury Heave Equipment – Re: New drainlayer
Lee Castignetti, Long Built Homes**

Mr. Castignetti - I am with Long Built Homes. Mercury Heavy Equipment is a subsidiary of Long Built Homes. We are a single family home builder based in New Bedford. Mercury Heavy Equipment does all of our excavation, septic and drainlayer work. We don't do road building. It's strictly excavation with the homes that we built. We have an extended history in Fairhaven. Long Built Homes built Shannon Meadows which was a fifty-seven lot subdivision. We built all those homes in a two year period. Mercury Heavy Equipment was the contractor and Mr. Fontes was the operator and did all those services for water and sewer. Currently we are licensed in Mattapoisett and Dartmouth. I could not provide a third. We do other drainlayer work. It's just not required to have a license in other towns. We did twenty homes in Wareham and we have a thirty-five lot subdivision for water for a private water company in Plymouth, thirty-five lot subdivision in Dighton for water. Dighton doesn't require us to have a license there.

Mr. Furtado – Our Sewer Superintendent did write a letter on your behalf.

Mr. Ristuccia – No questions, quite satisfied. Insurance, letter of recommendations are in order.

Mr. Wotton – I'm good.

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve Mercury Heavy Equipment as a drainlayer. Mr. Ristuccia seconded. Vote unanimous.

C. Susanna Lachat – Re: Billy's Way

Mr. Hobson – We talked about her dirt road. She wants to know if we can help her out.

Mr. Furtado – Last meeting we voted on the roads. Mrs. Lachat has a petition for hard-surface because she has a gravel road. She would like to gather some support at Town Meeting.

Mr. Hobson – Basically this depends on how much money we get from the Finance Committee. We try to do one dirt road per year. I can understand your concerns because there are a lot of dirt roads. If we could sneak yours in we would be glad to do it.

Ms. Lachat – I am seeking your support that Billy's Way be selected to stone seal or hard-surface. The current road conditions at the bottom of the hill hold a tremendous amount of water. I can't open my screen windows in the summer because of the dust. Drainage problems as you are aware. Numerous residents were nice enough to sign the petition and recognize that the street has a problem.

Mr. Ristuccia - The position of the Board we know that it should be addressed. If we had the funds to do them we would do them all. The key there is the funds. At the last Town Meeting they appropriated an amount of money and they didn't take any of our suggestions. So I think you have the support to try to

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get that done. We had already decided it needed to be addressed but not sure of the amount of money. I wish you well.

Mr. Wotton - I agree with what Mike said. This year we decided to do chip seal so we could do more streets.

Mr. Furtado – We’re assuming that we will receive \$300,000 for road work.

Mr. Wotton – We voted to redo Bridge Street and do chip seal on as many as streets that we can. It’s already on our radar. We get our list from Mr. Furtado and go in that order.

Mr. Furtado – Memory your street was \$50,000 hard-surface and \$30,000 for triple chip seal.

Mr. Ristuccia – You already have our support. It’s a matter of how much money we get. Yours’ would be the next one.

Mr. Hobson - Basically that is where we are at. If not this year it’s a good bet it would be done next year.

Mr. Furtado– Hopefully this year, if not, it’s not going to go away.

V. Items for Action

A. Pavao Construction – Main Street & Park Street Roadway Improvements – Final Payment

Mr. Furtado – This is the final payment to Pavao Construction in the amount of \$8,141.90.

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve the final payment to Pavao Construction in the amount of \$8,141.90 for the Main Street and Park Street Roadway Improvements. Mr. Ristuccia seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. Chapter 90 Request – Francis Street CDBG

Mr. Furtado – This is from Bill Roth. The Planning Departments new target area is right behind the high school. This target area is from Dana Farms to behind the High School. Public Works has really benefited from it. We paid for the engineering from Chapter 90 funds. Now it’s unfortunate the grant money is less. In order to continue the program we have to pony up some more Chapter 90 finds. Assume he gets his allotment; it’s less than before and it will try to carry to two projects. Just don’t have enough money because of Howland Road and Green Street from Washington Street to the end. Bill and I went back and forth. If he gets the grant he’ll use everything he gets. He is asking the BPW for \$350,000 in Chapter 90 funds and \$50,000 from a sewer article for I&I and not to exceed those numbers.

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Mr. Furtado – Money less than the \$900,000 project for \$400,000. If you vote we'll spend \$400,000 altogether. The town will benefit road drainage, sewer and water. It's a good bang for the buck. John Charbonneau and I are in favor of it.

Mr. Ristuccia – What are we doing?

Mr. Furtado – Full road reconstruction, two new fire hydrants, sewer.

Mr. Wotton – As long as the money is there.

Mr. Furtado – We have a little bit more than \$1 million.

Mr. Riley – I'm in favor of the \$50,000 and \$350,000. Mr. Furtado did all me a couple of times and we discussed the Howland Road project. What Mr. Roth did for the last five or six years, we can't get our money back for what he does. It's a bigger number than we normally do.

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve using \$350,000 from Chapter 90 for the Francis Street project and \$50,000 from the sewer I&I article. Mr. Ristuccia seconded. Vote unanimous.

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

Mr. Wotton – Vinnie already handled what I had. All the snow is looking good. It's almost down to bare pavement.

Mr. Ristuccia – The Town beach parking lot; it looks like we plow it a day after the storm? Can the truck that drives down Fir Street make a sweep thru there when they plow? The ruts coming into there I know we fill them in March but is there anything we can do to get some gravel. The road to Bella Vista; it did not get plowed again this past storm. Maybe he doesn't feel like doing it.

Mr. Furtado – We plow up to the gate that's on the route.

Mr. Ristuccia – Shellfish point of view he pays big taxes.

Mr. Hobson – We should plow to the gate.

Mr. Ristuccia – I'm shocked how many cars go to the Town beach every day.

Mr. Hobson – I agree with you.

Mr. Riley – I'd like to thank the employees for their hard work. It's taken for granted, especially when they work all day. At some point in time we are going to bust the budget again.

Mr. Hobson – When they plow the boat ramps ask the driver not to plow and go down the ramp. A lot of guys still bay scallop and they launch their boats. Mill Road trailer cut up?

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Mr. Furtado – We got a dumpster from ABC at no charge. We demolished the trailer and they took it away.

Mr. Hobson – We meet with the Selectmen on February 20th at 6:00 p.m.

Superintendent Report for February 10, 2014:

- Much snow removal efforts
- Attend Water (new regulations) seminar at DEP
- Applicable Staff attends People GIS Training to create site specific interactive forms on the computer
- Work with Planning concerning Francis Street project numbers
- Continue working on Ordinance for Sewer
- Send correspondence to accounting advising that BPW accepts FY15 calculation of indirect costs
- Specs for camera truck advertised
- Mill Road EMA trailer is demolished
- MEP response letter to State is reviewed
- Wastewater Training for Sewer Department employees
- Kathy and I meet with Cintas reps re: upcoming clothing contract
- Attend climate change vulnerability workshop representing Fairhaven
- New Truck 27 with sanding and plow attachments delivered

VII. Set Date for the Next Meeting

Mr. Riley motioned to hold the next Board of Public Works meeting on February 20 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall with the Board of Selectmen to discuss budgets. Mr. Ristuccia seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Riley motioned to hold the next regular BPW meeting on February 24, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

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VIII. Adjourn

Mr. Ristuccia motioned to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. Mr. Riley seconded. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. Tripp
Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved on February 24, 2014.