

**Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
March 12, 2018**

Present

Brian Wotton, Commissioner
Robert Hobson, Commissioner
Keith Silvia, Commissioner
Cameron Durant, Commissioner
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent
Kathy Tripp, Administrative Assistant
Joan Joseph, 296 Sconticut Neck Road
Ellen Ouellette, 7 Billy's Way
Kathleen Cabral, 7 Reservation Road



Mr. Ristuccia was not in attendance.

I. Call to Order

Mr. Wotton called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

II. Routine Matters

A. Signing of Departmental Bills

III. Approval of Minutes

A. December 18, 2017 – Executive Session

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes of December 18, 2017 Executive Session. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. January 8, 2018 – Executive Session

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the minutes of January 8, 2018 Executive Session. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

C. January 22, 2018 – Executive Session

Mr. Durant motioned to approve the minutes of January 22, 2018 Executive Session. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

D. January 29, 2018 – Executive Session

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes of January 29, 2018 Executive Session. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

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E. February 5, 2018 – Executive Session (a)

Mr. Durant motioned to approve the minutes of February 5, 2018 Executive Session (a). Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

F. February 5, 2018 – Executive Session (b)

Mr. Durant motioned to approve the minutes of February 5, 2018 Executive Session (b). Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

G. February 5, 2018 – Executive Session (c)

Mr. Durant motioned to approve the minutes of February 5, 2018 Executive Session (c). Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

H. February 26, 2018

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes of February 26, 2018. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote unanimous.

IV. Appointments

**A. Joan Joseph, 296 Sconticut Neck Road – Re: Road Work
Ellen Ouellette, 7 Billy's Way
Kathleen Cabral, 7 Reservation Road**

Ms. Joseph – I live on the corner of Sconticut Neck Road and Billy's way. I also own Billy's Way to Torrington. I bought it thirty-one years ago because of the Beachy seaside community. In 2011 I acquired three more lots on Billy's way. No drainage issues on that road. Only problem at the very bottom and access to the beach has been blocked by the resident who petitioned to have it paved. Stopping the maintenance, grass. My husband took care of that road for many years. I'm opposed to it. I'd like you to change your mind. It's only five hundred feet and they drive fast already. I'm afraid someone will get killed. Other issues exiting with the driveways on that street. My whole property is fenced. Do I have to move it? The thing is petition to have it paved. They knew it was dirt when they bought it.

Mr. Ouellette – We have shell driveways.

Ms. Joseph – I have pictures on my phone. There are no drainage issues. All the way down no confusion so that is a public access to enjoy that beach. They are trying to prevent us to go down there

Mr. Wotton – The board approved it.

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Ms. Cabral - I'm also an abutter to Billy's Way. It is assumed that the left side facing the beach belongs to others. It is my property, not theirs. I own 29A Lot 180. They are preventing that path from opening it up. My question is how wide is that path supposed to be?

Ms. Ouellette –They trimmed her side of the path which you can barely walk down thirty feet of brush. They didn't touch that.

Mr. Hobson – I told Vinnie he sent a crew down there. It's a fire lane. To cut brush down there then Vinnie can make an appointment with conservation to cut it. I went down there two weeks ago. Maybe it could be a little bit wider. Cut it the width of the road you have to go to conservation. To deal with the street are you have to be town meeting members. Go to town meeting and you can raise your hand and can ask to speak on it if you don't want it done.

Ms. Joseph – The other thing really there are other people waiting for their streets to be paved. It's a waste of taxpayers' money that none of us want it touched. Maybe in the future you should notify people.

Mr. Furtado – She has been coming in for a number of years.

Ms. Joseph – Since they moved in.

Ms. Ouellette – Twenty-seven years ago Dr. Scott lived across the street. He never complained about that street.

Mr. Durant – On an unaccepted town road you need 75% of abutters sign onto a petition so perhaps take the same philosophy for road work that the petition need $\frac{3}{4}$ of abutters to sign it.

Ms. Joseph – What recourse do we have now just to go to town meeting?

Mr. Furtado – I haven't gone to the finance committee yet. We could pick another street.

Mr. Wotton – How many house lots?

Ms. Joseph – I own four.

Mr. Wotton – Send a letter to the selectmen.

Mr. Furtado – I think I can pull it on Thursday.

Mr. Wotton – Any short streets like that with four or five houses? Still costs \$75,000 to pave that street.

B. Ellen Ouellette, 7 Billy's Way – Re: Dirty Water

Ms. Ouellette – How can that be acceptable twice in a month? Do you know how much I had to flush to get it clean?

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Mr. Wotton - We can't fix what's already happened. If it happens again do not turn any faucets on. Flushing the hydrants you actually drew the dirty water into your house.

Mr. Furtado – Turn on the hot it goes into your tank. We are going to be instituting a flushing program starting in July. We are going to flush the whole town. Our water consultant engineer devised a systematic approach to flow the water against the grain to eliminate it once and for all.

Mr. Wotton – We don't treat the water but we pipe it in. There are pipes in the town that are 100 years old. They break and sometimes dirt gets in them. Town is not financially stable to redo all the pipes.

Mr. Furtado – We had a series of events this year. Lightening and a computer glitch at one of the towers.

C. Karl Fleurent, Water Department – Re: Water Training Course

Appointment will be rescheduled.

V. Items for Action

A. Human Resources

Mr. Furtado – Just follow up from last time. The M.O.U. that is being drafted, we don't have it yet.

B. Recycle Center

Mr. Wotton – With the upcoming nitrogen upgrade and the locations of where those tanks will need to go and basically only spot and that will be infringing about 75% of the current recycle center. Come up with a plan with transition that to a different location. Bridge Street only spot in town and not up to Long Road.

Mr. Furtado - I meet once every couple of weeks with architects about every building, this one, police, town hall, schools. They gave their opinion how to make those buildings more efficient. They came here and we talked about a designed map room, another garage. This is something I could bring to them.

Mr. Durant – Dump not an option?

Mr. Furtado – It needs to be lined. There was talk before I got on board of putting the recycle center there once upon a time. DEP required some lining and capping. When that was brought up a few years back, undertake that effort.

Mr. Hobson – Not going to be digging anything.

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C. Vincent Furtado – Appointment to the Mattapoisett River Valley Water District Commission

Mr. Furtado – My appointment to the Mattapoisett River Valley Water District Commission has expired. The Protection Advisory is an indefinite term. The other expired in December.

Mr. Durant motioned to appoint Vincent Furtado to the Mattapoisett River Valley Water District Commission for a three year term. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

D. Subcommittee for Grants re: WWTP

Mr. Durant – My thought as Vinnie and the town look into figuring out the next chapter and most cost effective option there are other ways to mitigate damages. Non-profits water bills plan B and Representative Straus and housing organizations. I would like to be on it.

Mr. Wotton – Two are enough?

Mr. Wotton motioned to table until discussion until the next meeting. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

E. Driveway and Sidewalk Violation Fines

Mr. Durant motioned to allow the BPW Superintendent give out the initial fine according to the General Code of the Town of Fairhaven. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

VI. Tabled Matters

n/a

VII. Old Business / New Business

A. Superintendent

Superintendent's Report for March 12, 2018:

From Last Meeting

- BMX Track Rules sign designed/in the works
- Human Resources/BPW MOU being drafted
- Labor counsel provides documentation that we can circumvent prior water vacancy posting
- 92 Shaw Road drainage
- Manhole on Briercliffe

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New Items

- Toured wastewater plant with some board members
- Attended non-union wage review meeting
- Linda and I met with Unibank re: sewer borrowing
- Bid opening for water pump station roofs
- Attend capital planning meeting with architects
- Apply for a couple of grants – Farmfield/Stetson Beach Erosion and West Island Beach parking lot
- Attend Mass Municipal Association meeting – try to solicit help with NPDES permit
- Work during the night of the storm – multiple crews out – clearing fallen trees from streets/pumping sewage
- Work with Labor Counsel re: water department posting
- Extend recycling day to all day on Wednesday and open Saturday
- Work with Tom Crotty – BPW will be handing over Mattapoissett spillway control to the town of Mattapoissett in July
- Mail FMLA letter to employee
- Received/reviewed report from arborist who has inspected all the trees located in the Green Street Phase II project area – we will be hosting the community meeting shortly
- Conference call with EPA permit team
- Linda, Jeff and I met with Mark Rees and his budget team for final review/submittal of water/sewer budgets for FY 19 – Selectmen will look at our budget on 3/12 and BPW appears before Fincom on 3/15

B. Board Members

Mr. Hobson – The recycling center; all winter long storms and this and that and the poor guy on Saturday. It's only open the last Saturday of the month and Wednesday. Open every Wednesday, looking for every Saturday in the winter time even 4-5 hours. Go in there after all these storms and get rid of their stuff.

Mr. Furtado – My only answer is Wednesday and Saturday, common sense prevails every weekend.

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Mr. Wotton – What if there is snow on ground?

Ms. Tripp – Maybe just in March be open on Saturday.

Mr. Hobson – Briercliffe, the sewer cover and water cover, it's getting worse. On Sconticut Neck Road near Briercliffe.

Mr. Furtado – Biggest thing would be the EPA update. We had a conference call this morning. The last offer was just shy of nine years to be fully constructed.

C. Marine Resources Committee – BPW Related Matters

Mr. Hobson – Haven't had a meeting but the shellfish warden has asked that shells; we'd like to make sure we spread them for him at Hoppy's landing. Possibly get driveways in two places to go in. One is just a sidewalk. The tar is all undermined and people are getting flat tires coming out, just the first twelve feet.

VIII. Set Date for the Next Meeting

Mr. Hobson motioned to hold the next meeting on March 26, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

IX. Adjourn

Mr. Silvia motioned to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. Tripp
Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved on April 9, 2018.