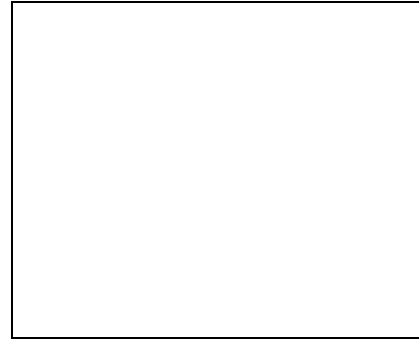


**Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
February 5, 2018**

Present

Michael Ristuccia, Commissioner
Brian Wotton, Commissioner
Robert Hobson, Commissioner
Keith Silvia, Commissioner
Cameron Durant, Commissioner
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent
Kathy Tripp, Administrative Assistant
Residents regarding FY19 Road Work Article
Jeffrey Furtado



I. Call to Order

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

II. Routine Matters

A. Signing of Departmental Bills

III. Approval of Minutes

A. January 22, 2018

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2018 meeting. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. January 25, 2018

Mr. Ristuccia – I would like to table the minutes of January 25, 2018.

Mr. Wotton motioned to table the minutes of January 25, 2018. Mr. Ristuccia seconded. Vote 3-2 in favor with Mr. Hobson and Mr. Durant opposed.

C. January 29, 2018

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

IV. Appointments

n/a

V. Items for Action

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A. Road Work Article – FY19

Mr. Ristuccia – We spoke about the road work to be done at one of our last next meetings. The Board has had time to think about the roads and the ones they would like to do. I'd like to take comments from the citizens.

Bruce Hasstlehurst, 134 Ebony - We put in a petition to get the road paved. Hoppy and Keith know it's in pretty rough shape; potholes, after you grade it, it washes right way. Dust, can't open windows and when there is a snow storm it's a mess.

Scott Pomfret, 142 Cottonwood - I am one of the West island Improvement Association board members. Mark Rasmussen came by to see us in regards to the side streets and the silt into the ocean. Top of Causeway at the Fir Street intersection is horrible. In October I asked for repairs at Causeway and Fir. My mom lives at 152 Fir. There has been a puddle there forever. Mark said he can help us to get help for the town.

Paul Letendre, 80 Fir Street - There are a lot of sections that are bad. Fir and Misty Bay there is always a puddle. The other side is mud and the corner. I called a couple times last summer. Gravel gets washed away.

Suzanne Lachat, 2 Billy's Way – I brought pictures last time. It's a mess at the bottom and a pool at the end of that street.

Mike Poirier, 148 Fir Street – It's been bad for so long at the intersection of Causeway at Fir. Most traffic with town vehicles as well.

Mr. Hobson – I can feel sorry for these people. Every street does have a problem. When I first came on the board eight years ago we did a section of every street every year. We only have \$350,000 and I know we can't do all these streets but Ebony, Fir, and Bluepoint would be one of my choices. Not all of Ebony but a section each year another section next year. Chapter 90 might be able to use down the road but some of these street including Billy's Way it's a waste of manpower and dirt going there three, four, or five times a year. Streets like Bayview Avenue, the street is terrible.

Mr. Silvia – I'm working on Ebony and its rough on 1/3 of it just before Fisherman.

Mr. Furtado – I didn't look at that.

Mr. Durant – Mr. Pomfret; great point with the environmental factor. People's cars beating to their home also factors of what Scott mentioned and Hoppy about quahogs and the bay. More as an environment issue, east and west instead of north and south.

Mr. Wotton – I'm going to stick with what I said, number one pick with the highway superintendent, unfortunately not on West Island. Number one not only from the two superintendents but the road

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management company. My other recommendation would be Fir and Billy's Way and 1/3 of Ebony which would be fair for everybody. We can't put \$350,000 on West Island. Try to do one street a year.

Mr. Ristuccia – I live on West Island so I really understand the road conditions down there. Should be focusing less energy of bringing gravel and more on paving. Realistic not be able to pave all of the streets this year. We can formulate a plan. There are a lot of gravel roads throughout the town. Money has to be spread. Buzzards Bay Coalition; I'm going to suggest for Mr. Furtado to reach out with those folks to see what we can get done. Worse one is Bluepoint east and west. Ebony is worse on the south side of Littleneck.

Mr. Furtado – The West Island Improvement Association contacted me about doing Ebony, Littleneck to Fisherman. Cost of the paved roads is going to be higher if we keep putting them off. Extend the money as far as we can. Hope and Billy's Way; they come every single year. Bluepoint environmental concerns and a section of Ebony.

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve with conjunction of Chapter 90 money, Billy's Way, Bluepoint, Hope and a portion of Ebony either one-third or one-half. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. Gravity Construction; Jeannette Street Drainage, Payment #1, \$70,133.75

Mr. Furtado – This is for the drainage improvements with Chapter 90 money. The residents came here a couple years ago.

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve payment #1 to Gravity Construction in the amount of \$70,133.75. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote unanimous.

**C. Award Bid Cleaning & Redevelopment of Wells; Wolf Island Road, Mattapoisett
Dennis L. Maher Co., LLC \$30,600.00**

Mr. Furtado – Last week we had the bid opening. Wells at Wolf Island Road are infiltrated with sand and hurts pumping capacity. This bid won by Dennis L. Maher, Co. Tata & Howard is the consultant engineer.

Mr. Wotton motioned to award to the lowest bidder, Dennis L. Maher in the amount of \$30,600 for the cleaning and redevelopment of wells at the Wolf Island Road Pumping Station. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

D. Sewer Rates

Mr. Furtado – Kathy put together a table. Currently the rate is \$6.65 per hcf, raising the rate an additional .25, .35 or .50 and the projected increase. My recommendation would be \$7.00 even, which we would collect approximately \$150,000. We need that money. Certainly the folks who are on a limited budget won't be scuffling.

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Mr. Wotton – We tabled this from last week because there was no camera. The dollar amount will be about \$1.17 per month. \$7.00 for your bill every six months based on 2000 cubic feet.

Mr. Durant – This is because of the nitrogen project mandated by the EPA.

Mr. Hobson motioned to increase the sewer rate an additional .35 to \$7.00 per one hundred cubic feet effective April 1, 2018. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote unanimous.

E. Appoint 2 Board Members for Highway Department Truck Driver Interviews

Mr. Ristuccia – I'd like to be one.

Mr. Durant – If you do it on the day of meeting I would do it anytime.

Mr. Wotton motioned to approve subcommittee of Mr. Ristuccia and Mr. Durant. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

F. Hart Engineering; WWTP Improvements, Payment #2, \$70,991.36

Mr. Furtado – The invoice is not available.

VI. Tabled Matters

n/a

VII. Old Business / New Business

A. Superintendent

Superintendent Report for meeting of 2/5/2018:

- Begin preparations for Green Street Phase 2 tree meeting
- Attend Wastewater Conference in Boston
- Spoke with Pasta House re: grease trap
- Attend 2 capital planning meetings
- Confer multiple times with Labor Counsel re: Unfair Labor Practice Charge filed against Town/BPW
- Confer multiple times with Town Counsel re: Water Superintendent Hire

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- Confer multiple times with Town Counsel re: Freedom of Information Act
- Attend BBAC monthly meeting
- Numerous meetings/phone calls re: water supt.
- Meet with Town Human Resource Officer
- Attend meeting for non-union raises
- Review plan/write letter of approval for Rochester Property – for Mattapoissett River Valley Group
- Finalize budget packages for submittal

B. Board Members

Mr. Hobson – I'd like to see something done with Littleneck and put some fill in there. Mr. Benac passed away this week. I'd like to have a moment of silence. He loved this town.

The Board held a moment of silence for Mr. Benac.

C. Marine Resources Committee – BPW Related Matters

Mr. Hobson – We haven't met since our last meeting.

VIII. Set the Date for the Next Meeting

Mr. Wotton motioned to set the date for the next meeting on February 26, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Ristuccia seconded. Vote unanimous.

IX. Executive Session

Mr. Wotton motioned to adjourn the open session to discuss the water superintendent personnel agreement, water department grievance and personnel matters and to reconvene in open session at its conclusion to execute the water superintendent's personnel agreement at 8:27 p.m. Mr. Ristuccia seconded.

Roll call taken: Mr. Ristuccia, Mr. Wotton, Mr. Hobson, Mr. Silvia and Mr. Durant in favor.

Mr. Wotton motioned to go into open session and not to reconvene in executive session at 8:40 p.m. Mr. Ristuccia seconded.

Roll call taken: Mr. Ristuccia, Mr. Wotton, Mr. Hobson, Mr. Silvia and Mr. Durant in favor.

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III. Approval of Minutes (Cont.)

B. January 25, 2018

Mr. Ristuccia motioned to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2018 meeting. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

X. Execute Water Superintendent Personnel Agreement

Mr. Wotton motioned to sign the water superintendent personnel agreement with Jeffrey Furtado. Mr. Ristuccia seconded. Vote unanimous.

XI. Adjourn

Mr. Ristuccia motioned to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. Tripp
Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved on February 26, 2018.