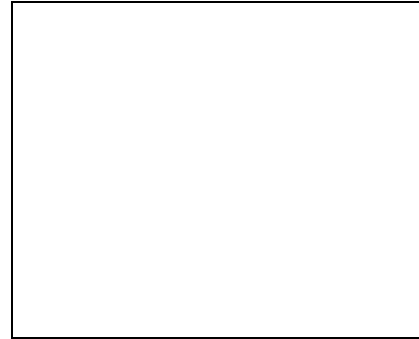


**Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
September 30, 2019**

Present

Brian Wotton, Commissioner
Robert Hobson, Commissioner
Keith Silvia, Commissioner
Frank Coelho, Commissioner
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent
Rebecca Vento, Administrative Assistant
Jean Canastra, 29 Sedgewick Road
Lisa Bindas, 322 Huttleston Avenue
Ronnie Manzon, 28 Brook Drive



Mr. Durant was not in attendance

I. Call to Order

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

II. Routine Matters

A. Signing of Departmental Bills

III. Approval of Minutes

A. September 16, 2019

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes of September 16, 2019. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

IV. Appointments

A. Jean Canastra, 29 Sedgewick Road – Water & Sewer Abatement

Mr. Wotton – Do you have all the paperwork from a licensed plumber that was requested at the last meeting stating that you have no leaks inside your home?

Ms. Canastra – Yes, I brought it into the office.

Mr. Wotton – The letter from the licensed plumber reads, “All fixtures were checked and found no water leaks anywhere in the house and the outside faucet”. She is here to see if she can get an abatement for the sewer charges. At the last meeting, we asked for an average of the last three bills.

Mr. Coelho – The only question that I have regarding the letter from the Water Superintendent that is in the packet. Are we going to consider his recommendation?

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Mr. Furtado –It is your vote. In the past if, a resident had a toilet leak we have never allowed them to get an abatement. I do not know if there was something going on outside as well, but we know that there was a problem with the toilet for sure. In the past and in similar situations you have denied the abatement because of the situation.

Mr. Coelho- We either have to support the superintendent or have to get some rules and regulations in place because we cannot keep going on like this. The only thing that I am concerned with is we should have the language and procedure in there for the next time.

Mr. Furtado – We do have a policy that the Board voted on at the last meeting.

Mr. Hobson – She came here and admitted that she had a toilet leak. Anybody that comes before this board with something like this in the future will have to pay for the leak. We as a Board have to agree that if there is a leak that goes into the sewer then the resident will be responsible to pay for the leak.

Mr. Furtado – When we went to small claims court they were adamant that we did not have a written policy. We now have a policy in place that the Board voted on at the last meeting. In the policy, it is clear that the only thing that we abate is sewer. We never abate water because we get it from Mattapoisett and we have to pay for it no matter what. In addition, it states that the only way to get an abatement is to have a license plumber write a letter stating what was found, if anything was fixed, any pictures that they may have, the invoice for the repair and a copy of their license.

Mr. Coelho motioned to approve the abatement for the sewer charges at 29 Sedgewick Road in the amount of \$903.00. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote 3-1 with Mr. Silvia opposed.

B. Lisa Bindas RE: 322 Huttleston Avenue, Moratorium Waiver for Gas Service on Akin Street

Mr. Wotton – You are looking to tie into the gas on Akin Street that was chip sealed three years ago and has a five-year moratorium. How much of an area are you looking to dig up?

Ms. Manzone- The gas company would be doing the work and they did not state how much of an area they would have to dig up.

Mr. Furtado – I know that the last time we approved something like this it was on Fort Street. I do not see a problem with this and either does Mr. Charbonneau. I have here the stipulations that we gave the folks on Fort Street and this property would have the same stipulations.

Mr. Wotton - Part of the stipulation if the Board were to allow this is to dig as close to the property line as you can so there is as minimal damage to the street as possible. The other stipulations from the superintendent would be to back fill in 6-inch lifts and the office will need to be contacted so that we can have a site inspector present. Before paving the trench, the office also will need to be contacted so that we can have a site inspector present. After the trench is paved, the contractor must leave ½ inch to allow additional chip seal to match the existing road condition.

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Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the moratorium wavier for Eversource Gas for the installation of a gas Service on Akin Street to the property at 322 Huttleston Avenue. Mr. Coelho seconded. Vote unanimous.

V. Items for Action

A. Dankris Builders Corp., Tinkham Lane Pump Station Modifications, Work Change Directive #1

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve Work Change Directive #1 for Dankris Builders Corporation. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. Sign Contract Agreement, GCG Associates, 277 Bridge Street \$ 8,800.00

Mr. Silvia motioned to Sign the Contract Agreement with GCG Associates for 277 Bridge Street in the amount of \$8,800.00. Mr. Coelho seconded. Vote unanimous.

**C. P.K.M. Contractors, Inc. – Police & Fire Station Sewer Replacement Project
\$122,650.00**

1. Award Bid

Mr. Furtado - We received five bids for the Police and Fire Station Sewer Replacement Project. This is not our project we are just going to oversee it. The lowest bidder was P.K.M. Contractors, Inc., GCG Associates has worked with this company before and they recommend that we award the bid to them since they were the lowest bidder.

Mr. Hobson motioned to award the Police and Fire Station Sewer Replacement Project to P.K.M. Contractors Inc. in the amount of \$122,650.00. Mr. Coelho seconded. Vote unanimous.

2. Sign Notice of Award

Mr. Hobson motioned to sign the notice of award for the Police and Fire Station Sewer Replacement Project. Mr. Coelho seconded. Vote unanimous.

D. Tighe & Bond – West Island WWTF Upgrade Design Proposal \$ 333,300.00

Mr. Coelho motioned to accept the proposal from Tighe and Bond for the West Island WWTF Upgrade Design Proposal in the amount of \$333,300. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

E. Maher Services – West Island WWTF Gravel Packed Wells

1. Award Bid

Mr. Silvia motioned to award the bid to Maher Services for the West Island WWTF Gravel Packed Wells in the amount of \$89,370.00. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

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2. Sign Contract Agreement \$89,370.00

Mr. Silvia motioned to sign the contract agreement with Maher Services for the West Island WWTF Gravel Packed Wells in the amount of \$89,370.00. Mr. Coelho seconded. Vote unanimous.

3. Notice to Proceed

Mr. Silvia motioned to sign the notice to proceed for the West Island WWTF Gravel Packed Wells. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

F. 2020 Contractor Fees

Mr. Furtado - The driveway permit that we require people to get is \$10.00 and the yearly contractor fee is \$25.00. These have been the costs for quite a long time. We are looking to see if the Board is interested in raising those fees. This is something that we do not have to vote on tonight, I just wanted to bring it up to see how you folks feel about it. We have called another City and Town to see what they charge. New Bedford charges \$30.00 for the permit and \$100.00 for the contractor fee. Dartmouth charges \$50.00 for the permit and \$200.00 for the contractor fee.

Mr. Hobson – What do you think is fair? Maybe make a recommendation of what you think the fees should be.

Mr. Furtado – Maybe \$25.00 for the permit and \$100.00 for the yearly contractor fee.

Mr. Wotton- I would like to make a comment but then I am going to abstain from the vote since I am a contractor that has to pay these fees. I do think the fees should go up. I recommend that you go up on both of the fees but take into consideration that the driveway permit is passed along to the resident from the contractor.

Mr. Coelho - Why don't we check with a few more towns to get a better idea of what they charge.

Mr. Coelho motioned to table 2020 contractor fees until the next meeting. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote 3-0-1 with Mr. Wotton abstained.

G. Livesey Park Parking Lot

Mr. Furtado - The Police Department is recommending that we put up pilings with chains so that they can close the driveway at Livesey Park after it gets dark.

Mr. Coelho - Who will open and close this?

Mr. Furtado - The Police Department. I just wanted to make sure that before we did this that you were ok with this.

Mr. Coelho motioned to put up pilings and a chain to block off the driveway at Livesey Park and have the Police Department open and close the entrance daily. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

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VII. Public Comments / Open Forum

VIII. Tabled Matters

A. Allan Rego, 27 Hawthorne Street – Water & Sewer Abatement

IX. Old Business / New Business

A. Superintendent

Mr. Furtado – Just wanted to let you know that the new Garage Supervisor started today. If you remember about a year ago, there was a gentleman that asked if he could apply for a grant for the beautification of Cooke Park. He is looking to get another grant this year to replace a Japanese Cherry Tree and a few other things.

Mr. Hobson – I think that you should put this on the agenda. I do not want to deal with all the issues that we have had with Cooke Park.

B. Board Members

Mr. Hobson - There is a resident that could not get out of his driveway on Bridge Street because the brush is overgrown and needs to be cut back. When do we have the arm on the tractor to cut the brush on the side of the road? Potter Street needs to be done. What is going on with the property on Jerusalem Road at Sconticut Neck Road?

Mr. Furtado - This is Overlook Acres a private road and they will be putting up three houses.

Mr. Hobson - Bristol County Mosquito has not done anything at Starboard Drive.

Mr. Furtado - I will go there with you so you can show me where the issue is.

Mr. Coelho - Have you sent that letter or contacted the gentleman from the state in regards to the issues with Route 6? Once you get all the union contracts, I would like to get copies of that.

Mr. Silvia- Did you get to talk to Mr. Charbonneau about the duckbill at A1 Crane?

Mr. Furtado – That has already been done.

C. Marine Resources Committee – BPW Related Matters

X. Set Date for the Next Meeting

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Mr. Hobson motioned to set the date of the next meeting for October 7, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

XI. Adjourn

Mr. Wotton motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Vento
Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved on October 7, 2019