

**Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
October 21, 2019**

Present

Brian Wotton, Commissioner
Robert Hobson, Commissioner
Cameron Durant, Commissioner
Keith Silvia, Commissioner
Frank Coelho, Commissioner
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent
Rebecca Vento, Administrative Assistant
Robert Medeiros, Contractor
John Ulrichsen, 7 Long Road
John Hindes, 130 Ebony Street
Christine Parks, 19 Lafayette Street



I. Call to Order

Mr. Wotton called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

II. Routine Matters

A. Signing of Departmental Bills

III. Approval of Minutes

A. October 7, 2019

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes of October 7, 2019. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. October 7, 2019 – Executive Session

Mr. Durant motioned to approve the minutes of October 7, 2019 – Executive Session. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

IV. Appointments

A. Bob Medeiros, A. Medeiros Construction, Driveway Waiver – 68 Weeden Road

Mr. Medeiros – The homeowner would like to widen their second driveway three feet making the total length twenty-four feet wide.

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve a second driveway opening twenty-four feet wide at 68 Weeden Road. Mr. Coelho seconded. Vote unanimous.

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B. John Ulrichsen, 7 Long Road, Moratorium Waiver for Gas Service on Long Road

Mr. Wotton - Based on the recommendation from the Highway Superintendent we have two options. You can either run the line down the grass strip or you can tie into Long Road. If you cut into Long Road, you will have to cold patch and overlay whatever is disturbed from curb to curb. You would be responsible for the driveways of the properties that you cross.

Mr. Ulrichsen - I guess I am not understanding what you mean by running it through the grass.

Mr. Wotton - You have two stubs to tie into. One is in the street and the other is in the grass from Adams Street. The one in the grass would require more pipe and you would just have to loam and seed the area that is disturbed. If you go through the grass, you would not have to dig up the road and you would not have to repave the road curb to curb. Loam and seed will be cheaper than asphalt.

Mr. Ulrichsen – Not sure if you know what the answer is to this question. They will have to bring the pipe underneath my stonewall will they go under the wall or will they have to remove it?

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the moratorium waiver for Eversource Gas for the installation of a gas service at 7 Long Road. Mr. Coelho seconded. Vote unanimous.

C. John Hindes & Sharon Labonte, Driveway Waiver – 130 Ebony Street

Mr. Hindes- I am here because we are tearing down our cottage at 130 Ebony Street and we are looking to extend our driveway opening to twenty feet wide. I was told that I could only have a maximum driveway opening of fourteen feet without a driveway waiver. We would also be finishing the driveway on our property with shells.

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve 130 Ebony Street to expand the driveway opening to twenty feet wide. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote unanimous.

D. Christine Parks, Security Camera, Joshua Slocum Park

Ms. Parks - I live at 19 Lafayette Street and my house abuts Cooke Memorial Park. I am here to see if you would put a security camera on the pumping station and have it point into Cooke Park. A few weeks back I had someone vandalize my stonewall. It is a public park that is pretty remote and I think having a camera installed would be a good idea.

Mr. Hobson - Do you have a security camera on your house?

Ms. Parks – No I do not.

Mr. Hobson - Do any of the pumping stations have cameras on them?

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Mr. Furtado – No, they do not.

Mr. Hobson – How about the West Island Treatment Plant.

Mr. Furtado – No.

Ms. Parks - It would not be for the pumping station it would be to monitor the park.

Mr. Hobson - I think that it would be beneficial to the Town if we had cameras installed around the Town. It does not cost that much to have security cameras installed.

Ms. Parks - I did speak with my neighbors and they all thought that it would be a great idea.

Mr. Wotton - We do not have internet at any of the pumping stations, it would require a closed captioned system to have the cameras installed. Maybe we could look into the cost.

Mr. Hobson - I think that it is a great idea.

Mr. Furtado – I do not think it is a good idea to use Town funds for a private matter.

Mr. Wotton - Mr. Furtado can call a few places and see what it would cost to have cameras installed.

Mr. Silvia motioned to table the discussion of installing a security camera on Cooke Park until Mr. Furtado receives estimates. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote unanimous.

V. Items for Action

A. Revised Water and Sewer Abatement Policy

Mr. Furtado - I made the changes that were requested based on the comments from the last meeting.

Mr. Hobson – I would like to see the dates on the front instead of on the back. Another thing if someone gets a bill between \$2,000 and \$10,000, and applies for an abatement, I would like to see the Water Superintendent come to the meeting and explain it to the people that apply for the abatement and the Board.

Mr. Furtado - Whether he is here or not we have a written policy and they will know ahead of time what the policy is.

Mr. Hobson – I want him here to discuss it.

Mr. Silvia – I do not think he will have any issues if we ask him to come in.

Mr. Hobson – If he cannot come in he should send his foreman.

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Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the changes to the Water and Sewer Abatement Policy with the date changed from the back to the front. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote unanimous.

VI. Tabled Matters

A. n/a

VII. Public Comments / Open Forum

VIII. Old Business / New Business

A. Superintendent

Mr. Furtado - The only additional thing that I would like to add is that the recycling center will be closed this Saturday and opened this Sunday because of Hazardous Waste Day. Last year the line was so long that the Police Department requested going forward that, we shut the recycling center down on Hazardous Waste Day.

Superintendent Report for October 21, 2019

- Meet with contractor re: Pilgrim Ave Force Main repair
- Meet with CDBG Grant Consultant - Becky places Engineering RFP on Commbuys - will review and select when bids come in
- Meet with Voke reps at Livesey park re: new park sign
- Approve revision to Sewer CBA Changes
- JC and I approve drainage easement for BBC property purchase near Fort Phoenix
- Meet with Engineers re: Robert St acceptance for Town Meeting
- Attend required Sewer/Water License Training
- Attend FINCOM Re: BPW Articles for Town Meeting on 2 occasions
- Send support letter to Mr. Ingoldsby for Cooke Park grant
- Revise water abatement policy
- Attend Department Head software training - new software for project tracking

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- Attend meeting to obtain an MVP status for the Town which will open up additional grant opportunities for vulnerable areas
- Attend meeting re: Light Duty Policy for Town
- JC and I meet with BBNEP staff to apply for a grant to assist with storm pipe remedy
- Attend Selectmen's meeting re: Town Meeting Articles on 2 occasions
- Interviewed by ABC News re: After effects of storm
- Extended hours of recycling center and waived need of permit for residents bringing in brush
- Eversource was sent demand letter from Town Counsel re: SN Rd patch
- Attend Capital Planning Committee meeting
- Attend ABC Meeting re: Invoice logistics

B. Board Members

Mr. Silvia - How are they coming with the pole, chain and sign for Livesey Park?

Mr. Furtado - I will put it on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss it further but I met with some representatives from New Bedford Voc. They want to make a nice sign with stone pillars and put a more professional gate there.

Mr. Silvia – Are they going to be doing something with Highland Avenue?

Mr. Furtado – I will check on that.

Mr. Durant - Was anyone from the Park Department able to get to Cushman Park?

Mr. Furtado – Yes, they went the next day.

Mr. Hobson - Are we making any progress with the new location of the recycling center?

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Mr. Furtado - I think that we are since they will be making their suggestion for the new police and fire station.

Mr. Hobson - If Bridge Street has been eliminated I would like to know who eliminated that location and why. I would like to have a meeting with the Board of Public Works, the Selectmen and the Board of Health to discuss the Bridge Street sight. Also, we need to send someone down Sconticut Neck Road to cut down all the weeds.

C. Marine Resources Committee – BPW Related Matters

IX. Set Date for the Next Meeting

Mr. Hobson motioned to set the date for the next meeting on November 4, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote unanimous.

X. Adjourn & Executive Session

Mr. Wotton motioned to adjourn the meeting and enter into executive session and not to reconvene in open session at 6:46 p.m. to discuss the water and sewer abatement policy.

In Favor: Mr. Wotton, Mr. Hobson, Mr. Coelho, Mr. Durant and Mr. Silvia.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Vento
Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved on November 4, 2019.