

**Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
November 4, 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
Jarred Lussier, New Bedford Voc. Tech



I. Call to Order

Mr. Wotton called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

II. Routine Matters

A. Signing of Departmental Bills

III. Approval of Minutes

A. October 21, 2019

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes of October 21, 2019. Mr. Coelho seconded. Vote unanimous.

IV. Appointments

A. Pasta House, Grease Trap

Mr. Furtado - The property owner called before the meeting to let us know that he would not be able to attend tonight's meeting but he will be at the next meeting. Just to refresh the Boards memory four years ago any new restaurant that needs a grease trap would be required to install an external grease trap unless they receive a waiver and any restaurant that opened prior to 2015 would be grandfathered in unless situations dictate other circumstances that an external grease trap is needed. The Pasta House has done some work there and they have tried different methodologies to try to remedy the grease issue. Just a short time ago, they put in a new internal trap but they are still having an issue. They will be here at the next meeting and at that time, I assume the Board will implement the sewer ordinance and require them to install an external grease trap.

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Mr. Hobson - Why did this come to a head? Did they have another backup?

Mr. Furtado – Ever since they put in the new internal grease trap we have been checking the system pretty much every Friday. The foreman will go there to check the system and see if there has been any changes in our system. In recent times we have gone there and seen more of a buildup. One day last week, they had a backup. We told him last time he was here that he could try the new internal grease trap and if it did not work then he would have to install an external grease trap.

Mr. Hobson – What is the big deal about putting an external grease trap in?

Mr. Furtado – You will have to ask the owner.

Mr. Hobson - Do we charge him to check it every Friday? I think this needs to come to a head.

Mr. Furtado – This is why we have allowed them to try different grease removal methodologies. Unfortunately, this has led us to where we are today.

Mr. Coelho - Is there any other restaurant or business in Town that have a grease trap that we frequently have to check or is this one the only one?

Mr. Furtado - It is much more infrequent for us to go to other places to check the sewer system. Alden Road and Bridge Street is a hot spot in the grease world.

Mr. Durant entered the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Mr. Wotton – About five years ago when this company remodeled he put in all new stuff connecting to the sewer line, since then he has had buildup issues to the point that we were going to implement the external grease trap installation a few years ago.

Mr. Furtado - The problem initially got better since they have installed the new internal grease trap but he is still having an issue with grease and we are not where we should be.

Mr. Coelho – Why are we bringing this up since we have been doing this for the past five years?

Mr. Wotton – Last time he was in we gave them a one-year stipulation if the internal grease trap did not work. When they installed the new internal grease trap, we told him that we would camera the line periodically to check and make sure the new grease trap was working. We have followed the guidelines that we laid out for him. The recommendation from Mr. Furtado is to move forward with the sewer ordinance and have him install the external grease trap.

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Mr. Hobson – So you checked it on a Friday and it backed up on the Monday.

Mr. Furtado – We check it all the time and we could see it getting worse.

Mr. Hobson – Did we have to send a crew there?

Mr. Furtado – Yes, it was during the day and we had to fix the blocked pipe at Alden and Bridge. He had a private company fix the blockage on private property.

Mr. Hobson – Did you send him a bill?

Mr. Furtado – Yes, we will be sending him a bill.

Mr. Silvia motioned to table the discussion regarding the Pasta House grease trap to the next meeting. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Coelho left the meeting at 6:15p.m.

B. 37 Nelson Avenue, Driveway Waiver

Mr. Wotton - I am going to recuse myself from the chair position since this involves my business.

Mr. Hobson - You are looking for a driveway waiver for 37 Nelson Avenue.

Mr. Wotton - Currently they have a one-car driveway. If you are not aware, Nelson Avenue can only pass one car at a time. If there are two cars trying to pass by at the same time, one of the cars have to pull into a driveway so that the other one can pass. The property owner is looking to remove the grass in the front yard by the septic system and replace it with ¾ inch stone to match his property and the rest of the neighborhood. It sounds like a forty-four foot driveway but it really is not. He is just looking to clean up his front yard.

Mr. Furtado – After speaking with Conservation, Mr. Wotton does have to fill out an administrative review form and submit it before he starts the job.

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the driveway waiver for 37 Nelson Avenue. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote 3-0-1 with Mr. Wotton abstained.

V. Items for Action

A. Beta Group, Pavement Management and GIS Services \$36,500

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Mr. Durant motioned to approve the agreement with Beta Group in the amount of \$36,500 for Pavement Management and GIS Services. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. Livesey Park Sign

Mr. Furtado – A few weeks back I met with Mr. Lussier and a few folks from New Bedford Voke Tech. We would like to make a sign for Livesey Park with the Town seal and two steel pillars. The students from Voke will be starting the project in the spring.

Mr. Hobson - What side of Livesey Park would you put the sign?

Mr. Furtado - Glenhaven Avenue where the new parking lot is. One of the gentleman at Voke would like to apply for a grant so this might not cost the Town anything. We are in the planning stage now and we just want to get the Boards approval.

Mr. Lussier - The grant that we applied for is usually around \$1,500 and this should cover most of the cost if not the whole thing. We applied for the grant on October 15th and now we are just waiting to see if it gets approved.

Mr. Hobson - We would be paying for the materials? How much is that going to cost?

Mr. Lussier – It depends if we get the grant. It might not cost you anything.

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve New Bedford Voke Tech to build and install the sign for Livesey Park. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

C. Water Base Rate Fee, Quarterly Billing

Mr. Furtado – Currently the quarterly accounts are billed four times per year and the residential accounts are billed twice per year for the baseline fee. I am looking for the board to approve the quarterly accounts only get charged the baseline fee twice a year instead of four times. The other thing that I am looking for the Board to approve is making the cost of the base fee of a 6 inch meter \$1,250 instead of \$2,500.

Mr. Wotton - How many quarterly accounts are we talking about?

Mr. Furtado - There are 70 quarterly accounts. We are looking to help the businesses, we do not want to hurt them by charging them the baseline fee four times per year. I would like to try this and if it does not work, we can readdress it at that time.

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Mr. Silvia motioned to change the 6" meter baseline fee to \$1250. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Durant motioned to bill the quarterly accounts for the baseline fees twice a year. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

D. Incentivize Water Sampling Locations

Mr. Furtado - Every other week we take water samples from a few locations throughout the Town. If we ever have a violation, we are required by DEP to resample an upstream and downstream site from the location that we had the violation. We have a list of properties that we have been using for a long time and now we are having problems with getting samples from certain properties. We were thinking that we could give a 10-20 dollar a year reimbursement to the properties that allow us to use their property as a sampling location.

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the water sampling locations incentive to \$20 twice a year. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Coelho entered the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

E. P.K.M. Contractors, Inc., Police and Fire Station Sewer Replacement Project

1. Sign Contract Agreement \$122,650.00

Mr. Coelho motioned to Sign the Contract Agreement with P.K.M. Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$122,650.00 for the Police and Fire Station Sewer Replacement Project. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote 4-1 with Mr. Hobson opposed.

2. Notice to Proceed

Mr. Durant motioned to sign the Notice to Proceed for the Police and Fire Station Sewer Replacement Project. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

F. Hart Engineering; Upgrade of WPCF, Change Order #6 \$(1,850.00)

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve Change Order #6 in the amount of \$(1,850.00) to Hart Engineering for upgrades to the WPCF. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote unanimous.

G. Hart Engineering; WWTP Improvements, Final Payment \$111,855.04

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Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the final payment in the amount of \$111,855.04 to Hart Engineering for WWTP Improvements. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote unanimous.

VI. Tabled Matters

A. Security Camera, Cooke Park

VII. Public Comments / Open Forum

VIII. Old Business / New Business

A. Superintendent

Superintendent Report for November 4, 2019

- Scheduled to meet soon with Eversource re: SN RD patch
- Attend various meetings re: ABC Payments
- Went with Frank and the State grant person to tour the recycle centers of Attleboro and Wellesley
- Work with union to ascertain status of AFSCME Contract finalization
- Preconstruction meeting for fire station sewer connection
- Reminder that curbside leaf pickup starts 11/4 and runs through 11/29
- Pavement management contract
- Attend BBAC Meeting
- Send letter to Pasta House re: Grease
- Continue with Town Meeting prep
- Receive Liability forms for BPW approved events
- Conference call with Linda re: West island Well work
- Grant work for Cooke St plantings scheduled for first week in November
- Meet with Town Counsel re: Cooke St drain

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- John C and I meet with Warren about Cushman tennis courts and accessibility at Livesey and Town Beach
- Bid opening for Hedge St work

Mr. Coelho – ABC payments?

Mr. Furtado – We have been going back and forth with ABC regarding the payments. The auditors from ABC found a mistake on their end and now we can meet to discuss who owes what and get this squared away.

B. Board Members

Mr. Hobson – Bristol County Mosquito still has not come down to fix the issue with the drain.

Mr. Furtado - They have not been there yet because they were spraying for EEE. I was told that they would be there once they were done with the spraying. I will follow up with them.

Mr. Hobson - Is there anything going on under the causeway?

Mr. Furtado - Every two years we get a report from the state on the condition of the bridge. We had an engineering company come and give us a report of what they found.

Mr. Hobson - I would like to get an update. I would like to see something done before something bad happens.

Mr. Furtado - I can give you a copy of the report from the State.

C. Marine Resources Committee – BPW Related Matters

IX. Set Date for the Next Meeting

Mr. Durant motioned to set the date for the next meeting on November 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

X. Adjourn

Mr. Hobson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Mr. Coelho seconded. Vote unanimous.

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IX. Executive Session

A. n/a

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Vento
Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved on November 18, 2019