

**Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
July 16, 2018**

Present

Cameron Durant, Commissioner
Keith Silvia, Commissioner
Robert Hobson, Commissioner
Michael Ristuccia, Commissioner
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent
Rebecca Vento, Administrative Assistant
John McGilvray, Sewer Department
Victor Oliveira, Sewer Department
Nicholas Parker, Sewer Department



Mr. Wotton was not in attendance.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Routine Matters

A. Signing of Departmental Bills

III. Approval of Minutes

A. July 2, 2018

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes from July 2, 2018. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

IV. Appointments

A. Pasta House – Grease Trap

Mr. Furtado – I spoke with Mr. Rebeiro a little while ago. He will not be able to attend tonight’s meeting. He will attend the next meeting to discuss this issue.

Mr. Hobson - Why can’t we just send him a bill?

Mr. Furtado - We can either be courteous and wait until the next meeting or we can send him a bill now. The decision is up to Board.

Mr. Durant - This has been a problem for a while now. I don’t understand why he wouldn’t be charged.

Mr. Furtado - Back in 2015 we worked with the Board of Health and the Plumbing Inspector. It was voted that any property with an internal grease prior to 2015 would be grandfathered in unless the board voted to grandfather anyone after 2015. Currently the Pasta House does have an internal grease

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trap. They rent bacteria, the bacteria is then dropped into their system and the bacteria then eats the grease.

Mr. Silvia - They needs to have an external grease trap installed. How do we go about getting that installed?

Mr. Furtado - Yes, they need to have an external grease trap installed. We can discuss an external grease trap when Mr. Rebeiro comes to the next meeting and then we can make our decision accordingly.

Mr. Silvia – I think that we should send the bill so Mr. Rebeiro is aware of what it cost to have the problem fixed.

Mr. McGilvray - We have witnessed grease pouring out of the main near this property. We have tried to camera the line but when we tried the camera got stuck due to all the grease in the main.

Mr. Ristuccia – I know that there are two businesses over there. Have we tried to camera the line next door?

Mr. Oliveira – The line next door is clear.

Mr. Durant motioned to send a bill to the Pasta House and table the conversation until the next meeting. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

V. Items for Action

A. Tata & Howard - Amendment # 1 General Services \$10,000.00

Mr. Furtado - This is an amendment for General Services from Tata & Howard for the water department. We have had a general services contract with them for quite a long time.

Mr. Ristuccia motioned to approve the amendment to the general services contract with Tata & Howard in the amount of \$10,000. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. P.A. Landers – Green Street Reconstruction Phase II

1. Sign Contract Agreements \$790,892.30

Mr. Furtado - This is the contract between the Town and PA Landers for Phase II of the Green Street Project.

Mr. Durant – Is there any new information on the trees?

Mr. Furtado –The three trees that we are trying to save need an easement from the property owner. The property owner of the tree that everyone wanted to save has said no to the easement. We are having the preconstruction meeting on Wednesday. I will know more after that meeting. We still have to

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ask the other two addresses to see if they want an easement so we can save those trees. The easements will be small possibly three feet. Now we are looking at taking six trees down.

Mr. Silvia motioned to sign the agreement with P.A. Landers in the amount of \$ 790,892.30. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

2. Notice to Proceed

Mr. Furtado - As part of the drainage improvements on Green Street we are going to have to redirect some of the flow to Reynolds drive. At this time, we are unsure if the town owns the right of way in the street. We are currently in the process of doing a title search to see who actually owns the street.

Mr. Ristuccia – Are they done with the gas line maintenance?

Mr. Furtado – They have asked if they could work weekends to finish the work.

Mr. Ristuccia motioned to approve the Notice to Proceed for P.A. Landers. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

C. Gravity Construction, Jeannette Street Roadway Improvement Project

1. Change Order 1/2, \$28,300

Mr. Furtado – This is the first and second change order in the amount of twenty-eight thousand three hundred dollars. It is for castings and paving for the improvement project on Jeannette Street.

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the change order for Gravity Construction in the amount twenty-eight thousand three hundred dollars. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

2. Payment # 2 \$28,000

Mr. Ristuccia motioned to make payment # 2 to Gravity Construction in the amount of twenty-eight thousand dollars. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

D. Sewer Use Ordinance

Mr. Furtado – I am not sure if you want to pass over this since Mr. Wotton is not here tonight. There are a few employees from the sewer department that are here and would like to speak on this issue. There are three options on the table. As of right now, the policy reads that we do not go in anyone's house. We check the main to make sure it is flowing clearly and if the main is blocked, we clear that blockage. One of the policies that I have drafted is that the town owns the tree roots forever and the other is the town owns the tree roots for one year. We will never go into anyone's house to clear a blockage and the request has to come from the property owner. The snaking will come from a clean out in sidewalk area, if there is not a clean out in sidewalk area the property owner can request to have one installed. I am trying to think of a way to satisfy the concerns of the liability issue.

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Mr. Oliveira - My question is one year what does that mean?

Mr. Furtado – The homeowner will have one year from when they call us to clear the blockage that is from a town tree. Once the year is up, we would be no longer responsible.

Mr. Parker – Most properties that have tree problems do have a clean out already installed.

Mr. McGilvray – There are many concerns with going into homes. We have had an employee fall through bulkhead stairs. When going into a basement you are not able to move or bring equipment inside because there is no path. It seems like liability outweighs someone going into a property. We have also seen a property owner blaming the issue on tree roots that are not even near their sewer line. The town tree is on one side of the property and the blockage is on the complete other side.

Mr. Ristuccia – We would only be responsible for one year and that is all?

Mr. Furtado - You asked me to put something together and this is what I came up with. New Bedford goes into house to clear the blockage and after the one year is up, they do go back to the property when there is an issue but the homeowner receives a bill for their services.

Mr. Hobson - What about Pleasant Street? If he calls today, do we go there and clean it out?

Mr. Furtado –Yes, we clean it out at the exterior cleanout.

Mr. McGilvray - What happens if we show up to a property and the cleanout in the sidewalk is clear do we still have to clear the blockage?

Mr. Furtado –If the main and cleanout are both clear than it is the property owner’s responsibility. We would only be responsible from the main to the cleanout.

Mr. Durant- If we do go the one year route I feel that we have some responsibility to possibly have the trees removed to prevent further blockages.

Mr. McGilvray - With some old sections in town I think that it would become a nuisance and just going to get worse as time goes on.

Mr. Durant - If we go the one-year route the property owner should also have to have the pipes replaced.

Mr. Durant motioned to table further discussion for the sewer use ordinance until the next meeting. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

E. Wayne Electrics – Proposal for Security System \$13,750.00

Mr. Furtado - This is part of capital planning. This price will also add a few more cameras and upgrade the existing cameras that we have. Currently we have nine cameras with this upgrade we will install four more giving us a total of thirteen.

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Mr. Ristuccia - This proposal is less money than the original quote we received from the other company.

Mr. Ristuccia motioned to approve the proposal from Wayne Electric for the upgrade to the security system in the amount of thirteen thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

VI. Tabled Matters

A. n/a

VII. Old Business / New Business

A. Superintendent

Supt. Report for July 16th, 2018

From last meeting

- Sewer use ordinance options
- Placed recycling containers at Beach
- Various pothole repairs – including Nakata completed
- Various grading requests including Monondauck/Winsegansett/Sippican completed
- Brush cutting at Little Bay Bike Path
- Property at 97 Pleasant St – root intrusion at all joints
- Cut shrubs NW Corner of Pleasant/Farmfield for traffic
- Pasta House invoice created/invited to meeting
- Check with safety officer re: sign requests

New items

- Phone issue at BPW repaired – various notifications
- Meet with NFIA re: signage – follow up with Safety Officer
- Lots of prep for annual army corps inspection
- Construction work at POTW and Pump stations on going
- Re required FMLA letter

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- John and I met with rep of Wayne Alarms re: security proposal for building
- Seek chapter 90 approval for drainage issue Stetson/Farmfield
- Will seek engineering proposal for drainage on Middle St.
- Attend finance meeting re: borrowing
- Meet with Town Counsel re: Mattapoisett Spillway agreement
- Linda and I met with USDA reps – requirement per loan agreement for west island treatment plant
- FY 18 Beach transfer request
- Resident at 69 Green St did not offer Town easement – need to check with property owners at 17 and 74 Green St
- BPW Supt vehicle moving (slowly) but moving
- Various Top Paving to complete prior construction work –
Union Street – from Green Street to William St
Harding Road – from Main Street to Alden Road
Welcome Street – from Rte 6 southerly to the end
Capeview Street – from House # 33 to Sunrise Court

Mr. Furtado – There is a meeting tomorrow for Reynolds drive. I will let you know the outcome. I have also put forward a request for Chapter 90 for Farmfield Street and Stetson Avenue. I have sent GCG a request for drainage on Middle Street. The sewer department put a camera down the line and they found no obstructions.

B. Board Members

Mr. Hobson – Have we made any progress with the two addresses in the area of Jerusalem Road and Sconticut Neck Road?

Mr. Furtado – I have sent letters to those property owners but have had no response from either of them. I will go by both properties and speak with them.

Mr. Durant - What is the next step in case this fails?

Mr. Furtado – I will have to look at the by-laws. There is a possibility that we could fine them.

Mr. Hobson - I went to West Island election of officers. They are passing around a petition to get some roads on West Island paved. They are upset about that Bluepoint Road has not been paved.

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Mr. Furtado – Bluepoint Road was approved at this year’s town meeting so it would not be paved this year.

C. Marine Resources Committee – BPW Related Matters

VIII. Set Date for the Next Meeting

Mr. Ristuccia motioned to set the next meeting for July 30, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote unanimous.

IX. Executive Session

A. Personnel Matter

X. Adjourn

Mr. Ristuccia motioned to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Vento
Administrative Assistant

Minutes Approved July 30, 2018