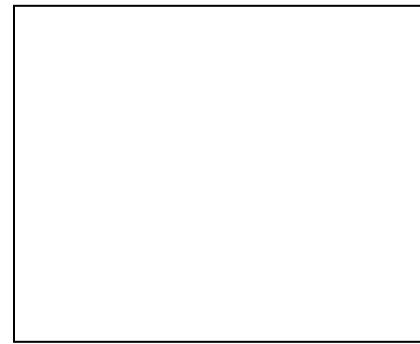


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**Present**

Brian Wotton, Commissioner  
Robert Hobson, Commissioner  
Cameron Durant, Commissioner  
Keith Silvia, Commissioner  
Frank Coelho, Commissioner  
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent  
Rebecca Vento, Administrative Assistant  
Mario Ribeiro, Pasta House  
Antone Medeiros, A. Medeiros Construction



**I. Call to Order**

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

**II. Routine Matters**

**A. Signing of Departmental Bills**

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**A. November 4, 2019**

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes of November 4, 2019. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

**IV. Appointments**

**A. Pasta House, Grease Trap**

Mr. Furtado - Four years ago the Board updated the sewer use ordinance. It states that 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. The Pasta House installed new internal grease traps that are inadequate due to the volume of business that they have there. They need to get the ball rolling and install an external grease trap.

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Mr. Coelho - I know this has been brought to the Board a few times before. The last time it was brought up was in August 2019. One of the board members asked about camering the lines. Looking at the history of the problems here at the Pasta House an external grease trap needs to be installed.

Mr. Ribeiro - I would like to resolve the issue. I understand that the grease traps that we currently have are not substantial for the amount of volume we do. Do we need to get an engineer or can we just hire a contractor and get the project done? If we do have to hire an engineer, I would like to ask the Board to potentially waive any engineering fees. When I was here about a year and a half ago I gave you my word that if the methods that we were going to try did not work that I would fix the issue and install an external grease trap. The Sewer Department has sent personnel a few times to clear the main and then I have been charged an exuberant amount of money. I do not think that it is fair that I am being charged for them to come and clean the main line.

Mr. Hobson - You have one of the most famous restaurants in Fairhaven. The Town is only responsible for the public line and anything else is your responsibility as the property owner.

Mr. Coelho - The bills are all itemized so I am not sure what the issue is. From what I have checked, everything is right up to snuff.

Mr. Furtado - Out of fairness when our employees go there we check the main in both directions. If we go there and you receive an invoice, it is for time and materials.

Mr. Ribeiro – I did not realize that I would be receiving a bill every time someone came out to clear the line. I thought that by paying my sewer bill every quarter that would cover the maintenance as well.

Mr. Hobson - We are willing to work with you, we just need a plan.

Mr. Coelho - Something needs to be done. We have been there two times in the last few months. I personally think that the Board of Health should have been involved in this as well. On July 18, 2018, you had a backup, a bill of \$1313.18 was generated, and you did not pay it until September 18, 2018. Was there a dispute on that bill or were you just making us wait for the money?

Mr. Ribeiro - I did not think that I was responsible for the bill as a taxpayer.

Mr. Furtado - The property owner of both commercial and residential properties own the pipe that comes out of their property until it connects to the sewer main.

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Mr. Ribeiro - Once we know that we have a backup starting we call a private company to come and clear our line. They end up having to call the Town because the grease is backed up all the way to the main.

Mr. Wotton - When you put the external grease trap in you might want to see if it will be cost effective to run the line out to Bridge Street instead of to Alden Road. That would eliminate the elbow at Alden Road and Bridge Street, which seems to be where the issue is.

Mr. Furtado - There are three departments that need to be involved in the installation of the external grease trap. The Board of Public Works needs to bang the gavel stating that the Pasta House needs to install an external grease trap, the Board of Health will make sure the grease trap is the right size and the Plumbing Inspector will make sure that the grease trap can handle the volume of business.

Mr. Durant entered the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Mr. Hobson - How much is it going to cost to install an external grease trap?

Mr. Ribeiro – It is going to cost anywhere from twenty to thirty thousand dollars.

Mr. Silvia – I believe that the Board of Health is going to want plans to make sure all the elevations and pitches are correct. I thought that when you were in here last year you were going to start looking at getting the engineering plans done.

Mr. Furtado - I will get ahold of the Board of Health to see exactly what needs to be done and then I will contact you.

Mr. Hobson motioned to table the discussion of the installation of external grease traps at the Pasta House for two months and have Mr. Ribeiro get plans to bring to that meeting. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote 4-1 with Mr. Coelho opposed.

**B. Antone Medeiros, A. Medeiros Construction, Driveway Waiver – 12 Goulart Memorial Drive**

Mr. Medeiros – The homeowner is looking for two things. The first thing is they would like to add three feet to the current driveway making the opening twenty-four feet. The second thing is on the other side of the property he is looking for a second opening of 26 feet.

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve a driveway waiver for the existing driveway at 12 Goulart Memorial Drive allowing them to widen the existing driveway three feet making the opening twenty-four feet wide in total. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote unanimous.

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Mr. Durant motioned to approve the second driveway opening of twenty-six feet wide at 12 Goulart Memorial Drive. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

**V. Items for Action**

**A. Incentivize Water Sampling Locations**

Mr. Furtado - I want the Board to take another look at incentivizing the water sampling locations. There are forty-five sampling locations in Town. The sites are either a routine sample site, an upstream sample site or a downstream sample site. The people that are a routine sample site would have their water sampled once if not twice a month. I would like to give them an incentive of twenty dollars twice a year. As for the upstream and downstream sites, I would like to give them twenty dollars once a year. The only way the upstream or downstream sites are used for sampling is if we have to resample an area due to a bad routine sample or one of our normal sites is unavailable.

Mr. Wotton motioned to make an amendment to the previous vote on November 4, 2019. Mr. Wotton motioned to incentivize water sampling locations by giving all sampling sites twenty dollars per year to make sure that their property is available to us at any time to take a sample and another twenty dollars per year if we use their property to take a sample. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote unanimous.

**B. Town Meeting Recap**

Mr. Furtado reviewed all six of the Board of Public Works Articles that passed at Town Meeting.

**VI. Tabled Matters**

**A. Security Camera, Cooke Park**

**VII. Public Comments / Open Forum**

**VIII. Old Business / New Business**

**A. Superintendent**

Mr. Furtado - I received two things today that are not in the packet. The first thing I received is the official notice from MassDOT for the grant that we applied for back in February. This grant is for \$800,000 and this will help with narrowing Sconticut Neck Road from the Stop and Shop Plaza and going past Wood school. The other thing that we received is a request from the state

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to opt into the state wide mutual aid agreement. By opting in to this agreement, if the Town needed extra help or another city or town in the area needs help then we can use this service.

Mr. Coelho - Who would be in charge of this?

Mr. Furtado - I would assume that they would call Mr. Rees and then he would notify the correct department.

Mr. Silvia motioned to opt into the mutual aid agreement with Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

**Superintendent Report for November 18, 2019**

- Meet with BETA re Pavement mgt contract and MS4 compliance contract
- Review bid/make selection for Hedge St CDBG engineer
- Create Powerpoints for BPW Articles for Town Meeting
- Attend pre-Town Meeting Meetings
- Attend Capital Planning Board meeting for BPW and other departments
- Meet with GCG about Cooke St drainage
- Attend/chair monthly Mattapoisett River Valley meeting
- Attend meeting with Town Counsel, Town Administrator and Conservation about Cooke St drain
- Meet with Bridge Engineer - get quote for preliminary study of causeway bridge
- Attend Town Meeting
- Attend Selectmen meeting re: BPW Admin reclass
- Meet with Eversource re: SN Rd patch issue

**B.      Board Members**

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Mr. Silvia – There has been a crew on Bayview Avenue and they cannot find an issue there.

Mr. Furtado - I spoke with the Water Superintendent in regards to this. He is going to send the leak detection consultant to that area to see if they can find anything.

Mr. Hobson – What are the winter hours for the recycling center?

Mr. Furtado –Wednesday mornings and the last Saturday of the month both weather permitting.

Mr. Hobson - I would like to change the hours for the recycling center. I would like to see them open the second and fourth Saturday of each month as well as on Wednesday. I would like to get together with the Selectmen and put in an article for the next Town Meeting for the Park Department to take the Tree Department over.

Mr. Furtado - Currently the Tree Warden is an elected position. In order for the Park Department to take it over we would have to put in an article at Town Meeting and have the position changed from an elected to an appointed position.

Mr. Wotton - There was another major accident on West Island last week. A few years ago, there was a traffic study done due to the request to have stop signs installed on West Island. The study deemed that there was not a need to have stop signs installed. What can we do?

Mr. Furtado – I know we put up intersection approaching signs to help. We could always do the study again to see if anything has changed.

Mr. Wotton – I would like to see the study done again. Do you need permission to install crosswalks?

Mr. Furtado - Technically you would have to do the same study. The only way around doing the study would be to get a professional traffic engineer to draft up a letter stating that stops signs should be installed.

Mr. Coelho - Can you find out if you can paint the word stop on the blacktop before the intersection.

**C.      Marine Resources Committee – BPW Related Matters**

**IX.     Set Date for the Next Meeting**

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Mr. Silvia motioned to set the date for the next meeting on December 2, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Coelho seconded. Vote unanimous.

**X. Adjourn**

Mr. Wotton motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote unanimous.

**IX. Executive Session**

**A. n/a**

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Vento  
Office Manager

Minutes approved on December 2, 2019