

**Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
December 16, 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
Rick Miller, 68 Winsegansett Avenue
Linda Schick, Sewer Superintendent
Jeffrey Furtado, Water Superintendent



I. Call to Order

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

II. Routine Matters

A. Signing of Departmental Bills

III. Approval of Minutes

A. December 2, 2019

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes of December 2, 2019. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

IV. Appointments

A. Rick Miller, 68 Winsegansett Avenue – Driveway Waiver

Mr. Miller – I am here looking for a waiver for a second driveway opening. We are tearing the structure down that is currently there and rebuilding. We cannot extend the current driveway due to the location of the septic system. The new house will be raised and we are looking to have the second driveway go under the house.

Mr. Hobson - I think he is doing a good job cleaning it up since the house has been abandoned for over 20 years. He owns a few houses in the area that he has rebuilt and he has done a nice job with them.

Mr. Coelho - Is there anyone that lives across the street?

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Mr. Miller – Yes.

Mr. Wotton - You are looking for a nine-foot opening?

Mr. Miller – Yes.

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the second driveway opening of nine feet wide at 68 Winsegansett Avenue. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. Superintendents

1. FY21 Budgets

Ms. Schick presented to the Board the Sewer Budget and the Capital Plan. Mr. J Furtado presented to the Board the Water Budget and the Capital Plan. Mr. Furtado presented to the Board the BPW Administration, Park, Highway and Sanitation Budgets and Capital Plans.

V. Items for Action

A. 2020 Recycling Fees

Mr. Wotton - I think that we should leave the fees the same this year and once we move to the new location than we can look at raising the fees at that time.

Mr. Hobson motioned to keep the 2020 Recycling Fees the same. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote unanimous.

**B. Beta Group – Year 1 & 2 Stormwater MS4 Permit – Sign Contract Agreement
\$30,000**

Mr. Silvia motioned to sign the contract agreement with Beta Group for Year 1 & 2 Stormwater MS4 Permits in the amount of \$30,000. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote unanimous.

C. Beta Group – Asset Management Services – Sign Contract Agreement \$36,500

Mr. Silvia motioned to sign the contract agreement with Beta Group for Asset Management Services in the amount of \$36,500. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

**D. Tighe & Bond – Rehabilitation and Replacement of Causeway Road Bridge
\$24,800**

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Mr. Hobson motioned to sign the engineering agreement with Tighe and Bond for the Rehabilitation and Replacement of the Causeway Road Bridge in the amount of \$24,800. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote unanimous.

E. Maher Services, Tinkham Lane Replacement, Payment # 2 \$162,084.25

Mr. Durant motioned to approve payment #2 in the amount of \$162,084.25 to Maher Services for the Tinkham Lane Replacement. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

VI. Tabled Matters

A. Security Camera, Cooke Park

Mr. Wotton motioned to remove the Security Camera at Cooke Park from the Tabled Matters and dismiss it from the agenda. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

VII. Public Comments / Open Forum

VIII. Old Business / New Business

A. Superintendent

Superintendent Report for December 16, 2019

- Put in engineering request for Jerusalem Rd
- Completed requested work on Bayberry St
- Rodded requested drain line at little league at Shaw Rd
- Worked on requested drain line at ditch behind Fairhaven Lumber
- 2 snow events - plowed and sanded
- Fire station sewer completed
- Recycling center review put in Board packet

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- Contacted Town Administrator for joint meeting with Select Board re Tree Department
- Contacted Town Counsel re: logistics required if above approved
- Attend 2 capital planning meetings - to present all BPW requests and to vote on all Town requests
- Attend BBAC meeting - met with Mass Maritime staff who we will contract with to assist us with MS4 field required work
- Gave plant tour to Bob Espindola and Phil Dixon
- BPW will be offered an electric car to replace #39
- Meet with Water Union
- All BPW Department Heads presented budget to Town Administrator
- BPW will take over CDBG
- Work with engineers and Town Counsel re: MS4 contracts and contract for bridge assessment

B. Board Members

Mr. Silvia - Has anything been done on Bayview Avenue? There is still water coming up and now that it is cold, it is freezing over.

Mr. Furtado – The Water Department went there and they did not hear or find anything leaking but there is a lot of stormwater.

Mr. Silvia – Maybe there is something wrong with the drainage.

Mr. Coelho - On the corner of Dogwood Street and Causeway Road there is a resident that put up snow markers. Does the resident have the right to put them on Town property?

Mr. Furtado- We can have the resident take them down if they are not the flexible kind.

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Mr. Hobson - Karen Avenue is full of potholes and the street sign is blocked by tree branches. Starboard Drive to Potter Street there is brush hanging over the stonewall and needs to be cut back. At the end of Balsam Street on Bass Creek Road there is a fire lane that is all overgrown.

Mr. Wotton - There is a large pothole on route six going west bound in the high-speed lane between East Fairhaven School and Kenny's Farm Stand. There is a property on Fellsway Street that sump pump is running constantly, the water is bypassing the catch basin and the entire road is icing up. Causeway Road at Fir Street there are big potholes that need to be filled. On Ebony Street there is loose asphalt around the catch basins, could we have someone check it before we have to plow. Also, it seems like the road is lower compared to what it used to be and the pitch of some of the driveways might be too high.

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 December 30, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote Unanimous.

X. Adjourn & Executive Session

Mr. Hobson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. and enter into executive session to discuss the Committee Questionnaire and Tree Warden Article and not to reconvene in open session.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Vento
Office Manager

Minutes approved on December 30, 2019.