

**Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
April 23, 2018**

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Present

Michael Ristuccia, Commissioner
Brian Wotton, Commissioner
Robert Hobson, Commissioner
Keith Silvia, Commissioner
Cameron Durant, Commissioner
Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent
Kathy Tripp, Administrative Assistant
Jamie Bogart, Lloyd Center
Mark Mello, Lloyd Center
Linda Schick, Sewer Superintendent

I. Call to Order

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

II. Reorganization of Board Members

A. Chairman

Mr. Silvia motioned to nominate Mr. Wotton as chairman. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

B. Vice-Chairman

Mr. Silvia motioned to nominate Mr. Durant as vice-chairman. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

C. Clerk

Mr. Hobson motioned to nominate Mr. Silvia as clerk. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

III. Routine Matters

A. Signing of Departmental Bills

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. April 9, 2018

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes of April 9, 2018. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

V. Appointments

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A. Jamie Bogart, Mark Mello, Lloyd Center – Proposal for Piping Plover Management – W.I. Town Beach

Mr. Furtado – Jaime and Mark, they work at the Lloyd Center. They were here five years ago. The Lloyd Center had a contract with DCR to protect the piping plovers at West Island. They also took care of the birds on town property. Birds have migrated onto town property and not on state property any longer. DCR has stopped the funding. I asked them for a proposal and been working on the funding with the town administrator. Not planned FY18 season April – September.

Mr. Mello – They thought they owned the property. They were funding us to do DCR work. Last year they stopped that. They only funded us to do the monitoring on their property. We funded a little bit out of ours but the DCR is doing all the work themselves.

Mr. Furtado – In the past these folks monitor the piping plovers. They are an endangered species on our property and as the property owner we are in compliance with federal and state regulations. Asked them for a contract. We did not budget this. FY18 is almost done. Good enough to add this money. Some of the work they are doing currently. They are looking for to enter into contact with their scope of service. At town meeting he is going to add money to the budget with town meeting approval.

Mr. Ristuccia – Are the birds there right now?

Mr. Bogart – Six pairs on the island, five are on town property and one on the DCR side.

Mr. Ristuccia – I want to see where the fencing is going to be.

Mr. Bogart – We are not blocking the beach so no one can get by. They are ready to lay eggs. Season monitoring where the nests are and adjust. Monitoring to see if they make it and how many hatch. Every egg, every hatchling. Educate the public. Putting up metal cages which prevents crows, coyote and predators and take it down at the end of the year.

Mr. Durant motioned to approve the agreement pending the outcome of town meeting. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

VI. Items of Action

A. Summer Help

Mr. Furtado – Applications pretty much the same people. The superintendent's reviewed and selected. I'd like you to approve these people that are on the sheet.

Mr. Ristuccia motioned that we hire the folks on the graph by superintendents. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

VII. Tabled Matters

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A. Water & Sewer Licenses

Mr. Furtado – The last time you wanted to see the people that we hired that don't have a license. If enough time has gone by but specifically the sewer department. The DEP changed the classification of the plant when the digester went on line. In 2012 Steve Riley member mentioned that folks should have a grade 5 by July 1st. The current contract we have now reads from 2013 the employees didn't have to get the grade 5 but try. Union and the split the shift. Issues were on the weekends. Current contract not in there at all. Some are taking the exam tomorrow. Hopefully get some people to pass. Then only person that's been hanging out there is the person in the water department. Moving forward fortunate they came with a license for water and sewer. Do that moving forward. Let's say that we hire someone that doesn't have, get it in one year or you are gone.

Mr. Ristuccia – I think we should negotiate the contracts again eleven months from now.

Mr. Furtado – Yes, they end in FY19. We will start doing this in February or April.

VIII. Old Business / New Business

A. Superintendent

Superintendent's Report for April 23, 2018:

From Last Meeting

- Welcome Street bike path stop sign – will be replaced when sewer lining work is complete
- Asked Civil Engineers about proposal for drainage at Billy's Way – permit will have to be obtained from Army Corps as there currently is not discharge outlet pipe
- Letter to Brook Drive property pumping water into street
- Will pick up bags/assist with bike path cleaning event
- Went by Farmfield and Scoticut Neck Road to pick up brush

New Items

- Meet with new tree warden
- Attend/chair Mattapoissett River Valley Meeting
- Complete articles for BPW newsletter
- Piping plover issue with State
- Highway Department union issue
- Continue prep for Town Meeting

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- Continue to deny Verizon permission to locate equipment on water tower
- Attend Department Head meeting
- Review/comment non-union wage classification proposal
- Work with BMX folks on track logistics
- Sewer Department (congrats Linda) received a grant for a nitrogen removal process – attended meeting
- Wrote letter to highway/parks concerning State changes to license end

Mr. Furtado – In addition to what you have in the packet, the selectmen are signing the administrative order tonight for the NPDES permit for the treatment plant. Selectmen will vote on BPW vacancy. Documents were submitted in court today and the judge will have a decision on May 11.

Mr. Hobson – I'm the one who went to the court. Appoint to fill town office he has a different opinion. Not recommend me or the other guy but be involved with the next person on this board. Really looking for the board or someone to make a motion that the BPW be involved with the appointment of the next board member whoever it may be.

Mr. Furtado – Based on the information I found out from Hoppy this afternoon I got in touch with Tom Crotty and the judge recommended that we not to take any action.

Mr. Furtado – The BMX bike track is moving along. I will help them fill out an NOI. Meet Friday with the finance people about fund raising for public lands.

Ms. Schick – We received a grant for \$150,000 for a nitrogen study and \$24,000 for energy upgrades on the plant.

B. Board Members

Mr. Durant – There is an address on Bridge Street where a tree had fallen down and the fence is on the sidewalk. Have Kim send a letter. It's near 24 Bridge Street.

Mr. Silvia - At the bike path near the wind turbines there are three trees down and not cut thru the woods.

Mr. Hobson - Little Bay Road, Ebony, and the town beach are terrible. I know they are busy. Bayside Street the plow tore up the lawn four feet into the property line.

C. Marine Resources Committee – BPW Related Matters

Mr. Hobson – Shellfish Department would like more shells at Hoppy's.

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Mr. Ristuccia– I wanted to ask the board if they wanted to talk about the town beach. We looked into paving it. I think its due time paving the beach parking lot. Concerns with conservation.

Mr. Furtado - I had the civil engineer give me a proposal. There is beach erosion. Been denied but in order to do it the cost is between \$300-400 hundred thousand dollars. Granular filtration system. It's on the to-do list.

Mr. Wotton – Can you send a letter to Brook Drive? They can't go into the side yard. Illegal pumping into the street.

Mayflower Street at Green Street where the basketball hoop is there is a tree on the south side that was marked for removal. Reconstructed that street down it was in serious decay. Dropping major branches. Have the new tree warden take a look at it.

IX. Set Date for the Next Meeting

Mr. Ristuccia motioned to hold the next meeting on May 7, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Durant seconded. Vote unanimous.

X. Executive Session – Classification and Compensation Plan

Mr. Ristuccia motioned to adjourn open session at 6:47 p.m. and enter into executive session to discuss the non-union classification and compensation plan and to reconvene in open session at its conclusion. Mr. Silvia seconded.

Roll call taken: Mr. Wotton, Mr. Durant, Mr. Silvia, Mr. Hobson and Mr. Ristuccia in favor.

Mr. Ristuccia motioned to reconvene open session at 7:05 p.m. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Ristuccia motioned to support the superintendent's recommendations with the classification and compensation plan. Mr. Wotton seconded. Vote unanimous.

XI. Adjourn

Mr. Hobson motioned to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. Tripp
Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved on May 7, 2018.