

Town of Fairhaven
Town Hall - 40 Center Street - Fairhaven, MA 02719

Belonging Committee



Date, Time, and Location:

August 9, 2023, @ 6:30 PM, Fairhaven Town Hall
Remote via ZOOM: 1-929-205-6099; Meeting ID: 892 1866 8394;
Passcode: 686316
Live recording available at: <https://livestream.com/fairhavenlive/events/9874004>

Meeting Overview:

1. Call to order
2. Quorum/Attendance
3. Approve prior minutes – June 14, 2023 and July 12, 2023

New Business

4. Not in Our Town event
5. Hispanic Heritage Month – September 15th
6. Cable Access Show – Richard Cacao
7. KidsFest Participation

Old Business

8. Disability Pride Recap

Items not Previously Anticipated/Board Member Comments

Next meeting date – September 13, 2023

Adjourn

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-Key-**BOLD** = Issue being discussed = Notes, indentation for more notes

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In attendance:

Members: Laura Barillaro; Jessica Fidalgo, Chair; Alliea E. Grouppe, Clerk; Eryn Spencer
Tomascik; Greg Weider.

Absent:

Members: Richard Cancio and Rachel Medeiros
Ex Officio: Det. Jerome Penha, Jr., Police Department Rep.
Ex Officio: Leon E. Correy, III, Select Board Rep.
Cameron Durant, Staff Liaison
Vacant Positions: Fire Department Representative; School Department Representative.

Call to Order: The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Jessica Fidalgo, Chair, who presented the Media Notification.

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PAST MINUTES: *Deferred until the next meeting*

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TONIGHT'S AGENDA

Chairperson Welcome and Attendance Roll Call

- As the quorum was confirmed, the meeting proceeded.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETINGS:

Greg Weider made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for June 14, 2023, and Laura Barillaro seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held; the motion passed unanimously.

Laura Barillaro made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for July 12, 2023, and Greg Weider seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held; the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Not In Our Town Event:

[Not In Our Town \(NIOT\)](https://www.niot.org) <https://www.niot.org> works to stop hate, address bullying, and build safe, inclusive communities for all. NIOT helps local leaders build vibrant, diverse cities and towns, where everyone is encouraged to participate.

The first step in the planning of this event was to reach out to faith-based communities within Fairhaven and our neighboring communities. [The First Congregational Church of Fairhaven, UCC](#), [The Congregational Church of South Dartmouth, UCC](#), and the [Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven](#) all have expressed interest in supporting and engaging in the project. We are still working on reaching out to additional religious communities and will have a further update at our next meeting.

Hispanic Heritage Month, Starting September 15th

We will reach out to committee member, Richard Cancio, to see if he would like to submit a recipe to Fairhaven News.

KidsFest

A motion was made by Alliea Group to participate in KidsFest; The motion was seconded by Eryn Spencer Tomascik. A roll call vote was held, the motion passed unanimously. For more information on the event, visit:

<https://fairhaventours.com/fairhaven-kids-fest/>

OLD BUSINESS

Disability Pride

Jessica Fidalgo reported on the Disability Pride event held on July 30th in collaboration with [M.O.L.I.F.E.](https://www.molife.org/) was extremely successful. For more information, visit: <https://fairhavenneighborhoodnews.com/fairhaven-holds-first-disability-pride-event/>

ITEMS NOT PREVIOUSLY ANTICIPATED

Indigenous People's Day

Today is the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples. For more information on this day and the indigenous communities across the globe, visit:

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/indigenous-day>

NEXT MEETING: September 13, 2023

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No Comments were received.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Greg Weider, Vice Chair, and seconded by Eryn Spence Tomascik; A roll call vote was taken and, the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM

As Approved on January 10, 2024
Submitted by: Alliea E. Group, Clerk