



FAIRHAVEN SELECT BOARD

Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2024

Present: Chair Leon Correy, Vice-Chair Charles Murphy Sr., Clerk Stasia Powers, Select Board member Keith Silvia, Select Board member Robert Espindola and Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison

Mr. Correy opened the meeting at 6:31p.m.

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to take items C1 and C5 out of order. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Mr. Correy recused himself for item C1 and exited the banquet room at 6:34p.m.

Attorney Jaime Kenny of Clifford and Kenny, the Town's Labor Counsel addressed the Board and explained the request before the Board tonight is for authorization to engage an outside HR investigator concerning a private and confidential personnel matter. Atty. Kenny advised the Board that in her opinion the need for this investigation requires someone from outside of the organization to conduct it and Atty. Kenny is asking the Board to vote to authorize Labor Counsel to engage an outside HR investigator and take any action relative thereto.

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to authorize Labor Counsel Clifford & Kenny to hire a third party entity to conduct an investigation as outlined. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed (4-0-1) Mr. Correy abstained.

Discussion ensued regarding the cost and Mr. Espindola asked if this would be covered under the flat rate structure. Atty. Kenny explained that the investigation is not appropriate for her firm to conduct so it would be conducted by an outside person in compliance with all appropriate laws, separately billed.

Atty. Kenny exited the meeting and Mr. Correy returned at 6:37p.m.

AQUACULTURE LICENSE RENEWALS: BLUE STREAM SHELLFISH, LLC AND JOHN MILLS

Harbormaster Tim Cox addressed the Board and explained the two license renewal requests as presented. He explained that there are seven sites with aquaculture licenses, the two before the Board tonight are due for renewal.

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to grant Blue Stream Shellfish, LLC and John Mills each a five-year Aquaculture License as written and recommended by the Marine Resource Committee. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

MINUTES

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to accept the minutes of February 21, 2024 joint Select Board and Finance Committee meeting. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to accept the minutes of February 26, 2024 as amended. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to accept the minutes of February 26, 2024, Executive Session. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Ms. Ellison reported on:

- Staff Updates: nothing to report
- Department Head Updates:

Facilities Manager Kevin Fournier provided an update on the department. He listed examples of projects he

is working on, he discussed cross-training of staff and concerns on the retaining wall outside of the Human Resources and Benefits Department.

The Board asked about the shed at the Council on Aging/Recreation Center parking lot, the Town Hall fire panel replacement, re-applying for Community Preservation Committee funds, Fire Station work, accomplishments and challenges. The Board thanked Mr. Fournier.

Tourism Director Chris Richard provided an update on the department, highlights from the fall of 2023 including Kids Fest in October and Old-Time Holiday in December, Huttleston Marketplace's seventh season this year, walking tour themes, preparing for advertising, succession planning.

The Board asked about tracking visitors, creating a survey through hotels, logbook at the visitor's center and any other means that Mr. Richard could calculate a cost analysis. The Board asked about obstacles.

- Board Resignations: Resignation letters were received from Nick Sylvia, Associate Zoning Board of Appeals member and Jay Simmons, Conservation Commission.
- Meet the Candidates Night: Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 6:00p.m. hosted by Fairhaven TV's Government Access and the North Fairhaven Improvement Association.
- Finance Update: Ms. Ellison distributed a General Fund Expenditure update as of January 31, 2024. She advised the Board that the budget working group continues to meet on ways to approach the budget. Ms. Powers asked about gift accounts and one-time expenditures. Ms. Ellison said the deficit is too big not to consider their use once all options are exhausted, all departments continue to work collectively to review options on generating revenue and cutting expenses within their departments. Mr. Correy thanked Board of Public Works (BPW) Chair Brian Wotton for his candor and approach to the trash fee discussion and budget shortfalls. Ms. Carreiro advised the Board that a Special Revenue Fund (SRF) was established many years ago in anticipation of the need for a trash fee. Mr. Espindola asked for a debt service schedule and referred to the format used by FY24 budget consultant Rich Bienvenue and if there is a Five-Year Capital Plan to review. Ms. Powers said the Capital Planning Committee did not prepare a Five-Year Plan this year when they met.
- Other: Ms. Ellison sent a letter to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) regarding the Fairhaven/New Bedford Bridge (*Attachment C*).
- Other: Wind Turbine concerns, the North turbine has needed work, Ms. Ellison and the staff continue to reach out to report issues.

Bob Pink of West Island asked how often the proposed trash fee of one-hundred dollars would be. Ms. Ellison advised it would be per set of barrels, per year, billed quarterly.

100th BIRTHDAY RECOGNITION: CLAIRE A. CARTER

Mr. Correy read the proclamation for Claire A. Carter.

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to recognize and present to Claire A. Carter a life achievement certificate and wish her a happy 100th birthday. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

LEVEL 3 (FAST) CHARGING STATIONS: REQUEST FROM EAST COAST RENEWABLE ENERGY

Conservation Agent Bruce Webb introduced Nick Valorie, President of East Coast Renewable Energy to review an opportunity for Level 3 Fast Charging Stations in Town. He distributed information to the Board (*Attachment D*).

Discussion ensued about the opportunity, process, potential location suggestions, coverage, software updates, post-contract support and options. The benefit to Mr. Valorie is commission and Mr. Correy thanked him for his presentation and said the Board can review further in the future.

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to accept the minutes of February 26, 2024, Executive Session. Ms. Powers

seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

COMMISSION ON DISABILITY APPOINTMENT

Krystal Lunn addressed the Board and spoke to her interests in joining the Commission.

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to appoint Krystal Lunn to the Commission on Disability for a term through May, 2024 and thereafter to a term that will end May, 2027. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

LAGOA FRIENDSHIP PACT APPOINTMENT

The Board reviewed the application from Alyssa Botelho.

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to appoint Alyssa Botelho to the Lagoa Friendship Pact Committee for a term through May, 2024 and thereafter to a term that will end May, 2025. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

BLUE STREAM SHELLFISH, LLC PROPOSED AQUACULTURE SITE

Dale Leavitt introduced himself and spoke to his application and the location (*Attachment E*). Mr. Leavitt reminded the Board that this was a continuation of the discussion last year when the temporary location was approved by the Board.

Harbormaster Tim Cox addressed the Board and advised that the Marine Resources Committee recently approved the proposal. Mr. Cox also discussed the sewage issue and upcoming closures and a map coming from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection showing the impacted areas.

Discussion ensued regarding the location, recent issues and shell fishing closures in New Bedford Harbor due to the sewage from the treatment plant, the oysters will help clarify the water. The Board asked if similar safety concerns existed like last year's location.

Steve Moulton of 59 Balsam Street distributed a handout regarding the location (*Attachment F*). He asked why this would not be on land, disputed that Jack's Cove was discussed as a potential location and suggested something that looks better than what was on the water last year.

Bob Pink of West Island asked for clarification on the area and if Nasketucket Bay was excluded.

Grace Barnes of Dogwood Street asked for a more presentable solution compared to what is at Hoppy's Landing presently. Mr. Cox advised of limitations with the relocation due to Eversource not wanting to cut the street for the relocation.

Matthew Thomas, attorney from New Bedford, owner of 48 and 50 Goulart Memorial Drive addressed the Board and asked if this was a public hearing. Mr. Cox said he thought it was and it was determined that the material was not forwarded to the Board as a public hearing for tonight. Due to this, Marine Resources will re-advertise for a future public hearing on the matter.

Atty. Thomas continued and advised of concerns about the license, location, access to the Floating Upweller System (FLUPSY), and whether or not this was being reviewed under Chapter 130.

Bill Yukna of 160 Balsam Street addressed the Board with his concerns about the West Island tax rates due to the view and suggested this be located on land.

Mr. Correy advised everyone that due to the clarification of a public hearing needed for this, no action or a vote on this matter will take place tonight. Mr. Cox will advertise a new date for a public hearing.

Mr. Moulton asked the number of acres Blue Stream Shellfish, LLC has in Fairhaven and Mattapoisett waters and

asked why Jack's Cove was chosen as a location. Mr. Cox said Blue Stream leases forty-six acres of Town water, unsure of amounts in other towns.

The Board recessed at 9:01p.m. and returned to open session at 9:07p.m.

NEMASKET GROUP 11TH ANNUAL 5K WALK/RUN: MAY 4, 2024

The Board reviewed the request for this event. The applicant should contact Police, Fire and Public Works for further event details and coordination.

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to approve the Nemasket Group 11th Annual 5K Walk/Run on May 4, 2024 as outlined in the proposal, contingent upon approval of Police, Fire and Public Works and to be signed by the Chair of the Select Board. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM RENTAL: FAIRHAVEN DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS, MAY 22, 2024

The Board reviewed the request for this event. Mr. Silvia asked if the Board could waive the fee or each donate twenty-five dollars towards it and ask Frank Fostin to donate his time. Ms. Ellison advised the Board that there is a non-profit rate and mentioned her concern with waiving fees considering Town financials. Brief discussion ensued regarding exemption from fees and potential to set precedents. The Chair suggested considering amending the policy in the future.

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to approve the use of the Town Hall Auditorium on May 22, 2024 by Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars as outlined in the application at the non-profit rate and custodial fees. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM RENTAL: CANDIDATES DEBATE NIGHT, MARCH 23, 2024

The Board reviewed the request for this event.

Mr. Silvia recused himself and exited the banquet room at 9:17p.m.

Ms. Ellison gave a brief description of the event. Discussion ensued regarding the policy for Town Hall Auditorium rental, number of days to submit, has state campaign finance been contacted, the timing of the event and notifications to other candidates, what positions were invited to the debate, public access versus government access broadcast, past practice on candidates' events around Town and public safety concerns.

Public comment: Ann Richard, 46 Hedge Street, mentioned concerns about the rules as posted online, the application should be at least forty-five days in advance, "partisan" use, conflicts of interest, other boards should be included.

Patrick Carr, 141 Pleasant Street explained the debate, said this would not be an insurrection, other candidates for other positions are welcome to, this event is to inform the public on candidates stand on issues, Mr. Silvia applied through his campaign committee because the application states it has to be an entity, moderators will be Kathy Lopes and Brian Bowcock, there was no intention to exclude anyone and he asked if the candidates night was requested forty-five days in advance.

Doug Brady, Pleasant Street commented on the forty-five-day notice, said all were invited, Mr. Silvia applied as a private citizen and asked if candidates night would be cancelled if it was not requested forty-five days in advance.

The Board said candidates' night is not a rental event and would not be cancelled. The Board also discussed following the policy as outlined on the application. No motion was made, the event request was denied.

Mr. Silvia returned at 9:50p.m.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT LIST

Ms. Ellison referred to the list of warrant articles and advised the Board that Assistant Town Administrator Anne Carreiro would review and a new draft will be provided for the next meeting.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ELECTION WARRANT

The Town Clerk submitted this request, the need to have the Board vote on this tonight was due to the number of days needed to approve the April 1, 2024 Annual Town Election Warrant.

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to approve the April 1, 2024 Annual Town Election Warrant as described by the Town Clerk. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

CORRESPONDENCE

1. MassDOT Chapter 90 Program FY25 apportionment notice
2. City of New Bedford Water and Wastewater Rate Increases notice

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Espindola reported on:

The Broadband Study Committee, Broadband Coalition, SRPEDD and Livable Streets Committee (*Attachment G*).

Ms. Powers reported:

The Financial Policy Review Committee has completed two policies and will be looking at Finance Reserves and Debt Management next, they are targeting June for completing their work. Economic Development has a survey online and at Town Hall asking for input on the types of businesses for Fairhaven, the next business gathering event will be in April.

Mr. Murphy reported:

The Sister City Committee meets next week, Lagoa has a new member and is looking to start up again.

Mr. Silvia reported:

No meetings to report on.

Mr. Correy reported:

No meetings to report on.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Patrick Carr, 141 Pleasant Street addressed the Board about the raw sewage and rain impacts to Fairhaven's pristine coast and asked if the Town could contact Buzzards Bay Coalition regarding mitigation and seek recovery.

Doug Brady, Pleasant Street addressed the Board about reviewing the Town Administrator Act, he said this does not have to do with past, present or future Town Administrators and asked for an agenda item on this for the next Select Board meeting. He said he would send an email to the Board on this as a follow-up.

Cathy Melanson advised the Board the EDC Business Event is on April 11, 2024

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

Ms. Powers asked for an April agenda item to review Town-wide goals for the rest of the year and out further that Ms. Ellison would build goals off and align to.

Mr. Espindola said Mr. Furtado and Mr. Cox explained the different systems and that he would like to see New Bedford explain what has happened and why so much impact now that previous years.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled Select Board meeting is on Monday, March 25, 2024 at 6:30p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to enter into Executive Session Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(3) To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares (Review Pending Litigation Cases) and not to return to Open Session. Ms. Powers seconded. Roll Call Vote, Mr. Espindola in favor, Ms. Powers in favor, Mr. Murphy in favor, Mr. Silvia in favor and Mr. Correy in favor. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Select Board Clerk (ah)

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. FY25 Budget draft
- B. January 2024 Expense Report
- C. Town Administrator Letter to MassDOT regarding Fairhaven/New Bedford Bridge
- D. Level 3 Fast Charger handout
- E. Blue Stream Shellfish LLC application
- F. Steve Moulton handout regarding Blue Stream Shellfish LLC
- G. Committee Liaison Report: Robert J. Espindola

Approved on April 1, 2024

Town of Fairhaven
FY 2025 Budget
Additional adjustments/cuts

Dept Expenditures:

General Government	69,000	Reserve Fund	25,000
Municipal Finance	120,636	ACO- Gift Available increase	5,000
Town Clerk / Elections	1,090	Tourism exp from Gift acct	7,000
Planning & Development	2,960	SRF Trash Fees	94,000
Public Safety	250,140	Possible additional new growth	75,000
Education	???	Marine Resource increased revenue	75,000
Est. Voke & Bristol Aggie Assessments	16,000	Possible abatement & exemption	100,000
Public Works	169,000	Possible SRF ambulance increase	???
Health	6,300	Overlay	???
Community Services	54,300		
Non-Departmental	50,000		
	739,426		381,000

Available Funds:

Summary:	
Total General Fund Deficit	2,200,000
Less: Trash Fee Revenue	(700,000)
	1,500,000
Dept cuts & Available funds	(1,120,426)
Remaining Deficit	379,574

Dept Expenditure Cuts	739,426
Available Funds	381,000
	1,120,426

REVENUE SOURCES PROJECTION

	PROJECTIONS					
	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30
Tax Levy for FY - 00 -						
Prior Year Levy Limit	\$33,101,926.05	\$34,259,416.21	\$35,445,843.61	\$36,661,931.70	\$37,908,421.99	\$39,186,074.54
Amended FY 00 Growth						
Add FY - 00 - 2.5%	\$827,548.15	\$856,485.41	\$886,146.09	\$916,548.29	\$947,710.55	\$979,651.86
Add FY - 00 - New Growth	\$329,942.00	\$329,942.00	\$329,942.00	\$329,942.00	\$329,942.00	\$329,942.00
Add FY - 00 - Override	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
FY - 00 - Levy Limit	\$34,259,416.21	\$35,445,843.61	\$36,661,931.70	\$37,908,421.99	\$39,186,074.54	\$40,495,668.41
Add FY - 00 - Debt Excl.	\$783,115.56	\$715,774.76	\$693,238.76	\$482,844.76	\$475,064.16	\$461,615.16
FY - 00 - Maximum Allowable	\$35,042,531.77	\$36,161,618.37	\$37,355,170.46	\$38,401,266.75	\$39,661,138.70	\$40,957,283.57
State Aid for FY - 00 -						
Cherry Street Receipts						
A (less Charges & Offset Items)	\$12,475,388.00	\$12,693,707.29	\$12,915,847.17	\$13,141,874.49	\$13,371,857.30	\$13,605,864.80
School Construction Aid	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
FY - 00 - State Aid	\$12,475,388.00	\$12,693,707.29	\$12,915,847.17	\$13,141,874.49	\$13,371,857.30	\$13,605,864.80
Local Receipts/Income for FY - 00 -						
Local Receipts	\$9,122,097.00	\$9,189,846.81	\$9,258,089.81	\$9,326,859.71	\$9,396,130.30	\$9,465,915.36
Water Receipts (Budget)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Water Receipts (Indirect Costs)	\$536,795.00	\$550,214.88	\$563,970.25	\$578,089.50	\$592,521.24	\$607,334.27
Sewer Receipts (Budget)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sewer Receipts (Indirect Costs)	\$868,700.00	\$880,167.50	\$902,171.69	\$924,725.98	\$947,844.13	\$971,540.23
Sewer Unreserved Fund Balance (Retained Earnings)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cable TV Receipts (Budget)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cable TV Receipts (Indirect Costs)	\$16,422.00	\$16,832.55	\$17,253.36	\$17,694.70	\$18,126.82	\$18,579.99
School Cable TV Receipts (Budget)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
School Cable TV Receipts (Indirect Costs)	\$2,064.00	\$2,115.60	\$2,168.49	\$2,222.70	\$2,278.27	\$2,335.23
CPC Receipts	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CPC Reserves and or Balances (Voted ATM/STM)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CPC Unreserved Fund Balance (Retained Earnings)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

FY - 2025 - Local Receipts/Income \$ 10,538,078.00 \$ 10,639,177.34 \$ 10,743,663.69 \$ 10,849,662.80 \$ 10,956,900.76 \$ 11,066,705.08

Surplus Revenue/Free Cash for FY - 00 -

Free Cash	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
FY - 00 - Surplus Revenue/Free Cash	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Other Available Funds for FY - 00 - (See Recap Schedule B2)

Wage & Salary Reserve	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gift-Animal Shelter	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Waterways Fun	\$52,000.00	\$52,000.00	\$52,000.00	\$52,000.00	\$52,000.00	\$52,000.00
Ambulance RR for Approp	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,500,000.00
Capital Stabilization Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subdivision Mgt Fees	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Social Day-COA RR for Approp	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Wetlands Conservation	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
FY - 2025 - Other Available Funds	\$1,600,000.00	\$1,600,000.00	\$1,600,000.00	\$1,600,000.00	\$1,600,000.00	\$1,600,000.00

TOTAL REVENUE SOURCES \$59,653,997.77 \$61,094,503.00 \$62,614,661.22 \$63,992,703.84 \$65,589,896.76 \$67,228,863.44

Town of Fairhaven
FY 25 Budget as of 2/26/24

Deficit	(2,170,753.00)	(2,170,753.00)
Trash Fee Revenue	<u>700,000.00</u>	
Remaining	(1,470,753.00)	
Reviewing FY25 increase in Fee/Permits		
Reviewing new growth		
Additional cuts that will not impact layoffs		
Special Revenue Funds/Reserves	<u>800,000.00</u>	<u>800,000.00</u>
Remaining deficit	(670,753.00)	(1,370,753.00)

FY25 General Fund Budget including/abate chrges = \$61,808,019.

Cuts:				
Budget	School	(45% x 670,753 deficit)	301,838.00	617,000.00
Budget	Police	(10% x 670,753 deficit)	67,053.00	139,000.00 * = 209,000
Budget	Fire	(8% x 670,753 deficit)	53,660.00	110,000.00 * = 180,000
Budget	BPW	(7% x 670753 deficit)	<u>47,000.00</u>	<u>96,000.00</u> * = 166,000
			469,551.00	962,000.00
				(210,000 will have to be reallocated above* due to
All other departments			<u>201,202.00</u>	<u>408,753.00</u> nondept expd)
			670,753.00	1,370,753.00

Town of Fairhaven*draft 2***FY 2025****Articles to be included in FY25 Budget (Source of Funding = Free Cash)****As of 3/7/2024**

<u>Department</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
a. Select Board	OPEB	200,000
b. Select Board	Capital Stabilization	150,000
c. Select Board	Compensated Absences	300,000
d. Select Board	Preventative building repairs	50,000
e. Select Board	Grant Writing Consultant	60,000
f. Select Board	Clerical tuition (CBA)	10,000
g. Retirement	Retiree COLA base increase \$16,000 to \$17,000	89,000
h. Marine Resources	Shellfish propagation	16,950
Fire	FEMA 5% match - Gear equipment	12,000
Fire	Mannequin	2,450
i. Recreation	Rec Ctr equipment	10,000
Rec Ctr / COA	Wall divider	17,780
j. Highway	Highway equipment	30,000
k. Highway	Leaf vacuum	7,500
l. Facilities Mgt	Basketball hoops @ Livsey Park	7,000
m. Park	Utility trailer	3,000
n. Human Resources	Breakroom cabinets	1,200
Total		966,880

TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN
GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET / EXPENDITURES
as of January 31, 2024 (7 months / 12 months = 58%)

Category	Department	Appropriation	Expended	Ending Balance	% Expended	Comments
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</u>						
	TOWN MEETING	5,100	1,705	3,395	33.4	
	MODERATOR	1,000	500	500	50.0	
	SELECT BOARD/TOWN ADMINISTRATION	316,888	196,723	120,165	62.1	
	SELECTBOARD SALARIES	33,433	16,717	16,717	50.0	
	FINANCE COMM / RESERVE FUND	88,845	258	88,587	0.3	
	LEGAL SERVICES	180,000	173,999	6,001	96.7	Budget approp is not sufficient
	HUMAN RESOURCES / WELLNESS	214,918	112,672	102,246	52.4	
	TOWN HALL / FACILITIES MGT	163,066	69,075	93,991	42.4	
	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	<u>542,409</u>	<u>281,102</u>	261,307	51.8	Maint agreement pd July
	Total	1,545,659	852,750	692,909	55.2	
<u>MUNICIPAL FINANCE:</u>						
	TOWN ACCOUNTANT	223,330	106,763	116,568	47.8	
	ASSESSORS	245,936	117,709	128,227	47.9	
	TREASURER/COLLECTOR	<u>456,972</u>	<u>197,620</u>	<u>259,352</u>	43.2	
	Total	926,238	422,092	504,147	45.6	
<u>TOWN CLERK / ELECTIONS</u>						
	TOWN CLERK	62,861	32,718	29,944	52.2	
	TOWN CLERK SALARY	67,961	38,319	29,642	56.4	
	ELECTION & REGISTRATION	<u>41,963</u>	<u>738</u>	<u>41,225</u>	1.8	
	Total	172,585	71,775	100,810	41.6	
<u>PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:</u>						
	PLANNING BOARD	5,930	2,040	3,890	34.4	
	PLAN/ECON DEVELOPMENT	148,467	62,480	85,987	42.1	
	ECON & DEVEL COMM	8,000	1,468	6,532	18.4	
	BOARD OF APPEALS	7,200	4,753	2,447	66.0	Salary overexpended
	CONSERVATION/SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE	110,738	63,066	47,672	57.0	
	BUZZARDS BAY COMM	<u>1,800</u>	<u>1,800</u>	<u>0</u>	100.0	Paid in full
	Total	282,135	135,607	146,528	48.1	

TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN
GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET / EXPENDITURES
as of January 31, 2024 (7 months / 12 months = 58%)

Category	Department	Appropriation	Expended	Ending Balance	% Expended	Comments
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY:</u>						
	POLICE	5,173,523	2,772,659	2,400,864	53.6	
	FIRE	3,699,520	2,205,607	1,493,913	59.6	
	FIRE ALARM	36,779	16,665	20,114	45.3	
	BUILDING	189,046	113,607	109,024	60.1	
	WEIGHTS & MEASURES	7,640	3,755	3,885	49.2	
	EMERGENCY MGT	35,885	24,694	11,191	68.8	
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	HIGHWAY DRAINAGE	15,000	13,410	8,919	89.4	
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<u>NON-DEPARTMENTAL:</u>						
	FAIRHAVEN RETIREMENT	3,906,560	3,906,560	0	100.0	Paid in full
	GROUP INSURANCE	4,800,000	2,388,025	2,411,975	49.8	
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<u>DEBT SERVICE:</u>						
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	MODERATOR	1,000	500	500	50.0	
	SELECT BOARD/TOWN ADMINISTRATION	316,888	196,723	120,165	62.1	
	SELECTBOARD SALARIES	33,433	16,717	16,717	50.0	
	FINANCE COMM / RESERVE FUND	88,845	258	88,587	0.3	
	LEGAL SERVICES	180,000	173,999	6,001	96.7	
	HUMAN RESOURCES / WELLNESS	214,918	112,672	102,246	52.4	
	TOWN HALL / FACILITIES MGT	163,066	69,075	93,991	42.4	
	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	<u>542,409</u>	<u>281,102</u>	261,307	51.8	
	Total	1,545,659	852,750	692,909	55.2	
<u>MUNICIPAL FINANCE:</u>						
	TOWN ACCOUNTANT	223,330	106,763	116,568	47.8	
	ASSESSORS	245,936	117,709	128,227	47.9	
	TREASURER/COLLECTOR	<u>456,972</u>	<u>197,620</u>	<u>259,352</u>	43.2	
	Total	926,238	422,092	504,147	45.6	
<u>TOWN CLERK / ELECTIONS</u>						
	TOWN CLERK	62,661	32,718	29,944	52.2	
	TOWN CLERK SALARY	67,961	38,319	29,642	56.4	
	ELECTION & REGISTRATION	<u>41,963</u>	<u>738</u>	<u>41,225</u>	1.8	
	Total	172,585	71,775	100,810	41.6	
<u>PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:</u>						
	PLANNING BOARD	5,930	2,040	3,890	34.4	
	PLAN/ECON DEVELOPMENT	148,467	62,480	85,987	42.1	
	ECON & DEVEL COMM	8,000	1,468	6,532	18.4	
	BOARD OF APPEALS	7,200	4,753	2,447	66.0	
	CONSERVATION/SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE	110,738	63,066	47,672	57.0	
	BUZZARDS BAY COMM	<u>1,800</u>	<u>1,800</u>	0	100.0	
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	FIRE	3,699,520	2,205,607	1,493,913	59.6	
	FIRE ALARM	36,779	16,665	20,114	45.3	
	BUILDING	189,046	113,607	109,024	60.1	
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Fairhaven

Massachusetts

March 8, 2024

Mr. Joseph Breen
Project Manager
Massachusetts Department of Transportation
10 Park Plaza, Sixth Floor
Boston, MA 02116

Subject: Town of Fairhaven
New Bedford-Fairhaven Bridge Replacement
MassDOT Project No. 612557
Preliminary Comments and Requests

Dear Mr. Breen:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on replacing the New Bedford-Fairhaven Bridge. The Town of Fairhaven has been actively engaged in this process as the bridge is a necessary transportation and historical resource. These questions and comments are made as constructive feedback to lead toward the best possible outcome.

At the January 9, 2024 public meeting, MassDOT announced the selected preference for a Vertical Lift Span bridge that would reach a height of 138 feet (which includes 3 feet for predicted sea level rise), a navigation channel width of 260 feet, and bridge width of 76 feet. Construction is expected to begin in 2027 and take up to 1.5 years.

1. The Town wants to be an active partner in the process and play a role in the final bridge type selection and preliminary review of the design-level submissions, as well as having an open dialogue about issues important to the Town and its stakeholders. We have been coordinating with the City of New Bedford and support their interests regarding the bridge. We want to partner with MassDOT and the City to achieve all mutual goals. One option is to form a working group of representatives from the municipalities, MassDOT, the maritime industry, and nearby businesses and residents of both municipalities.
2. The MassDOT team referenced a decision matrix to select the Vertical Lift Bridge at the public hearing. We request a copy of this decision matrix, which will provide us with further helpful

information that will help our understanding and may lead to more questions. Here are some preliminary questions:


- a. What is the difference in time for the opening and closing of the vertical lift span versus the alternatives?
 - a. What is the difference in the estimated number of openings between the vertical lift span and the alternatives?
2. The MassDOT team stated the construction of the vertical lift span is estimated to take up to 1.5 years, with the possibility of a longer timeframe. As the bridge is one of three crossings into New Bedford and points west, proactively addressing the bridge closure is a high priority for the Town. As the closure will lead to significant traffic pattern changes, traffic preparedness is a high priority for the Town. We request MassDOT work with the Town to create a traffic plan during construction that will:
 - a. Identify recommended routes traveling to and from points west that minimize impacts to our neighborhoods. The plan should focus on all modes of travel.
 - b. Use signage to help direct traffic to the preferred routes, including along I-195.
 - c. Provide information to the public about preferred routes to get to St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford.
 - d. Coordinate with the Town and City of New Bedford emergency services to address emergency response during construction.
 - e. Provide information on how commuters can get to the new MBTA Commuter Rail Station in New Bedford during the bridge closure.
 - f. Disseminate information regarding the traffic plan to the general public, including social media and GPS navigational devices.
3. MassDOT plans to replace the viaduct on I-195 starting in 2025, a substantial transportation project that will significantly impact traffic. Please ensure the construction of I-195 and the Route 6 Bridge replacement are coordinated and do not overlap.
4. Many participants discussed the need to accommodate pedestrians and cyclists during the public meeting. The bridge is an important bicycle and pedestrian connection in our region, including getting people to and from the Phoenix Bike Trail in Fairhaven, part of the larger South Coast Bikeway. The Town urges MassDOT to make the new bridge safe and accessible to pedestrians and cyclists. The Town adopted a Complete Streets policy in 2021, which "is focused on developing a connected, integrated network that safely accommodates all users and also fits the character of the community." While the bridge replacement is outside the Town boundaries, the Town trusts that MassDOT will respect the Town's policy and MassDOT's Complete Streets Program.
5. As the current swing bridge is an iconic and historic structure (a National Register Historic Resource), it is a scenic gateway between Fairhaven and New Bedford. As such, the Town desires a bridge whose architecture and design reflect this area's history and culture.

6. During the presentation, MassDOT mentioned that the bridge's height factored three feet for sea level rise. Please provide the data to support the prediction of an increase of three feet. Also, please describe how the new bridge will be resilient and adapt to climate change. Please also describe the impacts of construction on the tides within the harbor.
7. During the presentation, MassDOT stated there would be limited restrictions to navigational openings during construction. Please provide us with the details of how you reached that conclusion.

Again, we may have more questions depending on the responses to these questions and after reviewing the decision matrix.

We thank you for your work.

Sincerely,

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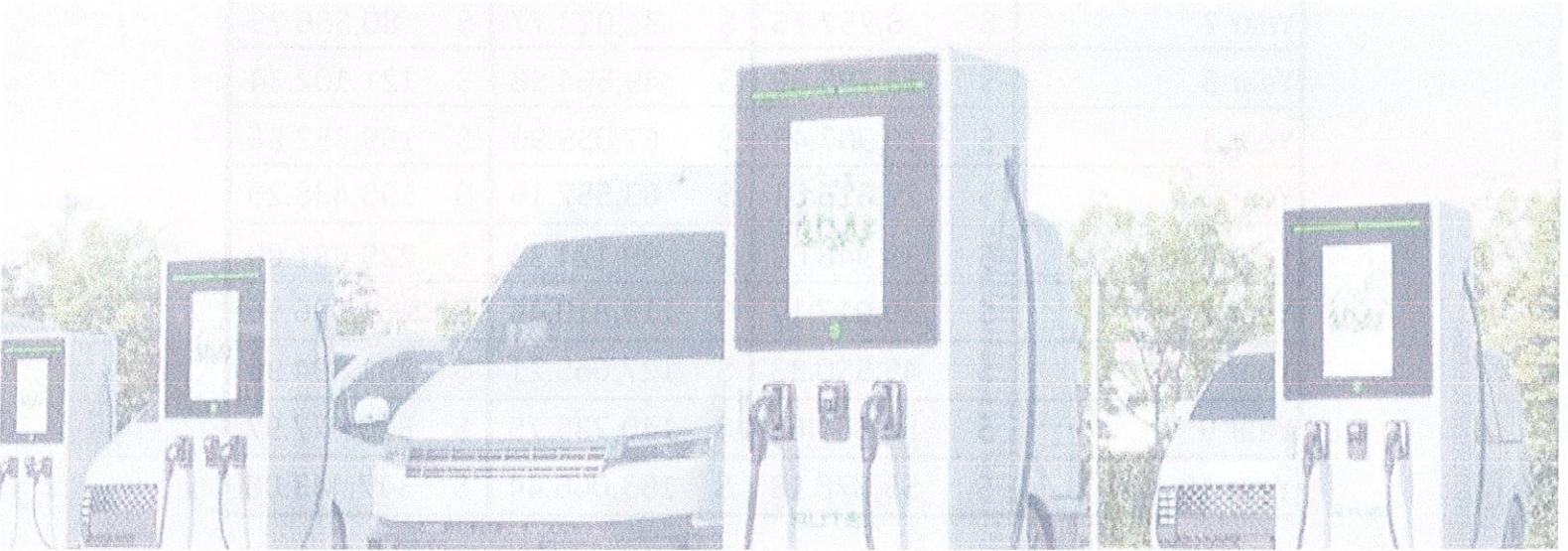
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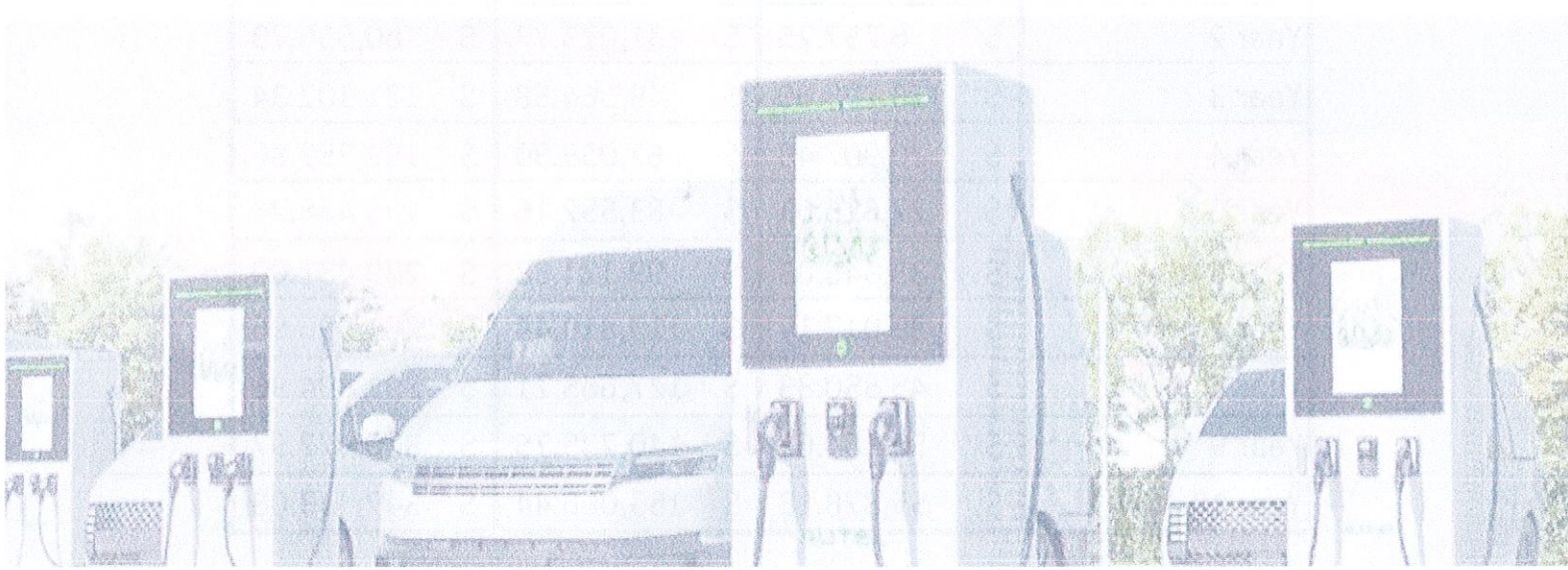
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EV Charging Solution Estimate

January 19, 2024



SOLUTION:

Three (3) Dual-Port DCFC (FAST) Publicly
Accessible Charging Stations

PRESENTED TO:

MMA Event
Sample EV proposal
For Level 3 (FAST) Charging Stations

INFRASTRUCTURE

Specific Location TBD (Pending Utility Engineering Guidance)

- 1 New 600A 480V 3P Electric Service Dedicated to EVSE
- 1 New Power Distribution Cabinet with Meter Socket
- 60ft trenching from new power cabinet to EVSE locations
- 3 new bases for EV Stations
- 8 protective bollards
- 6 EV Parking Line Striping
- 6 EV Parking Signage
- 1 All required permitting and inspections

EV CHARGING EQUIPMENT

- 3 120KW Dual Port MAXICHARGER W/5 yr Warranty
- 5 Yr Software Plan 4
- System start-up and onboarding to monitoring platform

COST OF SOLUTION AFTER CURRENT INCENTIVES IS*: **\$10,712**

ECR TO DONATE COST OF SOLUTION AFTER INCENTIVE OF*: **\$10,712**

OUT OF POCKET COST AFTER INCENTIVE FOR EQUIPMENT & INSTALLATION*: **\$0**

MANDATORY COSTS TO CLIENT:

- CLOUD SOFTWARE FOR EVSE MANAGEMENT AND UTILITY REPORTING
 - INCLUDED FOR FIRST 5 YEARS. EST COST AT YEAR 6 IS \$600/PORT/YEAR (\$3,600)
- CLIENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ELECTRICITY USAGE FROM CHARGING STATIONS

OPTIONAL COSTS TO CLIENT:

- OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT OF \$100/MONTH PER STATION AND IS BILLED ANNUALLY AT STATION ACTIVATION ANNIVERSARY.
 - INCLUDES LABOR COVERAGE FOR ANY PARTS WARRANTY CLAIMS
 - INCLUDES (2) PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE VISITS PER YEAR WITH FULL CONDITIONS REPORT
- GENERAL LIABILITY AND REPLACEMENT COVERAGE FOR THE CHARGING EQUIPMENT AND THEIR USE

F8911 ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLE REFUELING TAX CREDIT EST.: ^{1,2}

\$0

¹ The 30C Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Tax Credit, also referred to as the 8911 tax credit, gives qualifying businesses a 30% tax credit, up to \$100,000, for the purchase and installation of EV charging infrastructure. Businesses must have installed the stations between Jan. 1, 2023, and Dec. 31, 2032, and must claim the credit on their federal tax return via form 8911 which can be found here: <https://www.irs.gov/forms-pubs/about-form-8911>

² Disclaimer - We are not tax advisors and does not guarantee any tax credits or incentives. Please review with your tax advisor before making any assumptions. Please visit: <https://afdc.energy.gov/laws/10513>

³ Service plan includes unlimited phone and on-site support from the manufacturer

⁴ Stations must be networked for 5-YR's for rebate eligibility

* Based upon current incentives.



Town of Fairhaven
Marine Resources Department
40 Center St., Fairhaven, MA 02719

March 7, 2024

To: Fairhaven Select Board

Leon E. Correy III, Charles K. Murphy, Sr., Stasia Powers, Keith Silvia, Robert J. Espindola

Subject: Marine Resources Committee – Aquaculture Permits & Fee recommendations

Dear Select Board members,

At the request of Harbor Master Tim Cox, I am writing to inform you of the results from the February Marine Resource Committee meeting. The following motions were approved and are recommended to the Select Board for adoption.

- Blue Stream Shellfish Floating Upweller System is recommended for approval in new location at the South-West corner of Jacks Cove, approximate position (Lat: 41°35'46.16"N Long:70°50'44.70"W).
- Blue Stream Shellfish Aquaculture License is recommended for a (5) year renewal.
- John Mills Aquaculture License is recommended for a (5) year renewal.

As always, please reach out if you have any questions.

Respectfully yours,

Michael McNamara

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SELECT BOARD'S MEETING

Monday, March 11, 2024

**Request submitted,
Blue Stream, Blue Stream Shellfish, LLC**

**The Marine Resource Committee unanimously voted to recommend
approving aquaculture site.**

Proposal

Floating Upweller System (FLUPSY) in Jack's Cove



Objective: To deploy one solar powered floating upweller raft system (three solar components and one upweller component) on a fixed four point mooring in Jack's Cove. Placement of the FLUPSY raft system is to protect the small seed contained in the nursery from damage or loss due to northeast and southwest winds while holding the rafts in a set orientation to the sun during the interval when in use.

Time of Use: Seasonal use from 15 May to 1 December of each year. The rafts will be deployed at the proposed site at the start of the season and removed from the site at the end of the season. The structures will be stored on land when not in use.

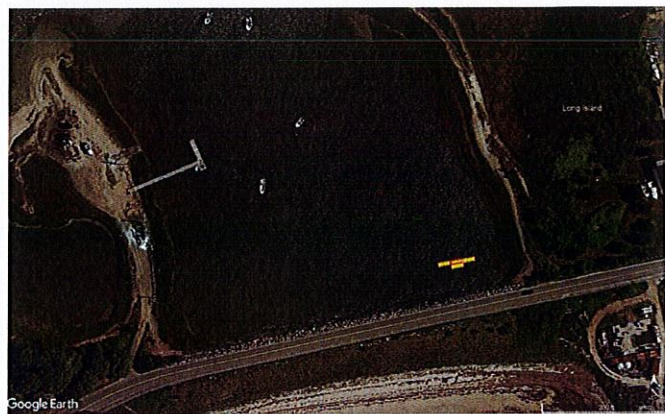
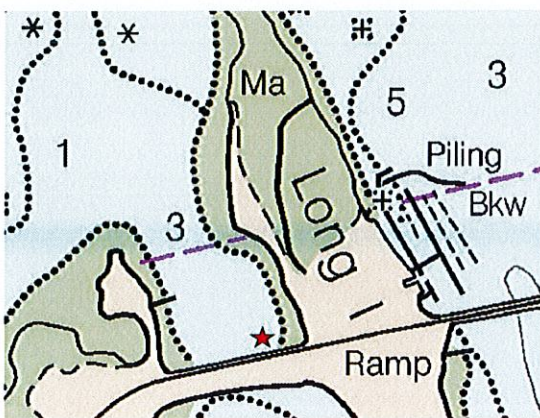


Figure 1: Chart location of FLUPSY.

Figure 2: Raft system depicted in cove at scale.

Approximate Location: Lat: 41° 35' 46.16"N Long: 70° 50' 44.70"W

Description: As noted above, the site (location identified in Figure 1) was selected to protect from northeast and southwest winds, which can flush small oyster seed from the structure with a strong wave surge through the raft system. Additionally, the site is constrained to require 4 feet of water at low tide while not placed in deep enough water to interfere with normal operations in the mooring field.

Proposed Layout: The raft system is composed of four 8' by 20' floats, where one of the rafts is a conventional FLUPSY to hold oyster seed while the other three rafts hold the photovoltaic infrastructure (panels, batteries and electronics) required to operate the complex (Figure 3). Because the FLUPSY pump system has been adjusted to ensure adequate flow through the upweller silos, it will require a three raft solar complex to ensure 24/7 operation of the ½ hp

“Ice Eater” axial flow pump. The orientation of the three solar rafts are arranged to prevent shading of the panels from a second solar array to the south of it. The resulting raft complex is approximately 16’ by 60’ with a mooring footprint of approximately 34’ by 84’ (raft complex inserted to scale in Figure 2).

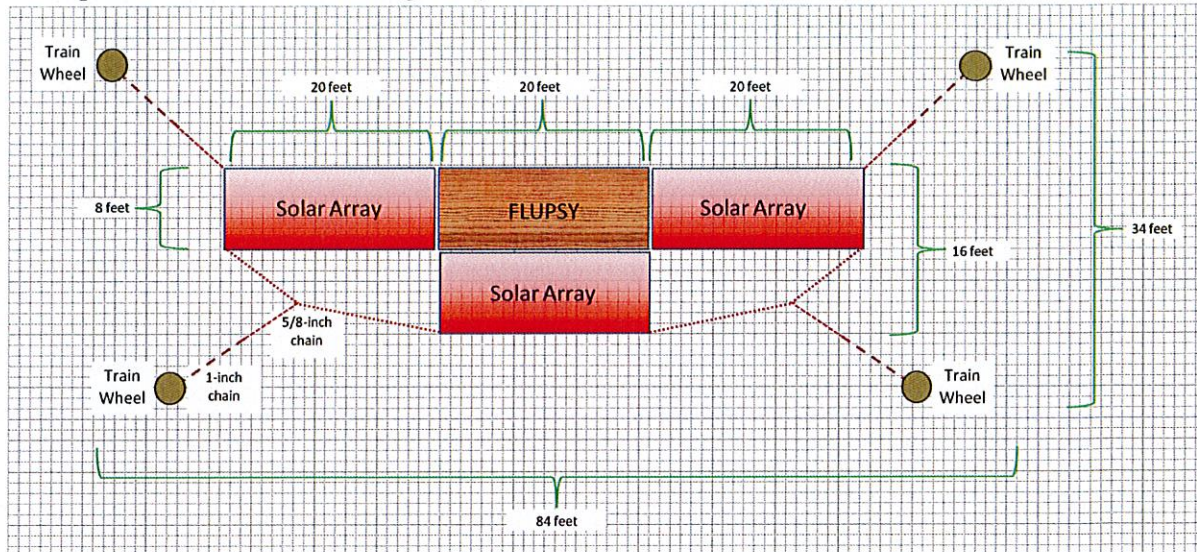


Figure 3: Schematic diagram of FLUPSY complex with dimensions noted.

The 4-point mooring array will consist of a bridle of 5/8" galvanized chain from the raft complex shackled to a 6-foot length of 5/8" galvanized riser chain that is, in turn, shackled to 8 feet of 1" galvanized bottom chain looped through the center opening of a 600 lb. train wheel. The raft complex will be held in an east/west linear configuration near the 4-foot (MLW) contour with the train wheel moorings at each end of the raft complex. The overall footprint of the entire raft system with moorings is 84’ by 34’ (2,856 square feet), equivalent to 0.066 acres.

From Goulart Memorial Drive, the only portion of the system in view from the road will be the three rafts of solar panels, similar to the view noted in Figure 4. The rest of the system is tucked behind the solar rafts and not readily visible from the roadway.



Figure 4: A solar raft that will align parallel to Goulart Memorial Drive and be visible from the road.

Operations:

The BSS nursery, consisting of one FLUPSY system at Jack's Cove and one FLUPSY system at the BSS Harvest Barge, will be stocked with up to 6 million oyster seed starting at approximately 2.5 to 3 mm in length (May/June) and held in the complex until they achieve a size of 20-25 mm, in approximately 3-4 months. At the 20-25 mm length, the juvenile oysters will be transferred to the West Island farm site.

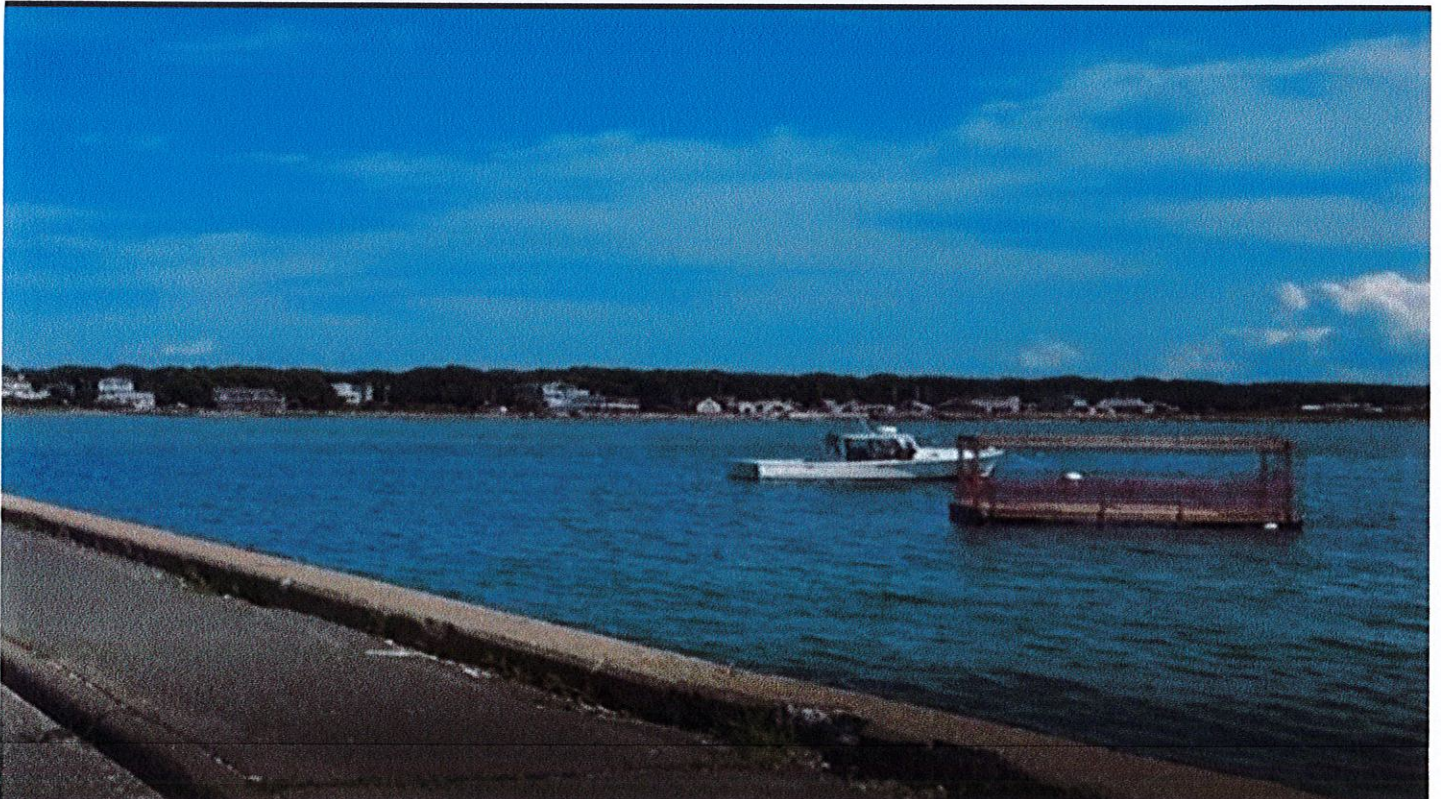
Both FLUPSY complexes will be visited daily and cleaned of biofouling 2-3 times weekly by BSS employees. The stock will be removed and size-graded on a semi monthly basis to ensure optimal growth and to remove 20-25 mm juveniles for transfer to the farm.

The total raft complex at Jack's Cove will be deployed in early May and will be removed on or about 1 December of each year for land-based storage.

2023 Blue Stream upweller southeast of Hoppy's Landing – photo from Goulart Memorial Drive coming onto West Island



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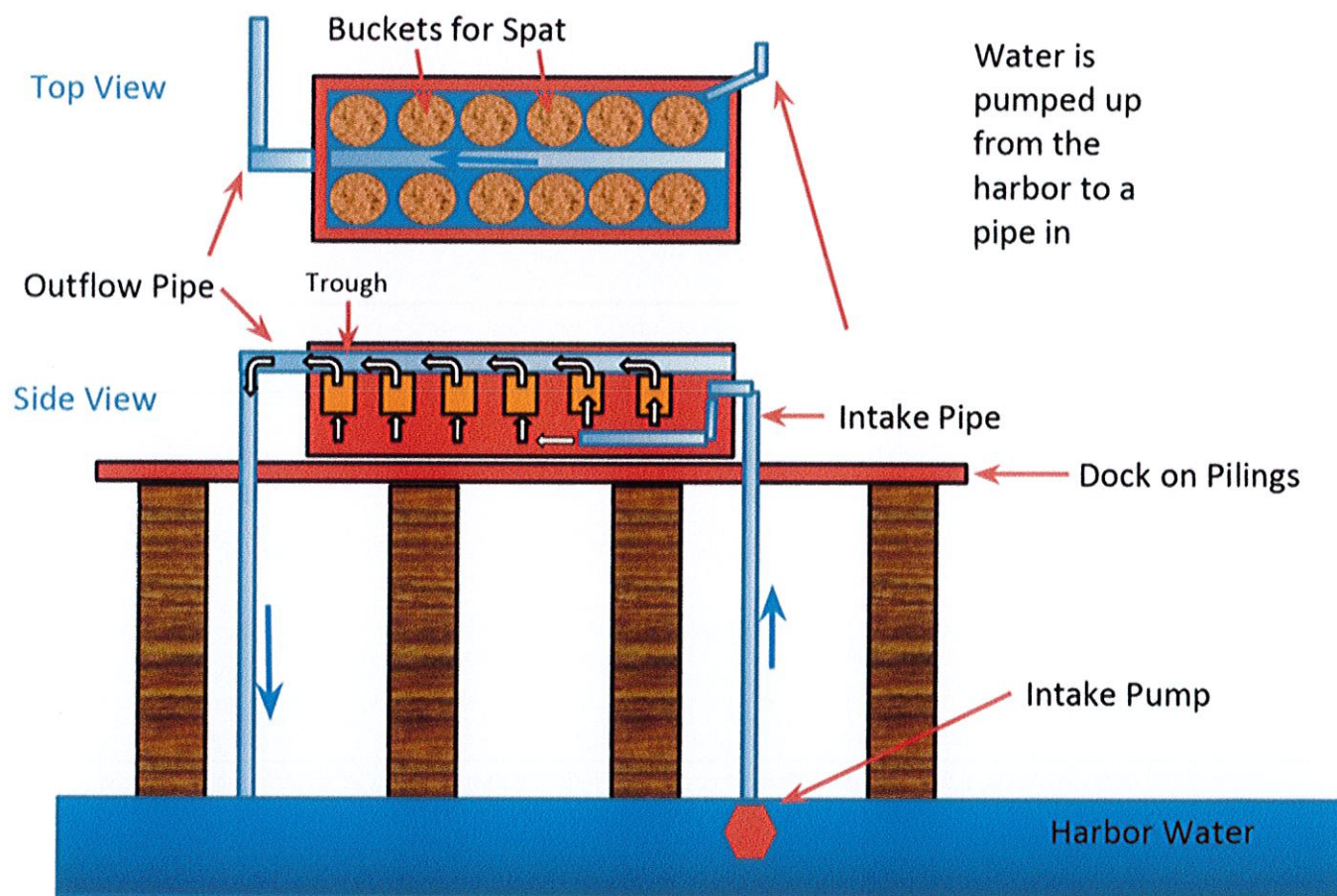
Barnstable Clean Water Coalition platform for land based upweller @ Hyannis Harbor



Barnstable Clean Water Coalition land-based oyster upweller tanks @ Hyannis Harbor



Barnstable Clean Water Coalition land-based oyster upweller flow diagram @ Hyannis Harbor



Barnstable Clean Water Coalition employees maintaining the land-based oyster upweller



Barnstable Clean Water Coalition employees maintaining the land-based oyster upweller



Bob Espindola

Committee Liaison Report 3-11-2024

The BROADBAND STUDY COMMITTEE. Committee Chair Sean Powers and I have continued to work on the messaging about the Two Town Meeting warrant articles for Broadband. More on that when the articles are on our agenda and Mr. Powers is prepared to present to the Board.

The BROADBAND COALITION (MBC)

Representatives of Fairhaven, New Bedford, Dartmouth and Westport met to discuss common concerns that we'd like to address with the local delegation. One member from Westport offered to reach out to State Representative Michael Roderiques and I volunteered to meet with Mark Lanagan, from Senator Edward Markey's office to discuss concerns and ask where we might find help with regional concerns and advocacy efforts. I met with Mr. Lanagan this afternoon and talked about a number of concerns / opportunities the Coalition members had. He believes there may be an opportunity to receive funding for things like legal services, procurement services, etc. for the group of communities through the **Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS)** federal funding requests to the Senate Appropriations Committee which are designated for "important community projects in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts". The applications will be opening soon and there is an upcoming webinar that I plan to attend to learn more about that.

<https://www.markey.senate.gov/congressionally-directed-spending-federal-funding-requests-fy2024>

SRPEDD met on February 26th, the date of our last Select Board meeting, so I was unable to attend but I asked for a recording of the meeting and any meeting materials and will provide an update once I get through that I will have one more meeting with SRPEDD prior to the end of my Term but we will not have a meeting of this Board following that SRPEDD meeting.

LIVABLE STREETS COMMITTEE

Committee members met this morning with members of the Mattapoisett Bike Path Committee and the Friends of the Mattapoisett Rail trail to discuss the sign sponsorship opportunity I mentioned during prior meetings. There were about 15 people on the call including the sign company. We learned a lot about the program details. Essentially, the sign company would build the signs at no cost to the Town, find a sponsor for a five-year term that would pay for the signs in the first year and then the Town would receive 20 -30% of the sponsorship fees thereafter for path maintenance and upkeep.

Interestingly, there was a discussion about the potential for sponsorship from, for example, a local Vet to sponsor the dog bag stations that we talked about during our meeting with the Finance Committee.

The plan is for the same people to regroup without the sign company representatives to decide if this is something that these committees would like to recommend to our respective Select Board and Board of Public Works.

The Bike and Brew series continued on March 2nd riding from Fort Phoenix up to North Fairhaven to review the changes at Benoit square and to stop at the Rescue Café. I was able to join the ride and it was great to see the way Will Gardner and Myles Grant were able to bring people together for a social event and combine that with a discussion about improving the streets in Fairhaven. The committee is working with Public Works to consider a pilot project to make changes at the intersection of Bridge St. and Adams Street in the coming months.



Members of the Bike and Brew Crew reviewing pilot project for traffic control at Benoit Square.