

Fairhaven Planning Board  
*Minutes*  
Tuesday, May 12, 2020 – 6:30pm  
REMOTE MEETING – VIA ZOOM MEETING  
Town Hall, 40 Center Street,  
Fairhaven MA 02719

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1. **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- a. **Chair's Welcome and Media Notification**  
John Farrell opened the meeting at 6:30p.m.

**b. Quorum/Attendance**

**Present:** John Farrell, Ann Richard, John Malaspino, Cathy Melanson and Geoff Haworth were present remotely through a zoom venue as was the recording secretary Pattie Pacella.

**Absent:** Wayne Hayward, Jeffrey Lucas and Rene Fleurent, Jr.

Mr. Foley, Town Planner was also in attendance as the Zoom Host in the Town Hall Banquet Room.

Cathy Melanson made a motion not to have roll call votes on individual voting and was seconded by Ann Richard. The motion passed unanimously.

c. **Minutes:** April 28, 2020 draft to be reviewed

Ann Richard made a motion to approve the April 28, 2020 draft minutes and was seconded by Cathy Melanson. The motion passed unanimously.

d. **Planning Board Bills:**

Mr. Foley advised there was one bill of \$47.45 from WB Mason and it was a keyboard for him to use at his home during this COVID19 crisis. He said it should be a reimbursable bill from the pandemic situation.

Ms. Melanson made a motion to approve the \$47.45 bill from WB Mason and was seconded by Ann Richard. The motion passed unanimously.

e. **Correspondence:** None

f. **Upcoming Schedule:**

The Planning Board has a May 26, 2020 meeting scheduled, but will discuss further.

g. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

a. **Public Hearings:** None

b. **Upcoming Public Hearings:** To be rescheduled

i. **NFIP Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) Update:** May 26 - Recommendation to Select Board.

ii. **Text Amendment to allow Special Permits for up to 3 years:** May 26

iii. **RZ 2020-01: Crow Island Rezone to MU:**

i. **LONG RANGE PLANNING:**

- a. Town Planner Update: Complete Streets; Redevelopment Study; Draft Response to Preliminary North Fairhaven Truck Analysis by SRPEDD.  
Reviewed above.

j. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. Any other business that may properly come before the Board, not reasonably anticipated when posting 48 hours prior to this meeting.

Mr. Farrell asked for a member to represent Planning Board to the Economic Development Study Committee. Mr. Foley stated the Committee has not met since January, and the Chair has been hesitant to meet. Mr. Foley is hopefully moving forward with meeting one time a month. Mr. Farrell made a motion to appoint Mr. Haworth to the EDC and was seconded by Ann Richard. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Foley stated they he is attending a virtual SRPEDD meeting tomorrow. Mr. Foley as a member, and Mr. Furtado as alternate. Mr. Foley stated he has also met with Mr. Furtado about the Complete Streets Grant and they are in conversations regarding that. He said they are also discussing potential projects for the Prioritization Plan. Part of the Prioritization Plan is to identify 15 projects that address all transportation modes for all ages and abilities. Once the Policy and Plan are approved by MassDOT The Town becomes eligible for up to \$400,000 a year to receive grant money for completing the projects.

Cathy Melanson made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Ann Richard. The motion passed unanimously at 7:20 p.m.

Respectively submitted,  
Patricia A. Pacella  
Recording Secretary