

# Town of Fairhaven

**Historical Commission**  
Fairhaven Town Hall  
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**Present:** Wayne Oliveira, Vicki Oliveira, MJ Carvalho, Selectman Keith Silvia, Planning Director Paul Foley (arrived at 6:47)

**Present via Zoom:** Gary Lavalette

Chairman Oliveira opened the meeting at 6:37pm in the Town Hall and via Zoom.

## Minutes

Ms. Carvalho made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2020 meeting. Ms. Oliveira seconded. Vote passed

## Financial Report

Chairman Oliveira reviewed the Historical Commission financial report with members

Mr. Oliveira thanked the Fairhaven Lion's Club for cleaning up the yard of the Old Stone School House on North Street and adding mulch to the planting beds.

## Correspondence

Mr. Oliveira said the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is looking for a member of the Historical Commission to serve on that committee. Ms. Galpin has expressed interest in the past. Ms. Oliveira made a motion to appoint Ms. Galpin to the Community Preservation Committee pending her approval. Ms. Carvalho seconded. Vote passed.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Oliveira in favor, Ms. Oliveira in favor, Ms. Carvalho in favor, Selectman Silvia in favor, Mr. Lavalette in favor.

## Commission Bills

Commission members signed the monthly bills of the Historical Commission.

Chairman Oliveira updated the Board on the Oxford School Bell. The bell has been sent out to be reconditioned and the cost will be \$16,000. Mr. Rees has approved this amount for the cleanup of the bell. Commission members agreed they would like to be involved once the bell is ready to have a permanent home.

## Academy Building

Mr. Oliveira told the Board the windows at the Academy have been repaired and the contractor is ready to start some additional repairs. Mr. Lavalette reported that the window will need locks to keep the sashes together.

Mr. Oliveira said the ADA entrance bid has been awarded to Kneeland Construction Corp., from Medford MA and they hope to break ground before the bad weather.

### **Fire Museum**

Mr. Oliveira said there has been a request from the Protecting Society to restore the 1937 Maxim Fire Truck.

### **Fort Phoenix**

Mr. Oliveira said the Fort entrance is complete and there has been a lot of positive feedback from the community. Mr. Lavalette would like to see the commission apply for CPC money to have some photographs displayed at the Fort showing what the Fort originally looked like.

Mr. Oliveira updated the Board that the American flag at the fort is currently not flying because the flagpole has a broken halyard.

### **Old Stone School House**

Mr. Oliveira said he would like to apply for CPC money to have the gutters and the fascia boards repaired and to have the building repainted. The Commission discussed the idea of adding a walkway to the front entrance to make the front door more accessible for visitors.

### **House Plaque**

Mr. Oliveira said the owners of 38 Green Street should be receiving a letter from the commission for the house plaque that was approved at a previous meeting.

### **Demo Delay**

Mr. Oliveira said he will be meeting with the new building commissioner this week to discuss the demo delay by law.

### **New Business**

Mr. Foley told the Commission that the Mass Historical Commission has a grant that will be available to update the MCRAS. The grant will be beneficial to the demo delay bylaw by updating the list of historical homes.

Ms. Carvalho made a motion to support the Planning Director in applying for the grant. Ms. Oliveira seconded. Vote passed.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Oliveira in favor, Ms. Oliveira in favor, Ms. Carvalho in favor, Selectman Silvia in favor, Mr. Lavalette in favor. Members agreed that town owned Historical buildings that are doing renovations, should discuss their projects with the commission, as the landlords of said buildings.

Mr. Lavalette will try to do a color match for the paint on the front of the Academy Building Clapboards because the paint is peeling.

Ms. Carvalho made a motion to adjourn at 7:34pm. Seconded by Ms. Oliveira, Vote passed.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Oliveira in favor, Ms. Oliveira in favor, Ms. Carvalho in favor, Selectman Silvia in favor, Mr. Lavalette in favor

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki Oliveira

