



Fairhaven Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
May 14, 2021

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Present: Chairman Daniel Freitas, Vice-Chairman Robert Espindola, Selectman Keith Silvia, Town Interim Administrator Wendy Graves and Administrative Assistant Vicki Oliveira

Present via Zoom: Production Coordinator Erick Sa.

The meeting was videotaped on Cable Access and Zoom meeting application.

Chairman Freitas opened the meeting at 4:31 pm in the Town Hall Banquet Room

**Sign Bond Anticipation Note**

Ms. Graves explained this bond note is for short term borrowing for 4 projects:

- Gym Dehumidification for \$283,000
- Fiber Optics for \$155,000
- COA/Rec HVAC for \$200,000
- West Island Sewer for \$700,000

Mr. Espindola made a motion to sign the borrowing documents for a total of \$1,338,000. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

**Approve Articles for the June 12, 2021 Annual Town Meeting**

The Board of Selectmen took the following votes on the Town Meeting Articles:

Mr. Espindola made a motion for Indefinite Postponement of Article 19: Funding Capital Stabilization Fund for \$0. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Mr. Espindola made a motion for Adoption of Article 23C: Academy Building Front Door for \$80,000. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Mr. Espindola made a motion to recommend at Town Meeting, Article 33: Land Acquisition & Engineering design for Public Safety Facility. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Mr. Espindola made a motion to recommend at Town Meeting, Article 45: Transfer from surplus revenue. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Mr. Espindola made a motion to recommend at Town Meeting, Article 57: Rehab new wing at Rogers School. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Mr. Espindola made a motion to recommend at Town Meeting, Article 58: North Street Drainage. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Mr. Freitas made a motion to reconsider Articles 49: Establish ethics Committee, Article 52: Amend Town Bylaw Chapter 516 "Recall elections" and Article 53: Amend Town Bylaw Chapter 516 "Recall elections". Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote passed. (2-1)

Mr. Freitas made a motion to recommend Indefinite postponement for Article 49: Establish ethics Committee. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was passed. (2-1)

Mr. Freitas made a motion to recommend Indefinite postponement for Article 52: Amend Town Bylaw Chapter 516 "Recall elections" Establish ethics Committee. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was passed. (2-1)

Mr. Freitas made a motion to recommend Indefinite postponement for Articles 53: Amend Town Bylaw Chapter 516 "Recall elections" Establish ethics Committee. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was passed. (2-1)

Mr. Espindola stated that he would have preferred to have Articles 49, 52, and 53 recommended to "Yield to Petitioner."

### **Closing and signing of the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting**

Mr. Espindola made a motion to close and sign the warrant for the June 12, 2021 Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)


Mr. Espindola made a motion to schedule additional days for town meeting on June 14 and June 15, 2021 if required. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

### **Notes and Announcements**

Mr. Espindola praised Veteran's Agent Brad Fish and US Veteran George Brownell for organizing a nice Memorial Day celebration that will be aired on Channel 18

Mr. Espindola made a motion to adjourn at 4:48 pm. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Respectfully submitted,



Vicki L. Oliveira

Administrative Assistant

(Approved 06/1/2021)