



Fairhaven Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
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FAIRHAVEN,  
MASS.

**Present:** Vice- Chairman Bob Espindola, Clerk Keith Silvia, Interim Town Administrator Wendy Graves, Attorney Thomas Crotty, Sue Loo, Doug Brady and Administrative Assistant Vicki Oliveira

**Present via Zoom:** Chairman Daniel Freitas

Chairman Freitas requested to have Vice-Chairman Espindola chair the meeting.

Vice- Chairman Bob Espindola opened the meeting at 9:08 pm

Mr. Silvia said “thank you” to the Town’s Information Technology Department for helping the senior citizens in town with their technical issues for town meeting.

**Rogers School Lease**

Mr. Silvia would like to see Article 57: Rehab new wing Rogers School, pass town meeting and help this project move forward; because if it passes there is still not any cost to the tax payers until a lease has been signed between the Town and Southeastern Massachusetts Educational Collaborative (SMEC).

Mr. Espindola would like to wait for the Finance Committee before making a vote. On article 57

Mr. Espindola wants to be sure that the Town Meeting members have the full information before voting at Town Meeting. Mr. Espindola would like the information presented to the public that the Board received at a previous meeting.

Mr. Silvia reminded Mr. Espindola that this lease negotiations can’t move forward without the support at Town Meeting.

Mr. Freitas agreed with Mr. Espindola and would like to see the Town Meeting members have as much information as possible.

Mr. Crotty said most of the information can be shared without compromising the negotiations. Mr. Crotty reminded the Board the Town Meeting vote is approving the borrowing of the funds but the Board will be entering into the contract.

Mr. Espindola asked Mr. Crotty if he received the letter from SMEC stating that they are interested in leasing the 1950’s portion of the school. Mr. Crotty stated he has received the letter and will pass it along to attorney Harrington.

Mr. Silvia made a motion to support Article 57: Rehab new wing of Rogers School and to include all supporting documents and a draft sheet to be presented to town meeting members. Mr. Freitas seconded. Vote passed (2-1)

Mr. Espindola and Mr. Silvia would like to see the negotiating team continue to meet with SMEC.

The Board will not go into executive session as planned.

Mr. Silvia made a motion to adjourn at 9:30 am. Mr. Freitas seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Silvia in favor, Mr. Espindola in favor, Mr. Freitas in favor

Respectfully Submitted,



Vicki Oliveira

Administrative Assistant

(Approved 6/21/2021)