



Fairhaven Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2021

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Present: Chairman Daniel Freitas, Clerk Keith Silvia, Interim Town Administrator Wendy Graves, and Finance Chairman Padraic Elliot

Present via Zoom: Vice-Chairman Robert Espindola, Police Chief Michael Myers, Assistant to the Town Administrator Vicki Oliveira, Erick Sa, Finance Committee members: Robert Grindrod, Lisa Plante, Jessica Dwelly, Bernard Roderick, Jennifer Dupras, Kathi Carter, Tracy Diggins

Meeting was opened at 8:06 am. Chairman Freitas turned the meeting over to Finance Chairman Pat Elliot.

Preparation for Town Meeting

Mr. Elliot said the purpose of this meeting this morning is to review several Articles prior to Town Meeting to bring a balanced budget to the Town Meeting members.

Mr. Elliot asked Ms. Graves how the town stands with Article 9: General Fund Operating Budget. Ms. Graves said the Town will be getting some funds through the CARES Act and there will be money going to the schools

Mr. Elliot discussed the concerns of the Finance Committee for Article 14A: General Fund Capital Plan- SCBA Replacement.

Mr. Elliot discussed Article 7: Roadwork FY21- Bonney Street and explained this was a citizen petitioned article but the Public Works has not an approved project, therefore there is no money in the budget for; Bonney Street.

Mr. Elliot questioned why Article 39: Historic Town Hall Street lamps was not put through as a Capital Improvement project.

Historical Commission Chairman Wayne Oliveira told the committees that he was never directed to the Capital Planning Committee for this project. This project was not approved by the Community Preservation Committee (CPC), then it was added as an article.

Mr. Elliot addressed the wording of Article 57: Rehab new wing at Rogers School, and is worried about the funds coming from free cash.

Ms. Graves said Articles 49: Citizens Petition - establish and Ethics Committee, Article 52: Citizen Petition- amend town bylaw chapter 115 "right to farm" and Article 53: Citizen Petition: Amend town bylaw chapter 516 "recall Elections" should be voted as Pass Over due to the language in the article. Mrs. Graves said the Moderator is waiting to hear back from the petitioner.

Mr. Espindola expressed his concern over Article 57: rehab new wing at Rogers School.

Mr. Freitas would like to see this pass to start the process of SMEC leasing the former Rogers School 1950's addition. Mr. Silvia said he has toured the Rogers School and the building is in sound condition.

Mr. Espindola is worried about missing something that may cost money to the taxpayers.

Ms. Graves said the wording for Article 57 has been reworded to include SMEC.

Mr. Silvia made a motion to recommend adoption for Article 19: Funding Capital Stabilization Fund-FY22. Mr. Espindola seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

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

Mr. Silvia made a motion for Pass Over due to the language for article 49: Citizens Petition- Establish an ethics committee. Mr. Freitas seconded. Vote passed (2-1)

Roll Call vote: Mr. Silvia in favor, Mr. Freitas in favor, Mr. Espindola opposed

Mr. Silvia made a motion to Pass Over due to the language Article 52: Citizens Petition- amend Town Bylaw Chapter 516 "recall Elections" Mr. Freitas seconded. Vote passed. (2-1)

Roll Call vote: Mr. Silvia in favor, Mr. Freitas in favor, Mr. Espindola opposed

Mr. Silvia made a motion to Pass Over due to the language article 53: Citizens petition- amend Town Bylaw Chapter 516 "Recall Elections". Mr. Freitas seconded. Vote passed (2-1)

Roll Call vote: Mr. Silvia in favor, Mr. Freitas in favor, Mr. Espindola opposed

Mr. Espindola made a motion to transfer \$285,000 from surplus revenue for the reduction of the tax levy. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

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

Year End Transfers

The Board voted on year end transfers as follows

Mr. Espindola made a motion to approve the Planning Department transfer of \$550. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Roll call vote: Mr. Silvia in favor, Mr. Espindola in favor, Mr. Freitas in favor

Mr. Espindola made a motion to approve the Historical Commission transfer of \$525. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous (3-0)

Roll call vote: Mr. Silvia, in favor, Mr. Espindola in favor, Mr. Freitas in favor

Mr. Espindola made a motion approve the Fire Department transfer of \$5000. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Roll call vote: Mr. Silvia in favor, Mr. Espindola in favor, Mr. Freitas in favor

Mr. Espindola made a motion to approve the Conservation Department transfer of \$1600. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Roll call vote: Mr. C in favor, Mr. Epindola in favor, Mr. Freitas in favor

Mr. Espindola made a motion to approve the Police Department transfer of \$41,000. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Roll call vote: Mr. Silvia in favor, Mr. Epindola in favor, Mr. Freitas in favor

Mr. Espindola made a motion to approve the Police Department transfer of \$17,800. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Roll call vote: Mr. Silvia in favor, Mr. Epindola in favor, Mr. Freitas in favor

Mr. Espindola made a motion to approve the Animal Control Department transfer of \$1,200. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Roll call vote: Mr. Silvia in favor, Mr. Epindola in favor, Mr. Freitas in favor

The meeting adjourned to town Meeting

Selectman Silvia joined town meeting remotely.

The Moderator opened town meeting at 9:10 am

Town Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm to be continued to Monday, June 14, 2021

Town Moderator Mark Sylvia re-opened Town Meeting on Monday, June 14, 2021 at 7:01 pm

Selectman Espindola was in attendance in place of Selectman Freitas at the Hastings Middle School.

At 9:58 pm a motion was made to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



Vicki Oliveira
Administrative Assistant
(Approved 6/21/2021)

