



**Fairhaven Select Board  
Meeting Minutes  
August 30, 2021**

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FAIRHAVEN,  
MASS.

**Present:** Chairman Robert Espindola, Vice-Chairwoman Stasia Powers, Clerk Keith Silvia, Interim Town Administrator Wendy Graves, Cable operator Nick Doyle and Administrative Assistant Vicki Oliveira

**Also Present:** School Committee members, Brian Monroe, Pamela Kuechler, Donna McKenna, Kyle Bueno and Colin Veitch

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

Chairman Robert Espindola opened the meeting at 5:03 pm in the Town Hall Banquet Room.

The purpose of this joint meeting with the School Committee is to interview candidates for the seat left vacant on the School Committee, when Selectwoman Powers was elected to the Select Board on July 26, 2021. The term will expire in April 2022.

**Appointment to the School Committee**

Chairman Espindola explained the candidates will be interviewed separately, each being asked the same set of questions.

Erik Andersen, Cathleen Marchessault, Robert Pimental each met with the Boards to answer a series of questions by the Board members. Each candidate was given some time to explain a little bit about themselves and why they would like to be on the School Committee.

At the conclusion of the interviews the candidates all returned to the Banquet room.

The Boards thanked the candidates for their time and decision to step forward and apply for the vacant seat.

Mr. Monroe made a motion to nominate Mr. Anderson for the School Committee vacancy. Mr. Bueno seconded.

Mr. Silvia made a motion to nominate Ms. Marchessault for the School Committee vacancy. Mr. Espindola seconded.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Ms. McKenna in favor of Mr. Anderson, Ms. Powers in favor of Mr. Anderson, Mr. Veitch in favor of Mr. Anderson, Mr. Espindola in favor of Ms. Marchessault, Mr. Monroe in favor of Mr. Anderson, Ms. Kuechler in favor of Mr. Anderson, Mr. Bueno in favor of Mr. Anderson, Mr. Silvia in favor of Ms. Marchessault

Mr. Anderson was appointed to the School Committee until the April 2022 election by a 6-2 vote. Mr. Anderson thanked the Boards for the opportunity to serve on the School Committee.

*The School Board and the three candidates left the Banquet Room at 6:06 pm*

#### **Update on Mask mandate**

Ms. Graves updated the Board regarding some positive cases of COVID in the Town Hall and has enforced the mask wearing while in the building. The Board discussed the options and will revisit this at the next meeting to determine if more mandates will be needed.

*Mr. Silvia left the room at 6:11 pm*

#### **Town Administrator position statement**

The Board discussed the updated position statement and read through the edits.

Ms. Powers made a motion to approve the final revision of the Town Administrator position statement. Mr. Espindola seconded. (2-0-1)

*Mr. Silvia returned to the room at 6:15 pm*

#### **Notes and Announcements**

Ms. Powers said she went to the Bristol County Advisory meeting where she was elected as the clerk for the committee. Ms. Powers said a large topic of discussion at the meeting was the ARPA funds.

Ms. Powers met with the Lagoa Committee and the committee will be asking Town Art Curator, Mark Badwey for his advice on the display being sent over from the Azores.

Mr. Silvia said he toured Rogers School last week and members of the Rogers Reuse Committee have done a great job cleaning the school. Because Mr. Espindola was away that day he said he would like to go for a tour also.

Mr. Espindola said the Board has received correspondence from the Tree Warden to tour the tree canopy in the Center.

At 6:23 pm Ms. Powers made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Respectfully submitted,



Vicki L. Oliveira  
Administrative Assistant  
(Approved 09/13/2021)