

Minutes of the Fairhaven Finance Committee

Wednesday April 20, 2022

Meeting called to order 6:31pm

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Members present: Padraic Elliot, Lisa Plante, Carolyn Roberts, Jennifer Dupras, Kathi Carter, (joined @ 6:43pm)

FAIRHAVEN,
MASS.

Guests present: Wendy Graves, Treasurer, Angeline Lopes Ellison, Town Administrator, Chief Todd Correia, Fire Chief

Carolyn Roberts nominated as recording secretary – voted unanimous

Chairman Pat Elliot notified the committee of the resignation of Chris Fidalgo due to recent move to precinct 1.

Reserve fund transfer requests:

\$10,000 from equipment to personnel - Chief Correia explained this was due to an unexpected retirement and need to hire new replacement

Motion to accept made by Lisa, Jenn 2nd – Vote 4 -0

\$7500 from repair and main building

Motion to accept made by Lisa, Jenn 2nd - Vote 4-0

General \$600 to training

Motion to accept made by Lisa, Jenn 2nd - Vote 5-0

From general \$3500 to medical services

Motion by to accept made by Lisa, Jenn 2nd – Vote 5-0

Update on safety complex – nothing finalized as yet – perhaps early May

General Operating Budget:

Total operating revenue \$56,046,953 –

Wendy gave a general explanation: property taxes, state aid, local receipts proposed at what was predicted. These are conservative estimates. Each line individually reviewed and estimates based on what we know.

Expenses: Departments entered their need/want. Angeline Ellison, the new Town Administrator cut all new positions until she can have to time to review. Each department was reviewed compared to prior year. Departments agreed with cuts. Cuts in salary lines for new positions to be revisited later in the year.

Wendy reported the balance in reserve funds will be \$35,594 after transfers tonight.

Reviewed Warrant:

Article 4: hold

A. \$20,061 for select board FY22: FY23 requesting \$25,000.

Article 5: hold

Article 6: General Fund Operating Budget Adjustments -More needs to be added

Article 9: Water Enterprise Fund Operating Budget

Salaries & Wages	\$675,282
Expenses:	\$617,550
Water district	\$1,345,452
Indirect costs	\$ 518,699
Reserve fund water	\$ 50,000
Debt	\$ 285,651
Total water enterprise	\$3,492,634

Motion to accept Lisa, Jenn 2nd – passed 5-0

Article 10 Sewer Enterprise Operating Fund

Salaries and wages	\$ 1,151,989
Indirect cost for general	\$ 714,378
Reserve fund sewer	\$ 50,000
Debt	\$1,190,792
Total	\$4,332,234

Further transfers to sewer enterprise fund

Sewer Betterment West Island	\$80,000
Sewer Betterment SN Rd	\$27,515
FB Reserve Betterment Boulder Park	\$ 9,964
FB Reserve Betterment SN Rd	\$50,000

Motion to accept Lisa, Jenn 2nd – passed 5-0

Expenses: \$1,24,825

Motion to accept Lisa, Jenn 2nd - passed 5-0

Article 11: Town cable enterprise

Salaries	\$ 157,812
Expenses	\$ 34,400
Indirect	\$ 15,510
Total	\$ 207,722

Motion to accept Lisa, Jenn 2nd - passed 5-0

Article 12 School cable enterprise fund:

Salaries	\$ 129,930
Expenses	\$ 31,779
Indirect	\$ 50
Total:	\$ 161,759

Lisa move; jenn 2nd 5-0

Article 13 General Fund Capital Plan - hold til later

Article 23 Revolving Funds FY23

Motion to authorize as stated made by Lisa, Jenn2nd vote: 5-0

Article 26 Retirement Cola increase - hold

Article 29 Tree Warden from Elected to Appointed - hold

Article 32 Town Hall A/C splits - hold

Article 33 Town Hall repairs - hold

Article 34 Municipal Light Plant - hold

Article 35 Propagation of Shellfish Disturbed by Dredging

- Motion to accept made by Lisa, Jenn 2nd vote: 5-0

Article 36 Update General Provisions of Bylaw Section 1-6

-Motion to accept made by Lisa, Jenn 2nd vote: 5-0

Article 37 Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment Grant

\$10,000 25% match - hold

Article 38 Wetlands Bylaw IUpdates

Motion yield to petition made by Lisa, Jenn 2nd vote: 5-0

Article 39 Hazard Mitigation Plan Grant Match - Hold

Article 40 Public Shade Tree Bylaw -FY23 to be at town Meeting

Article 43 Bridge Street Engineering Design FY23

motion to recommend at town meeting made by Lisa, Jenn 2nd vote: 5-0

Article 44 - Union Wharf purchase - hold

Article 45 Mattapoisett River Valley Water District Borrowing

Motion to accept by Lisa, Jenn 2nd, vote: 5-0

Article 46 Seaport Economic Council Grant West Island Dredging - Hold

Article 47 Seaport Economic Council Grant – Union Wharf North Side - hold

Article 48 Rogers School – hold

Article 51 Sewer Reserve For Future Debt FY22

\$54,876 transfer

Motion to accept by Lisa, Jenn 2nd, vote: 5-0

Article 53 and 54 street acceptances –

Yield to petitioner motion by Lisa, Jenn 2nd, vote: 5-0

Article 55 street lights hold

Article 58 Transfer from Surplus Revenue FY23

recommend approval to town meeting motion made by Lisa, Jenn 2nd vote: 5-0

Return to Article 13 General Fund Capital Plan

Recommend approval on items: A C D F G H I J K L N O P Q

Motion made by Lisa, Jenn 2nd vote: 5-0

Hold on items: B E M

Return to General Fund Operating Budget:

Brief discussion: Lisa – are rising prices taken into consideration. Not at this time.

New positions have been removed for further review by new Town Administrator.

Article 29 Tree Warden from Elected to Appointed FY23

Motion to be made at town meeting by Lisa, Jenn 2nd, vote: 5-0

Article 40 Public Shade Tree Bylaw

– recommend motion to be made at town meeting Lisa, Jenn 2nd 5-0

Motion to adjourn made by Lisa, Jenn 2nd, vote: 5 -0

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Roberts

Acting Recording Secretary

