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## Town of Fairhaven

### HISTORICAL COMMISSION

May 4, 2022

FAIRHAVEN,  
MASS.

**Present:** Wayne Oliveira, MJ Carvalho, David Braga, Gary Lavalette, Mike Kelly, John Medeiros, Natalie Mello, Selectman Keith Silvia and Vicki Oliviera

**Also Present:** Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison

**Absent:** Gail Isaksen

Chairman Oliveira opened the meeting at 6:32 pm.

#### Minutes

Mr. Medeiros made a motion to approve the minutes from April 13, 2022. Ms. Carvalho seconded. Vote was unanimous.

#### Financial Report

Mr Oliveira said the Eversource bills have not been delivered so the members will have to stop by Town Hall to sign the form once the bills are received. The only other bills this month for Proficient and for Fairhaven Alarms.

#### Guest

Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison and the Commission exchanged introductions. Ms. Ellison told the member she is an available resource and a collaborator and will work with the Commission Members to help maintain the town buildings. Members welcomed her to town and are looking forward to having a long working relationship.

#### Chairman's report

Mr. Oliveira has spoken to an employee of the State regarding the Bridge Plaque but is now unable to get in touch with Rex Monument. The state does not want to have the pillar removed and would prefer to have the work done on site. Representative Straus was influential in helping the State contact us through a real person and not email.

Mr. Oliveira and Historical Society President Tim Evans will work together to apply for Community Preservation funds for FY24 to have the windows at the Academy Building restored.

Mr. Lavalette will reach out to Mrs. Luey at the Historical Society to offer some guidance on the windows.

Mr. Oliveira reminded members to vote favorably at Town Meeting on the Commission's Articles on this year's warrant.

Mr.Oliveira will have Cotrill Brothers start the project at the Old Stone Schoolhouse and the Vocational students will begin rebuilding the fence soon.

Mr.Oliveira reported the ramp exit at the Academy Is still in progress due to the delay in getting the correct door frame. Mr. Lavalette and Mr. Oliveira will go paint the lines in the parking lot.

Members discussed the different projects that are still ongoing and exchanged ideas.

### **Signing of the bills**

Members signed this month's bills

### **Academy**

Mr Oliveira will have a contractor fix the balusters at the top of the bell tower.

### **Fire museum**

Nothing going on at fire museum

### **Fort phoenix**

Mr.Lavalette said the State has redone the parking lot on the State side of Fort Phoenix and covered one of the drains causing the Town parking lot to flood when it rains. The Town electrician will be adding an outlet to the outside of the bunker.

### **Old stone school house**

Chairman spoke about repairs during the Chairman's Report

### **House plaque**

No house plaques at this time.

### **Demo delay**

The Board discussed the Demo Delay bylaw and other towns and how they are struggling with their versions of the by law. Mr. Oliveira will follow up with other towns to see how they are handling their demo delay

### **New Business**

Mr. Medeiros inquired about the Oxford School Bell and its status. Mr. Oliveira provided an update on the bell stating it is being cleaned and the housing is being worked on. There will be more updates as the work progresses.

Ms.Mello made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Carvalho seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Oliveira