



# Town of Fairhaven

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## Meeting Minutes of Fairhaven Finance Committee – Thursday, October 13, 2022

Members Present: Padraic Elliott (Chair), Peter Gardner, Linda Gallant, Robert Grindrod, Carolyn Roberts, Steve Levesque, Claire Millette, Terry Szala, Jennifer Dupras & Denise Barr,

Members Not Present: Lisa Plante (Vice-Chair)

Town of Fairhaven Staff Present - Wendy Graves, Vinny Furtado

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM (Zoom Meeting)

### Approval of Meeting Minutes from previous meetings

- Motion to approve minutes of the July 5, 2022, meeting made by Robert Grindrod. Seconded by Carolyn Roberts. Vote unanimous (10-0)
- Motion to approve minutes of the October 6, 2022, meeting made by Claire Millette. Seconded by Robert Grindrod. Vote Unanimous (10-0)

Wendy Grave Reported on status of Free cash for Fiscal 2022. There is an estimated amount of \$6,307,860.40 in Free Cash – this number has not yet been certified.

### Warrant for Fall Town meeting

- ARTICLE 1: AMEND FY23 GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET
  - Union contracts have not been settled
  - Motion made by Robert Grindrod to Recommend that Town Meeting Approve items 1 and 2A-2B of the article. Seconded by Claire Millette. Unanimous vote 10-0
  - Motion made by Claire Millett to Recommend At Town Meeting items 2C-2E and 3A-3W. Seconded by Robert Grindrod. Unanimous vote 10-0
- ARTICLE 2: AMEND FY23 WATER ENTERPRISE OPERATING BUDGET
  - Motion made by Claire Millett to Recommend that Town Meeting Approve. Seconded by Robert Grindrod. Unanimous vote 10-0
- ARTICLE 3: SPECIAL EDUCATION RESERVE FUND
  - Motion made by Claire Millette to Recommend that Town Meeting Vote to Transfer \$58,000 from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) be deposited in the Special Education Reserve Fund as authorized by Chapter 40, Section 13E of the General Laws. Seconded by Carolyn Roberts. Unanimous vote 10-0
- ARTICLE 4: SOUTH STREET PUMP STATION VALVE REPLACEMENT
  - Motion made by Claire Millette to Recommend that the Town Vote to Transfer \$50,000 from Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings to replace a valve at the South Street Pumping Station. Seconded by Carolyn Roberts. Unanimous vote 10-0
- ARTICLE 5: HOME RULE PETITION
  - Motion made by Robert Grindrod to yield to Petitioner. Seconded by Claire Millette. Unanimous vote 10-0
- ARTICLE 6: BILLS OF PRIOR YEAR – Paid from FY23 funds

- Motion made by Claire Millett to Recommend Town Meeting Approve \$535.30 for a bill of a prior year, with the funds coming from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash). Seconded by Carolyn Roberts. Unanimous vote 10-0
- ARTICLE 7: TOWN HALL ELEVATOR
  - Discussion - committee advises custodian to get at least one more quote
  - Motion made by Claire Millette to Recommend that the Town Vote to Transfer \$8,250 from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) to fix the Town Hall elevator. Seconded by Robert Grindrod. Unanimous vote 10-0
- ARTICLE 8: TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE FURNITURE
  - New quote received from Regal House and Town Administration is now asking for \$17,000
  - Motion made by Robert Grindrod to Recommend At Town Meeting. Seconded by Claire Millette. Unanimous vote 10-0
- ARTICLE 9: AMBULANCE REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS
  - Motion made by Claire Millette to Recommend that Town Meeting Appropriate \$75,000 from Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation. Seconded by Robert Grindrod. Unanimous vote 10-0
- ARTICLE 10: SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOLS
  - Motion made by Steve Levesque to Yield to Petitioner. Carolyn Roberts seconded. Unanimous vote 10-0
- ARTICLE 11: THERMAL CAMERA SYSTEM – HARBORMASTER BOAT
  - Discussion around having Harbor Master remove the camera himself which would bring the cost down to \$7,810
  - Motion made by Terry Szala to Recommend that Town Meeting Move to transfer \$7,810 from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) for the replacement of the Harbormaster Thermal Camera System. Seconded by Claire Millette. Unanimous vote 10-0

Jennifer Dupras exited the meeting.

- ARTICLE 12: FUND LABOR CONTRACTS FY23
  - Motion made by Claire Millette to Recommend at Town Meeting. Seconded by Carolyn Roberts. Unanimous vote (9-0)
- ARTICLE 13: FIRE ENGINE 4 REPAIR
  - Motion made by Claire Millette to Recommend the Town Meeting Move to Transfer \$70,000 from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) for the repair of Fire Engine 4. Seconded by Carolyn Roberts. Unanimous vote (9-0)

Jennifer Dupras returned to meeting.

- ARTICLE 14: EMERGENCY POLICE BOAT REPAIRS
  - Motion made by Robert Grindrod to Recommend at Town Meeting. Seconded by Claire Millette. Unanimous vote 10-0
- ARTICLE 15: APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL OFFICERS
  - Motion made by Claire Millett to Yield to Petitioner. Seconded by Robert Grindrod. Unanimous vote (10-0)
- ARTICLE 16: PUBLIC SHADE TREE BYLAW
  - Decision to invite the Tree Warden and Town Planner to discuss and clarify what in this article would require additional expense.
  - Motion made by Claire Millette to Recommend At Town Meeting. Carolyn Roberts. Unanimous vote (10-0)
- ARTICLE 17: CITIZENS PETITION – REDUCE SALARY OF TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

- Motion made by Terry Szala to Recommend Indefinite Postponement. Seconded by Carolyn Roberts. Unanimous Vote (10-0)
- ARTICLE 18: CITIZENS PETITION - STREET ACCEPTANCE ALVES WAY 2-10
  - Motion made by Robert Grindrod to Yield to Petitioner – Seconded by Claire Millette. Unanimous Vote (10-0)
- ARTICLE 19: CITIZENS PETITION – HARD SURFACE SANDRA LANE
  - Motion made by Terry Szala Recommend Indefinite Postponement. Seconded by Jennifer Dupras. Unanimous Vote (10-0)

Motion to adjourn made by Robert Grindrod. Seconded by Claire Millette. Unanimous Vote (10-0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Barr  
Finance Committee

