

Town of Fairhaven

Town Hall - 40 Center Street - Fairhaven, MA 02719



Belonging Committee

Date, Time, and Location:

January 25, 2023 @ 6:30 PM, Town Hall

Remote via ZOOM: 1-929-205-6099; Meeting ID: 892 1866 8394;

Passcode: 686316

Live recording available at: <https://livestream.com/fairhavenlive/events/9874004>

Meeting Overview:

1. Call to order
2. Quorum/Attendance
3. Approve prior minutes - December 13, 2022
4. Guest Presentation - Rotary Club
5. Reorganization
6. Black History Month Planning - Jibreel Khazan Discussion
7. Cultural Council Grant Announcement & Planning
8. Friends of the Library - Invite
9. Reporting of Human Rights Violation to the Belonging Committee website
10. Student Draft Logo

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Old Business

11. Items not previously anticipated/Board member comments
12. Next meeting date
13. Adjourn

-Key-**BOLD** = Issue being discussed = Notes, indentation for more notes

Member Attendance (7):

- Kylie Bateman, Chair; Jessica Fidalgo, Vice Chair; Greg Weider; Laura Barilaro; Rachel Medeiros; Alliea Group; Cameron Durant, Staff Liaison, Ex Officio.
- Absent: Eryn Spencer Tomascik; Jill Sullivan, School Representative, Ex Officio; Officer Jerome Penha, Police Department Representative, Ex Officio; Leon E. Correy, III, Select Board Representative, Ex Officio.
- Vacant Positions: Fire Department Representative, Ex Officio.

Guests:

- Jeanine Lopes, Pattie Pacella

Call to Order: The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Kylie Bateman, Chair, and the Media Notification was read.

PAST MINUTES: December meeting minutes to be reviewed at the next meeting.

TONIGHT'S AGENDA

Chairperson Welcome and Attendance Roll Call

- As quorum was confirmed after a roll call, the meeting proceeded.

Guest Presentation: Jeanine Lopes and Pattie Pacella introduced themselves and the Fairhaven Rotary District 7950 (<https://rotary7950.com/clubinfol/fairhaven>).

As part of the global organization, Rotary International (<https://www.rotary.org/en>), they work to “provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

A few examples of their work in our community:

1. Fairhaven High School service-based college scholarships
2. Food and gift drives
3. Meal and service-based events
4. Group fitness classes

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Rachel Medeiros and seconded by Laura Barillaro to co-sponsor with the Rotary Club, a Food Drive, “April Food Day” to be held on April 1st, 9 am-1 pm at the Fairhaven Town Hall to the M.O. Life, Inc. Food Pantry (<https://www.mollfelnc.com/our-services/>) and Shepherd’s Food Pantry (<https://uufairhaven.org/shepherds-pantry/>); A roll call vote was called; the motion passed unanimously.

New Member Introduction

Alliea Group, who was sworn in as a member of the committee on January 20, 2023, introduced herself and was welcomed to the committee.

Reorganization:

Open Positions:

Secretary: *After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Jessica Fidalgo to nominate Alliea Group as Secretary; A roll-call vote was taken; motion carried unanimously.*

Chair: Kylie Bateman thanked the committee and submitted a verbal resignation as the Chair and as a member of the committee, a formal resignation will be sent to the Select Board prior to the committee’s next meeting.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Laura Barilaro to nominate Jessica Fidalgo as Chair; A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Vice-Chair: As Jessica Fidalgo previously held the Vice-Chair position, this position is now open. The committee will discuss this opening at our next meeting.

Black History Month:

February is Black History Month, an annual celebration of the history and achievements of African-Americans in the United States. The committee is working to schedule a discussion with Jibreel Khazan, a civil rights activist widely known as a member of the Greensboro Four, a group of African-American students who protested segregation by defying law and sitting down at a white only section of a Woolworth in Greensboro, NC on February 1, 1960. This protest was a major turning point in the Civil Rights Movement, and the fight to end legal segregation. More information will be provided at our next meeting.

Cultural Council Grant Announcement & Planning

The Fairhaven Cultural Council offers grants to Fairhaven-based organizations to promote history and culture. For more information, please visit:
<https://massculturalcouncil.org/local-council/fairhaven/>

Friends of the Library – Invite

The Millicent Library will host a series in honor of Black History Month. For more information, visit: <http://millicentlibrary.org/>

Reporting of Human Rights Violation to Belonging Committee website

A brief discussion was held regarding providing alternative ways of reporting human rights violations to the town. Residents are encouraged to report potential violations to the Fairhaven Police Department, either in person or via the online form:
<https://fairhavenpolice.org/submit-a-tip/>. The committee will continue researching potential alternative methods.

Any Other Business

No other reported issues

Next Meeting: Due to a schedule conflict, the next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 6:30 PM.

Adjournment: *A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jessica Fidalgo and seconded by Rachel Medeiros; A roll call vote was taken; motion carried unanimously.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM

Signed by:

Alliea E. Grouppe, Clerk.

