

**Town of Fairhaven**  
Town Hall - 40 Center Street - Fairhaven, MA 02719



**Belonging Committee**

**Date, Time, and Location:**

February 9, 2023 @ 6:30 P.M., 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 and January 25, 2022
4. Guest Presentation – Justina Perry, Buy Black New Bedford
5. Reorganization
6. Black History Month Planning - Jibreel Khazan Discussion & Planning
7. Cultural Council Grant Announcement & Planning
8. April Food Drive – collaboration with Fairhaven Rotary, Discussion & Planning
9. Reporting of Human Rights Violation to the Belonging Committee website
10. Fairhaven TV/Belonging Committee Show - Discussion & Planning
11. Women's History Month - Discussion & Planning
12. Student Draft Logo

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**Old Business**

11. Friends of the Library – Invitation
12. Next meeting date - March 8, 2023
13. Adjourn

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

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*In attendance:*

Members: Jessica Fidalgo, Chair; Alliea E. Group, Clerk; Rachel Medeiros; Greg Weider, Erin Spencer Tomascik  
Ex Officio: Leon E. Correy III, Select Board Rep; Cameron Durant, Staff Liaison;  
Jerome Penha, Police Department Rep.

*Absent:*

Members: Laura Barilaro  
Ex Officio: Jull Sullivan, School Dept. Rep.; Vacant Position: Fire Department Representative.

Guests: Justine Perry, Buy Black New Bedford.

**Call to Order:** The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Jessica Fidalgo, Chair who presented the Media Notification.

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## **PAST MINUTES:**

*A motion was made by Rachel Medeiros and seconded by Jessica Fidalgo to approve the minutes for the meeting held on December 13, 2022; A roll call vote was held and the motion carried unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Jessica Fidalgo and seconded by Rachel Medeiros to approve the minutes from the meeting held on January 25, 2023 with the approved amendments; A roll call vote was held, the motion carried unanimously.*

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## **TONIGHT'S AGENDA**

### **Chairperson Welcome and Attendance Roll Call**

- As quorum was confirmed, the meeting proceeded.

**Guest Presentation:** Justine Perry, Buy Black New Bedford.

For those seeking to support local black-owned businesses or to help support the work of this organization, please visit the website: <https://www.buyblacknb.com/> or visit them on social media at:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BuyBlackNB>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/buyblacknb/?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y%3D>

YouTube: @buyblacknb2883

An exciting opportunity to support the organization is by supporting or attending the upcoming Black Excellence Gala to be held on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 6-10 pm. For more information, please visit: <https://www.buyblacknb.com/the-black-excellence-gala>

### **Reorganization:**

Open Positions:

*Vice Chair:* The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

### **Updates:**

### **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's 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. The Belonging Committee will be presenting a proclamation, signed by the Fairhaven Select Board, in honor of his work.

**The committee confirmed that the event has been scheduled for February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5-7:00 pm at the Fairhaven Senior Center located at 229 Huttleston Ave.**

## **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/> The Belonging Committee has submitted a grant request, more information will be provided at the next meeting.

## **April Food Day**

Food scarcity is impacting Fairhaven and as a committee, we will be hosting a Food Drive in cooperation with the Fairhaven Rotary Club on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> from 9 am-1 pm at the Fairhaven Town Hall located at 40 Center St. to support the M.O. Life, Inc. Food Pantry (<https://www.molifeinc.com/our-services/>) and Shepherd's Food Pantry (<https://uufairhaven.org/shepherds-pantry/>). For more information, please visit: <https://www.facebook.com/fairhavenrotary/posts/2571513796420324/>

## **Reporting of Human Rights Violation to Belonging Committee website**

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 to seek ways to provide educational and cultural events to address and monitor violations reported in Fairhaven.

## **Fairhaven TV/Belonging Committee**

A proposal was made to create an opportunity to showcase individual experiences with identity-based prejudices in collaboration with Fairhaven TV.

*A motion was made by Rachel Medeiros to approve moving forward with planning this event and was seconded by Alliea Group; A roll call vote was held, the motion carried unanimously.*

## **Women's History Month**

### **Friends of the Library – Invite**

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

*A motion was made by Rachel Medeiros and seconded by Alliea Group to authorize the Chair, Jessica Fidalgo, to investigate the possibility of hosting a Women's Social Hour in collaboration with the Millicent Library as part of their Women's History Month event series; A roll call vote was held, the motion carried unanimously.*

**Student Draft Logo:** As Jill Sullivan was not able to be present at this meeting, the discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

**Any Other Business**

No other reported issues

**Next Meeting:** March 8, 2023 at 6:30 pm

**Adjournment:**

*A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Alliea Group and seconded by Jessica Fidalgo; A roll call vote was taken; motion carried unanimously.*

**Meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM**

Alliea E. Group

Signed by: