



Town of Fairhaven

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Town of Fairhaven Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes, 30 March 2023

Members Present – Pat Elliott, Claire Millette, Bob Grindrod, Linda Gallant, Terry Szala, Steve Levesque, and Peter Gardner

Members Not Present – Lisa Plante

Town of Fairhaven Staff Present – Angie Lopes-Ellison, Ann Carreiro

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

Prior Meeting Minutes with edits approved by unanimous vote (7-0).

Motion to approve made by Claire Millette, seconded by Steve Levesque.

1. Discussion of back up to vice chair, the clerk would act as back up.
2. Revised draft warrant articles presented.
3. Vote on general fund budget approvals.

Dept Name	Item	Decision	Motion	Second	Vote
Select Board / Town Admin	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
General Gov't	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Econ Dev Comm	Salary / Wages	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Econ Dev Comm	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Board of Appeals	Salary / Wages	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Board of Appeals	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Conservation Comm	Salary / Wages	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Conservation Comm	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Buzzards Bay Comm	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Plan & Development	Salary / Wages	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0

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Police / Animal Control	Salary / Wages	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
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Bldg Dept	Salary / Wages	Yes	Claire	Steve	6-0
	Peter Gardner abstaining				
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Marine Resources	Salary / Wages	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
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Weights & Measures	Salary / Wages	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
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GNBRVT High School	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Bristol County Agricultural	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
BPW Admin	Salary / Wages	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
BPW Admin	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Snow & Ice	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Parks Dept	Salary / Wages	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Parks Dept	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
	Reduce to \$50,500, new equipment				
Tree Dept	Salary / Wages	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Tree Dept	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
	Reduce to \$39,345, gas to \$4/gal				
Sanitation	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Street Lights	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Board of Health	Salary / Wages	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Board of Health	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Council on Aging	Salary / Wages	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Council on Aging	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	4-3
	Linda, Terry & Bob voting against				
Veterans Services	Salary / Wages	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Veterans Services	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Millicent Library	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	6-0
	Bob Grindrod abstaining				

Recreation Dept	Salary / Wages	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Recreation Dept	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Tourism Dept	Salary / Wages	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Tourism Dept	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Fine Arts	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Historical Comm	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Memorial / Veterans Day	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Cultural Council	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Comm on Disability	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Belonging Comm	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Rape Crisis Project	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Contributory Retirement	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Group Insurance	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
MA Employ Security	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Town General Insurance	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Medicare Taxes	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Wind Turbine	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0

4. Discussion of waterways funds to offset Marine Resources expenses.
5. Review of Sanitation expenses, brush chipping
 - a. Vinnie Furtado, DPW Superintendent, joined the meeting via Zoom.
 - b. Reviewed Hwy Dept OPEX
 - i. New equipment
 - ii. Sign exp
 - iii. Repaving Hathaway St & Alpine St
 - iv. Resurfacing & Curbing
6. Discussion of Council on Aging Dues and Professional Gatherings Exp.
7. Discussion of Tourism Dept OPEX, print advertising.
8. Salary Reserve discussion
 - a. Cost of contracts.
 - b. Cost to buy out of Civil Service.
 - c. Promotion of Kevin to Facilities Manager for all town bldg.
 - d. Increase town clerk salary once appointed position.
 - e. Increase poll worker salaries.
 - f. Recompensating increases for non-union staff.
 - g. 2% COLA for non-union staff.
9. Discussion on Fired Dept budget, need copy of chief's presentation.
10. Impact of Fairhaven FF Union press release.
11. Discuss status of collective bargaining agreements.
 - a. Police is settled, should be signed shortly.
 - b. Fire is close to settlement, approximately 95% done.

- c. Sewer department is heading to arbitration.
- 12. Planning of agenda for next meeting.
 - a. Vote salary reserve.
 - b. Vote Enterprise accounts.
 - c. Vote and discuss financial articles.
 - d. Plan for non-financial articles.
- 13. Additional meetings maybe required to fully review budget.

Meeting adjourned at 10:04 by unanimous vote (7-0).

Motion to adjourn made by Claire Millette, seconded by Steve Levesque.

Submitted by Peter Gardner