



Town of Fairhaven

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Town of Fairhaven Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes, 10 April 2023

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

Town of Fairhaven Staff Present – Anne Carreiro, Angie Lopes-Ellison, and Josh Crabb

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm

Prior Meeting Minutes approved by unanimous vote (8-0).

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

1. Discussion of Warrant Articles
2. Police & Fire Unions have signed MOU.
 - a. Selectboard to vote on ratification on 04/18.
 - b. Financial impact of contracts vs. Salary Reserve.
3. Discussion of trend to eliminate retirement buyouts.
 - a. Compensated Absence Reserve Fund to mitigate impact on general fund.
4. Tara Kohler and Brian Monroe joined the meeting to discuss School Dept Budget.
 - a. Reconsider \$250K cut.
 - b. Severe impact on net school spending.
 - c. Fairhaven's spending is lower than comparable communities.
 - d. Transportation doesn't count towards net school spending.
 - e. Final amounts presented was not a raw budget.

Article	Name	Decision	Motion	Second	Vote
5B	Sewer Fund Adj	App	Claire	Steve	8-0
6	Fund Labor Contracts	Town Meeting	Claire	Steve	8-0
11B	Comp Absence Res Fund	App	Claire	Steve	8-0
11C	Retiree.COLA	Town Meeting	Claire	Steve	8-0
12A	CPC App- Open Space	App	Claire	Steve	8-0

12B	CPC App- Hist Res	App	Claire	Steve	8-0
12C	CPC App- Comm House	App	Claire	Steve	8-0
12D	CPC App- Town Hall	App	Claire	Steve	8-0
12E	CPC App- BPW Matt River	App	Claire	Steve	8-0
12F	CPC App- Salt Winds	App	Claire	Steve	8-0
12G	CPC App- Livesey Park	App	Claire	Steve	8-0
12H	CPC App- BPW Bike Path	App	Claire	Steve	7-0
Pat Abstaining					
12I	CPC App- FHA Dana Ct	App	Claire	Steve	8-0
12J	CPC App- Emerg Res Acct	App	Claire	Steve	8-0
12K	CPC App- Library	App	Claire	Steve	8-0
12L	CPC Admin Exp App	App	Claire	Steve	8-0
13	Revolving Funds	App	Claire	Steve	8-0
8A-2	Local Roadwork	App	Claire	Steve	6-2
Bob & Terry against					
8A-3	BPW Admin HVAC	App	Claire	Steve	8-0
8A-4	Backhoe Replacement	App	Claire	Steve	5-3
Bob, Linda & Terry against					
8A-5	Cushman Park Lighting	App	Claire	Steve	8-0
8A-6	COA Paving	App	Claire	Steve	8-0
8A-8	Street Camera Server	App	Claire	Steve	8-0
8A-9	Tactical Ballistic Equip	App	Claire	Steve	8-0
8A-10	Riot Gear	IP	Terry	Steve	8-0

5. Lisa Plante left the meeting at 8:54.
6. Recess from 9:02 to 9:04.

Article	Name	Decision	Motion	Second	Vote
8A-12	Fire Dept A/C	IP	Bob	Terry	6-1
8A-13	Gym Divider Curtain	App	Claire	Peter	6-1
Steve against					
8A-15	Harbormaster Boat Engines	IP	Claire	Steve	7-0
8A-16	Computer Equip Rep	App	Claire	Steve	7-0
8A-17	Town Hall Generator	IP	Bob	Terry	7-0
8A-18	Town Hall Sheathing	App	Claire	Steve	6-1
Terry against					
8A-19	Digitize Paperwork	App	Claire	Steve	7-0
8A-20	Poll Pads	App	Peter	Steve	6-0
Claire abstaining					

8A-21	Storage Shed	App	Peter	Steve	6-0
	Claire abstaining				
8B	Middle School Roof	Town Meeting	Claire	Steve	7-0
8C	COA Roof	App	Claire	Steve	7-0
11A	Fund Reserve Article	App	Claire	Steve	7-0

7. Discussion of Letter from Finance Committee.
8. Agenda for next meeting,
 - a. Joint meeting with Select Board.
 - b. Middle School Borrowing.
 - c. Debt exclusion.
 - d. Posted for meeting on 04/20.

Meeting adjourned at 10:08 by unanimous vote (7-0).

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

Submitted by Peter Gardner