

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Town Hall, 40 Center Street

Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ann Richard at 6:30pm, via Zoom

Present: Chairperson Ann Richard, Bruce Webb, Christin Ritz, Wendy Drumm, Tim Garcia

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CHAIR PERSON'S WELCOME AND MEDIA NOTIFICATION

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT read by Ann Richard

Minutes Past Meeting- Next meeting

Deirdre Healy- Honor by Town- 16 years member- A Proclamation was read about Deirdre at the Select Board meeting, with a description of her many accomplishments on the committee over the years. Town officials thanked her for her service.

Kids Fest Discussion/ Participation- Costume Swap- Reuse/Recycle - There was a discussion of the costume swap and press release that went out for this event. There are bins already located in the Town Hall and hopefully community members will be bringing in donations. It was mentioned at the Select Board meeting as well.

Air Conditioning units- bird bath collection- Town Hall- Bruce had an idea about capturing the water which drops from the AC units at the Town Hall and other buildings. It would be a great idea to have a small container to catch the water for birds. Wendy agreed to research this and see what we could do for next year on town buildings and promote to residents.

CEA- New info- PR from Committee- Bruce will get in touch with Laura about this and discuss options moving forward.

Nip Bottle Bans- New Bedford and Special Town Meeting- Ann and Susan attended the meeting to NB to discuss banning nip bottles in the city. The Liquor Licensing Board voted to ban nip bottles starting Nov. 1, 2023. As of this meeting there is no article proposed for our Fairhaven Special Town meeting to over turn the ban in town.

Local Food Challenge- Marion Institute- South Coast Food Policy- Ann mentioned the local food challenge that was underway, sponsored by the Marion Institute. It is to promote eating food produced locally.

Beach cleanup- Was held on Saturday July 29th 9am -12pm at Hedge St, it was attended by committee members John and Ann. Many community members helped, it was run by Mary Lou Nicholson, Be the Solution to Pollution.

Conservation/Sustainability Coordinator Updates- Discussed above.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 19, 2023

Draft Minutes submitted by Ann Richard