

Fairhaven Historical Commission
Minutes
September 6, 2023

Present: Wayne Oliveira, MJ Carvalho, Michael Kelly, Rick Martin, Natalie Mello, Keith Silvia (Selectboard Liaison), Cam Durant (Staff Liaison)

Meeting called to order 6:31pm.

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from August 2, 2023 (MJ Carvalho, R Martin). Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report: See attached Budget Balance Sheet.

Commission Bills: Commissioners signed two bills.

1. \$721 for Eversource bills and the alarm system at the Academy Building
2. \$1252.82 to Granite City Electrical Supply for streetlights from the special privately funded streetlamp gift account (no town money).

Reorganization of the Commission: Position of Vice Chair to be elected at next meeting. Michael Kelly has been nominated.

Correspondence:

1. Removal of Gary Lavalette from the Commission, letter dated August 7, 2023
2. Resignation of David Braga from the Commission.
3. Open Meeting Law Complaint filed by K Vilandry, dated August 24, 2023

Chair Report:

1. Election of Vice Chair at next meeting.
2. Introduction of Cam Durant as the Staff Liaison to the Commission.

Open Meeting Law Complaint: Commission discussed the response drafted by Chair Oliveira. Commission resolved to include topic bullets under the heading "Chair Report" in future agendas.

Academy Building: Front door work to begin by the end of month.

Fire Museum:

- Washington Street – All three trucks are currently not running.
- Spring Street – Need a Commission member to oversee this property.

Fort Phoenix: Town electrician may install more lighting in the bunker.

Old Stone Schoolhouse: M. Kelly opened the school to the public on September 2nd. Over 50 people visited! The School will be open every other Saturday in September, once in October, twice in November, and once in December. No date yet for ramp installation.

Streetlamp Project: Nils Isaksen reported that all cabinets are mounted, and the wire pulled. Need approval of inspector and to liaise with the Town Hall for a meter. C. Durant offered to assist with that effort.

Committee Reports:

- Lagoa Committee: MJ Carvalho reported that Feast on Labor Day Weekend was a huge success.
- CPC: Motion (MJ Carvalho, M. Kelly) to elect N. Mello to serve on the CPC. Motion passed unanimously.

Demo Applications: Motion (N. Mello, MJ Carvalho) to allow Chair to sign off on demolition of property at 282 Mill Road. Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 4, 2023

Motion to Adjourn at 7:36pm (N. Mello, MJ Carvalho). Motion passed unanimously.



TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN

Historical Commission

Budget Balances

Name	Total	
Historical Commission	\$	500.00
Academy Building	\$	6,493.51
Fire Museum	\$	1,785.79
Fort Phoenix	\$	3,372.03
Old Stone School house on North Street	\$	800.00
Manjiro House	\$	3,000.00
Antique Fire Trucks	\$	1,200.00
Grand total	\$	17,151.33