

Fairhaven Historical Commission
Minutes
January 3, 2024

FAIRHAVEN TOWN CLERK
RCUD 2024 FEB 15 AM 11:16

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

Meeting called to order 6:33pm.

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from December 6, 2023 (MJ Carvalho, M Kelly). Motion passed with N. Mello abstaining.

Financial Report: See attached Budget Balance Sheet.

Commission Bills:

- Motion to reimburse W. Oliveira for expenses from Home Depot to repair the bulkhead at the Academy Building in the amount of \$46.32. (MJ Carvalho, R. Martin). Motion passed with W. Oliveira abstaining.
- Motion to pay invoices from Fall River Gas Co., for furnace service at the Academy Building; Eversource, monthly utilities; Boulanger & Sons for alternator for antique fire apparatus totaling \$1347.32. (MJ Carvalho, N. Bekemeier). Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion to pay Home Depot for lighting for the fire station in the amount of \$118.92. (MJ Carvalho, R. Martin). Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Report:

- Budget review done with Town Budget Team on December 12, 2023 – level funded in all areas except the Old Stone Schoolhouse which will go from \$800. To \$100. Possible Schedule Z credit from turbine energy to offset the Academy Building utilities – C. Durant to follow up.
- Sign for Cooke Memorial Park on order. Perhaps try to get some publicity when the sign is installed.
- Historical Commission webpage is being updated.

Properties update:

- **Academy Building:** Bulkhead repaired. Work has begun on the front door. Furnace serviced on December 7, 2023.
- **Fire Museums:**
 - Washington Street – Planning to hang old photos soon.
 - Spring Street – Looking for period appropriate display case. Some discussion about making one of these exhibits interactive and age appropriate for children.
- **Fort Phoenix:** Flag is replaced as soon as possible after windstorms. Awaiting response from BPW regarding the memorial that has grown at the Fort. What is the appropriate time to allow such memorials? Is there a policy? W. Oliveira to follow up with BPW.
- **Old Stone Schoolhouse:** The sidewalk should be improved in the spring.

Discussion/Action Items:

- We acknowledge and appreciate the donation from John Woodford of Woodford Holding Co. DBA Rubber Duck Carwash in the amount of \$500.
- Draft of the Annual Report was discussed, and editorial changes were made. Motion to approve the draft as amended (N. Mello, MJ Carvalho). Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

- CPC: Progress is being made on the grant deliberations. Final decisions expected in January of 2024.
- Lagoa Committee: MJ Carvalho is frustrated by lack of attendance at the committee meetings. She is seeking new members.

Commission Member Items: M. Kelly will be attending a workshop via zoom offered by the Mass. Historical Commission on applying for grants from the Mass Preservation Projects Fund.

Public Comment: None

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 6:30pm

Motion to Adjourn at 7:30pm (N. Mello, MJ Carvalho). Motion passed unanimously.



TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN

Historical Commission

Budget Balances

Name	Total
Historical Commission	\$ 390.44
Academy Building	\$ 4,005.18
Fire Museum	\$ 713.87
Fort Phoenix	\$ 2,718.94
Old Stone School house on North Street	\$ 800.00
Manjiro House	\$ 3,000.00
Antique Fire Trucks	\$ 550.00
Grand total	<hr/> \$ 12,178.43

Balance as of 1/3/2024