

Fairhaven Historical Commission  
Minutes  
April 3, 2024

FAIRHAVEN TOWN CLERK  
RCUD 2024 MAY 13 PM 12:55

**Present:** Nate Bekemeier, Michael Kelly, Beth Luey, Rick Martin, Natalie Mello, Keith Silvia (Select Board Liaison)  
**Present via Zoom:** Cam Durant (Staff Liaison)  
**Absent:** Wayne Oliveira

**Meeting called to order 6:34pm by Michael Kelly, Vice Chair.**

**Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes from March 6, 2024 after correcting the spelling of B Luey's surname (N Bekemeier, R Martin). Motion passed with one abstention (N Mello).

**Financial Report:** See attached Budget Balance Sheet as of 4/2/24.

**Commission Bills:**

- Motion to approve payment of invoices to Eversource, Rocky's Hardware, Profishant Pest Control & Amazon totaling \$1295.02 and to reimburse W Oliveira for expenses paid (\$19.41 to fix flagpole at Ft Phoenix & \$380.51 for key lock box) (R Martin, N Mello). Motion passed unanimously.

**Chair Report:**

- Chair not present so no report.

**Properties update:**

- **Academy Building:** Seeking bids for the front side painting of clapboards. Front door work is progressing.
- **Fire Museums:**
  - Washington Street – No updates
  - Spring Street – Possible donation by the Military Museum for a display case.
- **Fort Phoenix:** Due to a broken clasp on the flagpole, the flag was in sorry shape until a bucket truck was able to facilitate the repair and replacement of the flag. Flags are replaced as soon as possible after windstorms. Will work with Veterans' Services Agent (Mike Jenney) to coordinate replacement of flags. Chair to contact BPW regarding unofficial and unapproved memorial at the Fort. The time has come to remove it.
- **Old Stone Schoolhouse:** Rotted shutter has been replaced. Seeking bids for gutter and downspout work. Opening day April 20, 2024.

**Discussion/Action items:**

- Motion to approve the letter submitted on behalf of the Commission in support of the grant application made by the Town to fix the retaining wall at Town Hall (N Mello, N Bekemeier). Motion passed unanimously.
- Sign placement at Cooke Memorial Park to be discussed at the May meeting.

**Committee Report:**

**CPC: Projects recommended for full funding:**

- *Fairhaven High School - Boiler Room Roof - \$92,700 from Existing Undesignated Funds*
- *Millicent Library - Electrical Upgrades - \$385,700 (\$309,700 from FY25 Estimated Receipts, \$76,000 from the Historic Reserved Fund after the FY25 Appropriation to that Fund.)*
- BBC - Carvalho Woods - \$110,000 from Existing Undesignated Funds
- BPW - Handicapped Accessible Tables - \$5,000 from FY25 Estimated Receipts
- BPW - Macomber Park BMX Track - \$277,000 (\$201,000 from Existing Undesignated Funds, \$76,000 from the Open Space/Recreation Fund after the FY25 Appropriation to that fund.)
- FHA - Anthony Haven Windows - \$100,000 from Existing Reserved Housing Funds

**Projects recommended for partial funding:**

- *Town Hall Repairs – Stairs and Caulking only - \$30,000 from Existing Undesignated Funds*
- Cushman Park Pathways – Funding for estimated work, excluding equipment rentals – \$19,000 from Existing Undesignated Funds

**Emergency CPC Meeting**

- Moved adoption and appropriation of \$150,000 from the CPC's Emergency Reserve to the Town Hall to Repair the East Retaining Wall.

**Commission Member Items:**

- Motion to lend the H H Rogers' letter to the town announcing his intent to build the Rogers School to the Fairhaven Historical Society for their upcoming exhibition schools (N Mello, N Bekemeier). Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion to seek quotes to preserve the H H Rogers' letter properly (B Luey, N Mello). Motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at 6:30pm

**Motion to Adjourn at 6:59pm** (N Mello, N Bekemeier). Motion passed unanimously.



## TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN

### Historical Commission

#### Budget Balances

Name	Total
Historical Commission	\$ 155.49
Academy Building	\$ 2,679.49
Fire Museum	\$ 421.63
Fort Phoenix	\$ 1,680.93
Old Stone School house on North Street	\$ 800.00
Manjiro House	\$ 3,000.00
Antique Fire Trucks	\$ 279.76
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>\$ 9,017.30</b>

Historical Commission Gift Account	\$1,708.42
Fort Phoenix Gift Account	\$ 569.45
Fort Restitution Account	\$ 0.0