

**Town of Fairhaven**  
Town Hall - 40 Center Street - Fairhaven, MA 02719



**Belonging Committee**

**Date, Time, and Location:**

April 10, 2024, 6:30 PM

Remote Only via ZOOM: 1-929-205-6099; Meeting ID: 892 1866 8394;

Passcode: 686316

Video Recording Available on Fairhaven TV: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/11047703>

**Meeting Overview:**

1. **Call to order** and review of the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law
2. **Quorum/Attendance**

*In attendance:*

Members: Laura Barillaro; Jessica Fidalgo, Chair; Alliea E. Grouppe, Clerk;  
Rachel Medeiros; Greg Weider, Vice Chair.  
Ex Officio: Cameron Durant, Staff Liaison

*Absent:*

Ex Officio: Det. Jerome Penha, Jr., Police Department Rep;  
Members: Richard Cancio;

*Vacant Positions:*

Select Board Representative; Fire Department Representative; School  
Department Representative.

3. **Approve prior minutes:** *A motion was made by Rachel Medeiros and seconded by Laura Barillaro to approve the minutes from March 2024. A roll call vote was held to approve as corrected; the motion passed.*

**New Business**

4. **Fairhaven's Got Pride**

The event will be held on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from 11-3 PM in front of Town Hall organized by the Office of Tourism. The plan is to have live entertainment, food trucks, vendors, and social service agencies from across the South Coast who will be there to celebrate with us. If you have any questions or would like to offer any suggestions for potential vendors contact the Office of Tourism at <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/user/127/contact>

5. **Diversability Celebration:** The event, sponsored by the Commission on Disability, the Belonging Committee, and M.O. L.I.F.E., Inc., is currently being planned, more information should be available at our next meeting.

6. **Commission on Disability:** The Commission was able to purchase mats to increase accessibility during public events which were made possible by a grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office on Disability and co-sponsored by the Belonging Committee and the Fairhaven Commission on Disability.

7. **Not In Our Town:** More information will be provided at our next meeting.
8. **Communication/Programming with Fairhaven Police Department:** *More information will be provided at our next meeting.*

#### Old Business

9. **April Food Drive:** The Belonging Committee and the Rotary Club co-sponsored a town-wide food drive in March culminating with the final collection and sorting on April 6<sup>th</sup>. The donations were distributed to the FPS Family Resource Center, Council on Aging, and the First Congregational Church food pantry.
10. **Reappointments:** Jessica Fidalgo will send out the information on reappointment to the committee once it is available. If you know of anyone who may be interested please have them submit an application [https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf7541/f/pages/volunteer\\_application-fillable.pdf](https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf7541/f/pages/volunteer_application-fillable.pdf)

**Next Meeting:** May 8, 2024 at 7 PM

#### Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Jessica Fidalgo at 7:05 PM.

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Alliea E. Group

Signed by:

Approved by the committee on June 12, 2024.