



Lagoa Friendship Pact Committee

Town Hall · 40 Center Street · Fairhaven, MA 02719

LAGOA FRIENDSHIP PACT COMMITTEE MINUTES

LOCATION: Town Hall & Remotely via Zoom

DATE AND TIME: Monday, July 22nd, 2024, at 6:30 PM

Attendance

- **Charlie Murphy** – Select Board representative, Treasurer of Our Lady of Angels Club, of Portuguese heritage
- **Alyssa Botelho** – At-large member (recently appointed)

Note: This meeting was informational only. A quorum was not present and no votes were taken.

- Charlie Murphy gave background on the Lagoa Friendship Pact and Fairhaven's strong ties to Lagoa, Portugal.
- He explained the committee's goal of expanding cultural, civic, and educational exchanges and said membership outreach will be ongoing.
 - It was clarified that committee members do not need to be of Portuguese descent to participate.
- Charlie mentioned that the Our Lady of Angels Feast will take place Saturday, August 31 – Monday, September 2, 2024.
- Alyssa Botelho introduced herself as a newly appointed member. She shared that her ancestry is from São Miguel in the Azores and mentioned a film project she is developing that connects the SouthCoast to the Azores.
- Charlie discussed ideas for future events and potential partnerships with local schools.
- Vacancies were noted on other Town committees, including the Economic Development Committee, School Committee, and Historical Commission. Outreach will be done through the Select Board Office.
- Charlie mentioned reaching out to local Portuguese business owners who may be interested in serving.

Next Meeting: A date for the next meeting was not scheduled.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Botelho

At-Large Member

Note: Alyssa Botelho was appointed as Community Development Coordinator on September 30, 2024, after this meeting took place.