



Town of Fairhaven

Town Hall - 40 Centre Street - Fairhaven, MA 02719

Town of Fairhaven Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes, 17 Dec 2024

Members Present – Pat Elliott, Linda Gallant, Claire Millette, Steve Levesque, Bob Grindrod, Ken Blanchard, Steve Riley, Patty Pacella, James Souza, and Peter Gardner.

Members attending via Zoom – Chris Fidalgo

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm

- a. Approval of prior meeting minutes
 - i. Motion made by Claire Millette
 - ii. Seconded by Bob Grindrod
 - iii. Approved (10-0, James arrived late)
- b. Discussion of FY26 budget process and possibility of deficit.
- c. Discussion of proposed short-term plan of action in event of significant deficit.
- d. Prepared recommendation for Town Administrator to balance budget.
 - i. Proposed solution is across the board cuts for all depts of actual FY25 spend.
 - ii. % would be from non-fixed costs such as insurance, pensions etc....
- e. Discussion of proposed long-term plan to reduce spending.
 - i. Hiring Freeze
 - ii. Capital Spending Freeze
 - iii. Evaluation of using outside services
 - iv. Regionalization

Adjourn meeting at 8:00 pm (Approved 11-0)

1. Motion made my Patty Pacella
2. Seconded by Bob Grindrod

Submitted by Peter Gardner