

Town of Fairhaven

ARTICLE TITLES AND MOTIONS



Majority Vote needed unless stated otherwise

ARTICLE 1: MEASURER OF WOOD AND BARK

Motion: To adopt as written in the warrant

ARTICLE 2: TOWN REPORT

Motion: To adopt as written in the warrant

ARTICLE 3: REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Motion: PASS OVER

ARTICLE 4: FY25 FUND ADJUSTMENTS

ARTICLE 4A: BILLS OF PRIOR YEAR

Vote Required: Four-Fifths (4/5) Vote

Motion: To adopt as written in the warrant

ARTICLE 4B: FY25 GENERAL FUND ADJUSTMENTS

Motion: To adopt as written in the warrant

ARTICLE 5: AMEND ARTICLE 9A-19 FROM THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MAY 4, 2024

Motion: To adopt as written in the warrant

ARTICLE 6 TOWN OPERATING BUDGETS -FY26

6A: GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET-FY26

<u>Dept. Name/Function Totals</u>	<u>FY2025 Budgeted</u>	<u>FY2026 Budget</u>
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
General Government Salaries & Wages	\$2,133,179	\$2,034,930.24
General Government Operating Expenses	\$1,027,339	\$1,028,100.50
Subtotal General Government	\$3,160,518	\$3,063,030.74

Motion: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,063,030.74 to fund general government departments FY26 budget, which includes salaries and wages for appointed and elected officials and operating expenses and to defray the cost, transfer \$7,000 from Wetlands Protection Fund.

	<u>FY2025 Budgeted</u>	<u>FY2026 Budget</u>
PUBLIC SAFETY		
Public Safety Salaries & Wages	\$9,049,221	\$9,082,702.83
Public Safety Operating Expenses	\$880,772	\$774,937.78
Subtotal Public Safety	\$9,929,993	\$9,857,640.61

Motion: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,857,640.61 to fund Public Safety departments FY26 budget, which includes salaries and wages for appointed and elected officials and operating expenses and to defray the cost, transfer \$1,575,000 from Ambulance Receipts Reserve Fund, \$15,000 from Animal Control Gift Fund and \$52,000 from Waterway Improvement Fund.

	<u>FY2025 Budgeted</u>	<u>FY2026 Budget</u>
EDUCATION		
Subtotal Fairhaven Public Schools	\$24,702,183	\$25,656,166
Subtotal New Bedford Regional Technical HS	\$2,626,000	\$2,631,268
Subtotal Bristol County Agricultural HS	\$310,100	\$332,694

Motion: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,656,166 to fund the Fairhaven Public School district FY26 budget; the sum of \$2,631,268 to fund the New Bedford Regional Technical High School FY26 budget and the sum of \$332,694 to fund the Bristol County Agricultural High School FY26 budget.

	<u>FY2025 Budgeted</u>	<u>FY2026 Budget</u>
PUBLIC WORKS		
Public Works Salaries & Wages	\$1,612,579	\$1,616,296.95
Public Works Operating Expenses	\$2,766,432	\$2,753,404.00
Subtotal Public Works	\$4,379,011	\$4,369,700.95

Motion: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,369,700.95 to fund public works departments FY26 budget, which includes salaries and wages for appointed and elected officials and operating expenses and to defray the cost, transfer \$10,000 from Stormwater Subdivision Fund.

	<u>FY2025 Budgeted</u>	<u>FY2026 Budget</u>
HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT		
Board of Health Salaries & Wages	\$172,797	\$172,559
Board of Health Operating Expenses	\$22,710	\$17,500
Subtotal Board of Health	\$195,507	\$190,059

Motion: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$190,059 to fund Health and Environmental departments FY26 budget, which includes salaries and wages for appointed and elected officials and operating expenses.

	<u>FY2025 Budgeted</u>	<u>FY2026 Budget</u>
COMMUNITY SERVICES		
Community Services Salaries & Wages	\$542,295	\$609,716.49
Community Services Operating Expenses	\$1,586,994	\$1,465,605.53
Subtotal Community Services	\$2,129,289	\$2,075,322.02

Motion: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,075,322.02 to fund Community Services departments FY26 budget, which includes salaries and wages for appointed and elected officials and operating expenses and to defray the cost, transfer \$30,000 from the Council on Aging Social Day Program.

	<u>FY2025 Budgeted</u>	<u>FY2026 Budget</u>
NON-DEPARTMENTAL		
Non-Departmental Salaries & Wages	\$0	\$100,000
Non-Departmental Operating Expenses	\$11,669,792	\$12,240,672
Subtotal Non-Departmental	\$11,669,792	\$12,340,672

Motion: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,340,672 to fund the Non-Departmental departments FY26 budget, which includes salaries and wages for appointed and elected officials and operating expenses.

	<u>FY2025 Budgeted</u>	<u>FY2026 Budget</u>
DEBT SERVICE		
General Fund	\$1,094,605	\$945,820

Motion: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$945,820 to fund debt services FY26 budget.

6B: WATER ENTERPRISE FUND OPERATING BUDGET

Motion: To raise and appropriate a sum of \$3,381,197 to fund the Water Enterprise Fund for FY26, and to defray this cost, transfer \$498,000 from Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings.

6C: SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND OPERATING BUDGET

Motion: To raise and appropriate a sum of \$3,937,827 to fund the Sewer Enterprise Fund for FY26, and to defray this cost, transfer \$10,095 from Sewer Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings

6D: TOWN CABLE ENTERPRISE FUND OPERATING BUDGET

Motion: To raise and appropriate a sum of \$220,655 to fund the Town Cable Enterprise Fund for FY26, and to defray this cost, transfer \$44,141 from the Town Cable Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings.

6E: SCHOOL CABLE ENTERPRISE FUND OPERATING BUDGET

Motion: To raise and appropriate a sum of \$148,694 to fund the School Cable Enterprise Fund for FY26, and to defray this cost, transfer \$7,640 from the School Cable Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings.

ARTICLE 7: GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PLAN

Motion: To transfer a sum of \$1,218,084 from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash), the sum of \$70,000 from Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation, the sum of \$161,179 from the Ambulance Stabilization Fund and the sum of \$303,821 from Ambulance Stretcher Article 13C, Annual Town Meeting June 18, 2022 to fund the capital projects as listed (items 1-17) for fiscal year 2026.

ARTICLE 8: WATER ENTERPRISE FUND CAPITAL BUDGET

Motion: Move that the Town appropriates \$800,000 to pay costs of water main replacement on Glenhaven Avenue and for the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §8(4) or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore While this borrowing shall constitute a pledge of the Town's full faith and credit, it is expected that it will be repaid, in the first instance, from amounts in the Water Enterprise Fund.

Vote Required: Two-thirds (2/3) Vote

Motion: To transfer the sum of \$290,000 from Water Retained Earnings to fund the capital equipment and projects listed on lines 2-4 above with each amount as specified in the article.

ARTICLE 9 SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND CAPITAL BUDGET

Motion: To transfer the sum of \$380,000 from sewer retaining earnings to fund the inflow and infiltration study, and Vehicle Replacement #49 with each amount as specified in the article.

ARTICLE 10 OTHER BUDGET ITEMS – APPROPRIATIONS – FUNDING OF ARTICLES

Motion: To transfer the sum of \$1,080,472 from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash); and the sum of \$4,200 from the Waterway Fund to fund the Reserve line articles for the amounts as written in the article.

ARTICLE 11 STATE AID TO HIGHWAYS, CHAPTER 90

Motion: To adopt as written in the warrant.

ARTICLE 12 FY26 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE APPROPRIATIONS

Motion: To adopt as written in the warrant, including appropriations and allocations in the amounts specified and from the sources specified in the Article.

ARTICLE 13: REVOLVING FUNDS

ARTICLE 13A: NEW REVOLVING FUND – ROGER A. GRIMSHAW PARK

Motion: To adopt as written in the warrant

ARTICLE 13B: REVOLVING FUNDS

Motion: To adopt as written in the warrant

ARTICLE 14: RESCIND AUTHORIZED BUT UNISSUED BALANCE OF BORROWING

Motion: Move that the authorized, but unissued, balance of the borrowing authorized to pay costs of constructing, equipping and furnishing the Leroy L. Wood Elementary School, approved by vote of the Town under Article 3 of the Warrant at the Special Town Meeting held on October 25, 2011, which authorized and unissued balance is no longer needed in order to complete the project, is hereby rescinded and of no further force or affect.

ARTICLE 15: HOME RULE PETITION: AMEND BYLAW CHAPTER 160 OF THE ACTS OF 2003

Motion: To adopt as written in the handout, provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the article, unless the Select Board approve amendments to the bill before enactment by the general public objectives of this petition.

ARTICLE 16: HOME RULE PETITION: TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN CHARTER

Motion: To adopt as written in the warrant provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the article, unless the Select Board approve amendments to the bill before enactment by the general public objectives of this petition.

ARTICLE 17: AMEND BYLAW, CHAPTER 164, SOLID WASTE

Motion: To adopt as written in the warrant.

ARTICLE 18: AMEND BYLAW, CHAPTER 50, § 3, MEETING TO ELECT TOWN OFFICIALS

Motion: To adopt as written in the warrant.

ARTICLE 19: AMEND BYLAWS CHAPTER 198 ZONING

Motion: To adopt as written in the handout.

ARTICLE 20: PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX STABILIZATON FUND

ARTICLE 20A: CREATE PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX STABILIZATION FUND

Vote Required: Two-thirds (2/3) Vote

Motion: To adopt as written in the warrant.

ARTICLE 20B: PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX STABILIZATION FUND

Vote Required: Two-thirds (2/3) Vote

Motion: To adopt as written in the warrant.

PASS OVER...The donated parcel will be used for conservation purposes-no Town Meeting vote needed

ARTICLE 21: DONATION OF PARCEL ID 27-334, 0 WASHBURN AVE., FAIRHAVEN, MA

ARTICLE 22: CITIZENS PETITION – AMEND BYLAWS, CHAPTER 88, FAIRHAVEN PUBLIC SHADE TREE BYLAW

Motion: To be provided by the petitioner

ARTICLE: 23 CITIZENS PETITION – AMEND BYLAW, CHAPTER 83 ALCOHOL, BEVERAGES & DRUGS SECTION § 5

Motion: To be provided by the petitioner

ARTICLE 24: CITIZENS PETITION – HARD SURFACE-WITHDRAWN BY PETITIONER

ARTICLE 25: STREET ACCEPTANCE: ALVES WAY

ARTICLE: 26 OTHER BUSINESS

ARTICLE 6A GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET

APPENDIX A revised

REVISED FOR WAGE RESERVE TRANSFER

Saturday, May 3, 2025

LINE	Function/ Dept. #	Department Name/Function Totals	FY 2025 Budgeted	FY 2026 Requested Budget	\$ Change	% Change
GENERAL GOVERNMENT (MISC.)						
1	114	Moderator Salary	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0.00	0.00%
	122/195/405	Select Board/Town Adm./Town Report/Engineering				
2		Salaries & Wages	\$364,716.00	\$352,693.20	(12,022.80)	-3.30%
3		Operating Expenses	\$40,590.00	\$31,440.00	(9,150.00)	-22.54%
	153	Human Resources				
4		Salaries & Wages	\$178,123.00	\$151,065.00	(27,058.00)	-15.19%
5		Operating Expenses	\$64,465.00	\$78,695.00	14,230.00	22.07%
	113/131	Town Meeting/Finance Committee				
6		Salaries & Wages	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	(500.00)	-33.33%
7		Operating Expenses	\$7,830.00	\$6,400.00	(1,430.00)	-18.26%
8		Reserve Fund	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	0.00	0.00%
9	151	Legal	\$285,277.00	\$300,000.00	14,723.00	5.16%
	192	Town Hall				
10		Salaries & Wages	\$174,516.00	\$178,426.00	3,910.00	2.24%
11		Operating Expenses	\$81,890.00	\$79,777.00	(2,113.00)	-2.58%
	155	Consolidated Information Technology				
12		Salaries & Wages	\$345,271.00	\$371,169.00	25,898.00	7.50%
13		Operating Expenses	\$226,205.00	\$221,760.00	(4,445.00)	-1.97%
General Government Salaries & Wages			\$1,065,126.00	\$1,055,353.20	(9,772.80)	-0.92%
General Government Operating Expenses			\$781,257.00	\$793,072.00	11,815.00	1.51%
Subtotal General Government			\$1,846,383.00	\$1,848,425.20	2,042.20	0.11%
GENERAL GOVERNMENT (MUNICIPAL FINANCE)						
	135	Accounting				
14		Salaries & Wages	\$204,997.00	\$205,498.00	501.00	0.24%
15		Operating Expenses	\$66,357.00	\$64,480.00	(1,877.00)	-2.83%
	145	Treasurer/Collector				
16		Salaries & Wages	\$292,995.00	\$256,307.00	(36,688.00)	-12.52%

LINE	Function/ Dept. #	Department Name/Function Totals	FY 2025 Budgeted	FY 2026 Requested Budget	\$ Change	% Change
17		Operating Expenses	\$66,175.00	\$63,155.00	(3,020.00)	-4.56%
	141	Assessors				
18		Salaries & Wages	\$140,022.00	\$144,395.00	4,373.00	3.12%
19		Operating Expenses	\$51,125.00	\$43,121.00	(8,004.00)	-15.66%
		Municipal Finance Salaries & Wages	\$638,014.00	\$606,200.00	(31,814.00)	-4.99%
		Municipal Finance Operating Expenses	\$183,657.00	\$170,756.00	(12,901.00)	-7.02%
		Subtotal Municipal Finance	\$821,671.00	\$776,956.00	(44,715.00)	-5.44%
		GENERAL GOVERNMENT (TOWN CLERK/ELECTIONS)				
20	161/163	Subtotal Salaries & Wages	\$189,606.00	\$168,127.04	(21,478.96)	-11.33%
21	161/163	Subtotal Operating Expenses	\$35,245.00	\$44,651.50	9,406.50	26.69%
		PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT				
	175-00	Planning Board				
22		Salaries & Wages	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
23		Operating Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	175-01	Planning and Economic Development				
24		Salaries & Wages	\$128,528.00	\$129,567.00	1,039.00	0.81%
25		Operating Expenses	\$12,530.00	\$8,171.00	(4,359.00)	-34.79%
	175-02	Economic Development Committee				
26		Salaries & Wages	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
27		Operating Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	176	Board of Appeals				
28		Salaries & Wages	\$3,060.00	\$0.00	(3,060.00)	-100.00%
29		Operating Expenses	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	0.00	0.00%
	171	Conservation Commission				
30		Salaries & Wages	\$108,845.00	\$75,683.00	(33,162.00)	-30.47%
31		Operating Expenses	\$9,350.00	\$6,150.00	(3,200.00)	-34.22%
32	122	Buzzards Bay Action Committee	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	0.00	0.00%
		Planning & Development Salaries & Wages	\$240,433.00	\$205,250.00	(35,183.00)	-14.63%
		Planning & Development Operating Expenses	\$27,180.00	\$19,621.00	(7,559.00)	-27.81%

LINE	Function/ Dept. #	Department Name/Function Totals	FY 2025 Budgeted	FY 2026 Requested Budget	\$ Change	% Change
		Subtotal Planning & Development	\$267,613.00	\$224,871.00	(42,742.00)	-15.97%
		TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
		General Government Salaries & Wages	\$2,133,179.00	\$2,034,930.24	(98,248.76)	-4.61%
		General Government Operating Expenses	\$1,027,339.00	\$1,028,100.50	761.50	0.07%
		Subtotal General Government	\$3,160,518.00	\$3,063,030.74	(97,487.26)	-3.08%
		PUBLIC SAFETY				
	210/292	Police Department/Animal Control				
33		Salaries & Wages	\$5,094,121.00	\$5,046,874.83	(47,246.17)	-0.93%
34		Operating Expenses	\$462,530.00	\$409,679.78	(52,850.22)	-11.43%
	220/225/291	Fire Department/Emergency Management				
35		Salaries & Wages	\$3,574,110.00	\$3,613,442.00	39,332.00	1.10%
36		Operating Expenses	\$377,697.00	\$322,460.00	(55,237.00)	-14.62%
	241	Building Department				
37		Salaries & Wages	\$195,655.00	\$237,253.00	41,598.00	21.26%
38		Operating Expenses	\$4,030.00	\$4,481.00	451.00	11.19%
	298	Marine Resources				
39		Salaries & Wages	\$178,195.00	\$177,993.00	(202.00)	-0.11%
40		Operating Expenses	\$36,140.00	\$38,017.00	1,877.00	5.19%
	244	Weights & Measures				
41		Salaries & Wages	\$7,140.00	\$7,140.00	0.00	0.00%
42		Operating Expenses	\$375.00	\$300.00	(75.00)	-20.00%
		Public Safety Salaries & Wages	\$9,049,221.00	\$9,082,702.83	33,481.83	0.37%
		Public Safety Operating Expenses	\$880,772.00	\$774,937.78	(105,834.22)	-12.02%
		Subtotal Public Safety	\$9,929,993.00	\$9,857,640.61	(72,352.39)	-0.73%
		EDUCATION				
43	300	Fairhaven Public Schools	\$24,820,213.00	\$25,656,166.00	835,953.00	3.37%

LINE	Function/ Dept. #	Department Name/Function Totals	FY 2025 Budgeted	FY 2026 Requested Budget	\$ Change	% Change
44	301	NB Regional Technical HS	\$2,626,000.00	\$2,631,268.00	5,268.00	0.20%
45	302	NB Regional Technical HS	\$310,100.00	\$332,694.00	22,594.00	7.29%
		Subtotal Eduction	\$27,756,313.00	\$28,620,128.00	\$863,815.00	3.11%

PUBLIC WORKS

46	421	Administration Division				
		Salaries & Wages	\$86,615.00	\$88,731.95	2,116.95	2.44%
47		Operating Expenses	\$19,375.00	\$8,375.00	(11,000.00)	-56.77%
	403/420	Highways Division				
48		Salaries & Wages	\$1,329,321.00	\$1,364,760.00	35,439.00	2.67%
49		Operating Expenses	\$742,137.00	\$721,252.00	(20,885.00)	-2.81%
50		Snow & Ice	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	0.00	0.00%
	650	Parks Department				
51		Salaries & Wages	\$162,261.00	\$162,805.00	544.00	0.34%
52		Operating Expenses	\$53,000.00	\$56,500.00	3,500.00	6.60%
	294/295	Tree Department				
53		Salaries & Wages	\$34,382.00	\$0.00	(34,382.00)	-100.00%
54		Operating Expenses	\$38,145.00	\$68,945.00	30,800.00	80.74%
55	431	Sanitation - Operating Expenses	\$1,792,775.00	\$1,776,332.00	(16,443.00)	-0.92%
56	424	Street Lighting	\$61,000.00	\$62,000.00	1,000.00	1.64%

		Public Works Salaries & Wages	\$1,612,579.00	\$1,616,296.95	3,717.95	0.23%
		Public Works Operating Expenses	\$2,766,432.00	\$2,753,404.00	(13,028.00)	-0.47%
		Subtotal Public Works	\$4,379,011.00	\$4,369,700.95	(9,310.05)	-0.21%

HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT

57	510	Board of Health				
		Salaries & Wages	\$172,797.00	\$172,559.00	(238.00)	-0.14%
58		Operating Expenses	\$22,710.00	\$17,500.00	(5,210.00)	-22.94%
		Subtotal Board of Health	\$195,507.00	\$190,059.00	(5,448.00)	-2.79%

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COMMUNITY SERVICES						
	541	Council on Aging				
59		Salaries & Wages	\$153,873.00	\$154,338.00	465.00	0.30%
60		Operating Expenses	\$35,497.00	\$35,247.00	(250.00)	-0.70%
	543	Veterans Services				
61		Salaries & Wages	\$91,433.00	\$94,302.18	2,869.18	3.14%
62		Operating Expenses	\$564,350.00	\$545,021.96	(19,328.04)	-3.42%
63	611	Millicent Library	\$797,302.00	\$770,528.00	(26,774.00)	-3.36%
	640	Recreation Department				
64		Salaries & Wages	\$215,138.00	\$302,971.31	87,833.31	40.83%
65		Operating Expenses	\$146,975.00	\$51,900.00	(95,075.00)	-64.69%
	189	Tourism Department				
66		Salaries & Wages	\$81,851.00	\$58,105.00	(23,746.00)	-29.01%
67		Operating Expenses	\$18,570.00	\$41,308.57	22,738.57	122.45%
68	691	Fine Arts - expenses	\$1,000.00	\$850.00	(150.00)	-15.00%
69	670	Historical Commission - expenses	\$15,800.00	\$15,200.00	(600.00)	-3.80%
70	692	Memorial/Veterans Day - expenses	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00	500.00	25.00%
71	690	Cultural Council - expenses	\$1,500.00	\$1,250.00	(250.00)	-16.67%
72	190	Commission on Disability - expenses	\$1,000.00	\$900.00	(100.00)	-10.00%
73	191	Belonging Committee	\$1,000.00	\$900.00	(100.00)	-10.00%
74	122	Rape Crisis Project - expenses	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	(2,000.00)	-100.00%
Community Services Salaries & Wages			\$542,295.00	\$609,716.49	67,421.49	12.43%
Community Services Operating Expenses			\$1,586,994.00	\$1,465,605.53	(121,388.47)	-7.65%
Subtotal Community Services			\$2,129,289.00	\$2,075,322.02	(53,966.98)	-2.53%
NON-DEPARTMENTAL						
75	911	Contributory Retirement	\$4,134,792.00	\$4,334,352.00	199,560.00	4.83%

LINE	Function/ Dept. #	Department Name/Function Totals	FY 2025 Budgeted	FY 2026 Requested Budget	\$ Change	% Change
76	924	Group Insurance	\$5,250,000.00	\$5,445,000.00	195,000.00	3.71%
77	913	MA Employment Security	\$66,000.00	\$100,000.00	34,000.00	51.52%
78	925	Town General Insurance	\$1,112,000.00	\$1,234,320.00	122,320.00	11.00%
79	918	Medicare Taxes (Employer Share)	\$482,000.00	\$502,000.00	20,000.00	4.15%
80	122	Wind Turbine Electric Expense	\$625,000.00	\$625,000.00	0.00	0.00%
81	122	Salary Reserve	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	100,000.00	#DIV/0!
Non-Departmental Salary & Wages			\$0.00	\$100,000.00	100,000.00	#DIV/0!
Non-Departmental Operating Expenses			\$11,669,792.00	\$12,240,672.00	570,880.00	4.89%
Subtotal Non-Departmental			\$11,669,792.00	\$12,340,672.00	670,880.00	5.75%
DEBT SERVICE						
82	710	Debt Service				
Subtotal Debt Service			\$1,094,605.00	\$945,820.00	(148,785.00)	-13.59%
GRAND TOTAL			\$60,315,028.00	\$61,462,373.32	1,147,345.32	1.90%
GRAND TOTAL BREAKDOWN						
Salaries & Wages - Town			\$13,510,071.00	\$13,616,205.51	106,134.51	0.79%
Operating Expenses - Town			\$6,284,247.00	\$6,039,547.81	(244,699.19)	-3.89%
Educational Services			\$27,756,313.00	\$28,620,128.00	863,815.00	3.11%
Non-Departmental Costs			\$11,669,792.00	\$12,240,672.00	570,880.00	4.89%
Debt Service			\$1,094,605.00	\$945,820.00	(148,785.00)	-13.59%
Grand Totals			\$60,315,028.00	\$61,462,373.32	1,147,345.32	1.90%

Revised language

ARTICLE 15: HOME RULE PETITION: AMEND BYLAW CHAPTER 160 OF THE ACTS OF 2003

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Select Board to file a Home Rule petition to amend Chapter 160 of the Acts of 2003 for the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers, to allow retired police officers to work until the age of 70 instead of 65 as is currently allowed and to clarify the appointing authority by striking some of the existing language as indicated in strikethrough, or adding language as indicated in bold/underlined below; or take any other action relative thereto.

Request to amend as follows:

SECTION 1. ~~The Board of Selectmen~~ **The Chief of Police** of the Town of Fairhaven, **with Town Administrator approval**, may appoint, as they deem necessary, retired Fairhaven police officers as special police officers for the purpose of performing police details or any other police duties arising therefrom or during the course of police detail work, regardless of whether or not related to the detail work. The retired police officers must have been regular Fairhaven police officers and retired based on superannuation. **No retired police officer shall be appointed as a special police officer pursuant to this act if that officer has been retired for more than five (5) years.** The special police officers shall **NOT** be subject to the same maximum age restrictions as applied to regular Fairhaven police officers under chapter 32 of the General Laws, **but shall not be eligible, to serve as special police officers if they have reached the age of 70.** A special police officer must pass a medical examination, by a physician or other certified professional chosen by the town, to determine that ~~he is~~ **they are** capable of performing the essential duties of a special police officer, the cost of which shall be borne by the special police officer, prior to performing police details.

SECTION 2. Special police officers appointed under this act shall not be subject to chapter 31 of the General Laws, ~~or to~~ section 99A of chapter 41 of the General Laws **or chapter 150E of the General laws.**

SECTION 3. Special police officers shall, when performing the duties under section 1, have the same power to make arrests and perform other police functions as do regular police officers of the Town of Fairhaven.

SECTION 4. Special police officers shall be appointed for an indefinite term, subject to removal by the ~~Board of Selectmen~~ **Chief of Police, with Town Administrator approval**, at any time with 14 days written notice. Upon request, the ~~Board of Selectmen~~ **Chief of Police** shall provide reasons for removal in writing. **A special police officer's appointment shall automatically terminate upon the officer reaching the age of 70.**

SECTION 5. Special police officers shall also be subject to the rules and regulations, policies and procedures and requirements of the Fairhaven police department and Chief of Police of the Town of Fairhaven including restrictions on the type of detail assignment, requirements regarding medical examinations to determine continued capability to perform the duties of a special police officer, requirements for training, requirements for firearm licensing and qualification and requirements regarding uniforms and equipment. Special police officers shall not be subject to section 96B of chapter 41 of the General laws.

SECTION 6. Special police officers shall be sworn before the town clerk of the Town of Fairhaven who shall keep a record of all such appointments.

SECTION 7. Special police officers appointed under this act shall be subject to section 100 and section 111F of chapter 41 of the General Laws. The amount payable under said section 111F of chapter 41 shall be calculated by averaging the amount earned over the prior 52 weeks as a special police officer working police details, or averaged over such lesser period of time for any officer designated as special police officer less than 52 weeks prior to the incapacity. In no event shall payment under said section 111F of chapter 41 exceed, in any calendar year, the limitation on earning contained in paragraph (b) of section 91 of chapter 32 of the General Laws. Payment under said section 111F of chapter 41 shall terminate ~~when a special police officer reaches the age of 65. In the event the age limitation applicable to regular police officers serving the town is increased from the current 65 years of age, the termination of benefits under said section 111F of said chapter 41, as the benefits extend beyond the age of 70 for any special police officer.~~ **in accordance with said section 111F of said chapter 41 or at the conclusion of the employment term, whichever occurs sooner.** Special police officers appointed under this act shall not be subject to section 85H of said chapter 32, nor eligible for any benefits pursuant thereto.

SECTION 8. Appointment as a special police officer shall **NOT** entitle any individual appointed as such to assignment to any detail.

SECTION 9. Retired Fairhaven police officers serving as special police officers under this act shall be subject to the limitations on hours worked and on payments to retired town employees under paragraph (b) of section 91 of chapter 32 of the General Laws.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

ARTICLE 19: AMEND BYLAWS CHAPTER 198 ZONING

Warrant Article for Special Town Meeting – Add 0 Alden Rd Map 28-Parcel 022B

“To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 198 of the Fairhaven Town Code, entitled “Zoning,” a.k.a. the Town of Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw, as follows:

- (i) by amending Section 198-14, entitled “Establishment of districts,” at the end of Subsection A, to add the following new overlay district:

Fairhaven Smart Growth Overlay District (FSGOD)

and

- (ii) by amending Appendix A, Section 3.1 to read “The Fairhaven Smart Growth Overlay District, herein after referred to as the “FSGOD,” is an overlay district having a land area of approximately 89.32 acres in size that is superimposed over the underlying zoning districts and on the Zoning Map as set forth on maps entitled ~~“2025 Update to the Fairhaven 40R Smart Growth Overlay Smart Growth Zoning Map”~~” Fairhaven 40R Smart Growth Overlay Smart Growth Zoning Map (Plaza Area SGOD), April 2025 Revision””, amending the existing map entitled “Fairhaven 40R Smart Growth Overlay 4-2 Smart Growth Zoning Map (Plaza Area SGOD), dated 6/19/2024.

and

- (iii) and, further, to amend the “Town of Fairhaven Zoning Map,” as referenced in Section 198-14(B) of the aforementioned Code, by adding the map entitled ~~“2025 Update to the Fairhaven 40R Smart Growth Overlay Smart Growth Zoning Map,”~~ “Fairhaven 40R Smart Growth Overlay Smart Growth Zoning Map (Plaza Area SGOD), April 2025 Revision”, and prepared by Dodson & Flinker.

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“To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 198 of the Fairhaven Town Code, entitled “Zoning,”
a.k.a. the Town of Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw, as follows:

- (i) by amending Section 198-14, entitled “Establishment of districts,” at the end of Subsection A, to add the following new overlay district:

Fairhaven Smart Growth Overlay District (FSGOD)

and
- (ii) by amending Appendix A, Section 3.1 to read “The Fairhaven Smart Growth Overlay District, herein after referred to as the “FSGOD,” is an overlay district having a land area of approximately 89.32 acres in size that is superimposed over the underlying zoning districts and on the Zoning Map as set forth on maps entitled “Fairhaven 40R Smart Growth Overlay Smart Growth Zoning Map (Plaza Area SGOD), April 2025 Revision””, amending the existing map entitled “Fairhaven 40R Smart Growth Overlay 4-2 Smart Growth Zoning Map (Plaza Area SGOD), dated 6/19/2024.

and
- (iii) and, further, to amend the “Town of Fairhaven Zoning Map,” as referenced in Section 198-14(B) of the aforementioned Code, by adding the map entitled “Fairhaven 40R Smart Growth Overlay Smart Growth Zoning Map (Plaza Area SGOD), April 2025 Revision”, and prepared by Dodson & Flinker.

Fairhaven 40R Smart Growth Overlay

Smart Growth Zoning Map

(Plaza Area SGOD), April 2025 Revision

40R Overlay-Plazas

Parcel to be added to 40R Overlay

Structure

Property Line

0

50

100

200 Feet

Fairhaven

Roads

Local Road

State Route

US Highway

Data: MassGIS, 2022; SRPEDD; Dodson & Flinker

Draft: 4/12/25

Prepared by:

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Fairhaven 40R Smart Growth Overlay Regulating Plan (Plaza Area SGOD), April 2025 Revision

Subareas for Design Standards

- 40R-Plazas-Height A
- 40R-Plazas-Height B
- 40R-Plazas Buffer
- 40R-Plazas-Open Space

Street Types

- Alden Rd North
- Alden Rd South
- Route 6/Huttleston Ave
- Bridge St
- Commercial
- Neighborhood

Structure


Property Line

Roads

- Local Road
- State Route
- US Highway

Parcel to be added to 40R Overlay

0 50 100 200 Feet



Data: MassGIS, 2022; SRPEDD; Dodson & Flinker
Draft: 4/16/25

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