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Fairhaven, Massachusetts

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Town Offices of

FAIRHAVEN, MASSACHUSETTS



For the Year 2022

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TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN



FAIRHAVEN LOCUS

041° 38' N. Latitude

070° 54' W. Longitude

Elevation: 11 ft. M.S.L. at Town Hall

Settled: 1653

Incorporated: 1812

Population: 14,048

9th Congressional District

First Councilor District

Second Bristol & Plymouth District

Tenth Bristol Representative District

Election of Officers

First Monday in April

Fairhaven, Massachusetts

**General Information
About the Town**

Located
On the Shore of Buzzards Bay
56 Miles from Boston – 1 Mile from New Bedford

Registered Voters 12,407

Tax Rate Fiscal Year 2022

Residential – \$10.22

Commercial - \$20.39

Area

7,497 Acres

Miles of Shore Property – 29.4

Miles of Streets and Roads – Approximately 100

Churches – 9

Public Schools – 4

Private (Parochial) Schools – 1

Maritime Education – 1

Preschools – 17

Banks – 10

Nursing Homes – 14

Principal Industries

Ship Building

Fishing Industry

Winches and Fishing Machinery

Marine Repair & Construction

Customer Service

Hospitality

Retail

IN MEMORIAM

AVE ATQUE VALE



Delfino R. "Del" Garcia
Principal Assessor
August 6, 2022



Richard "Richie" Pinard
Park Department
November 5, 2022

Jean Rousseau
Housing Authority
1/23/22

Joseph Rapoza
Millicent Library Custodian
6/3/2022

Gail Rock
Fairhaven Public Schools
11/8/2022

Barbara Murray
Fairhaven Public Schools
1/29/2022

Michael Barcellos
Fire Department
6/13/2022

Blanche Souza
Fairhaven Public Schools
11/23/2022

Patricia Sherman
Fairhaven Public Schools
1/31/2022

William Correia
Highway Department
6/21/2022

Jeanne Bessette
Fairhaven Public Schools
11/26/2022

Harley Smith Jr.
Fairhaven Public Schools
2/9/2022

Donald Sylvia
Highway Department
8/24/2022

Bradford Luther
Fire Department
11/29/2022

Norman Mello
Highway Department
4/3/2022

Mary Cunha
Millicent Library Trustee
10/15/2022

Ruth Lombardo
Fairhaven Public Schools
12/31/2022

Those who touch our lives, stay in our hearts forever.
Thank you for your dedication to the Town of Fairhaven.

DIRECTORY OF TOWN OFFICIALS – 2022

(Elective Officials Designated by Capital Letters)

*(denotes partial year)

Elective Officials

MARK SYLVIA
Term Expires 2024

MODERATOR

SELECT BOARD

STASIA POWERS
LEON E. CORREY III
ROBERT ESPINDOLA
KEITH SILVIA
CHARLES K. MURPHY, SR.

Term Expires 2025
Term Expires 2024
Term Expires 2024
Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2023

Angie Lopes Ellison
Amy Hart*
Sharon Mills*
*Loreen Pina, retired
Kevin Fournier

Town Administrator
Assistant to the Town Administrator
Principal Office Assistant
Principal Office Assistant
Town Hall Custodian

TOWN CLERK

LINDA FREDETTE
Elisabeth Horan
Eileen Lowney

Term Expires 2025
Assistant Town Clerk
Office Assistant

BOARD OF HEALTH

KEVIN GALLAGHER, Chair
HEIDI HACKING, Vice-Chair*
MICHAEL RISTUCCIA
*PETER DETERRA
David Flaherty
Jocelyn Bowers, transferred to COA
Jessica Dossantos*
Thomas Hemingway

Term Expires 2024
Term Expires 2025
Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2022
Health Agent
Administrative Assistant
Administrative Assistant
Health Inspector

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

BRIAN WOTTON, Chair
ROBERT HOBSON, Vice-Chair
MARCUS FERRO
ANNE MORTON SMITH
*CAMERON DURANT, resigned
Travis Rapoza* appointed to fill vacancy
Vincent Furtado
*John Charbonneau, retired
Joshua Crabb*
Jeffrey Furtado
Rene Robillard
Rebecca Vento
Kathy Tripp
Kim Nogueira
Joyce Wilson
Kristy Lavalette
*Gabby Almeida, resigned
Hailey Cabral*

Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2024
Term Expires 2024
Term Expires 2025
Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2023
Board of Public Works Superintendent
Highway Division Superintendent
Highway Division Superintendent
Water Division Superintendent
Sewer Division Superintendent
Office Manager
Part-Time Administrative Assistant
Principal Office Assistant
Principal Office Assistant
Principal Office Assistant
Principal Office Assistant
Principal Office Assistant

COMMISSIONER OF TRUST FUNDS

BARBARA ACKSEN
LOUISE PONTE
COLLEEN SILVIA

Term Expires 2025
Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2024

HOUSING AUTHORITY

MARC SCANLON
CAROL ALFONSO
ANNE D SILVEIRA
RONNIE MANZONE

Term Expires 2027
Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2024
Term Expires 2026

*Krissanne Sheedy, Executive Director, retired
Janet Falone, Executive Director*

PLANNING BOARD

WAYNE HAYWARD, Chair
CATHY MELANSON, Vice-Chair
JESSICA FIDALGO, Clerk
RENE FLEURENT, JR.
SHARON SIMMONS
DAVID BRAGA
JEFFREY T. LUCAS
KEVIN GRANT
Paul Foley
Pattie Pacella

Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2025
Term Expires 2024
Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2026
Term Expires 2025
Term Expires 2024
Term Expires 2026
Director of Planning and Economic Development
Recording Secretary

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

PAMELA KUECHLER, Chair
BRIAN S. MONROE, Vice-Chair
ERIK ANDERSON
COLIN VEITCH
DONNA MCKENNA
KYLE BUENO
Tara Kohler
Mark Balestracci
Nicole Potter
*Christopher Camara-resigned
Steven Rosa*
Tanya Dawson*
Melissa Bouchard

Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2025
Term Expires 2024
Term Expires 2024
Term Expires 2025
Superintendent of Schools
Assistant Superintendent of Schools
School Business Manager
Director of Technology
Interim Director if Technology
Interim Director of Student Services
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

TREE WARDEN

DON COLASSIUS

Term Expires 2024

Town Departments

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

*Christopher Carmichael, resigned
James Marot
*Andy Bobola, resigned
Joel Reed*
David Morris*
*Jessica Dossantos, transferred to Board of Health
Suzanne Vieira*

Building Commissioner
Alternate Building Commissioner
Interim Building Commissioner
Interim Building Commissioner
Interim Building Commissioner
Administrative Assistant
Administrative Assistant

Paul Raposo
Leo Charpentier
Henry Daigle
William Alphonse, Jr.
Norman Lussier

Chief Wire Inspector
Associate Wiring Inspector
Gas Inspector
Temporary Gas Inspector
Plumbing Inspector

CABLE ACCESS

Derek Frates
Erik Sa
Alyssa Botelho
Todd Migliacci
Nicholas Doyle

Director
Production Coordinator
Videographer
Videographer
Videographer

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE/DIVISION OF TREASURY

*Wendy Graves, retired
Lisa Rose
*Amy Hart, transferred to Select Board Office
Sheri Souza*

Director of Finance/Treasurer/Collector
Financial Assistant
Payroll Administrator
Payroll Administrator

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Paul Foley
Marie Ripley
Sue Masten

Director
Part-Time Administrative Assistant
CDBG Administrative Assistant

DIVISION OF ACCOUNTING

Anne Carreiro
Joyce Shepard
Helen DaCunha

Town Accountant
Part- Time Accounting Clerk
Part- Time Accounts Payable Clerk

DIVISION OF ASSESSING

Ronnie Manzone, Board of Assessors
Pamela Davis, Board of Assessors
Ellis Withington, Board of Assessors
*Delfino Garcia, retired
Daniel Lane*
*Melody Perry, retired
Joanne Correia
Kathleen Sylvia*

Term Expires 2025
Term Expires 2025
Term Expires 2025
Principal Assessor
Principal Assessor
Principal Office Assistant
Principal Office Assistant
Principal Office Assistant

DIVISION OF COLLECTION

*Wendy Graves-retired
Pamela Bettencourt
Kerri King
*Kathleen Sylvia, transferred to Assessing
Takira Faucher*

Finance Director/Treasurer/Collector
Assistant Collector/Treasurer
Principal Office Assistant
Principal Office Assistant
Principal Office Assistant

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Todd Correia
Joy Nichols
Robert Lincoln
Marc Jodoin
Kristine Austin

Fire Chief
Deputy Fire Chief
Fire Alarm Coordinator
Emergency Management Director
Executive Assistant

HUMAN RESOURCES

Cameron Durant*
Susan Roderiques

Director
Benefits Coordinator

MARINE RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Timothy Cox
*Sheri Souza, transferred to Payroll
Sharon Mills*
Steven Botelho
Todd Cox
Steve Riley
Thomas Lafreniere
Brandon Estrella
Nils Isakson
Corey Pietraszek

Harbormaster/ Shellfish Warden
Principal Office Assistant
Principal Office Assistant
Shellfish Deputy
Shellfish Deputy
Shellfish Deputy
Shellfish Deputy
Shellfish Deputy
Shellfish Deputy
Shellfish Deputy

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Michael Myers
Michael Botelho
Jaunna Adesso
Terry Cripps
*Evan DeSousa, resigned
*Elizabeth Whitaker, resigned
Abigale Griffith*

Police Chief
Police Captain
Executive Secretary
Animal Control Officer
Assistant Animal Control Officer
Assistant Animal Control Officer
Assistant Animal Control Officer

RECREATION CENTER

*Warren Rensehausen, resigned
Kelley Peterson*
Rachel Martin

Director
Director
Program Coordinator

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Ray White

SENIOR CENTER

*Anne Silvia, retired
Martha Reed*
*Cynthia Vandenburgh, retired
*Annette D’Antoni, resigned
Jocelyn Bowers*
Lucille Dauteuil, retired
Carolyn D’Antoni, retired
Christine Alfonse
Phyllis Pequita
Richard Walker
Frank Barcellos
Leon Hebert
Ron Dexter
James Hennessey
Stephen Almeida

Director
Director
Principal Office Assistant/Newsletter
Principal Office Assistant
Principal Office Assistant/Newsletter
Outreach Coordinator
Assistant Outreach Coordinator
Volunteer Coordinator
Receptionist
Environmental Coordinator
Van Driver
Van Driver
Van Driver
Van Driver
Van Driver

VETERAN’S BENEFITS AND SERVICE BURIAL AGENT

Brad Fish
Jane Bettencourt

Veteran’s Agent
Administrative Assistant

Town Boards and Committees

ART CURATOR

Mark Badwey, Art Curator

Kelly Smith, Associate Art Curator

**BELL COMMITTEE
(TERMS EXPIRE 2023)**

Doug Brady, Chair
Nils Isaksen, Vice-Chair
Lee Baumgartner

Jacqueline Kenworthy
Helena Oliveira

**BELONGING COMMITTEE
(TERMS EXPIRE 2023)**

Kylie Bateman, Chair
Jessica Fidalgo, Vice-Chair
Rachel Medeiros
Alliea Group

Leon E. Correy III, Select Board Representative
Cameron Durant, Staff Liaison
Eryn Spencer Tomascik

**BIKEWAY COMMITTEE
(TERMS EXPIRE 2023)**

Amy Roderick, Chair
*Justin Gledhil, resigned
James Anderson
Tim Garcia
Paul Foley, Planning and Economic Development Director

Mike Rotondo, Vice-Chair
Chip Hawthorne
*Gerry Jennings, resigned
Robert Espindola, Select Board Representative

BOARD OF APPEALS

Peter DeTerra, Chair
Kenneth Kendall, Vice-Chair
Peg Cook
Daryl Manchester
Ruy DaSilva, Associate
Jamie DeSousa, Associate
Alberto Silva, Associate
Nicholas Sylvia, Associate
Patrick Carr, Associate
*Kelly Camara, Recording Secretary, transferred to Conservation

Term Expires 2024
Term Expires 2026
Term Expires 2027
Term Expires 2025
Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2024
Term Expires 2025
Term Expires 2025
Term Expires 2023

**BROADBAND STUDY COMMITTEE
(TERMS EXPIRE 2023)**

Sean Powers, Chair
Cathy Melanson, EDC Representative
Thomas McAfee, Cable Advisory Representative
Alyssa Botelho

Sean Daly
Derek Frates, Staff
Robert Espindola, Ex Officio

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(TERMS EXPIRE 2022)

Barbara Acksen, Chair
Ronald Medina
John Methia
Thomas McAfee
Stephanie Fidalgo, Recording Secretary

Maria J. Carvalho
Stasia Powers, Ex Officio
Derek Frates, Cable Access Director

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

*Wendy Graves, Chair, retired	Term Expires 2023
David Faunce, Open Space Representative	Term Expires 2022
*Stephen Hickox, Construction Representative	Term Expires 2022
Paul Kitchen, Construction Representative*	Term Expires 2025
Cathy Melanson, Business Representative	Term Expires 2023
Vincent Furtado, BPW Representative	Term Expires 2024
Tara Kohler, School Representative	Term Expires 2024
Robert A. Furtado, Associate Member	Term Expires 2024
Angie Lopes Ellison, Town Administrator	

CHARTER COMMITTEE

(Ad Hoc)

Kyle Bueno, Chair	Ronnie Medina
Lilia Bernard-Cabral	Cathy Melanson
Morgan Dawicki	Brendalee Smith
Linda Gallant	Marybeth Vargas
Robert Grindrod	Mark Sylvia, Staff Contact

COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

Marcus Ferro, Chair	Term Expires 2025
Pamela Whynot, Vice-Chair	Term Expires 2024
Eleanor Chew, Recording Secretary	Term Expires 2025
Glenn Gabbord, Treasurer	Term Expires 2024
Sarah Buck	Term Expires 2024
Jenna Benoit	Term Expires 2024
Donna Maino Lavallee	Term Expires 2024
*Janice Alves, resigned	*Heidi Paiva, resigned
*Pamela Ferro, resigned	*Maria Reudlinger-Walker, term expired

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Jeff Lucas, Chair	Term Expires 2022
Ann Richard, Vice-Chair, Select Board Appointment	Term Expires 2023
*Carol Alfonso, Housing Authority, resigned	Term Expires 2022
Gary Souza, Housing Authority Representative*	Term Expires 2022
*Marcus Ferro, BPW Representative, resigned	Term Expires 2022
Travis Rapoza, BPW Representative*	Term Expires 2022
Karen Isherwood, Conservation Representative	Term Expires 2022
Gary Lavallette, Historical Commission Representative	Term Expires 2022
Beth Luey, Select Board Appointment	Term Expires 2025
Roger Marcoux, Select Board Appointment	Term Expires 2023
Terry Meredith, Select Board Appointment	Term Expires 2023
Paul Foley, Planning and Economic Development Director	
Marie Ripley, Part-Time Administrative Assistant	
Stephanie Fidalgo, Recording Secretary	

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Geoffrey Haworth II, Chair	Term Expires 2025
Karen Isherwood, Vice-Chair	Term Expires 2024
Gary Lavalette, Clerk	Term Expires 2024
Jake Galary	Term Expires 2022
Amy DeSalvatore	Term Expires 2023
Corey Pietraszek	Term Expires 2023
Michael Kelly	Term Expires 2024
Ronald Medina, Non- Voting Consultant	
*Whitney McClees, Conservation Agent, resigned	
*Branden Costa, Conservation Agent, resigned	
Kelly Camara, Recording Secretary, Interim Conservation Agent	

CONSTABLES

Matthew Botelho	Lawrence Machado
Steven Borges	Scott McGarty
Pamela Bourgault	David Miller
Richard Ferreira	Nicholas Sylvia
Robert Jones	Milan Whitaker
Kevin Kobza	Herve W. Vandal, Jr.
Joseph Latimer	Linda Fredette*, Town Business

COUNCIL ON AGING

Robert Ryan, Chair	Term Expires 2024
Joaquim “Jack” Oliveira, Vice-Chair	Term Expires 2023
Lee Cummings Allaire, Secretary	Term Expires 2024
Carol Burt, Member	Term Expires 2024
Susan Oiestad, Associate Member	Term Expires 2024
Joan Mello, Member	Term Expires 2023
*Anne Silvia, Director, retired	
Martha Reed, Director*	

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

(TERMS EXPIRE 2023)

Cathy Melanson, Chair	Leon E. Correy III, Select Board Representative
Kevin McLaughlin	Jessica Fidalgo, Planning Board Rep
Eddie Lopez	Paul Foley, Director of Planning
Bernard Roderick, resigned	Patrick Carr
Travis Rapoza, resigned	Jake Galary
Stephanie Fidalgo, Recording Secretary	

FAIR HOUSING COORDINATOR

Keith Silvia	Term Expires 2022
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FAIRHAVEN CULTURAL COUNCIL

Sharon Dorian, Chair	Term Expires 2023
Michael Luey	Term Expires 2022
Wendy Drum	Term Expires 2023
Ron Fortier	Term Expires 2024

FINANCE COMMITTEE

PRECINCT 1

Padraic Elliott, Chair
Jennifer Dupras

Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2023

PRECINCT 2

Claire Millette

Term Expires 2024

PRECINCT 3

Steven Levesque

Term Expires 2024

PRECINCT 4

Peter Gardner
Denise Barr

Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2024

PRECINCT 5

Lisa Plante, Vice-Chair

Term Expires 2024

PRECINCT 6

Linda Gallant
Therese Szala

Term Expires 2024
Term Expires 2023

MEMBER AT LARGE

Robert Grindrod

Term Expires 2023

GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Wayne Oliveira
Randall Durrigan

Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2024

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Wayne Oliveira, Chair
*Vicki Oliveira, resigned
Gary Lavalette
Gail Isaksen
John Medeiros
David Braga
Maria J. Carvalho
Michael Kelly, Associate
Natalie Mello, Associate
Keith Silvia, Select Board Representative

Term Expires 2025
Term Expires 2022
Term Expires 2025
Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2024
Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2023

LAGOA FRIENDSHIP PACT COMMITTEE

Maria J. Carvalho, Chair, Historical Representative
Eddie Lopez, Economic Development Representative
Cristina Martins Pinto*
Charles Murphy, Sr., Select Board Representative
*Kyle Bueno, School Department Representative

Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2023

MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Michael McNamara, Chair
*Eric Dawicki, resigned
David Hebert
Andrew Jones

Keith Silvia, Selectmen’s Representative
Robert Hobson, BPW Representative
Michelle Potter
James Moraux*

MEASURER OF WOOD AND BARK

Don Collasius

MILLICENT LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Kathy Lopes, President
Robert Kenworthy, Treasurer
Gail Isaksen
Pamela Kuechler
John Whelan
Abigail Hevey
Maria R. Kilshaw
Jill Carroll
Robert Grindrod
Kyle DeCicco-Carey, Library Director

Bruce Bendiksen, Vice-President
Jane Risch, Assistant Treasurer
Joanna McQuillan-Weeks
Kathleen Clement
Carol Roderigues
Michael Silvia
Anne O’Brien
Bryan Wood
Kate Powers
Leon E. Correy III, Select Board Representative

OIL SPILL COORDINATOR

Todd Correia, Fire Chief

Term Expires 2023

PARKING CLERK

Linda Fredette

PRECINCT CHAIRMEN AND CLERKS

PRECINCT 1

Brian Bowcock, Chair

Michael Silvia, Clerk

PRECINCT 2

Ann Richard, Chair

Matthew Coes, Clerk

PRECINCT 3

Sean Powers, Chair

PRECINCT 4

Paul M. Foster, Chair

Jessica Fidalgo, Clerk

PRECINCT 5

Nancy Greene, Chair

Scot Pomfret, Clerk

PRECINCT 6

Dan DeNardis, Chair

Kevin Pestinas, Clerk

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Eileen Lowney (D)
Kim Hyland (R)
Nils Isaksen (R)
Linda Fredette (U)

Term Expires 2024
Term Expires 2024
Term Expires 2022

ROGERS RE-USE COMMITTEE

(TERMS EXPIRE 2023)

Sue Loo, Chair	Doug Brady, Vice-Chair
Beverly Rasmussen, Recording Secretary	Cathy Melanson, EDC Rep
Nils Isaksen	Lisa Plante, Finance Committee Rep
Barbara Acksen, Associate	Wayne Hayward, Planning Board Rep
Gary Lavalette, Associate	
Keith Silvia, Select Board Representative	Paul Foley, Planning and Economic Dev. Director

RETIREMENT BOARD

Anne Carreiro, Chair, Ex. Officio	Wally Therrian
Tim Cox	Mark Rees
Alfred Robichaud	Mary Sturgeon, Retirement Administrator

**SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL PLANNING
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Robert Espindola	SMMPO, SCBA, Select Board Representative
Rene Fleurent, Jr.	SRPEDD, Planning Board Representative
Paul Foley	JTPG Representative
Vincent Furtado	JTPG Representative

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

(TERMS EXPIRE 2023)

Ann Richard, Chair	Deidre Healy
Wendy Drumm	Christin Ritz
Tim Garcia	Susan Spooner
*Whitney McClees, resigned	

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

(AD HOC)

Mark Sylvia, Town Moderator, Chair	Pam Kuechler, School Committee Rep.
David Braga, Planning Board Rep.	Robert Grindrod, Finance Committee Rep.
Cameron Durant, BPW Rep.	Kimberly Trahan, Community Rep.
Leon E. Correy III, Community Rep.	Anne Morton-Smith, At-Large
Gloria Perperas, At-Large	

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY – PUBLIC SAFETY

Ambulance – 911

Fire 508-994-1428

Police 508-997-7421

TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN

Accountant	508-979-4023 ext. 9108
Animal Control	508-979-4028
Assessors	508-979-4023 ext. 5
Building Department	508-979-4023 ext. 7
Council on Aging	508-979-4029
Cable Access	774-328-8828
Conservation/ Sustainability	508-979-4023 ext. 9303
Election and Registration	508-979-4023 ext. 3
Emergency Management Agency	508-979-4090
Fire Department, non-emergency	508-994-1428
Harbormaster/ Marine Resources	508-979-4023 ext. 9304
Health, Board of	508-979-4023 ext. 6
Housing Authority	508-993-1144
Human Resources	508-979-4023 ext. 9122
Millicent Library	508-992-5342
Planning and Economic Development	508-979-4023 ext. 9
Police Department	508-997-7421
Public Works Department	508-979-4030 (connects all departments)
Highway Department	508-979-4030 ext. 9213
Sewer Department	508-979-4030 ext. 9211
Water Department	508-979-4030 ext. 9212
Recreation Department	508-993-9269
Retirement Board	508-979-4023 ext. 8121
School Department	508-979-4000 (connects all departments)
Sealer of Weights and Measures	508-979-4023 ext. 7
Select Board	508-979-4023 ext. 2
Tax Collector	508-979-4023 ext. 4
Tourism Office	508-979-4085
Town Clerk	508-979-4023 ext. 3
Treasurer/Director of Finance	508-979-4023 ext. 8
Tree Warden	508-979-4023 ext. 2
Veterans Agent	508-979-4023 ext. 9302

STATE LEGISLATORS

Congressman William Keating

508-999-6462

Senator Elizabeth Warren

617-565-3170

Senator Ed Markey

508-677-0523 or 617-565-8519

Senator Mark Montigny

508-984-1474 or 617-722-1440

Representative William Straus

508-992-1260 or 617-722-2400

BOARD OF APPEALS

In 2022, the Board of Appeals heard 42 petitions for Variances and Special Permits. Most were positively acted upon by the Board. The Board continues to meet once monthly.

Respectively submitted,

Peter DeTerra (2024) – Chairman

Kenneth Kendall (2026) – Vice-Chairman

Peg Cook (2027) – Full Member

Daryl Manchester (2025) – Full Member

Ruy DaSilva (2023) – Full Member

Nicholas Sylvia (2025) – Associate Member

Jamie DeSousa (2024) – Associate Member

Alberto Silva (2025) – Associate Member

Patrick Carr (2023) – Associate Member

BELL COMMITTEE

The Fairhaven Bell Committee continues on its endeavor to create a proper housing for the 1796 Revere Bell which was removed from the Oxford cupola due to the building being sold to a private developer.

The committee has been working with Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School leadership team on the construction of the final housing for the bell. The students from Fairhaven, Acushnet and New Bedford will be creating and building the final approved design. The goal for 2022 had been completed. The mark up fake façade design created by Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School was brought to Town Hall on the right side behind the flag pole to view for overall compatibility, size and location. Members from the Select Board, Fairhaven Historical Commission, North Fairhaven Improvement Association and several local residents were at the Town Hall to provide valuable input and suggestions.

The next step is to review the input and suggestions and thus create the final version to be built and placed at Town Hall. The committee continues to inform and involve members of the Select Board, Historical Commission and North Fairhaven Improvement Association and town residents as we progress along.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doug Brady, Chair
Lee Baumgartner
Nils Isaksen Vice-Chair
Jacqueline Kenworthy
Helena Oliveira

BELONGING COMMITTEE

The Belonging Committee completed our first full year of operation promoting and serving as a resource for an environment of diversity, equity and inclusion. We were called upon to advise the Select Board on flag policy, and partnered with the town administrator for statements on DEI issues.

During monthly meetings, we have provided a forum for organizations and community individuals to publicize issues and resources, including guests from the Council on Aging, M.O. L.I.F.E., and the Veterans' Agency. The Committee members also worked to support the second Fairhaven's Got Pride celebration and the display of the Rainbow Pride Flag at Town Hall.

Throughout the year, the Belonging Committee worked to build relationships with similarly purposed organizations, partnering with the South Coast LGBTQ+ Network and walking in New Bedford's Cape Verdean Recognition parade, and connecting by invitation with the New Bedford Human Rights Commission and the City of New Bedford for upcoming events such as the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Day and the Human Rights Day Breakfast.

Most significantly, the Belonging Committee established a presence at numerous town events to build connections and awareness of our presence. Members marched in the Fourth of July parade, provided a safe and relaxing sensory play space for children at Kids' Fest, ran a giveaway table at Fairhaven TV's Haunted Halloween Party, and created a crafting space and educational exhibit showcasing winter holidays around the world at the Old-Time Holiday Town Hall Shops. Additionally, the Committee provided a space for nursing and infant changing station at each event.

Entering 2023, the Belonging Committee has secured a Cultural Council grant to establish an intergenerational art club and is equipped with an official Facebook presence, gift account, and actively involved staff liaison to support communication as well as future event participation and establishment.

Respectfully submitted,

Kylie Bateman, Chair
Jessica Fidalgo, Vice-chair

BIKEWAY COMMITTEE

The Fairhaven Bikeway Committee is dedicated to promoting bicycling throughout the community for recreation and everyday use. We seek to make Fairhaven's streets and paths safe for all users and to educate cyclists, pedestrians and motorists on safe and lawful road use, while maintaining the structural safety and integrity of surfaces and multi-mode interfaces. The Committee works with local, state and federal entities and local businesses to create and expand cycling networks and ambulatory recreational facilities throughout the Town and to connect these with the same from surrounding communities.

In 2022, the Committee met six times throughout the year, and also conducted a "site visit" and review of the entire Phoenix Bike Trail to document areas for improvement, locations for additional signage and safety messaging, and to assess the need for repairs and resurfacing of the Trail.

At various times during the year, certain members of the Committee participated in several seminars, webinars, public hearings, meetings, and communications about:

- ❖ eBike Legislation
- ❖ Capital funding or other sources for bike path repairs and resurfacing
- ❖ Installing additional safety signs along the bike path
- ❖ Connecting with neighboring Mattapoisett about the new Rail Trail section opening
- ❖ Continuing the work outlined in the Complete Streets Plan approved in 2021:
- ❖ A Complete Street is one that provides safe and accessible options for all travel modes and people of all ages and abilities.
- ❖ Projects undertaken and/or completed during 2022 with Mass DOT grant funds
- ❖ Alden Road Bike Lane
- ❖ Alden Road crossings at Howland Road and Glenhaven
- ❖ Main and Union Streets entrance to the Phoenix Bike Trail
- ❖ Main Street pedestrian crossings and ADA improvements at Dana Farms and Fairhaven Village
- ❖ Orchard Street-Scotcut Neck Road crossings and ramps to Little Bay Bike Path
- ❖ Replace Scotcut Neck Road crossing and traffic-slowing signal at David Drown Blvd.: locate on north side of path
- ❖ Mass DOT's Safe Routes to Schools Project on/around Scotcut Neck Rd to Wood School: work expected to begin in 2024
- ❖ Coordinating Committee efforts with the South Coast Bikeway Alliance (SCBA) and Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD)

The Committee welcomed new members Tim Garcia, Chip Hawthorne, and Amy Roderick, and reluctantly said farewell to Justin Gledhill and Gerry Jennings, who both resigned for personal reasons and we thank them for their contribution. We would also like to thank the DPW Superintendent and Town Administrator for their continued time and assistance to the FBC in maintaining the bike path in Fairhaven, its possible ongoing funding sources, and recognizing it as the Town asset that is truly is. The Committee hopes to see you out & about!

2022 Bikeway Committee Members:

Amy Roderick, Chair

Mike Rotondo, Vice-Chair

James Anderson

Tim Garcia

Justin Gledhill - Resigned

Chip Hawthorne

Gerry Jennings – Resigned

Robert Espindola, Ex-Officio

Staff Support:

Paul H. Foley, AICP, Director of Planning & Economic Development

BRISTOL COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

This year marks the 63rd anniversary of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project and its services to the cities and towns of Bristol County. Our mission is to bring mosquito populations to tolerable levels using a variety of scientifically effective methodologies consistent with applicable laws. Surveillance, water management, biological and chemical controls are performed in an environmentally sensitive manner to minimize potential effects on people, wildlife and the environment. The Project is a regional response to a regional problem, and provides a way of organizing specialized equipment, specially trained employees, and mosquito control professionals into a single agency with a broad geographical area of responsibility.

The Project continues to make investments in new technologies that increase our efficiency and accuracy when fulfilling our mandate. We remain committed to applying environmentally responsible larvicide and adulticide products. Our surveillance program, along with service request data and updated GPS and computer equipment, allow us to focus our pesticide applications to targeted areas.

Disease risk from mosquitoes changes greatly from year to year. Because of this constant change in risk, BCMCP works in close relationship with the MA Dept. of Public Health to analyze disease risk in current and future years. The summer of 2022 experienced severe drought throughout the County that significantly affected the mosquito population.

During the 2022 mosquito season, 12,196 individual mosquitoes in 452 samples were tested for the mosquito borne viruses EEE and WNV. There were no isolations of EEE and no human cases in the County. Bristol County had 5 mosquito samples test positive for WNV with no reported human cases. There were no equine cases for EEE or WNV.

The Project continues its year round efforts to reduce mosquito breeding areas through water management and source reduction. Our goal is to remove debris, silt and vegetation from drainage ditches to improve water flow, thus eliminating standing water conducive to larval development. Work is conducted using mechanized machines and by hand.

Bristol County Mosquito Control Project completed the following work in the Town of Fairhaven during the time period of January 1, 2022– December 31, 2022.

- Sprayed over 5,614 acres
- Treated 29.5 acres in 23 locations with B.t.i. for mosquito larvae
- Received and completed 637 requests for spraying
- Cleared and reclaimed 4,470 feet of brush
- Cleaned 980 feet of ditches by machine
- Treated 720 catch basins

Throughout the year, we strive to educate the public concerning mosquito borne diseases and simple ways residents can protect themselves and help prevent breeding on their own property. We have many types of outreach programs available including speaking at public health events, radio/newspaper interviews, visiting local schools, senior centers, and creating informational handouts for distribution. Be sure to check out our website:

www.mass.gov/eea/bristolcountymosquitocontrol for updates and information.

BROADBAND STUDY COMMITTEE

The Fairhaven Broadband Committee spent 2022 planning and thinking about a strategy for implementing a broadband network in Fairhaven that will provide the Town with infrastructure that will adapt many years into the future with rapid technological change and the subsequent impact on the regional economy that comes from that change. Because the economy is now a digital economy and because communication must be on demand, this change will require networks that can evolve and is flexible. The committee has worked to be cognizant of this during this project. Additionally, the question of feasibility for building a network has been a primary focus for the committee. Feasibility is a function of getting enough homeowners and businesses to subscribe and remain loyal to the network. Value drives take-rate and take-rate drives project success. The committee has worked to make choices which create value for the residents of Fairhaven – which in turn would make a project feasible.

The second of 2 votes taken at Town Meeting was approved to create a Municipal Light plant which gives the Town the ability to run a network for the town residents.

Applied for and received \$250,000 grant for the expansion of the town's fiber optic network.

SCOPE OF WORK In 2022, the committee worked with consultants from EntryPoint Networks to develop a Broadband Master Plan with the following Scope of Work:

Education

- Educate Committee and Town Leadership on Key Options for Strategy. In progress
- Provide a comparison of available media (Fiber Optic, DSL, Coaxial Cable, Wireless). Complete

Community Engagement

- Develop a Community Engagement Plan for businesses and residents including budget, timeline, and milestones. In progress
- Work with the Fairhaven Leadership Team to develop and deploy marketing and education messaging. Planning, Analysis & Documentation In progress
- Work with Fairhaven leaders and legal advisors to produce a recommendation on the specific legal structure and legal implications of this structure for housing a community owned network. In progress
- Work with Town Leaders to develop a coherent Broadband Strategy. In progress
- Conduct a Risk Analysis for all project phases. In progress
- Identify Potential Project Partners (Engineering, Construction, Middle Mile, ISP). In progress
- Establish initial pricing from multiple ISPs and Middle Mile Carriers. In progress
- Work with Fairhaven to model a projected Monthly Network Operations Fee for residents and businesses. In progress
- Develop draft RFP's for Engineering and Construction, including the option of a Design/Build solution for Fairhaven. In progress
- Engage Potential Project Partners (Engineering, Construction, Middle Mile, ISP). In progress
- Provide Planning Assistance for Construction Financing and Long-Term Financing. In progress
- Evaluate and document network financing options related to construction and ongoing operations of the network. In progress
- Determine the optimal legal structure for the project and the associated options for financing the network. Develop recommendations for the funding path for the three financial categories: > Infrastructure > Operations and Maintenance of the network > Service Providers (ISPs and others) In progress
- Awarded MBI's digital equity grant in progress

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The town of Fairhaven Building Department has been under new direction since Former Building Commissioner Chris Carmichael resigned in June of 2022. The department has welcomed James Marot, Andrew Bobola, William Horricks, Joseph Kauffman, David Morris, and currently Joel Reed as interim and per diem Building Commissioners. The towns current electrical inspector is Paul Raposo. Our current plumbing inspector is Norman Lussier. The towns Gas inspector is Henry Daigle. Our electrical, plumbing and gas inspectors have over 30 years of experience in their trade. The Building Department has also welcomed a new administrative assistant Suzanne Vieira. Permit Eyes is currently the online permitting system and the focus has been on implementing this system to its optimal performance. This includes educating residents, contractors and staff on the many functions that are available throughout this system. The Building Department continues to work closely with the Conservation Department to ensure all buildings are flood zone compliant and wetlands continue to be preserved. One of the goals of the Building Department is public safety in buildings and to ensure all projects meet Massachusetts State Building Code and Town by-laws. The Building Department continues to work on updating all permitting fees to the most up to date market value. The Department provides over site to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) and Department of Weights and Measures.

Residential homes, Single and Multifamily are on the uptrend. New Commercial projects that the Department provides permitting support to include: Chipotle, Mirasols, and Domino's Pizza, which are expected to open in 2023. The Titleist Acushnet Company has further extensive interior renovations including a new atrium. Interior and exterior renovations to the Seaport Inn continue at this time. Renovations to the South Coast Health Family Medicine Building on Mill Road will provide additional treatment stations and nurses' stations in order to provide additional care. The town welcomes the Southcoast Pickleball Court, who received its occupancy permit in 2022.

Fee Summary Report (01/01/22 to 12/31/22)			
Permits	Transactions	Issued	Fees
Certificate Of Inspection	154	71	\$10,350.00
Certificate Of Occupancy (Comm)	5	3	\$975.00
Certificate Of Occupancy (Res)	8	4	\$1,725.00
Commercial Building Permit	55	48	\$169,855.00
Electrical Permit	479	474	\$61,013.00
Gas Permit	202	193	\$16,554.00
Mechanical Permit	9	8	\$800.00
Plumbing Permit	215	202	\$28,118.00
Residential Building Permit	767	713	\$205,303.20
Shed	5	4	\$700.00
Sheet Metal Permit	29	19	\$4,945.00
Sign Permit	12	10	\$3,000.00
Smoke And Co Modification Permit	0	1	\$0.00
Solid Fuel Appliance Permit	14	7	\$1,050.00
Sprinkler And Fire Alarm Systems	7	5	\$1,113.00
Tent Permit	7	5	\$1,000.00
Trench Permit	4	3	\$310.00
TOTAL	1972	1770	\$506,811.20

CABLE ACCESS TELEVISION

Staff:

Derek T. Frates, Director of Cable
Erick Sa, Production Coordinator
Alyssa Botelho, Videographer / Social Media
Nicholas Doyle, Videographer / Editor
Todd Migliacci, Videographer / Set Design

Cable Advisory Committee:

Barbara Acksen, Chairperson
Maria Carvalho
Ronnie Medina
John Methia
Thomas McAfee

Select Board Representatives:

Stasia Powers

In 2022 Fairhaven Cable Access Television continued to stay true to our mission: Providing informational, educational and community-based content on our two access channels.

The groundwork to deal with the hurdles of broadcasting continuously throughout the pandemic were laid in 2020. After functioning with 2 locations throughout most of 2022, an additional meeting room equipped for Zoom Meetings was added in at the BPW building. Three locations are now available for meeting participants to interact through a hybrid system of in person and virtual attendance. Multiple technologies were used to make this happen. Livestream, Castus Stream, and Zoom were simultaneously used along with an intricate audio & video set-up to accomplish this. The department continues to receive great feedback from other departments, boards and committees who credit Fairhaven TV as being an essential piece of keeping town government running in respect to participation and open meeting laws during and after the pandemic.

The all-inclusive website FairhavenTV.com continues to be an essential asset for the residents of Fairhaven to view government meetings, community events, and virtual events around town, as well as receive emergency and timely updates and resources available from town departments.

Fairhaven TV's social media platforms continue to be an important tool to accomplish the mission of keeping residents informed. Facebook followers grew to over 1900 (an increase of 200) and Instagram followers total over 600 (an increase of 100). Our YouTube page is also the place to find all of the latest events filmed for Fairhaven Community Media.

Alyssa Botelho has taken over the role of Social Media coordinator for the town as well. Her tireless efforts in reconfiguring and reorganizing all of the town's Facebook and Instagram pages has been truly beneficial in keeping the community abreast of many happenings in town.

The 10-year (2018-2028) cable television renewal license between Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC and Town of Fairhaven, Massachusetts is available to view on the Town of Fairhaven website on the Cable Advisory Committee page. (www.fairhaven-ma.gov/cable-advisory-committee)

Government Access – Channel 18:

The following government meetings are filmed regularly, broadcast live when possible, replayed on channel 18, and are available to view on demand at www.fairhaventv.com/governmentmeet-ingvideos and at www.livestream.com/fairhavenlive: Select Board, Board of Appeals, Board of Assessors, Board of Health, Board of Public Works, Belonging Committee, Bikeways Committee, Broadband Study Committee, Cable Advisory Committee, Capital Planning Committee, Charter Committee, Conservation Commission, Contributory Retirement Board, Community Preservation Committee, Commission on Disability, Cultural Council, Economic Development Committee, Finance Committee, Historical Commission, Lagoa Friendship Pact Committee, Marine Resource Committee, Planning Board, Rogers Re-Use Committee, School Committee, Sustainability Committee, Town Meeting Review Committee, Town Meeting, and various Public Hearings.

Local election coverage and the annual Meet the Candidates night has become a staple of the government access calendar, as well.

FTV covers and broadcasts more meetings than any other access station in the commonwealth. 302 government meetings and 25 related shows and Public Service Announcements were produced and aired in 2022. There were actually more meetings filmed by Fairhaven Government Access in 2022 than in 2021(301), 2020 (260) and 2019 (234).

Public meetings, forums, press conferences and ribbon cuttings are also filmed upon request. In addition, Fairhaven TV works with other departments to create public service announcements and informational videos to keep residents informed. These are posted to www.youtube.com/@Fairhaven_tv and www.facebook.com/fairhaventv as well as replayed on channel 18. Examples include Health Dept. guidelines and updates, Fairhaven Fire and Police Dept. PSA's, Town Clerk Election Info, Adopt-A-Pet series; monthly segments with the Fairhaven Animal Shelter and Animal Control Officer, Marine Resource Dept Permitting Procedures, Fairhaven Tree Warden updates, Boater safety videos, and Lagoa Friendship Pact committee events.

FTV worked with the Veterans Services Dept. and agent Brad Fish to produce coverage of annual events that previously had to be closed to public from attending. These included Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day parades and exercises in person for the first time since 2019.

FTV continued our collaboration with the Fairhaven Opioid Task Force by filming International Opioid Awareness day events in neighboring New Bedford and a recovery day celebration here in Fairhaven. The 'Opioid Crisis' 3-part video series continues to be shared bringing community awareness of the ongoing Opioid Crisis and offer support and contact information for those that need help for themselves, friends or family members.

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Community/Public Access – Channel 95:

Fairhaven Community Media- Channel 95 is used for public access programming. 39 original productions including community events, and member productions were broadcast and are available on demand at www.fairhaventv.com/communityvideos and on the Fairhaven Community Media YouTube page. In addition, dozens of regional access shows were imported and broadcast on Channel 95. Throughout the country, 126 affiliated access stations downloaded our content to broadcast in their communities.

FTV is proud to announce we were awarded Best Production Value by the Massachusetts Creator Awards for Hometown Haunts, which aired during Fairhaven TV's 4th Annual Halloween Party in 2021. This was the second consecutive year of winning a state award. We have also been nominated in 4 categories in 2022. The award ceremony will be held on January 25, 2023.

FTV also brought home a national award at the Alliance for Community Media's Hometown Media Awards in the category of Children's Programs for our Home for the Holiday's Intro entitled Santa's Bell. The team was able to travel to the awards ceremony in Chicago to receive the award!

The annual Haunted Halloween Party has become a highly anticipated event in the community. For the first time since 2019, FTV was able to host the event live in Town Hall. Attendance was over 700, shattering all previous records. Features included Master of Ceremonies Todd "Magic" Migliacci performing magic and trivia, spooky stories and games, trick-or-treat tables from community organizations and townsfolk, and the premiere of the latest Hometown Haunts segment: The Caretaker at Rogers School (nominated this year for Best Production Value at the Mass Creator Awards).

Popular public access member TV Series' continuing to air on Channel 95 are The Family Table, Get Personal with Pattie, and The Magazine with Charlie Murphy. Public access member Dave Fauteux has produced 35 episodes of The Magazine in just 3 years! (nominated this year for Best Documentary at the Mass Creator Awards).

Other highlights include the popular Hometown Hikes series, featuring local trails, Kids Fest hosted by the Office of Tourism, coverage of the annual Cherry Blossom Festival at the Whitfield-Manjiro house, Millicent Library events, the return of the Concerts Under the Stars summer concert series, a summer media camp day at a local elementary school, coverage of the Benoit Square Tree lighting, and Ol' Time Holiday in December.

All of this material can be viewed on FairhavenTV.com, The Fairhaven TV YouTube page and in between programming on our channels.

Workshops and trainings are available to any Fairhaven resident looking to create their own show. Please follow us on Facebook and at www.fairhaventv.com, www.facebook.com/fairhaventv, Instagram at [fairhaven_tv](https://www.instagram.com/fairhaven_tv), and subscribe to our YouTube channel.

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CHARTER COMMITTEE

On June 12th, 2020, Town Meeting convened to vote on a total of 60 articles, one of these items including action on Article 48, citizens petition calling for the creation of a nine member Charter Committee. By 139-32 votes, your representatives at Town Meeting overwhelmingly approved this article.

The Charter Committee's charge is reviewing all aspects of local government organization and structure, including, without limitation, regional relationships and the operation of all Town departments, boards, committees and commissions, elected and appointed, and make a report or recommendations to the 2022 Annual Town Meeting, or such later town meeting as the Moderator may approve, with the goal of presenting a proposed town charter at the 2022 Annual Town Meeting, which special legislation would be forwarded to the General Court for review and approval, in accordance with the Home Rule Amendment, Section 8, and further to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of \$10,000.00 to pay for the expenses of such Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

Members of the Fairhaven Charter Committee convened its first reorganization meeting on Thursday, September 9th, 2021 and have been meeting once a month on Wednesdays at 6:30pm. Our meetings are also broadcasted on the local all access cable channel 9 and live on Facebook via Fairhaven TV.

Since our first meeting, we have:

- Researched and discussed as a group various town reports and charter related documents, including but not limited to, historical information on town and city charters across Massachusetts, the DOR Report from 2012, Bennett & Shaw report from the late 1980s, and recommendations from our Fairhaven Government Study Committee.
- Invited guest speakers such as Michael Dutton, Town Manager for the Town of Bridgewater and Chair of the Massachusetts Municipal Association Form of Governance Committee, Lexington Deputy Town Manager Kelly Axtell and Chelmsford Town Manager Paul Cohen speak with us about processes towns and cities created to adopt charters in their communities and the benefits associated with these documents.
- Created a current, but fluid and adaptable town organizational chart to help us understand which of these recommendations from these reports have already been implemented and which need further discussions to make our municipality work in a more efficient and streamlined approach for you the taxpayer.
- Crafted a draft Table of Contents that will help us prepare a Town Charter ready for public comment.

We want to encourage anyone interested in our committee to watch our meetings and get involved by joining or offering feedback or suggestions. More information, including our documents and contact information, are available on the town's website:
<https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/charter-committee>.

Submitted,
Kyle Bueno, Chair
Cathy Melanson, Vice Chair

COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

Fairhaven's Commission on Disability is dedicated to advocating for policies and projects that make Fairhaven fully accessible for individuals with disabilities in town. We do this by working with town departments, residents, and local organizations to make necessary accommodations and guide residents toward important resources to serve that purpose.

In 2022 the Commission on Disability focused on the following:

Initiated the process for and purchase of bringing mats to the town beach enabling more people to access the parking lot and beach that otherwise would have been prevented from utilizing this resource. We would like to thank Vinnie Furtado, BPW Superintendent, and the Board of Public Works members for securing the funds to make this possible in 2022 and for their commitment to getting them installed and removed.

Met with Town Administrator, Angie Lopes Ellison, to discuss the needs for increased accessibility at town hall. Three members of the commission did a walk-through identifying concerns. Among the concerns identified were the automatic doors and the elevator door that was closing too quickly. This was addressed by our town administrator. The need for improved signage, accessibility to all areas of town hall, the placement of the buttons in the elevator, door jambs that make entering offices difficult, and the need for markers at the edge of stairs. It was decided by the town administrator that we should request an updated study from Joe Booth Consultants as the last report was done in 1997. We have placed these needs on hold awaiting an updated report.

We met with the Fire Chief Todd Correia as concerns with helping people out of town hall in an emergency was raised. The chief assured us that they have experience and training in this. Met with Lt. Kobza, Police Department and he has updated the emergency forms making them more accessible on their website. If you or a family member have a disability or may need to be approached differently in a specific way, we encourage you to go the police department website and fill out the forms.

We are in the process of finalizing a directory of resources for those with a disability from the ages of birth to age 22.

The COD worked on determining a process for getting people to clear snow away from the most used bus stops in town so that our friends with disabilities can access transportation without having to wait in the street after it snows. This is ongoing.

Met with an individual who educated us about respite care and the need for more people in town to open their homes for individuals whose families need back up care. If you are interested in more information, contact Family Services Associates in Fall River.

We began a social media page on Face Book. Check out Fairhaven Commission on Disability, see what is being posted for information. Also, be sure to Like our page and invite your circle of friends to do the same. Thanks in advance.

As your CoD we are here to serve you and to address the needs of individuals with disabilities in town as we work towards Universal Design Standards for all.

So, how can we serve you? What needs are you aware of that we need to consider discussing and addressing? Where are there gaps in services?

We encourage you to reach out to us on our Face Book page or our web page:
cod@Fairhaven-ma.gov to share your thoughts, concerns and ideas.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marcus Ferro- Chair
Pamela Whynot- Vice-Chair
Eleanor Chew-Secretary
Glenn Gabbard-Treasurer
Janice Alves- resigned
Jenna Benoit
Sarah Buck
Pamela Ferro- resigned
Heidi Piva-resigned
Donna Maino Lavallee
Maria Reudlinger Walker- term expired 2022

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is responsible for the administration of the Community Preservation Fund, the selection and recommendation to Town Meeting of projects for funding and the monitoring of the progress of projects funded by community preservation. By statute, Community Preservation Act funds may be allocated to those projects that support the preservation and/or enhancement of open space, historic resources, community housing, and land for recreational use. The CPC enjoyed success in 2022, its 17th year of operation. As of June 30, 2022, the Town had collected \$463,337 from the local CPA surcharge for FY-2022 and in November 2022, received \$189,112 in State matching funds for FY21, which was a 43.84% match.

At the June 18, 2022 Annual Town Meeting held virtually via Zoom the Community Preservation Committee recommended four (4) projects for spending appropriations with an administrative appropriation and set asides for each area for a total of \$554,500. The Committee put \$65,000 in funds into each account for the acquisition, creation, and preservation of Open Space; Historic Resources; and Community Housing for future projects to ensure that all areas received at least the 10% minimum required. The CPC recommended \$15,000 for the Administrative Budget but that was cut during the budget cycle to \$8,500. The CPC Budget appropriations in ATM Article #22 for FY23 were the following:

1. Reserve for Future Appropriation	
a. Open Space set aside	\$65,000
b. Historic Resources set aside	\$65,000
c. Community Housing set aside	\$65,000
2. Spending Appropriations	
d. Library Sidewalks Phase 2	\$93,000
e. FHC - Spring Street Firehouse Renovations	\$18,000
f. Pickleball courts at Livesey Park	\$180,000
g. Whitfield-Manjiro Carriage House Cultural Center	\$60,000
3. Administrative Spending Appropriation	
h. Annual expenses for Recording; Consultants; Supplies, etc...	\$8,500
4. Total Recommended Appropriations	\$554,500

In September, the Committee published the FY2024 Community Preservation Plan with guidelines and information for applicants seeking community preservation funds. The Application includes the criteria from the guidelines as a checklist to help clarify proposals. In December 2022 the Committee began considering nine applications for FY24 funding. The Committee's FY 2024 final recommendations will be presented to the 2023 Annual Town Meeting in May.

All CPC meetings are open to the public and the Committee welcomes public participation throughout the process. A Letter of Interest option was added which offers a less formal alternative to a full application for potential applicants to learn about the process and requirements and get feedback from the Committee on whether their project is eligible for funding and what the Committee will be looking for before an applicant goes to the expense of a full application and detailed drawings. Citizens may email the Committee by contacting the Planning Department by email at pfoley@fairhaven-ma.gov or by calling (508) 979-4023, Ext. 8123, with questions, comments and feedback. For additional information, citizens may visit the CPC web page on the Town website at www.fairhaven-ma.gov/community-preservation-committee.

2022 CPC Members:

Jeffrey Lucas	Chair Planning Board representative
Ann Richard	Vice-Chair at-large representative
Roger Marcoux	at-large representative
Terrence P. Meredith	at-large representative
Beth Luey	at-large representative
Gary Lavalette	Historical Commission representative
Karen Isherwood	Conservation Commission representative
Gary Souza	Fairhaven Housing Authority representative
Marcus Ferro	Board of Public Works representative

Staff Support:

Paul H. Foley, AICP, Director of Planning & Economic Development
Marie E. Ripley, Administrative Assistant for Planning & Economic Development

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission (FCC) consists of seven voting members appointed by the Board of Selectmen and three non-voting consultants appointed by the FCC. The FCC is supported by a paid Conservation Agent and a paid part-time Administrative Assistant.

The purpose of the FCC is to protect Fairhaven's wetland resource areas in accordance with the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. Ch. 131, § 40) and its Regulations (310 CMR 10.00) as well as the Fairhaven Wetland Bylaw (Chapter 192) and its Regulations. The protected resource areas include rivers, streams, ponds, brooks, wetland marshes (salt and fresh), banks, and floodplains, including the 29 miles of coastline in Fairhaven.

Protection extends 100 feet from the edge of the wetlands, 200 feet from rivers most brooks, streams, and to the entire floodplain.

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission holds public hearings, issues Orders of Conditions permitting work, inspects the work in progress, and upon completion, issues Certificates of Compliance. The FCC is updating and strengthening the Town Bylaws to keep pace with the changing times and climate, and is taking measures to keep track of Enforcement Orders, permits, and other conservation matters electronically. The FCC routinely undertakes enforcement activities when unauthorized activities are identified and cannot be resolved through more amicable means. In 2022, the Conservation Commission heard 26 Notices of Intent and 20 Requests for Determination of Applicability, as well as a number of violation and enforcement cases.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoffrey Haworth (2025) – Chairman
Karen Isherwood (2024) – Vice-Chair
Gary Lavalette (2024) – Clerk
Corey Pietraszek (2023) – Member
Jacob Galary (2022) – Member
Amy DeSalvatore (2023) – Member
Michael Kelly (2024) – Member
Ronald Medina (2022) – non-voting consultant
Chelsea Isherwood (2023) – non-voting consultant
Caroline Hawthorne (2023) – non-voting consultant

Staff:

Whitney McClees – Conservation Agent – Resigned in May 2022
Kelly Camara – Administrative Assistant
Branden Costa – Conservation Agent – August 2022 – December 2022

CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT

The following schedule summaries the operations for:	2022
Balance on hand January 1st	\$93,840,797.83
Town appropriation	\$3,790,776.00
Housing Authority appropriation	\$149,224.00
Contributions from Members	\$1,392,857.63
Contributions rec'd for military service	\$0.00
Transfers from Other Systems	\$63,473.06
Members Make-up payments	\$28,774.93
Workers' Compensation Settlements	\$84,000.00
Recovery of 91A Overearnings	\$0.00
Investment Income/Loss	-\$10,200,885.21
COLA Received	\$28,171.71
Reimbursement from other systems	\$193,169.94
Federal Grant Reimbursements	\$28,502.22
Interest not refunded	\$0.00
Total Income	\$89,398,862.11
Pensions Paid	\$4,488,752.47
Annuities Paid	\$998,172.77
Refund to members	\$95,686.73
Reimbursement to other systems	\$280,072.43
Transfers to other systems	\$315,795.38
Administrative Expense	\$552,564.63
Total Disbursements	\$6,731,044.41
Income less disbursements	\$82,667,817.70
Balances:	
Cash	\$326,351.95
Prit Fund	\$82,176,293.65
Accounts Receivable	\$165,172.10
Total FRS Balances December 31st	\$82,667,817.70

COUNCIL ON AGING

MISSION

The Fairhaven Council on Aging's mission is to identify and address the needs and concerns of Fairhaven's elders. Based on those needs, the COA designs, advocates, and implements programs and services to fulfill these needs and bridge gaps. Fairhaven seniors, as well as their families and caregivers, are welcome to utilize the Senior Center as a community resource where older adults can come together for services and explore activities offered such as wellness programs, educational presentations, and social activities.

CENSUS

The latest number of seniors in the Town of Fairhaven in 2022, 60 years and older, is estimated at 4,500, which is approximately a quarter of the Town's population. In 2022, 1,873 unduplicated seniors received over 13,000 units of services or events at the Senior Center. These services and activities assisted seniors by promoting and maintaining a secure, safe, and healthy quality of life. 2022 was focused on returning to in-person services and events in as safe a fashion as possible to continue to minimize exposure to COVID-19 transmittal for all staff and patrons of the Senior Center. The level of seniors taking advantage of the programs and services has returned to pre-COVID numbers.

STAFFING & VOLUNTEERS

2022 saw the retirement of two longtime employees, Director Anne Silvia, and Principal Office Assistant Cynthia Vandenburg. In February of 2022, Martha Reed was hired as the COA's new director, and in July Jocelyn Bowers transferred from the Board of Health to the Council on Aging to become the Principal Office Assistant. The Senior Center is currently staffed with a director (40 hours paid through the COA budget), a principal office assistant (35 hours paid through the COA budget), a custodian (35 hours paid through the COA budget), a volunteer coordinator (19 hours paid through the Formula Grant), a receptionist (19 hours paid through the Formula Grant), and two van drivers (sharing approximately 20-24 hours per week, one paid from the COA budget and one paid through the Formula Grant).

Approximately 30 dedicated volunteers provided over 4,900 hours of service to the Council on Aging. Volunteer opportunities were substantially lower due to continued COVID-19 issues. The value of these volunteers throughout the year provided savings of approximately \$110,000 to the town. Duties of the volunteers include assisting in outreach, SHINE, fuel assistance, tax preparation, office work, kitchen work (including Meals on Wheels), medical transportation, legal assistance, newsletter coordinating and delivery, assisting in activities, and light custodial help.

OUTREACH

Outreach services were responsible for educating and informing seniors of resources available in the community to assist in keeping them safe in their own homes thus maintaining dignity and independence. These services included SHINE (assistance with Medicare and health insurance), PACE (fuel assistance), SNAP (food assistance), Senior Circuit Breaker Tax Credit, tax preparation, free cell phones, medical alert systems, and referrals to local agencies and organizations that provide assistance with help in the home. Those in need of legal services are referred to South Coastal Counties Legal Services, the Office of the District Attorney, as well as private elder law attorneys in the area. In addition, local elder law attorney, Suzanne J. Sequin, provides pro bono legal services monthly at the Senior Center. As a mandated reporter, the Council on Aging works collaboratively across all municipal departments to address seniors in crisis and reports all suspected elder abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation to Elder Protective Services.

In July, the COA was excited to welcome the Veteran's Service Office to our facility. Working cooperatively with Veterans Service Officer, Brad Fish, and Administrative Secretary, Jane Bettencourt, elder veterans are able to access all needed supports and services under one roof.

SENIOR TAX WORKOFF

Twenty financially qualified Fairhaven seniors per year have the opportunity to receive a \$500.00 deduction from their real estate taxes after volunteering 62.5 hours in various departments of the town. In 2022, only 8 seniors took part in the program due to continued COVID-19 restrictions. If interested, please call the COA and ask for Christine Alfonse to see if you qualify.

NUTRITION

The Fairhaven Senior Center works collaboratively with Coastline Elder Services to operate the Meals on Wheels program and as a congregate meal site (congregate meals returned in April of 2022) Monday through Friday. Approximately 85 meals a day are delivered to the community through these programs. Coastline also supports two Senior Supper Clubs, the Single Seniors and the South Coast LGBTQ+ Seniors. Both Supper Clubs were able to resume in 2022. The Single Senior Supper Club which restarted in March meets on the third Tuesday of the month from 4:00 PM-6:00 PM from April to October and from 2:00 PM-4:00 PM from November through March. The South Coast LGBTQ+ Seniors, which restarted in February and meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month from 5:00 PM-7:00 PM, both are considered congregate meals. Coastline also provides food for special events such as the Veterans Day Luncheon. The Fairhaven COA was able to host an in-person Easter Sunday and Thanksgiving Dinner for those seniors who would otherwise be alone on these holidays; meal delivery was also offered as an option for those not able to attend in person. In collaboration with generous community groups, churches, businesses, and organizations, several food baskets and turkeys were donated to seniors in need and grandparents raising grandchildren.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, food insecurity has become a growing area of concern, especially among elders. The Fairhaven Council on Aging continues to participate in the Greater Boston Food Banks Commodity Supplemental Food Program providing supplemental food to low-income seniors. As part of this program, qualifying seniors, 60 years old and older, receive two bags of non-perishable food once a month, over 50 households participated this year. In addition, the COA also helps seniors apply for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and has become a SNAP Outreach Partner with the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

TRANSPORTATION

The Fairhaven Council on Aging has a fleet of three vans which include:

Van #2 2018 Econoline Bus	14 passenger
Van #4 2021 Ford Star Bus	14 passenger
Van #5 2012 Ford Starcraft	14 Passenger (Social Day Van)

In 2022, the COA provided 2,139 rides for in-town transportation (shopping, banking, etc.) to 249 unduplicated seniors. A van is used to provide a mall trip every Wednesday as well as special outings in the surrounding communities. Occasionally, the vans are requested to be used for community events (road races, parades, fundraising events, and special events in town). The vans are available in the event of emergency evacuation of housing, nursing home, or assisted living residents.

HEALTH SERVICES

The Fairhaven COA continues to strive to provide the seniors of this town, and surrounding towns, with wellness programming and activities to enhance their mental and physical wellbeing. Services available to seniors by appointment in 2022 included a foot care specialist, a dental hygienist, and a registered community nurse. Physical activities included chair yoga, Zumba Gold, Osteo Class, Tai Chi, walking groups, hiking group, and bocce. Informational support on health and wellbeing include the Health Awareness Group, Care Givers Support Group, Bereavement Groups, Flu Clinic provided by Fairhaven Pharmacy and numerous in-services provided by local organizations and agencies regarding scams, fraud and overall safety issues. The Fairhaven COA distributes 1,900 newsletters throughout the town, and surrounding area, providing information about all the activities and events happening at the Senior Center.

SUPPORTIVE SOCIAL DAY PROGRAM

The Supportive Social Day Program had to be temporarily suspended due to ongoing issues with COVID-19 and waning attendance. It is a priority of the new director to re-open the program in early 2023.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Fairhaven Council on Aging, we wish to express our sincerest gratitude to all of the dedicated staff and volunteers as well as all who have made generous donations throughout the year enabling the Fairhaven Council on Aging and its programming to grow.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha Reed, Director Fairhaven Council on Aging

Board Members,
Robert Ryan, Chairperson
Jack Oliveira, Vice Chairperson
Lee Allaire, Secretary
Joan Mello, Member
Carol Burt, Associate Member
Susan Oiestad, Associate Member

CULTURAL COUNCIL

The function of the Fairhaven Cultural Council is to avert grant funding to local individuals and programs which provide cultural opportunities and support the growth of the arts and humanities in our community. Grant monies are provided by the Massachusetts Cultural Council as well as the Town of Fairhaven.

For the current year, the council funded 19 projects totaling \$13,550. The Committee received \$2,750 from the Town of Fairhaven and the remainder of the funds were provided by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Funds provided by the Town of Fairhaven were awarded to: Motoko Dworkin / Origami Storigami - Millicent Library Summer Programming; Steven M. Hurlbut / Jumpin' Juba Senior Concert; Joseph Ingoldsby / Cooke Memorial Basin Beautification; Henry Lappen / Henry the Juggler for the Fairhaven Recreation Center programming; NFIA / Music Night in the Gazebo Concert; and to the Town of Fairhaven / Intergenerational Art Club.

Current members and officers include:

Sharon Dorian, Chair

Michael Luey, Treasurer

Lisa Breese, Recording Secretary

Alexandra Caine

Wendy Drum

Ron Fortier

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Economic Development Committee met throughout the year in a hybrid fashion with some members in Town Hall and others attending via an online meeting platform due to the continuing Covid-19 situation. The Economic Development Committee continues to work on implementing the Economic Development Plan and discussing the goals of the plan and comment on the economic needs of the Town.

The Committee discussed the proposed 40R Overlay District as part of the Route 6/240 Economic Redevelopment Plan. The purpose of Route 6/240 Economic Redevelopment Plan is to determine actions the town can take to create more opportunity for new development in Town. The 40R Overlay is a tool the Town can use to increase capacity for new commercial and residential development in previously developed areas while preserving the historic and rural character of the rest of the Town. The Town hired Dodson & Flinker Landscape Architects and Planners and Adam Costa of Mead, Talerman and Costa Attorneys as consultants to help develop a 40R Bylaw and develop design standards. A 40R Working Group with over 25 members met four times from September to December plus a 40R public visioning workshop in November have helped direct this effort. The 40R Group is meeting again in January.

The Economic Development Committee committed \$6,000 in FY22 funds as a local match to grants from the 1-Stop for Growth Grant Program and Executive Office of Environmental Affairs to hire the consultants for the 40R Overlay Bylaw and design standards. The EDC has committed funds the last several years to the Route 6/240 plan and a 40R effort and is considering committing \$6,000 in FY23 Funds to this as well.

In 2022 the Department of Planning and Economic Development was instrumental in bringing \$3,106,236 dollars in grant funding to the Town for various projects. This included two grants for \$1,000,000 each from the Seaport Economic Council for Union Wharf and \$320,000 to update the Municipal Harbor Plan with New Bedford. The Department was also successful in getting another \$75,000 from the DHCD One-Stop for Growth grant program to fund the consultants helping the Town develop a 40R Overlay Bylaw and Design Standards. The Department, with the assistance of consultant Breezeway Farms, was successful in securing \$686,236 through the Community Development and Block Grant (CDBG) for streetscape improvements.

The Committee had some changeover this year with Bernie Roderick, Bob Espindola and Travis Rapoza leaving the committee. The Committee thanks them for their contributions. The Committee welcomed new members Leon Correy, Patrick Carr and Jake Galary in 2022.

Cathy Melanson	Chair
Jessica Fidalgo	Vice-Chair/Representative of the Planning Board
Leon Correy	Representative of the Select Board
Kevin McLaughlin	
Eddie Lopez	
Patrick Carr	New Member
Jake Galary	New Member
Bernie Roderick	Former Member
Travis Rapoza	Former Member

The Committee appointments were as follows:

Cathy Melanson, Representative to the Rogers School Committee
Paul H. Foley, AICP, Director of Planning and Economic Development
Marie E. Ripley, Administrative Assistant to the Planning Director

FAIRHAVEN FIRE & EMS DEPARTMENT

The Fairhaven Fire Department had another record-breaking year. In 2022, we responded to 3,990 emergency calls. This represents a 6% increase in calls from 2021. In addition to emergency calls, the fire department provides a wide range of inspection and safety responses for our community, putting our total calls for service at over 5,000 calls.

STAFFING:

Staffing has been a large discussion point on social media and within the community. We are thankful that the Town Administrator has found funding to support four (4) new positions to help with the additional workload. We expect the new firefighters to be trained and working by July 1, 2023. This will bring our shift staffing to seven (7) firefighters.

Even though this staffing will help, there is still work to be done. The goal with the staffing is to have at least seven (7) firefighters on duty at all times to handle the current call volume. This will allow us to staff two ambulances (2 firefighters each) which will cross-staff another engine and ladder truck. The remaining three (3) firefighters will staff the first due engine to handle the 1000 fire calls we do annually.

The Call Department is still a part of our fire response. The call department members are summoned via a toning system, and when they are available, they respond to the scene to provide additional staffing and assistance.

For staffing to work, we need to transfer dispatch to another agency. We are currently working with the Town Administrator and Chief Myers of the Police Department to find the best way to handle our dispatch center. The current system cannot support dispatching the fire department which requires us to leave a firefighter back at the station to dispatch calls, or on large calls, the dispatch center goes unstaffed creating a safety issue for firefighters on the fire ground. We will continue to push for the removal of dispatch out of the fire department to either a better-staffed police dispatch center or a regional dispatch center.

RETIREMENTS:

In 2022, we said goodbye to Lieutenant Douglas Silveira. Lt. Silveira started his career in 1988 and was promoted to Lieutenant on August 1, 1995. Lt Silveira was known for his steadfast leadership and command presence on the fire ground. As a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, he expected his team to run efficiently and respectfully at every hour of the day.

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT:

We regret to inform you of the passing of retired Lieutenant Michael Barcellos. Lt. Barcellos developed occupational cancer (Cancer-related to his line of work) upon his retirement in 2008. He bravely battled cancer for the duration of his retirement. His leadership within the department and with the Professional Firefighters of Massachusetts will never be forgotten. May he rest in peace.

NEW STAFF:

2022 was a busy year with promoting veteran employees and hiring new employees to fill multiple voids that occurred in 2021 and early 2022.

Brian Riggs was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in May of 2022. Lt Brian Riggs began his career here in 1997. As a registered nurse, he attended paramedic school in 1999 and was one of the original six (6) paramedics that helped bring Advanced Life Support to the Town of Fairhaven.

We will be leaning on Lt Riggs to help provide leadership and development for our younger staff. Firefighter Timothy Reilly, a United States Army Veteran, was hired in July of 2022. He resides in Middleboro and is a Basic EMT. He was hired to fill the vacancy created when Firefighter Edward Freitas retired in December of 2021. He is currently at the Massachusetts Fire Academy and is on schedule to graduate in January 2023. He will be attending Paramedic school this spring.

Firefighter Ryan DeLorey was hired in August 2022 to fill the vacancy created due to the departure of Lt. Brian Messier and the promotion of Lt. Riggs. FF DeLorey has completed Paramedic training and is waiting to take his National Certification exam. He is scheduled to attend the Massachusetts Fire Academy in January of 2023. He resides in West Bridgewater.

Firefighter Deondre Gomes was also hired in August of 2022, as a result of Lt. Silveira's retirement. He is a veteran EMT of New Bedford EMS and has recently completed paramedic school. He is a Fairhaven resident and is scheduled to attend the Massachusetts Fire Academy in January 2023.

FIRE DIVISION

The fire division handles all other non-ems calls. Anytime a department or citizen has an issue, their first call is to the fire department for assistance. The Fairhaven Fire Department fire division handles about 1000 calls annually. A fire-related call is all calls that involve structure fires, car fires, brush/grass fires, motor vehicles accidents, electrical issues, natural gas, and propane gas emergencies, hazardous material emergencies, fire alarms, carbon monoxide alarms, lock-ins and lockouts, and technical, water, and ice rescue. Most of the time these calls come in while we are handling medical-related calls reducing our capacity to properly staff these calls. We must have at least two firefighters on an engine to handle a fire-related call for safety reasons.

EMS DIVISION

The EMS division accounts for most of our calls and generates approximately 1.4 Million dollars each year. This money is used to offset the cost of a fire department from the tax levy. Each ambulance has at least one paramedic on board to help deliver the most advanced care to our citizens and visitors. Each ambulance call requires a minimum of two (2) personnel and takes about 75 minutes. We transport patients to all area hospitals and occasionally RI Hospital or Hasbro Children's Hospital. Our personnel work under the direction of Dr. Matthew Bivens of Southcoast Hospital Group. As our population age increases and additional low-income and elderly housing are developed, greater demand and strain are placed on our ambulance system.

FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION

The Fire Prevention Division, led by Deputy Chief Joy Nichols, continues to provide life safety and fire safety inspections to our commercial, industrial, and government buildings. One of the primary roles of a fire department is to present and reduce the chances of fires in our communities. As fires will always happen, we must continue to work with our community partners to reduce this risk.

FIRE SAFETY DIVISION

Firefighters Troy DeCouto and Maggie Rocha lead our fire safety division (SAFE) and have started to re-engage our community in the post-COVID world. This year we delivered various fire safety programs to our elderly housing units and our elementary schools, teaching them how to be safe from fire. In October of 2022, we resumed our annual open house and provided demonstrations and education to hundreds of residents and visitors.

If you are looking for a fire safety class or a fire extinguishing demonstration for your business or organization please contact them via email at:

Troy DeCouto
tdecouto@fairhaven-ma.gov

Maggie Rocha
mrocha@fairhaven-ma.gov

FIRE ALARM DIVISION

The Fire Alarm Division maintains the town's radio box system. In addition, we continue to modify our inspection program of the installed radio boxes system so that the wireless system stays up to current N.F.P.A. standards and transmits the appropriate alarms to the fire department.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION (EM)

2022 was a busy year as we continue to assist the police and fire departments with large storms and incidents. We also provide a variety of community support to road races and other civil groups, including the North Fairhaven Improvement Association, the Fairhaven Father's Day Road Race, and the annual Polar Plunge.

The past year, we saw several storms, mainly rain and wind. The town responded to many calls for down trees and wires. Your volunteers, as usual before any event, started by checking all of our equipment in preparation for these events. We also assist the Police and Fire in securing areas or blocking streets once the immediate threat is isolated. This allows our other first responders to attend to other emergencies.

We continue to make minor improvements to the town's EOC (Emergency Operations Center) at the fire station. We are constantly monitoring and collecting data from the National Weather Service even when there are no apparent weather threats. We will continue to work with the Fire Department to monitor weather threats that may affect our area. Thankfully, the hurricane warning this past year turned out to be a false alarm, but we will get a major hurricane sooner rather than later.

We will do our best to assist this community in response to any man-made or natural disaster. However, we solely rely on volunteers to staff these positions. If you are interested in joining our team, please visit: Fairhavenfire.org and visit our page labeled E.M.A. and fill out the online application.

As always, we look forward to providing services to the town residents, town departments, and numerous civic groups in town and assisting our neighboring emergency management agencies and Massachusetts Emergency Management.

“FAIRHAVEN ALERT”

Fairhaven ALERT was established in April 2019. Fairhaven Alert allows all departments to send messages to the citizens and visitors of the town regarding pending or current emergencies and what actions they should take.

This state-of-the-art notification system is completely secured and certified by the United States Homeland Security Agency.

The system was used in 2022 to notify citizens regarding water issues, Covid testing, vaccine clinics, storm warnings, and missing persons. The system reaches over 5000 devices in a matter of minutes.

We appreciate the support of the town and encourage all citizens to register. To register, please visit www.fairhavenfire.org or www.fairhaven-ma.gov

FAIRHAVEN CRISIS TRACK

We have started the process of rolling out a new software program that will allow us to better track and respond to large storms and emergencies. The new software called Crisis Track is expected to roll out in March of 2023 and will help organize all town departments in responding to disasters and large storms. The system will also allow citizens to self-report damage to their property or submit issues with roadways or the power grid directly using the internet or their cell phone. This will help us manage our resources and help us respond more efficiently.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN

The Fairhaven Fire Department helps design and complete the annual Emergency Preparedness Plan. Every year, we work with other departments to ensure that they are properly prepared to respond to and mitigate any emergency resulting from a man-made disaster or a crisis resulting from a natural disaster.

We are currently working with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency to modernize data and information collection and the safe storage of our plans.

Recently we learned that this document does not have to comply with the open records law and, therefore can be kept internally for department use only. The reason behind this is that the document will contain employees' personal information and sensitive information regarding responses to a man-made disaster.

The Fairhaven Fire Department's administration is prepared to answer any questions regarding this document.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Please remember to check in on our website: www.fairhavenfire.org.

In addition to the website, please follow us on our Facebook and Twitter pages to receive daily information on emergency preparedness, current emergencies, and/or daily activities that are being conducted.

Fairhaven Fire-EMS

@FairhavenFire

I would like to thank the other town departments and boards for working with us this past year.

Fairhaven Fire Department Activities in 2022

Situation Description	Totals
Fire, other	4
Building fire	8
Fires in structures other than a building	3
Cooking fire, confined to container	6
Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	1
Trash or rubbish fire contained	1

Mobile Property (vehicle) fire, other	1
Passenger vehicle fire	5
Natural vegetation fire, other	14
Brush, or brush and grass mixture fire	6
Outside rubbish fire, other	1
Outside rubbish, trash, or waste fire	1
Dumpster fire or other outside trash receptacle fire	2
Special outside fire, other	3
Outside equipment fire	1
Overpressure rupture or boiler from air or gas	1
Fireworks explosion (no fire)	1
Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	2
Medical assist, assist EMS crew	7
Emergency medical service incidents, other	90
EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	2926
Motor vehicle accident with injuries	119
Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)	4
Motor vehicle accident with no injuries	23
Lock-in	5
Search for person on land	1
Search for a person on water	3
Extrication, rescue, and other	1
Extrication of victim(s) from building/structure	3
Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	3
Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	1
Water & ice-related rescue, other	1
Watercraft rescue	7
Rescue or EMS standby	2
Hazardous condition - other	4
Combustible/Flammable gas or liquid condition, other	1
Gasoline or other flammable liquid spills	15
Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	31
Oil or other combustible liquid spill	16
Toxic condition, other	1
Chemical hazard (no spill or leak)	3
Chemical spill or leak	3
Carbon monoxide incident	25
Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	8
Heat from short circuit (wiring), defective/worn	1
Overheated motor	2
Power Line Down	9
Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	9
Biological hazard, confirmed or suspected	1
Building or structure weakened or collapsed	1
Vehicle accident, general cleanup	29
Attempted burning, illegal action, other	3
Service call, other	6
Person in distress, other	1
Lock-out	23
Water problem, other	3
Water evacuation	7

Water or steam leak	5
Smoke or odor removal	8
Animal rescue	6
Public service assistance, other	7
Assist police or other governmental agency	18
Police Matter	2
Public service	16
Assist invalid	5
Unauthorized burning	25
Cover assignment, standby, move up	7
Good intent call, other	9
Dispatched & cancelled en route	54
No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	5
Authorized controlled burning	3
Vicinity alarm (an incident in other location)	1
Smoke scare, odor of smoke	16
Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke	2
Smoke from a barbecue, tar kettle	1
Hazmat release investigation w/no hazmat	3
False alarm or false call, other	4
Municipal alarm system, malicious false alarm	1
System malfunction, other	8
Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	10
Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	52
Heat detector activation due to malfunction	1
Alarm system sounded due to a malfunction	70
CO detector activation due to malfunction	12
Sprinkler activation, no fire - unintentional	3
Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	52
Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	18
Alarm system sounded, no fire - unintentional	73
Carbon monoxide detector activation, no co	20
Severe weather or natural disasters, other	1
Lightning strike (no fire)	3
Severe weather or natural disaster standby	2
A special type of incidents, other	4
Citizen complaint	5
Total Runs	3990

The Fairhaven Fire Department also provided many non-emergency additional services as listed.

Fire Alarm Acceptance Test	9
Hot Works Site Inspection	29
L.P. gas tank inspections	31
Nursing home inspections	16
Oil burner / Tank Removal Inspections	93
Public building inspections	464
Public Education- SAFE Program	12
Re-inspection of Commercial/Industrial	189
School building inspections	10

School drills	20
Smoke detector inspections	238
Sprinkler Acceptance Test	2
Town AED Maintenance	4
Total Service for 2022	1117
In-service training	2600
EMS training	5124

Fire Department Fees / Donations Collected

Type of Fee

Amount Collected

Above-Ground Tank Removal	\$360.00
Ammunition Storage License	\$30.00
Annual Radio Box Fee	\$18,600.00
Ansul System Installation or Removal	\$30.00
Bonfire Permits	\$300.00
Copy of Fire Report	\$120.00
Copy of PCR Report	\$440.00
Fire Alarm Installation/Upgrade – Commercial	\$400.00
Fire Alarm Installation/Upgrade – Commercial w/residential system	\$60.00
Flammable Liquids, Solids & Gases	\$1470.00
Fuel Dispensing Permit- Marine	\$90.00
Fuel Dispensing Permit – Motor Fuel	\$60.00
Hazardous Materials Storage	\$90.00
Inn/ Hotel Inspections	\$700.00
Install / Alter Oil Burner Equipment	\$1,080.00
LP Gas Storage Permit	\$1,590.00
Smoke Detector Inspections	\$7,200.00
Sprinkler Permit	\$150.00
Subpoena of Records	\$7.00
Use of Fog or Haze – Movie Production	\$30.00
Tire Storage Permit	\$60.00
Waste Oil Permit & Burner	\$780.00
Welding / Cutting Storage Permit	\$930.00
Sub Total	\$34,577.00
Gift Account Donation	\$3,600.00
Ambulance Gift Donation	\$500.00
Small Claims – Ambulance Bill Collections	\$537.60
GRAND TOTAL	\$39,214.60

Respectfully Submitted,

Todd M. Correia – Chief of Departments

Joy Nichols – Deputy Chief

Robert Lincoln – Fire Alarm Coordinator

Marc Jodoin – Director of Emergency Management Agency

Kristine Austin – Executive Assistant

FAIRHAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

As a school department, we have many responsibilities to serve our community and students. With the right guidance and education, our students will become contributing community members and make Fairhaven an even better place to live. Our students have shown a great deal of growth since the full return to school. For the most part, students are making steady progress in closing the gaps due to the pandemic. During this time, we observed students' social development and academic growth were impacted. Our faculty and staff have recognized that the continuum of students we service has become even more disparate. As a result, our focus has shifted to hone in on the following areas:

K-2 LITERACY

At Fairhaven Public Schools, early solid literacy skills lead to future literacy success. Our Grade K, 1, and 2 teachers and staff began implementing flexible literacy groups in the fall of 2019. We call these flexible literacy groups, What I Need-WIN time. We are excited about this model's opportunities for students to work with our teachers to accelerate their growth as readers and writers. Flexible grouping is a term that describes various ways to group students to deliver specific instruction to maximize growth for individual learners. Our entire team of teachers, assistants, and small group interventionists collaborate to implement flexible grouping as part of our comprehensive literacy instruction. Each teacher monitors the progress of individual students during daily center-based activities. Students will be reassessed at the end of the WIN intervention cycle (6-8 weeks), and may be re-grouped accordingly. Even if the student works with a different teacher during centers, the information about his or her progress will be shared with homeroom teachers throughout the 6-8 week period.

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT CENTER

The Fairhaven Public Schools expanded its ability to provide information, resources, and support to families in the District with the inception of The Family Center in School Year 2021-2022. While the Family Center is housed within the Elizabeth Hastings Middle School, the District put significant efforts into the space to ensure it was seen as a "District" entity and hence, appeal to all families. Our Family and Student Coordinator have created a welcoming space for families, guardians, and students.

In the Fall of 2022, updates have been made to our community resource information, expanding and building new partnerships with community providers and strengthening resources for our families with particular emphasis on McKinney Vento, ELL, Special Needs, etc. Survey data has resulted in over 100 families expressing concerns and wanting service for their students in social-emotional learning. As a result, the Center currently hosts mental health providers for individual students and offers workshops on social-emotional development for young children.

Numerous families have sought support from the Family Center since its inception. Assistance has included housing, helping families with food insecurity, utility assistance, resources to assist with homelessness, translation services, and childrearing. Most recently, the Family Center has worked with all schools in the District to identify families needing support over the Holidays. Contacts were made with local community organizations (Lions Club, Rotary, Masons, Red Hat Society, Fairhaven Mother's Club, Police Brotherhood, and Fairhaven Fire Fighters) to ensure that all families could be supported during this challenging time of year.

The Family Center has served an essential role to families in its short existence. There is much potential for continued growth as the partnership and benefits to families continues to expand.

UNIFIED ATHLETICS

The Fairhaven Public Schools is proud to be in its third year of offering a Unified Athletics pilot program for students. Unified teams compete locally against neighboring schools as well as within the district. Current sports offered include basketball and track and field. Each team is supervised by a highly qualified coach and students from our schools to support our athletes. We intend to make this a part of the ongoing athletic offerings within the Fairhaven Public School District.

It should be noted that Fairhaven High School was recently named one of just 12 schools in Massachusetts and just 167 nationwide to receive the prestigious designation of being named a National Unified Champion School by the Massachusetts Special Olympics.

ESSER-FUNDED AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

The purpose of ESSER III funds is to support the safe reopening and sustaining of safe operations of schools while meeting students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Fairhaven Public School District is proud to offer a wide range of afterschool enrichment programs accessible to all students in grades K-12 at no cost to families. Programming is provided by highly-qualified educators within the district and through community partners, businesses, and non-profit organizations. Additionally, Fairhaven High School students Serve as volunteer assistants to support the building and fostering of strong relationships between our providers and our students. Many FHS students have volunteered in multiple programs. They have also helped develop programs that reflect high-interest programs for our students since its inception in January of 2022, over 1,000 students in grades K 12 have participated in this programming, including free transportation. Community Partnerships include the Lloyd Center, Buttonwood Park Zoo, the Milicent Library, Mad Science, Paint with Splash, and the Massachusetts Audubon Society. Other programs offered include Just Dance, Volleyball, Theater, Creative Writing, Book Club, Art Club, Yoga, Board Game Club, Sports & Games, Homework Club, Bucket Drumming, Circuit Club, Cribbage, The Incredibles, Zine, Unified Club, Cultural Clubs of America, History Club, and Dungeons and Dragons. The After-School Enrichment Program has been an enormous success.

We look forward to continuing our offerings to provide unique and engaging programming for all students at no cost.

COLLEGE AND CAREER COORDINATOR

We hired our College and Career Coordinator to help expand offerings and streamline the college admissions process. Our district goals include supporting all students in exploring and identifying college and career pathways. Our district is working to provide students with meaningful access to programs and information to ensure they are well-educated on their options post-high school. Our district is working to offer training and resources for students, staff, and families to ensure equity and access to the college and career process/experience.

DR. ROBERT N. BALDWIN TURF FIELD

Dedicated by the Fairhaven School Committee on Thanksgiving day 2022, Dr. Baldwin (A 1980 graduate of Fairhaven High School and Superintendent of Schools from 2005-2021) was recognized for his vision and determination to turn the Fairhaven High School Alumni Stadium into a reality.

Respectfully submitted,
Tara M. Kohler
Superintendent of Schools

FINANCE COMMITTEE

After two years of Covid affected Town Meetings, the Finance Committee had dwindled down to just 6 members, with two Precincts having no representation. With the resumption of Precinct meetings in June of 2022, the Finance Committee added six new members, bringing the total to ten. This resulted in having at least one member from each precinct. So, while the prior members worked hard to navigate the past two years of Covid affected budgets, the new members will bring a new voice and perspective to town finances.

For the FY23 budget, the monetary recommendations of the Finance Committee and Select Board were aligned. For the first time in three years, the operating budget was balanced without the use of one-time money. As you may recall, we had to use free cash and stabilization money of \$428,273 two years ago and \$285,200 last year to balance the budget. But the FY2023 budget did not come without sacrifice. Not only was over \$800,000 in department requests cut, but we had to deplete the Reserve Fund to cover rising energy costs.

Taking a look at capital, we are continuing to run with the bare minimum of a 3% cash reserve, but were able to fund a number of capital projects this past year. One of the biggest was a \$2.3MM repair of the gables at the high school. The biggest project approved this past year was a \$50,000,000 upgrade to the sewer treatment plant.

FY24 is expected to be another challenging budget. We may need to make critical choices as we expect requests from the Police Department for a social worker, and the Fire Department for additional paramedics. There will likely be more discussions of a full fledged tree department, among other request we are not yet aware. The new Safety complex is unresolved and there is a lot more spending to do on the High School building.

The Finance Committee is ready to take on the challenge and will continue its due diligence to vet the budgets and articles to be presented to Town Meeting.

Respectively,

The Fairhaven Finance Committee

DEPARTMENT OF FINE ARTS AND HISTORICAL ARCHIVES

This year the Department of Fine Arts with the expertise of Michael Dyer from the New Bedford Whaling Museum and Derek Frates from Fairhaven Public Television produced a video highlighting five of the town's historical paintings. The show will be aired on local cable access, channel 95.

The program showcases paintings by 1) William Bradford, Arctic Scene; 2) Charles Gifford, Coast of Ireland; 3) R. Swain Gifford, Salt Flats; 4) L.D. Eldred, Fairhaven Waterfront; and 5) Albert Bierstadt, a portrait of Martha Simon.

The town's art collection remains in excellent condition and is fully insured to reflect the ever-changing values.

For the future we plan to hold another "Kids Art Day" and hopefully, a painting event for adults. These events will be advertised on local access TV and the Fairhaven Neighborhood News.

To quote the famous American Artist Edward Hopper: "If you could say it in words there would be no reason to paint."

All the best,
Mark Badwey, Art Curator
Kelly Smith, Asst. Art Curator

GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Dr. Cynthia Marland, Chair, Dartmouth
Kimberli Bettencourt, Vice-Chair, New Bedford
Randall C. Durrigan, Fairhaven
Wayne Oliveira, Fairhaven
Rita M. Ribeiro, New Bedford
Frederick J. Toomey, New Bedford
Michael Shea, Dartmouth

The District School Committee sets policy and approves the budget for the school. The eight-member Committee includes four members from New Bedford and two each from Dartmouth and Fairhaven. A student serves as the ninth, non-voting member of the group. In May of 2022, the School Committee held its annual organizational meeting. Dr. Cynthia Marland, of Dartmouth was elected chair and Kimberli Bettencourt was elected vice-chair. Elijah Gonsalves has joined the School Committee as a student representative for the 2022-2023 school year. Elijah is a senior majoring in Information Support Services & Networking. Elijah lives in New Bedford.

Overview of the School District

The Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical School District (GNB Voc-Tech) mission is to provide education that is rigorous, relevant, and meaningful to each student in a safe and supportive environment; resulting in academic, career and technical excellence. This experience encourages lifelong learning, fosters mutual respect, and instills social responsibility, respect for diversity, and responsible citizenship. The district has a public, four-year vocational technical high school and a public post-secondary Institute offering open and selective enrollment programs. GNB Voc-Tech is one of the largest vocational-technical high schools in Massachusetts with over 2,100 students and enrolls more than 1,500 in Institute programs annually. The school's roots date back over a century, to the creation of the New Bedford Independent Industrial School in 1908.

Overview of the High School

Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School is a four-year career and vocational technical high school. The school provides career and technical education as well as academic instruction to students from New Bedford, Dartmouth and Fairhaven. With its roots dating back to 1908, it opened as a regional vocational technical high school in 1977. As of October 1, 2022, there were 2,094 students enrolled in grades 9-12. Of those, 1,586 lived in New Bedford, 340 lived in Dartmouth, and 168 lived in Fairhaven.

Career Majors

GNB Voc-Tech offers more than two dozen career and technical education programs. During the past year, career majors included Architectural and Mechanical Design, Automotive Technology, Business Technology, Carpentry, Collision Repair Technology, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Dental Assisting, Diesel Service Technology, Early Childhood Education, Electrical Technology, Engineering & Robotics, HVAC, Information Support Services and Networking, Computer Information Technology, Legal and Protective Services, Machine Technology, Marine Service Technology, Media Technology, Medical Assisting, Nurse Assisting/Health Assisting,

Plumbing, Programming and Web Development, Stationary Engineering, Visual Design and Metal Fabrication and Joining.

Greater New Bedford Vocational Technical Institute

The Greater New Bedford Vocational Technical Institute (GNBVTI) returned for the 2022-2023 school year with an increase in both programs and enrollment. A new program was launched in the Welding Shop in the Fall of 2022. We were awarded a Career Technical Initiative (CTI) grant for a 200-hour welding class which includes 10 hours of OSHA training. This program is benefitting 8 students who are either unemployed or underemployed. We have worked closely with MassHire for recruitment and vetting of qualified students who will receive training, and their retention in the field will be tracked by MassHire through their future employment.

Our Electrical program finished the 2021-2022 school year with over 150 apprentice and licensed electricians and began the Fall 2022 semester in the same fashion. We also successfully completed the mandatory 15-hour electrical renewal for 65 licensed and Tier 4 electricians. Our Plumbing program ended in the late Spring with 49 apprentice and licensed plumbers registered in Tiers 1 through 5 and Masters. They started up again in the Fall of 2022 with an enrollment of 35. Marine Technology completed the three-trimester year with a total of 8 students and again with the assistance of Mass Marine Trades Educational Trust, GNB-VTI was able to assist our students with obtaining scholarships in the amount of \$5,000. We again have a partnership with Yamaha that will allow students to obtain marine mechanic certifications. The 6-hour and 30-hour Steam Engineering and Industrial/Municipal Wastewater Training successfully completed the year with 24 students; additionally, 12 students have enrolled in the Fall of 2022 semester.

In our vocational trades, Welding completed 3 courses; Arc welding and 2 nights of MIG/TIG welding with a total of 85 students in our Fall, Winter and Spring trimesters. Basic Carpentry, Millwork, and Furniture Refinishing saw enrollments of approximately 30 students each trimester. Lastly, our enrichment courses saw enrollments of 10-12 students in both Conversational Portuguese and Canvas Painting.

Highlights of the Year

We had an exciting year at Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech during 2022. Several facility upgrades were completed on the GNBVT campus during 2022 with many more planned for 2023. The school has a new welcome center to ensure that all visitors are met by school personnel before entering the facility. The new welcome center has received much praise from parents, students, visitors, and staff as the district continues to prioritize safety of all members of our school community. These additional security measures at the front of the school are complemented by video surveillance systems at the front and back gates of our school to monitor entrance and exit from our facility.

The Cosmetology shop was renovated in the summer of 2022 and presents a state-of-the-art educational salon facility to educate students in our program. GNBVT continues to pursue grant opportunities and prioritize earmarking local contributions to renovating chapter 74 learning spaces. These investments continue to prioritize student learning and many additional spaces will be renovated in the spring/summer of 2023. CTE programs in Culinary Arts, HVAC, Medical Assisting, and IT Services will see improvements in their classrooms when school reopens in September, 2023. Additionally, the Health Center will be updated utilizing federal ESSER III dollars to provide a state-of-the-art health facility for students.

Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School continues to offer students a range of post-secondary opportunities with just over 70% of graduates choosing post-secondary educational institutions and the remainder entering the workforce or joining the military. Incoming enrollment at GNB Voc-Tech remains as strong as prior years. More than 1,100 students applied for the Class of 2026 and as of December 31, 2022, more than 900 students have applied for the Class of 2027. While GNB Voc-Tech has consistently seen a large number of applicants each year, this hasn't prevented the district from modernizing its application process in an effort to improve. The district has adopted and implemented a partial lottery system for students and seeks to ensure a diversified student body that is reflective of our sending communities and preparing students for work in the region.

District Budget & Assessment

The District's total budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 was \$44,681,746. Of this amount, the City of New Bedford was responsible for 76.6 %, the Town of Fairhaven was responsible for 8.2 %, and the Town of Dartmouth was responsible for 15.2 %. For fiscal year 2022, the district's total assessment to the three-member communities was \$13,827,362. This figure represented 31% of the total District budget. Each year, the school district works hard to keep its budget at the required net school spending level.

GRANTS FY 2022

Title I	\$675,759
Title II	\$77,111
Title III	\$14,858
Title IV	\$43,830
Perkins	\$335,773
SPED IDEA	\$513,010
SPED 252	\$128,365
ESSER II	\$2,049,058
ESSER III	\$4,582,660
Equitable Access	\$160,000
Career Technical Initiative	\$60,000

Facility Management

The Facility Management Department was able to oversee many projects to completion this past year.

On the exterior of our campus, another Athletic shed was built on the north end of our football field. A fully automated Church St. entrance was finalized and the garden area was created. We also prepared many offices for various staff members. They included Special Services, Main Office conference room, Human Resources, and the Principal's office. Engineering studies were completed for our Cosmetology Shop and Collision Shop areas.

A Field House Feasibility Study was completed as part of our capital improvement plan. These projects were completed with a TEAM of different people working together with a common goal. The goal of building and maintaining the best possible campus for our students. We rely on our Facility Management Dept., Shop Instructors and most importantly.... Our Students.

Off Campus Construction

The Off Campus Construction team in the 2021-2022 school year was busy at work as much as possible in between Covid quarantining. During the COVID -19 pandemic we lost time due to teachers and students after Covid exposure having to stay at home. Despite the challenges the Off-Campus teachers and students did as many projects as possible.

The Off Campus crew continued its ongoing work at the Lloyd Center in Dartmouth. The Carpentry department built a pavilion that connected to the main building, constructed prior over the last few years. The Electrical department has completed the rough wiring and will be returning when the finished electrical is ready for installation. The HVAC department has been working on the heating system. The Plumbing department has been working on the rough plumbing and is also awaiting to return to install the finished plumbing.

The Electrical department continued the lighting of the Clasky Common Park for the City of New Bedford. Students learned how to use aerial lifts and were certified in the operation of the bucket truck lifts while installing the lights in the trees.

The Whitfield-Manjeiro Learning Center project in Fairhaven will include the Carpentry, Electrical, HVAC and Plumbing programs. The trades will install all new wiring, plumbing and gas, a heating system and install partitions in the existing structure and replace the current windows. The Electrical department installed rough wiring, the Carpentry department built some partitions and the Plumbing department started the rough plumbing. The project will continue in the fall. The Electrical department helped out the Fairhaven Fire Museum installing exterior fixtures and lighting.

The Electrical and Plumbing departments helped out the Boys and Girls Club of New Bedford. The Electrical department installed outlets for the new scoreboard. The Plumbing department repaired various plumbing fixtures in need of repair and the heating system. The Carpentry department built a large I-shaped storage shed on the track for Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech's Athletics department to house various sports equipment. The students learned how to install metal channeled roofing in the building process. A type of roofing that is becoming more popular because of the roofing materials longevity. Carpentry also built and installed a storage shed for St. Lawrence Church in New Bedford.

The Plumbing department continued its winterization services of recreational facilities GNBVT has been involved with. Some of the winterizations include:

- Smith Mills Campground
- Bay State Girls Softball
- Dexter lane Baseball Fields
- Mary's Pond Road Baseball fields
- GNBRVTHS Press Box Snack Shack
- Winterize baseball sprinkler system
- Winterize planting bed in the front of the building
- Repair sprinkler head in the soccer field & baseball field

School Enrollment

October 1st marks the date for a snapshot of statistics for official reporting of enrollment data to the state. As of October 1, 2022, there were 2,095 students enrolled in grades 9-12. There were 989 females, 1,104 males and 2 non-binary students. The enrollment by grade level is: grade 9 - 561, grade 10 - 564, grade 11 - 520, and grade 12 - 450.

The breakdown by city/town is: Dartmouth 328, Fairhaven 173, and New Bedford 1,594.

In the spring, grade 12 students participated in the annual Postgraduate Plans Survey. This survey is a DESE required survey as part of the Perkins grant and is a part of end-of-the-year SIMS reporting to the state. According to the survey, 56.1% of the students in the Class of 2022 planned to pursue a post-secondary education, 41.4% planned to enter the workforce, and 2.5% planned to enter the military.

John & Abigail Adams Scholarship

The John and Abigail Adams Scholarship provides a tuition credit for up to eight semesters of undergraduate education at a Massachusetts state college or university. The scholarship covers tuition only; fees and room and board are not included. The scholarship must be used within six years of a student's high school graduation. Scholarship requirements for the class of 2022 included a minimum score of Advanced in one of the tested areas, English, Math, or Biology and a minimum score of Proficient on the other two tests. The student's combined scores from the three MCAS tests must also place them in the top 25% of students in the graduating class in their school district. Scholarship eligibility is based on each student's first attempt at taking the spring MCAS tests. In order to receive the scholarship, a student must be enrolled in a Massachusetts public high school in his or her senior year. The class of 2022 had 144 students qualify for the John & Abigail Adams Scholarship.

Guidance, Health & Pupil Personnel Services

The objectives of the Office of Guidance, Health & Pupil Personnel Services are multifaceted. The department is composed of an extremely diverse staff who are trained in a variety of specialized areas. During the 2021-2022 school-year GNB Voc-Tech employed 8 Guidance Counselors, 4 School Adjustment Counselors, 4 Nurses, 1 Student Registrar and 2 Administrative Assistants. Each day, staff work to make a difference in the lives of GNB Voc-Tech youth. The services we provide are essential in assisting students successfully meet the challenges they may face. These specially trained, licensed staff are responsible for providing consultation and direct intervention to students and families in regards to academic, college and career readiness, behavioral, emotional, physical, medical and/or social issues. GNB Voc-Tech school counselors do an outstanding job of working with every student to assist in determining the right college or career path for them. In June of 2022, 94.7% of our seniors graduated from GNB Voc-Tech. These graduates left with endless opportunities and a solid plan for their future. It is through our rigorous academic and high-quality vocational technical educational opportunities that we prepare our students for the real-world challenges and expectations. Our students graduate from GNB Voc-Tech with a solid academic background, problem solving abilities, work ethic and employment skills that place our students in a prime position to immediately enter college or a career of their choice. For the incoming class of 2026, GNB Voc-Tech accepted 565 incoming 9th grade students. For the first time, 65 of those students were accepted via the lottery. These students come to us from the sending districts of Dartmouth, Fairhaven and New Bedford.

Exploratory

During the first half of the year, freshmen will explore up to but not limited to fifteen (15) career/technical areas. Two areas are explored each cycle for three (3) days each and the cycles alternate every six (6) days between academics and career/technical exploration. The curriculum in each area is designed to acquaint the student with the type of work performed and the required skills needed to be successful. In addition, the exploratory process provides an opportunity for the student to evaluate his/her experiences, strengths, weaknesses, and interests, and enables students to be better prepared to make an informed decision about their permanent career/technical program.

As students explore each career/technical area, they are encouraged to work to the best of their ability. Evaluation points are based on daily performance, conduct, attendance, and effort. At the end of the exploratory period, the points are totaled and combined with an average of the first trimester academic grades. This point total determines a student's permanent program placement.

Attendance

GNB Voc-Tech Regional Vocational Technical High School has a very rigorous Attendance Policy that is outlined in the student handbook. The Attendance Department has made great strides since the implementation of a few new policies beginning in the 2016-2017 school year. The policy changes have held students accountable for their behavior by raising the expectations for students to be prepared, present and on time every day. In the 2018-2019 school year, the dismissal policy was revised to tighten up security within the building resulting in a safer learning and working environment for both students and staff. Our Truancy Prevention Team has been successful in assessing our most at-risk students and reducing chronic absenteeism by providing resources needed to problem solve. These changes in school policies are reflected positively in our weekly percentage results. The District works hard to make sure our students are present and in school every day. Currently, our daily attendance rate is 97+ and this is also our target daily attendance rate for the district. All these changes have contributed to maintaining a positive school culture. This 2021-2022 SY, GNB Voc-Tech continues to report a 97+ attendance rate, and is working on reducing the dropout rate leading to an overall increase in the graduation rate of 90.1 %. In the 2021-2022 SY, all students have returned to serve tardy/detention in a centralized location. As a result, there has been a decrease in the overall number of students reporting into school tardy without a valid excuse. Due to the new Dismissal Policy the volume of daily dismissals has decreased and reinforced the need for parents/guardians to keep Emergency 10A forms updated. This policy has worked out well sending a message to parents/guardians that a student cannot be released to a person not listed on the 10A emergency form or to anyone that does not produce valid photo identification. Also, the new opportunity of a Community Service Project for senior students that need to complete time-owed to meet the graduation requirement has been met with success. In addition, the implementation of a new and updated web page for students and their parents to find accurate information regarding our school policies has been well received.

Cooperative Education & Placement

During the 2021-2022 school year, 156 students from the senior class and 36 students from the junior class participated in the Cooperative Education Program (Co-op). Many of these students will stay with the companies which they are currently on Co-op with after graduation in either a full or part-time capacity. Many more students than the prior year. Participation could have been even greater if more students had met the requirements of maintaining a 70 average in their classes and having met the attendance requirements.

The 192 Cooperative Education students that did participate in Co-op had total earnings for all students combined of approximately \$779,000.

We are grateful to our cooperative partnership employers listed below:

A. Vieira and Son Construction, Alden Court Nursing Care & Rehabilitation Center, Alpha Dental, Araujo Bros. Plumbing & Heating and Mechanical, Autocam Medical, Autumn Glen, Bass Reddy Rooter, Cape Cod Cupola, Ltd., Check Collision-Toyota of Dartmouth, Children's Academy of Marion, City of New Bedford DPI, Coastal Dental LLC., Colonial South Chevy, Couto Construction, Dartmouth Dermatology, Days of Discovery, DC Plumbing, Demers Construction Company, Dental Dreams, Dr. Alves Chiropractic, Dr. Fraone, Dr. Magalhaes,

Dr. Veale, Emond Plumbing & Heating, F.W. Webb, Fairhaven Shipyard, Frank I. Rounds, Glynn Electric Group LLC, Greater New Bedford Community Dental Center, Greater New Bedford Community Health Center, Hawthorn Medical, Kids Ink INC., Little Explorers Child Care Center, MAK Electric, Mechanical Systems & Welding Inc., New England Custom Woodworking Inc., New England Dental Specialists LLC., OmniDentix, Orthodontic Specialists New Bedford, Plumbers Supply, Proline Plumbing & Heating, SAE Electric, Signa Dental Care, Smiley Dental, Southcoast Oral Surgery Associates, Southcoast Physician Group Neurology, Sparky's Collision, Steward Medical (HMA) Family Practice, Taylor Heating & Air Conditioning, The Baker New Bedford, Tony's Auto, Toyota of Dartmouth, Triangle Refrigeration, Walgreens, and Whalers Cove Assisted Living. Any employers not listed above our sincere gratitude for your partnership with our school.

Placement

Placement is unpaid work-based learning in the students' career field of study. While Co-Op students get paid for their work. Co-op functions as both an apprenticeship and also a job in their Career field. The purpose of placement is to gain knowledge and experience about their career. Students generally are rotated through various placement sites to explore different areas within their career field. Often students learning at the placement site are hired as Co-op employees.

Articulation Agreements

Under the CVTE program, post-secondary institutions grant credits for certain courses at GNB Voc-Tech High School which they deem the equivalent of courses offered at the post-secondary institution. These are called Articulation Agreements. Many colleges and technical schools have Articulation Agreements with GNB Voc-Tech. Students must maintain an average of a B grade or better and meet any other program specific criteria, depending on the college or technical school, to be eligible for these credits.

Dual Enrollment

Eligible high school students may enroll in Bristol Community College, UMASS Dartmouth or MASS Maritime courses to earn college credit while in high school. This statewide program grants college credit for Dual Enrollment students attending any Massachusetts State school and can save time and money on a college degree.

Skills USA

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers, and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA provides educational programs, events and competitions that support career and technical education (CTE) in the nation's classrooms, helping each student excel. SkillsUSA sponsors the SkillsUSA Championships annually to recognize the achievements of vocational and technical students and to encourage them to strive for excellence, having pride in their chosen occupations.

January 2022 - March 2022 - SkillsUSA Competitors Professional Development - Students participate in learning the required skills for the Professional Development portion of the competitions.

February 2022 - SAiL Conference - This conference focuses on our seniors who will graduate with seemingly limitless opportunities for quality employment largely due to the drastic skills gap in today's workforce. The training content included: Resume Roundtable, College: The Plan B, Career: Options & Opportunities, Productive & Promotable, SkillsUSA style & Navigating Networking. The one-day conference was attended by 12 seniors and 4 advisors. All enjoyed the overall experience and all of the students received graduation stoles & certificates.

March 2021 - District 1 Competition & MRE Challenge- Greater New Bedford Voc Tech participated in the District Competition for District I schools. With the support of the School Committee and administration the students were able to compete in an on-line testing format. This year, 110 students competed in the online format. We had a total of 39 medalists and qualifiers from GNBVT. The students were awarded 12 first-place, 10 second-place medals and 13 third-place medals, two state officer candidates and two qualifiers in Marine Service Technology. A team of 3 along with their advisor also competed in the annual MRE Challenge which allows culinary students the ability to utilize and be creative with Military issue MREs.

April 2021 - May 2021 - State Competition - The SkillsUSA State competition which normally takes place in Marlborough, Massachusetts as a three-day event was altered this year due to the pandemic. This year's event took place over a 2-day period cumulating in an award ceremony with no overnights involved. Students pre-submitted items online, and participated in-person for the leadership and technical competitions. A total of 45 students competed in the technical and leadership competitions. We had 4 gold, 14 silver, and 3 bronze medalists. Jordan Melo was voted into the 2022-2023 Student Executive Board.

June 2022 - Mini Golf Tournament Celebration & National Competition - Students and advisors meet to celebrate the accomplishments of this SkillsUSA year at a local miniature golf venue. Fun was had by all. This year, the competition was in person in Atlanta, Georgia. We had three gold medalists qualify to participate over a 6-day period in June. To be eligible, the students needed to earn a gold medal at the Massachusetts SkillsUSA State Conference in April. Our State Officer Elect and 2 of our students participated as National Voting Delegates. We had one student earn a national silver medal in Early Childcare, and one medical student placed 5th in Medical Assisting.

July 2022 - State Officer Elect Summer Training - Our State Officer Elect, Jordan, participated in the one-week training session in Marlborough, Massachusetts that culminated in the Virtual Installation ceremony. He was elected State Region Vice President.

September 2022 - SkillsUSA Member Recruitment - Our State Region Vice President and a Chapter Office and advisors spoke at the Class Orientation meetings to bring awareness to the organization.

October 2022 - Chapter Officer Retreat & 100% Participation - Our chapter officers for 2022-2023, who were voted in this year, participated in a one-day retreat. The retreat consisted of in-person leadership and team-building activities, culminating in the Induction Ceremony. Our school is now a 100% participation school, which enables the school to be represented by more competitors and voting delegates.

November 2022 - Fall Leadership Conference - The Fall Leadership Conference is an intense leadership and employability skills training for both students and teachers, that includes a community service project at the MetroWest YMCA. This year, a group of 12 junior, and sophomore students from various career & technical areas attended the 2-day in-person event in Marlborough along with three advisor/chaperones.

December 2021 - Local Competitions - During the month of December, the career & technical areas hold 70 local competitions to assess the students in their abilities. The top four students are then able to represent themselves, their career & technical area and their school at the District Competition in March of 2022, along with the students participating in the leadership competitions that go directly to the state level, who also compete during this month to represent the school.

National Honor Society

The National Honor Society is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students. The Society serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Students are eligible for induction based upon a weighted GPA of 3.6 or higher, 95% attendance, no conduct, and service through participation in school activities and volunteerism.

ATHLETICS

During the calendar year 2022, GNB Voc-Tech High School saw a record number of students participating in athletics. Along with the large participation came many highlights:

WINTER SPORTS

Basketball - Senior Kaitlyn Duarte was named SCC All-Star for her efforts during the Bears 1-19 season. Despite the struggles, the program will look to use this season as a learning experience and build for a more competitive season in 2023. Our boys' basketball team returned to the MIAA Tournament for the first time since the 2017 season. They were able to defeat Monty Tech in the first round of the tournament for the programs first postseason victory since the 2001 season.

Track - Our boys and girls track team had a competitive season. Ethan Fagundes & Daniel Ward were Conference Champions in the 55M & 1000M respectively.

Hockey - Our Ice Hockey team was extremely young and graduated only one senior. Junior Brandon Borges was named to the South Coast Conference All-Star for his efforts.

FALL SPORTS

Football - Our football team battled through an extremely difficult schedule to a 4-7 record. The Bears followed up their MVADA Superbowl appearance with another trip to the tournament. Coach Cruz will be looking to build off of the season and make a run at a Vocational Superbowl next season.

Boys Soccer - Our boys soccer team had another extremely successful season under Head Coach Henry Almeida. The Bears regained the South Coast Conference Championship and MVADA State Vocational Championship. The Bears advanced to the MIAA Division 3 Sweet 16. The team will graduate the vast majority of the varsity roster and will be looking for new leaders to step in next season.

Girls Soccer - Our girls soccer team finished the season 3-14-3 in a very competitive SCC. Senior Nattie Mattos was named SCC All-Star. The team was extremely young and will look for a strong off season in hopes to become a top of the conference program.

Cross Country - Our Cross-Country program ended the 2022 with over 30 students. Coach Southerland and Coach Shimala have done a great job building the program to its highest participation number in many years. Daniel Ward was named to the SCC All-Star Team and finished 8th at the Conference Meet.

Girls Volleyball - Our girls volleyball team won another MVADA State Vocational Championship. Senior All-Stars Lily Misay & Moriah Baptista led the team to a MIAA Tournament win over Triton before they fell to Ashland.

Golf - Marcio Santiago was named new Head Golf Coach before the 2022 season. The Bears had no seniors and look to build off of their experiences this season to hopefully challenge for a Conference Championship in the near future.

SPRING SPORTS

Boys Lacrosse - Our boys lacrosse team improved to 5 wins during the 2022 season. Leading goal scorer Kaiden Pequita was named SCC All-Star for his junior season. The team will look to make a run at the programs first MIAA State Tournament appearance during the 2023 season.

Girls Lacrosse - For the first team in program history someone other than Sarah Hartley led our girl's lacrosse program into a game. Adeline Bellesheim was named Head Coach and despite the learning curve was able to lead our Girls to a 5-win season. Senior Alannah Paiva led a very young team and was named SCC All-Star.

Baseball - Our Baseball Team narrowly missed out on the MIAA State Tournament in what would turn out to be the last season for Coach Kurt Dreher. Coach Dreher will be leaving the program to take a Head Coaching position at the college level. Longtime Assistant Coach Matthew Semiao will lead the Bears into the 2023 season.

Softball - Our Softball Team lived up to all of the hype and expectations and was able to capture the programs second MIAA State Championship with a heart pounding 7-5 win over Middleboro in the Division 3 State Final. Seniors Madison Medeiros, Lena Tsonis & Kylee Caetano were named SCC All-Star. Kylee was voted League MVP by the SCC Coaches.

Boys Volleyball - The boys volleyball team were Co-Champions in the South Alliance. Senior Captain Ethan Fagundes was named South Alliance MVP. Curran Farnworth, Ethan Nunez and Alberto Gomes were league All-Stars and led the team to the MIAA D2 Final Four before falling to eventual State Champions Westfield.

Spring Track - Our track program showed much promise during the spring season. Diana Jesus, Miya Barbosa, Hugo Pires & Daniel Ward were all Conference Champions. With the majority of the team returning the Bears can make some noise at the State Level in 2023.

Voc-Tech Theatre Company

After the devastation we all experienced during our 2020-2021 season due to COVID-19, The Voc-Tech Theatre Company is back in full swing. This fall we have our performance of Clue based on the 1985 movie and classic Hasbro board game. The play follows a group of characters brought together for a dinner party at a remote mansion. The play is full of murder and mystery.

In the spring, the VTTC will be dancing and singing their hearts out in the musical, 9 to 5, with music from famous country queen, Dolly Parton.

Credit for the theater company's productions goes to Artistic Director Marianne Morrissey who works tirelessly throughout the year managing all aspects of these productions in order to promote and to sustain the VTTC as a creative outlet for our students. Mrs. Morrissey is absolutely delighted to have the keen assistance of her English Department colleague, Mrs. Kendra Arruda, this year.

Closing Remarks

Our annual report summarizes the great work being done each and every day by students, staff, administrators, and members of our school community. The goal for educational institutions is to lift opportunities for all students – and Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech works diligently each day

to provide students with a strong public education that teaches lifelong skills needed to enter the workforce and find success upon graduation.

We will continue to be great stewards of public trust and treasure as we charge forward to fund programs that lead to prosperous outcomes for our students and communities. The COVID-19 pandemic has certainly challenged many aspects of our lives, but our school community has navigated through these challenges and promises to continue reflecting and adjusting to new norms as we work to build a successful, sustainable vocational technical educational model for our region and sending districts.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael P. Watson
Superintendent-Director

BOARD OF HEALTH

In 2022 the Board of Health welcomed a new Board Member Heidi Hacking and thanked former member Peter DeTerra for his years of dedicated service.

The Board of Health continued to perform routine and complaint-based inspections for Code compliance in relation to Food Service Establishments, Housing, Title 5 and septic systems, marinas, rodent and vermin complaints as well as general nuisance complaints. During the summer season, the Board of Health testing the bathing beach water samples weekly. The water quality was generally very good for the entire season with no beach closures. Additionally, the Board of Health tracked West Nile Virus, Eastern Equine Encephalitis and Lyme disease.

This year, much of the efforts of the Board of Health were focused on the COVID-19 pandemic. The Health Office educated the residents and local businesses on the COVID-19 virus, Community safety precautions and regulations related to the Executive Office of Health and Human Services and the Department of Public Health as well as the Center for Disease Control and how these regulations affect workplace safety standards. The Health Office kept the Town's residents up-to-date on case counts, vaccination data and contact tracing efforts with our partners at Community Nurse Home Care. The Health Office also received grant funding from the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards to help offset the additional costs of these efforts related to the pandemic. Additionally, the Health Office partnered with New Bedford and Acushnet to create the Greater New Bedford Public Health Alliance. The GNBPHA has received grants from the State for many thousands of COVID-19 test kits and other Public Health programs and items.

The following permits were issued in the year 2022:

Food Establishments	115	Funeral Directors	12
Percolation Tests	16	Marinas	6
Septic System Installations	14	Demolition/Rodents	8
Septic System Inspections	28	Catering	8
Septic System Installers	20	Frozen Desserts	4
Animals	40	Motels/Inns	4
Mobile Food	3	Public & Semi-Public Pools	2
Tobacco Sales	9	Bakery	1
Offal Haulers	10	Tanning Salons	1
Private Swimming Pools	21	Residential Kitchens	1

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Gallagher, Board Chair
Heidi Hacking, Board Vice-Chair
Michael Ristuccia, Clerk
David D. Flaherty Jr., Health Agent
Thomas Hemingway, Health Inspector
Jessica Dossantos, Administrative Assistant

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Fairhaven Historical Commission continued to fulfill its duties in the year 2022 by overseeing and maintaining the Town's historical properties.

The Fairhaven Academy Building at 141 Main Street, on the West lawn of the high school property, also houses the Office of Tourism and a museum operated by the Fairhaven Historical Society. The ADA entrance and ramp was finally completed and is in use. The project broke ground in February of 2021 and was funded under a grant through (CPC) Community Preservation funds. General property maintenance continues on this building with future plans to rehabilitate and restore the front entrance by adding one single door has it originally had.

The Spring Street Firehouse continues to be a work in progress with volunteers from the Fairhaven Protecting Society assisting with ongoing renovations which included interior painting by the Bristol County Sheriff's Office. The exterior trim was painted and new shutters and signage were added to the front exposure. Both the Spring Street Firehouse and the Washington Street Firehouse house our town's antique fire apparatus. The Washington Street Firehouse near the intersection of Washington & Main Streets also served as the town's first jail.

The Old Stone Schoolhouse on North Street received a full restoration of the exterior including new wooden gutters, painting of the masonry walls and trim, shutters and front door. In the Spring additional landscaping will be completed along with a natural ramp leading to the front door to make the building more ADA friendly.

Fort Phoenix continues to be one of Fairhaven's most treasured landmarks. Work is continuous to keep this spot in good condition and to keep up with landscaping, masonry white wash painting and masonry and stone work repairs.

The Commission took steps to begin the process of adding decorative street lamps around the Town Hall block. An antique gas lamp style has been selected and work will begin on the underground conduit, foundations and wiring in the early spring of 2023.

Vicki Oliveira resigned from the Historical Commission. We thank her for her dedication and the years of service that she provided to the Town and the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Oliveira – Chairman
Gary Lavalette – Vice Chairman
Gail Isaksen
John Medeiros
Maria Carvalho
David Braga
Natalie Mello
Michael Kelly

Keith Silvia – Selectmen Liaison

HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Board of Commissioners of the Fairhaven Housing Authority for 2022 was:

Chairman – Carol Alfonso	180 Adams St.	Term Expires 4/2023
Vice Chairman – Ronnie Manzone	28 Brook Dr.	Term Expires 4/2025
Treasurer - Gary Souza	14 Blossom St.	Term Expires 3/2027
Commissioner Anne Silveira	621 Dana Farms	Term Expires 4/2024
Commissioner Tim Francis (State/Gov. Appointee)	25 Rivard St.	Term Expires 4/2027

It was with shocking sadness that the Authority lost Jean Rousseau in January of 2022. Jean had worked at and retired from the Authority. He was a great employee: responsible, reliable and very knowledgeable about buildings, grounds and the people. It was extremely difficult to replace him. Jean, however, wanted to continue to be a part of the Authority and much to our good fortune decided he wanted to serve on the Board of Commissioners. Jean became the Governor's /State appointee to the Board and what a fabulous addition he was. He would attend every meeting fully prepared to share his wisdom, experience and fair gentle nature. He became Chair of the Board and continued to bring his knowledge and expertise to each and every meeting. His passing in January was a profound loss for us and we continue to miss him and speak fondly of the days he spent with us as an employee, on the Board and as our friend. The Authority continues to feel the depths of the void created by his untimely passing.

The Fairhaven Housing Authority holds its regular meeting on the third Thursday of the month at 2:00 p.m. The Election of Officers is conducted at the Authority's annual meeting in May.

We have been hosting events and presentations for our tenants and they are pleased to have some social and educational activities being offered such as bingo games, arts & crafts classes, a health fair, an antique car show & BBQ, ice cream truck visits with entertainment, a Halloween party, free delivered Thanksgiving dinners and holiday parties/brunches at each site. It was good to see folks participating and socializing. Four different raffles were organized/ offered by our Resident Service Coordinators. They compiled a vast array of substantial and lovely "raffle" gifts for the raffles/holidays. Everyone who chose to participate in the raffle did manage to receive a prize. Some of those raffle gifts included computer tablets and a variety of gift cards to Dunkin Donuts, CVS, Market Basket, etc. Giving tree donations were gifted to many tenants from St. Mary's parish through the good work and generosity of their parish and parish council for the holidays as well. The Authority is continuing to host Covid vaccination/booster clinics as well as flu clinics in partnership with Stop & Shop Pharmacy of Fairhaven

The office staff consists of four full time employees. The Executive Director, Krisanne Sheedy, Tenant Selection Specialist/Admin Ass't. Marianne Moore, Accounting & Admin Ass't. Kim Marie McArdell, full time Resident Service Coordinator, Kendra Rebello, and part time Resident Service Coordinator, Diane Rocha. Our maintenance crew consists of four full time employees: Tom Caron, Scott Leonard, Rebecca Seed and Austin Machado. In June of this year Executive Director K. Sheedy submitted her letter of intent to retire in December of 2022 after 14 years of running the Authority. Two Executive Director searches were conducted and following negotiations that took place on December 15th, the Board came to terms with Janet Falone will be starting on January 17, 2023 as the new Executive Director.

The Authority continues to be fortunate to have a conscientious professional staff keeping everything maintained, managed and properly administered. They assist the tenants, help keep them safe and comfortably housed and enable the Authority to deliver exemplary goods and

services.

Presently, the Fairhaven Housing Authority is administering two-hundred- seventy eight (278) one bedroom units of elderly, disabled and handicap housing and six (6) units of family/ handicap housing.

The FHA Developments are:

667-1	Green Meadows	40 Units	Completed in 1966
1-42	McGann Terrace		
667-2	Green Meadows	52 Units	Completed in 1971
100	McGann Terrace		
667-3	Oxford Terrace	107 Units	Completed in 1976
275	Main Street		
667-4	Dana Court	55 Units	Completed in 1982
	180 Adams Street		
667-5	Anthony Haven	24 Units	Completed in 1989
227	Main Street		
705-1	Family Housing	6 Units	Completed in 1989
32-42	Ash Street		

During the past year, we had 18 vacancies at our elderly/ handicapped/ disabled housing and none at our family housing. Vacant units at Oxford Terrace are currently being taken off line and held vacant to be used as “hotel” units during the upcoming modernization/renovation.

The completed design of the major renovation for Oxford Terrace (circa 1976) went out to bid in the spring of this year and the construction contract was awarded to Vareika Construction. After considerable planning, decision making, ordering, scheduling and re-locating /vacating a wing of tenants, construction started at the end of August. The completion of one wing will hopefully happen just after the first of 2023. The work in the first wing brought to light a variety of previously undetermined , undetected or unplanned small to large issues and changes as well as ordering/delivery delays. A lot was discussed and changed that elongated the expected completion. Everything that has been discovered, altered or changed will now be incorporated into the work plans/design for the remaining wings to be done (three and ½ wings). So the work should proceed in a more timely fashion but the entire project is not expected to be completed for approximately 12-18 months. The tenants have been well accommodated and informed and are working closely with the relocation company hired specifically for that purpose. All packing (including packing supplies) and moving are taken care of by the relocation company at no charge to the tenant. The relocation company (HOU) is also being sure that the continuation of all services follows the relocated tenant (temporary or permanent). A few tenants decided to permanently move to another building (their choice), most temporarily transferred to a “hotel” unit within Oxford Terrace. It has been challenging but rewarding to see the upgraded units. The Authority completed two other modernization (MOD) projects this year as well, a comprehensive Fire Alarm upgrade at #1-42 McGann Terrace at Green Meadows and the parking lot at Anthony Haven was refurbished. Spaces were added and improvements made, including new lighting to the lot at the rear of Anthony Haven off of North St.

Eligibility requirements for our elderly, disabled and handicapped housing are a minimum age of 60, except for disabled / handicapped applicants. The size of the household determines the income limits. The revised income limits issued in March of 2019 for a one (1) person household is \$39,300 and for a two (2) person household is \$44,900. There is no limit on assets, interest earned

on an asset is considered income and included as such when considering the overall income limit. Our Family Housing consists of three (3) duplexes, where there are five (5) three bedroom units and one (1) two bedroom wheel chair accessible handicap unit. The size of the household would determine the number of bedrooms and the income limits. The maximum income for a two (2) person household is \$44,900, for three (3) \$50,500, for four (4) \$56,100, for five (5) \$ 60,600 and six (6) \$ 65,100. The same asset guideline as stated above applies.

The Fairhaven Housing Authority is regulated by and receives limited annual modernization funding from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). The Authority does not receive any funding through the budget of the Town of Fairhaven. The Authority is fortunate in its ability to be essentially self-sufficient and non-subsidized.

The Fairhaven Housing Authority wishes to thank the Fairhaven Police and Fire Departments. They continue to do so much for the Authority and the tenants, we are indebted to them as they regularly come to the aid of both the tenants and the Authority. The Council on Aging works closely with us and has also been a tremendous ally. We thank all of the Town Departments, Boards and Committees and know our continued successes are due to the established rapport and working relationships we have with the DPW, Water /Sewer Dept. Veteran's Agent, Town Clerk, Board of Health, Town Planner, Community Preservation Committee and the Town Administrator as well as many others.

The Fairhaven Board of Selectmen continues to align with the Authority and further our mission to provide affordable public housing for seniors, the handicapped/disabled and low income families and we thank them for their consistent support.

A special thank you is being extended to Selectman Espindola for submitting a grant application to the Broadband Grant Initiative as offered by the Commonwealth on behalf of the Authority. The grant was awarded and is in design/administration to hopefully provide free or very low cost WiFi for the tenants at some or possibly all of our developments. This will be a tremendous benefit for the seniors /families to expand or enable connectivity, empower communication with family and friends through available platforms (lack of during the pandemic became painfully obvious), use the internet and take advantage of all the benefits low cost or free WiFi can bring to those who may struggle with affording devices and WIFI.

The Fairhaven Housing Authority is proud to provide the well preserved public /affordable housing asset that meets a very real need and we are very appreciative of the great working relationship we enjoy with the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Alfonso
Chairman
Fairhaven Housing Authority

HUMAN RESOURCES

The Human Resources Department is responsible for personnel administration for the Town's general government, including personnel policies, collective bargaining agreements, health insurance benefits, worker's compensation, unemployment, Employee Assistance Program, training and Police/Fire Injured on Duty. The Human Resources Department also plays a vital role in the creation and oversight of wellness initiatives.

On behalf of the Human Resources Department we would like to wish long and happy retirements to all those who retired in 2022, Anne Silvia, Melody Perry, John Charbonneau, Cynthia Vandenburg, Loreen Pina, Douglas Silveira, and also in Memory of Richard Pinard. We also want to wish long, successful careers to those who joined us in 2022, Angie Lopes Ellison (Town Administrator), Cameron Durant (Human Resources Director), Marth Reed (Council on Aging Director), Kelley Petersen (Rec. Center Director), Joshua Crabb (Highway Superintendent), Daniel Lane (Assessor), Suzanne Viera (Building Department Administrative Assistant), Hailey Cabral (Sewer Department Principal Clerk), Takira Faucher (Treasurer's Office, Principal Clerk).

In 2022 the new Human Resources Director, Cameron Durant who filled the position left vacant for 18 months is in the process of rewriting the Town's Employee Handbook.

The Human Resources Department continued to enrich the benefits offered to full time employees. We were able to have our Annual Health Benefits Fair in person. We have also restarted the Wellness Committee and have also reformulated the IAC (Insurance Advisory Committee) to bring new ideas to improve our Health Benefits.

Most importantly in 2022 Human Resources partnered with various departments to settle the Highway, Water, Clerical & Dispatch contracts with the remaining units to be approved at the 2023 Annual Town meeting.

In November of 2022, we had our first all hands Professional Day which included supervisor training, anti-bullying training, diversity, equity & Inclusion training.

We also underwent a non-union & Clerical Classification Study which will be analyzed and implemented in 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron Durant, Human Resources Director
Susan Roderiques, Benefits Coordinator

LAGOA FRIENDSHIP PACT COMMITTEE

Members of the Lagoa Friendship Pact Committee have much to celebrate in 2022! We welcomed Cristina Calista, Mayor of the City of Lagoa, to the Town of Fairhaven. Ms. Calista presented our community with prized collections to commemorate our sister city connection. It was a historic event where the highest executive branches in municipal government - Select Board Chair, Town Administrator, and Mayor of the City of Lagoa - are all women, a first in our community's history! After this visit, we held a successful exhibition showcasing photographs of the people of Lagoa and their region in the Town Hall lobby to celebrate the 500th anniversary of our sister city's founding. The committee thanks Portugalia Marketplace for allowing us to display their exquisite Portuguese pottery during the event, the Azorean Culture Society for their folkloric performance, Neighborhood News and Fairhaven TV for televising the exhibition, our State Representative Bill Straus, Select Board Chair Stasia Powers and members, Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison, and Lady of Angels President John Barbosa for sharing their remarks, and the people of Fairhaven for attending. The board is excited to create more community, civic, cultural, and educational events that expand our partnership with the Municipality of Lagoa, Portugal, under the new leadership of Chair Maria J. Carvalho.

Sincerely,

Kyle Bueno, Chair

Maria J Carvalho, Vice-Chair

MARINE RESOURCE DEPARTMENT HARBORMASTER/ SHELLFISH

The department of marine resources had quite the busy year in 2022. From conducting routine patrols, responding to emergencies, investigating the release of oil and other substances in the harbor, in addition to the shellfish patrol, and the propagation of shellfish.

The Marine Resources department under the Harbormaster, Shellfish Wardens direction, continues to enforce the rules and regulations regarding shellfish and safe boating practices. The department has logged hundreds of man hours on patrol to ensure proper operation of vessels, personal watercraft and safety inspections. High speed and unsafe boating operations, especially near beaches, were targeted on patrols. Working with the Fire and Police Department as well as our neighboring communities was crucial to assure our efforts to catch and prosecute the violators.

We would like to remind the residents that all vessels must be properly registered with the commonwealth of Massachusetts. In addition, we recommend that kayakers label the water crafts with the owner's name and phone number. This allows us to make the necessary contact to the vessel's owner during emergencies.

Pump out services continued during the boating season. We pumped out an estimated total of 19,414 gallons of waste from Fairhaven boaters. Because of this service provided, the boaters in Fairhaven waters have contributed to Buzzards Bay becoming a much cleaner body of water.

On the shellfish side of the department it was also a very busy season. We planted 600 bushels of quahogs in Round Cove, which will be opening in the beginning of May.

2022 Permits:

Residents	312
Seniors	137
Non-residents	47
Commercial	8
Veterans	32
Dredge boats	1

The marine resource department was very successful in securing three grants for Union Wharf. The first one was for \$500,000 dollars for general repairs of the wharf. The second and third grants, each for the north side of the wharf totaled \$2 million dollars. The Marine Resource department did secure a fourth grant for \$200,000 dollars. This grant is for the engineering and permitting for the dredging of West Island.

In closing, I would like to thank my Administrative Assistant and Deputies for stepping up to the plate and helping with all my duties in the past year. The department looks forward to the upcoming years working together with all Town departments and neighboring towns in the boating community to ensure that our waterways stay safe and enjoyable for everyone.

Respectfully,
Captain Timothy Cox
Harbormaster/Shellfish-Warden

MATTAPOISETT RIVER VALLEY WATER SUPPLY PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Mattapoisett River Valley Water District (District) was formed in 2004 to construct and operate the six million gallon per day (mgd) Mattapoisett River Valley Water Treatment Facility (MRVWTF). The District is comprised of the Towns of Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester. The treatment facility, located in Mattapoisett, began operations in 2008.

The MRVWTF treats raw water from eight municipal water supply wells owned and operated by the District Towns. The sources include three Mattapoisett wells, one Marion well, and four Fairhaven wells, which are located in Mattapoisett and Rochester. Treatment at the facility includes oxidation with ozone followed by membrane ultra-filtration with Koch membrane filters for the removal of iron and manganese. The finished water is treated to adjust the pH for corrosion control.

The year 2022 represented the fifteenth year of operation of the MRVWTF. The plant processed 616 million gallons of water (finished water) during the 2022 calendar year. The FY23 operating budget for the plant is \$2,433,400, which represents a decrease of approximately 9.8% over FY22. The major expenses include power, labor, and chemicals to maintain and operate the MRVWTF, and equipment replacement identified in the Capital Improvement Plan. The District continues to benefit from the solar power Net Metering agreement with Greenbacker Renewable Energy Corporation (formerly ECA Solar, LLC). The District is able to offset electrical costs through this program. The District does not pay any capital or operating costs for the power generation at the facilities, which are located on commercial buildings in Walpole, MA. In June 2022, the District solicited and received bids for FY23 supply of chemicals and propane at the MRVWTF.

The MRVWTF operated well, however, various equipment required maintenance or replacement during the calendar year. The scroll compressors located in the lower level and compressor in the loft required various maintenance throughout the year. Operators replaced several actuator valves on the ultrafiltration stages throughout the year. Other equipment requiring maintenance included pH meters, chlorine pumps, dehumidifier, air conditioner, and ozone analyzers. Standard maintenance was conducted on the generator and variable frequency drives (VFD). A low lift pump VFD was replaced. In February, Fairhaven High Lift Pump No. 1 was replaced. Lighting throughout the plant was replaced with LED fixtures.

In July 2022, the District completed a preliminary design report for replacement of the ultrafiltration system, addition of ultraviolet disinfection system, and Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) System upgrades at the MRVWTF. The design phase for the water treatment plant upgrades project began in Fall 2022 and is expected to be complete in Spring 2023 followed by bidding and construction phases into 2024 contingent upon availability of equipment and materials.

Quarterly meetings, including representatives from Fairhaven, Marion, and Mattapoisett, continued in 2022 to discuss raw water pumping totals from the various water supply sources and additional costs incurred by Fairhaven and Marion due to accepting more finished water from the MRVWTF than raw water pumped from its water supply sources that feed the MRVWTF. Discussions during these meetings also included possible ways to offset the additional costs incurred by Fairhaven and Marion.

In October 2022, Anne Carreiro (Town of Fairhaven) was hired by the District as the bookkeeper. She will also attend the District Commission monthly meetings.

In 2022, Nathaniel Munafo (Town of Marion) resigned from the District Commission. The District Commission thanks Mr. Munafo for his valuable contributions to the District.

Respectfully submitted,
Mattapoissett River Valley Water District Commission

Town of Fairhaven
Vincent Furtado, Chairman
Jeffrey Furtado
Wendy Graves, Treasurer

Town of Marion
Meghan Davis, Clerk
Randy Parker

Town of Rochester
Rick Charon
Sandy Keese
Merilee Kelly

Town of Mattapoissett
Michael Lorencio
William Nicholson
Henri Renauld, Vice Chairman

THE MILLICENT LIBRARY

This year the library made some changes to the physical space by relocating the popular DVD collection from the Rogers Room to the Lewin Room. The Rogers Room is being transformed in to a tech lab which will offer a centralized location for patron computers, scanning services, and other technology. Ethernet lines have been installed and patron computers are now located in the Rogers Room. The Friends of the Millicent Library provided funds for five new PCs and ten new computer desks for use in the room. In addition, the Friends recently provided funds to purchase a large display computer which will be dedicated to creative use such as with our Cricut machine. In addition, the auditorium space began the process of transforming in to a multi-use flex space to allow better use for children's activities, meetings, and larger events. The Friends of the Millicent Library are assisting in this as well, providing funds for furniture.

Millicent Library Building

The heatwaves that took place over the summer required the closure of the library for parts of two weeks in July and August. Environmental conditions were monitored during open hours and recorded temperatures as high as 88.2°F and relative humidity as high as 72.4%. During these periods of high temperatures staff noted mild feelings of dizziness, nausea, headaches, discomfort due to sweating, as well as tiredness and irritability. Such conditions in a mostly un-airconditioned building pose a health and safety threat to staff and patrons.

The Millicent Library Board of Trustees and Director have been investigating ways to bring air conditioning to an historic building to meet modern needs and provide safe working conditions while preserving the library's historical integrity.

Programing

Programing in 2022 including the library's many Youth Services offerings including Baby Storytime and Children Storytime which took place outside during the warmer months. Crafternoons, a drop-in program, invited all ages and skill levels to come to the library to relax and do a craft.

The Summer Reading theme was Read Beyond the Beaten Path with just over 300 people of all ages taking part. Participants engaged in a summer of reading and learning challenges with the chance to win prizes. The popular Teddy Bear Parade was held in August with 154 children and adults taking part and having snacks and playing games.

This past summer, the Fairhaven Fire Department brought along Sparky the Fire Dog, taught fire safety, and let the kids try out the fire hose; Toby Dills taught the science behind and how to build bottle rockets and then launched; and the Whalemobile, a life size inflatable humpback whale, made an appearance; Also, tie-dyed t-shirts were made and story tellers visited the library. In the fall, the library collaborated with the Fairhaven Visitors Center for the second Kids Fest, which included pumpkin painting, children's activities and a costume contest.

Book clubs at the library included the long running Thursday Morning Book Club, History Book Club, and the teen book club, Pages and Pastries which pairs a book with a themed desert.

The Friends of the Millicent Library held a large book sale during Fairhaven's Old-Time Holiday selling lots of used books to support the library and brought many people through the doors. The Friends also sponsored a book talk by author Michael Tougias on his book *The Finest Hours* which took place in the Town Hall Auditorium.

Archive

The archival collections at the Millicent Library continues to be an important resource for historic information about Fairhaven. The archives received many requests for information including property research, genealogy, cemetery information, and photographs.

The Millicent Library Archives provides several historical databases accessible through the library webpage. The following are statistics for the online resources in 2022:

Lost Fishermen Database	38,148	Pageviews
Fairhaven Cemetery Records	9,486	Pageviews
Fairhaven Vital Records	2,943	Pageviews
Fairhaven Star Newspaper	26,003	Pageviews
Fairhaven High School Yearbooks	7,850	Pageviews
The Barnacle		Unavailable

Library Statistics

As of June 30, 2022, the library owned 55,668 print books, 168 print magazines and newspapers titles, 10,630 items in audio format, and 14,539 videos. The library's Overdrive subscription through the SAILS library network provided access to 61,944 eBooks, audio books, videos and magazines. In addition, the library subscribes to Hoopla which provides over 800,000 audiobook, eBook, movie, music, and television titles. In 2022, the library added two new online subscription resources.

America's News, a database of over 3,000 current news sources with content dating to the 1980s.

Heritage Hub, a genealogical resource of historical and contemporary U.S. obituaries and death notices.

Kanopy, a streaming service with access to over 30,000 movie titles.

These resources and others can be accessed through the Millicent Library's website with a library card.

In the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2022, we circulated 95,589 items to patrons. In addition, circulation of downloadable material through our subscription services totaled 11,580.

Kyle DeCicco-Carey

Library Director

Library Staff:

Joan Bisbee, Circulation Assistant

Elisabeth Botelho, Head of Circulation

Debra Charpentier, Archivist/Facility Manager

Daniel Costa, Custodian

Kyle DeCicco-Carey, Director

Bob Dupre, Custodian

Dan Falcone, Reference/Non-Fiction Librarian

Rob Gonsalves, Technical Services Librarian

Jonathan Kastin, Circulation Assistant

Laurie Powers, Bookkeeper

Jordan Richard, Page

Allie Thiel, Youth Services Librarian

PLANNING BOARD AND DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Planning Board began meeting in person again in 2022 with an option for participating virtually through an online meeting platform that began being used in March 2020 due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. During the annual elections held in June, Sharon Simmons and Kevin Grant were elected to four-year terms. The Chair of the Planning Board for much of 2022 was Wayne Hayward with Cathy Melanson, the Vice-Chair, assuming the role in November when Mr. Hayward resigned as Chair. Mr. Hayward also served as the Planning Board's representative to the Rogers Reuse Committee. Jessica Fidalgo served as the Planning Board's Clerk and representative to the Economic Development Committee. Jeffrey T. Lucas was re-appointed as the Planning Board's representative to the Community Preservation Committee, of which he is the Chairman. David Braga was appointed to serve as the Board's Commissioner to the Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District (SRPEDD).

The Director of the Department of Planning and Economic Development continued to represent the Town as the Selectmen's representative to the Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG), an advisory committee on regional transportation issues at SRPEDD as well as an alternate representative for the Town to the Southeastern Regional Transit Authority (SRTA). He also serves as Staff representative to the Economic Development Committee, the Community Preservation Committee and the Bikeway Committee and assists other Boards and/or Committees when necessary. The Department also assists in the administration of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

In 2022, the Planning Department was instrumental in bringing \$3,106,236 dollars in grant funding to the Town for various projects. This included two grants for \$1,000,000 each from the Seaport Economic Council for the rehabilitation of half of the north wall at Union Wharf and \$320,000 to update the Municipal Harbor Plan with New Bedford. The Department was also successful in getting another \$75,000 from the DHCD One-Stop for Growth grant program to fund the consultants helping the Town develop a 40R Overlay Bylaw and Design Standards. The Department, with the assistance of consultant Breezeway Farms, was successful in securing \$686,236 through the Community Development and Block Grant (CDBG) for Phase 3 street scape improvements on Hedge Street between Main Street and Adams Street. The Department, with the assistance of the Buzzards Bay Coalition, was successful in getting a \$25,000 mini-grant from the Buzzards Bay National Estuary Program for the Salt Winds Conservation project.

In December 2022, the Town completed two projects funded by the Shared Streets and Spaces Program in 2021 with \$183,689 on the Complete Streets Tier 2 Prioritization Plan. These projects include improved ramps and crossings at Alden Road and Howland Road as well as Alden Road and Glenhaven Avenue and improved ramps and crossings at Main Street and the Phoenix Bike Trail. The Town has another \$332,636 in 2021 funding through the Tier 3 Complete Streets Program for four projects on the Complete Streets Tier 2 Prioritization Plan that will be implemented in early 2023. These projects include developing Bike Lanes along Alden Road from Howland Road to Whaler's Way; improved ramps and crossings along Main Street in North Fairhaven including a bus shelter at the Fairhaven Village Apartments and a bus stop near the Fairhaven Housing Authority; improved ramps and crossings at Orchard Street and Sconticut Neck Road; and speed feedback signs along Sconticut Neck Road.

The Department is spearheading the effort to create a 40R Overlay District and Design Standards as part of the Route 6/240 Redevelopment Plan to create more opportunity for mixed-use in the

previously developed shopping plazas along Routes 6 and 240. The progress on the Route 6/240 plan is regularly reported to the Planning Board and Economic Development Committee. As noted earlier, in September 2022 the Town was awarded \$75,000 through the 1-Stop for Growth Grant Program to hire a consultant to help write a 40R Overlay Bylaw to allow for higher-density mixed-use (commercial with residential above) development in the shopping plazas and other areas designated appropriate for this type of development. This funding combined with \$45,000 from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Planning Assistance Grant Program last year and \$30,000 in 2021 from the Community Compact Best Practices program and yearly funding from the EDC has allowed the Planning Department to hire consultants to help write a 40R Overlay Bylaw and develop Design Standards. A 40R Working Group with over 25 members met four times from September to December plus a 40R public visioning workshop in November have helped direct this effort.

Thanks to a \$75,000 grant from the MassDevelopment Site Readiness Grant program in 2021, five Phase One Environmental Site Assessments (ESA) were performed in 2022 by our consultants, Fuss & O'Neill, on properties in the Route 6/240 Target Area as well as a Phase 2 ESA on the Town owned 194 Bridge Street property.

The Planning Board and Department worked with Town Counsel and held several public hearings to develop a public shade tree bylaw to protect the tree canopy and improve transparency and accountability with respect to the care and maintenance of public trees. However, for various reasons the bylaw was not voted on at Town Meeting in 2022.

The Planning Board and Department jointly developed and passed a Short Term Rentals (STR) General Bylaw at the 2021 Annual Town Meeting to provide for the orderly operation of short-term rentals and the Town adopted a Community Impact Fee (CIF) of 3% that applies to all transfers of occupancy of Short-Term Rentals. Due to turnover in the Building Department the STR Registration has not been established yet but the Department will continue to press to have this implemented in 2023. The Town is beginning to reap the benefits of the CIF.

Development review projects kept the Board and Department busy in 2022 with two Definitive Subdivision reviews, four Form A - Approval Not Required (ANR) endorsements and a street discontinuance. The Board reviewed and approved with conditions nine (9) Special Permits. These include a new environmentally friendly car wash on a long vacant site; a new Chipotle Restaurant on an empty site; a new Mirasol's Café to replace a derelict building; an expansion of an existing business; and a second retail marijuana outlet.

The Economic Development Committee met and continued to contribute to the ongoing Route 6/240 planning the 40R Overlay and discuss overall measures to improve the local economy. The Community Preservation Committee approved funding four projects at the ATM in June 2022 and held public hearing for nine potential projects in December 2022. Final recommendations for Town Meeting will be made in January 2023.

The Planning Board and the Department of Planning and Economic Development once again thank Town Meeting Members for their continued support of our work, to continue the work of implementing our Master Plan and other plans and make the Town's Zoning and General Bylaw's more responsive to the needs of the Town. We look forward to 2023.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Melanson, Chair
Jessica Fidalgo, Clerk

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Wayne Hayward	2023
Rene J. Fleurent, Jr.,	2023
Jeffrey T. Lucas	2024
David Braga	2025
Kevin Grant	2026
Sharon Simmons	2026

Paul H. Foley, AICP, Director of Planning and Economic Development
Marie E. Ripley, Administrative Assistant to the Planning Director

POLICE DEPARTMENT / ANIMAL CONTROL

The Fairhaven Police Department responded to 15,682 calls for service in 2022. The following is a partial list of the number and types of calls for service that we responded to throughout the past year.

Abandoned Motor Vehicles	20
Accidents - Motor Vehicle - Hit & Run	96
Accidents - Motor Vehicle vs. Pedestrian	2
Accidents - Motor Vehicle - Personal Injury	62
Accidents - Motor Vehicle - Property Damage	442
Alarm – Burglar	593
Alarm - Holdup	11
Ambulance Requests	2948
Animal Bites	13
Animal Complaints	382
Animal Neglect/Abuse	2
Arrests (does not include criminal application requests)	175
Assaults	41
Assist Motorist	133
Assist Other Agency	119
Assist Other Police Department	223
Boat in Distress, Water Emergency, Water Hazard	32
Burglary - Breaking & Entering - Dwelling	10
Burglary - Breaking & Entering - Commercial	7
Burglary - Breaking & Entering - Motor Vehicle	73
Disabled Auto	155
Disturbances/Disorderly Conduct	735
Domestic Violence/Family Offenses	174
Fights	19
Firearms Licensing	340
Fraud	96
Canine Operations & Training	44
Intoxicated Person	20
Larcenies	90
Mental Health Emergencies/Section12/Section 35	86
Missing Person	30
Motor Vehicle Thefts	12
Motor Vehicle Violations	1818
Motor Vehicle Complaints	171
Officer Wanted	23
Prisoner Transports	144
Protective Custody	10
Recovered Stolen Motor Vehicles	7
Reported Deaths	27
Restraining Order Violations	16
Robberies	2
Safety/Road Hazards	265
Search Warrant Executions	10
Restraining Order Services	54
Harassment Protection Order Services	4

Shoplifting	44
Suicide Attempts	7
Community Policing	93
Suspicious Activity	633
Trespassing	23
Unwanted Person	80
Vandalism	55
Welfare Checks	340

The 2022 calendar year was an interesting and productive year for the Fairhaven Police Department. We added new personnel, and saw the retirement of a veteran officer. We also had some movement within the department between specialized assignments.

On February 11, 2022, Sophia Furtado was making a Door Dash delivery to a residence on West Island just after 9pm. When she arrived at her delivery destination, she found an unconscious female on the ground bleeding from an apparent head injury. She notified the woman's husband, who called for an ambulance. Sophia, who has a background in EMS training, immediately began to render first aid care, and remained with her patient until paramedics arrived. Sophia's quick thinking, and decisive action, in addition to her first aid training, is credited with preventing a tragic outcome in this incident.

Officer Jillian Jodoin, who also responded to the scene, coordinated an award ceremony that was attended by the woman, and her family to thank Sophia for her actions that evening. The president of Door Dash personally took a video that he sent to Sophia to thank her for the life-saving measures she provided.

Later that month, the town experienced a rash of motor vehicle breaks in two separate parts of town. The North Fairhaven area had thirteen vehicles broken into one evening, and the area of Fairhaven High School had twenty-two vehicles broken into a few nights later. These 35 vehicles that were broken into were all left unlocked, allowing them to be easily accessed. In all probability, there were more than the 35 reported breaks, with some victims not reporting the crime to the police. The Fairhaven Police Department frequently cautions all residents to lock and secure their vehicles in an attempt to curb such crime sprees. The simple act of locking a vehicle reduces, and in many cases eliminates the crime from occurring.

On February 18, 2022 Officers Andrew Dillon and Ethan Horsley graduated from the Plymouth Police Academy, after completing 21 challenging weeks of intensive police basic training. Officers Dillon and Horsley were required to pass an in depth, extensive back ground check, credit history check, a psychological examination and a physical abilities test prior to being sent to the academy. They endured an intensive 21-week training program that was designed to test them mentally and physically, and to prepare them for a career in law enforcement. It consisted of classroom instruction, defensive tactics, firearms and driver training, handcuffing and physical fitness.

After graduating from the police academy, Officers Dillon and Horsley were assigned to experienced officers to complete field training. They have since completed their field training, and are now serving amongst our ranks as fully trained police officers. At the end of March, Officer Alexander Silva began basic police recruit training at the Joint Base Cape Cod Police Academy. Like Officers Dillon and Horsley, completed the 21-week basic training program, followed by field training, and assignment to the Fairhaven Police Department uniformed patrol division.

Officer Dillon earned a bachelor's degree in Sociology/Crime and Justice with a minor in Business Management from Suffolk University. Officers Horsley and Silva both earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Bridgewater University. We are pleased to welcome all three of them to the Fairhaven Police Department, and wish them all well for a long, safe, and successful career as proud members of our department.

In July of this past year, Detective Glenn Cudmore retired from the Fairhaven Police Department after a successful career that spanned for over 22 years. Detective Cudmore joined the department in January of 2000. During his tenure, he served in the uniformed patrol division for many years. He served as a member of the Fairhaven Police Department Honor Guard, and was a founding member of the dive team, which would eventually evolve into the South Eastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council (SEMLEC) Underwater Recovery Unit. Detective Cudmore worked on operations that recovered drowning victims, and evidence in criminal cases, as well as locating the fishing vessel Lady of Grace that sunk during inclement weather in January of 2007.

Detective Cudmore was assigned to the detective division, where he investigated major crimes, and narcotics violations. He was eventually assigned as a Task Force Agent to the US Drug Enforcement Administration's New Bedford field office. Detective Cudmore was instrumental in investigating and prosecuting major drug dealing organizations. In May of 2016, after being nominated by US Attorney Carmen Ortiz, Detective Cudmore received the Outstanding Collaborative Investigation Award for his efforts in dismantling a nation-wide marijuana smuggling organization, and the Investigation Achievement award for his work that led to the conviction of a major, and violent cocaine and heroin dealer.

Detective Cudmore worked with Detective Sergeant Scott Gordon during the investigation, prosecution and eventual conviction of Michelle Carter, who tragically enticed an acquaintance into committing suicide. Chief Myers presented Detective Cudmore with the Fairhaven Police Department Service Award for his hard work with the DEA Task Force, as well as his many other successes throughout his career.

We would like to thank Detective Cudmore for his many years of dedicated service to the Fairhaven Police Department and the Town of Fairhaven. We also wish him the best of luck for a well-earned, long and healthy retirement.

In August Officer Jerome Penha was selected to fill Detective Cudmore's vacancy in the Detective Division. Detective Penha joined the Fairhaven Police Department in 2015. He served in the uniform patrol division, and was eventually selected to serve as one of our School Resource Officers. He served in this position for 4 years until his eventual assignment to the detective division. During his time with the department, Detective Penha has built countless relationships throughout the community, especially during his time working in our school district.

Officer Marcy Haaland was assigned to replace Detective Penha as our second School Resource Officer. Officer Haaland joined the Fairhaven Police Department in 2013. She served in the uniformed patrol division, and is a SEMLEC Critical Incident Response/ Peer Support Team Co-Coordinator. Officer Haaland was selected for the position of School Resource Officer by a panel that was made up of ranking members of the police department and school department in accordance with the Police Reform Law.

Officer Haaland and Detective Penha are also members of the SEMLEC Search and Rescue Team. They have worked on numerous operations looking for missing persons, and evidence in criminal cases. They are both also trained in a tracking device known as Safety Net. This piece

of equipment has been made available through Project Life Saver, and is used to locate people with cognitive disorders who are known to wander.

DETECTIVE DIVISION

This past year was a busy and productive year for the Detective Division. With the uptick in fraudulent crimes and using on line tools to scam the elderly a lot of time was put into preventative measure to assure that the towns people were educated on the importance of recognizing scams and how to deal with them appropriately. It is important for residents to understand that these elaborate scams are creative and persistent and no one should ever be giving out their personal bank information over the phone or allow anyone access to your personal phones or computers remotely.

This area has been plagued with an increase in drug and fentanyl overdoses over the last few years. As a result, much of our duties are focused on trying to combat the issues related to illegal narcotics in the area. With our partners from the Bristol County Sheriff's Office and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, the Fairhaven Police Department has been involved in and authored many search warrants that have resulted in the seizure of significant amounts of illegal narcotics and money related to the illegal drug trade.

With the increase in crime all over the country it is important that the residents of the town remain vigilant in reporting all crimes to the police department in a timely manner. If you prefer to remain anonymous tips can be submitted on line through our anonymous tip portal located on our web site.

The Domestic Violence Unit/Detective was involved in cases for follow up on arrests for domestic violence, restraining order violations, allegations of domestic abuse and juvenile crimes. The unit consists of a Detective and a Victim/Witness Civilian Advocate. The unit regularly provided resources, support and referrals to victims of domestic violence and their families. The Domestic Violence Unit additionally works conjointly with victim witness advocates from the Bristol County District Attorney's Office in a variety of investigations, to ensure collaboration and sharing of resources. The Detective assigned to the Domestic Violence Unit also assists in follow up with Fairhaven Elder's with the assistance of the Fairhaven Council on Aging and conducts investigations of sexual assaults.

CANINE UNIT

The Fairhaven Police K9 Unit has had a very successful first year. Officer Jillian Jodoin and K9 Blue have completed their first full year on the road together as partners. K9 Blue is a certified detection dog trained to search, detect and alert Officer Jodoin to the odor of Narcotics.

In December of 2021 Officer Jodoin and K9 Blue graduated from the Bristol County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Detection Academy. Following graduation, Officer Jodoin returned to the uniformed patrol division ready to work with her new partner.

In 2022 the K9 unit responded to 20 Drug Sniffs, 42 Community Policing calls, and trained for a total of 240 hours. K9 Blue also works the regular 4PM-12AM uniformed patrol shift.

At the beginning of the year Officer Jodoin & K9 Blue gave the United States Police Canine Association Narcotics Certification test a shot and passed. The test serves as a National certification rating of excellence in Narcotics Detection and currently exceeds the Massachusetts standard for police working dogs.

In February Officer Jodoin and K9 Blue competed in the Hometown Foundation's 15K Giveaway. They were up against dozens of K9 Units from all over the country and came in fifth place. The Giveaway was voting-based and the top three places received a \$5,000.00 equipment grant. Officer Jodoin and K9 Blue were awarded a \$1,500.00 equipment grant for exceptional community engagement. The grant was used to purchase a Garmin GPS canine tracking system, and detection training aids.

In March, K9 Blue was officially sworn in as a Police Officer for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and The Town of Fairhaven at Town Hall. Officer Jodoin had the honor of pinning a special badge onto her partner.

Despite the busy year K9 Blue attended and graduated the Professional Canine Services Therapy Dog course in June. The course was taught by former Barnstable Sheriff's K9 Officer and Master Trainer Charlie Young. K9 Blue worked on integrating his detection demonstrations with children and adults.

The Fairhaven Police K9 Unit is operated entirely on donations and the support of our community. The Fairhaven Police Working Dog Foundation was established in July. Officer Jodoin founded the organization privately and separate from the Town of Fairhaven. The practice of creating a nonprofit organization in correspondence with Police K9 Units has been done for decades. The reason for this has been to augment the K9 Unit financially and increase the unit's fundraising and community footprint.

K9 Blue's Annual Raffle opened for ticket sales in October and closed August 26th. Businesses from all around the community donated items and services to the prize pool. The raffle raised \$6,000.00 which will help everyday operating costs, veterinary services, training and equipment for the K9 Unit.

ANIMAL CONTROL DIVISION

This has been a very busy year at the animal control division. We recently hired a new assistant animal control officer, Abigail Griffith. She has learned a tremendous amount about this career in a short amount of time.

We found great homes for 127 dogs and cats this past year as well as 38 bunnies and Guinea pigs. At one point we had 13 Guinea pigs at the shelter at the same time. This requires a lot of work from our volunteers as well as a large amount of supplies. When we asked for help from our community with donations of these supplies they were there for us once again.

We were able to obtain our new vehicle this year. A Ford F150 with a sled in the bed of it with room for 6 animals. This vehicle makes it possible for us to respond in all types of weather to any calls that we receive. With the 4 wheel drive we are able to get to areas of town that the previous vehicle was unable to reach.

We receive many donations throughout the year. Both monetary and food and supplies. We have created an outreach with the Shepherd's pantry and the Fairhaven senior center to pass on any supplies that we are unable to use. This helps the unfortunate by providing food for their pets. We have seen people have to surrender their pets due to not being able to feed them. This outreach has helped to prevent loving pet owners from having to lose their companion(s).

Our volunteers continue to be the backbone of our department. They work tirelessly every day and ask for nothing in return. The age range goes from 16 to 80 years of age. We can't say thank you

enough for all of their work.

The Fairhaven Police Department utilizes its website, fairhavenpolice.org and its Facebook site to exchange information with the community. Both sites are updated as often as possible with recent arrests, mug shots and recent activity in Fairhaven. The website has several tabs where anyone can report a tip and remain completely anonymous, request speed enforcement, register your security cameras, commend an officer or file a complaint.

We also added an electronic fillable form that can be completed and submitted to us on behalf of people with disabilities. This form provides us with valuable information about a person's disability that will enable us to better interact with them, and provide the best possible service we can offer, with a greater understanding of their needs and expectations. Information provided on this form is completely voluntary, and is not made available to the public.

The philosophy embraced by the Fairhaven Police Department is that of service, fairness, pride and dedication. The members of the Fairhaven Police Department are committed to not only performing in accordance with this philosophy, but also to meeting and exceeding the public's expectations of having a highly functional and capable police department. We are deeply committed to keeping the Town of Fairhaven a safe and wonderful place to visit and live.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael J. Myers, Chief of Police
And
Kevin W. Kobza, Administrative Lieutenant

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Board of Public Works in Fairhaven is governed by a five member, unpaid, elected Board of Public Works Commissioners. The Board sets policies, establishes the rules, regulations, fees and procedures of the Board of Public Works in the Town of Fairhaven. This also includes management and maintenance of the Town roadways, parks, and utility infrastructure systems. These systems include roads, parks, cemeteries, beaches, bike paths, water, sewer, storm drainage, trash collection, curbside recycling, vehicle maintenance and the recycling center.

The mission of the Fairhaven Board of Public Works is to provide community services that exceed the public's expectations. This is accomplished by:

Rapid response to emergencies throughout all seasons

Effective budgeting, management and cost-effective delivery

Implementing best management practices

Using technology to its fullest to enhance operations, environmental sustainability and communications with residents

Providing exceptional customer service to our customers

The Board of Public Works is comprised of the following Departments:

Highway – which manages the Town's 116 miles of roadway. Duties include snow plowing, storm drainage, road reconstruction and maintenance, catch basin maintenance and cleaning, street sweeping, the recycling center and the maintenance of more than 100 Town vehicles.

Parks – which maintains and manages Town parks, the West Island Town Beach, a portion of Fort Phoenix and many smaller Town owned parcels.

Water – which manages over 100 miles of water mains ensuring that safe drinking water is delivered to 7000+ properties which consume an average of 1.2 million gallons per day.

Sewer – which manages the 5 million gallon per day facility at Arsene Street, the 100,000 gallon per day facility on West Island, approximately 100 miles of sewer pipes and 17 pump stations, with the continued goal of ensuring that wastewater is conveyed uninterruptedly to one of the Town's treatment facilities and then, treated effectively.

Sanitation – which manages curbside pick-up of solid waste and recyclables and both the solid waste and the Town's brokerage account at SEMASS.

Administration – which includes customer relations, personnel, financial management and long range planning.

Our goal is to maintain and improve living conditions in Fairhaven for our residents and provide value to our tax and ratepayers.

Some of the Board of Public Works projects that either were completed in 2021 or are still being worked on:

AMI Water Meter System Upgrade – the Board of Public Works continued with converting both residential and commercial property water meters to a system called Advanced Metering Infrastructure, or AMI, which enables two-way communication over a fixed network between the utility system and the metering endpoints. It's a much more powerful and robust system than what we currently have which is going to save numerous man-hours versus the very laborious way we presently read meters which requires an employee to access the site where the meter is installed.

Historically, these systems have been about reading meters quickly and accurately but in our case, the system is going to be so much more.

The new system will allow us to increase billing frequency which is a State requirement. In addition, the system will enable us to better account for the water as the current meters, due to their age, don't measure low flows like they should. Further, this system will bring us into compliance with the American Water Works Association meter age standard (less than 10 years from installation). We will also be able to identify property leaks and meter tampering on a daily basis and the system is so user friendly that even the non-tech savvy will be able to track their own usage.

The payback period of this system will begin upon implementation as it is conservatively estimated that we are losing about 20 million gallons of consumption each year due to the age of our current system. We began this conversion in the Fall of 2021 and this effort is expected to continue through 2023.

Annual Auction – The Board of Public Works hosted the Town's Annual Auction of Department-wide declared surplus materials.

Bridge St. (former) Landfill – in 2021, the Board of Public Works engaged the services of Brown and Caldwell to ascertain the feasibility of moving the recycling center from the south end of Arsene St to a section of the former landfill. In the not too distant future, the recycling center will have to be relocated due to the federally mandated upgrade to the wastewater treatment facility on Arsene St. Brown and Caldwell will be reviewing all the required permitting logistics with the State.

As part of the update to this effort from 2022, soil samples were collected from the landfill and the results yielded revealed that clean-up need take place before the recycling center can be relocated.

Causeway Bridge - The Goulart Memorial Bridge spans 27.5 feet over the Nasketucket Bay Inlet and consists of a pre-stressed butted voided slab bridge built in 1970. The bridge is part of a long stone causeway that serves as the sole access between West Island and the mainland. Goulart Memorial Bridge also carries a water main that serves as the sole drinking water source for the island. The bridge is designated as Bridge Number F-01-006 by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT). The bridge superstructure was built in 1970 and placed on original stone abutments from 1920.

In April 2021, the Board of Public Works entered into agreement with Tighe and Bond to conduct a bridge inspection as a means to ascertain vulnerabilities and needed repairs, to provide the Town with a planning tool to address said vulnerabilities. This work has been ongoing and will be shared with both the West Island Improvement Association and the Town as findings become available and substantial.

In addition, in September 2021, the remnants of Hurricane Ida generated a substantial coastal storm that impacted Southeastern Massachusetts. Due to the wind, a boat was dislodged from its moorings and it collided with the bridge.

Observations by the Fairhaven Harbormaster and by the Town's Contracted Bridge Engineer indicate that the collision on the bridge's north fascia led to damage to the existing water pipe and north fascia concrete beam. As such, the Board of Public Works contracted to repair this water casing. As applicable insurance issues have been finalized, this repair can now begin.

Community Involvement – During 2022, the Board of Public Works continued to participate in various community events both inside and outside of its' purview.

Engineering Projects – Projects that were engineered in 2022 include Akin St drainage and water improvements, BMX Track Design, Farmfield St drainage and water improvements, Hedge St road reconstruction, Livesey Park Skatepark surface and structure improvements, Pickleball courts at Livesey Park, Shaw Rd drainage improvements and Sunset Beach Lane Sewer System

Highway Superintendent – the Board of Public Works would like to both thank John Charbonneau for his 20 plus years of service to theTown and wish him well during his retirement and welcome Joshua Crabb as his recently hired successor.

Household Hazardous Waste Day – in 2022, the Board of Public Works hosted a household hazardous waste day affording residents an opportunity to dispose of such materials in a proper manner. The contracted vendor specializes in recycling as that is the intent for the final destination of the delivered wastes. Unfortunately, not all materials can be recycled so hazardous materials, such as flammables and pesticides, were bulked for consolidated shipments and sent to facilities approved to receive and treat hazardous wastes.

Solids were packed into drums, cubic yard boxes, or roll offs. Liquids were consolidated and bulked into 6000 gallon tankers. Wastes with thermal value were processed for alternative fuels blending. Metal is recycled, gases are captured, and liquids are sent for waste fuels.

Leaf Pick-up – In 2022, the Board of Public Works, once again, contracted for 4 weeks of residential leaf pick up. Due to the initial costs of beginning the cart program, the Board of Public Works discontinued leaf pickup to stabilize general fund costs. Though recycling numbers are not where they should be, because the Town's recycling has improved, the Board of Public Works was able to continue to add on this often-requested service.

Safe Routes to School Grant – In 2019, the Fairhaven Bikeway Committee and the Board of Public Works, in a joint effort, submitted and were awarded a State of Massachusetts Safe Routes to School grant in the amount of \$800,000.

After numerous meetings and site visits with applicable project representatives, since application submittal, this project has grown into a \$2M grant to the Town which will see ADA compliant sidewalks, bikelanes from the Stop N Shop Plaza to the Leroy Wood School as well as the narrowing of Sconticut Neck Rd from David Drown Blvd to the school. This project is scheduled to bid in October 2023 and work commence in the spring of 2024.

Sewer Plant Upgrade - In 1972, the Clean Water Act (CWA) established the basic structure for regulating pollution into the waters of the United States by allowing the US EPA to regulate wastewater discharges in order to restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological

integrity of the nation's waters.

Under the CWA, Fairhaven's Wastewater Treatment Facility has a permit where we must treat the water to an acceptable level before it can be discharged into the New Bedford Inner Harbor. Through hard work and dedication, Fairhaven's Treatment facility has a long history of consistent compliance with these discharge standards resulting in the Town's receipt of numerous environmental awards.

When the CWA came into existence, nitrogen was not a parameter of concern as scientists were unaware of the deleterious effects of this pollutant. As a result, the design of most wastewater plants (including Fairhaven's) did not contain nitrogen removal capabilities as this was not a pollutant that Congress had targeted when these facilities were being built. Fast forward to today and science has revealed that excessive nitrogen discharges can deplete oxygen levels and encourage algae growth in marine waters which are both ecologically harmful.

Nitrogen at the wastewater plant comes from various sources but the main culprits are urea (urine), processed foods and cleaning chemicals.

As a result of the above, on September 27, 2017, the EPA issued the Town its' new sewer discharge permit which contains a "not to exceed" nitrogen limit. To comply with this newly imposed limit, the Town will have to significantly upgrade its' treatment facility and borrow money (raise sewer rates) in order to do so.

The BPW contracted with both a legal and environmental engineering group and negotiated a permit with the goal of achieving compliance while obtaining the most affordable upgrade.

In 2018, after a lengthy negotiation process, the Town of Fairhaven entered into agreement with the United States EPA to comply with this referenced new discharge permit.

In 2019, the Town completed an upgrade to some of the infrastructure at the treatment plant in order to be ready for the addition of a nitrogen removal process.

In 2020, the selected engineering company completed a feasibility study to determine the best nitrogen removal system to pursue using site specific flows. In addition, Town Meeting approved a \$2,000,000 expenditure which will be used for further treatment plant improvements as well as the design of the nitrogen upgrade.

In 2021, the design of the referenced upgrade began by the Town's contracted engineer.

In 2022, the design and applicable permitting continued and Town Meeting approved a \$50M borrowing for this upgrade.

Our agreement with the EPA requires construction completed by the end of 2025.

Please be aware that the BPW is committed to undertake this mandated task with consideration of achieving compliance at the most affordable upgrade to the Town's rate payers. To date, we have accumulated \$4 million dollars in grant forgiveness.

Sewer Pump Station Upgrades - During calendar year 2022, the Board of Public Works continued to upgrade sewer pump stations, based on a prioritized schedule for rehabilitation

Due to the age of these stations, parts are increasingly difficult to obtain. In consideration of the critical function of this infrastructure, it is imperative to maintain these pump stations to ensure uninterrupted service in our collection system.

Snow Removal - The Board of Public Works would like to thank those who assisted us during last year's snow events.

As always, Public Works is committed to adhering to a carefully laid out system for clearing the streets. If we allowed our plows to be diverted, our system would be destroyed and it would take far longer to get all the streets in the Town cleared, which is counterproductive to the task.

Street Construction – During 2022, the Board of Public Works requested that sections of Bayview St, Farmfield St and Bonney St be approved at Town Meeting for reconstruction/paving: while sections of Fisherman Rd, Massasoit Ave and Pleasant St were reconstructed.

The work occurring on each street typically includes road surfacing, sidewalk repair, drainage improvements and curbing.

Street Light Maintenance – In 2022, the Board of Public Works continued with the responsibility of maintaining the streetlights in Town. Working closely with the Police Department, the Board of Public Works, via an outside contractor, responds to those lights that malfunction. To date, this has worked out very well for the Town.

Stormwater Permit – In any Municipality, sewage and drainage are either contained (conveyed) in the same pipe or in two separate pipes. In those municipalities (Fairhaven is one) where sewage is carried in a separate system than drainage (rain water), the EPA requires this community to have a permit granting stipulated permission for the drainage discharge. The EPA calls this permit MS4 which stands for municipal separate storm sewer system

Per EPA regulations, the Town applied for such a permit back in 2003. Since then, the Town has been following the required protocols of the permit, such as, but not limited to, stormwater education, sweeping streets, cleaning catch basins and compiling and submitting an annual report.

In 2018, the EPA required all MS4 communities (including Fairhaven) to reapply for a new permit which built upon the prior stipulations and now contains many more requirements than the permit issued prior. As part of the newly received permit, we have to do everything that the prior permit required and more.

The Town is required to continue with public education and outreach and have to target our audience to ensure that residents and businesses are aware to not throw various materials down the storm drain.

The Town has to map its' entire drainage system and collect samples at all of its' outfalls. Depending on the results revealed from these collected samples, the Town will be required to investigate high bacteria counts and remove them from the system.

The Town is required to conduct annual stormwater training and create various SOP's to ensure permit compliance.

The Town must require and issue a stormwater permit to any contractor conducting construction in Town and enforce the recent bylaw that was created for this purpose should the contractor fail to

comply with stormwater cleanup.

The Town had to create a stormwater pollution prevention plan for all of its' municipal owned buildings.

In order to accomplish and comply with the above, especially the required tasks of re-mediating storm water pipes with elevated bacterial counts, which will require excavation, we were forced to seek additional funding to comply with this new unfunded mandate.

In 2021, the Town continued with the required investigation of all its' drainage outfalls, complied with the notification requirements and policy creation and pursued and received a portion of a \$200,000 grant to design a stormwater remediation system on Jerusalem Rd to minimize stormwater pollution in this area and open up additional areas of shell-fishing.

In 2022, the Town applied for and received a \$300,000 grant to construct this aforementioned design on Jerusalem Rd.

In addition, the Town engaged the services of interns of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy to assist us with field work and stormwater sampling.

Water system flushing – The Board of Public Works would like to thank all those who assisted us with our Water Flushing Program in 2021.

This process of periodically "flushing" water lines with fire hydrants, which we did during "overnights", to minimize residential/commercial impact, is an important preventive maintenance activity.

This effort is part of a routine maintenance program necessary to maintain the integrity of the water system and allow us to continue to deliver the highest quality water possible to our customers. The flushing route is carefully planned, and valves are opened and closed to control the direction of the water flow. Flushing the water system on a routine basis removes sediment from lines and keeps the entire distribution system "refreshed".

Water System upgrade – In 2022, the Mattapoissett River Valley Water District, comprised of the Towns of Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoissett and Rochester voted, at its' respective Town Meetings, to upgrade the water treatment facility's filters and to add disinfection capability. The upgrade is scheduled to commence sometime the end of 2023.

West Island Treatment Plant Upgrade – Originating from a State inspection to ensure the sustainability of treatment capability and regulatory compliance, the Town embarked on upgrading the sewage treatment facility processes and building structure at West Island at a cost of nearly \$2,000,000. This upgrade took place in 2021 and was completed in calendar year 2022.

We would like to thank all of our employees for their dedication, hard work and commitment to improving the quality of life in our Town.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Wotton, Chairman
Robert Hobson, Vice Chairman
Marcus Ferro, Commissioner

Anne Morton Smith, Commissioner

Travis Rapoza, Commissioner

Steve Riley Commissioner (October 2021 – April 2022)

Cameron Durant (April 2020 – August 2022)

Vincent D. Furtado, Board of Public Works Superintendent

Rebecca Vento, Board of Public Works Office Manager

PUBLIC WORKS - HIGHWAY DIVISION

During the year 2022, the Highway Department has been very busy reconstructing streets, laying drainage lines, cleaning drainage ditches, repairing manholes and catch basins, cold mix patching, grading dirt streets, repairing sidewalks, removing tree stumps, repairing and replacing street signs, grass and brush cutting, street sweeping, sanding and snow plowing, being the majority of our work.

The Street Reconstruction Program included the following streets:

Top Course:

- Billy's Way – Sconticut Neck Road west 600'
- Brown Street – Adams Street to House #48
- Chase Road – Gilbert Street to Raymond Street
- Eaton Road – Briercliffe Road to end
- Bellevue Street – Adams Street to Francis Street

Binder Course:

- Fisherman Road – Balsam Street to Ebony Street
- Massasoit Ave – Adams Street to Francis Street
- Pleasant Street – Washington Street to South Street

The above streets had work done to sidewalks, curbing and drainage as needed.

Potholes remain a problem and are patched as needed. A total of 12 catch basins were installed throughout the town. Crack sealing was performed on various streets throughout the Town. Street sign vandalism continues with over 66 signs being replaced or repaired. During our snow removal and sanding operations we used 328 tons of sand and 459 tons of salt. The Highway Department continues to operate the Recycle Center, Leaf and Brush Compost area.

I would like to thank the personnel of the Highway Department for their cooperation and a job well done.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joshua Crabb
Highway Superintendent

PUBLIC WORKS - PARK DEPARTMENT

The Park Department has been very busy in 2022 with repairs and maintenance work done to our parks, beaches, recreation areas and Town memorials. This department maintains six parks, two cemeteries, two bike paths, the Town owned portion of Fort Phoenix, the West Island Town Beach and 25 other Town owned sites.

The Park Department also provides the lifeguards and gate attendants at the Town Beach. The Department has one full-time employee and three summer help employees. They are responsible for the upkeep of over 59 acres of grounds and beaches.

Park buildings continue to be painted several times to cover up graffiti and all the ball fields were weeded and graded to playable conditions.

The toilet trailer for West Island Town Beach is operating during the summer months.

I would like to thank the staff of the Park Department for their cooperation and a job well done.

Respectfully submitted,

Joshua Crabb
Highway Superintendent

PUBLIC WORKS - WATER DEPARTMENT

In the year 2022, the Fairhaven Water Department continues to manipulate through the Covid 19 set backs and challenges. We continue with the water meter replacement program which should be finishing up this summer. We are in the process of contracting an independent contractor to work with us on the much needed town wide flushing program which will start up again this spring. We will also be doing some water tower maintenance this summer and fall as well as getting ready for treatment plant upgrades in Mattapoissett.

In 2022, there were 384,373,000 gallons of finish water pumped. The most gallons of finished water pumped per day was 1,627,000 gallons. The most gallons of finished water pumped in a week was 10,554,000 gallons.

The Water Department had 27 house service leaks and main leaks.

There were 19 new services added. We also replaced 4 fire hydrant and added 2 new fire hydrants.

In the upcoming year we will be focused on completing our meter replacement program, continuing on with our fire hydrant maintenance program, and resuming our town wide main flushing, and replacing and up grading some existing mains, as well as annual maintenance on our water towers.

I would like to congratulate Bill Farrell and Daniel Snell on their retirement for the Water Department this past year, and welcome Sean Mitchell and Joshua Chase as our newest Fairhaven Water Department operators.

Finally I would like to thank my entire staff and all Town Departments for their continued support throughout the last year.

Jeffrey Furtado
Water Superintendent

PUBLIC WORKS - SEWER DEPARTMENT

2022 certainly was a challenging year for the sewer department. We continue to work through the stress of the pandemic while also dealing with aging equipment. That being said, I'd just like to mention how proud I am of each and every employee in this department as they continue to report for with a positive attitude.

We continue to comply with the EPA/DEP's capital compliance plan which will lead to the upgrade of all pump stations as well the main treatment plant on Arsene St.

Our 5 million gallon per day facility on Arsene St. performed well within permit limits despite its age and the challenges presented by an extremely wet spring and a dry summer. With an annual flow of 921,900,000 gallons we had BOD and TSS levels of 7.5 mg/l and 7.4 mg/l, respectively. Both of which are well within the plant's permit limits of 30mg/l daily.

The wastewater discharge wells installed at the West Island Treatment Plant are performing as expected, within their designed parameter. Further, this plant just completed a \$2,000,000 recent upgrade which included replacing all motors, pumps, valves, electrical MCC control panels and filters. This work will help to ensure that the West Island Treatment Plant will sustain its treatment capabilities moving forward.

The West Island treatment plant permit levels of 30mg/l for BOD/ TSS and a total nitrogen level of 10mg/l have all been consistently achieved - with levels of 7 mg/l, 6 mg/l, and 5.00 mg/l respectively and an annual flow of 5,919,792 gallons.

Along with the upgrades to our treatment plants and pump stations, we have entered into contract with an outside engineering firm to do a comprehensive assessment of our largest force mains. It is the goal of this department to be the guardians of our receiving water. With these upcoming and ongoing projects combined with a continued close working relationship with local and state officials, we strive to produce the highest quality effluent possible.

Each year brings new challenges and 2022 was no different. It has been a year of transition for the sewer department.

I would also like to welcome our new secretary, Hailey Cabral to the department as well as the addition of the following 3 employees, Jared Amaral, Seth Arruda, and Tyler Perry, the latter 3 who have upgraded their respective wastewater licenses during this referenced calendar year. In closing, in addition to recognizing our new employees, I would also like to thank our entire staff for doing such a great job and for their continued effort during these times. The tasks at hand are not easy ones and most take the sewer system for granted. Each employee helps the sewer pipes flow freely 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and I'd just like to recognize them individually - Ray Paczosa (33 years), Joe Frates (26 years), Dana Hathaway (22 years), Lee Barlow (19 years), Vic Oliveira (18 years), Matt Manzone (18 years), Manny Luiz (12 years) Nick Parker (6 years), Ryan Robillard (5 years), Rose Mary Costa (4 years),

Bless everyone and Happy 2023!

Respectfully submitted by: Rene J. Robillard, Sewer Superintendent (36 years)

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Fairhaven Recreation Department provides a variety of safe, enriching, fun, and high-quality programs and events to participants of all ages, interests and abilities.

Department programs and events are designed to be cost effective and affordable, utilize collaboration with other departments and community partners, foster a sense of community, encourage social interaction, promote environmental stewardship, and teach lifelong skills. The Department seeks community input to determine the wants and needs of leisure services for the Fairhaven community on an ongoing basis and works to implement changes and develop new programs based on this feedback.

Director's Message

The Recreation Department is pleased to present this year's annual report. The department strives to provide affordable and engaging programming that meets the interests of the Fairhaven community. Participation in recreation programs helps foster a sense of community, positively impacts health (reducing health care costs), reduces crime, stimulates the economy, and improves overall quality of life. To accomplish our mission, the Recreation Department leans heavily on the support and cooperation of the School Department, BPW, COA, IT, Cable Access, and many other departments. The Recreation Department appreciates the efforts of volunteers, citizen groups, organizations and local businesses who donate their time, energy, and resources to maximize the quality of activities and events run by the Department.

Staffing

The Recreation Department is staffed with a director (40 hours), a program coordinator (40 hours), a custodian (15 hours), nine receptionists (sharing approximately 90 hours per week), and a max of seven program instructors that staff our summer camp and other programming on a seasonal and as-needed basis. All staff are paid through the recreation budget.

This past year, the Recreation Department said goodbye to the Recreation Director of 13 years, Warren Rensehausen, who went on to be the director of the Parks and Recreation Department in his home town of Bristol, RI. Rachel Martin, the program coordinator, served as interim director until Kelley Peterson joined the department as the new director in September. Kelley has joined Fairhaven from the New Bedford Parks and Recreation Department.

Finance

The Recreation Department charges fees to help offset the costs of offering our programs and services and operating the recreation center. Our goal is to provide high-quality programs and services that are also affordable to all residents. Through program fees, membership fees, facility rentals fees and administrative fees, the department generated a total of \$111,471.00 in revenue. A breakdown of the department's revenue is provided below.

Marketing

The Recreation Department manages and coordinates the marketing, advertising, and promotional work of our programs and services. Strategies are formulated to increase awareness of recreation programs and services. The Department's website remains the focal point of our marketing strategy while Facebook is used to keep our customers apprised of current and developing recreation news and updates. We are working to increase our presence on the social media platform to connect with the highest number of users possible as social media continues to climb as the gateway to information. Our efforts to increase our Facebook presence have proven successful, as we saw a 212% increase in the number of people reached through our posts, a 541% increase in the engagement with our posts, and a 45% increase in the number of new followers in

the last 90 days of the year. Other program marketing includes: seasonal brochures, website, online registration, Fairhaven TV, the Neighborhood News, flyers, posters, yard signs, email, phone, and office inquiries.

Special Events

After a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the annual Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt returned in 2022. We look forward to some new special events that are being planned for 2023.

Programming and Services

The Recreation Department serves the Town of Fairhaven through dynamic programs and activity offerings, which actively work to identify and meet the needs of the entire community. A wide range of activities are offered to enable residents to spend their recreational time in a positive, productive, and enjoyable manner. In 2022 the Recreation Department saw 681 participants throughout the 29 programs that we offered. Our program offerings included multiple sessions of babysitting courses, home alone safety courses, school vacation day programs (February, April and December), girls volleyball clinics, kinder dance, kinder tots, basketball clinics, Kool Kids summer, Pitch, Hit & Run, track & field, sunrise yoga, shape it up, body pump, hatha yoga, and pickle ball. Though the Kool Kids Summer program ran at reduced capacity to continue to be mindful of the COVID-19 virus, the program saw 309 kids over the nine weeks and was a great success. We are looking forward to returning to full capacity in 2023!

The Recreation Center continues to be a very well used resource for the Town of Fairhaven. Open gym time is available 6 days per week, for a total of 54 hours per week. The wellness room is open 6 days per week, for a total of 74 hours per week. The rec center had 676 memberships and 11,956 check-ins to the facility. Another indicator of operational success measures the utilization of our facility during rental times. Rental space at the rec center was in high demand. The recreation center took reservations seven days per week and had a total of 340 reservations.

Facilities Highlights

The Fairhaven Recreation Department strives to provide clean, safe, and enjoyable amenities and facilities that improve the resident and visitor experience. This year we experienced an increase in the demand for open play pickle ball at our facility. In order to accommodate the number of players, we added a third pickle ball court to the gymnasium. Players come in strong numbers three to five times per week to use our three courts simultaneously. Another exciting facility update for 2022 was the announcement that APRA funding has been allocated for the department to make improvements to the Robert Blum Playground behind the recreation center.

Looking Ahead

The department is excited about what is ahead in the new year. Staff have been developing new programs and initiatives that will enhance the quality of life for the Fairhaven community in 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelley Peterson
Recreation Director

ROGERS REUSE COMMITTEE

The Rogers Reuse Committee met in 2022 in a hybrid fashion with some members in Town Hall and others attending via an online meeting platform due to the continuing Covid-19 situation. One of the committee's goals, as tasked by the Select Board, was to place the Rogers School on the National Registry of Historic places. Under the diligent work of the Chair, Sue Loo, the application was submitted to Massachusetts Historical Commission. In order to proceed with the National Registry listing, you must first obtain approval from the Massachusetts Historical Commission. On August 19, 2022 the Massachusetts Historical Commission reviewed the application and found the Rogers Grammar School meets the eligibility criteria in listing on the National Registry of Historic Places. The Massachusetts Historical Commission recommended that a professional preservation consultant, who is familiar with the preparation of National Registry nominations, be retained to complete the highly technical document. The committee is in the process of working with the Town Administrator in obtaining a preservation consultant, to file an application to the Federal National Registry of Historic Places.

Due to the ongoing legal litigation over the ownership of the Rogers School property between New England Preservation & Development – Owner Zachary Mayo and the Town of Fairhaven no further action regarding past or future RFP's will occur until all legal aspects are resolved. The town however will continue with the listing of Rogers Grammar School on the National Registry of Historic Places.

The committee continues to oversee the mothballing of the Rogers Grammar school. A virtual tour of Rogers Grammar school has been created by the Town's Cable access director and is available on the towns website located under the Rogers Reuse committee.

Committee appointments are as follows: Sue Loo Chair, Doug Brady Vice-Chair, Beverly Rasmussen, Nils Isaksen, Cathy Melanson Representative of the Economic Development Committee, Wayne Hayward Representative of the Planning Board, Lisa Plante Representative of the Finance Committee, Barbara Acksen Associate Member, Gail Isaksen Associate Member, Gary Lavallette Associate Member, Keith Silvia Ex-Officio representing the Select Board, Paul H. Foley, AICP, Director of Planning and Economic Development



SELECT BOARD / TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

It was a year of transformation for the Select Board and Office of the Town Administrator. Changes and continuity were the cornerstones of operations for 2022.

After a lengthy search, Angeline Lopes Ellison was hired as the new Town Administrator and hit the ground running when she started on April 4th, election day. Our Town Clerk, Linda Fredette, was able to bring Angie around to the polling locations to meet residents, poll workers and candidates.

The Select Board expanded to a five-member board for the first time as of April's election (approved at the June 2021 Annual Town Meeting). Three Select Board seats were up for grabs from a field of five candidates. Based on the election results, the elected member would serve either a three-year term, two-year term or a one-year term. Stasia Powers won the three-year term, Leon Correy III secured the two-year term, and Charlie Murphy will serve the one-year term. The new five-member board met as a team for their first team building exercises, and learned to function as a five-member board.

In July, the Select Board and Town Administrator's Office relocated within Town Hall swapping places with the Tax Collector's Office. The relocation helped both offices to better serve those requiring ADA compliance access.

Staffing posed a challenge as the Town fully reengaged from COVID restrictions. Although filling vacant positions took longer than anticipated, Cameron Durant was hired as Human Resource (HR) Director to restart work on hiring to fill vacancies and develop an Employee Handbook, work on the Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiations and establish the department as a resource for employees. In approximately a four-month period, the Town hired Takira Faucher as Principal Clerk, Branden Costa as Conservation/Sustainability Agent, Daniel Lane as Assessor, Kelley Peterson as Recreation Center Director, Suzanne Vieira as Principal Clerk as well as four interim/per diem Building Inspectors.

Loreen (Lori) Pina retired after 36 years of dedicated service in the Select Board Office, and then returned part-time to train and assist across Town Hall departments. The Select Board Office welcomed Sharon Mills as Principal Clerk in January. Amy Hart was promoted to the position of Executive Assistant to the Town Administrator in November. Amy previously held the Town's Payroll Administrator position for two years.

Notably, the greatest change occurred when Town Counsel, Thomas Crotty, retired. Mr. Crotty served the town for well over forty years. The Town is grateful for the time and energy Attorney Crotty dedicated to representing the municipality. Thereafter, Fairhaven retained Petrini and Associates, PC as Town Counsel.

The Select Board members had been outspoken in its effort to increase participation on boards, committees and commissions through the use of public service announcements, speaking of open opportunities at the Board's meetings and referring people to committees of interest. Government is for the people but functions by the people; the Select Board encourage residents to "have your voice heard" through participation.

In 2022, the Town became a favorite location for television and movie filming for projects such as *Finestkind*, a large film production by Brian Helgeland, an Oscar winning writer raised in New

Bedford. An HGTV renovation took place in the center of town and Fairhaven High School was a location in the film “The Holdovers.”

The Select Board is proud of the shortest Special Town Meeting in recent history. This was due, in part, to the collaboration and implementation of bilateral finance and warrant hearings between the Select Board and the Finance Committee; it streamlined the process.

The municipality was allocated approximately \$4.4 million in funds through the American Recovery Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA). ARPA is the federal government's economic stimulus bill to speed up the nation's recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 public health emergency. Approximately \$1.6 million in the municipality allocation from lost revenue replacement and approximately \$2.7 million for county allocations, which have more restrictive guidelines for use. The Board voted to use the funds towards projects to support and provide better services to residents through department functionality. The table below illustrates the requested projects and amounts needed.

Total Allocation	\$4,399,401		
PROPOSED PROJECTS			
County Allocation	\$2,716,540		
Police	Specialized Emergency Resp. Vehicles	\$80,000	1.11 Community Violence Interventions
Recreation	Recreation Playground	\$200,000	2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features That Promote Health & Safety
Schools	Playground Resurface	\$240,000	2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features That Promote Health & Safety
Police	Parks and Beaches Cameras	\$266,000	1.11 Community Violence Interventions
Public Works	Water Main Flush	\$300,000	5.11 Drinking Water Transmission & Distribution
Police	Replacement of Police Boat	\$700,000	1.11 Community Violence Interventions
Public Works	Wastewater Treatment Plant	\$930,540	5.1 Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Treatment
Municipal Allocation \$1,682,861			
Technology	Technology Switch and Access Points	\$2,171	Revenue Replacement - Municipal Allocation Only
Marine Resources	Shellfish Boat Controller Replacement	\$2,881	Revenue Replacement - Municipal Allocation Only
Police	Fixed Solar Speed Signs	\$9,500	Revenue Replacement - Municipal Allocation Only
Police	Equipment Storage Unit	\$16,000	Revenue Replacement - Municipal Allocation Only
Administration	Previous Requests	\$480,000	Revenue Replacement - Municipal Allocation Only
Fire	Fire Rescue Boat	\$750,000	Revenue Replacement - Municipal Allocation Only
Public Works	Wastewater Treatment Plant	\$69,460	5.1 Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Treatment
Cable TV	Touchview Ultra Interactive Panel	\$4,635	1.14 Other Public Health Services
Fire	Security Cameras Public Safety	\$5,000	1.11 Community Violence Interventions
Facilities	HVAC Town Hall	\$18,000	1.14 Other Public Health Services
Police	Police UAS Drone	\$30,000	1.11 Community Violence Interventions
Fire	Message Board	\$120,000	1.7 Other Public Health Expenses (Communications)

In efforts to continue assisting the Select Board as the “Chief Goal Setting and Policy Making Agency,” the Town Administrator and Town Department Directors have worked towards meeting goals and objectives in the areas of Human Resources, Committee Collaboration, Inter and Intra Governmental Cooperation, Financial Sustainability, Economic Development, Health, Welfare and Safety, Civic Engagement, Long Term Planning and Improving Municipal Services. The goals laid out below show those completed or undertaken in 2022; some work may be continuing for years to come.

Human Resources Improvements

- Present Personnel Rules and Regulations for Select Board approval from which an Employee Handbook will be written. All town employees will be provided training on these new personnel documents.

- Ensure that the functions of the human resources department are fully put into place consistent with town bylaws.

Town Committees Collaboration

- Update current Committee Handbook to reflect the most up to date information, laws, policies, and regulations and ensure distribution and acknowledgment to current and new members of town committees/boards/commissions.
- Develop a policy regarding attendance at meetings by members of committees appointed by the Select Board including provisions for alternative members and limitations on serving on multiple committees

Inter and Intra Governmental Cooperation

- Determine the feasibility of establishing a regional Police/Fire 911 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP).

Financial Sustainability

- Develop and implement a comprehensive plan for the use of state and federal covid relief funds consistent with regulations.

Economic Development

- Review/Study tax classification shift (split tax rate).

Health Welfare and Safety of Town Residents

- Continue to Revise and Improve the Town's Emergency Management Response Plan including training town employees in NIMS incident command protocols.
- Determine the feasibility of having a "pet friendly" emergency shelter.
- Request the state to install traffic control signals at the intersection of Alden Road and Route 6
- Continue with COVID response and testing as needed. Continue to work and prepare for future pandemics.

Civic Engagement

- Enhance/expand recreational opportunities for town residents including effective messaging to the public to promote these activities.
- Study the pros and cons of creating a non-profit organization to operate the Town's Government and Public Access Channels.
- Produce Public Service Announcement (PSA) and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) videos for town departments to assist them in their public messaging efforts.

Long Term Planning

- Develop a 40 R Overlay Bylaw that guides sustainable economic development and builds new capacity for growth in appropriate areas through new zoning which will allow for higher density residential above commercial. This objective would also explore using other planning tools such as Transient Orientated Development (TOD), Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) and Form Based Codes.
- Begin planning for reconstruction of Union Wharf's North Side, Apply for grants as appropriate.

Improve Municipal Services

- Proceed with the West Island dredging project now that the feasibility study is complete. Apply for grants as appropriate.

None of these accomplishments would have been possible without the hard work and dedication of the Town officials, Town employees, Town Meeting members and numerous residents and volunteers who serve on our boards, commissions and committees, and for this, we are sincerely thankful.

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (SRPEDD)

The Town of Fairhaven is a member of the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District. Originally founded in 1956, SRPEDD (pronounced “sir-ped”) is one of 13 regional planning agencies (RPAs) across the state and one of approximately 550 across the country.

SRPEDD serves 4 cities and 23 towns in southeastern Massachusetts. Through our work, we address common issues facing the region, including economic development, growth and land use, safe and efficient transportation, environmental stewardship, municipal partnerships, community development and affordable housing, and general planning. A Commission of local mayors, selectmen, planning board members, and at-large members govern SRPEDD. Federal and state grants, local assessments, and local contracts fund our activities. In 2022, the Town of Fairhaven paid \$3,123.81 to SRPEDD, based upon an assessment of 20.17 cents per capita. SRPEDD’s annual budget in 2022 was \$2,720,262.

SRPEDD also serves as the region’s staff for the Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMMPO) and the regional Economic Development District (EDD) with the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA). In both roles, SRPEDD works with numerous partners to program tens of millions of dollars to directly invest in our region’s infrastructure and community development.

Please visit SRPEDD’s recently updated agency website at www.srpedd.org to review our work, read our 2022 Annual Report, and tour new projects, including: our Drone Program and Virtual Building Tours; our work to support communities as they comply with the new Section 3A of Chapter 40A; our watershed and resilience planning work program; our Complete Streets and Multi-Use Path transportation projects; our work with the Southeastern Region Homeland Security Advisory Council (SRAC); our work with school districts and public safety officials to create Active Shooter/Hostile Event (ASHE) Response Tools; and various municipal projects, such as Redevelopment Studies and Community Master Plans. Our website also includes departmental web pages, a calendar of events, and recent news.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions, concerns, or project ideas.

Local citizens/officials representing Fairhaven in SRPEDD activities:

Robert Espindola and David Braga on the SRPEDD Commission.

Paul Foley and Vincent Furtado on the Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG).

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Benoit Square Traffic Assessment	MassDOT	
Bike Path (Regional Plan) Assistance	MassDOT	
Green Communities Program Assistance	DOER	https://srpedd.org/environment/climate-resilience-planning/green-communities/
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Arts and Culture Community Development Initiative	DLTA	https://srpedd.org/justice-equity-and-community-development/arts-and-culture/
Assawompset Ponds Flood Management Program	DER	https://srpedd.org/comprehensive-planning/environment/watershed-planning/assawompset-ponds-complex-and-nemasket-river-watershed-planning/
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Project Name	Funding Source(s)	More Information
Agriculture Retention Workshops	DLTA	
Arts and Culture Community Development Initiative	DLTA	https://srpedd.org/justice-equity-and-community-development/arts-and-culture/
Assawompset Ponds Flood Management Program	DER	https://srpedd.org/comprehensive-planning/environment/watershed-planning/assawompset-ponds-complex-and-nemasket-river-watershed-planning/
Assawompset Ponds Groundwater Hydrologic & Hydraulic Study	DER	-

OFFICE OF TOURISM

The calendar year 2022 was comprised of the last two quarters of FY22 and the first two quarters of FY23. It was the twenty-seventh year of the Office of Tourism's operation.

VISITORS CENTER/ACADEMY BUILDING

As usual the Visitors Center was open year-round on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Besides the regular Visitors Center operation, the Huttleston Marketplace was held on the lawns of the Visitors Center and Fairhaven High School on Saturdays in the summer (details below).

The Historical Society museum on the second floor of the Academy Building was opened to the public by the Society on Saturdays during the Huttleston Marketplace. Visitors may also view the museum any time the Visitors Center is open.

The Historical Commission had to have repairs made to the furnace when it stopped working in late December. The repair was completed in a timely manner.

Delays in finishing the back door of the Academy Building, postponed use of the accessible ramp until 2022. With the rear door operational, in the late fall, use of the front door was discontinued for the winter due to disrepair.

VOLUNTEERS

Longtime volunteers for the Office of Tourism continued to serve the community through 2022. They are Erin Hedges, Joanne Zych, Jordan Richard, and Robert Foster.

We are always looking for people willing to help as tour guides and as presenters at historical programs at Fort Phoenix and elsewhere. Volunteers should be comfortable speaking to groups in public, able to learn and talk about local history and related facts and information, and, in some cases, willing to dress in period clothing to portray real or fictional characters.

HUTTLESTON MARKETPLACE

The fifth season of the Huttleston Marketplace ran on Saturdays from May 21 through September 17. It was another successful season, even with some days of rainy weather or extreme heat.

The marketplace continued to grow, with as many as 77 booths set up each week. The marketplace provided a way for more than 200 different vendors to sell their goods throughout the season, helping very small, local businesses. Assistance with the marketplace is provided by Public Works for trash barrels and trash removal and the Health Department for food permitting and inspection.

Plans for the sixth season in 2023 were begun in October. Many vendors have already signed up to return and there has been continued interest by new people.

FAIRHAVEN KIDS FEST

For the second time, Allie Thiel of the Millicent Library and I planned the fall Fairhaven Kids Fest, which was held on the second Saturday of October. Community support for the event was very strong. More vendors signed up than we had in 2021 and once again the day was a big success. Eight groups and businesses provide food and snacks. Participating Town committees and departments included the Millicent Library, Belonging Committee, Sustainability Committee, and Fairhaven TV. Activities and special attractions were pumpkin painting, a costume parade, Pirates

of the Cape, a Viking with games and activities, a stilt walker, costumed movie characters, soft archery, and more. Hundreds of local children and their parents/guardians visited and enjoyed the fun throughout the day.

HISTORICAL TOURS & PRESENTATIONS

In 2022, the Henry H. Rogers Walking Tours continued, guided by Chris Richard and Bob Foster on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Attendance was lower than in previous years leading to the decision that in 2023, the tours will be offered only on Tuesday morning.

The “Pirates and Privateers Presentation” remained very popular at Fort Phoenix on Friday mornings, June through September. Volunteers Erin Hedges and Jordan Richard continued to participate in the programs during its 6th season.

Volunteer Joanne Zych guided three evening tours of Riverside Cemetery for members of the public and a privately arranged tour in September for a Fairhaven group.

A public tour of Poverty Point on a Saturday afternoon in April and one the center on a Saturday in September drew good audiences.

ADVERTISING and PUBLIC RELATIONS

Regular promotion of Fairhaven attractions and special events continued with paid print advertising placed in the Southcoast Almanac, South Coast INSIDER, Along Cape Cod, O Jornal, Fairhaven Neighborhood News, Cape Cod Best Read Guide, Coastal Lifestyle Cape Cod and the Islands, and Community Values.

Press releases on Fairhaven special events are regularly sent to regional media outlets.

INTERNET/SOCIAL MEDIA

Information about Fairhaven activities and events is posted regularly on the Facebook page “Fairhaven, MA, Visitors Center.” Notices posted by Fairhaven non-profit groups on social media are shared by the Office of Tourism. There are also Facebook pages for the Huttleston Marketplace, Greybeard & Companie (the Fort Phoenix Pirates and Privateers presentations), and Fairhaven Kids Fest. Facebook “events” are created to promote all the tours, programs, and special events sponsored by the Office of Tourism. Overall, Facebook continues to be the best social media outlet for promoting Fairhaven.

The growing use of Instagram as a marketing tool result in the creation of separate accounts for the Fairhaven Office of Tourism and the Huttleston Marketplace.

The Office of Tourism also continues to maintain a Twitter account, although it has never had a very big following.

The Office of Tourism website, <http://FairhavenTours.com>, continues to be updated regularly with information on attractions, events, and history of Fairhaven.

Respectfully,
Christopher J. Richard, Director of Tourism

TOWN CLERKS

As of January 1, 2023 total residents in Fairhaven are 14,048 and the total registered voters are 12,407. Births, marriages and deaths in the year 2022 were:

- Births: 89
- Marriages: 70
- Deaths: 266

Elections and Town Meetings in 2022 were as follows:

- Town Election—April 4, 2022
- Annual Town Meeting—June 18, 2022
- State Primary—September 6, 2022
- State General Election—November 8, 2022
- Special Town Meeting—November 15, 2022

Total cash turned over to the Treasurer was \$46,179.50. The Town Clerk's Office collected the following violations:

- Parking violations—\$1,810.00*
- By-Law violations—\$100.00*
- Boat Ramp violations—\$500.00*
- Hoppy's Landing—\$200.00*
- Penalties/Late fees—\$640.00*

And collected for the following services:

- Dog licenses—1,792 for a total of \$17,426.00*
- Board of Appeals Certified Decision Form—\$410.00*
- Constable Fees—\$200.00
- Business Certificates—93 for a total of \$2,500.00*
- Certified Vital Records—\$16,770.00*
- Marriage Licenses—73 for a total of \$1,180.00*
- Census Street Listing Books—\$190.00
- Gas Permits—\$315.00
- Auditorium Fund (donations received for marriage ceremonies performed in the Town Hall)—\$415.00*
- Miscellaneous fees (Photo ID's, Poles, Raffles, Ancestry Search) —\$30.00
- Unipay Sales (online and in-office sales)—total \$3,362.50

*Payments made by cash or check. Other payments in these categories may have been paid via credit card and are reflected under the "Unipay" total.

The Town Clerk's Office is a bustling hub of activity in the Town Hall, and we strive to make it pleasant and positive for our residents and visitors. My staff have consistently given the best customer service in town—and always will.

Assistant Town Clerk, Elisabeth (Lissa) Horan, is an invaluable asset to this office. In between her myriad of duties, she took the time to create a much more efficient dog licensing program in Excel. She is working towards creating a similar program for Business Licenses, as well as other possible "paperless" programs to better serve our community. Our retired former Town Clerk,

Eileen Lowney, continues to work part time in the office, compiling census information, general filing, assembling election materials, assisting with voter registrations, and helping with just about anything else that comes up in our busy office.

I am a Justice of the Peace and have performed many wedding ceremonies in the Town Hall. I do not charge a fee for my services, but do ask for a \$50 donation to the Auditorium Fund. Lissa and I are both Notary Publics. We currently do not charge a fee for notary services, but we have limited the time of notary service to 9am-12pm, as it can take up quite a large portion of our day. It would be ideal if the Town Hall had at least 1 Notary in each office to assist Fairhaven residents and to reduce the burden on just one office.

We continue to attend many training workshops and certification conferences (when time allows) to ensure we are properly educated, and that all Massachusetts and Fairhaven laws and regulations are followed and implemented correctly.

Notable events of the year:

Our April election was the first time Fairhaven elected THREE Select Board members in the same election, to adjust for the increase from 3 to 5 members (approved at the June 2021 ATM). Stasia Powers won the 3-year term, Leon Correy secured the 2 year term, and Charlie Murphy took the 1 year term.

Our six voting precincts had to be re-located to the Rec Center for the September State Primary, due to some construction at the Middle School. The Primary ran so well that all of our polling locations were permanently changed to the Rec Center for all future elections. New signage was created to help move voters in the correct direction, more staff were added, and increased police presence ensured a safe environment for all our voters. We continue to upgrade outdated voting equipment and add new technology, to increase efficiency and accuracy in our elections.

Our first non-remote Annual Town Meeting in 2 years was held on June 18, 2022. It was delayed from the usual May date to get through an upsurge in State-wide covid cases. Both the Annual Town Meeting and the Special Town Meeting (held on November 15, 2022) were run with expediency, and concluded in much less time than our average Town Meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk
Registrar
Justice of the Peace
Notary Public

TOWN GRANTS - FY 2022

Grant Name	Department	Grant Revenue
FB-ARPA Covid Federal Grant	SELECTMEN	841,438.35
FB-ARPA Union Whf \$500k FY22	MARINE RES	455,974.60
FB-HUD UNDER 35K INCOME-CDBG	PLANNING	152,525.76
FB-SMRP SUSTAINABLE '19	BOH	45,114.54
FB-Coronavirus19 Relief (FEMA & CARES)	SELECTMEN	42,289.25
FB-Redevelop Stdy Rte 6 & 240 FY20	PLANNING	26,400.00
ST-FB POLICE 911 EMD TRAIN GRT	POLICE	13,711.29
FB-COA FORMULA GRT (37,539. approve)	COA	12,752.83
FB-Green Community '20	Conservation	12,521.11
FB-FORT PHOENIX EARMARK (40k)	PLANNING	9,890.78
FB-Vets COLA Adj Grt FY22	VETERANS	6,873.00
FB-FIRE-SENIOR SAFE	FIRE	6,713.61
FB-COA ARAW Outreach 2021-22	COA	6,657.43
FB-FIRE SAFE	FIRE	5,825.47
FB-BOH TECH GRT	BOH	5,422.28
FB-EMPLOYEE POLICIES '18-COMM COMPACT	SELECTMEN	5,000.00
FB-AFDO Self Assess BOH '19	BOH	2,300.00
FB-Walmart	POLICE	2,207.58
FB-ARTS LOTTERY	ARTS LOTTERY	2,025.63
FB-AED Police Equip FY22 Grt	POLICE	2,012.75
FB-SEMAC UPWELLAR	MARINE RES	1,660.35
FB-SEMLEC DIVE II	POLICE	1,540.00
FB-Complete Streets FY20	PLANNING	1,400.00
FB-MAHB COVID19 BOH '20	BOH	848.77
FB-BULLET PROOF VEST	POLICE	783.64
FB-ELECTION GRT	TOWN CLERK	107.84
FB-CDBG-INT EARNED	PLANNING	65.70
FB-HUD PROGRAM INCOME-CDBG	PLANNING	56.31
FB-ARAW MEDICAL APPT TRANSPORT	COA	20.77
	Sub-Total	1,664,139.64
Reimbursement Grants:		
FB-FEMA Covid	FIRE	(499,422.52)
ST-FB 911 GRT	POLICE	(44,250.15)
ST-FB DEA	POLICE	(11,076.82)
FB-BOAT PUMP OUT	MARINE RES	(7,307.88)
FB-TRAFFIC SAFETY	POLICE	(6,862.28)
FB-OCDETF	POLICE	(1,789.58)
FB-CBDG Hedge Ph 3	PLANNING	(902.62)
FB-FIRE HAZMAT GRT	FIRE	(643.55)

TREE DEPARTMENT

The Fairhaven Tree Department is headed by an elected Tree Warden and staffed by two “per diem” tree laborers. The Total budget for the Department including the Tree Wardens stipend is under \$90,000.

In 2022 the Tree Department created a mission statement which is “To Preserve, propagate and maintain a safe, diverse and healthy tree canopy for the town of Fairhaven.”

A letter of understanding was drafted and approved by the BPW, Police Department and Tree Department on how tree emergencies are reported after 9-5 hours Monday thru Friday.

In 2022 the tree department planted 100 new trees of varying species and size. Half of these were planted in public parks and the other along the Town’s byways. The majority of the work done to plant these trees was done by volunteers. This brings to a total of 185 trees planted since April 2021. Watering efforts during the summer drought prevented widespread loss of new plantings and only 1 was lost. Vandalism claimed two new trees in Livsey Park this fall.

A statistical analysis of the number of trees along the towns 110 miles of public roads was performed using 6.2 miles of byway as a data set. 233 trees were counted on a diverse set of byways providing us with a total estimated canopy of 3500 to 4500 public shade trees.

A systematic shade tree survey has been initiated in an effort to reduce the number of storm related power outages, damage to property and road blockages by identifying high risk trees. Once identified the trees are surveyed and appropriate mitigation methods were implemented to mitigate risk. These methods conforming to ISA A-300 standards and removal being the last option considered.

))) requests for service for residents were received, recorded and acted on. 39 dead, diseased or high-risk trees were removed. This represents 1% of the towns total tree canopy and the number is dramatically lower than that of cities and towns that have proactive public shade tree policies and related programs.

A 3rd party consultant was engaged to do what’s most likely the first ever in town formal level 3 tree survey which entails scientific methodology that utilizes state of the art diagnostic instrumentation and data metrics to establish risk level of a particular tree.

Thank you,

Don Carlos Collasius
Town of Fairhaven Tree Warden.

VETERANS SERVICES

The Office of Veterans' Services granted financial aid and medical assistance through M.G.L. Chapter 115, their families, spouses or widows during the year 2022. There was a total of sixty four cases which is 71 total Veteran and spouses we supply services to throughout the year.

This is the town's current chapter 115 recipients on the rolls:

WWII-1 Korea-8 Vietnam-18 Peace Time-10 Spouses-32 Children-2

According to the latest update from the Veterans Administration, VA benefits paid to veterans with Fairhaven residency totaled \$6,725,000.00 for the last 12 month period monitored. These benefits were paid for pensions and disability compensation and included 335 resident veterans' beneficiaries. A number of these claims were processed through this office.

This year has been a trying year due to Covid-19 but during this time we have reached out to our town veterans. And in July we moved our office to the Council on Aging which has better served our Veterans and their spouses with much better accessibility. In December Coats for Vets with Fairhaven Police and Toys for Tots with Fairhaven Fire Dept. Also Wreaths across Fairhaven at Riverside, Woodside and Nasketucket cemeteries. We have done our Memorial Day parade, 4th of July parade and our Veterans Day parade once again. The Veterans office at this time will still go out and meet Veterans at their homes if they do not feel comfortable coming to Council on Aging.

Unemployed veterans are being referred to the Division of Employment for aid in finding employment or training for future employment. Some veterans have been referred to the Veterans' Administration clinic on Elm Street, New Bedford for assistance in receiving Veterans' Administration aid through their hospital and clinics. A number of resident veterans have taken advantage of the VA prescription medication program. Several veterans have been referred to the Veterans Transition House in New Bedford and the Veterans' Hospital in Brockton for various treatment programs and several have, through this office, applied for and received disability benefits from the Veterans' Administration and Social Security.

In addition to financial and medical assistance, the department has been active in reaching out to veterans in other regards. Many veterans have contacted this office for miscellaneous information such as: transportation problems to veteran hospitals, applications for burial in national cemeteries, burial plaques, award certificates for tax abatements and applications for military medals, ribbons and other military records.

Respectfully submitted,

Bradford Fish, Director/Agent
Jane Bettencourt, Admin. Asst.

**RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH
AS OF JUNE 30, 2022**

Cash & Checks in office		\$25.00
Bank of America	1,773,762.98	
Eastern Bank	5,326,592.39	
Unibank	6,254,383.94	
Bluestone Bank	2,798,659.92	
HarborOne Bank	3,732,568.91	
Rockland Trust	3,085,662.46	
Bristol County Savings Bank	8,080,320.18	
MMDT	5,249,659.55	
TOTAL LIQUID INVESTMENTS		36,301,610.33
 TRUST FUNDS		
Rockland Trust Company	2,118,954.14	
Bartholomew & Company	14,555,069.52	
Citibank - not in custody of Treasurer	2,212,127.44	
Bank of America - (Stocks-Market Value)	751,914.02	
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS		\$19,638,065.12
 TOTAL ALL CASH & INVESTMENTS		 \$55,939,700.45

I hereby certify that the foregoing schedule, setting forth the total cash in the custody of the Treasurer, is in agreement with the General Ledger controls of the Town Accountant.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy L. Graves, CMMC CMMT
Director of Finance/Treasurer/Collector

REVENUE RECEIVED
JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022

TAX COLLECTIONS (NET)		
REAL ESTATE/ROLLBACK	29,640,263	
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE/8 OF 58 ABATE	2,453,960	
PERSONAL PROPERTY	1,509,253	
TAX LIENS/FORECLOSURES REDEEMED	422,740	
MUNICIPAL LIENS / IE LIENS	65,921	
BOAT EXCISE/OTHER EXCISE	38,065	
IN LIEU OF TAXES/PROFORMA TAX	22,624	
INTEREST/PENALTIES		
PROPERTY TAX/WARRANT FEE	112,800	
EXCISE TAX/RMV MARKING FEES	97,446	
TAX LIENS	90,500	
TOTAL TAXES/INTEREST		34,453,572
CHARGES FOR SERVICES		
SEMASS ADMINISTRATION/RECYCLING	300,684	
WHARFAGE	85,829	
FEES	358,414	
CANNABIS HOST FEES	477,520	
RENTALS/LEASE	74,426	
WIND TURBINE ENERGY	759,750	
TOTAL CHARGES FOR SERVICES		2,056,623
LICENSES AND PERMITS		
ALCOHOLIC BEV. LICENSES	36,025	
OTHER LIC & PERMITS	637,071	
TOTAL LICENSES & PERMITS		673,096
FINES & FORFEITS		7,157
INVESTMENT INCOME		39,243
MISCELLANEOUS		
RECURRING	-	
NONRECURRING	112,484	
PRIOR YEAR	5,091	
GAIN ON SALE TAX POSSESSION	1,232,538	
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS		1,350,113

REVENUE FROM FEDERAL/STATE

UNRESTRICTED GEN'L GOV AID	2,478,469
STATE OWNED LAND	198,881
CHAPTER 90	755,164
ROOM TAX	361,258
MEAL TAX	415,188
CANNABIS TAX	401,239
VETERAN BENEFITS	386,648
ABATE VETS & BLIND/SURVIVING SPOUSE	13,052
GENERAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS	2,123,972
SRF-TRANSPORTATION NETWORK	1,636

TOTAL STATE REVENUE/FEDERAL 7,135,507

OTHER REVENUE

WATERWAY IMPROVEMENT	75,829
AMBULANCE FUND	1,341,364
STORMWATER MAINT FEE	-
SOCIAL DAY RECEIPTS-COA	15,539
WETLAND PROTECTION	6,330
INSURANCE RECOVERY	20,656
GIFTS/RESTITUTION	136,934
HOPPY'S LANDING	14,536
PARK UTILITIES	-
TITLE 5	1,537
SUSTAINABILITY COMM	280
TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM	340
HOARDING/MATTRESS RECYCLING	7,169

TOTAL OTHER REVENUE 1,620,514

TOTAL NON-SCHOOL REVENUE

47,335,825

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

ACUSHNET TUITION	2,512,442
SALE OF SCHOOL LUNCHES/INV EARN	74,824
ATHLETIC REVOLVER	20,000
MUSIC REVOLVER	120
GIFTS/RESTITUTION	37,419
LEASE-TRIPP SCH	39,746
RENTAL SCHOOL PROPERTY	34,216
PRESCHOOL TUITION	35,124
INSURANCE RECOVERY	-
MISC	-

TOTAL 2,753,891

SCHOOL REVENUE FROM FEDERAL/STATE

CIRCUIT BREAKER	458,128	
SCHOOL AID - CHAPTER 70	8,343,040	
CHARTER TUITION	8,056	
ADDITIONAL SCHOOL AID	-	
TRANSPORT HOMELESS	64,508	
SCHOOL LUNCH	1,188,839	
MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT	203,288	
TOTAL		10,265,859

SCHOOL GRANTS FEDERAL/STATE

COVID GRANTS	1,153,447	
TITLE I/SCHOOL SUPPORT	335,258	
TITLE II	37,216	
SPN IDEA	541,095	
TITLE IIA/EDUCATORS QUALITY	60,786	
EARLY CHILDHOOD	29,216	
TITLE IV	7,670	
ENHANCED SCHOOL HEALTH	129,600	
SCHOOL NUTRITION EQUIPMENT	-	
TOTAL		2,294,288

TOTAL SCHOOL REVENUE 15,314,038

WATER ENTERPRISE REVENUE

WATER RATES/WATER SERVICES	2,984,319	
WATER LIENS/COMM INT	154,895	
WATER DEMANDS	46,050	
TAX LIENS/FORECLOSURES	22,293	
WATER BETTERMENT ADDED TO TAXES	-	
COMM. INTEREST PD IN ADVANCE	-	
MISC	5,375	
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	507	
WATER BETTERMENT PD IN ADVANCE	-	
INSURANCE RECOVERY	-	
TOTAL WATER REVENUE	3,213,439	

SEWER ENTERPRISE REVENUE

SEWER USER CHARGE	3,002,852	
SEWER CAPITAL FEE	301,358	
SEWER BETTERMENT ADDED TO TAXES	134,404	
MATT. USER CHARGE	478,845	
SEWER LIENS/COMM INT	174,726	
COMMITTED INTEREST	33,405	
SEWER BETTERMENT PD IN ADVANCE	23,056	
TAX LIENS/FORECLOSURES	31,783	
SEWER APPLICATION FEE	97,150	
DEMANDS AND FEES	48,059	

SEPTIC WASTE	24,260	
MISC	8,472	
DRAIN LAYER	3,250	
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	1,090	
USER CHARGE-OT	-	
INSURANCE RECOVERY	-	
TOTAL SEWER REVENUE		4,362,710
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND		
SURCHARGES/TAX LIENS	465,130	
STATE MATCH REVENUE	189,112	
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	7,234	
INTEREST AND FEES	1,913	
TOTAL COMMUNITY PRESERVATION REVENUE		663,389
TOWN CABLE ENTERPRISE FUND REVENUE	193,638	
SCHOOL CABLE REVENUE	149,192	
TOTAL COMBINED REVENUE		71,232,231

**Town of Fairhaven
Summary of Appropriations & Expenditures as of June 30, 2022**

General Fund:

	Expenditure Category	Allocated	Totals before		Encumbrance	Carryover	Balance
			Expended	Balance			
TOWN MEETING	Salary	1,193	497				696
	Purchase of Services	1,473	1,473				0
	Supplies	2,135	2,129				6
MODERATOR	Salary	1,000	1,000				0
SELECT BOARD/TOWN ADMIN	Salary	305,137	245,381				59,756
	Purchase of Services	4,300	1,584	1,018			1,698
	Supplies	5,939	4,594	54			1,291
	Other Charges	9,260	6,261	1,056			1,943
	OPEB	200,000	200,000				0
	Wage & Salary Reserve	2,645	0				2,645
	Sister City Support	1,000	0				1,000
	Rogers- Maint	21,214	6,189		15,025		0
	Bills of Prior Years	687	687				0
	Wind Turbine Electric	689,000	536,822				152,178
	Rape Crisis	2,000	2,000				0
	Buzzards Bay Commission	1,520	1,520				0
	Rogers Sch Preservation	183,817	51,091		132,726		0
	Charter Committee Establish	10,000	0		10,000		0
FINANCE COMMITTEE	Purchase of Services	200	0				200
	Supplies	2,670	0				2,670
	Other Charges	475	245				230
	Reserve Fund Transfer	18,821	0				18,821
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	Salary	144,656	138,406				6,250
	Purchase of Services	105	83				22
	Supplies	425	425				0
	Other Charges	2,683	2,304				379
	Town Audit	47,000	46,500				500
ASSESSORS	Salary	199,898	197,191	2,650			57
	Purchase of Services	73,403	63,408				9,995
	Supplies	2,683	2,433				250
	Other Charges	932	448				484

TREASURER	Salary	379,991		3,351
	Purchase of Services	62,451	4,230	3,779
	Supplies	12,201	3,973	904
	Other Charges	3,480		725
	Tax Titles	32,500		14,524
LEGAL SERVICES	Legal Services	160,450	15,550	0
HUMAN RESOURCES	Salary	50,528		8,832
	Purchase of Services	11,833	32,175	7,967
	Supplies	497		3
	Other Charges	845		155
	Wellness Program	0		0
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	Salary	326,272		3,283
	Purchase of Services	124,658	32,120	8,928
	Supplies	1,729	80	191
	Minor Equipment	30,928		0
			11,943	
TOWN CLERK	Salary	103,977	4,682	2,592
	Purchase of Services	9,292	4,000	108
	Supplies	2,711	170	3,069
	Other Charges	1,255		
			310	
ELECTION & REGISTRATION	Salary	22,789		1,260
	Purchase of Services	10,862	30	1,058
	Supplies	111		89
	Other Charges	0		120
CONSERVATION/SUSTAINABILITY	Salary	78,771		2,088
	Purchase of Services	4,718	2,486	140
	Supplies	651		0
	Other Charges	2,326		3
	Capital Outlay	0	10,430	0
	Electric Veh Match-PM 10-20-20 Art.28	0	16,400	0
PLANNING BOARD	Salary	1,736		1,464
	Purchase of Services	447	524	529
	Supplies	932	381	137
	Other Charges	100		940

PLAN/ECON DEVELOPMENT	Salary				120,556	500	3,380
	Purchase of Services	124,436	9,400	328	328	275	8,797
	Supplies	400		389			11
	Intergovernmental		3,123		3,123		0
	Other Charges	3,250		123		200	2,927
	ECONOMIC & DEVELOP COMM	8,000		744		7,108	148
	Union Wharf Expand Study Match	10,000		0			0
							10,000
							774
							678
						7	
BOARD OF APPEALS							
	Salary	3,996		3,222			774
	Purchase of Services	4,628		3,950			678
	Supplies	400		393			7
TOURISM							
	Salary	75,598		75,311			287
	Purchase of Services	20,532		19,496		25	1,011
	Supplies	1,000		850		74	76
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY							
	Purchase of Services	525		0			525
	Supplies	75		0			75
	Other Charges	400		0			400
TOWN HALL							
	Salary	48,894		46,527			2,367
	Purchase of Services	25,900		23,269		956	1,675
	Utilities	45,450		36,801		2,364	6,285
	Supplies	3,965		3,534		85	346
	Other Charges	200		85			115
	Academy Bldg Door TM 11-13-18 Art 4	45,000		45,000		0	0
	TH Handicap Access STM 11-12-19 Art 4q	132,878		0			132,878
TOWN REPORT							
	GENERAL EXPENSE UNCLASS.	3,200		3,200			0
POLICE							
	Salary	4,019,551		3,980,565			38,986
	Purchase of Services	200,729		196,338		4,137	254
	Utilities	46,000		40,399		3,400	2,201
	Supplies	81,950		79,594		45	2,311
	Gasoline	56,200		55,491			709
	Other Charges	9,731		9,498			233
	Cruisers Art 17F TM 5-4-19	1,638		0			1,638
	Traffic Cameras Art 17N TM 5-4-19	25,729		9,712		16,017	0
	Police/Marine Radios-TM 10-20-20 Art 9D	112,545		112,545			0
	Cruisers-TM 10-20-20 Art 9G	120,500		117,427			3,073
	Dashboard Cameras TM 6-12-21 Art 14h	80,332		80,332			0

FIRE DEPT.

Salary	2,833,817	2,810,969	22,848
Purchase of Services	169,240	149,43	3,285
Utilities	6,300	6,016	119
Supplies	96,950	95,821	70
Gasoline	29,500	28,44	756
Other Charges	3,960	3,820	140
Capital Outlay	53,726	46,322	396

Ambulance Stabilization Fund	65,000	65,000	0
Swr Pipe Repl Fire/Police TM 11/13/18 Art 2	2,653	0	2,653
Fire Stretchers STM 11-12-19 Art 40	685	0	685
Fire Response Vehicle-TM 10-20-20 Art 9F	52,000	52,000	0
Engine2 FEMA 5% match TM 6-12-21 Art 26	31,250	0	31,250
Air Packs FEMA 5% match TM 6-12-21 Art 27	24,585	0	24,585

FIRE ALARM

Salary	17,493	16,723	770
Purchase of Services	7,258	5,063	380
Supplies	1,000	991	9
Utilities	758	623	35
Other Charges	100	100	0
Replacement Equipment	3,510	3,510	0

BUILDING

Salary	180,796	168,048	8,148
Purchase of Services	7,020	7,005	15
Supplies	2,700	2,145	555
Gasoline	380	272	108
Other Charges	700	525	27
Plotter Scanner TM 6-12-21 Art 14g	20,000	14,843	5,157

WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Salary	7,140	7,140	0
Other Charges	300	73	227

EMERGENCY MGT

Salary	4,000	4,000	0	0
Purchase of Services	11,360	3,773	749	6,838
Utilities	3,760	3,271	140	349
Supplies	1,250	737	349	164
Gasoline	745	516	100	129
Minor Equipment	2,398	0	2,013	385

ANIMAL CONTROL

Salary	73,072	72,158		914
Purchase of Services	20,800	20,722	43	35
Utilities	7,850	6,582	750	518
Supplies	3,625	3,624		1
Gasoline	680	605		75
Other Charges	600	390		210
Dog Park Construct Art17G-TM5-4-19	22,500	0		22,500
ACO Truck TM 6-12-21 Art 14b	51,459	49,127	2,332	0

**TREE WARDEN
TREE DEPT.**

Salary	7,321	7,321		0
Salary	34,702	28,497		6,205
Purchase of Services	10,977	10,959		18
Supplies	7	7		0
Gasoline	3,500	2,954		546
Other Charges	85	85		0

MARINE RESOURCES

Salary	165,083	130,951		34,132
Purchase of Services	22,145	19,578	2,327	240
Supplies	6,781	6,676		14
Gasoline	7,170	7,123		47
Other Charges	335	335		0
PROPAGATION OF SHELLFISH	28,160	15,532		12,628
Waterway Rules FY19 Art 27	2,538	498		0
Union Whf Impr Ph 4 South Art 17A-TM 5-4-19	201,152	201,152		0
W1 Dredging Eng-TM 10-20-20 Art.10	13,217	13,217		0
Harbormaster Truck TM 6-12-21 Art 14d	50,300	50,265		0
Harbormaster Boat Eng 25% match TM 6-12-21 Art 28	10,905	0	35	0
				10,905

SCHOOL		22,179,843	21,189,659	981,481	8,703
SCHOOL	G.N.B.V.H.S.	2,191,590	2,191,590		0
SCHOOL	BRISTOL AGRICULTURAL HS	175,935	175,933		2
HIGHWAY	HIGHWAY CURBING AND HARDSURFACING	162,000	158,905		3,095
	HIGHWAY SIDEWALK REPAIR	43,000	42,981		19
	HIGHWAY DRAINAGE	12,000	9,304		2,696
	STREET RESURFACING	150,000	149,674		326
	SUB DIVISION MGT FEES	9,847	6,245	3,602	0
	ENGINEERING	2,000	2,000		0
HIGHWAY		1,215,054	1,129,295		85,759
	Salary	177,765	129,735	46,128	1,902
	Purchase of Services	17,500	17,057	132	311
	Utilities	32,050	31,276	250	524
	Supplies	37,960	19,968	13,000	4,992
	Gasoline	800	770		30
	Other Charges	60,000	51,064		8,936
	Snow & Ice Removal	1,073,448	455,437		0
	ROADWORK	74,517	74,464		53
	Hwy 1 ton Dump Truck-TM10-20 Art.9E			618,011	
B.P.W.-ADMINISTRATION		204,944	203,635		1,309
	Salary	2,775	2,364	100	311
	Purchase of Services	2,500	2,463		37
	Supplies	1,202	180		1,022
	Other Charges	3,500	0	3,500	0
	Minor Equipment				
	STREET LIGHTS	60,000	50,916	6,800	2,284
	St Light Art. 31 TM 5-4-19	1,600	0		1,600
	St Lights Art.32 TM 5-4-19	800	0		800
	Street Light Poles-TM 10-20 Art 26	1,600	0		1,600
	St Light 16 Saltmarsh Rd TM 6-12-21 Art 55a	800	0		800
	St Light 10 Saltmarsh Rd TM 6-12-21 Art 55b	800	0		800
SANITATION		597,948	597,948		0
	TRASH-CONTRACTED SERVICES	420,596	419,751		845
	RECYCLE-CONTRACT SERVICES	21,630	20,626		1,004
	HAZARDOUS WASTE-CONTRACT SERVICES	388,850	338,109	37,000	13,741
	SEMASS-CONTRACT SERVICES	28,000	19,457		8,543
	LANDFILL-CONTRACT SERVICES	59,445	47,974	1,200	10,271
	TRANSFER STATION/LANDFILL				

HEALTH	Salary	151,764	129,064	22,700
	Purchase of Services	4,030	139	1,883
	Supplies	3,015	400	1,407
	Gasoline	600	276	324
	Intergovernmental	17,000	1,378	1,363
	Other Charges	3,257	1,276	1,981
COUNCIL ON AGING				
Salary	200,910	195,724	5,186	
Purchase of Services	10,564	9,677	457	
Utilities	14,322	12,363	2,54	
Supplies	1,546	981	31	
Gasoline	5,846	5,842	4	
VETERANS				
Salary	82,290	82,290	0	
Purchase of Services	317,100	178,539	130,561	
Supplies	1,000	639	36	
Other Charges	363,700	287,532	75,480	
LIBRARY	CONTRACTED SERVICES	703,601	703,601	0
RECREATION CENTER				
Salary	198,803	190,446	8,357	
Purchase of Services	100,250	43,640	55,944	
Utilities	23,600	22,614	668	
Supplies	1,650	1,077	573	
Other Charges	200	175	25	
PARK				
Salary	117,612	110,357	7,255	
Purchase of Services	28,800	28,681	119	
Utilities	2,000	1,435	165	
Supplies	3,300	3,282	18	
Gasoline	6,929	6,773	156	
Minor Equipment	1,100	1,100	0	
HISTORICAL COMM				
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	1,500	1,048	452	
ACADEMY BUILDING	7,000	8,926	-1,926	
FIRE MUSEUM	1,500	1,903	-403	
FORT PHOENIX	3,000	1,997	1,003	
OLD STONE SCHOOLHOUSE	750	0	750	
MANJIRO BUILDING	3,000	968	375	
MASS Historical Commission match TM 6-12-21 Art 25	30,000	0	0	
CULTURAL COUNCIL FUNDING				
CULTURAL COUNCIL FUNDING	2,750	2,750	0	
FINE ARTS				
FINE ARTS	200	0	200	
MEMORIAL VETERANS DAY				
MEMORIAL-VETERANS DAY	2,500	660	1,840	

DEBT SERVICE				823,625	823,625	0
	MATURING PRINCIPAL			161,377	161,377	135,396
	INTEREST					
INTERGOV/STATE		0		427,318	427,318	-427,318
INTERGOV/COUNTY		0		248,981	248,981	-248,981
FAIRHAVEN RETIREMENT		3,623,192		3,558,130	3,558,130	65,062
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION		75,000		25,580	25,580	49,420
MEDICARE TAX		430,000		425,104	425,104	4,896
GROUP INSURANCE		4,776,200		4,482,240	4,482,240	293,960
TOWN INSURANCE		915,000		898,241	898,241	16,759
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		56,043,440		52,788,504	52,788,504	1,030,912

CPA FUND:

	Salary	3,000		3,000	3,000	0
	Purchase of Services	9,250		300	300	8,950
	Supplies	500		-	-	500
	Other Charges	2,250		1,750	1,750	500
STRATFORD/OXFORD SCH	FY18 ART 31C	50,000		-	-	50,000
ACADEMY BLDG DOOR	FY18 ART 31F	50,214		50,214	50,214	0
GREEN MEADOWS WINDOWS	FY19 ART 21B	40,000		40,000	40,000	0
Straitford Rogers Resid	FY19 Art 21c	150,000		-	-	150,000
Bell Restoration	FY19 Art 21h	5,000		5,000	5,000	0
Library Walnut St	Sidewalk FY19 Art 21i	90,953		-	-	90,953
Anthony Haven	Porch/Rail Art 25B	60,000		60,000	60,000	0
Millicent Lib	Interior Art 25C	114,230		-	-	114,230
Manjito Carriage House	Art 25D	31,255		31,255	31,255	0
Riverside Monument	Art 25E	12,000		-	-	12,000
TH Terra Cotta	Art 25I	16,000		-	-	16,000
Green Meadow Door	Replac	75,000		-	-	75,000
BBC Boys Creek Proj	TM10-20 Art 18B	4,761		-	-	4,761
BPW Skate Park	TM 6-12-21 Art 32a	200,000		4,518	4,518	195,482
FHA Green Meadow Roof	TM 6-12-21 Art 23b	65,000		-	-	65,000
Academy Building Door	TM 6-12-21 Art 23c	80,000		-	-	80,000
TOTAL		1,282,802		941,222	941,222	1,030,912

Old Stone Exterior TM 6-12-21 Art 23d 15,000
 FHS Windows Ph 4 TM 6-12-21 Art 23e 70,313
 Millicent Library Chimney TM 6-12-21 Art 23f 136,360
 Unitarian Church TM 6-12-21 Art 23g 193,439
 Carriage House Exterior TM 6-12-21 Art 23h 60,000
 BIKE PATH SIGNAGE, ATM 16 ART 20F 3,000

TOTAL CPA FUND

1,537,525 326,350 - 1,201,225 9,950

WATER FUND

Salary 641,346
 Purchase of Services 308,943
 Utilities 49,700
 Supplies 37,100
 Gasoline 20,500
 Other Charges 3,000
 Minor Equipment 25,000
 Debt 161,505
 Water District 1,353,746
 Reserve Fund Transfer 50,000
 WATER MGT ACT-ATM 17 ART 22 5,000
 PUMP STATION ROOFS FY18 ART 29A 18,613
 TINKHAM LN WELL FY18 ART 29B 102,117
 RATE SOFTWARE FY19 ART 19C 20,000
 METER EVALUATION FY19 ART 19D 28,783
 WATER HAND METERS TM 11-13-18 ART 3 31,000
 Well Cap Eval TM 10/20/20 Art 16A 116,543
 Van TM 10/20/20 Art 16B 30,000
 FarmviewHarborfield wtr main TM10/20/20 Art16C 90,000
 WTR MGT ACT-ATM 13 ART 16 150,000
 CONSTR CAUSEWAY WTR MAIN ATM 16 ART 6B 30,469

18,135
 141,255
 7,493
 10,826
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 88,931
 30,000
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 127,975
 0

TOTAL WATER FUND

3,424,547 2,576,674 15,300 483,616 348,957

SEWER FUND

Salary 1,224,431
 Purchase of Services 224,000
 Utilities 426,000
 Supplies 130,325
 Gasoline 21,000
 Minor Equipment 51,000
 Debt 949,799

325
 13,148
 50,000
 2,081
 13,481

1,152,999
 176,971
 373,715
 95,353
 19,491
 26,551
 815,983

71,107
 33,881
 2,285
 32,891
 1,509
 10,968
 133,816

Reserve Fund Transfer

Sludge Disposal	-	-	-	959	-
Treatment Pit Upgrade FY'19 Art. 20b	404,000	357,241	45,800	30,448	-
Manhattan Ave Pump Art 23A TM 5-4-19	33,648	3,200	-	-	2,124
Integrated Instrum System Art 23B TM 5-4-19	2,124	-	-	-	4,903
Inflow / Infiltration Replace Art 23C TM 5-4-19	4,903	67,989	-	142,011	-
Inflow / Infiltration Study TM 10/20/20 Art 17A	210,000	115,172	-	134,828	-
Causeway Rd Pump Stat TM 7/25/20 Art 10	250,000	24,929	-	-	71
Pump Station Design Improve TM 6-12-21 Art 16a	270,000	-	-	270,000	-
Inflow / Infiltration TM 6-12-21 Art 16b	250,000	-	-	250,000	-
Pick-up Truck TM 6-12-21 Art 16c	75,000	71,254	-	-	3,746
Blower Building Roof TM 6-12-21 Art 16d	75,000	-	-	75,000	-
TOTAL SEWER FUND	4,626,230	3,300,848	124,835	902,287	298,260
TOWN CABLE ACCESS	183045	160,379	-	-	22,666
Salary	21,200	18,700	-	-	2,500
Purchase of Services	1,200	1,174	-	-	26
Supplies	4,200	3,012	-	-	1,188
Other Charges	9,000	8,839	-	-	161
Minor Equipment	31,497	10,407	-	21,090	-
Broadband Consultant TM 11-12-19 Art 9	250,142.00	202,511.00	-	21,090.00	0
TOTAL TOWN CABLE ACCESS FUND	140,002	130,964	-	-	26,541.00
SCHOOL CABLE ACCESS	15,000	14,024	-	-	9,038
Salary	1,575	-	-	-	976
Purchase of Services	27,676	18,773	-	-	1,575
Other Charges	184,253.00	163,761.00	-	-	8,903
Minor Equipment					20,492.00
TOTAL SCHOOL CABLE ACCESS FUND					

TRANSFERS FROM THE RESERVE FUND

Police	35,000
Fire	27,100
Town Clerk	8,441
Election	5,646
Animal Control Officer	2,300
Board of Appeals	2,300
Veterans	318
Tourism	75
Total	81,180

TRUST FUNDS (FUND 81 NON-EXPD / FUND 82 / 84 & 85 EXPEND)
 JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022

	NON-EXPD 7/1/21	EXPEND 7/1/21	NON-EXPD REV TRANS	INTEREST/ REV TRANS	EXPENDABLE TRUST WITHDRAW	FUND 81 NON-EXPD 6/30/22	FUND 82/84/85 EXPEND 6/30/22
FUND 81 & 82:							
HH ROGER ELEM	617,261.45	12,931.81	(131,340.40)	4,720.91		485,921.05	17,652.72
E ANTHONY JR	10,000.00	1,222.81		31.19		10,000.00	1,254.00
ABNER PEASE	5,000.00	2,502.11		79.64		5,000.00	2,581.75
HH ROGERS HS	2,819,391.64	340,844.19	(607,264.20)	217,518.78	16,772.50	2,212,127.44	541,590.47
J RICKETT	1,430.66	3,016.84		18.39		1,430.66	3,035.23
J STODDARD	515,590.63	19,966.89	(112,615.00)	9,480.23	5,500.00	402,975.63	23,947.12
ANDRUS SPRUIT	41,372.52	(702.31)		22.07		41,372.52	(680.24)
A TROWBRIDGE	6,000.00	528.60		82.57	200.00	6,000.00	411.17
S CLARK-ROGER	500.00	75.07		7.07		500.00	82.14
S. CLARK H.S.	500.00	5,599.07		74.84		500.00	5,673.91
LADY FAIRHAVEN	600.00	140.80		9.11		600.00	149.91
AMANDA SEARS	700.00	114.12		9.97		700.00	124.09
JULIA SEARS	1,000.00	76.25		13.20		1,000.00	89.45

FRANCES HOXIE	2,000.00	421.29	29.66	2,000.00	450.95
J KEEN	3,000.00	249.16	39.86	3,000.00	289.02
SWIFT SCHOLAR	50,000.00	2,189.13	640.22	50,000.00	2,829.35
M MILLER	15,552.04	947.39	207.92	15,552.04	1,155.31
P HILLER	6,075.00	814.58	81.98	6,075.00	896.56
A PILLSBURY	6,500.00	400.57	84.68	6,500.00	485.25
M DELANO	25,000.00	744.41	323.56	25,000.00	1,067.97
TRIPP	2,000.00	161.74	26.53	2,000.00	188.27
M KNIPE	6,000.00	2,133.18	99.80	6,000.00	2,232.98
MEMOR TROPHY	726.66	273.70	12.28	726.66	285.98
FHS DARLING LIB	1,096.89	484.61	19.39	1,096.89	504.00
HS SPEC AID	1,449.24	598.24	25.13	1,449.24	623.37
J COYNE	4,500.00	257.59	58.37	4,500.00	315.96
RADCLIFFE	8,000.00	610.95	105.67	8,000.00	716.62
ENTWISTLE	8,000.00	528.34	104.63	8,000.00	632.97

ANTHONY SCH	1,638.10	903.69	132.07	1,638.10	1,035.76
HUTTLESTONIAN	12,000.00	441.33	154.44	12,000.00	445.77
SILVEIRA	-	111.08	1.36	-	112.44
MACCORD	2,362.97	301.73	32.70	2,362.97	334.43
MEEKIN	-	6.50	0.09	-	6.59
S. GRABIEC	2,100.00	654.04	33.80	2,100.00	687.84
BANGS	2,300.00	253.61	31.34	2,300.00	284.95
KATHY ROCHA	10,620.00	626.78	137.98	10,620.00	764.76
F CAMPBELL	-	17,500.00	10,000.00	-	13,000.00
ACUSH FOUNDA	-	309.83	3.78	-	313.61
M CABRAL	900.00	259.67	14.39	900.00	274.06
A MARTIN	415.31	154.62	6.99	415.31	161.61
HELEN PORTER	4,140.00	352.24	55.13	4,140.00	407.37
RICH GAUTREAU	9,200.00	576.44	119.90	9,200.00	696.34
SUPT SCHOLARSHIP	-	0.66	-	-	0.66
RICH MACCORD ART	300.00	564.61	9.87	400.00	574.48

MATTY OLIVIERA	391.49	-	2,835.00	(2,443.51)
BRUNETTE	1,328.71	16.33		1,345.04
CLASS OF '43	64.59	0.81		65.40
CAROL KANER	46.31	0.44		46.75
JAY KRUGER	5,068.71	1,000.00		14,350.00
RODRIGUES	3,327.56	300.00		9,100.00
DAVID G. HUGHES	14,724.34	4,317.41	6,000.00	335,212.70
FHVN HIGH SCHOLAR	9,670.00	4,000.00		13,041.75
BOBBY BRUSO	2,381.54	25.58	250.00	5,760.00
DOUG STEVENS	106.73	1.30		2,157.12
Sub-Total	457,257.94	249,479.41	51,507.50	108.03
				655,229.85
FUND 84:				
CLAIMS TRUST/DENTAL	1,308,646.71	7,481,726.85	7,191,387.82	1,598,985.74
BCBS increase deposit	(19,400.00)	-	(19,400.00)	-
	1,289,246.71	7,481,726.85	7,171,987.82	1,598,985.74
BCBS decrease deposit	-	-	-	-
Adj Claim Trust/Dental	1,289,246.71	7,481,726.85	7,171,987.82	1,598,985.74
CLAIMS TR-BCBS DEPOSIT	1,046,700.00			1,046,700.00
JE adj iner to BCBS deposit	19,400.00			19,400.00
	1,066,100.00			1,066,100.00
OPEB TRUST	1,367,777.12	316,780.22		1,684,557.34
STAB-CAPITAL PLAN	5,781,863.23	70,929.10		5,852,792.33
STAB-GENERAL	3,160,739.68	38,774.43		3,199,514.11
STAB-AMBULANCE	242,299.60	68,535.19		310,834.79
STAB-SPED RESERVE	433,094.21	5,312.99		438,407.20
STAB-SWR BOULDER PK BTR	3.33	0.01	3.00	0.34
STAB-SWR SCONT NK BTR	27,515.43	55,079.85	82,490.00	105.28
STAB-SWR NANCY ST BTR	23.32	0.17	23.00	0.49
STAB-SWR WI BTR	107,200.33	962.78	73,053.00	35,110.11
STAB-SEWER CAPITAL IMPR	1,341,892.80	316,443.60		1,658,336.40

Per DOR-BCBS deposit
and FB Res are
to be recorded

POST WAR PLAN	7,811.10	2.35			7,813.45
LAW ENFORCE-STATE	20,794.02	3,336.66	1,000.00		23,130.68
LAW ENFORCE-FED	72,642.71	89,503.22	19,357.70	-	142,788.23
Sub-Total	14,919,003.59	8,447,387.42	7,347,914.52	-	16,018,476.49

TOTAL	4,563,885.81	15,376,261.53	(851,119.60)	8,696,866.83	7,399,422.02	3,712,766.21
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OFFICIAL RESULTS

DEMOCRATS

28% turnout

GOVERNOR	PRE 1	PRE 2	PRE 3	PRE 4	PRE 5	PRE 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
Sonia Rosa Chang-Diaz	71	64	49	57	63	64	368	371
Hand Counts		1	2				3	
Maura Healey	376	316	194	302	322	268	1778	1790
Hand Counts	3	2	3	2	2		12	
Write-Ins	1	1	1	1	0	1	5	5
hand count blanks	1	0	0	1	1	2	5	
Blanks	14	29	9	16	16	17	101	106
TOTAL	466	413	258	379	404	352	2272	2272
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	PRE 1	PRE 2	PRE 3	PRE 4	PRE 5	PRE 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
Kimberley Driscoll	194	156	110	151	166	124	901	909
Hand Counts	1	1	2	2	2		8	
Tami Gouveia	106	103	61	88	92	106	556	559
Hand Counts		1	2				3	
Eric P. Lesser	100	100	60	102	97	83	542	547
Hand Counts	1	1	1			2	5	
Write-Ins	0	1	0	0	2	1	4	4
hand count blanks	2	0	0	1	1	0	4	
Blanks	62	50	22	35	44	36	249	253
TOTAL	466	413	258	379	404	352	2272	2272
ATTORNEY GENERAL	PRE 1	PRE 2	PRE 3	PRE 4	PRE 5	PRE 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
Andrea Joy Cambell	196	133	91	134	134	143	831	836
Hand Counts	1		2	1	1		5	
Shannon Erika Liss-Riordan	152	149	97	130	163	125	816	824
Hand Counts	1	3	1	2	1		8	
Quentin Palfrey	59	87	39	83	66	49	383	388
Hand Counts	1		2			2	5	
Write-Ins	0	1	0	0	2	1	4	4
hand count blanks	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	
Blanks	55	40	26	29	36	32	218	220
TOTAL	466	413	258	379	404	352	2272	2272
SECRETARY OF STATE	PRE 1	PRE 2	PRE 3	PRE 4	PRE 5	PRE 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
William Francis Galvin	296	283	177	265	302	234	1557	1573
Hand Counts	3	3	4	3	1	2	16	
Tanisha M. Sullivan	138	100	61	91	81	96	567	569
Hand Counts			1		1		2	
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
hand count blanks	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	
Blanks	28	27	15	20	18	19	127	129
TOTAL	466	413	258	379	404	352	2272	2272
TREASURER	PRE 1	PRE 2	PRE 3	PRE 4	PRE 5	PRE 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
Deborah B. Goldberg	357	322	210	304	293	258	1744	1760
Hand Counts	3	3	4	2	2	2	16	
Write-Ins	2	0	0	0	2	2	6	6
hand count blanks	1	0	1	1	1	0	4	
Blanks	103	88	43	72	106	90	502	506
TOTAL	466	413	258	379	404	352	2272	2272
AUDITOR	PRE 1	PRE 2	PRE 3	PRE 4	PRE 5	PRE 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
Christopher S. Dempsey	150	127	90	129	118	89	703	708
Hand Counts		1	2		2		5	
Diana DiZoglio	226	227	132	192	211	198	1186	1197
Hand Counts	3	1	3	3		1	11	
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	1	3	4	4
hand count blanks	1	1	0	0	1	1	4	
Blanks	86	56	31	55	71	60	359	363
TOTAL	466	413	258	379	404	352	2272	2272

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REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	PRE 1	PRE 2	PRE 3	PRE 4	PRE 5	PRE 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
Bill Keating	397	339	224	324	318	288	1890	1908
Hand Counts	3	3	5	3	2	2	18	
Write-Ins	3	3	2	2	1	2	13	13
hand count blanks	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	2
Blanks	62	68	27	50	82	60	349	351
TOTAL	466	413	258	379	404	352	2272	2272
COUNCILLOR	PRE 1	PRE 2	PRE 3	PRE 4	PRE 5	PRE 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
Joseph C Ferreira	339	314	207	292	274	244	1670	1687
Hand Counts	2	3	5	3	2	2	17	
Write-Ins	0	1	0	1	1	1	4	4
hand count blanks	2	0	0	0	1	0	3	3
Blanks	123	95	46	83	126	105	578	581
TOTAL	466	413	258	379	404	352	2272	2272
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	PRE 1	PRE 2	PRE 3	PRE 4	PRE 5	PRE 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
Mark C Montigny	384	344	216	315	308	290	1857	1875
Hand Counts	4	3	5	3	1	2	18	
Write-Ins	0	3	1	1	3	1	9	9
hand count blanks	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	2
Blanks	78	63	36	60	90	59	386	388
TOTAL	466	413	258	379	404	352	2272	2272
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	PRE 1	PRE 2	PRE 3	PRE 4	PRE 5	PRE 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
William M Straus	357	289	189	262	267	222	1586	1601
Hand Counts	4	2	3	3	1	2	15	
Richard F Trapilo	92	111	52	106	129	118	608	612
Hand Counts		1	2		1		4	
Write-Ins	1	0	1	0	0	1	3	3
hand count blanks	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Blanks	12	10	11	8	5	9	55	56
TOTAL	466	413	258	379	404	352	2272	2272
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	PRE 1	PRE 2	PRE 3	PRE 4	PRE 5	PRE 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
Thomas M Quinn,III	304	282	182	264	261	232	1525	1539
Hand Counts	1	2	5	2	2	2	14	
Shannon M McMahon	129	114	68	96	112	105	624	628
Hand Counts	2	1	0	1			4	
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
hand count blanks	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	2
Blanks	29	14	3	16	28	12	102	104
TOTAL	466	413	258	379	404	352	2272	2272
SHERIFF	PRE 1	PRE 2	PRE 3	PRE 4	PRE 5	PRE 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
Nicholas Bernier	93	127	83	128	148	93	672	680
Hand Counts		3	3		2		8	
Paul R. Heroux	295	175	113	150	139	144	1016	1024
Hand Counts	3		1	2		2	8	
George M McNeil, Jr	53	78	43	72	82	85	413	415
Hand Counts	1		1				2	
Write-Ins	1	0	2	0	2	2	7	7
hand count blanks	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	2
Blanks	20	30	12	26	30	26	144	146
TOTAL	466	413	258	379	404	352	2272	2272
COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRE 1	PRE 2	PRE 3	PRE 4	PRE 5	PRE 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
John Thomas Saunders	365	333	217	311	293	264	1783	1798
Hand Counts	2	3	4	3	1	2	15	
Write-Ins	3	0	0	0	1	1	5	5
hand count blanks	2	0	1	0	2	0	5	5
Blanks	94	77	36	65	107	85	464	469
TOTAL	466	413	258	379	404	352	2272	2272
REGISTER OF DEEDS	PRE 1	PRE 2	PRE 3	PRE 4	PRE 5	PRE 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
Sherrilynn M Mello	355	325	213	304	288	258	1743	1758
Hand Counts	2	3	4	2	2	2	15	
Write-Ins	3	0	1	2	1	1	8	8
hand count blanks	2	0	1	1	1	0	5	5
Blanks	104	85	39	70	112	91	501	506
TOTAL	466	413	258	379	404	352	2272	2272

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GOVERNOR	PRE 1	PRE 2	PRE 3	PRE 4	PRE 5	PRE 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL	
Geoff Diehl	103	98	80	122	154	126	683	685	
Hand Counts			1	1			2		
Chris Doughty	71	74	56	74	99	86	460	465	
Hand Counts	1		1	2	1		5		
Write-Ins	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	
hand count blanks	0		0	0	0		0		
Blanks	2	2	2	6	4	3	19	19	
TOTAL	178	174	140	205	258	215	1170	1170	
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	PRE 1	PRE 2	PRE 3	PRE 4	PRE 5	PRE 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL	
Leah V Allen	93	90	84	109	126	108	610	613	
Hand Counts	1		1	1			3		
Kate Campanale	62	68	47	68	97	82	424	428	
Hand Counts			1	2	1		4		
Write-Ins	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	
hand count blanks	0		0	0	0		0		
Blanks	22	16	7	24	34	25	128	128	
TOTAL	178	174	140	205	258	215	1170	1170	
ATTORNEY GENERAL	PRE 1	PRE 2	PRE 3	PRE 4	PRE 5	PRE 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL	
James R McMahon	130	144	112	163	193	168	910	916	
Hand Counts	1		2	2	1		6		
Write-Ins	0	1	0	1	0	3	5	5	
hand count blanks	0		0	1	0		1		
Blanks	47	29	26	38	64	44	248	249	
TOTAL	178	174	140	205	258	215	1170	1170	
SECRETARY OF STATE	PRE 1	PRE 2	PRE 3	PRE 4	PRE 5	PRE 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL	
Rayla Campbell	123	130	111	156	182	169	871	878	
Hand Counts	1		2	3	1		7		
Write-Ins	0	1	0	2	1	0	4	4	
hand count blanks	0		0	0	0		0		
Blanks	54	43	27	44	74	46	288	288	
TOTAL	178	174	140	205	258	215	1170	1170	
TREASURER	PRE 1	PRE 2	PRE 3	PRE 4	PRE 5	PRE 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL	
No Nomination							0	0	
Hand Counts							0		
Write-Ins	17	7	11	15	28	24	102	102	
hand count blanks	1		2	3	1		7		
Blanks	160	167	127	187	229	191	1061	1068	
TOTAL	178	174	140	205	258	215	1170	1170	
AUDITOR	PRE 1	PRE 2	PRE 3	PRE 4	PRE 5	PRE 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL	
Anthony Amore	123	130	106	144	173	156	832	839	
Hand Counts	1		2	3	1		7		
Write-Ins	0	0	0	2	2	1	5	5	
hand count blanks	0		0	0	0		0		
Blanks	54	44	32	56	82	58	326	326	
TOTAL	178	174	140	205	258	215	1170	1170	
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	PRE 1	PRE 2	PRE 3	PRE 4	PRE 5	PRE 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL	
Jesse G Brown	79	92	83	108	106	108	576	579	
Hand Counts			2		1		3		
Dan Sullivan	72	65	44	68	113	87	449	452	
Hand Counts	1			2			3		
Write-Ins	0	0	1	2	0	0	3	3	
hand count blanks	0		0	1	0		1		
Blanks	26	17	10	24	38	20	135	136	
TOTAL	178	174	140	205	258	215	1170	1170	
COUNCILLOR	PRE 1	PRE 2	PRE 3	PRE 4	PRE 5	PRE 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL	
No Nomination							0	0	
Hand Counts							0		
Write-Ins	19	7	13	13	26	20	98	98	
hand count blanks	1		2	3	1		7		
Blanks	158	167	125	189	231	195	1065	1072	
TOTAL	178	174	140	205	258	215	1170	1170	

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SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	PRE 1	PRE 2	PRE 3	PRE 4	PRE 5	PRE 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
No Nomination							0	0
Hand Counts							0	
Write-Ins	14	11	11	13	22	15	86	86
hand count blanks	1		2	3	1		7	
Blanks	163	163	127	189	235	200	1077	1084
TOTAL	178	174	140	205	258	215	1170	1170
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	PRE 1	PRE 2	PRE 3	PRE 4	PRE 5	PRE 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
Robert S McConnell	104	103	88	120	146	125	686	688
Hand Counts	1			1			2	
Jeffrey Gerald Swift	56	56	33	65	90	76	376	380
Hand Counts			1	2	1		4	
Write-Ins	0	0	4	2	0	0	6	6
hand count blanks	0		1	0	0		1	
Blanks	17	15	13	15	21	14	95	96
TOTAL	178	174	140	205	258	215	1170	1170
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	PRE 1	PRE 2	PRE 3	PRE 4	PRE 5	PRE 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
No Nomination							0	0
Hand Counts							0	
WRITE IN - Thomas M Quinn III	6	1	1	1	1	4	14	14
Other Write-Ins	16	10	9	16	25	12	88	88
hand count blanks	1		2	3	1		7	
Blanks	155	163	128	185	231	199	1061	1068
TOTAL	178	174	140	205	258	215	1170	1170
SHERIFF	PRE 1	PRE 2	PRE 3	PRE 4	PRE 5	PRE 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
Thomas Hodgson	149	145	113	171	217	186	981	986
Hand Counts	1		2	1	1		5	
Write-Ins	4	2	1	2	1	1	11	11
hand count blanks	0		0	2	0		2	
Blanks	24	27	24	29	39	28	171	173
TOTAL	178	174	140	205	258	215	1170	1170
COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRE 1	PRE 2	PRE 3	PRE 4	PRE 5	PRE 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
No Nomination							0	0
Hand Counts							0	
Write-Ins	16	8	9	15	18	10	76	76
hand count blanks	1		2	3	1		7	
Blanks	161	166	129	187	239	205	1087	1094
TOTAL	178	174	140	205	258	215	1170	1170
REGISTER OF DEEDS	PRE 1	PRE 2	PRE 3	PRE 4	PRE 5	PRE 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
No Nomination							0	0
Hand Counts							0	
Write-Ins	12	5	8	15	22	10	72	72
hand count blanks	1		2	3	1		7	
Blanks	165	169	130	187	235	205	1091	1098
TOTAL	178	174	140	205	258	215	1170	1170

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OFFICIAL RESULTS										% TURNOUT
										55%
GOVERNOR	PRE 1	PRE 2	PRE 3	PRE 4	PRE 5	PRE 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL		
Diehl / Allen	428	460	404	510	604	587	2993	3000		
Hand Counts			2	1	2	2	7			
Healey / Driscoll	741	641	435	628	633	548	3626	3640		
Hand Counts		4	1	2	1	6	14			
Reed / Everett	20	27	9	19	26	17	118	119		
Hand Counts					1		1			
Write-Ins	0	1	1	0	0	3	5	5		
hand count blanks							0			
Blanks	14	13	8	10	14	9	68	68		
TOTAL	1203	1146	860	1170	1281	1172	6832	6832		
ATTORNEY GENERAL	PRE 1	PRE 2	PRE 3	PRE 4	PRE 5	PRE 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL		
Andrea Joy Cambell	731	637	423	610	595	545	3541	3554		
Hand Counts		3	1	2	1	6	13			
James R McMahon III	437	485	409	528	642	597	3098	3107		
Hand Counts		1	2	1	3	2	9			
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1		
hand count blanks							0			
Blanks	35	20	25	29	40	21	170	170		
TOTAL	1203	1146	860	1170	1281	1172	6832	6832		
SECRETARY OF STATE	PRE 1	PRE 2	PRE 3	PRE 4	PRE 5	PRE 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL		
William Francis Galvin	767	702	469	695	695	608	3936	3950		
Hand Counts		3	1	2	2	6	14			
Rayla Campbell	362	386	346	422	542	522	2580	2586		
Hand Counts			2	1	1	2	6			
Juan Sanchez	40	29	20	24	17	18	148	150		
Hand Counts		1			1		2			
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	3		
hand count blanks							0			
Blanks	34	25	22	26	23	13	143	143		
TOTAL	1203	1146	860	1170	1281	1172	6832	6832		
TREASURER	PRE 1	PRE 2	PRE 3	PRE 4	PRE 5	PRE 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL		
Deborah B. Goldberg	793	729	515	721	722	652	4132	4146		
Hand Counts		4	1	2	2	5	14			
Cristina Crawford	250	273	211	273	334	337	1678	1684		
Hand Counts			2	1	2	1	6			
Write-Ins	6	4	7	5	10	12	44	44		
hand count blanks						2	2			
Blanks	154	136	124	168	211	163	956	958		
TOTAL	1203	1146	860	1170	1281	1172	6832	6832		
AUDITOR	PRE 1	PRE 2	PRE 3	PRE 4	PRE 5	PRE 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL		
Anthony Amore	398	437	376	479	566	553	2809	2817		
Hand Counts		1	2	1	2	2	8			
Diana DiZoglio	642	560	368	530	551	500	3151	3162		
Hand Counts		2	1	2	1	5	11			
Gloria A Caballero-Roca	33	30	16	28	16	12	135	138		
Hand Counts		1			1	1	3			
Dominic Giannone III	29	26	26	33	32	18	164	164		
Hand Counts							0			
Daniel Riek	27	24	16	22	35	29	153	153		
Hand Counts							0			
Write-Ins	1	0	1	0	1	1	4	4		
hand count blanks							0			
Blanks	73	65	54	75	76	51	394	394		
TOTAL	1203	1146	860	1170	1281	1172	6832	6832		
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	PRE 1	PRE 2	PRE 3	PRE 4	PRE 5	PRE 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL		
Bill Keating	781	690	449	674	675	611	3880	3895		
Hand Counts		3	2	2	2	6	15			
Jesse G Brown	384	424	373	456	572	533	2742	2749		
Hand Counts		1	1	1	2	2	7			
Write-Ins	0	1	2	0	0	3	6	6		
hand count blanks							0			
Blanks	38	27	33	37	30	17	182	182		
TOTAL	1203	1146	860	1170	1281	1172	6832	6832		

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COUNCILLOR	PRE 1	PRE 2	PRE 3	PRE 4	PRE 5	PRE 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
Joseph C Ferreira	798	794	568	762	774	736	4432	4450
Hand Counts		4	3	3	2	6	18	
Write-Ins	21	17	34	27	36	28	163	163
hand count blanks					2	2	4	
Blanks	384	331	255	378	467	400	2215	2219
TOTAL	1203	1146	860	1170	1281	1172	6832	6832
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	PRE 1	PRE 2	PRE 3	PRE 4	PRE 5	PRE 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
Mark C Montigny	873	849	613	810	849	785	4779	4798
Hand Counts		4	3	3	3	6	19	
Write-Ins	19	14	29	27	36	24	149	149
hand count blanks					1	2	3	
Blanks	311	279	215	330	392	355	1882	1885
TOTAL	1203	1146	860	1170	1281	1172	6832	6832
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL	PRE 1	PRE 2	PRE 3	PRE 4	PRE 5	PRE 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
William M Straus	801	699	480	660	685	579	3904	3917
Hand Counts		3	1	2	1	6	13	
Jeffrey Gerald Swift	365	419	357	486	566	549	2742	2750
Hand Counts		1	2	1	3	1	8	
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2
hand count blanks						1	1	
Blanks	37	24	20	21	26	34	162	163
TOTAL	1203	1146	860	1170	1281	1172	6832	6832
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	PRE 1	PRE 2	PRE 3	PRE 4	PRE 5	PRE 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
Thomas M Quinn.III	877	849	612	816	835	793	4782	4801
Hand Counts		4	3	3	3	6	19	
Write-Ins	21	14	29	23	36	26	149	149
hand count blanks					1	2	3	
Blanks	305	279	216	328	406	345	1879	1882
TOTAL	1203	1146	860	1170	1281	1172	6832	6832
SHERIFF	PRE 1	PRE 2	PRE 3	PRE 4	PRE 5	PRE 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
Thomas M Hodgson	432	470	424	535	627	592	3080	3088
Hand Counts		2	1	1	2	2	8	
Paul R. Heroux	749	655	423	618	634	554	3633	3646
Hand Counts		2	2	2	1	6	13	
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
hand count blanks						1	1	
Blanks	22	17	10	14	16	17	96	97
TOTAL	1203	1146	860	1170	1281	1172	6832	6832
COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRE 1	PRE 2	PRE 3	PRE 4	PRE 5	PRE 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
John Thomas Saunders	830	830	594	798	815	774	4641	4659
Hand Counts		4	3	3	2	6	18	
Write-Ins	22	15	29	24	34	23	147	147
hand count blanks					2	2	4	
Blanks	351	297	234	345	428	367	2022	2026
TOTAL	1203	1146	860	1170	1281	1172	6832	6832
REGISTER OF DEEDS	PRE 1	PRE 2	PRE 3	PRE 4	PRE 5	PRE 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
Sherrilynn M Mello	820	812	583	774	805	751	4545	4562
Hand Counts		3	3	3	2	6	17	
Write-Ins	19	13	28	27	32	22	141	141
hand count blanks		1			2	2	5	
Blanks	364	317	246	366	440	391	2124	2129
TOTAL	1203	1146	860	1170	1281	1172	6832	6832
QUESTION 1	PRE 1	PRE 2	PRE 3	PRE 4	PRE 5	PRE 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
YES	652	528	364	552	543	500	3139	3152
Hand Counts		3	2	1	2	5	13	
NO	513	578	464	575	694	630	3454	3462
Hand Counts		1	1	1	2	3	8	
hand count blanks				1			1	
Blanks	38	36	29	40	40	34	217	218
TOTAL	1203	1146	860	1170	1281	1172	6832	6832

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QUESTION 2	PRE 1	PRE 2	PRE 3	PRE 4	PRE 5	PRE 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
YES	778	698	484	748	739	703	4150	4165
Hand Counts		4	2	1	3	5	15	
NO	379	401	346	367	481	440	2414	2420
Hand Counts			1	1	1	3	6	
hand count blanks				1			1	
Blanks	46	43	27	52	57	21	246	247
TOTAL	1203	1146	860	1170	1281	1172	6832	6832
QUESTION 3	PRE 1	PRE 2	PRE 3	PRE 4	PRE 5	PRE 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
YES	468	383	279	391	392	372	2285	2294
Hand Counts		2	1	1	2	3	9	
NO	679	703	551	712	821	761	4227	4239
Hand Counts		2	1	2	2	5	12	
hand count blanks			1				1	
Blanks	56	56	27	64	64	31	298	299
TOTAL	1203	1146	860	1170	1281	1172	6832	6832
QUESTION 4	PRE 1	PRE 2	PRE 3	PRE 4	PRE 5	PRE 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
YES	589	485	309	483	507	429	2802	2813
Hand Counts		3	1	2	1	4	11	
NO	576	613	524	638	718	708	3777	3788
Hand Counts		1	2	1	3	4	11	
hand count blanks							0	
Blanks	38	44	24	46	52	27	231	231
TOTAL	1203	1146	860	1170	1281	1172	6832	6832

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022
WALTER SILVEIRA AUDITORIUM – ELIZ. HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL
TOWN MEETING MEMBERS PRESENT 167– QUORUM REQUIRED 100

Meeting called to order by Moderator at 9:24 AM.

The National Anthem - Travis Rapoza, violin

Prayer- Rev Ann Fox

Land Acknowledgement-Gary Martin

A moment of silence was held for the deceased.

The Moderator introduced those seated on stage.

All town meeting members present were sworn in by Town Clerk, Linda Fredette.

The Moderator stated that the warrant has been properly served and that there was a quorum

Instructions were given to the Town Meeting Members.

Voted that the reading of the warrant and the return of service be omitted. Seconded.

Voted that the Moderator be allowed to refer to the article by number and title only. Seconded.

Voted that all the appropriations voted at this town meeting be placed on the Tax Levy for the fiscal year from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Seconded.

Town Meeting Members present: Precinct 1 – 38

Precinct 2 – 21

Precinct 3 – 26

Precinct 4 – 24

Precinct 5 – 28

Precinct 6 – 30

TOTAL 167

ARTICLE 1: MEASURER OF WOOD AND BARK

By majority vote, the town voted to instruct the Selectmen to appoint a Measurer of Wood and Bark.

ARTICLE 2: TOWN REPORT

By majority vote, the town voted to receive the Annual Report of Town Officers.

ARTICLE 3: REPORT OF COMMITTEES

MOVED TO PASS OVER

ARTICLE 4: SETTING SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS-FY22

By majority vote, the town voted to adopt/amend the following sums of money:

A) Board of Selectmen - \$33,500

B) Town Clerk - \$66,961

C) Moderator - \$1,000

D) Tree Warden - \$7,321

E) Board of Health - \$5,170

ARTICLE 5: BILLS OF PRIOR YEAR – Paid from FY22 funds

By 4/5ths vote, the town voted to approve the following amounts, with funds coming from Surplus Revenue/Free Cash:

A. Stryker\$680 Fire Department

B. Corvel Corp ... \$6.85 Fire Department

ARTICLE 6: FY22 GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

By majority vote, the town voted to amend Article 9 of the June 12, 2021 Town Meeting “General Fund Operating Budget-FY22” as follows:

- A) \$7,600 be transferred from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) to Bristol County Agricultural High School.
- B) \$111,177 be transferred from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) to Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School.
- C) \$65,000 be transferred from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) to Police Department-Salaries

ARTICLE 7: SEWER CAPITAL FEE-FY22

By majority vote, the Town voted to transfer from the Sewer Retained Earnings of June 30, 2021 Sewer Capital Fee \$302,073 to the Sewer Capital Improvements Stabilization Fund or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8: GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET

By majority vote, the Town voted to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds \$56,028,953 to fund the balance of the FY23 General Fund Operating Budget or take any other action relative thereto;

ARTICLE 9: WATER ENTERPRISE FUND OPERATING BUDGET

By majority vote, the town voted the sum of \$675,282 for Water Salaries and Wages, \$617,550 for Water Expenses, \$1,345,452 for Water District, \$518,699 for Water Indirect Costs (to cover costs in the General Fund), \$50,000 for Water Reserve Fund, \$49,274 for Water Debt, and \$11,377 for Water Interest, and \$225,000 for Water Authorized but Unissued Debt for a total of \$3,492,634 to be appropriated from Water Enterprise.

ARTICLE 10: SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND OPERATING BUDGET

By majority vote, the Town voted the sum of \$1,151,989 for Sewer Salaries and Wages, \$1,245,825 for Sewer Expenses, \$714,378 for Sewer Indirect Costs (to cover costs in the General Fund), \$50,000 for Sewer Reserve Fund, \$510,434 for Sewer Debt, \$247,108 for Sewer Interest on the Debt and \$412,500 for Sewer Authorized but Unissued Debt for a total of \$4,332,234 of which \$4,164,755 to be appropriated from Sewer Enterprise and \$80,000 be transferred from Sewer Betterment Stabilization Fund-West Island, \$27,515 be transferred from Sewer Betterment Stabilization Fund-Scouticut Neck Road, \$9,964 be transferred from Fund Balance Reserve Betterment-Boulder Park, and \$50,000 be transferred from Fund Balance Reserve Betterment Scouticut Neck Road.,

ARTICLE 11: TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN CABLE TELEVISION ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET

By majority vote, the Town voted the um of \$157,812 for Town Cable Salaries and Wages, and \$34,400 for Town Cable Expenses, \$15,510 for Town Cable Indirect Costs (to cover costs in the General Fund) for a total of \$207,722 of which \$178,000 be appropriated from Estimated Receipts and \$29,722 from the Town Cable Retained Earnings.

ARTICLE 12: FAIRHAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS CABLE TELEVISION ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET

By majority vote, the Town voted the sum of \$129,930 for School Cable Salaries and Wages, and \$31,779 for School Cable Expenses, \$50 for School Cable Indirect costs (to cover costs in the General Fund) for a total of \$161,759 of which \$138,000 be appropriated from Estimated Receipts and \$23,759 from the School Cable Retained Earnings.

ARTICLE 13: GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PLAN

- A. Fire Engine 2 Tool Project \$35,000.00 (Surplus Revenue/Free Cash)
- B. Replace Voting Machines \$38,000.00 (Surplus Revenue/Free Cash)
- C. Ambulance / Stretcher Replacement \$325,000.00 (Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation \$300,000 and from Surplus Revenue/Free Cash \$25,000)
- D. Police Cruiser Replacements \$134,000.00 (Surplus Revenue/Free Cash)
- E. High School-Repair and Replace Southeast & Southwest Gables \$2,275,000.00 (Borrow \$2,175,000 and High School Trust Fund \$100,000)
- F. Computer Hardware Equipment Replacement \$30,000.00 (Surplus Revenue/Free Cash)
- G. Life Pak 15 Replacement (3 Units) \$96,000.00 (Surplus Revenue/Free Cash)
- H. Replace Loader \$220,000.00 (Surplus Revenue/Free Cash)
- I. Computer Server for offsite electronic storage \$24,000.00 (Surplus Revenue/Free Cash)
- J. Beach Mat to provide for handicap access to Town Beach \$25,000.00 (Surplus Revenue/Free Cash)
- K. Replace Boiler at Town Hall \$125,000.00 (Surplus Revenue/Free Cash)
- L. COA/Rec Building Roof Replacement (design & construction) \$54,000.00 (Surplus Revenue/Free Cash)
- M. Replacement of Engines on Harbormaster Boat \$51,000.00 (Surplus Revenue/Free Cash \$26,000 and Waterways Fund \$25,000)
- N. Hydraulic Rescue Tools \$41,000.00 (Surplus Revenue/Free Cash)
- O. Upgrade Town/School Phone System \$223,000.00 (Surplus Revenue/Free Cash)
- P. Replace window blinds/shades at Town Hall \$21,000.00 (Surplus Revenue/Free Cash)
- Q. Control Desk Radio Upgrade \$48,000.00 (Surplus Revenue/Free Cash)

Motion (A): By majority vote, the Town voted the sum of \$35,000 is appropriated to pay costs for Fire Engine 2 Tool Project including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation \$35,000 shall be transferred from Surplus Revenue/Free Cash.

Motion(B): By majority vote, the Town voted the sum of \$38,000 is appropriated to pay costs of Replace voting Machines including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation \$38,000 shall be transferred from Surplus Revenue/Free Cash.

Motion(C): By majority vote, the Town voted the sum of \$325,000 is appropriated to pay costs for Ambulance/Stretcher Replacement including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation \$25,000 shall be transferred from Surplus Revenue/Free Cash and \$300,000 shall be transferred from the Ambulance Receipt Reserved for Appropriation.

Motion(D): By majority vote, the Town voted the sum of \$134,000 is appropriated to pay costs for Police Cruiser Replacements including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation \$134,000 shall be transferred from Surplus Revenue/Free Cash.

Motion (E): By 2/3rds vote, the Town voted the sum of \$2,275,000 is appropriated to pay costs for High School repair and replace Southeast & Southwest Gables, including 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 \$2,175,000 pursuant to G. L. c. 44, §7(1) or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, and \$100,000 shall be transferred from the High School Trust Fund to pay a portion of the costs.

Motion(F): By majority vote, the Town voted the sum of \$30,000 is appropriated to pay costs for Computer Hardware Equipment Replacement including the payment of all costs incidental

and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation \$30,000 shall be transferred from Surplus Revenue/Free Cash.

Motion(G): By majority vote, the Town voted the sum of \$96,000 is appropriated to pay costs for Life Pak 15 Replacement (3 units) including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation \$96,000 shall be transferred from Surplus Revenue/Free Cash.

Motion(H): By majority vote, the Town voted the sum of \$220,000 is appropriated to pay costs to Replace Loader including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation \$220,000 shall be transferred from Surplus Revenue/Free Cash.

Motion(I): By majority vote, the Town voted the sum of \$24,000 is appropriated to pay costs for Computer Server for offsite electronic storage including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation \$24,000 shall be transferred from Surplus Revenue/Free Cash.

Motion(J): By majority vote, the Town voted the sum of \$25,000 is appropriated to pay costs for Beach Mat to provide handicap access to Town Beach including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation \$25,000 shall be transferred from Surplus Revenue/Free Cash.

Motion(K): By majority vote, the Town voted the sum of \$125,000 is appropriated to pay costs to Replace Boiler at Town Hall including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation 125,000 shall be transferred from Surplus Revenue/Free Cash.

Motion(L): By majority vote, the Town voted the sum of \$54,000 is appropriated to pay costs for COA/Recreation Building roof Replacement design & construction including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation \$54,000 shall be transferred from Surplus Revenue/Free Cash.

Motion(M): By majority vote, the Town voted the sum of \$51,000 is appropriated to pay costs for Replacement of Engines on Harbormaster Boat including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation \$26,000 shall be transferred from Surplus Revenue/Free Cash and \$25,000 from the Waterways Fund.

Motion(N): By majority vote, the Town voted the sum of \$41,000 is appropriated to pay costs for Hydraulic Rescue Tools including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation \$41,000 shall be transferred from Surplus Revenue/Free Cash.

Motion(O): By majority vote, the Town voted the sum of \$223,000 is appropriated to pay costs to Upgrade Town/School Phone System including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation \$223,000 shall be transferred from Surplus Revenue/Free Cash.

Motion(P): By majority vote, the Town voted the sum of \$21,000 is appropriated to pay costs to Replace window blinds/shades at Town Hall including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation \$21,000 shall be transferred from Surplus Revenue/Free Cash.

Motion(Q): By majority vote, the Town voted the sum of \$48,000 is appropriated to pay costs for Control Desk Radio Upgrade including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation \$48,000 shall be transferred from Surplus Revenue/Free Cash.

ARTICLE 14: WATER ENTERPRISE CAPITAL PLAN

A.	Utility Truck with Plow	\$73,000.00
B.	Repainting Scoticut Neck Water Tower	\$1,000,000.00
C.	Water Gate Valve Maintenance	\$75,000.00

(A) By majority vote, the Town voted the sum of \$73,000 is appropriated to pay costs for a Utility Truck with a plow including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation \$73,000 shall be transferred from Water Enterprise Retained Earnings.

(B) By 2/3rds vote, the Town voted the sum of \$1,000,000 is appropriated to pay costs for Re-painting Scoticut Neck Water Tower, including 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 \$1,000,000 pursuant to G. L. c. 44, §8(7A) or any other enabling authority,

(C) By majority vote, the Town voted the sum of \$75,000 is appropriated to pay costs for Water Gate Valve Maintenance including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation \$75,000 shall be transferred from Water Enterprise Retained Earnings.

ARTICLE 15: SEWER ENTERPRISE CAPITAL PLAN

A.	Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade	\$50,000,000.00
B.	Inflow and Infiltration Prevention	\$250,000.00
C.	Sunset Beach Sewer Extension	\$1,000,000.00
D.	South St Taber St Force Main Upgrades	\$3,500,000.00
E.	Blower Building Roof Replacement-Treatment Plant	\$75,000.00

(A) By 2/3rds vote, the Town voted the sum of \$50,000,000 is appropriated to pay costs for Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade, including 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 \$50,000,000 pursuant to G. L. c. 44, §8(14) or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore.

(B) By majority vote, the Town voted the sum of \$250,000 is appropriated to pay costs for Inflow & Infiltration Prevention including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation \$250,000 shall be transferred from Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings.

(C) By 2/3rds vote, the Town voted the sum of \$1,000,000 is appropriated to pay costs for Sunset Beach Sewer Extension including 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 \$1,000,000 pursuant to G. L. c. 44, §8(14) or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore and \$200,000 shall be transferred from Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings and \$800,000 from sewer betterments. The Town is authorized to assess betterments to offset costs, including debt service.

(D) By 2/3rds vote, the town voted the sum of \$3,500,000 is appropriated to pay costs for South St Taber St Force Main Upgrades, including 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 \$3,500,000 pursuant to G. L. c. 44, §8(14) or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore.

(E) By majority vote, the Town voted the sum of \$75,000 is appropriated to pay costs for Blower Building Roof Replacement on Treatment Plant, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation \$75,000 shall be transferred from Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings.

ARTICLE 16: ROADWORK

By majority vote, the town voted that the following roads be reconstructed and that the sum of \$425,000 be appropriated from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) and that the Board of Public Works is authorized to expend these funds in the aggregate without regards to individual line items so long as the expenditures do not exceed the amount so appropriated.

- A. Bayview Avenue (Highland Ave to Manhattan Ave) \$235,000
- B. Farmfield Street (Green Street to Pleasant Street) \$165,000
- C. Bonney Street (#45 Bonney westerly to the end) \$25,000

ARTICLE 17: STATE AID TO HIGHWAYS

By majority vote, the Town authorize the Board of Public Works to accept and enter into a contract for the expenditure of any funds allotted or to be allotted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the construction, reconstruction and improvements of Town roads and furthermore appropriate and transfer from available funds \$505,073 for capital improvements on local roads, subject to the conditions detailed by the Massachusetts Highway Department pursuant to the MGLS and Transportation Department’s Chapter 90 Guidelines, or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 18: FUNDING CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND

By majority vote, the Town voted to transfer from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) \$400,000 to the Capital Stabilization Fund as authorized by Chapter 40, Section 5B of the General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 19: AMBULANCE STABILIZATION

By majority vote, the Town voted to transfer from Ambulance Receipts Reserve for Appropriations \$70,000 to the Ambulance Stabilization Fund as authorized by Chapter 40, Section 5B of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 20: SOCIAL DAY CARE CENTER

By majority vote, the Town voted to authorize the Fairhaven Council on Aging to expend in the Fiscal Year 2023 a sum of monies not to cumulatively exceed \$175,000 from the Grant Account known as “Receipts Reserved for Appropriation for Fairhaven Supportive Social Day Care” for the purpose of providing a Social Day Program for Senior Citizens or tatr any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 21: PROPAGATION OF SHELLFISH

By majority vote, the Town voted that \$18,000 be raised and appropriated for the propagation of shellfish

ARTICLE 22: COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS

By majority vote, the town voted to adopt the following Fiscal Year 2023 appropriations (A-H) or reserve from the Community Preservation fund annual revenues or available funds the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation committee for community preservation projects, committee’s administrative expenses, and other expenses in Fiscal Year 2023, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation.

- A. Move adoption and to Reserve for future appropriations \$65,000 from estimated FY23 receipts for acquisition, creation, and preservation of Open Space, and its rehabilitation and restoration.
- B. Move adoption and to Reserve for future appropriations \$65,000 from estimated FY23 receipts for acquisition, creation, and preservation of Historic Resources.
- C. Move adoption and to Reserve for future appropriations \$65,000 from estimated FY23 receipts for acquisition, creation, and preservation of Community Housing.
- D. Move adoption and to appropriate \$93,000 from Undesignated Fund Balance for the Millicent Library Sidewalks.
- E. Move adoption and to appropriate \$18,000 from Undesignated Fund Balance for the Spring Street Firehouse Renovations project.
- F. Move adoption and to appropriate \$180,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance (90,000) and the Reserved for Open Space (\$90,000) for 4 Pickleball courts at Livesey Park.
- G. Move adoption and to appropriate \$60,000 from the Reserved Historic Fund Balance to the Whitfield Manjiro Cultural Center.
- H. Move adoption and to appropriate \$8,500 from FY23 Estimated Receipts for administrative services and operating expenses provided in support of the Community Preservation Committee.

ARTICLE 23: REVOLVING FUND

By majority vote, the town voted to authorize and/or re-authorize the following Revolving Accounts under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½ under the following terms:

Revolving Fund	Authorizes to Spend	Revenus Source	FY23 Limit
Hazardous materials	Fire Chief	Disposal fees/charges	\$100,000.00
Sustainability	Sustainability Comm	Fees/charges	\$10,000.00
Hoppy’s Landing	Selectboard and/or Town Administrator	Fees/charges from users of Hoppy’s Landing	\$25,000.00
Town Hall Auditorium	Town Administrator	Town Hall auditorium rental fees	\$2,000.00
Park Utilities	Board of Public Works	User Fees	\$2,000.00
(New) Shellfish Mitigation	Marine Resources	Mitigation Fees	\$25,000.00
Mooring Fees	Marine Resources	Mooring fees	\$2,000.00
Mattress Recycling	Board of Health	Fees from Mattress Disposal	\$1,000.00
Hoarding Remediation	Board of Health	Revenue from Textile recovery boxes	\$1,000.00
Wellness	Wellness Committee	Fees, BCBS reimbursements	\$2,500.00

ARTICLE 24: FUND LABOR CONTRACTS

Moved to Passover

ARTICLE 25: RETIREMENT COLA

By majority vote, the town voted to accept an increase of the COLA base for retirees beginning July 1, 2022 from \$14,000.00 to \$15,000.00 consistent with the provisions of Chapter 188, Section 19, of the Acts of 2010 for a total authorization of \$64,041.00 or take any other action relative action thereto,

ARTICLE 26: ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO SUPPLEMENT ARTICLE 16B FROM THE OCTOBER 20, 2020 MEETING-WATER DEPT VAN

By majority vote, the town voted to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds of \$12,500.00 from the Water Enterprise Retained Earnings to fund Water Department Van, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 27: AMEND CHAPTER 194 STORM MANAGEMENT - EROSION AND SEDIMENT

Moved to Passover

ARTICLE 28: TREE WARDEN FROM ELECTED TO APPOINTED

By majority vote, the town voted to amend the Town of Fairhaven By-Laws by adding the following section:

The Tree Warden shall be appointed by the Town Administrator with the approval of the Select Board, and shall exercise the duties of Tree Warden and of insect pest control. Such Tree Warden shall be qualified by training and experience in the field of arboriculture and licenses with the Department of Food and Agriculture in accordance with the provisions of section ten of chapter one hundred and thirty-two B of the general Laws. The term of such appointment shall be for three years.

ARTICLE 29: AMEND BPW BY-LAW SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING

By majority vote, the Town voted to amend article 29 by adding the words “the day following” after the phrase “no later than 5:00 pm on” as it appears in subsection “b”, and to adopt the article as so amended

ARTICLE 30: TOWN HALL REPAIRS

By majority vote, the Town voted to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds \$16,000.00 Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) to do the following projects or take any other action relative thereto:

- A) Replace Curved Windows -\$8,000.00
- B) Repair Clock Gears - \$8,000.00

ARTICLE 31: PROPAGATION OF SHELLFISH – DISTURBED BY DREDGING

By majority vote, the Town voted to transfer an amount not to exceed \$23,396 from Shellfish Mitigation Fees for the propagation of Shellfish, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 32: UPDATE GENERAL PROVISIONS OF BYLAW, SECTION 1-6, NONCRIMINAL DISPOSITION OF VIOLATIONS

By majority vote, the Town voted to amend Chapter 1 General Provisions Section 1-6, Noncriminal Disposition of violation D, in addition to police officers, who shall in all cases be considered enforcing persons for the purpose of this section, the following officers of the Town shall be enforcing persons with respect to the following enumerated bylaws, rules and regulations. The penalties set force shall apply to a violation of each of the enumerated bylaws, rules and regulations. (12) Wetlands (Chapter 192),

- A) Enforcing person(s): the Chair of the Conservation Commission or the Commission’s Agent)
- B) Fines: \$300.00 for each offense, Each day or portion thereof during which a violation continues, shall constitute a separate offense, and each provision of the bylaw, regulations or permit violated shall constitute a separate offense.

ARTICLE 33: CLIMATE CHANGE VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT GRANT MATCH

By majority vote, the Town voted to appropriate \$10,000.00 Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) as a local match for a state grant to conduct a town-wide coastal vulnerability and risk assessment of municipal infrastructure and natural resources considering exposure to sea level and coastal storms,

ARTICLE 34: MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT (1st taken out of order)

By 2/3rds vote (YES 126 – NO 40) the Town voted, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 164 Section 36 to acquire a municipal light plant and to authorize such plant to construct, purchase or lease, and maintain such facilities as may be necessary for the distribution or the operation of a telecommunication system for municipal use or for the use of its customers, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 164 Section 47E, or as otherwise authorized by law, or to take any other action thereto.

ARTICLE 35: MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT (2nd taken out of order)

By majority vote, the Town voted to petition the General Court for the passage of special enabling legislation authorizing the Town to authorize, issue and sell revenue bonds to finance the development of telecommunications facilities, fund any necessary reserves, pledge revenues from the operation of telecommunications facilities and all costs associated therewith, which special enabling legislation shall be in the following form subject to such changes as the General Court shall recommend and the Select Board shall approve; or to take any other action relative thereto.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES BY THE TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, the town of Fairhaven, when authorized by a two thirds vote as defined in section one of chapter forty-four, may borrow money by the issue of its revenue bonds to pay costs of designing, engineering, constructing and reconstructing telecommunications facilities, which revenue bonds shall be payable from rates and charges collected by the Town for the provision of telecommunications services, acting through its municipal light board. Such project costs may include all costs, whether incurred prior to or after the issue of bonds or notes hereunder, of acquisition, site development, construction, improvement, enlargement, reconstruction, alteration, machinery, equipment, furnishings, demolition or removal of existing buildings or structures, including the cost of acquiring any lands to which such buildings or structures may be moved, financing charges, interest prior to and during the carrying out of any project and for a reasonable period thereafter, planning, engineering, finance advisory and legal services, administrative expenses, the funding of notes issued for project costs as hereinafter provided, such reserves for debt service or other capital or current expenses as may be required by a trust agreement or resolution securing notes or bonds, and all other expenses incidental to the determination of the feasibility of any project or to carrying out the project or to placing the project in operation. Any bonds or notes issued pursuant to this act shall not be subject to the limitation on indebtedness set forth in section 10 of chapter 44 of the General Laws.

SECTION 2. The bonds of each issue shall mature at a time or times not exceeding thirty years from their dates of issue and may be made redeemable before maturity with or without premiums. Subject to the provisions of this act, the treasurer with the approval of the select board, shall determine the date or dates of the bonds, their denomination or denominations, the place or places of payment of the principal and interest, which may be at any bank or trust company within

or without the commonwealth, their interest rate or rates, including rates variable from time to time as determined by such index, banker's loan rate or other method, maturity or maturities, redemption privileges, if any, and the form and other details of the bonds. The bonds shall be signed by the town treasurer, shall be countersigned by a majority of the select board either manually or by facsimile, and shall bear the seal of the town or a facsimile thereof. The town may sell its bonds in such manner, either at public or private sale, for such price, at such rate or rates of interest, or at such discount in lieu of interest, as the officers authorized to issue the same shall determine.

SECTION 3. Any bonds issued under this act may be secured by a resolution or by a trust or security agreement between the town and a corporate trustee, which may be any trust company or bank having the powers of a trust company within or without the commonwealth, or by a trust or security agreement directly between the town and the purchasers of the bonds, and such resolution or trust or security agreement shall be in such form and executed in such manner as may be determined by the authorized officers. Such trust or security agreement or resolution may pledge or assign, in whole or in part, the revenues held or to be received by the town from or on account of the operation of its telecommunications facilities, and any contract or other rights to receive the same, whether then existing or thereafter coming into existence and whether then held or thereafter acquired by the town, and the proceeds thereof. Such trust or security agreement or resolution may contain such provisions for protecting and enforcing the rights, security and remedies of the bondholders as may, in the discretion of the authorized officers, be reasonable and proper and not in violation of law. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, such agreement or resolution may include provisions defining defaults and providing for remedies in the event of default, which may include the acceleration of maturities, and covenants setting forth the duties of, and limitations on, the town in relation to the custody, safeguarding, investment and application of moneys, the issue of additional or refunding bonds, the fixing, revision and collection of fees, charges and other revenues, the use of any surplus bond proceeds, the establishment of reserves, the construction and operation of the telecommunication facilities, and the making and amending of contracts relating to the bonds. It shall be lawful for any bank or trust company to act as a depository or trustee of the proceeds of bonds, revenues or other moneys under a trust or security agreement or resolution and to furnish such indemnification or to pledge such securities and issue such letters or lines of credit or other credit facilities as may be required by the town acting hereunder. Any such trust or security agreement or resolution may set forth the rights and remedies of bondholders and of the trustee and may restrict the individual right of action by bondholders.

SECTION 4. Any pledge of revenues, contract or other rights to receive revenues, or the proceeds thereof made by the town under this act shall be valid and binding and shall be deemed continuously perfected for the purposes of the Uniform Commercial Code and other laws from the time when the pledge is made; the revenues, moneys, rights and proceeds so pledged and then held or thereafter acquired or received by the town shall immediately be subject to the lien of such pledge without any physical delivery or segregation thereof or further act; and the lien of such pledge shall be valid and binding against all parties having claims of any kind in tort, contract or otherwise against the town, irrespective of whether such parties have notice thereof. Neither the resolution, any trust or security agreement nor any other agreement by which a pledge is created need be filed or recorded except in the records of the town and no filing need be made under the Uniform Commercial Code.

SECTION 5. The town, when authorized by its select board, may issue refunding bonds for the purpose of paying any of its bonds issued pursuant to this act at or prior to maturity or upon acceleration or redemption. Refunding bonds may be issued at such times prior to the maturity or

redemption of the refunding bonds as the select board may determine. The refunding bonds may be issued in sufficient amounts to pay or provide the principal of the bonds being refunded, together with any redemption premium on the bonds, any interest accrued or to accrue to the date of payment of such bonds, the expenses of issue of the refunding bonds, the expenses of redeeming the bonds being refunded, and such reserves for debt service or other expenses from the proceeds of such refunding bonds as may be required by a trust or security agreement or resolution securing the bonds. The authorization and issue of refunding bonds, the maturities and other details of such bonds, the security for the bonds, the rights of the holders of the bonds, and the rights, duties and obligations of the town in respect to the same shall be governed by the provisions of this act relating to the issue of bonds other than refunding bonds insofar as the same may be applicable.

SECTION 6. Any bonds issued under authority of this act may be issued by the town pursuant to lines of credit or other banking arrangements under such terms and conditions not inconsistent with this act, and under such agreements as the authorized officers may determine to be in the best interests of the town. In addition to other security provided herein or otherwise by law, bonds issued by the town under this act may be secured, in whole or in part, by insurance or by letters or lines of credit or other credit facilities issued to the town by any bank, trust company or other financial institution, within or without the commonwealth, and the town may pledge or assign any of the rates and charges collected by the town for the provision of telecommunications services as security for the reimbursement by the town to the issuers of such letters or lines of credit, insurance or credit facilities of any payments made thereunder.

SECTION 7. Any debt service fund, construction fund, debt service reserve fund, depreciation reserve fund or other fund established in connection with the issuance of bonds under this act shall be kept separate from other moneys of the town. The moneys deposited in any such funds, together with income derived from any investments held as part of such funds, shall be expended without further authorization or appropriation as provided for in the trust or security agreement or resolution establishing such funds.

SECTION 8. All moneys received pursuant to the provisions of this act, whether as proceeds from the issue of bonds, as revenues, or otherwise, shall be deemed to be trust funds to be held and applied solely as provided in this act.

SECTION 9. The provisions of this act shall be deemed to provide an additional and alternative method for the effectuation of the purposes of this act and shall be construed to be supplemental to, and not in derogation of, powers otherwise conferred by law on the town, provided, however, that insofar as the provisions of this act are inconsistent with the provisions of any general or special law, administrative order or rule, the provisions of this act shall be controlling.

SECTION 10. In case any officer whose signature or a facsimile of whose signature shall appear on any bonds or notes issued under this act shall cease to be such officer before the delivery thereof, such signature or such facsimile shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes the same as if he or she had remained in office until after such delivery.

SECTION 11. The owner of real property located in the town may enter into an agreement with the municipal light board, or if there is none, the Town acting through its select board to pay a fixed assessment for a right of access of that real property to one or more service connections to the town's telecommunications facilities. A notice of such agreement, or of multiple agreements, shall be recorded as a betterment and except as otherwise set forth herein, or by the agreement of

the parties hereunder, shall be subject to the provisions of chapter 80 relative to the apportionment, division, reassessment and collection of assessment, abatement and collections of assessments, and to interest; provided, however, that for purposes of this section, such lien shall take effect by operation of law on the day immediately following the due date of such assessment or apportioned part of such assessment and such assessment may bear interest at a rate determined by the town treasurer, or by agreement with the owner at the time such agreement is entered into between the town or its municipal light board and the property owner. In addition to remedies available under chapter 80, the property owner shall be personally liable for payment under the agreement; provided, however, that upon assumption of such personal obligation to a purchaser or other transferee of all of the original owners interest in the property at the time of conveyance and the recording of such assumption, the owner shall be relieved of such personal liability.

An agreement between an owner and the town or its municipal light board pursuant to this act shall not be considered a breach of limitation or prohibition contained in a note, mortgage or contract on the transfer of an interest in property, provided that the lien established by an agreement under this act shall be subordinate to all previously recorded notes, mortgages, contracts, executions or attachments.

Notwithstanding any provision of chapter 183A to the contrary, the organization of unit owners of a condominium may petition the town or its municipal light board to enter into an agreement pursuant to this act. Such agreement shall: (i) be approved by a majority of the unit owners; (ii) include an identification of the units and unit owners subject to the agreement; and (iii) include a statement by an officer or trustee of the organization of unit owners certifying that the required number of unit owners have approved the agreement. As between the affected unit owners and the town, such certification shall be conclusive evidence of the authority of the organization of unit owners to enter into the agreement. A notice of such agreement shall be recorded as a betterment in the registry of deeds or registry district of the land court where the master deed is recorded and shall be otherwise subject to the provisions of chapter 80 as provided for in this act. The assessment under such agreement may be charged or assessed to the organization of unit owners but shall not constitute an assessment of common expenses. Instead, the allocable share of the assessment shall attach as a lien to the units identified in the recorded notice and the owners of such units shall also be personally liable for their allocable share of the assessment as provided for in this section.

The assessment charged pursuant to all agreements authorized by this act shall be a uniform charge for each service connection allowed under such agreements, provided that if the Town's telecommunications facilities are constructed in separate phases within distinct geographic areas of the town, the assessment charged shall be uniform within each geographic area, but may differ from one such geographic area to another. The municipal light board, or if there is none, the Town acting through its select board, may determine from time to time, to increase the charge, based upon generally accepted consumer price indexes. The assessment charged pursuant to an agreement shall remain unchanged for the term of that agreement.

Revenues received by the Town or its municipal light board from charges assessed under this act shall be used first to pay amounts due under long-term obligations of the Town or its municipal light board related to the town's telecommunications facilities, and any remaining receipts shall be used to offset operational costs of the town's telecommunications facilities.

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect upon its passage

ARTICLE 36: WETLANDS BYLAW UPDATES-FY23

Motion made to Indefinitely Postpone: Motion did not pass

Main Motion: passed

By majority vote, the Town voted to amend the Wetlands Bylaw

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Fairhaven 5-10-1988 by Art. 58 (Ch. XXIX of the 1934 Bylaws). Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Conservation Commission – See Ch. 8 Subdivision of land – See Ch. 322

§ 192-1. Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to protect the wetlands, related water resources and adjoining land areas in the Town of Fairhaven by controlling activities deemed by the Fairhaven Conservation Commission likely to have a significant or cumulative effect upon wetland values, including but not limited to the following: public or private water supply, groundwater, flood control, erosion and sedimentation control, storm damage prevention, water pollution control, fisheries, land containing shellfish, wildlife habitat, recreation, aesthetics, agriculture values, and the ability of resource areas to mitigate impacts from climate change (collectively, the “wetland values protected by this chapter”).

§ 192-2. Regulated activities.

[Amended 5-1-2010 STM by Art. 13]

Except as permitted by the Fairhaven Conservation Commission or as provided in this chapter, no person shall remove, fill, dredge, build upon or alter the following resource areas:

- A. Any freshwater or coastal wetland, marsh, wet meadow, bog, or swamp; or within 100 feet of these resource areas.
- B. Any bank, beach, creek, dune, lake, river, pond, stream, estuary, or ocean; or within 100 feet of these resource areas.
- C. Any land under lakes, rivers, ponds, streams, estuaries or the ocean.
- D. Lands subject to flooding or inundation by groundwater or surface water, lands subject to tidal action, coastal storm flowage, or flooding
- E. The Coastal Resilience Zone (CRZ)
- F. Land in the Nasketucket River Basin Overlay District.

§ 192-3. Exceptions.

- A. The permit and application required by this chapter shall not be required for maintaining, repairing or replacing an existing and lawfully located structure or facility used in the service of the public to provide electric, gas, water, telephone or other telecommunication services, provided that the structure or facility is not substantially changed or enlarged.
- B. The permit and application required by this chapter shall not apply to emergency projects necessary for the protection of the health or safety of the public, provided that:
 - 1) The work is to be performed by or has been ordered to be performed by an agency of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or a political subdivision thereof.
 - 2) Advance notice, oral or written, has been given to the Commission or its agent prior to commencement of work or within 24 hours after commencement.
 - 3) For any work proposed to the north of the eastern terminus of the New Bedford Harbor hurricane barrier, and within one hundred (100) feet of a wetland resource area

protected under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and corresponding regulations and this Bylaw and corresponding regulations, notice shall also be provided to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which is implementing the cleanup of the New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site.

- 4) The Commission or its agent certifies the work as an emergency project.
- 5) The work is performed only for the time and place so certified for the limited purposes necessary to abate the emergency.
- 6) Within 21 days of commencement of an emergency project a permit application shall be filed with the Conservation Commission for review as provided by this chapter.

C. Upon failure to meet these requirements and any other requirements imposed by the Commission pursuant to this chapter, the Commission may, after notice and a public hearing, revoke or modify an emergency project certification and order restoration and mitigation measures.

§ 192-4. Permit application and requests for determination.

- A. Written application shall be filed with the Conservation Commission to perform regulated activities regulated as defined in § 192-2. The application shall include such information and plans as are deemed necessary by the Commission to describe proposed activities and their effects on the environment. No activities shall commence without receiving and complying with a permit issued pursuant to this chapter.
- B. In its discretion the Commission may accept the notice of intent and plans filed under MGL c. 31, § 40 (the Wetlands Protection Act) as the application and plans under this chapter. Any person desiring to know whether or not the proposed activity of an area is subject to this chapter may request a determination for the Commission in writing. Such a request for determination shall contain data and plans specified by the regulations of the Commission.
- C. At the time of an application or request, the applicant shall pay a filing fee specified in the regulation of the Commission, said fee to be in addition to any fee required by MGL c. 131, § 40 (the Wetlands Protection Act). The Commission may establish filing fees in amounts reasonably designed to recover the cost to the Town of processing such application, including the cost to the Town of professional services for design review, site inspection and testing and related services. The Commission may waive the filing fee for an application or request filed by a government agency and shall waive all fees, costs and expenses for a request for determination filed by a person who is not the owner or a person acting on behalf of the owner.

§ 192-5. Notice and hearings.

- A. At the same time any person files an application or request for determination with the Conservation Commission, he/she shall give written notice thereof, by certificate of mailing, certified mail, or hand delivery to all abutters according to the most recent records of the Assessors, including those across a traveled way, a body of water or a Town line. The notice to abutters shall enclose a copy of the application or request, with plans, or shall state where copies may be examined by abutters. When a person requesting a determination is other than the owner or a person acting on behalf of the owner, the request, the notice of the hearing and the determination itself shall be sent by the Commission to the owner(s) as well as the person making the request. For any work proposed to the north of the eastern terminus of the New Bedford Harbor hurricane barrier, and within one hundred feet (100) feet of a wetland resource area protected under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and corresponding regulations and this Bylaw and corresponding regulations, notice shall also be provided to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which is implementing the cleanup of the New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site. This notice to EPA shall enclose a copy of the application or request, with plans.

- B. The Commission shall conduct a public hearing on any application or request for determination, with written notice given, at the expense of the applicant, in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town at least five working days prior to the hearing.
- C. The Commission shall commence the public hearing within 21 days from receipt of a completed application or request for determination and shall issue its permit, denial or determination in writing within 21 days of the close of said public hearing. In its discretion, the Commission may combine this hearing under this chapter with a hearing conducted under MGL c. 131, § 40 (the Wetlands Protection Act).
- D. The Commission shall have the authority to continue any hearing to a date certain announced at the hearing, for reasons stated at the hearing, which may include receipt of additional information offered by the applicant or others, information and plans required of the applicant deemed necessary by the Commission in its discretion or comments and recommendations of other Town boards and officials. If the applicant objects to a continuance or postponement, the hearing shall be closed, and the Commission shall take action on the information then available to it.

§ 192-6. Permits; determinations and conditions.

- A. If, after a public hearing, the Conservation Commission determines that the activities which are the subject of the application are not likely to have a significant or cumulative effect upon the wetlands values protected by this chapter, the Commission shall, within 21 days of the close of the hearing, issue a permit for the activities requested. Such permit shall be without conditions. If, after a public hearing, the Conservation Commission determines that the activities which are the subject of the application are likely to have a significant or cumulative effect upon any or all of the wetlands values protected by this chapter, the Commission shall, within 21 days of the close of the hearing, issue a permit for the activities requested, in which case the Commission shall impose conditions which it deems necessary or desirable to protect those values, and all activities shall be done in accordance with those conditions, or deny a permit.
- B. The Commission may deny a permit for the following reasons:
 - 1) Failure to meet the requirement of this chapter.
 - 2) Failure to submit necessary information and/or plans requested by the Commission.
 - 3) Failure to meet the design specifications, performance standards and other requirements in regulations of the Commission.
 - 4) Failure to avoid or prevent unacceptable significant or cumulative effects upon any or all of the wetland values protected by this chapter.
- C. A permit shall expire three years from the date of issue. Any permit may be renewed once for an additional period, up to three years, provided that a written request for renewal is received by the Commission prior to expiration and that the Commission may grant such extension as it finds necessary to allow completion of the permitted work.
- D. Any permit issued under this chapter may be revoked or modified by the Commission after public notice and notice to the holder of the permit and a public hearing thereon, upon a finding of the existence of circumstances which would justify the denial of or imposition of conditions on a permit.
- E. In its discretion, the Commission may combine the permit or other action on an application issued under this chapter with the order of conditions issued under the Wetlands Protection Act.

§ 192-7. Regulations.

After public notice and public hearing, the Conservation Commission shall promulgate rules and regulations to achieve the purposes of this chapter. Failure by the Commission to promulgate such rules and regulations or a legal declaration of their invalidity by a court of law shall not act to

suspend or invalidate the effect of this chapter.

§ 192-8. Definitions.

The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and implementation of this chapter:

AESTHETICS

Includes, without limitation, the relevant qualities to be protected under the bylaw which are due to those natural and natively scenic impressions of all resource areas protected under this Bylaw, including but not limited to our shores, ponds, lakes, streams, rivers, harbors, and the lands bordering them. The aesthetic trust of the Commission shall be the preservation of a perception of the land which is most conducive to a natural aquatic system, a wildlife habitat, and a protective buffer between wetland resources and human development activities.

ALTER

Includes, without limitation, the following activities when undertaken to, upon, within or effecting resource areas protected by this chapter:

- A. Removal, excavation or dredging of soil, sand, loam, peat, gravel or aggregate materials of any kind.
- B. Changing of preexisting drainage characteristics, flushing characteristics, salinity distribution, sedimentation patterns, flow patterns or flood retention characteristics.
- C. Drainage or other disturbance of water level or water table.
- D. Dumping, discharging or filling with any material which may degrade water quality.
- E. Placing of fill or removal of material which would alter elevation.
- F. Driving of piles, erection, alteration or repair of buildings or structures of any kind.
- G. Placing of obstructions or objects in water.
- H. Destruction of plant life, including cutting of trees.
- I. Changing water temperature, biochemical oxygen demand or other physical or chemical characteristics of water.
- J. Any activities, changes or work which may cause or tend to contribute to pollution or any body of water or groundwater.

CUMULATIVE EFFECT

An effect that is significant when considered in combination with other activities that have occurred, that are occurring simultaneously, or that are reasonably foreseeable, whether such other activities are contemplated as a separate phase of the same project, or arise from unrelated but reasonably foreseeable future projects. Future effects of sea level rise, coastal or inland flooding, or other future climate change effects are included among cumulative effects.

COASTAL FLOOD RISK AREA

Any land which is subject to any inundation caused by coastal storms up to and including that predicted to be caused by the 1% annual storm for the Target Year, as defined by the best available coastal flooding model.

COASTAL RESILIENCE ZONE (CRZ)

Shall include the following resource areas: (a) any Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage; (b) any Coastal Flood Risk Area; and (c) the buffer zone of any Other Coastal Wetland Resource located in whole or in part within (a) or (b). The CRZ may include within its boundaries one or more of the following subareas: Velocity (V) Zone; Moderate Wave Action Area (MoWA); Highly Developed Area; and Special Transitional Area.

HIGHLY DEVELOPED AREA

As defined in the DEP Regulations, and to be applied for the purposes of this Bylaw to any applicable subareas within the CRZ.

MODERATE WAVE ACTION AREA (MoWA)

A subarea of LSCSF, with wave heights between 1.5 – 3 feet, as defined in the DEP Regulations or by FEMA. If the best available coastal flooding model projects a broader extent of the MoWA than that defined in the DEP Regulations, the Conservation Commission may adopt such modified projection by Local Regulation.

PERSON

Any individual, group of individuals, association, partnership, corporation company, business organization, trust, estate, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or political subdivision thereof to the extent subject to Town bylaws, administrative agency, public or quasi-public corporation or body, the Town of Fairhaven and any other legal entity, its legal representatives, agents or assigns.

SPECIAL TRANSITIONAL AREA

Subareas within the CRZ that are located immediately landward of coastal beaches, coastal dunes, barrier beaches, coastal banks, or salt marshes, and extending in a direction perpendicular from the nearest adjoining land under water to the interior boundary of the CRZ.

TARGET YEAR

The year specified by the Conservation Commission for projections of sea level rise and flood risk. If the Best Available Coastal Flooding model is based on a single target year, then the Conservation Commission shall adopt that year as the Target Year. If the model includes multiple target years, then the Conservation Commission shall adopt, by Local Regulation, the Target Year for the Best Available Coastal Flooding model.

§ 192-9. Security.

As part of a permit issued under this chapter, in addition to any security required by any other Town or state board, agency or official, the Conservation Commission may require that the performance and observance of any conditions imposed hereunder be secured wholly or in part by one or more of the methods described below:

- A. By a proper bond or deposit of money or negotiable securities or other undertaking of financial responsibility in an amount sufficient in the opinion of the Commission.
- B. By a conservation restriction, easement or other covenant enforceable in a court of law, executed and duly recorded by the owner of record, running with the land to the benefit of the Town of Fairhaven requiring the permit conditions to be performed before any interest may be conveyed other than a mortgage interest

§ 192-10. Enforcement.

- A. The Conservation Commission, its agents, officers and employees shall have authority to enter upon privately owned land for the purpose of performing their duties under this chapter and make or cause to be made such examinations, surveys or samplings as the Commission deems necessary.
- B. The Commission shall have authority to enforce this chapter, its regulations and permits issued thereunder by violation notices, administrative orders and civil and criminal court actions.
- C. Upon request of the Commission, the Select Board and Town Counsel shall take legal action for enforcement under civil law. Upon request of the Commission, the Chief of Police shall take legal action for enforcement under criminal law.

D. Town boards and officers, including any police officer or other officer having police powers, shall have authority to assist the Commission in enforcement.

§ 192-11. Violations and penalties.

- A. Any person who violates any provision of this chapter, regulations thereunder or permits issued thereunder shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$300. Each day or portion thereof during which a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense, and each provision of the bylaw regulations or permit violated shall constitute a separate offense.
- B. In the alternative to criminal prosecution, the Commission may elect to utilize the non criminal disposition procedure set forth in MGL c. 40, § 21D.

§ 192-12. Burden of proof.

The applicant for a permit shall have the burden of proving by a preponderance of the credible evidence that the work proposed in the application will not have unacceptable significant or cumulative effect upon the wetland values protected by this chapter.

§ 192-13. Relation to Wetland Protection Act.

This chapter is adopted under the Home Rule Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution and the Home Rule Statutes, independent of MGL c. 131, § 40 (the Wetlands Protection Act) and regulations thereunder.

§ 192-14. Severability.

The invalidity of any section or provision of this chapter shall not invalidate any other section or provision thereof nor shall it invalidate any permit or determination which previously has been issued.

ARTICLE 37: HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN GRANT MATCH-FY23

By majority vote, the Town voted to appropriate \$5,000.00 as a local match for a MEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program grant to update our Hazard Mitigation Plan by 2023 as required.

ARTICLE 38: UPPER NARRAGANSETT AVENUE REZONE-FY23

By 2/3rds vote, the Town voted to amend the Zoning Map as follows:
Narragansett Boulevard north of Progress Avenue (Paper Street).
Rezone the following described lots from Business District (B) to the Single Residence District (RA) and comprised of the following Assessor's Map-Lots:
30a Lots 198-207, 30a Lots 209-213, 30a Lots 215-220, 30a Lots 306-328.

ARTICLE 39: PUBLIC FACILITIES SETBACK-FY23

MOVED TO PASS OVER

ARTICLE 40: BRIDGE STREET ENGINEERING DESIGN-FY23

MOVED TO PASS OVER

ARTICLE 41: UNION WHARF PURCHASE 900 SQ. FT. PARCEL-FY23

By majority vote, the Town voted to purchase, and to raise or appropriate from available funds the parcel on Union Wharf shown on Fairhaven Assessors' Map 7 Lot 7, containing 900 square feet more or less, for general municipal purposes, and to appropriate for that purpose the sum of \$80,000.00 or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 42: MATTAPOISETT RIVER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT BORROWING-FY23

By majority vote, the Town voted to approve the \$7,200,000.00 indebtedness authorized by the

District Commission of the Mattapoisett River Valley Water District on May 6, 2022 for the purpose of financing the construction of water treatment facility upgrades including, but not limited to, ultra-filtration system and related appurtenances replacement, ultraviolet disinfection system, supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system upgrades, engineering and all other related professional fees, and including without limitation all costs thereof.

**ARTICLE 43: SEAPORT ECONOMIC COUNCIL GRANT - WEST ISLAND DREDGING
\$200,000.00 WITH 20% MATCH OF \$40,000.00-FY23**

By majority vote, the Town voted to transfer from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash), \$40,000.00 for the required 20% matching funds associated with the Seaport Economic Council Dredging Design and Permitting Grant for the West Island Dredging Project \$200,000.00 or to take any other action relative thereto:

**ARTICLE 44: SEAPORT ECONOMIC COUNCIL GRANT - UNION WHARF
NORTH SIDE \$1,000,000.00 WITH 25% MATCH OF \$250,000.00-FY23**

By majority vote, the Town voted to transfer from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash), \$250,000.00 for the required 25% matching funds associated with the Seaport Economic Council to start fixing the north side of Union Wharf \$1,000,000.00 or to take any other action relative thereto:

**ARTICLE 45: FEMA GRANT-HYDRAULIC RESCUE EQUIP
\$26,000.00 WITH 5% MATCH OF \$1,893.00-FY23**

By Majority vote, the Town voted to transfer from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash), \$14,286.00 for the required 5% matching funds associated with FEMA Grant for a new ambulance \$285,715.00 or to take any other action relative thereto

**ARTICLE 46: FEMA GRANT-NEW AMBULANCE
\$285,715.00 WITH 5% MATCH OF \$14,286.00-FY23**

By majority vote, the Town voted to transfer from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash), \$14,286.00 for the required 5% matching funds associated with FEMA Grant for a new ambulance \$285,715.00 or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 47: SEWER RESERVE FOR FUTURE DEBT-FY22

By majority vote, the Town voted to transfer \$54,876.00 from Sconticut Neck Sewer Betterment Stabilization to Sewer Reserve for future Sewer debt, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 48: CITIZENS PETITION - REZONING 114 SCONTICUT NECK ROAD-FY23

By 2/3rds vote, the Town voted to rezone 114 Sconticut Neck Road from existing zoning Business District to proposed zoning Mixed Use District, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 49: CITIZENS PETITION - ST ACCEPTANCE MILL ROAD FROM 291-312- FY23
NO MOTION MADE – NO ACTION TAKEN**

**ARTICLE 50: CITIZENS PETITION - STREET ACCEPTANCE YANKEE LANE
FROM MILL ROAD TO 20 YANKEE LANE**

NO MOTION MADE – NO ACTION TAKEN

ARTICLE 51: CITIZENS PETITION - STREET LIGHT REQUEST WELCOME STREET

By majority vote, the Town voted to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the installation and maintenance of the following street light, or take any other action relative thereto: Welcome Street (area 24 to cul de sac) - already installed.

ARTICLE 52: CITIZENS PETITION – HARD SURFACE MILL RD FROM 291-312
NO MOTION MADE – NO ACTION TAKEN

ARTICLE 53: CITIZENS PETITION – HARD SURFACE YANKEE LANE FROM
MILL RD TO 20 YANKEE LANE
NO MOTION MADE –NO ACTION TAKEN

ARTICLE 54: CITIZENS PETITION – HARD SURFACE EBONY STREET FROM
FISHERMAN ROAD TO GULL ISLAND ROAD
MOVED TO PASS OVER

ARTICLE 55: CITIZENS PETITION – HARD SURFACE RESERVATION ROAD FROM
SMITH STREET TO BERNESE STREET
MOVED TO PASS OVER

ARTICLE 56: CITIZENS PETITION – HARD SURFACE CHASE ROAD FROM
CRESCENT DRIVE TO RAYMOND STREET
MOVED TO PASS OVER

ARTICLE 57: CITIZENS PETITION – LOCAL ACCEPTANCE OF MGL PART 1,
TITLE IX, CH. 59, SECTION 5, CLAUSES 42 & 43
MOVED INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT

ARTICLE 58: RESCIND BORROWING FIRE ENGINE 2-FY23
By majority vote,the Town voted to rescind the \$625,000.00 borrowing authorization of the Fire Engine which was voted at the June 12, 2021 Town meeting article 14F.

ARTICLE 59: TRANSFER FROM SURPLUS REVENUE-FY23
MOVED TO PASS OVER

Motion to adjourn made and seconded.
Saturday, June 18, 2022 Annual Town Meeting adjourned at 12:59pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Linda Fredette, Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022
WALTER SILVEIRA AUDITORIUM –HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL
TOWN MEETING MEMBERS PRESENT 117–
QUORUM REQUIRED 100

Meeting called to order by Moderator at 7:00pm

The Moderator stated that the warrant has been properly served and that there was a quorum

Pledge of Allegiance

The National Anthem

The Moderator introduced those seated on stage.

Instructions were given to the Town Meeting Members.

ARTICLE 1: AMEND FY23 GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET

By majority vote, the Town voted to amend Article 8 of the June 18, 2022 Town Meeting “General Fund Operating Budget – FY23” as follows

1. Transfer from Surplus Revenue as follows:
 - A. \$2,000 be transferred from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) to Animal Control – Gasoline.
 - B. \$6,500 be transferred from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) to Council on Aging – Gasoline.
 - C. \$25,000 be transferred from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) to Fire Department – Gasoline.
 - D. \$12,500 be transferred from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) to Highway Department – Gasoline.
 - E. \$4,000 be transferred from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) to Park Department – Gasoline.
 - F. \$33,000 be transferred from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) to Police Department – Gasoline.
 - G. \$5,000 be transferred from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) to Marine Resources – Gasoline.
 - H. \$4,000 be transferred from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) to Tree Department –Gasoline.
 - I. \$4,690 be transferred from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) to Council on Aging – Repairs & Maintenance Building.
 - J. \$4,000 be transferred from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) to Recreation Department – Repairs & Maintenance Building.
 - K. \$3,000 be transferred from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) to Town Clerk – Postage.
 - L. \$11,500 be transferred from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) to Conservation Department – Contracted Services.

2. Transfer from Enterprise Funds as follows:
 - A. \$12,000 be transferred from Water Retained Earnings to Water Department– Gasoline.
 - B. \$8,000 be transferred from Sewer Retained Earnings to Sewer Department – Gasoline.
 - C. \$2,794 be transferred from Water Retained Earnings to Water Department Salaries & Wages.
 - D. \$2,111 be transferred from Sewer Retained Earnings to Sewer Department Salaries & Wages.
 - E. \$3,157 be transferred from Town Cable Retained Earnings to Town Cable Department Salaries & Wages.

3. Transfer from Wage and Salary Reserve as follows:
 - A. \$2,200 be transferred from Wage and Salary Reserve to Select Board/Town Administrator Salaries & Wages.
 - B. \$1,640 be transferred from Wage and Salary Reserve to Human Resources Salaries & Wages.
 - C. \$2,967 be transferred from Wage and Salary Reserve to Town Accountant Salaries & Wages.
 - D. \$2,531 be transferred from Wage and Salary Reserve to Treasurer/Collector Salaries & Wages.
 - E. \$1,744 be transferred from Wage and Salary Reserve to Assessors Salaries & Wages.
 - F. \$1,137 be transferred from Wage and Salary Reserve to Elections & Registration Salaries & Wages.
 - G. \$1,426 be transferred from Wage and Salary Reserve to Town Hall Salaries & Wages.
 - H. \$2,519 be transferred from Wage and Salary Reserve to Planning and Economic Development Salaries & Wages.
 - I. \$104 be transferred from Wage and Salary Reserve to Board of Appeals Salaries & Wages.

- J. \$1,957 be transferred from Wage and Salary Reserve to Conservation/Sustainability Salaries & Wages.
- K. \$2,689 be transferred from Wage and Salary Reserve to Police Department Salaries & Wages.
- L. \$3,093 be transferred from Wage and Salary Reserve to Fire Department Salaries & Wages.
- M. \$3,568 be transferred from Wage and Salary Reserve to Building Department Salaries & Wages.
- N. \$2,627 be transferred from Wage and Salary Reserve to Marine Resources Salaries & Wages.
- O. \$1,490 be transferred from Wage and Salary Reserve to Highway Department Salaries & Wages.
- P. \$4,189 be transferred from Wage and Salary Reserve to Board of Public Works Administration Salaries & Wages.
- Q. \$1,865 be transferred from Wage and Salary Reserve to Tree Warden Department Salaries & Wages.
- R. \$2,175 be transferred from Wage and Salary Reserve to Board of Health Salaries & Wages.
- S. \$2,596 be transferred from Wage and Salary Reserve to Council on Aging Salaries & Wages
- T. \$1,771 be transferred from Wage and Salary Reserve to Veterans Salaries & Wages.
- U. \$4,107 be transferred from Wage and Salary Reserve to Recreation Department Salaries & Wages.
- V. \$1,548 be transferred from Wage and Salary Reserve to Tourism Salaries & Wages.
- W. \$ 1,363 be transferred from Wage and Salary Reserve to Park Department Salaries & Wages.

ARTICLE 2: AMEND FY23 WATER ENTERPRISE OPERATING BUDGET

By majority vote, the Town voted to amend Article 9 of the June 18, 2022 Annual Town Meeting “Water Enterprise Operating Budget – FY23” by transferring \$15,000 from Water Retained Earnings to Water Department – Salaries for the purpose of a retirement payoff.

ARTICLE 3: SPECIAL EDUCATION RESERVE FUND

By majority vote, the Town voted to transfer \$58,000 from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) to be deposited in the Special Education Reserve Fund as authorized by Chapter 40, Section 13E of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 4: SOUTH STREET PUMP STATION VALVE REPLACEMENT

By majority vote, the Town voted to transfer \$50,000 from Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings to replace a valve at the South Street Pumping Station.

ARTICLE 5: HOME RULE PETITION

PASSED OVER

ARTICLE 6: BILLS OF PRIOR YEAR – Paid from FY23 funds

By 9/10ths vote, the Town voted to approve \$535.30 for a Fire Dept bill (Med-Tech) of a prior year, with the funds coming from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash). (Vote Required: 9/10 pursuant to G.L. c, 44, s.64)

ARTICLE 7: TOWN HALL ELEVATOR

By majority vote, the Town voted to transfer \$8,250 from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) to fix the Town Hall elevator.

ARTICLE 8: TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S OFFICE FURNITURE

By majority vote, the Town voted to transfer \$16,000 to purchase office furniture to make the office function able from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash)

ARTICLE 9: AMBULANCE REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS

By majority vote, the Town voted to appropriate \$75,000 from Ambulance Receipts Reserved for additional funding needed for the Ambulance purchase voted on the General Fund Capital article

ARTICLE 10: SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOLS

By majority vote, the Town voted to authorize the Select Board to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise, on such terms and conditions as the Select Board shall determine, permanent and temporary easements and other rights or interests in land on certain parcels of land shown on plans titled "Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division Plan and Profile of Scoticut Neck Road in the Town of Fairhaven Bristol County Preliminary Right of Way Plans," prepared by Chappell Engineering Associates, LLC, as said plans may be amended, for construction, public way, utility, and/or other municipal purposes; and, further, to authorize the Select Board to enter into all agreements and take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out said acquisitions and other acts authorized herein; and, further, to authorize the Select Board to seek authorization and approval of the General Court, which may include a petition brought pursuant to the provisions of Article 97 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts relative to certain permanent and temporary easements to be located upon land owned by the Town of Fairhaven; and further, to accomplish these purposes and acquisitions, to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the costs associated with this project and the acquisitions of the rights and interests identified herein; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11: THERMAL CAMERA SYSTEM – HARBORMASTER BOAT

By majority vote, the Town voted to transfer \$9,020 from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) for the replacement of the Harbormaster Thermal Camera System.

ARTICLE 12: FUND LABOR CONTRACTS FY23

By majority vote, the Town voted to waive § 50-9D of the General Provision in accordance with § 50-9F

By majority vote, the Town voted to fund the labor contract and adopt the following:

- A. Select Board/Town Administrator Salaries and Wages – By majority vote, the Town voted that the sum of \$1,999.55 be transferred from FY23 Wage and Salary Reserve.
- B. Human Resources Salaries and Wages – By majority vote, the Town voted that the sum of \$1,683.36 be transferred from FY23 Wage and Salary Reserve.
- C. Treasurer/Collector Salaries and Wages- By majority vote, the Town voted that the sum of \$12,545.37 be transferred from FY23 Wage and Salary Reserve.
- D. Town Clerk Salaries and Wages- By majority vote, the Town voted that the sum of \$3,237.15 be transferred from FY23 Wage and Salary Reserve.
- E. Assessors Salaries and Wages- By majority vote, the Town voted that the sum of \$4,664.59 be transferred from FY23 Wage and Salary Reserve.
- F. Police Department Salaries and Wages- By majority vote, the Town voted that the sum of \$46,959.12 be transferred from FY23 Wage and Salary Reserve.
- G. Fire Department Salaries and Wages- PASSED OVER
- H. Building Department Salaries and Wages- By majority vote, the Town voted that the sum of \$615.86 be transferred from FY23 Wage and Salary Reserve.
- I. Marine Resources Salaries and Wages- By majority vote, the Town voted that the sum of \$3,781.89 be transferred from FY23 Wage and Salary Reserve.
- J. Highway Department Salaries and Wages– By majority vote, the Town voted that the sum of \$54,659.71 be transferred from FY23 Wage and Salary Reserve.
- K. Board of Health Salaries and Wages- By majority vote, the Town voted that the sum of \$2,779.35 be transferred from FY23 Wage and Salary Reserve.
- L. Council on Aging Salaries and Wages- By majority vote, the Town voted that the sum of \$3,604.51 be transferred from FY23 Wage and Salary Reserve.

- M. Park Department Salaries and Wages- By majority vote, the Town voted that the sum of \$2,062.80 be transferred from FY23 Wage and Salary Reserve.
- N. Water Department Salaries and Wages- By majority vote, the Town voted that the sum of \$28,465.18 be transferred from Water Enterprise Retained Earnings.
- O. Sewer Department Salaries and Wages – PASSED OVER

ARTICLE 13: FIRE ENGINE 4 REPAIR

By majority vote, the Town voted to transfer \$53,100 from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) for the repair of Fire Engine 4.

ARTICLE 14: EMERGENCY POLICE BOAT REPAIRS

By majority vote, the Town voted to transfer \$18,558 from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) for the repair of the Police Boat.

ARTICLE 15: APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL OFFICERS

By majority vote, the Town voted to amend Article 9-Special Legislation for the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers from the special town meeting of Saturday, June 7, 2003, to allow retired police officers town work until the age of 70 instead of 65 as is currently allowed.

ARTICLE 16: PUBLIC SHADE TREE BYLAW

NO MOTION MADE—NO ACTION TAKEN

ARTICLE 17: CITIZENS PETITION – REDUCE SALARY OF TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

NO MOTION MADE—NO ACTION TAKEN

ARTICLE 18: CITIZENS PETITION - STREET ACCEPTANCE ALVES WAY 2-10

NO MOTION MADE—NO ACTION TAKEN

ARTICLE 19: CITIZENS PETITION – HARD SURFACE SANDRA LANE

NO MOTION MADE—NO ACTION TAKEN

Motion to adjourn made and seconded.

Tuesday, November 15, 2022 Special Town Meeting adjourned (in record time!) at 7:53pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Linda Fredette, Town Clerk

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