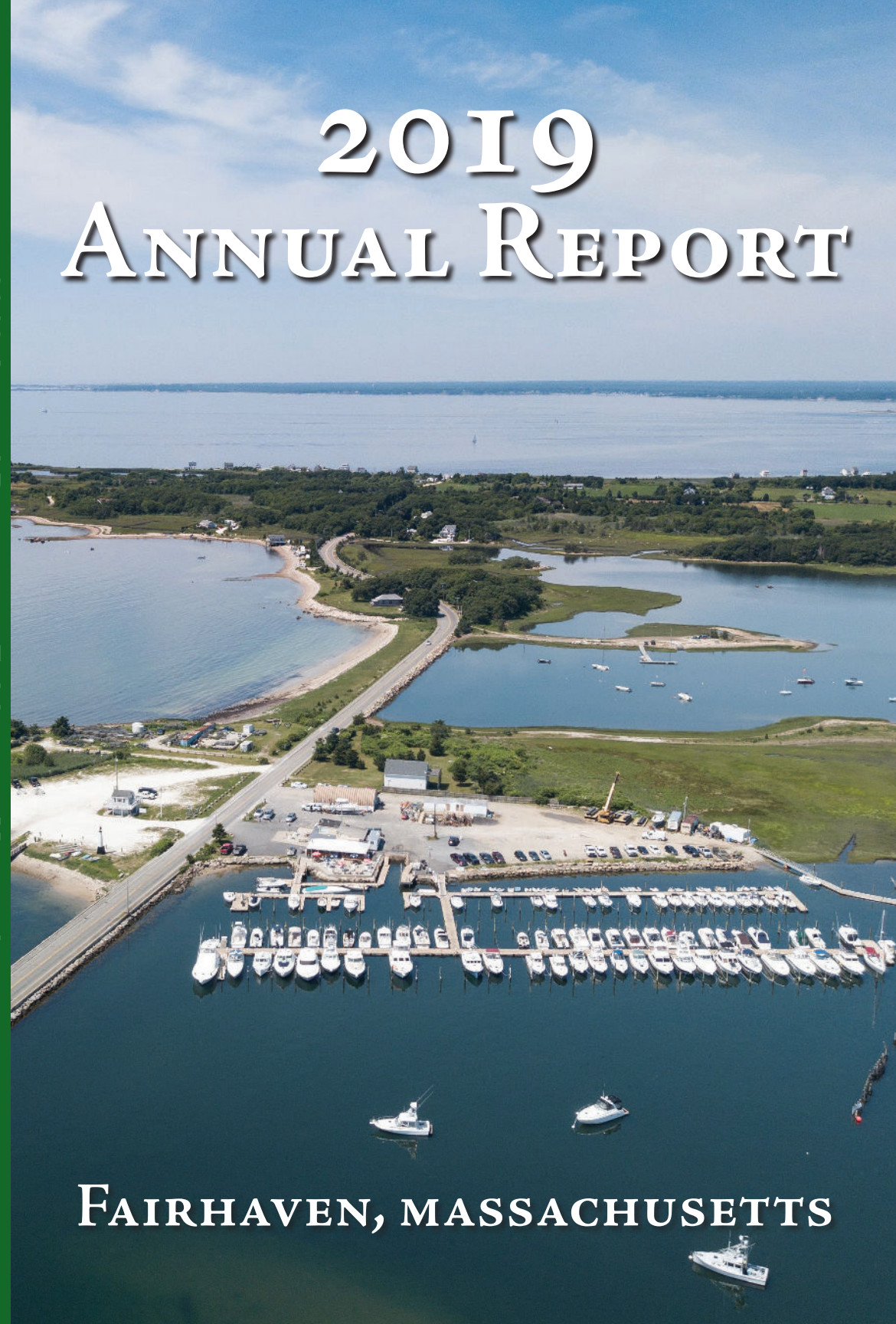


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Town Offices of

## FAIRHAVEN, MASSACHUSETTS



For the Year 2019



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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: 15,733

9th Congressional District

First Councilor District

Second Bristol & Plymouth District

Tenth Bristol Representative District

## **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 11,556

#### **Tax Rate Fiscal Year 2020**

Residential – \$11.06

Commercial - \$22.04

#### **Area**

7,497 Acres

Miles of Shore Property – 29.4

Miles of Streets and Roads – Approximately 100

**Churches – 8**

**Public Schools – 5**

**Private (Parochial) Schools – 1**

**Maritime Education – 4**

**Preschools – 7**

**Banks – 12**

**Nursing Homes – 5**

#### **Principal Industries**

Ship Building

Fishing Industry

Health Care

Marine Repair & Construction

Recreation Equipment

Hospitality

Retail

## IN MEMORIAM

**Dot Gammons**  
01/07/2019  
Historical Commission  
Town Meeting Member  
Riverside Cemetery Board  
of Directors  
Fairhaven School system

**Michael "Sully" Sullivan**  
3/23/2019  
Dispatcher for Fairhaven  
Police

**Hobart H. Boswell Jr**  
5/18/2019  
Fairhaven Call Firefighter

**George H. Sirois**  
07/03/2019  
Keeper of the FHS Clock  
and The Town Hall Clock

**Shawn Samanica**  
09/02/2019  
Fairhaven Fire  
Department

**Richard Dube**  
11/19/2019  
Deputy Shellfish Warden

**Joseph U. Cardoza Sr.**  
1/28/2019  
Gas and Plumbing Inspector

**Edward Cabral**  
06/03/2019  
Custodian Police Department  
Lagoa Friendship Pact  
Committee

**Albert Borges**  
8/04/2019  
Park Commission  
Planning Board  
Town Meeting Member  
Council on Aging  
Conservation  
Recreation Commission

**Irene Harding**  
09/15/2019  
Assessor's Office

**Stella Pifko Marnik**  
11/28/2019  
Arts Lottery Council  
Town Meeting member  
Board of Registrars  
Fairhaven Republican Town  
Committee

**John D. Moore**  
03/20/2019  
Millicent Library Board of  
Trustees  
Cable Advisory  
Committee  
Personnel Board  
Finance Committee  
Town Meeting Member  
Riverside Cemetery  
Trustee

**Kaye Farrell**  
06/08/2019  
Fairhaven Public Schools  
Teacher

**Steven Cambra**  
8/04/2019  
Fairhaven Public Schools  
Teacher

**Michael D. Coe**  
9/25/2019  
Millicent Library Trustee  
Grandson of Henry  
Huttleston Rogers

**Richard "Dick" Souza**  
11/09/2019  
Fairhaven School  
Department

## **DIRECTORY OF TOWN OFFICIALS – 2019**

*(Elective Officials Designated by Capital Letters)*

*\*(denotes partial year)*

### **MODERATOR**

MARK SYLVIA

Term Expires 2021

### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

CHARLES K. MURPHY, SR.

Term Expires 2020

ROBERT ESPINDOLA

Term Expires 2021

DANIEL FREITAS

Term Expires 2022

Mark H. Rees

Town Administrator

Vicki L. Oliveira

Assistant to the Town Administrator

Loreen Pina

Principal Office Assistant

Sheri Souza

Principal Office Assistant /Marine  
Resources Department

Kevin Fournier

Town Hall Custodian

### **TOWN CLERK**

CAROLYN HURLEY

Term Expires 2022

Linda Fredette

Assistant Town Clerk

### **BOARD OF HEALTH**

JEANNINE LOPES

Term expires 2020

MICHAEL SILVIA

Term expires 2021

PETER DETERRA

Term expires 2022

Mary Freire- Kellogg

Health Agent

Amanda Blais

Administrative Assistant

Dan Shea

Health Inspector

Terry Cripps

Animal Control Officer

Alexis Cambra

Assistant Animal Control Officer

### **BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**

CAMERON DURANT

Term expires 2020



BRIAN WOTTON	Term expires 2020
KEITH SILVIA	Term expires 2021
ROBERT HOBSON	Term expires 2021
FRANK COELHO	Term expires 2022
Vincent Furtado, Superintendent	Board of Public Works
John Charbonneau, Superintendent	Highway Division
Jeffrey Furtado, Superintendent	Water Division
Linda Schick, Superintendent	Sewer Division
Rebecca Vento	Office Manager
Kathy Tripp*	Part-Time Administrative Assistant
Kim Nogueira	Administrative Assistant
Joyce Wilson	Principal Office Assistant
Charlene Paulson	Principal Office Assistant
Kristy Lavalette	Principal Office Assistant

#### **COMMISSIONER OF TRUST FUNDS**

JOHN ROGERS	Term expires 2020
COLLEEN SILVIA	Term expires 2021
BARBARA ACKSEN	Term expires 2022

#### **HOUSING AUTHORITY**

JOHN FARRELL	Term expires 2020
JAY SIMMONS	Term expires 2022
GREGORY TUTCIK	Term expires 2023
ANNE D SILVEIRA	Term expires 2024
Jean Rousseau	State Appointee
Krissanne Sheedy	Executive Director

#### **PLANNING BOARD**

ANN RICHARD	Term expires 2020
JEFFREY LUCAS	Term expires 2020
CATHY MELANSON	Term expires 2021
GEOFFREY HAWARTH III	Term expires 2022
JOHN FARRELL Jr.	Term expires 2022
RENE FLEURENT	Term expires 2023
WAYNE HAYWARD	Term expires 2023

JAY MALASPINO	Term expires 2023
Paul Foley*	Town Planner
Shallyn Carreiro	Recording Secretary

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

PAMELA KUECHLER	Term expires 2020
COLIN VEITCH	Term expires 2021
DONNA MCKENNA	Term expires 2021
STASIA POWERS	Term expires 2022
KYLE BUENO	Term expires 2022
BRIAN S. MONROE	Term expires 2022
Robert Baldwin Ed. D	Superintendent of Schools
Tara Kohler	Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Nicole Potter	Director of Technology and Finance
Diane S. Sullivan	Director of Student Services
Jody Tavares* <i>resigned</i>	Executive Assistant to the Superintendent
Melissa Bouchard	Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

### TREE WARDEN

GB KNOWLES IV	Term expires 2021
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### BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Kristian White	Building Commissioner
James Marot*	Alternate Building Commissioner
Stephen Brodo	Part- Time Assistant Building Inspector
Patricia Pacella	Administrative Assistant
John Cottrill	Chief Wire Inspector
Leo Charpentier	Associate Wiring Inspector
Roger Poitras Jr.	Associate Wiring Inspector
Henry Daigle	Gas Inspector
William Alphonse, Jr.	Temporary Gas Inspector
Norman Lussier	Plumbing Inspector

### CABLE ACCESS

Derek Frates	Director
Erik Sa	Production Coordinator

Alyssa Botelho	Videographer
Miranda Branco	Videographer
Todd Migliacci	Videographer
Nicholas Doyle	Videographer
Thomas Podielsky	Videographer
Beth Fernandes	Videographer

#### **DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE/DIVISION OF TREASURY**

Wendy Graves	Director of Finance/Treasurer/Collector
Lisa Rose	Financial Assistant
Suzanne Blais	Payroll Operator

#### **DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Paul Foley*	Director
Marie Ripley	Part-Time Administrative Assistant
Helen DaCunha*	Part-time CDBG Administrative Assistant
Shallyn Carreiro * <i>resigned</i>	Part-time CDBG Administrative Assistant

#### **DIVISION OF ACCOUNTING**

Anne Carreiro	Town Accountant
Joyce Shepard	Part- Time Accounting Clerk
Helen DaCunha	Part- Time Accounts Payable Clerk

#### **DIVISION OF ASSESSING**

Ronnie Manzone, Board of Assessors	Term Expires 2020
Pamela Davis, Board of Assessors	Term Expires 2020
Ellis Withington, Board of Assessors	Term Expires 2020
Delfino Garcia	Principal Assessor
Melody Perry	Principal Office Assistant
Joanne Correia	Principal Office Assistant

#### **DIVISION OF COLLECTION**

Wendy Graves	Finance Director/Treasurer/Collector
Pamela Bettencourt	Assistant Collector/Treasurer
Kelly Ferranti	Principal Office Assistant
Mary Lou Baumgartner	Principal Office Assistant

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Timothy Francis	Fire Chief
Todd Correia	Deputy Fire Chief
Kristine Austin	Executive Assistant
Marc Jodoin, Emergency Management Director	Term expires 2020

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

Anne O'Brien	Human Resources Director
Paula Medeiros	Benefits Coordinator

## **MARINE RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

Timothy Cox	Harbormaster/ Shellfish Warden
Christopher Siwik* <i>resigned</i>	Assistant Harbormaster
Sheri Souza*	Principal Office Assistant
Courtney Benoit* <i>resigned</i>	Senior Clerk
Steven Botelho	Shellfish Deputy
Todd Cox	Shellfish Deputy
Edward Normand	Shellfish Deputy
Cliff Patnaude	Shellfish Deputy
Steve Riley	Shellfish Deputy
Paul Sylvia	Shellfish Deputy

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Michael Myers	Police Chief
Michael Botelho	Police Captain
Jaunna Adesso	Executive Secretary
Terry Cripps	Animal Control Officer
Alexis Cambra	Assistant Animal Control Officer

## **RECREATION CENTER**

Warren Rensehausen	Director
Rachel Martin	Program Coordinator

## **SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

Theodore Machado
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### **SENIOR CENTER**

Anne Silvia	Director
Cynthia Vandenburg	Senior Clerk
Lucille Dauteuil	Outreach Coordinator
Carolyn D'Antoni	Outreach Coordinator
Christie Alfonse	Volunteer Coordinator
Susan Roderiques	Social Day Coordinator
Sally Bourke	Social Day Activities Director
Phyllis Pequita	Principal Office Assistant
Richard Walker	Custodian

### **VETERAN'S BENEFITS AND SERVICE BURIAL AGENT**

Brad Fish*	Veteran's Agent
Jane Bertencourt	Administrative Assistant

### **AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION**

Ann Richard, Chairwoman	Term expires 2020
Dr. Kaisa G. Holloway - Cripps	Term expires 2021
Peter DeTerra	Term expires 2021

### **ART CURATOR (TERMS EXPIRE 2020)**

Mark Badwey, Art Curator  
Kelly Smith, Associate Art Curator

### **BELL COMMITTEE (TERMS EXPIRE 2020)**

Lee Baumgartner	Jacqueline Kenworthy
Doug Brady, Chairman	Helena Oliveira
Nils Isaksen	Cody Thibault

### **BIKEWAY COMMITTEE (TERMS EXPIRE 2020)**

Lois Callahan-Moore	Matthew Coes, Chairman
Robert Espindola	Geoffrey Sullivan

## **BOARD OF APPEALS**

Daryl Manchester	Term expires 2020
Joseph Borelli	Term expires 2021
Peg Cook	Term expires 2022
Francis Cox, Jr.	Term expires 2023
Peter DeTerra, Chairman	Term expires 2024
Ruy DaSilva, Associate	Term expires 2020
Kenneth Kendall, Associate	Term expires 2021
Alberto Silvia, Associate	Term expires 2022
Jamie DeSousa, Associate	Term expires 2022
Shallyn Carreiro	Recording Secretary

## **BROADBAND STUDY COMMITTEE ( TERMS EXPIRE 2020)**

Suzanne Dwyer	Jay Simmons
John Methia	John Seed
Sean Powers, Chairman	Derek Frates, Staff
	Robert Espindola, Ex Officio

## **CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ( TERMS EXPIRE 2020)**

Barbara Acksen, Chairwoman	Robert Espindola, Ex Officio
Ronald Medina	John Methia
Michele Merolla	Maria J. Carvalho
Derek Frates	Cable Access Director

## **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Wendy Graves	Term expires 2020
Mark Rees	Term expires 2020
Cathy Melanson	Term expires 2020
Vincent Furtado	Term expires 2021
Robert Baldwin	Term expires 2021
David Faunce	Term expires 2022
Stephen Hickox	Term expires 2022

## **COMMISSION ON DISABILITY**

Brian Rego	Term expires 2020
Marcus Ferro	Term expires 2020



Ronald Medina	Term expires 2020
Diane Rocha	Term expires 2020
Charles K. Murphy, Sr., Chairman	Term expires 2021
Joseph Borelli	Term expires 2021
Kelly Smith	Term expires 2021
Donna Lavallee	Term expires 2021
Maria Ruedlinger Walker	Term expires 2022

### **COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

Jay S. Simmons	Term expires 2020
Roger Marcoux	Term expires 2020
Terry Meredith	Term expires 2020
Ann Richard	Term expires 2020
Marcus Ferro	Term expires 2021
Nicholas Sylvia	Term expires 2022
Patricia Pacella	Term expires 2022
Frank Rezendes	Term expires 2022
Jeff Lucas, Chairman	Term expires 2022

### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Nicholas Carigg	Term expires 2020
Amy DeSalvatore	Term expires 2020
Jay S. Simmons, Chairman	Term expires 2021
Daniel Doyle	Term expires 2021
Gary Lavalette	Term expires 2021
Nicholas Sylvia	Term expires 2022
Geoffrey Howarth	Term expires 2022
Whitney McClees	Conservation Agent

### **CONSTABLES**

Steve Borges	Lawrence Machado
Matthew Botelho	Scott McGarty
Pamela Bourgault	David Miller
Richard Ferreira	Eugene Thomas
Robert Jones	Nicholas Sylvia
Kevin Kobza	Herve W. Vandal, Jr.

Carolyn Hurley, Town Business

Milan Whitaker

**COUNCIL ON AGING**

Jack Oliveira	Term expires 2020
Francis Cox, Sr., Chairman	Term expires 2020
Joan Mello	Term expires 2020
Lee Cummings Allaire	Term expires 2021
Robert Ryan	Term expires 2021
Carol Burt	Term expires 2021
Susan Oiestad	Term expires 2021
Anne Silvia	Director

**DOG PARK STUDY COMMITTEE (TERMS EXPIRE 2020)**

Kerrie Alfonse-Botelho	Nancy Shanik
Vanessa Gralton	Geneva Woodruff, Chairwoman
Sallie Lou Johnson	Robert Espindola, Ex Officio

**FAIR HOUSING COORDINATOR**

Charles K. Murphy, Sr.	Term expires 2020
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**FAIRHAVEN CULTURAL COUNCIL**

Abigail Hevey	Term expires 2020
Kristine Daniels	Term expires 2020
Michael Luey	Term expires 2020
William Lavasseur, Chairman	Term expires 2022
Melissa Batchilder	Term expires 2022
Trisha Garland	Term expires 2022
Sharon Dorian	Term expires 2023
Margaret McQuilkin	Term expires 2023

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**PRECINCT 1**

Padriac Elliott, Chairman	Term expires 2020
Jennifer Dupras	Term expires 2021

**PRECINCT 2**

Carolyn Roberts  
Vacant

Term expires 2021

**PRECINCT 3**

Jessica Dwelly  
Vacant

Term expires 2021

**PRECINCT 4**

Kathleen Carter  
Chris Fildago

Term expires 2020

Term expires 2021

**PRECINCT 5**

Lisa Plante  
Vacant

Term expires 2021

**PRECINCT 6**

Bernard Roderick  
Tracy A. Diggins

Term expires 2020

Term expires 2021

**MEMBER AT LARGE**

Vacant

**FIRE APPARATUS STUDY COMMITTEE (TERMS EXPIRE 2020)**

Josh Benoit

Todd Correia

Todd Cox

Donn Fletcher

Timothy Francis

G. Bourne Knowles IV

Robert Lincoln

Brian Messier

Charles K. Murphy, Sr., Ex Officio

John Rogers

**GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL  
HIGH SCHOOL**

Randall Durrigan

Term expires 2020

Wayne Oliveira

Term expires 2023

### **HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Wayne Oliveira, Chairman	Term expires 2022
Vicki Oliveira	Term expires 2022
Gary Lavalette	Term expires 2022
Suzan Galpin	Term expires 2022
Maria J. Carvalho	Term expires 2021
Gail Isaksen	Term expires 2020
Marcus Ferro	Term expires 2020
Daniel Freitas, Ex. Officio	Term expires 2020

### **LAGOA FRIENDSHIP PACT COMMITTEE**

Wayne Oliveira, Historical Commission	Term expires 2021
Charlene Riffin, Fairhaven Business Association	Term expires 2021
Pamela Kuechler, School Committee	Term expires 2020
Edward Cabral, At Large* <i>deceased</i>	Term expires 2020
Patricia Pacella, At Large	Term expires 2021
Vicki Oliveira, At Large	Term expires 2020
Charles K. Murphy, Sr., Ex. Officio	Term expires 2020

### **MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE (TERMS EXPIRE 2020)**

Eric Dawicki	David Hebert
Michael McNamara	Michelle Potter
Frank Coelho, BPW Representative	Robert Espindola, Selectmen's Representative

### **MEASURER OF WOOD AND BARK**

John Farrell	Term expires 2020
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### **MILLICENT LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Bruce Bendiksen	Christopher Bunnell
Kathleen Clement	Mary Cunha
Dennis Duval	Dan Freitas, Selectmen's Representative
Abigail Hevey	Gail Isaksen
Maria R. Kilshaw	Robert Kenworthy
Pamela Kuechler	Kathy Lopes
Carolyn Longworth	Joanna McQuillan- Weeks

Cheryl Moniz

Jane Risch

Michael Silvia

Michael D. Coe ( Honorary)\* *deceased*

Anne O'Brien

Carol Roderigues

Lisa Wright

### **OIL SPILL COORDINATOR**

Timothy Francis, Fire Chief

Term Expires 2020

### **PARKING CLERK**

Vicki Oliveira

Term Expires 2020

### **PRECINT CHAIRMEN AND CLERKS**

#### **PRECINT 1**

Brian Bowcock

Chairman

Michael Silvia

Clerk

#### **PRECINT 2**

Ann Richard

Chairman

Matthew Coes

Clerk

#### **PRECINT 3**

Sean Powers

Chairman

Vacant

Clerk

#### **PRECINT 4**

Paul M. Foster

Chairman

Jessica Fidalgo

Clerk

#### **PRECINT 5**

Nancy Greene

Chairman

Scot Pomfret

Clerk

#### **PRECINT 6**

Dan DeNardis

Chairman

Kevin Pestinas

Clerk

### **REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

Eileen Lowney (D)	Term Expires 2021
Kim Hyland (R)	Term Expires 2021
Nils Isaksen (R)	Term Expires 2022
Carolyn Hurley (U)	Term Expires 2022

### **ROGERS STUDY COMMITTEE (TERMS EXPIRE 2020)**

Barbara Acksen	Sue Loo
Doug Brady	Steve Desroches
Nils Isaksen	Gary Lavalette
Gail Isaksen	Beverly Rasmussen
Dan Freitas, Ex-Officio	

### **RETIREMENT BOARD**

Anne Carreiro	Wally Therrian
Joyce Shepard	Mary Sturgeon, Administrator
Alfred Robichaud	Mark Rees, Town Administrator

### **SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Robert Espindola	SRPEDD, Selectmen's Representative
Rene Fleurent, Jr.	SRPEDD, Planning Board Representative
Paul Foley	JTPG Representative
Vincent Furtado	JTPG Representative (Alternative)
Robert Espindola	SCBA Representative
Charles Murphy, Sr.	SMMPO Representative

### **SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE (TERMS EXPIRE 2020)**

Lois Callahan	Anne O'Brien
Wendy Drumm	Ann Richard
Karen Gent	Susan Spooner
Deirdre Healy	Whitney McClees, Sustainability Coordinator

### **EMPLOYEE WELLNESS COMMITTEE (TERMS EXPIRE 2020)**

Patricia Pacella, Chairperson	Warren Rensehausen
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Tara Kohler  
Paula Medeiros

Shallyn Carreiro, Associate

Mary Freire- Kellogg  
Anne O'Brien  
Denise Valois  
Robert Espindola, Ex Officio

## TELEPHONE DIRECTORY – PUBLIC SAFETY

Ambulance – 911

Fire 508-994-1428

Police 508-997-7421

### TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN

Accountant	508-979-4023 ext. 120
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. 128
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. 124
Health, Board of	508-979-4023 ext. 125
Housing Authority	508-993-1144
Human Resources	508-979-4023 ext. 150
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	508-979-4031
Sewer Department	508-979-4030
Water Department	508-979-4032
Recreation Department	508-993-9269
Retirement Board	508-979-4023 ext. 121
School Department	508-979-4000 (connects all departments)
Sealer of Weights and Measures	508-979-4023 ext. 2
Selectmen, Board of	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. 6

### 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 2019, the Board of Appeals heard 51 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, Chairman  
Francis Cox, Jr., Vice-Chairman  
Daryl Manchester, Full Member  
Joseph Borelli, Full Member  
Peg Cook, Full Member  
Alberto Silva, Associate Member  
Jamie DeSousa, Jr., Associate Member  
Ruy DaSilva, Associate Member  
Shallyn Carreiro, Recording Secretary

## FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Fairhaven Board of Assessors currently holds public meetings once a month. The Assessing Department has completed the building permit valuation inspections and determined new sales, growth and values for FY20. The Town of Fairhaven's total valuation for FY19 was \$2,136,841,096. The Residential tax rate was set at \$11.67 and the Commercial/Industrial/Personal Property tax rate was set at \$23.47. The town's valuation for FY20 is now at \$2,329,786,821. The FY20 Residential tax rate sat at \$11.06 and the Commercial/Industrial/Personal Property tax rate set at \$22.04 which was certified by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR).

As outlined in our FY18 Annual Report, the Assessors department has a staff of the Principal Assessor, 2 Principal Office Assistants and 3 Board of Assessors. We continue to cross-train the Principal Office Assistants which is ongoing throughout the year; this includes attending seminars sponsored by the DOR; the Bristol County Assessors Association; and with other assessor associations outside the Bristol County area. Ms. Melody Perry, Principal Office Assistant has over 21 years' experience and her overall vast administrative knowledge as to the day to day operation continues to be a big asset not only to the Assessors department but also to the community. Ms. Joanne Correia joined the Assessors Department 2 years ago this past December as Principal Office Clerk and continues to handle the day to day administrative duties along with her colleague, and assisting the Principal Assessor in his day to day administrative duties of scheduling with the public pertaining to field data inspections. The Principal Assessor sat on the Board of Assessors part-time from 1990 to 2008 and as Principal Assessor from 2013 to the present date. With the emphasis of "Team Work" the Assessors Department continues to set the bar of excellence to serve the public to the best of knowledge.

Technology continues to be the main emphasis for the upcoming fiscal year and for the future to bring values quicker on-line from the field and to prepare our tax rates early in the 2nd quarter to the DOR. There is a reminder that we have a "Certification" review by the DOR in 2022 as well as to complete our "Cyclical" inspection by 2023 among other directives/goals we need to comply with set forth by the DOR.

We cannot emphasize enough the collection and maintenance of current property data which is a critical element in the development of uniform and fair market values (MGL c. 59 §2A, 38). Property inspections are initiated for the Principal Assessor to assess values by the issuance of building permits, transfer of title property sales, abatements filed or part of the cyclical and re-inspection program (MGL c. 59 §21C (f)). It is essential that the inspections are timely which enables our community to maintain the most current information, ensuring that all taxpayers are assessed fairly and equitably and most important new growth in value for our Town of Fairhaven. The Assessing Department is continuing the on-going cyclical inspections as required by the Department of Revenue.

To give you a measure of property valuation inspections conducted by the Principal Assessor, below is a statistical chart of the building permits received from the Building Department to generate property inspections (MGL c. 59 §2A, 38) and new sales of properties (MGL c. 59 §21C (f)) in the Town of Fairhaven:

FY:	Total Building Permits	New Sales
'20	1019	642
'19	1215	603
'18	768	572

To complete our cyclical inspections by January 1, 2023, we have a total of 2,342 parcels left to inspect for value. Total parcels in the Town of Fairhaven for FY20 is 8,134.

The Board of Assessors continues to review valuations each year and the Board of Assessors looks forward to meeting the needs and serving the citizens of the Town of Fairhaven.

Respectfully submitted,  
Board of Assessors

Ronnie Manzone, Chair  
Pamela K. Davis, MAA  
Ellis B. Withington  
Delfino R. Garcia, Principal Assessor



## BIKEWAY COMMITTEE

There are a number of exciting projects happening in active transportation on the South Coast and the Fairhaven Bikeway Committee is playing a part.

The committee has not actively met this year, but we have attended meetings and seminars, and submitted comments for recreation, infrastructure and safety improvements in town and regionally. As part of the town's Master Plan, the committee is helping to make Fairhaven a Complete Streets community. The Complete Streets program opens the town to additional funding and support from the state.

MassDOT and the Safe Routes to School program have awarded the town a large infrastructure grant to improve safety for students walking and biking to the Leroy Wood School. A big thank you to everyone at the School Department, Board of Public Works, in Town Hall, and members of the Bikeway Committee for your help in securing this grant.

Soon Fairhaven residents will be able to bike all the way to Mattapoisett town center! Our neighbors are extending their portion of the bike path, under construction this Spring. Fairhaven Committee members also attended important public hearings in Marion, where bike path construction starts soon, and in New Bedford in preparation for South Coast Rail. Without Fairhaven's early leadership in Rail Trails, projects in neighboring communities would not have this strong base to build from.

Are YOU interested in helping the community to be more active? Visit [fairhavenbikeway.org](http://fairhavenbikeway.org) to learn how.

Respectfully submitted,  
Fairhaven Bikeway Committee

## BRISTOL COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

This year marks the 60th 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 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, this is due to many environmental variables that change every season. Because of this constant change in risk, BCMCP works in a close relationship with the MA Dept. of Public Health to analyze disease risk in current and future years. Often, particularly during drought years, the public tends to forget about mosquito control, it is only the years when arbovirus activity becomes a public health problem that mosquito control gets noticed. 2019 was one of these years, it was extremely active for Eastern Equine encephalitis.

During the 2019 mosquito season, 127,007 mosquitoes were tested for the mosquito borne viruses EEE and WNV. There were 160 isolations of EEE and 3 human cases in the County. Bristol County had 16 mosquito pools test positive for WNV with 1 reported human case. 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.

During the period of January 1, 2019– December 31, 2019 the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project:

- Sprayed over 9,922 acres
- Treated 20 acres with B.t.i. in 33 locations for mosquito larvae
- Received 842 requests for spraying
- Cleared and reclaimed 970 feet of brush
- Cleaned 725 feet of ditches by machine
- Mowed .5 acre of brush by machine
- Treated 120 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](http://www.mass.gov/eea/bristolcountymosquitocontrol) for updates and information.

I would like to thank the town officials and residents of Farihaven for their continued support and cooperation. Our Project is extremely proud of the work we perform and look forward to serving our communities in the upcoming year. If there are any questions concerning the Project's efforts or objectives, please feel free to contact our office.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Matton  
Superintendent

Bristol County Mosquito Control Commissioners:

Robert Davis, Chairman  
Gregory D. Dorrance  
Joseph Barile  
Christine A. Fagan

## BROADBAND STUDY COMMITTEE

The committee was formed this past year and met eight times throughout the year. The Meetings have included guest speakers from Taunton Municipal Light, who is currently installing a fiber optic network in Taunton and ComTRACT, the fiber installer for the town which installed fiber between the municipal buildings. The committee recommended that Solarity, a contractor that had experience in writing Municipal Fiber RFP's assist the Town in developing an RFP which was used to solicit proposals for a feasibility study. The RFP resulted in three bids and from them, EntryPoint was chosen to provide this service to the Town. Entry Point is a provider of a dynamic open access network that has been used in other municipalities.

The contract for the consultant was in place in February and the committee will work closely with the consultant for the next several months assisting in gathering information, public outreach and coordinating with other town agencies. The end result will be report that the consultant will produce, the committee will review and make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen.

<https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/broadband-study-committee>

### Members:

Robert J. Espindola	Selectman's Representative
John Seed	Economic Development Committee
John Methia	Cable Advisory Committee
Derek Frates	Town Staff
Sean Powers	Chair At-Large member
Jay S. Simmons	At-large member
Suzanne Dwyer	At-Large member

## BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Town of Fairhaven Building Department has experienced a steady flow of new businesses and developments this past year. Dunkin Donuts has built their own building and moved to the Plaza near McDonalds. The old Citizens Bank renovated the inside for potential business space. Roots and Daises, a Hair Salon opened in the Sconticut Neck Plaza, another hair salon is being permitted for the area across Wendy's, the old Robin's Barn (in the far North end of Fairhaven) has renovated to provide an antique store of goods, as well as "Let's Talk Pets" a dog grooming business. There is also a new guitar shop/lessons going in at the plaza down on Sconticut Neck Road. A gas station with convenience store is currently being built at the intersections of Route 240 and Bridge Street and should be done by Spring of 2020.

### **Total Fees Collected**

Residential Building Permits	719	\$ 109,765.00
Commercial Permits	32	\$ 21,707.00
Solar Permits	71	\$ 21,939.00
Sign Permits	23	\$ 3,418.00
Annual Building Inspections	105	\$ 5,569.00
Electrical Permits	424	\$ 63,462.00
Plumbing Permits	271	\$ 26,629.00
Gas Permits	222	\$ 15,768.00
Occupancy Permits	23	\$ 3,961.00
<b>Total Fees Collected</b>		<b>\$ 272,218.00</b>

Respectfully submitted,

Kristian White, Building Commissioner  
Patricia Pacella, Administrative Assistant  
Norman Lussier, Plumbing Inspector  
Henry Daigle, Gas Inspector  
John Cottrill, Electrical Inspector

## CABLE ACCESS CHANNEL 18 & 95

Fairhaven Cable Access Television had an extremely successful year in 2019. Providing informational, educational and community-based content on our two access channels is our mission.

Derek Frates, Director of Cable, completed his first full calendar year after being hired in June of 2018. Former videographer Erick Sa was hired as a full time Production Coordinator. They are joined by a crew of talented videographers who were out filming many Fairhaven community events year-round as well as covering a plethora of government meetings.

Expansion and popularity played a key role for Fairhaven TV in 2019. The all-inclusive website FairhavenTV.com has become an essential tool for the residents of Fairhaven to obtain information regarding government meetings, community events, and other happenings around town.

Fairhaven TV's social media following gained an enormous boost in 2019. Facebook followers are over 950 and Instagram followers total over 300.

Our first summer photo contest played a huge role in creating a social media presence. We received over 150 entries for the seven-week contest. Each week highlighted a different theme or summer activity. Winners were announced weekly on social media and an awards presentation was held during Fairhaven TV's annual Haunted Open House in October.

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](http://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/cable-advisory-committee))

### Government Access – Channel 18:

The following government meetings are filmed regularly, broadcasted live when possible, replayed on channel 18, and are available to view on demand at [www.fairhaventv.com](http://www.fairhaventv.com) and at [www.livestream.com/fairhavenlive](http://www.livestream.com/fairhavenlive): Board of Appeals, Board of Health, Board of Public Works, Board of Selectmen, Broadband Study Committee, Cable Advisory Committee, Capital Planning Committee, Conservation Commission, Community Preservation Committee, Council on Aging Board, Disability Commission, Dog Park Committee, Economic Development Council, Health & Wellness Committee, Finance Committee, Historical Commission, Marine Resource Committee, Planning Board, School Committee, Sustainability Committee, Town Meeting Review Committee, Tree Removal Hearings, and Town Meeting. Fairhaven TV covers and broadcasts more meetings than any other access station in the commonwealth. 234 government meetings and 41 related shows and Public Service Announcements were produced and aired in 2019.

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.facebook.com/fairhaventv](http://www.facebook.com/fairhaventv) as well as replayed on channel 18. Examples include Board



of Health's recycling procedures, dog licensing guidelines with the Town Clerk office, Adopt-A-Pet series; monthly segments with the Fairhaven Animal Shelter and Animal Control Officer, Meet the Veterans Service officer, Fairhaven Boat Safety, Fairhaven Tourism walking tours, events at the Council on Aging, and snow removal guidelines with the superintendent.

Other events filmed for government access include the annual 4th of July Independence Day ceremony, National Night Out, sponsored by the Fairhaven Police department, Fairhaven Fire Department's annual open house and the Memorial and Veterans' Day Parades and ceremonies.

#### Community/Public Access – Channel 95:

Fairhaven Community Media- Channel 95 is used for public access programming. 50 original productions including community events, and member productions were broadcast and are available on demand at [www.fairhaventv.com/communityvideos](http://www.fairhaventv.com/communityvideos) and on the Fairhaven Community Media YouTube page. In addition, over 100 regional access shows were imported and broadcast on Channel 95. Throughout the country, 76 affiliated access stations downloaded our content to broadcast in their communities.

Fairhaven TV's 2nd Annual Haunted Open House Halloween Event was a huge success drawing close to 700 ghouls and goblins at the Town Hall on October 24th. In two short years this event has become a highly anticipated for the local school children and community organizations. Highlights included the Spooky TV Studio, Halloween Green Screen Photo Booth, Costume Contest, live entertainment and much more!

Other events filmed and participated in by Fairhaven Community Media include all five Music under the Stars concerts, Harvest Fun Day, Homecoming, Old Time Holiday Fair, Whitfield-Manjiro Festival, Rotary Club's Senior Talent Show, and various PSAs bringing awareness to local programs, i.e.; Fitness in the Park, Junior Tennis Program, Little Bay Restoration Project, World Clean Up Day, and the New Year's Day Polar Plunge at Fort Phoenix.

Community residents and organizations have begun producing and starring in their own Channel 95 TV shows. The Family Table and Cooking with Grandkids are two popular cooking shows that have developed a distinct following!

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](http://www.fairhaventv.com) , [www.facebook.com/fairhaventv](http://www.facebook.com/fairhaventv), and Instagram at [fairhaven\\_tv](https://www.instagram.com/fairhaven_tv).

Barbara A. Acksen, Chairperson  
Maria Carvalho  
Robert J. Espindola  
Ronnie Medina  
John Methia  
Mike Merrolla  
Kenneth J. Souza

## COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

The purpose of the Fairhaven Commission on Disability is to (1) research local problems of people with disabilities; (2) advise and assist Town officials and employees in ensuring compliance with state and federal laws and regulations that affect people with disabilities; (3) coordinate and carry out programs designed to meet the problems of people with disabilities in coordination with programs of the Massachusetts Office on Disability; (4) review and make recommendations about policies, procedures, services, activities and facilities of departments, boards and agencies of the Town as they affect people with disabilities; (5) provide information, referrals, guidance and technical assistance to individuals, public agencies, businesses and organizations in all matters pertaining to disability; (6) coordinates activities of other local groups organized for similar purposes.

The Fairhaven Commission on Disability funded, through their FY20 budget, an American Sign Language Course for the public. The eight-week ASL course provided participants with a basic knowledge of ASL including finger spelling and signs used for basic communication. The class was once again well attended as in the past years.

In an effort to prevent falls during the winter months, the Commission on Disability in collaboration with the Fairhaven COA and the Fairhaven Lions Club continues to support the Sand for Seniors Project. Seniors who request to participate in the program receive a 5 gallon bucket of sand/salt mix to use on icy walkways during the winter months. The Lions Club members donate their time to fill, or top off, buckets and deliver buckets to those requesting one. Approximately 60 seniors participate in this project.

The Town of Fairhaven has two wheelchairs that are adapted to be used on sandy beaches as well as in the water. They are located at Fort Phoenix during the summer months and are available for public use. Additionally, our Town Hall and our Animal Shelter are now assessable.

The dedicated members of the Commission on Disability will continue their effort to ensure the residents with disabilities in the Town of Fairhaven will be provided with necessities required in order to bring about full and equal parts in all aspects of the Town of Fairhaven.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Charles K. Murphy, Sr., Chairperson  
Kelly Smith, Treasurer  
Diane Rocha, Secretary  
Donna Lavallee, Member  
Marcus Ferro, Member  
Maria Walker, Member  
Mark Rees, ADA Coordinator  
Joseph Borelli, Member  
Brian Rego, Member  
Ronnie Medina, Member

## COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

### 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

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 funded community preservation projects. 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 2019, its 14<sup>th</sup> year of operation. As of June 30, 2019, the Town had collected \$398,450.17 from the local CPA surcharge for FY-2019 and in November 2019, received \$71,072 in State matching funds, which was a 17.8% match.

At the May 4, 2019 Annual Town Meeting the Community Preservation Committee recommended ten (10) projects for a total of \$404,730 with Warrant Article #25, which passed. The projects were the following:

1. Fairhaven Housing Authority Anthony Haven Exterior Porch/Masonry Project (\$ 60,000);
2. Riverside Cemetery Nasketucket Cemetery Monument Restoration Project (\$ 12,000);
3. Millicent Library Interior Restoration Project (\$ 118,730);
4. Historical Commission Washington Street Firehouse Roof Replacement (\$ 4,000);
5. Historical Commission Academy Building Shutter Replacement (\$ 9,000);
6. Board of Selectmen Town Hall Restoration of Terracotta Finials (\$ 16,000);
7. Whitfield-Manjiro Friends Society Carriage House Restoration (\$ 75,000);
8. Fairhaven Public School District High School Window Restoration (\$ 55,000);
9. North Fairhaven Improvement Association Fire Station 3 Exterior Restoration (\$ 10,000);
10. Fairhaven Tennis Association Livesey Park Project (\$ 45,000).

In September, the Committee published its FY2020 Community Preservation Plan with guidelines and information for applicants seeking community preservation funds. In December, the Committee began considering the submissions for funding. The CPC will review two proposals for funding and interview the respective proponents on January 9, 2020. A third application for mosquito spraying on West Island was received but it was determined that it did not meet the parameters for CPC funding. The Committee's FY 2020 recommendations will be presented to Town Meeting Members for action at the May 2, 2020 Town Meeting.

The CPC generally meets monthly between September and February or as needed at Fairhaven Town Hall. All CPC meetings are open to the public and the Committee welcomes public participation throughout the process. Citizens may email the Committee at [cpc@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:cpc@fairhaven-ma.gov) or contact the Planning Department at (508) 979-4082, Ext. 9, 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](http://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/community-preservation-committee).

2019 CPC Members:

Jeffrey Lucas, Chairman  
Ann Richard, Vice-Chairman  
Patricia A. Pacella, Clerk  
Roger Marcoux  
Terrence P. Meredith  
Marcus Ferro  
Frank J. Rezendes,  
Jay S. Simmons  
Nicholas Sylvia

Planning Board representative  
at-large representative  
at-large representative  
at-large representative  
at-large representative  
Historical Commission representative  
Board of Public Works representative  
Fairhaven Housing Authority representative  
Conservation Commission representative

Staff Support:

Paul H. Foley, AICP, Planning Director  
Marie E. Ripley, Administrative Assistant to the Planning Director

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission (FCC) consists of seven voting members appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The FCC is supported by a paid Conservation Agent and a paid recording secretary.

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, section 40) and its Regulations (310 CMR 10.00) as well as the Fairhaven Wetland Bylaw (Chapter 192). 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 and most brooks and streams, and to the entire floodplain. Under the Town Bylaws, certain activities within the Nasketucket River Basin are also subject to FCC review.

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 electronically of enforcement orders. The FCC routinely undertakes enforcement activities when unauthorized activities are identified and cannot be resolved through more amicable means. In 2019, the Conservation Commission issued 23 Orders of Conditions and 35 Determinations of Applicability.

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission would like to thank Edward Dorschied for serving on the Commission successfully for the last several years.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Simmons (2021) – Chairman  
Daniel Doyle (2021)  
Geoffrey Haworth (2022) – Vice-Chairman  
Amy DeSalvatore (2020)  
Nicholas Sylvia (2022)  
Nicholas Carrigg (2020)  
Gary Lavalette (2021) – partial year  
Whitney McClees – Conservation Agent  
Shallyn Carreiro – Recording Secretary  
Edward Dorschied – resigned

## CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The following schedule summarizes the operations for:

### INCOME

Balance on hand January 1st	61,584,689.24
Town appropriation	3,227,999.00
Housing Authority Appropriation	120,200.00
Contributions from Members	1,229,591.26
Contributions rec'd for military service	~
Transfers from Other Systems	168,063.14
Members Make-up payments	3,736.51
Workers' Compensation Settlements	~
Recovery of 91A Overearnings	~
Investment Income/Loss	10,148,850.03
Cola Received	30,088.79
Reimbursement from other systems	98,391.52
Federal Grant Reimbursements	18,599.81
Interest not refunded	2,275.12

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<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$76,632,484.42</b>
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### DISBURSEMENTS

Pensions Paid	3,843,718.05
Annuities Paid	754,502.43
Refund to members	143,671.38
Reimbursement to other systems	381,217.40
Transfers to other systems	218,550.23
Administrative Expense	453,551.21

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<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>5,795,210.70</b>
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<b>Income less disbursements</b>	<b>70,837,273.72</b>
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### BALANCES

Cash	385,959.30
Prit Fund	70,341,167.60
Accounts Rec.	110,146.82

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<b>70,837,273.72</b>
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# COUNCIL ON AGING

## MISSION

The mission of the Fairhaven Council on Aging is to advocate for quality of life for all seniors through education, supportive services and programs. Fairhaven seniors and their families are welcome to visit the Senior Center using it as a community resource where older adults can come together for services and explore numerous physical activities offered throughout the wellness program as well as activities offered for pure enjoyment.

The latest number of seniors in the Town of Fairhaven in 2019, 60 years and older, is estimated at

5,255 (80 more than 2018). Of those included, 1,894 unduplicated seniors received services assisting in promoting and maintaining a secure, safe and healthy quality of life (1,363 being women and 531 being men). In 2010, the senior population 60 years and older was 4,154. The projected census for 60 years and older in 2020 is 5,082 per calculation from the EOE (Executive Office of Elder Affairs). As of 2019, the Town census of 60 and over has already exceeded this number by 173.

## STAFFING

The Senior Center is staffed with a director (40 hours paid through the COA budget), a senior clerk (35 hours paid through the COA budget), a custodian (35 hours paid through the COA budget), two outreach workers (30 hours and 10 hours both paid through a grant from the ARAW), 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).

The Supportive Social Day staff includes a program coordinator (35 hours) and an activity director (35 hours) both paid through Supportive Social Day Revenue. There are four paid activity aids. One activity aid (19 hours per week) is paid through the ARAW Grant, two Senior Aids (20 hours per week) are provided and paid by Coastline and one aid (12 hours per week) is paid through the Social Day revenue. The two van driver's share 20 hours per week and are paid through the grant provided by the A.R.A W.

Approximately 70 dedicated volunteers provided approximately 22,457 hours of unpaid time in 2019 totaling a savings of approximately \$235,888 to the town. Duties of the volunteers include assisting in the Supportive Social Day Program, SHINE, fuel assistance, tax preparation, office work, kitchen work (including Meals on Wheels), medical transportation, legal assistance, newsletter coordinating and delivery, assisting in events and activities and custodial help.

## OUTREACH

The Outreach Workers are 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. 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 organization who provide assistance with help in the home are a few services

provided by the outreach workers. Those in need of legal services are referred to free community legal service agencies. Veterans are referred to the Town of Fairhaven's veteran's agent as well as the D.A.V. in New Bedford. The outreach worker and COA director are mandated reporters assisting those seniors in crisis and reporting to the appropriate agencies any suspected elder abuse, neglect or financial exploitation.

TAX WORKOFF

Twenty financially qualifying 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 such as the COA and Social Day Program, schools, shellfish dept and town hall offices. If interested, please call the COA and ask for Christine Alfonse to see if you qualify.

NUTRITION

Coastline, through Bateman Food Services, provides a hot meal in a congregate setting Monday through Friday at 11:30am for those seniors who enjoy getting out for lunch and socializing. A one day in advance request is required to reserve a meal and a \$2.00 donation is suggested by Coastline. Approximately 70 meals a day are delivered to the community Monday through Friday through the Meals on Wheels Program. The kitchen staff is provided and paid by Coastline. Coastline also supports The Single Senior Supper Club which meets on the first Tuesday of the month from 4:00pm-6:00pm and The South Coast LGBT Senior's (Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender) which meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month from 5:00pm-7:00pm, both considered congregate meals. A dietician from Community Nurse of Fairhaven is available by appointment once a month for consultation for anyone who is in need of dietary support. Coastline also provides the food for special events such as the Veterans Day Luncheon. In 2019, the Fairhaven COA hosted an Easter dinner on Easter Day and a Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving Day for those seniors who would otherwise be alone on these holidays. 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. 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 to be picked up at the Fairhaven Senior Center. Approximately 50 seniors participate in this program. Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center and ask for Anne Silvia to determine if you qualify

TRANSPORTATION

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

- Van #2 2018 Econoline Bus 14 passenger
- Van #3 2011 Ford E350 10 Passenger
- Van #4 2008 Ford Star Bus 14 Passenger
- Van #5 2012 Ford Starcraft 14 Passenger (Social Day Van)
- 2009 Ford Explorer (former police vehicle) used to transport seniors to medical appointments.



In 2019, the COA provided in town transportation (shopping, banking, etc.) to 541 unduplicated seniors and a total of 6,498 duplicated trips. 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. The Fairhaven COA received a medical transportation grant from the A.R.A.W. to be used to transport ladies over the age of 70, who reside alone and are within a certain income (specified by grantee). The Ford Explorer is used for this purpose. Several volunteers spend countless hours transporting Fairhaven seniors to local medical appointments in the volunteers own vehicles. Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center for more information if you would like to become a volunteer medical driver.

### 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 2019 included a foot care specialist, a public dental hygienist, a dietician and a registered nurse. Physical activities include chair yoga, Zumba Gold, Osteo Class, Tai Chi, walking groups, bicycling/hiking group and Bocce. Informational support on health and wellbeing include the Health awareness Group, Care Givers Support Group, Bereavement Groups, flu clinics provided by Walgreens of Fairhaven and numerous in-services provided by local organizations and agencies regarding scams, fraud and overall safety issues. Grief support groups meet continuously throughout the year. 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 provides seniors who are in need of minimal supervision related to cognitive or physical impairment with a day of socialization, recreational activities, music and dancing, arts and crafts, light breakfast, hearty lunch and afternoon snack. The program operates Monday through Friday from 8:30am-3:00pm. During 2019, the program serviced 59 unduplicated seniors and a total of 4283 duplicated. Door to door transportation is provided. The program is self supporting, funded by those participants who pay privately and for those who qualify, grants from Coastline and other local agencies and Senior Care Option's. This program is a cost effective alternative to nursing home placement and a means of respite and peace of mind for caregivers knowing that their loved one is in a safe and stimulating environment supervised by a loving and dedicated staff.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Fairhaven Council on Aging, this director wishes to express sincerest gratitude to the Friends of the Fairhaven Council on Aging, 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 Supportive Social Day Program with the ability to evolve and grow.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Anne Silvia, Director  
and  
Board of Directors  
Francis Cox, Chairperson  
Jack Oliveira, Vice Chairperson  
Lee Allaire, Secretary  
Joan Mello, Member  
Robert Ryan, Associate Board Member  
Carol Burt, Associate Board Member  
Susan Oiestad, Associate Member

## CULTURAL COUNCIL

The function of the Fairhaven Cultural Council is to award grant funding to local individuals and programs that 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.

From January to December 2019, the council funded 19 local cultural council grant projects totaling \$10,533. For the 2019 grant cycle, the council received \$2,500 from the Town of Fairhaven, and the remainder of the funds was provided by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

By recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Office of Tourism, the funds allocated by the Town are used to support projects which promote tourism and local cultural events. In 2019, those funds were awarded to the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society for their 17th Manjiro Festival, A Universe of Songs and Stories performance at the Millicent Library, and a presentation on Edible Wild Plants of the Northeast at the Millicent Library. A complete list of projects funded in 2019 can be found online at the council's state sponsored webpage: <http://www.mass-culture.org/Fairhaven>.

This council has maintained two online resources since 2011, a blog and a Facebook page, to keep the public informed of its work and local cultural events, and added a Twitter account in 2015. All online resources reflect the Town's social media policy guidelines.

Current members and officers include:

- Kristine Daniels (Secretary - ex officio)
- Sharon Dorian
- Abigail Hevey (ex officio)
- Bill Levasseur (Chairperson)
- Michael Luey (Treasurer - ex officio)
- Margaret McQuilkin
- Trisha Garland
- Melissa Batchilder

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Levasseur, Chairperson  
Fairhaven Cultural Council

## DOG PARK STUDY COMMITTEE

The Dog Park Committee has been working since Oct 2018 on locating a site for a Fairhaven Dog Park and identifying possible sources of funding. At its last meeting on May 13, 2019, after evaluating multiple sites it recommended four (4) sites to the Board of Selectmen. The Committee felt it was now up to the Town to review the sites and make a decision regarding the most appropriate site. The top site or sites will then be presented at a public hearing so that residents can express their views.

The committee also identified a funding source for a town dog park. The Stanton Foundation provides grants for Dog Park Design, Construction and Capital Improvements. Design grants typically range from \$10,000 to \$25,000 and Construction grants will fund 90% of the park's "hard" construction costs (labor and materials) up to \$225,000. Town Meeting voted in May 2019 to provide the match for this grant if the Town should get it. This source has specific requirements such as the land must be Town owned, there must be access to water and electricity, the land should be relatively flat, and not too close to wetlands amongst other requirements.

Town Staff adopted the Criteria Description Sheet and a Location Scoring Sheet from the Dog Park Study Committee and assessed 10 sites around Fairhaven. Staff will continue to work on the review of sites with the Board of Public Works and the Select Board. Once a potentially suitable site or sites are chosen, the Town will conduct a public hearing to make sure the site has the support of the neighborhood. The Town will need another group of dedicated volunteers to champion the Dog Park once the site has been chosen.

## FAIRHAVEN FIRE & EMS DEPARTMENT

The Fairhaven Fire Department had a busy year with nearly 3,700 emergency responses in 2019. In addition, we completed over 780 inspections, which brings our total calls for service to 4,468.

In 2019, two veteran employees retired from the fire department: Firefighter Wayne Oliveira, a 42-year veteran and Firefighter Stephen Almeida, a 40-year veteran. Both were advocates for progressing the safety of firefighters throughout their careers - from developing public awareness campaigns to bringing in safety equipment to the fire department.

Firefighter Wayne Oliveira is a 42-year veteran of the fire department. He started his career in 1977 as a call firefighter and was appointed full time in 1986. In addition, to finishing his career as a senior firefighter (Acting Lieutenant), he was one of the Town's first paramedics, served on the ambulance study committee, served as the secretary of the Fairhaven Firefighters' Association, and developed the Fire Prevention/SAFE program alongside of the late, retired Lieutenant Earl Faunce. Firefighter Oliveira also led an infant car seat safety installation program. He serves on numerous town wide committees and organizations.

Firefighter Stephen Almeida is a 40-year veteran of the fire department. He started his career in 1978 as a call firefighter before being hired as a career firefighter in 1987. Stephen served as Union president for 20 years and, throughout his career, was instrumental in the transfer of the ambulance service from the Police Department to the Fire Department. He also helped develop our first Junior Firesetters Program and played Santa Claus for a variety of town-wide events. In addition, Stephen worked closely with the Fairhaven Gridiron Club and was instrumental in organizing the historic "Thanksgiving Eve" bonfire rally.

In 2019, we lost another veteran of the Fire Department. Firefighter Shawn Samanica died unexpectedly at his home. Firefighter Samanica joined the department in 2002 as a firefighter and a paramedic. He had always been the "go to guy" for repairs and other mechanical needs of the department. He is survived by his daughter Skylar.



Shawn Samanica  
6/4/1973 - 9/2/2019

In addition to needing to fill the vacancies created by the retirements and the loss of

Firefighter Samanica, the taxpayers of the Town approved an increase in our budget to add two new firefighter/paramedic positions at the May 2019 Town Meeting. We are honored and proud to announce the hiring of the following individuals:

Firefighter/Paramedic Erik Horsley started with the call department and finished paramedic school in early 2019. He is a town resident and his family has a long history with the Town of Fairhaven. He completed the Massachusetts Fire Academy in August of 2019 and currently serves on Shift 1.

Firefighter/Paramedic Michael Farias Jr, is also a town resident and started his firefighting career with the Town of Lakeville as a Junior Firefighter. He gained paramedic experience with the Town of Wareham and is currently attending the Massachusetts Fire Academy. He is expected to graduate in March of 2020.

Firefighter/Paramedic Jordan Cabral joined the department in November of 2019. He is a Fairhaven resident and is assigned to Shift 2. He is scheduled to attend the Massachusetts Fire Academy in April of 2020.

Firefighter/Paramedic Scott Rittenhouse is a resident of the Town of Acushnet. He lives there with his wife and three children. FF Rittenhouse brings many years of experience as a paramedic. He is scheduled to attend the Massachusetts Fire Academy in July of 2020.

Lastly, Firefighter Shawn Oliveira is a resident of the City of New Bedford. He currently lives there with his wife and son and brings in several years of experience as a paramedic. He is also scheduled to attend the Massachusetts Fire Academy in July of 2020.

This department still relies heavily on the Fairhaven Call Firefighters as a source of supplemental manpower. We have recruited one (1) new call firefighter in 2019 to replace the vacancy left by Jordan Cabral. Recruit Firefighter Heather Lynn Schultz is a town resident and an EMT-Basic. She is the daughter of retired Police Officer Tony Lopes. She is scheduled to attend the Massachusetts Call Firefighter I/II Training Program in February of 2020 at the Fall River Fire Department.

The current call volume has placed a great deal of strain on our workforce, who attempt to handle the increase in calls in a timely manner. We hope by adding the additional firefighters to our roster we can improve the safety of our firefighters, decrease our response time, and handle more calls. Unfortunately, it takes about a full year to completely train and on-board a recruit firefighter, so their impact on the call volume, reduction on response time, and reduction of overtime will not be seen until late 2020 into 2021.

## FIRE DIVISION

The fire department has again had a busy year with fire-related calls. Along with our everyday small fires, we handle many fire-related calls from storm related issues, basement pump outs, and power line assessment. This year, like previous years, we are seeing a substantial increase in severe storms that affect our area. Environmental groups expect

that this will only increase in future years.

## EMS DIVISION

Our EMS Division continues to handle the majority of our calls. This year our team of EMS providers has treated about 2600 patients and transported them to five (5) different hospitals. This volume is a 7.5% increase over last year. Dr. Matthew Bivens continues to be our Medical Director and continues to provide up to date training for our providers.

This year we have upgraded our stretchers. Stretchers are an important tool that are used by our team to transport patients safely from their injury location to their final destination. The stretchers that were replaced were over 12 years old and were experiencing technical issues.

## FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION

In addition to fire suppression, this department dedicates a great deal of resources to fire prevention. Each year, members of this department are out in the community performing fire safety inspections. These inspections, required by the fire code, are designed to make sure all buildings are in code compliance. In addition, we ensure that a third party properly inspects all sprinkler systems and commercial fire alarms.

In 2019, we initiated a new process where we are doing joint inspection with our building commissioner. We felt that doing joint inspections not only provides the ability to work collaboratively and address issues together but, it also reduces the impact of town services interrupting daily business for a safety inspection.

We would like to thank all of our commercial and industrial businesses in town for addressing all fire related safety issues in a timely manner.

## EQUIPMENT

Engine 2 is now 36 years old and is on our high priority replacement needs. However, our infrastructure will need to be upgraded in order to be able to house this new piece of equipment. Currently Station 2 is not large enough to house this modern piece of equipment and our Fire Headquarters cannot hold another piece of fire apparatus.

Our self-contained breathing apparatus is approaching the end of their life span. We are currently working on grants to relieve the taxpayers of this quarter of a million dollar project. We are planning to replace this equipment in the next 5 years.

Car 3 is a 2002 Tahoe which is scheduled to be replaced. It is currently being assessed by the capital planning committee. Car 3 is the vehicle used by our EMS/Training Officer. Not only does it handle the day-to-day meetings with community groups and St Luke's Hospital, it also responds to EMS calls that require additional help or EMS calls that are waiting for a mutual aid ambulance.

Our new battery-operated hydraulic tools have been purchased and installed on Engine 3. These new tools have been used several times in 2019 to remove an injured party from

a highly damaged vehicle involved in a motor vehicle accident. This new battery operated equipment is portable, fast and powerful.

## PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX

As you are aware, the planning of building a new public safety center is in full force. The existing building was built in the 1960's and has had minor modifications in the 1990's. We have reported several times the need to expand the fire department since the early 2000's but have been placed on the "back burner" for the construction of our much needed high school addition and the newly-built elementary schools.

However, the time has come to design and build a new public safety complex that can house the police, fire, emergency management, and animal control. The current buildings have numerous leaks, sewer issues and cannot handle the emergency needs we currently experience. With the increase in new emergencies to the fire department, we are forced to develop vehicles that can carry equipment more than just water and hose. The new equipment is larger and requires additional space.

As we design this complex, we are looking to serve the needs of today but also address the needs of tomorrow. We need to provide adequate decontamination areas for our firefighters, and additional locker rooms for our call firefighters to help reduce the transfer of carcinogens. Currently we have trailers and vehicles that are housed outside which greatly reduces their life span by being in an unenclosed environment. The Emergency Management Building on Sconticut Neck Road is in need of a new roof and new siding. There is no garage space at that location and multiple vehicles and trailers are left outside. Most of the space at the Emergency Management building is duplicate space that could be shared by a common public safety complex.

One of the big questions is 'why do we need a joint center'? We are very proud of our working relationship with the police and emergency management divisions. During a storm or other emergency, we are forced to work closely with one another to ensure that responses are handled appropriately. In order to maintain our close working relationship and reduce the need to create duplicate spaces, we are proposing a joint public safety center versus individual buildings.

## FIRE SAFETY DIVISION

In 2019, Firefighter Wayne Oliveira continued to handle the fire education division. Student Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) is a program that allocates state monies through a grant to provide fire educational training to all residents. Each year, Firefighter Oliveira and his team visit classrooms, daycares, community programs, and our annual open house and teach children of our community about fire safety. We can report that nearly 100% of our children receive some type of fire safety training before graduation.

In addition to teaching children, the Fire Safety Division also provides education and support to the elderly. We provide free of charge, fire safety classes and CPR classes to the Senior Center and to residents of the Fairhaven Housing Authority. We also conduct free home inspections to the elderly of our community upon need and request.



The Fire Safety Division and the Fire Prevention Division also work with our commercial and industrial businesses to provide disaster planning and fire drills. These meetings usually consist of a fire drill followed by some type of education on how fire safety and fire evacuations are conducted more efficiently. We also provide free fire extinguisher training to these businesses for their employees.

In 2019, the Fire Safety Division received the following grants from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts: SAFE Grant \$4,354.00, Senior SAFE \$2,600.00.

Due to the retirement of Firefighter Wayne Oliveira, we have appointed Firefighter/Paramedic Troy DeCouto to the position. He is currently getting organized and is hopeful to hit the ground running in 2020.

#### FIRE ALARM DIVISION

The Fire Alarm Division continues to maintain the town's radio boxes system. 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.

We received funding in the May 2019 town meeting to upgrade our aging Vision 21 system. The Vision 21 system is a computer system that receives the radio box signals and decodes the location and alarm type from an occupancy. The old system was over 10 years old and needed to be upgraded to keep up with today's technologies. The new system was fully installed and now operational. It is expected to have a 15 to 20 shelf life.

The Fire Alarm Division would like to thank all other departments and agencies that we have cooperated with throughout the year.

#### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION (EM)

As always, the EM division starts the year off on January 1st at Fort Phoenix for the annual Polar Plunge, providing assistance to other town public safety departments. We supported the annual Father's Day Road Race again this year with help from Acushnet, New Bedford, and Dartmouth EM's. Our thanks go out to our fellow emergency management agencies for their assistance with this major town event every year. We also want to express our sincere appreciation to the Road Race Committee for their generous donation. We have increased our presence and are providing support for three road races per year.

The EM division is proud to have assisted multiple civic organizations again this year with numerous events throughout the year, providing our portable public address system and traffic control. We also responded to several calls with the fire department.

During 2019, we also assisted the call firefighters with their annual Firefighter's Muster, responded to numerous water main breaks and downed trees providing lighting for

the safety of other town employees of our water and tree departments. We offered our assistance and worked closely with our fire, police Departments and the natural resources with our mobile communications truck. On July 4th, we assisted our public safety departments by setting up our mobile communications truck at Union Wharf and our light tower at Route 6 and Main Street for the safety of our police officers directing traffic.

The 2019 storm seasons, both winter and tropical, were mostly quiet. As usual, our volunteers are always checking and testing all of our equipment on a regular basis. Since 2018, we have and will be upgrading some equipment at the Emergency Operations Center located at the fire station. Two wall mounted monitors were installed and the new phone equipment was also installed this year. Our division is constantly monitoring and collecting data from the National Weather Service even when there are no apparent weather threats. We kept in touch with the Board of Selectmen and all the public safety departments, passing on the information we acquired. Thankfully, we were spared any tropical events this past season. Unfortunately, eventually we will get a major hurricane.

We received a grant from Massachusetts Emergency Management again in 2019. With these grants, we continue to purchase equipment to help us help the town. The grants are not large sums of money, but cumulatively add up and help. This year we were able to purchase an enclosed trailer. This trailer is being set up to store our shelter equipment. Currently, we have some cots in the trailer and in the near future we will be looking to purchase more.

This trailer will also store our pet shelter equipment when the time comes. The pet shelter is a priority for us but it is a very complicated logistical issue.

As stated in the past, our trucks are very old, tired and in need of replacing. We are proud to announce that we have finally received a new truck. We are very thankful for the town's support in funding this purchase. This is the second truck the town has purchased for our department, the other truck is a 1995 and still in service today.

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

We want to thank the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee for their continued support. We also thank the Police Department and the Board of Public Works for their assistance this past year.

In 2019, the EM division responded with our light tower for 99 hours. We responded to mutual aid calls for 30 hours and in town details, incidents, training, maintenance of equipment and planning, for a total of 1415 hours that our volunteers provided to the citizens of Fairhaven.

#### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN

The Emergency Preparedness Plan is still a work in progress, being continually evolved and updated. This will be an ongoing development each year as we modernize and

enhance our plan.

We are fortunate for the taxpayers and the support of the Selectmen, Town Administrator, and the Finance Committee to fund a new software program called Rave Mobile Safety. Still in development and scheduled to roll out to the taxpayers in early 2020, will be a new emergency alert software that can be used by a variety of departments to alert some or all citizens of a pending emergency, advisory or closure of a system in our town. The receipt of system's alerts are completely controlled by the taxpayer and will enhance the way reverse 911 works and notifies citizens. Please stay tuned to the public access channel for our introduction to this new system.

We continue to work alongside the Police Department, the Board of Health, and the School Department to develop and enhance our internal plans to better serve you during an emergency.

### CANCER AND OCCUPATIONAL HAZARDS

As stated last year, the Fire Department continues to review material and attempt to develop internal procedures to decrease the exposure hazards that firefighters face in their occupation. Most fires burn synthetic materials and plastics, which are more hazardous, and hotter than the fires of natural materials. Exposures to these fires increase firefighter cancer diagnosis rates by 9% and increase firefighter cancer death rates by 14%, when compared to the general population. We are working closely with the Fairhaven Firefighters Association and the Fairhaven Call Firefighter Association to identify and implement procedures to reduce these chances.

In late 2019, we received a grant under Governor Baker's Administration for an additional gear washer. Washing gear after exposure to toxic smoke helps reduce the carcinogen transfer. Currently the department has one washer that can wash an average of one set of gear per hour. The new washer will double this capacity and get the gear back in service in a timely fashion.

We have requested in our FY21 budget for our first gear dryer. This will reduce the time to get the firefighting gear back in service quickly. Currently, the gear takes about 24 hours to air dry in the station.

Washing and properly maintaining the gear helps maintain longevity. It is important to know that the firefighting gear costs about \$4000.00 a set and has an average life span of 10 years.

We will continue to work the town on providing funding for decontamination equipment and supplies to help reduce this occupational hazard.

### OPIOID/ADDICTION TASK FORCES

The Fairhaven Fire & EMS Department is happy to report that we have seen a slight reduction in our response to opioid use and other addictive substances. We continue to work with our local and regional partners, the board of Public Health and the Fairhaven

Police Department to provide alternatives to treatment and issues that are associated with this crisis.

JOINT TRAINING:

We had two joint training sessions with our police department on our involvement and response to an active shooter event. Our staff has been working alongside the police department on entry, patient evaluation, patient stabilization and patient extrication from a facility. As we never hope to use this type of response, we are proud to report we will be ready.

We would like to thank Chief Myers, the Detective division, and the SRO officers for their assistance, education, and their willingness to prepare the paramedics for this type of response.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Please remember to check in on our website: [www.fairhavenfire.org](http://www.fairhavenfire.org).

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



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FairhavenFire

I would like to thank the other town departments and boards for working with us this past year and look forward to working alongside them again in 2019.

Fairhaven Fire Department Activities in 2019

Situation Description	Totals
Fire, other	2
Building fire	8
Cooking fire, confined to container	5
Fuel burner/boiler malfunction, fire confined	2
Mobile Property (vehicle) fire, other	1
Passenger vehicle fire	5
Water vehicle fire	1
Natural vegetation fire, other	6
Forest, woods or wildland fire	1
Brush, or brush and grass mixture fire	4
Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	5
Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire	2
Outside equipment fire	1
Outside gas or vapor combustion explosion	1
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheat other	1
Fireworks explosion (no fire)	1
Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	8

Rescue, emergency medical call (EMS) call, other	10
Medical assist, assist EMS crew	20
Emergency medical service incident, other	45
EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	2553
Vehicle accident with injuries	157
Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)	8
Lock-in	4
Search, other	1
Search for person in water	2
Extrication, rescue, other	1
Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	4
Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	3
Watercraft rescue	14
Rescue or EMS standby	6
Hazardous condition - other	9
Flammable gas or liquid condition, other	1
Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	9
Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	25
Oil or other combustible liquid spill	23
Toxic condition, other	1
Chemical hazard (no spill or leak)	1
Chemical spill or leak	2
Carbon monoxide incident	11
Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	11
Heat from short circuit (wiring), defective/worn	1
Overheated motor	4
Light ballast breakdown	1
Power Line Down	6
Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	13
Biological Hazardous, confirmed or suspected	1
Accident, potential accident, other	3
Vehicle accident, general cleanup	41
Service call, other	9
Person in distress, other	2
Lock-out	11
Water problem, other	10
Water evacuation	6
Water or steam leak	9
Smoke or odor removal	24
Animal problem	1
Animal rescue	1
Public service assistance, other	11
Assist police or other governmental agency	15
Public service	9
Assist invalid	1
Unauthorized burning	51

Cover assignment, standby, move up	4
Good intent call, other	46
Dispatched & cancelled en route	52
Wrong location	2
Authorized controlled burning	6
Vicinity alarm (incident in other location)	1
Smoke scare, odor of smoke	17
Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke	2
EMS call, party transported by non-fire agency	1
Hazmat release investigation w/no hazmat	13
False alarm or false call, other	27
Malicious, mischievous false call, other	1
Municipal alarm system, malicious false alarm	1
System malfunction, other	18
Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	1
Extinguishing system activation due to malfunction	1
Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	46
Heat detector activation due to malfunction	2
Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	30
CO detector activation due to malfunction	14
Unintentional transmission of alarm	16
Sprinkler activation, no fire - unintentional	3
Extinguishing system activation	1
Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	51
Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	22
Alarm system sounded, no fire - unintentional	60
Carbon monoxide detector activation no CO	26
Flood assessment	1
Special type of incident, other	8
Citizen complaint	6
Total Runs	3684

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

Car Seat Installation	18
Complaint Investigation	3
Fire Alarm Acceptance Test	1
Hood Fire Suppression System Acceptance	1
Hot Works Site Inspection	8
Juvenile Fire Intervention Program	1
L.P. gas tank inspections	19
Nursing home inspections	16
Oil burner / Tank Removal Inspections	21
Public building inspections	319
Public EMS Education	1

Public Education- SAFE Program	22
Reinspection of Commercial/Industrial	29
Residential Key Box Installation	3
School building inspections	10
School drills	22
Smoke detector inspections	296
Smoke/CO Insp. (Collins Challenge)	2
Sprinkler Acceptance Test	3
Tank Truck Inspection	3
Town AED Maintenance	2
Underground tank removal/installation	3
Total Service Runs for 2019	784
In-service training	2592 hrs
EMS training	4962 hrs

#### **Fire Department Fees / Donations Collected**

<b>Type of Fee</b>	<b>Amount Collected</b>
Above Ground Tank Removal	\$330.00
Ammunition Storage License	\$30.00
Annual Radio Box Fee	\$15,400.00
Ansul System Installation	\$30.00
Bonfire Permits	\$210.00
Copy of Fire Report	\$160.00
Copy of Records – 21E	\$5.00
Copy of PCR Report	\$440.00
Fire Alarm Installation/Upgrade – Commercial	\$700.00
Flammable Liquids, Solids & Gases	\$1,410.00
Fuel Dispensing Permit- Marine	\$150.00
Inn/ Hotel Inspections	\$600.00
Install / Alter Oil Burner Equipment	\$840.00
Installation/Removal of Underground Tanks	\$150.00
LP Gas Storage Permit	\$1,260.00
Smoke Detector Inspections	\$8,820.00
Sprinkler Permit	\$240.00
Subpoena of Records	\$20.00
Suppression System	\$50.00
Tank Truck & Transfer Tank Inspection	\$90.00
Tire Storage Permit	\$30.00
Unvented Fireplace Permit	\$60.00
Waste Oil Permit & Burner	\$630
Welding / Cutting Storage Permit	\$840.00
Sub Total	\$31,655.00
Gift Donation	\$2,170.00
Small Claims – Ambulance Bill Collections	\$3,503.43
Ambulance Service Revenue	\$1,188,283.93
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,225,611.93</b>

Respectfully Submitted,

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## FAIRHAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Fairhaven Public School District believes that if we recruit and retain the right kind of people, and if we provide the climate, conditions, and culture for those people, then students, parents, and educators will choose Fairhaven and become a part of our team. This annual report provides a synopsis of actions that occurred in 2019. We fully completed the updated “Vision of our Graduate” and the core components needed to accomplish this vision. We believe that the Fairhaven Public School District in partnership with our school community provides opportunities for all of our students to become independent, productive, and successful contributors to a global society. The dogged implementation of our district’s vision for all of our graduates is in the following core values that begin with “We strive” statements.

We strive to promote the proper mindsets to our students so that they may excel in life. The cornerstones of which are ambition, perseverance, and integrity. These mindsets are evident in the revision of our district’s logo that was developed by members of our faculty and student body. Anyone who was fortunate enough to experience Fairhaven High School’s Special Olympics Pep Rally or a Unified Basketball game has experienced the pride and emotion that epitomizes who we are. This was substantiated as our most engaged social media post of the year was, “When the entire school participates in a send-off pep rally for the Special Olympics today...with hype video, band, police escort and all #FairhavenPS #FHS SouthCoast SpecialOlympics. This post reached 48,178 people and had 4,014 likes, comments, and shares!

Student enrollment figures are declining throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and in the Southcoast region, numbers are on the rise in the Fairhaven Public School District. A six-year trend shows our district’s enrollment growing from 1,980 students in 2013, to 2064 students in 2019. During the month of November, Fairhaven High School reached seven hundred and two (702) students. In the fall of 2017, the largest freshman class in decades entered Fairhaven High School. In 2019, Ninety-six (96) students out of a total of one hundred and seventy (170) students chose Fairhaven High School from the Elizabeth Hastings Middle School. Fifty-six students chose Fairhaven High School (FHS) from the Ford Middle School in Acushnet. As of October 1, 2019, two hundred and fifty four (254) students from Acushnet attend Fairhaven High School. In 2007, the total number of Fairhaven students attending Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School (GNBRVTHS) was two hundred and fifty four (254). In the fall of 2018, the total number of Fairhaven students enrolled at GNBRVTHS was one hundred and sixty-five (165). We are honored that families and students are “choosing Fairhaven.”

We strive to provide a safe and supportive learning environment and the climate, conditions, and culture for all students to have the opportunity to achieve the stated vision of our graduates. In our town, we are fortunate to have a very strong relationship with our Police and Fire Departments. We continue to work closely with them to review existing safety protocols to determine what, if any additional resources are needed to ensure the security of our school buildings. Climate Conditions, and Culture comprise decisions that are made in the best interest of students, and decisions that are based upon the integrity of the institution and not on the special interest of the individual. Our educators are our greatest assets. They are highly effective with a mindset for growth. They are responsible

for all learners and all learning. They possess a spirit of continuous improvement. They constructively utilize the time and structures provided for ongoing formal and informal collaboration.

We strive to provide an educational program delivered by a consistent system of teaching and learning supported by a continuum of student services so that all students are ready for the next grade, school, college, career, and life. We determined the allocation of time at each grade/level that we planned to dedicate to direct instruction delivered by a highly effective educator in order successfully implement English, mathematics, social studies/ history, science and world language. At the secondary level (grades 6 – 12) we verified a master schedule focusing on the core academic areas for student learning was in fact implemented with fidelity. At the elementary level (grades K – 5) we made adjustments to the master schedule that maximized the allocation of structured learning time, focusing on the core academic areas for student learning.

The essential conditions necessary for the achievement of high level learning for all children is a highly effective teacher that delivers instruction within an optimal class size setting. This is the reason why we begin our System of Teaching and Learning by maximizing the allocation of structured learning time for students with highly effective educators. We have worked extremely hard to ensure the Delivery of Services for Students with Disabilities is executed with fidelity so that highly effective/licensed special education teachers deliver direct services to identified special education students only in the clearly defined continuum of student services. We are proud of the continuum of student services that is clearly defined for our district.

To begin the 2019 – 2020 school year, we are in the process of implementing a plan to teach all children to learn to read by no later than third grade, so that all may read to learn. This continuum of literacy will enable all students to read actively, critically, and competently for a variety of purposes. The emphasis of this initiative is to develop strong early literacy skills K-2 through the implementation of a vertically articulated curriculum and assessment.

We developed and implemented a plan that ensures equitable technology integration and capacity so that all K – 12 students use technology across all curricular areas to support, enhance, and demonstrate their learning. We re-structured two instructional technology positions (one at the Elizabeth Hastings Middle School and one at the Leroy Wood Elementary School) and created one Innovation Specialist position at the elementary level and one Communications-Media/TV/Production position for grades 5 – 8.

We developed and implemented the re-organization of the educational program that provides a deliberate and dedicated commitment of time for the traditional specialists, exploratory teachers, and electives in three distinct pathways of Wellness (Physical Education, Health), Music (Strings-Orchestra, Instrumental-Concert/Marching Band, Choral/Vocal), and Innovation (Art, Science, Media).

The professional vacancy process for the Leroy L. Wood Elementary School Principal was posted on June 13, 2019. Dr. Yolanda Burnett comes to us with 24 years of experience in

education. She has spent six years as an elementary principal within the Boston Public Schools where former Deputy Superintendent Williams stated that Dr. Burnett “always puts the interest of children first” and called her “an all-star” who “provided her staff with the required support...that allowed them to grow professionally”. During her time as Executive Director of the Boston Renaissance Charter Public School, Dr. Burnett was in charge of the entire school, but was noted by the Head of School/Director of Visual and Performing Arts Ms. Evelyn Lee as “an exceptional educator who ensures that all students receive an engaging, yet rigorous academic program”. We are very fortunate to have secured such a talented and experienced educator to lead the Leroy Wood Elementary School. We look forward to welcoming our new leadership team to our Fairhaven School Community!

In May 2019, the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee Recommend FY’20 General Fund Operating Budget for the Fairhaven Public Schools of \$21,082,516. The operational expenditures needed for the FY20 School Department Budget were \$4,981,854. A major component of that request is out of district tuition. The school department request from the town in the area of out of district tuition was \$1,520,057. This request was reduced, and subsequently the approved town meeting amount was \$387,000 less than requested in the area of operational expenditures. Specifically this impacted the area of Out of District Tuition. The Superintendent met with the Fairhaven Board of Selectmen, Fairhaven Finance Committee to request to amend Article 14 of the May 4, 2019 Annual Town Meeting General Fund by \$219,763. This proposed action would add \$219,763 to the school department budget for the specific purpose of balancing the FY 20 Out of District portion of the operational budget. On October 15, 2019, special town meeting voted to appropriate a \$220,000 increase to the school department budget. At the May Town Meeting, votes to transfer from surplus revenue \$18,400 to further fund the Special Education Reserve Fund and to establish an Enterprise Fund for town cable television to appropriate a FPS cable television Peg Access Enterprise Fund for \$160,000 occurred.

In the area of facilities and maintenance, we do have short-term and long-term plans to address the capital and maintenance needs of its building and facilities. At the annual town meeting, it was voted to amend the FY’19 General Fund Capital budget High School Gym Dehumidification Project by increasing the appropriation from \$283,000 to \$432,700 by transferring from surplus revenue (Free Cash) \$96,023.41 and by transferring \$53,676.59 in borrowed funds from Article 3, of October 25, 2011 Special Town Meeting “Wood School Project”, in which funds are no longer needed. The Community Preservation Committee recommended the appropriation of \$55,000 from FY’20 estimated receipts for the FPS High School Window Restoration project. Also \$206,000 was appropriated from the General Fund Capital Budget (FY 20) for the school department for the Fairhaven High School Performing Arts Lighting project.

We strive to forge strategic partnerships that promote collaborative planning to identify and advance opportunities for cooperation between town departments, neighboring municipalities, and community organizations to examine possible areas of collaboration and partnership so as to improve efficiency and effectiveness of the services that we provide. Previously within this annual report we provided the following actions that occurred in 2019 of working collaboratively and cooperatively with the Town of Fairhaven.

The Town of Fairhaven and the Fairhaven Public Schools worked to create a shared position entitled a Media & Communications Specialist. This position was researched when the town administrator, consolidated IT Director, and the school superintendent visited other communities that successfully employed such a position. We then collectively put together a job description with the roles and responsibilities that would execute: social media promotion, engagement and conversion strategies that drive education-awareness, Town initiatives and announcements on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Google+; create, curate, and manage all published content (images, video and written); monitor, listen and respond to users in a “Social” way in the town and district’s voice; oversee design (ie: Facebook timeline cover, profile pics, thumbnails, landing pages, Twitter profiles, and video content); organize and produce as needed publications and press releases; assist the Educational TV Director in engaging with in-house campaigns/videos in support of the district television station; become an advocate for the Fairhaven Public Schools and the Town of Fairhaven in social media spaces, engaging in dialogues and answering questions where appropriate. One example of this program’s success since its implementation is that the Fairhaven Public Schools social media now has 1,823 Facebook followers. We have gained 532 followers since January 2019. We now have 907 Twitter followers and have created new Facebook and Twitter pages.

We completed a vital and proactive Comm-Tract Fiber Project that will benefit town departments and school connectivity and bandwidth for years to come. We hosted another successful National Night out in the fall. The Elizabeth Hastings Middle School continued its intergenerational outreach by hosting yet another successful intergenerational paint night and partnered with the Council on Aging Picture Perfect Mural Project. We worked with the town to successfully apply for and receive a Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Funding.

In the spring of 2019, the current Consolidated IT Director was asked to utilize her certification and expertise as a School Business Manager for duties within the school department. To allow this employee the time necessary to provide this support, another vital employee in the Consolidated IT Department, who serves as the Consolidated IT Support Supervisor, was appointed to the position of Interim IT Director. This arrangement proved to be so successful, that a permanent re-allocation of personnel resources was enacted to enhance the success of the collaboration between the town and the schools. As such, the current Consolidated IT Director will also assume the title of School Department Director of Finance. Approximately 75% of her time will be spent on Consolidated IT matters and 25% on school matters. The Consolidated IT Support Supervisor will assume additional duties as the Assistant Consolidated IT Director while continuing to work in his role as the Consolidated IT Support Supervisor. Approximately 75% of his time will be spent on Information Technology Specialist matters and 25% as the Consolidated IT Director. This new structure allows for the same levels of service to the Consolidated IT Department while, providing the school department with needed financial expertise in the form of a part-time certified Director of Finance.

In the fall of 2019, and in accordance with Fairhaven’s designation as a Green Community, the town was able to contract with Solar Energy for solar projects.

Fairhaven's Green Communities designation is a result of the collaborative efforts of the offices of the Fairhaven Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator Mark Rees, Public Works Superintendent Vincent D. Furtado, Fairhaven Schools Superintendent Robert N. Baldwin, Massachusetts DOER Green Communities Regional Coordinator Seth Pickering, and the Fairhaven Sustainability Community, as well as significant contributions from Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD). Solar Energy won the RFP with PowerOptions for onsite solar projects and have complete 65 projects for municipalities, schools, state agencies, and non-profit groups. Select identified the East Fairhaven and the Leroy Wood elementary schools as excellent candidates for rooftop solar projects and provided estimates of what a Solar Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) would look like for both buildings. East Fairhaven School is estimated to save about \$16,000 for the first year the solar panels are installed and an estimated \$300,000 over the 20-year period if electricity prices stay static. Wood School is estimated to save about \$23,000 for the first year the solar panels are installed and an estimated \$500,000 over the 20-year period if electricity prices stay static. The Rooftop PPAs that Select offers include low fixed rates with no capital, take advantage of the Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target (SMART) Program, and utilize federal tax incentives. The school department and the town administrator reviewed the projects and recommended that this program proceed with the negotiation of the final agreements. The school committee authorized the superintendent to execute these agreements and move forward with the projects. The Town and the School Committee did agree on the PPAs leases, and Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreements. Adding in the PILOT amounts, Fairhaven will see an estimated \$51,000 in savings and PILOT income for these two solar projects in the first year; approximately \$40,000 in savings and \$11,000 in PILOT income. If electricity prices increase over the 20-year term, Fairhaven could see between \$800,000 and \$1.25 million in savings total for both projects. The solar arrays will produce up to 90% of the electricity that the schools use on an annual basis. Select will begin securing incentives and the interconnection applications with the utility for installation in early 2020.

The Carl Pacheco 7 (CP7) Summer Institute was conducted for two weeks in August 2019. In the philosophy of Carl Pacheco's legacy of bringing people together through programs, the Fairhaven Public School District developed this summer program for youth in Fairhaven and surrounding areas. This is the second year a generous donation was presented to the Fairhaven Public School District. Over 200 students participated in the second year of this initiative. On the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, the Fairhaven High School Day of Caring initiative took place throughout the entire school community. Other successful activities that occurred in 2019 were the Kindness Tunnel, a snow removal PSA, the Fairhaven Juvenile Police Academy, the FHS Robotics qualification and attendance to the World Championships in Louisville, Kentucky, the Senior class graduation walk in Fairhaven and Acushnet and elementary and middle schools, the National Art Honor Society, the largest number of National Honor Society inductees, a record number of Advanced Placement students. Finally, we continue to have discourse and collaboration with the Town of Acushnet in order to explore efficiencies and economies of scale regarding school services. We continue representation and positioning of the Fairhaven Public School District with the Southcoast Development Partnership in order to remain current with issues in the Southcoast region.

Partnerships with the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents (MASS), and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) strategically position our district by being both current and relevant in our profession. These strategic partnerships allow our district a seat at the table of growth and progress in the education profession at the state and regional level. Our district was invited by Commissioner Riley to spend the day at UMASS Amherst on Tuesday March 19, 2019 in order to come together to reimagine public education in Massachusetts. The name of the conference was “Kairos – Mapping Our Way Forward.” At our fall full professional development day in October, The Elementary and Secondary Education Commissioner, Jeffrey C. Riley visited the Fairhaven Public School’s for the second consecutive year. He was the keynote speaker for the professional staff of the Fairhaven Public Schools. On June 5, 2019 the Fairhaven School Committee voted to support the Superintendent to submit an application for district accreditation with the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert N. Baldwin Ed.D  
Superintendent of Schools



## DEPARTMENT OF FINE ARTS AND HISTORICAL ARCHIVES

In 2019 the Department of Fine Art had the town's collection of paintings reappraised to affirm the proper insurance coverage.

The Department also purchased several brass plaques to denote the name and artist of a few paintings which had none. It should be noted that the town's art collection remains in excellent condition.

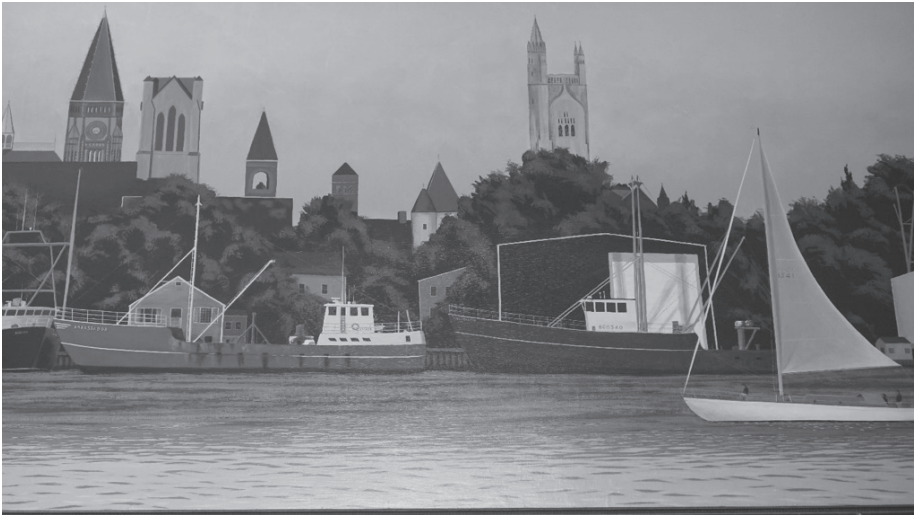
On Saturday October 19th the Department held its first "Kids Art Day." Children ages 7 to 12 painted their own version of the painting "Fairhaven Skyline" by artist Kevin Cormier. A wonderful time was had by all. The event was made possible and free of charge to all the children thanks to the generosity of the Fairhaven taxpayer, The Fairhaven Improvement Association, The West Island Fairhaven Improvement Association, and The Fairhaven Historical Society.

Our plans for 2020 include an event to showcase the town's art collection and to search for additional works of art by Fairhaven artists to add to the town's collection.

All the best and respectfully submitted,

Mark Badwey, Art Curator

Kelly Smith, Assistant Art Curator



*"Fairhaven Skyline" by Artist Kevin Cormier*

## GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



### *School Committee Members*

Rita M. Ribeiro, Chair, New Bedford  
Randall C. Durrigan, Vice-Chair, Fairhaven  
Dr. Cynthia Marland, Dartmouth  
Michael Shea, Dartmouth  
Wayne Oliveira, Fairhaven  
Joshua Amaral, New Bedford  
Frederick J. Toomey, New Bedford  
Patrick T. Walsh, Esq., New Bedford

The District School Committee sets policy and approves the budget for the school. The eight-member Committee include 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 2019, the School Committee held its annual organizational meeting. Rita Ribeiro, of New Bedford was elected chair and Randall Durrigan, of Fairhaven was elected vice-chair. Corvens Depaliste has joined the School Committee as a student representative for the 2019-2020 school year. Corvens is a senior majoring in Medical Assisting. Corvens lives in New Bedford.



## OVERVIEW OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

### *District Administrators*



**James L. O'Brien**  
*Superintendent-Director*



**Pamela Stuart**  
*School Business Administrator*

### *School Administrators*



**Robert J. Watt**  
*CTE Principal*



**Michael P. Watson**  
*Academic Principal*

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.

#### Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School

GNB Voc-Tech 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, 2019, there were 2,125 students enrolled in grades 9-12. Of those, 1,638 lived in New Bedford, 325 lived in Dartmouth, and 162 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 Design, Automotive Technology, Business Technology, Carpentry, Collision Repair Technology, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Dental Assisting, Diesel Service Technology, Early Childhood Education, Electrical Technology, Mechanical Design, Engineering & Robotics, Environmental Science and Technology, Fashion Design, HVAC, Information Support Services and Networking, Computer Information Technology, Legal and Protective Services, Machine Technology, Media Technology, Medical Assisting, Welding Technology, Nurse Assisting/Health Assisting, Plumbing, Programming and Web Development, Stationary Engineering, and Visual Design.



### **Greater New Bedford Vocational Technical Institute**

The GNB Voc-Tech Vocational Technical Institute (GNB Voc-TechI) offers open enrollment and selective enrollment programs at the post-secondary and continuing education levels. GNB Voc-TechI (formerly known as Adult Education) was founded in 1972 in the GNB Voc-Tech Regional Vocational Technical School District in New Bedford, Massachusetts. In addition to the economic benefits for the participants and our local economy, each year more than 1,500 area residents complete GNB Voc-TechI programs with additional skills, greater competency in their fields, increased confidence, and new or renewed interests as well as new social contacts.

GNB Voc-TechI offers open enrollment for more than 80 courses. Courses include licensed trade areas of electrical, medical, carpentry, EMT, and plumbing, and non-licensed areas including machine shop, automotive, computer technology, photography, pharmacy tech, and welding. Language courses include Portuguese, Spanish, and American Sign

Language. Classes are also offered in culinary, clothing, gardening, woodworking, and other areas of special interest.

GNB Voc-TechI offers Chapter 74 state-approved post-secondary programming in Marine Technology. GNB Voc-TechI post-secondary programs are rigorous and prepare learners to meet the challenges of their selected career and industry. All applicants must apply for selective admission to the post-secondary programs.

#### Highlights of the Year 2019

The GNB Voc-Tech Regional Vocational Technical High School continues to offer a high quality, rigorous education to all students. With twenty-seven career and technical trades areas for students to choose and an academic curriculum that has GNB Voc-Tech meeting state standards (as measured by the state's accountability system), the school continues to provide regional students with an array of post-secondary opportunities. GNB Voc-Tech is in the 64th percentile of public high schools as measured by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's accountability system.

GNB Voc-Tech Regional Vocational Technical High School continues to offer students a range of post-secondary opportunities with nearly 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. 1, 213 students applied for the Class of 2023 and as of December 31, 2019, 974 students have applied for the Class of 2024. 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. GNB Voc-Tech Regional Vocational Technical High School is in the fourth year of its revamped, online application process and has seen an increasing number of applications when compared with the prior school year.

In addition to the high number of students seeking a vocational technical education, students currently enrolled in the school continue to shine. The 2018-2019 student daily attendance rates exceeded 96%, providing credible evidence of the district's focus on school attendance as a top indicator for graduation success.

Visitors from across the state continue to be impressed by the GNB Voc-Tech campus. While safety at the school remains the highest priority for all students, staff, and visitors, district personnel are proud of the commitment to continuously improve the physical structure of the school. The school has improved security features at the school, installed additional security measures, and continues to monitor changing technologies to ensure safety at the school.

#### **District Budget and Assessment**

The District's total budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 was \$39,179,817. Of this amount, the City of New Bedford was responsible for 76.6 %, the Town of Fairhaven was responsible for 8.4 %, and the Town of Dartmouth was responsible for 14.9 %. For fiscal year 2019, the District's total assessment to the three member communities was

\$12,079,030. This figure represented 31.0 % of the total District budget. Each year, the school district works hard to keep its budget at the required net school spending level.

\*For the 2020 calendar year application, the District collaborated with Fairhaven Public Schools and Dartmouth Public Schools for Title III funding which will be reported in the next Annual Report. Title III Part A of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act provides funds to help English learners, including immigrant children and youth, succeed in school by assisting them in becoming fluent in English and meet challenging state academic content and student academic achievement standards.

### **School Enrollment**

October 1st marks the due date for official reporting of enrollment data to the state. It is clear that our efforts to continue to attract and keep students in school have been successful. As of October 1, 2019, there were 2,125 students enrolled in grades 9-12. There were 1,023 females and 1,102 males. Enrollment still remains strong!

In the spring, the school completed its annual survey of students' plans after graduation. This survey is required by the Perkins grant and is needed as part of our end-of-the-year data reporting to the state. According to the survey, 68.9% of the students in the Class of 2019 planned to pursue a post-secondary education, 26% planned to enter the workforce, and 5.1% planned to enter the military.

### **Positive MCAS Results for 2019**

Passing the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) exam is a graduation requirement in Massachusetts. Sophomore students are tested in three areas: English Language Arts (ELA), Math, and Biology.

We are pleased with the results of the spring 2019 MCAS administration. In ELA, GNB Voc-Tech students performed in the 68th percentile statewide while seeing improved growth scores in the 60th percentile. In Math, GNB Voc-Tech students scored in the 67th percentile and had growth scores that outperformed 86% of public high school students in the Commonwealth. Equally impressive, students in Biology performed at their highest level (60th percentile) in the eight year testing window while dropout and graduation rates improved. Student attendance remained in the top 15% statewide.

"The staff and faculty continue to do exemplary work in advancing student growth" said Superintendent O'Brien. Adding, "Students continue to grow at higher rates than their peer groups across the state and should be commended for their preparation, passion, and perseverance." The district has reduced the number of students in the warning/failing categories in all tested areas and improved the percentage of students scoring proficient and/or advanced in all assessments.

### **John and Abigail Adams Scholarship**

The John and Abigail Adams Scholarship provides a tuition waiver 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. Students

qualify for the merit-based John and Abigail Adams Scholarship based upon their performance in the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) exams. The scholarship is open to all public school students who score in the “Advanced” category in English, Math, or Biology section of the MCAS test and score at least “Proficient” on the other two sections of the exam. The student’s MCAS scores must also rank in the top 25 percent of their school district to qualify. Scholarship eligibility is based on each student’s first attempt at taking the spring grade 10 MCAS tests in ELA, Mathematics, and STE 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 2019 had 142 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 2018 year GNB Voc-Tech employed 8 Guidance Counselors, 2 School Adjustment Counselors, 2.5 Nurses, 1 Student Registrar and 3 Secretary/Clerks. 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 and 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 path for them. In 2019, 100% of our graduates left GNB Voc-Tech 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.

GNB Voc-Tech accepts 565 incoming 9th grade students as well as a limited number of 10th and 11th grade students from Dartmouth, Fairhaven and New Bedford. Admission determinations are based on applicants’ grades, attendance, behavior/conduct and recommendations from their sending school as outlined in the DESE approved GNB Voc-Tech Admissions Policy.

GNB Voc-Tech has partnered with Go2CTE, an online software program used by fourteen other vocational-technical high schools in Massachusetts. The online application process provides GNB Voc-Tech more access to students and families as well as provides three-way communication between GNB Voc-Tech, the student and family, and the sending school district. As of December 31, 2018 GNB Voc-Tech received over 800 online applications, an increase from 700 in 2017. This online application program has truly put us ahead in regards to applications received, as they were not consistently received until after the holidays in previous years.

## Student Attendance Stays Strong

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 work 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 to problem solve. These changes in school policies are reflected positively in our weekly percentage results. The District works hard to make sure students are present at 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 in maintaining a positive school culture. This 2019-2020 school year, GNB Voc-Tech continues with a 97+ yearly attendance rate, a 25% reduction in the dropout rate leading to an overall increase in the graduation rate of 90.1 %.

New this 2019-2020 school year, all students serve tardy/detention in one location in a timely manner holding students more accountable. As a result there is a decrease in the overall number of students reporting into tardy without a valid excuse. Due to the new Dismissal Policy the volume of daily dismissals has decreased. Reinforcing the need for parents/guardians to keep Emergency 10A forms updated has worked out well sending a message to parents/guardians that a student cannot be released to a person not listed on the 10A 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 webpage for students and their parents to find accurate information regarding our school policies has been well received.

### **Cooperative Education and Placement**

During the 2018-2019 school year we had 144 students on co-op at 77 sites. In addition to the invaluable experience that our students are gaining, they earned a total of \$738,275.37. Many of these students will stay with these companies after graduation in either full or part-time capacity.

Our partnership with SouthCoast Hospitals, SouthCoast Physicians Group and Hawthorn Medical Associates (Steward Health Care), has continued to grow as well as our relationships with other community businesses.

### **CVTE Dual Enrollment Program**

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.



## **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. We also have several Regional Articulation Agreements. 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.

## **Extracurricular Activities**

After-Prom Committee, Ambassadors for Excellence, American Sign Language, Anime Club, Artisan Motorworks Club, Bears Building Community, Bowling Club, Business Professionals of America, Chess Club, Creative Services Team, Cultural Consciousness Club, Engineering & Robotics, Gender Sexuality Alliance, Law Society, Multicultural Club, Music Club, Non-Traditional Careers Club, Origami Club, Professional Speaking, Rachel's Challenge Club Ski & Snowboard Club, SkillsUSA, Student Council, Students Against Destructive Decisions (S.A.D.D.), Student Mentors Program, Table-top Gaming Club, Voc-Tech Theatre Company, Yearbook Club, Yoga Club  
Summer Literacy Program

GNB Voc-Tech Regional Vocational Technical High School enters its tenth year of a Summer Literacy Program. The Integrated Summer Reading Program was designed to promote literacy as an essential life skill.

Every student, including incoming ninth-graders, were required to read at least one book during the summer. The reading requirement for the school was:

Grade 9 - Chasing Lincoln's Killer by James L. Swanson

Grade 10 - Shelter by Harlen Coben or The Red Umbrella by Christina Diaz Gonzalez

Grade 11 - Mary, Bloody Mary by Carolyn Meyer

Grade 12 - One of Us is Lying by Karen M. McManus or I Am the Messenger by Markus Zusak

Students were given varying assignments, including journal prompts, chapter summaries and vocabulary, in English and social studies on their reading. Each subject assignment will count as a grade during the first marking period of the 2019-2020 school year in the correlating content class. In addition to the school-wide reading assignment, Honors students read: The Rent Collector by Camron Wright (grade 10), A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest J. Gaines (grade 11) and The Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver (grade 12). AP English students read 1984 by George Orwell, On Writing by Stephen King and Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer (grade 11) and Tess of the d'Urbervilles by Thomas Hardy, The Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger, and A Streetcar Named Desire by Tennessee Williams (grade 12).

Downloadable study guides were available to students through the school's web site. Students were also required to do a "Math Packet" that was set forth by the Math

Department.

## **GNB VOC-TECH HOLDS ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE**

GNB Voc-Tech held its' Annual Open House Sunday November 24th. The school hosted both current and prospective students and parents.

The opening ceremony began at 11:00 a.m. in the Z. Walter Janiak Fieldhouse with more than 1,200 prospective students and parents in attendance. Superintendent James O'Brien opened the ceremony welcoming the crowd and encouraging students and parents to explore the school's campus and to ask many questions about what the school has to offer. O'Brien stated, "This school offers both a rigorous academic education evidenced by our MCAS and accountability scores and a high quality, robust career and technical training that prepares students for work in the trades after high school".

Director of Guidance and Pupil Personnel Services Dr. Heather Larkin spoke about the school's academic and 27 career and technical programs available to students and the many opportunities to consider when applying. She highlighted the online application process and encouraged parents and prospective students to visit the career and technical areas that day to gain greater insight into GNB Voc-Tech's offerings. All career and technical programs were open with students demonstrating their acquired technical skills. The hallways were filled with both students and parents moving throughout the facility with amazement of all that the school has to offer.

GNB Voc-Tech Regional Vocational Technical High School serves the City of New Bedford, the Towns of Dartmouth and Fairhaven, and is fully accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

## **SKILLSUSA**

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA helps each student excel. It provides educational programs, events and competitions that support career and technical education (CTE) in the nation's classrooms. SkillsUSA sponsors the SkillsUSA Championships annually to recognize the achievements of vocational and technical students and to encourage them to strive for excellence and pride in their chosen occupations. Between January and December 2019, GNB Voc-Tech Regional Vocational Technical High School (GNB Voc-Tech) hosted the District I Competition, took part in both the State and National competitions and participated in the Chapter Officer Retreat, Fall Leadership conference, MRE Challenge and the SAIL Conference, while completing numerous community service activities.

### **January 2019 - MRE Challenge**

This challenge is in cooperation with the Massachusetts National Guard. Contestants will demonstrate using their culinary knowledge and sanitation as well their ability to utilize and be creative with Military issue MREs. GNB Voc-Tech was represented by a team of



three contestants that thoroughly enjoyed the experience, they were also able to meet and speak with a celebrity chef judge.

### **January 2019 - Freshmen Orientation**

The SkillsUSA Officers and State Officer Candidates spoke to the assembly of Freshmen students about the opportunities for them to compete for SkillsUSA.

### **February 2019 - SAiL Conference**

This conference focused on our seniors who will graduate with seemingly limitless opportunities for quality employment largely due to the drastic skills gap in today's workforce. SkillsUSA business partners and program graduates shared several timely resources and experiences that support the framework of the SkillsUSA mission, which includes personal, workplace, and technical skills grounded in academics – designed to assist our seniors with successful transition from CTE to college and careers ensuring every SkillsUSA member is Job-Ready, Starts Here.

The training content included:

- Résumé Roundtable – Learning how to craft/improve résumés, leveraging electronic options, and developing a personal marketing toolkit.
- College: The Plan B – Learning the strategies of staying in school when reality happens. #reallife
- Career: Options & Opportunities – Learning about the many opportunities for quality careers.
- Productive & Promotable – Learning the skills & strategies of being a quality employee, SkillsUSA style: Personal, Workplace & Technical Skills
- Navigating Networking – Learning the skills of employer networking and relationship building

The one day conference was attended by 8 seniors and 2 advisors. All enjoyed the overall experience and all of the students brought back graduation stoles.

### **February 2019 - SkillsUSA Week**

National SkillsUSA Week - Champions at Work from February 4 - 8, 2019 consisted of Care Package Kickoff on Monday for the Community Service Project, District I Competitions Prep Meeting on Tuesday, Advisor Appreciation Day on Wednesday, Social Media Day on Thursday and Wear SkillsUSA Logo Gear or Red in support of SkillsUSA.

### **March 2019 - District Competition**

GNB Voc Tech hosted the seven hour event for the District Competition for District I schools (Blue Hills RTHS, Cape Cod RTHS, Old Colony RTHS, Plymouth North High School, Plymouth South High School, Silver Lake Regional High School, South Shore VTHS, Taunton HS and Upper Cape Cod RTHS). The school committee and administration continue to support our organization. Many of the administrators volunteer in the kitchen to serve meals to the students and faculty of our school and the visiting schools.

This year, students from GNB Voc-Tech earned 45 first and second place medals and 12 third place medals, including one medalist with perfect scores in the trade area during the competition involving students from the 10 schools that make up District I. The 45 medalists first and second place medalists then represented the school at the state competition in April. In addition, Ramon Corado was nominated to become a State Officer Candidate and Dakota Chixarro remained in his position on the State Leadership team. Approximately 1,000 students took part in the district competition which the school has hosted since 2009. Their success is due to the support of our school's administration, advisors, and the teachers who have trained and prepared the students to meet the newest in national industry standards. It is at the district level that the students are tested in their written knowledge of their trade/competition areas, along with their knowledge of SkillsUSA, employability, and professional development.

### **April 2019 - State Competition**

The SkillsUSA State competition takes place in Marlborough, Massachusetts and is a three-day event. More than 3,000 students from 51 schools across Massachusetts compete in the practical, hands-on portion of the competition that range from 3D Visualization to Welding Sculpture, along with the leadership events such as Prepared Speech and Employment Application Process.

The 87 students from GNB Voc-Tech did themselves, their career & technical areas, and their school proud, bringing home numerous medals and honors. The medal count was 6 gold medals, 24 silver medals, 12 bronze medals, and the school was recognized as a Chapter of Excellence Gold Chapter of Distinction. The gold medalists earned the opportunity to represent their state at the national competition in Louisville, Kentucky in June. Eighty-seven students and twenty advisors/chaperones from GNB Voc-Tech took part in the state competition this year.

### **June 2018 - National Competition**

More than 15,000 people, including students, teachers and business partners, took part in the week-long event in Louisville, Kentucky. A total of 7 students and 7 advisor/chaperones from GNB Voc-Tech attended the National Leadership & Skills Conference. To be eligible the students needed to earn a gold medal at the Massachusetts SkillsUSA State Conference in April, or the gold medalist could not attend therefore a silver medalist can take their place.

All of the competing students were:

- Gold
  - Medical Assisting - Emily Lemieux - Advisor: Pauline O'Brien
- Silver
  - Career Pathways Showcase: Human Services - Gabriela Adorno Barreira, Chelsea Simpkin, and Madison Tavares - Advisor: Patricia Allen

Other national competitors on the trip included:

Michaela Barreira, earning 8th place in Early Childhood, Ali Silva, earning 9th place in

Sheet Metal and Ruby Louro, who performed admirably in Extemporaneous Speech. These students demonstrated skill and leadership in their competitions, performing admirably. Accompanying them was Dakota Chixarro, the Massachusetts State Officer - President who was also recognized on the field at the Louisville Bats SkillsUSA Night for earning the Presidential Volunteer Service Award - Gold Standard after completing over 300 hours of community service. Chaperones were Lori Russell-Pelsue, Meghan Lacasse, Deb Brightman, Yasmin Flefeh-Vincent, Dennis Tetreault, Lauren Aubertine and Michelle Alexander, who was able to document the event.

### **September 2019 - Chapter Officer Retreat**

The elected GNB Voc-Tech Chapter Officer Team participated in an all day orientation, training and leadership retreat on Saturday, September 21, 2019. The eight chapter officers completed a morning of getting to know you and sailing activities at the Community Boating Center, which was followed by an afternoon of learning the SkillsUSA Frameworks and planning activities. The evening culminated with a 4 course dinner that was shared together with the intent of learning dining etiquette.

### **September 2019 - Sophomore Orientation**

The SkillsUSA Chapter Officers and the students that attended the National Competition spoke to the assembly of Sophomore students about the opportunities for them to compete for SkillsUSA.

### **November 2019 - Fall Leadership Conference, Open House and Chapter Officer Membership Drive**

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 20 sophomore students from various career & technical areas attended the three-day event in Marlborough, Massachusetts along with four advisor/chaperones. They came back extremely tired, but incredibly motivated to continue their work on the GNB Chapter Leadership Team. All of the students received their Leadership Medals and brought home Bronze, Silver and Gold medals. The GNB Voc-Tech Chapter Officers and members of the leadership team participated in the Open House by having an informational table available for students, parents and visitors. They also had a brief meeting for all academies to attend to learn more about SkillsUSA and had a video created to be available to the students that could not attend.

### **December 2019 - Local Competitions**

During the month of December, the career & technical areas hold 70 local competitions, to assess the students in their abilities. 69 advisors proctor and run the local competitions. The top three students are able to represent themselves, their career & technical area and their school at the District Competition in February of 2020.

Business Professionals of America (BPA)

State Competition

Business Professionals of America is a national career and technical student organization composed of state associations and local chapters serving members pursuing careers in business and information technology occupations. BPA provides opportunities to develop leadership skills, grow personally and professionally, and compete utilizing career related competencies. Involvement in Business Professionals of America enhances social awareness, civic responsibility, and business communication skills.

March 2019, 51 students from Computer Information Technology, Information Support Services and Networking, Programming and Web Development, Business Technology, Media Technology, Legal and Protective Services, and Medical Assisting career majors exemplified the meaning of Preparation, Passion, and Perseverance at the Business Professionals of America - State Leadership Conference in Framingham, MA.

- 1. 42 students represented our school with pride and competed at the state conference
- 2. 49 competitive event awards were won by GNB Voc-Tech students
- 3. 19 students received the Diplomat Level Torch Award
- 4. 5 students received the Statesman Level Torch Award
- 5. 3 State Merit Awards
- 6. 32 out of 42 students are eligible to attend the BPA National Leadership Conference (NLC) in Anaheim, California.
- 7. State Officer: Kiaarah Cortijo was appointed the BPA State Vice President position for 2018-2019.

National Competition

Walter Elias “Walt” Disney was an American entrepreneur and pioneer who believed, “All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them.” Students from GNB Voc-Tech found the courage to pursue their dream as they showcased their knowledge of vocational theory and skills in the national spotlight. GNB Voc-Tech students were among the approximately 7,000 students, chaperones, advisors and guests from across the United States participating in the 53rd Business Professionals of America National Leadership Conference. Congratulations to the following students for showcasing their skills and making it on stage by placing among the top 10 in the country in their competitive events.

Abbey Frias Computer Modeling	Madison Breakfield Diagnostic Coding	Liani Bajandas Medical Office Procedures
William Charpentier Network Design Team	Matthew Trommenschlager Network Design Team	Wyatt Torre Network Design Team

Abigail Arruda  
Broadcast News  
Production Team 1

Olivia Benoit  
Broadcast News  
Production Team 1

Abbey Frias  
Broadcast News  
Production Team 1

Kyle Faria  
Broadcast News  
Production Team 1

Ashley Almeida  
Broadcast News  
Production Team 2

Samantha Masse  
Broadcast News  
Production Team 2

Sarah Saulnier  
Broadcast News  
Production Team 2

GNB Voc-Tech received the Social Media Award and the Marketing & Public Relations Award. Cassandra Lindo a GNB Voc-Tech Alumni, was elected President of the Post-Secondary National Officer Team.

The National Leadership Conference is a culmination of the hard work and effort put in by students and their teachers. It brought students from across the country together to participate, network and compete in various trade and leadership events. Activities included general sessions with keynote speakers, business meetings, leadership workshops, contests, election of national officers and tours of Anaheim sights and attractions. The highlights of the conference included a day-long volunteer event, leadership development workshops, SoCal Bash and the presentation of the awards to the winners of the national contests.

“The National Leadership Conference allowed our students to exemplify with pride, the GNB Voc-Tech family way. Students enhanced their leadership skills and educational development through numerous workshops and certification programs. The conference also exposed them to today’s business professionals through various networking events throughout the week,” said chapter advisor, Maciel Pais, who teaches Information Support Services and Networking. “The dedication and commitment displayed by our students and teachers throughout the school year is commendable and what better way to celebrate their accomplishments than at the National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California, where, according to Walt Disney, ‘Dreams come true.’”

### **About Business Professionals of America**

Business Professionals of America, Inc. (BPA) is the leading career technical student organization (CTSO) for students pursuing careers in business management, information technology, office administration, marketing and other related career fields.

Established in 1966, BPA is an intra-curricular national membership organization dedicated to the preparation of a world-class workforce through the advancement of leadership, citizenship, academic and technological skills. The organization serves secondary, post-secondary and middle level students and educators by offering programs based on national standards spanning five career pathways: finance, business administration, management information systems, digital communication & design and management, marketing & communication.

For more information, visit: [www.bpa.org](http://www.bpa.org)

### **Additional Activities**

In addition to leadership conferences and competitions, BPA students participated in a variety of community service events: BPA officers collected perishable foods and volunteered for Operation: Food Drop, spent the day volunteering at Gifts 2 Give, Bears Care and volunteered as ushers for the school play.

The BPA officer team have been hard at work in promoting the general welfare of their Business Professionals of America chapter. The team also aligns our chapter to the National Officer Team to plan Social and Challenge weeks.

We have had several fundraisers which include: Kidstuff Coupon Books, Tropical Smoothie, Beef Jerky, 3-in-1 chargers and candy sales. Additional fundraisers are planned for the 2018-2019 school year to help fund the State and National Leadership Conferences. The officer team and advisors meets every Thursday from 2:30-4:00. The entire chapter meets once a month. Officer meeting minutes is available upon request.

Chapter Constitution and Bylaws available online.

### **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. Top academic achievers may be asked to join the National Honor Society.

GNB Voc-Tech inducted 61 students into the National Honor Society. Students from all three districts of New Bedford, Dartmouth and Fairhaven were well represented. The ceremony was held on October 23rd with alum Mr. Justin Gomes, as the keynote speaker. In attendance were Mr. James O'Brien, Superintendent-Director and Michael Watson, Academic Principal who handed out certificates to inductees. Mr. Robert Watt, CTE Principal, Dr. Susan Sylvia, English Dept. Chair, Mr. Michael Shea, Dartmouth, New Bedford, Mr. Fred Toomey and Ms. Rita Ribeiro, New Bedford and many parents and relatives of the students. Students were selected based upon a weighted GPA of 3.6 or higher.

The following student inductees for the 2018 - 2019 school year are from:

#### **New Bedford**

Lizbeth Alcantara Ruiz, Ashley Almeida, Zyre Andrade, Abby Araujo, Christopher brunette, Tiana Bulgar, Tameron Carter, Sarah Carvalho, Brenden Catunto, Alessandro Coelho, Kayla dasNeves, Kerina Demers, Corvens Depaliste, Taylor Dobem, Alexys Fonseca, Chloe Frenette, Brittany Gallardo, Sara Gifford, Davi'an Goncalves, Faith Horrocks, Matthew Lorantos, Asher Machado, Magnus Mailler, Miguel Martinez, Adsel Massa, Andrew Medeiros, Isabella Medeiros, Madison Medeiros, Amaia Melo, Jack

Ostiguy, Kara Palumbo, Sierra Pereira, Alyssa Pinarreta, Hailey Pittsley, Ethan Rego, Dominique Roderiques, Yarelis Rojas, Janicemar Rullan, Joycemar Rullan, Andrea Silva, Maxwell Silva, Alexander Tavares, Sidney Tavares, Janell Vo.

### **Dartmouth**

Laura Borden, Jack Gifford, Hannah Pax, Julymar Roderiguez, Sarah Saulnier, Wyatt Torre

### **Fairhaven**

Olivia Benoit, Alyssa Couto, Piper Crooks, Samuel Dansereau, Madison Docca, Brody Hunt, Paige Lynch, Samantha Masse, Jake Riggs, Kerstin Trahan, Hien Vong

### **Athletics**

Students interested in sports have a wide range of choices at GNB Voc-Tech. These offerings include football, soccer, cross country, winter track, spring track, volleyball, golf, ice hockey, lacrosse, basketball, baseball, and softball. Additionally, students participate in weight conditioning, fall and winter cheerleading and intramural sports. During the calendar year 2019, GNB Voc-Tech High School enjoyed an extremely competitive year in most sports and continued growth in others.

## **WINTER SPORTS**

### **Basketball**

Our girls' basketball team struggled to a 0-20 season after an unexpected transfer of one of our all-time leading scorers. Despite the winless season many underclassmen showed steady progress throughout the season and will look to be competitive again in the 2019-20 season.

Our boys' basketball team narrowly missed out on a postseason berth finishing with an 8-12 record. The boys' were extremely competitive in all games and lost 5 games by 2 points or less. The team is returning the majority of their scoring and starters next season and should be in the running for a conference championship with additions from the 17-2 JV team.

### **Track**

After the graduation of DJ Amado our boys track team was in need of our returning athletes to step up into leadership positions within the program. Juniors Sheldon Clark and sophomore Alexander DaCruz did just that, and qualified for the D2 State Meet and Sheldon Clark qualified for the All-State Meet. Our girls' team improved with two team wins, and with increased numbers of students participating they will look to improve on that number next season.

### **Hockey**

Our Ice Hockey team qualified for the third consecutive season finishing with a 14-5-1 record. They ultimately fell to rival Dartmouth in the State Tournament. For the first time in over a decade they also qualified for the State Vocational Championship. The team had

an awesome experience playing Southeastern at Boston University. They lost the final but have set the program up to be at the top of the state for vocational hockey for years to come. The conclusion of the season closed the books on one of GNB Voc-Tech's greatest hockey players, Jacob "Spicy" Lopes. Jacob ended his 4 year varsity career by leading the state in scoring 48 goals and 25 assists for 73 points. He was named Standard-Times Hockey Player of the Year and South Conference MVP. He also netted his 100th career point and finished his career with 93 goals, 66 assists and 159 points. More than all of his stats the team will be heavier pressed to replace his leadership.

## **SPRING SPORTS**

### **Lacrosse**

Our boys' & girls' lacrosse teams struggled in the win/loss column; however, both teams gained experience and will look to move into the middle of the SCC next season. Our boys' program finished the season with an all-time high number in participation of 52. Our girls' program continued their upward trend and finished with a program high win total of 7.

### **Track**

Our spring track program hosted another extremely successful Sunset Invitational Track Meet. We welcomed almost 1,000 student-athletes from all over the state. Junior Sheldon Clark ran to an undefeated Conference Championship in the 100 meters. Newcomer Brennen Rosa palced 8th in the long jump at the Division 2 State Meet in his first season with the program.

### **Volleyball**

The boys' volleyball team won the programs 8th straight MVADA championship. They were the top seed in the South Sectional Tournament and lost to Quarter-Finals. Senior setter Ryan Robichaud recorded his 1,000th career assist and was named Standard-Times Volleyball Player of the Year.

### **Baseball**

The baseball team recovered from a down year in 2018 after winning the Division 2 State Championship in 2017. The team was young and full of talent and was able to qualify for the MIAA Tournament, losing a great game to Stoughton 1-0. That would ultimately be the last game for longtime head coach Rick Avila. Coach Avila is leaving the program after 12 seasons, 129 wins, 1 SCC Championship, 2 State Vocational Championships and the first State Championship in school history.

### **Softball**

Our softball team was able to follow up their 2018 State Championship with an 18-2 regular season and the number 1 seed in the Division 2 State Tournament. After winning their 5th consecutive State Vocational Championship the team was able to advance back to the South Sectional Final losing to Norton. Great Senior leadership from Skyla Berube, Shaylen Amaral and Payton Conceicao has continued to set the tone of high expectations or the program.



## **FALL SPORTS**

### **Football**

The team was able to navigate a difficult first seven games of the season and qualified for the MIAA Division 6 Tournament with a 4-3 record, which included the first win vs Dighton-Rehoboth in over 25 years. The loss in the Quarter-Finals to Rockland, however wins over Bishop Stang and Diman give the program their first winning season since 2015. With just under 100 players finishing the season with the program the future is bright for GNB Voc-Tech Football.

### **Soccer**

Our girls' soccer team improved by two games this season, finishing with a 7-12-1 record. Coach Harvey will lean on a large number of returning starters and leaders to get the program back into the postseason in 2020.

Our boys' soccer team again qualified for the MIAA Division 2 Tournament. The season ended with a 6-2 defeat to Oliver Ames. Junior Dominek Borden earned SCC, Standard-Times, Eastern Mass and All-State All-Star honors for his stellar season for the Bears.

### **Cross Country & Golf**

Our Cross Country and Golf teams again struggled in the win column, however, both programs saw an increase in participation and look to build on those numbers moving into the 2020 season.

Finally our girls' volleyball team won their incredible 10th consecutive Vocational State Championship defeating Greater Lawrence and Blackstone Valley Tech. Senior leadership lead the team to the South Coast Conference Blue Division Championship and a berth in the MIAA Division 2 State Tournament. After defeating Bishop Stang the girls fell to a tough Cardinal Spellman team in 4 sets. Senior Abigail Reardon capped off her 4 year career with a program record 746 kills and SCC All-Star, Standard-Times Super Team and D1 All-State Recognition. Fellow seniors Piper Crooks, Meredith Silva, Lindsey Kruger, Joyce Rullan and Janice Rullan continued the high level of leadership expected from our volleyball program on and off the court.

### **Physical Education and Health**

2019 marks the third year our Physical Education Program will have a graduation requirement and will return to numerical grades. As a result the physical education staff has worked to develop new freshmen, sophomore and senior physical education curriculum that is focused on skill development and physical fitness. The teachers have been able to meet all requirements and raise the level of physical education our students are receiving. For the first time our physical education students will be required to complete a final. Our health education staff are also working hard continuing to develop our freshmen health education curriculum.

## **VOC-TECH THEATRE COMPANY**

The Voc-Tech Theatre Company presented two productions. The musical Hairspray was performed in May of 2019 and the drama, An Enemy of the People, was presented in December of 2019. Engaging the creativity of Voc-Tech students participating as actors or on technical crews along with the VTTC parent support group and the talents of many of our shops, these dramatic and musical productions were very well received by their audiences.

Credit for the theatre 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.

## **GREATER NEW BEDFORD VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE**

In May 2019, the GNB Voc-Tech School Committee unanimously voted to transition the Adult Education program to the Greater New Bedford Vocational Technical Institute (GNBVTI). GNBVTI offers post-secondary and continuing education classes in licensed and non-licensed trades. GNBVTI also offers enrichment courses including special interests, languages, and art. In each of our three semesters, students are able to choose from over 80 courses in a wide range of fields. Our faculty includes many of the skilled, licensed teachers from our day programs as well as some great experts recruited from our community.

On October 31, 2019 GNBVTI received its first Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) Chapter 74 program approval for Marine Technology post-secondary programming. The program started in Fall, 2019. The GNBVTI 5-year strategic plan includes introduction of several post-secondary certificate programs including Advanced Manufacturing, Computer Information Systems and Aviation Technology.

GNBVTI programs leverage the state-of-the-art GNBVTI facility by offering courses in our technical areas, such as carpentry, welding, automotive, and machine shop. We also offer computer classes in many different areas including digital photography, Auto CAD, and Microsoft Office. The tuition for these classes typically range from \$135 to \$175, depending on the topic. Enrichment classes, which start at \$85, give students an opportunity to improve themselves through hobbies, health, and art. These practical arts classes include painting, cooking, cake decorating, quilting, knitting, upholstery, yoga, and self-defense. Due to the social nature of the program, many of our students take classes over multiple semesters. Language courses, which typically cost \$135 for residents, help students to communicate in personal and business settings. The program offers beginning and advanced instruction in Portuguese, Spanish, and American Sign Language.

The school also offers several courses that are required for licensing in various trades. Our Adult Education Program is an approved site for classes with the MA State Board

of Electricians, MA State Board of Plumbers and Gas Fitters, MA Board of Building Regulations and Standards, and MA State Board of Steam Engineers. We also provide certification for National Restaurant Association Serv-Safe, American Society of Phlebotomy Technicians (EKG Technician), and OSHA Construction and Safety. In addition, we offer classes in health fields such as Ophthalmic Assistant and Pharmacy Technician. Tuition generally ranges from \$200 to \$600 per course, depending on the subject.

Students from all over Massachusetts and Rhode Island travel to GNBVTI to participate in our many programs. We offer district and non-district pricing, giving discounts to learners from our sending communities of New Bedford, Dartmouth, and Fairhaven. Senior citizen students (60 or over) also receive a \$10 tuition discount.

GNBVTI has teamed up with GNB MASSHIRE to train 12 Adults in Advanced Manufacturing during the day from 8:00 – 2:30 for 90 days. Several students already have secured jobs in the field. A second group of adults will begin in Late January. The Machine Technology/Advanced Manufacturing program provides instruction in: Basic Machining Principles, Advanced Machining Principles, Mastercam CAD/CAM part design, part posting and downloading to CNC equipment, as well as hand sketching and basic blueprints.

In 2018, GNBVTI served a total of 1,432 students. We had 433 students taking classes in the Winter with an additional 316 in the Spring. 594 students took classes in the Fall with an additional 56 in the Fall extension and 33 students trying our new Workshops.

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

The Irish poet William Butler Yeats once said, “Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.”

As you have read in this annual report, Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech is ablaze with success ignited from the hard work of our students, faculty and administrators. We are proud of the tremendous strides our students have made in all aspects of their education – classroom, shop, athletics and extracurricular activities – all of which are designed to develop them into adults ready to meet the challenges of the 21st Century.

More than ever before, students want to attend GNBVT because they and their parents understand they will receive a strong public education while at the same time learning the skills needed to enter the workforce and obtain good paying jobs upon graduation.

Our budget is on a strong foundation thanks to good fiscal management and control. We are proud of the outside grants our programs have received, alleviating the need to ask our sending districts for further taxpayer dollars. And we will continue to do so in the coming year.

Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School strives to do so much

more than simply fill Yeats pail, we endeavor to ignite the educational fires in our students everyday by preparing them for the future, with passion, so that they will persevere today and in the future.

James L. O'Brien  
Superintendent-Director  
GNB Voc-Tech Regional Vocational Technical School District

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## BOARD OF HEALTH

The Health Department faced many challenges this year. We conducted routine and complaint based inspections for code compliance, including food establishments, housing, lead paint, lodging houses, general nuisances, septic systems, demolition, animal complaints, pools, marinas, wells, rodent, odor, nuisance and noise complaints. During the summer, bathing beach water samples were collected weekly and water quality were in full compliance. Through the summer and fall season, we had an increase of mosquito and tick borne diseases such as West Nile Virus, Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and Lyme disease. These were most prevalent in Southeastern Massachusetts. With great sadness, we had the passing of a resident due to EEE. Prevention education and personal diligence around personal protection from mosquitoes and ticks are fundamental. We expect the next few years will be critical for prevention and outreach to our residents. We obtained new tick signage from UMASS Medical Laboratory of Zoology to be posted at walking trails and parks.

With the assistance of Cable Access Television, we produced numerous public service announcements to help educate the public on many issues: keeping yourself safe during outdoor activities, what and how to recycle properly and disposal of unwanted medications. 2019 introduced residents with the new Massachusetts DEP website [www.recyclesmartma.org](http://www.recyclesmartma.org) which explains the guidelines with respect to what and where to recycle. The Health Agent and Board of Public Works were awarded a \$30,000 grant to collect and recycle mattresses; we received a brand new \$7,500.00 container for storage, which is now the property of the Town. We received a grant to explore and view recycling centers so that we can design a modern functional recycle center in the near future. We installed 5 additional collection bins for recycling to include broken/unwanted holiday lights. We removed and recycled a room full of electronic waste (E-Waste) from Town Hall totaling 1,500 lbs removed from the waste stream. The Town diligently did their part to continue proper curbside recycling. We conducted a Household Hazardous Waste collection day in October and we collected 10,000 lbs of latex paint to be recycled, recolored and used for nonprofit organizations and sold at a discount to municipalities, 220 Gallons of oil-based paint, 330 gallons of chemicals and solvents were collected and properly disposed of without impact to our environment. We also removed mercury bulbs and cleaned out the mercury shed this year, removing bulbs, button batteries, thermometers and thermostats that contain mercury. The Health Agent hopes to conduct some regional recycling events in the coming year. We have partnered with New Bedford Credit Union, New Bedford and Dartmouth to provide regional recycling opportunities. Remember, the better your recycle product is, the less fees we pay. Other grant programs received during the year included residents having the opportunity to purchase rain barrels and compost bins from the department at discounted rates. Once again, the Rotary Club contributed \$240.00 towards the purchase of compost bins, making the final cost \$10.00 for each resident. The Health Agent continues the crayon recovery collection program with local schools and food establishments; 50 lbs were collected and sent to [thecrayoninitiative.org](http://thecrayoninitiative.org) which is a company that melts the crayons into new crayons and donates them to children's hospitals.

One additional textile recovery box has been placed at Hoppy's Landing in addition to the other three locations around Town. The Fresh Start program received \$4,600.00 for hoarding remediation programs. We collected 26,005 lbs of textiles for revenue, totaling \$1,300.00 deposited to the Town to be used for hoarding remediation programs. We, along with Fairhaven Rotary Club and Kathy Melanson, conducted a paper-shredding

event where we collected over 900 lbs of paper. We, along with Fresh Start, sponsored an E-Waste recycling collection event for those suffering from hoarding disorder. Hoarding represents approximately 5-8% of the population and is a significant expense and safety concern to municipalities. This year, we completed four Buried in Treasures remediation classes, as well as the maintenance group for graduates. With the help of grant funding, we were able to conduct an aromatherapy workshop and purchase the supplies for our "Rolling Recovery" which consists of a large luggage case on wheels and includes a mini laptop, scanner, shredder and USB flashdrives to save documents and reduce paper clutter. Additional supplies includes pens, file folders and labeled folders to help those with hoarding disorder how to sort, discard and organize the important papers they must keep. Community Nurse conducted weekly blood pressure clinics that were provided at the Town Hall, Council on Aging and Senior Housing Units, as well as educational workshops and a senior heat workshop at Senior Housing. With the help of Walgreens, Stop and Shop and Rite Aid Pharmacies, we conducted flu clinics for Town employees, their families and residents at Town Hall, Council on Aging, Board of Public Works and the Fire Department. The Town recognized a growing national opioid epidemic which encompassed numerous departments in Fairhaven. We formed a Town Task Force with the focus being on opioid addictions and intervention efforts, both regionally and locally. We participated in the Greater New Bedford Opioid Task Force, Greater New Bedford Waterfront Task Force, Fresh Start and Community Crisis Intervention Teams, Statewide Steering Committee on Hoarding, Greater New Bedford Tobacco Control Program and the Greater New Bedford Prevention Wellness Trust Coalition for youth recovery and addiction prevention. We have collaborated with New Bedford Fire Prevention and the Fisherman's partnership to provide Narcan Administration Training for local businesses and hotel staff. The Health Agent hopes to create a Community Crisis Intervention Team in Fairhaven in order to work with the elderly, hoarding and mental health and crisis population. The department is working with the School Wellness Committee to create a smoking and vaping cessation program. We collaborated with eight communities and were awarded a \$92,000.00 grant to form a regional Smoking/Vaping Task Force for regional inspections and compliance. We had two tobacco establishments sell to minors this year, which resulted in issuing fines to these establishments. We conducted Emergency Preparedness drills and attended regional emergency preparedness meetings and trainings with the Fire Department. We are working on a regional Emergency Medication Dispensing program with all of Bristol County.

The Board and staff anticipated many changes with newly amended State regulations for the Food Code, Housing, Recreational Camps and Swimming Pools, all of which require new forms and educating the public of new regulation changes. We received \$10,800.00, \$3,500.00 and \$4,000.00 grants to work on the FDA Retail Foods Standards from NAACHO and the AFDO/FDA. We received a grant for \$4,600.00 to initiate a standardised computerised inspection program for food and will be expanded to all other Board of Health disciplines. With the Massachusetts Department of Health and the Town of Fairhaven adopting the 2013 Federal Food Code this year, we have been able to guide food service establishments with a standard operating procedure to ensure a safe and sanitary food supply that is provided to the public and will reduce cases of foodborne illnesses in our community.

Lastly, we hosted four interns this year. The Board of Health wishes to thank each of the interns for coming into the department with fresh eyes and the willingness to learn about

the many aspects public health does on a daily basis. The department is always accepting new interns who wish to learn more about public health or who wish to pursue public health in their studies.

Eva Litchfield, Intern from Massachusetts Department of Public Health and Benedictine University

Taylor Bridges, Intern from Leslie University

Reid Santos, Intern from the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

Christina Xafarias, Intern from Fairhaven High School

The following permits were issued in the year 2019:

FOOD		SEPTIC	
Food Establishment	116	Percolation Test	6
Temporary Food Establishments	51	Septic Systems Installation	2
Seasonal/Mobile Food	8	Septic System Repairs	7
Bakery	1	Septic Abandonments	1
Catering	4	Septic Installer	9
Frozen Dessert	5	Title V Inspections	13
Farmer's Market	6	Offal Hauler	7

OTHER

Demolition/Rodent	19		
Animal	19	Closed Establishments	4
Tanning	1	New Establishments	6
Recreation Camp	1	Well	5
Tobacco Sales	22	Motel/Inn	4
Funeral Director	12	Semi-Public Pool	2
Marina	5	Private Swimming Pool	16

COMPLAINTS

Food	14
Housing complaints	24
Animal	12
Recycling	3
Rodents	13
Misc.	32

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannine L. Lopes, Board Chair

Michael Silvia, Board Vice-Chair

Peter DeTerra, Board Member

Mary Freire-Kellogg, Health Agent

Amanda L. Blais, Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary

Daniel C. Shea, Health Inspector

## HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Fairhaven Historical Commission continued to fulfil its duties in the year 2019 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, also houses the Office of Tourism and a museum operated by the Fairhaven Historical Society. This building is slated for an upgrade to its main entrance as well as adding a new ADA compliant access and a ramp out the rear side of the building. The project has been stalled by the Architectural firm, Clearwater Architects of Westport, MA. We are working diligently to restart the project with a completion date of July 2020. This project is being funded under a grant through (CPC) Community Preservation funds.

The Spring Street Firehouse continued with ongoing renovations projects including interior painting and electrical work as we get it ready to display firefighting artifacts. 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. Roof replacement on this building was done in the summer of 2019.

Fort Phoenix continued to be a work in progress throughout the summer. The parapet restoration & repair project was awarded to G. Bourne Knowles & Co. and work was completed in the fall of 2019. This project rehabilitated the parapet which wraps around the 5 Civil War Cannons to their original shape and character. Years of weather had caused serious erosion to the wall and vegetation on the top of the wall. There was also repointing of the granite stone work and grading of the grassy areas to make easy access for those enjoying this scenic property. The powder Magazine will need more detailed work and waterproofing to help protect the integrity of the interior as well as the appearance of the exterior. Additional research and planning will need to be done in the future. The front entrance to the Fort property was also enhanced with a large anchor and landscaping. Voc-Tech students are also working on a metal arch designating FORT PHOENIX on top of 2 granite pillars welcoming visits to this popular and beloved town property.

The Historical Commission lost a knowledgeable and respected member. Ms. Dorothy Gammons died on January 7, 2019. Dot was a member of the Commission for many years and dedicated many hours of her time to help protect Fairhaven's historical structures. She will be greatly missed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wayne Oliveira – Chairman  
Gary Lavalette – Vice Chairman  
Vicki Oliveira - Secretary  
Gail Isaksen  
Maria Carvalho  
Suzan Galpin  
Marcus Ferro  
Daniel Freitas – Selectmen Liaison



## HOUSING AUTHORITY

The current Board of Commissioners of the Fairhaven Housing Authority are:

Chairman – Jay S. Simmons, 14 Oxford Street – Term Expires 4/2022

Vice Chairman - Jean Rousseau, 42 Linden Ave. -Term Expires 10/2018 (Governor's/ Appointee)

Treasurer - Anne D. Silveira, 621 Dana Farms – Term Expires 4/2024

Commissioner – Nicholas Sylvia – Temporary Appointment to Fill Vacancy - 4/2020

Commissioner – John Farrell – Taber St. Term Expires 4/2023

These Board Members VOLUNTEER their time and expertise every month. They are a great Board of supportive and knowledgeable people who donate their time to be conscientious stewards of the affordable housing asset that so many rely on. We greatly appreciate all they do for the Authority, the tenants and the staff.

The Fairhaven Housing Authority holds its regular meeting on the third Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m. The Election of Officers is conducted at the Authority's annual meeting in May.

The office staff consists of three full time employees. the Executive Director, Krisanne Sheedy, Administrative Assistant Jo-Ann Turgeon , Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant Kim Marie McArdell, and our part time Resident Services Coordinator Diane Rocha. Our maintenance crew consists of four full time employees: Tom Caron, Jim Leavitt, Scott Leonard and Rebecca Seed. This wonderful crew of caring, concerned and trained individuals keeps the Authority in tip top shape, running smoothly and professionally. The Authority is very fortunate to have such a good team keeping all the projects, plans, initiatives and daily management at a consistently optimal level of functioning.

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

During the past year, we had 29 vacancies at our elderly/ handicapped/ disabled housing

and none at our family housing.

Eligibility requirements for our elderly, disabled and handicapped housing are a minimum age of 60, except for disabled or 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 Authority is working with Mass Housing Partnership and re-visiting the possible development of affordable elderly or family housing on the parcel purchased with CPC funds in 2010. The options for development, financing and long term subsidy continue to be uncertain therefore the potential for any timely development is unlikely.

Our newest solar opportunities/"host" agreements are becoming operational and the monetary benefits will positively augment our revenue stream. The Board of the Authority is pleased to see their pro-active approach to pursuing solar projects and programs begin to positively benefit our carbon footprint and our financials.

The Authority completed two modernization projects this year, one at the Oxford Terrace housing complex and one at Anthony Haven. The Authority installed additional new Automatic Door Openers at the main tenant entrances at Oxford Terrace and porch renovations/ masonry repairs were completed at Anthony Haven. New roof fans to provide apartment ventilation and apartment timer switches to operate the fans are being installed at Building #100, that project began in November and is expected to be completed in January 2020. Additional projects are in design.

We have begun replacing stairwell treads at Dana Court. This work will continue as our staff has time available. New Community Room furniture is on order for Dana Court.

We continue to host and work cooperatively with the Bristol County Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff's inmate work crew is here regularly to work with our maintenance staff on

vacancy preparation, hallway carpet installation and landscaping work. The Sheriff's crew is a tremendous bonus to us when we are swamped or in a pinch.

The Fairhaven Housing Authority is hugely appreciative of the positive and productive relationship we have with the Fairhaven Police and Fire Departments. They are responsive, professional and supportive whenever we or the tenants call for assistance. We would like to acknowledge all that Firefighter Wayne Oliveira, over his many years as the FFD Safety officer, conducted many Fire Safety meetings and a number of fire drills for the tenants. We will miss Firefighter Oliveira but wish him a happy and healthy, well deserved retirement. The Authority is often the lucky recipient of funds from the Community Preservation fund and we thank the Committee for always be willing to support our initiatives and work with us. Ann Sylvia, Director of the COA and the DPW & the Water Department continue to be our partners in providing services for our tenants and the Authority and we thank them as well. And we continue to work with Mary Kellogg, and the Board of Health on shared concerns and initiatives. We are fortunate to have a positive and dynamic relationship with all of these Town Departments and Committees. We would also like to acknowledge Mark Rees/Town Administrator as he sets the example to always include and acknowledge the Authority. This continues to help foster true cooperation between the Authority and the Town.

We are truly fortunate to have the regular support and understanding of the Fairhaven Board of Selectmen. Without their continued assistance, the Authority would be unable to exist successfully in the Town of Fairhaven and provide affordable public housing for seniors, the handicapped/disabled and low income families.

The Fairhaven Housing Authority is very pleased with the housing we provide and the fact that we have a great working relationship with the Town. Please keep in mind that we proudly employ and consistently purchase locally.

Respectfully submitted,

Krisanne Sheedy  
Executive Director

## 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 2019, and long, successful careers to those who joined us in 2019. Our new full-time employees in 2019 were Paul Foley (Director of Planning and Economic Development), Sheri Souza (Principal Office Assistant – Harbormaster), Erick Sa (Program Coordinator – Cable), and Richard Walker (COA Custodian). Other provisional appointments included Jillian Jodoin, Ryan Benoit, and Zachary Viera, who will all join our Police Department as patrol officers with the successful completion of Academy training in 2020.

In 2019, the Town's engagement with Human Resources Services (HRS, Inc.), culminated with a comprehensive list of personnel policies that will be incorporated into an employee handbook. This personnel policies update is made possible by a Community Compact grant from the Baker/Polito administration. In early 2020, we will begin the process of impact bargaining the policies and follow the Town personnel bylaw for the policies' acceptance.

In 2019, the Human Resources Department continued to enrich the benefits offered to full-time employees. This year a mobile "20/20" van was made available to attendees of the annual Wellness Fair. This mobile vision van made it possible for employees to complete an eye exam, get a prescription, and order glasses, all within 20 minutes, and all from the convenient location of the Recreation/COA parking lot. Human Resources also partnered with the Wellness Committee to draft a wellness program to incentivize preventative screening, annual physicals, dental screenings, and other health-based activities. This kind of wellness plan not only enriches the lives of our employees, but also sets the stage for a progressive reduction of claims via healthy lifestyle channels.

Most importantly in 2019, Human Resources partnered with various departments to settle all seven collective bargaining agreements, including posting requirements and side-table obligations. Our labor force is our greatest asset as an organization, and our ability to effectively bargain in good faith is a credit to both administration and the employees who serve the Town of Fairhaven.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne O'Brien  
Human Resources Director

Paula Medeiros  
Benefits Coordinator

## MARINE RESOURCE DEPARTMENT HARBORMASTER/SHELLFISH

The Department of Marine Resources had a busy year in 2019 conducting routine patrols, responding to emergencies, investigating the release of oil and other substances in the harbor, and with the propagation of shellfish.

In 2019, safety continues to be one of the most important tasks we do. We have diligently patrolled our expansive coastline and waterways to ensure the safety of all boaters and personal watercraft. The safety of our residents and visitors to our town is the utmost importance. The enforcement of all waterway regulations along with safety checks to watercraft is crucial. The Marine Resource Officers work diligently on a daily basis to accomplish this task.

This Department works closely with our Fire and Police Departments as well as the Massachusetts Environmental Police and other municipalities. In 2019 we are still helping the Department of Environmental Protection with their Clean Bilge Program. In this year alone, they pumped out 156 fishing vessels along with removing 7,660 gallons of oil. In the harbor we had 30 reported spills with 10 of those spills coming from the Town of Fairhaven. That number is down from the 24 Fairhaven had in 2018.

Pump out service continued during the boating season. We pumped out an estimated total of 16,187 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.

The Shellfish Department has expanded its propagation quota. 1,300 bushels of quahogs have been planted in North Cove. 800 bushels of those quahogs were supplied by the Bouchard Oil Spill Disaster Fund from the Department of Marine Fisheries. The town supplied remaining 500 bushels. We expect this cove to be open by the end of May or early June 2020. The upweller was expanded this year as well. A second tub has been added on. In the past we grew approximately 360,000 baby quahogs, with this addition, we are now housing 800,000 quahogs. The baby quahogs had a good year, with minimal loss. They are being winterized in bags and will be brought back to the upweller for one more season before planting them.

### 2019 Permits:

Resident:	336
Senior:	116
Non Resident:	21
Commercial:	13
Veteran:	14
Dredge Boat:	0

We are working closely with the City of New Bedford on the Phase V dredging of the harbor through the State –Enhanced Remedy Program. Fairhaven has 25 sites participating, both commercial and residential. This project ensures that our town will remain a robust, full-service working waterfront by maintain navigational channels & depth as well

as enhanced harbor clean up.

In closing I would like to thank my new Principal Office Assistant, Sheri Souza for her hard work and dedication to the town. We are looking forward to the coming year and working together with all town departments, neighboring towns, and the general boating community to make our waters safe and enjoyable for everyone.

Respectfully,  
Timothy Cox  
Captain  
Harbormaster / Shellfish Warden

# MATTAPOISETT RIVER VALLEY WATER SUPPLY PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## **History and Purpose of MRVWSPAC**

The Mattapoisett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee (MRVWSPAC) was established in 1980 by the towns of Fairhaven, Mattapoisett, Marion and Rochester. The organization grew out of a concern for the aquifer underlying the Mattapoisett River watershed, from which all four towns draw water supplies. Special legislation was enacted in 1983 (Chapter 407) formalizing the Committee.

The MRVWSPAC is made up of three (3) representatives from each town for a total of 12 members. The MRVWSPAC holds public meetings on the second Tuesday of every month at 3:45 p.m. at the Fairhaven Board of Public Works in Fairhaven.

Addition of new representatives for the Towns of Fairhaven, Marion and Rochester was required in 2018, due to the retirement of Alfred Raphael, Rob Zora, and Fred Underhill. The MRVWSPAC acknowledges and thanks these members for their many years of dedication and commitment.

## **Mattapoisett River Valley Aquifer**

The Mattapoisett River and its aquifer provide fresh water for water supply, recreation and agriculture to portions of the entirety of five communities in Bristol and Plymouth Counties in Massachusetts. In 2019, our aquifer supplied approximately 1.8 million gallons per day for domestic and commercial users in the towns of Mattapoisett, Fairhaven, Marion and Rochester.

## **Summary of 2019 MRVWSPAC Accomplishments**

### **Mattapoisett River Monitoring/Protection:**

- Monitored stream flow and water levels in numerous locations along the Mattapoisett River. Maintained a database of critical water level data.
- Funded Annual Mattapoisett River Hydrologic Monitoring Report
- Formed active subcommittee to investigate water withdrawals and management within the Mattapoisett River Valley. The subcommittee met with the following representatives to better understand MRV water withdrawals:
  - o 1. Brendan Annett and Sarah Quintal of the Buzzards Bay Coalition regarding water management at the Mattapoisett Bogs property,
  - o 2. David Watling, Rochester Herring Inspector regarding bog operations, herring migration, water use and water management at the Snipatuit Pond fish ladder,
  - o 3. Scott Hannula of Oiva Hannula, which manages 100% of Decas Cranberry Company's farm operations, and bogs directly adjacent to Snipatuit Pond and within the MRV.
- Formed active subcommittee to investigate pond weeds and invasive species management on Snipatuit Pond, Snow's Pond, and Long (Black Pond).
- Environmental review of projects in the Mattapoisett River Valley:
  - o Reviewed plans for the following projects within the watershed and sent comment letters to respective planning boards in Mattapoisett and Rochester:

1. Site Plan Review – 243 Mattapoisett Road  
Mark & Susan Trahan

The MRVWSPAC wishes to recognize the members of its consulting team for their excellent work and contributions in 2019:

Tata & Howard	<i>Lead environmental consultant</i>
David Watling	<i>Mattapoisett River Valley monitoring and data collection</i>
Meagan McCarthy	<i>Data reduction and graphing</i>
Nettles Design	<i>MRVWSPAC website management</i>
Blair Bailey, Esq.	<i>MRVWSPAC Counsel</i>

Respectfully submitted,

**Fairhaven Committee Members**

Vinnie Furtado, Chairman  
Jeffrey Furtado  
Mark Rees

**Mattapoisett Committee Members**

Daniel W. Chase  
William T. Nicholson  
Henri Renauld, Vice Chairman

**Marion Committee Members**

Randy Parker  
David Pierce, Treasurer  
David Willett

**Rochester Committee Members**

Rick Charon  
Laurell J. Farinon, Secretary  
Sandy Keese



# THE MILLICENT LIBRARY

## OVERVIEW

The vision statement for our latest plan says “The Millicent Library will be a community hub that fosters healthy social connections and provides access to community resources, knowledge, heritage and culture. ‘Grounded in the past, relevant to the present, and prepared for the future.’”

In 2019, we tried to keep up with technology, providing cultural space, and preservation. We have two Hotspots for patrons to check out and we subscribe to several online databases with information and e-content. We also contribute to the network’s pool of ebooks in Overdrive. The local history archives is still a much-used resource and many more groups used the library auditorium.

As they did last year, our usage statistics went up in all categories--print, e-content, DVDs and CDs. People may be surprised to learn that many times e-content which one would think was cheaper to provide, is actually more expensive than paper.

The library’s appropriation from the town of Fairhaven increased again, but not enough to let us escape having to apply once again for a waiver of the municipal appropriation requirement from the Board of Library Commissioners. We received the waiver for 2019 and are waiting to hear about our application for 2020.

## PEOPLE

Debbie Charpentier is the Facility Manager and Archivist, keeping up repairs and getting grants for the building projects as well as organizing local history resources. Her department provides the raw data that historians and other patrons can then interpret. The Archives report is below.

Jane Murphy (see her report below) is the Youth Services Librarian, helping the kids, picking out the materials and doing the programming.

Rob Gonsalves now does the cataloging and processing of materials. He chooses the DVDs and graphic novels and does maintenance on the magazine collection.

Daniel Falcone took over as Reference Librarian when Juanita Goulart retired in March. He curates the CD collection and is running a series of history book discussions.

Sara Salem is in charge of Circulation and Interlibrary Loan, so is the most familiar face at the front desk. Sara also has run some of the programs. Kay Langevin and Samantha Correia work part-time at the front desk helping patrons. This year they were joined by Joan Bisbee, who worked here as a page when she was in high school. Samantha is getting a library degree at Simmons and provides some technical info. Jordan Richard, organizer extraordinaire, joined the team as our page.

Dan Costa and Joe Rapoza continue as our custodians. Laurie Powers is our bookkeeper.

The staff participated in training on various topics including autism and homelessness, as

well as attending library network meetings and programs.

Christopher Bunnell remains President of the Board of Trustees, Bruce Bendiksen is Vice-President, Robert Kenworthy is our Treasurer and the librarian is ex-officio the secretary. Jane Risch has signed on as the Assistant Treasurer.

Our long-time Honorary Trustee and great-grandson of Henry Huttleston Rogers, Mayan expert Michael Coe passed away this year.

The Friends of the Library continue to provide many of our museum passes and programs. Beth Luey is President; Linda Kushner, Vice-President; Wendy Drumm, Treasurer; Eleanor Crowell, Secretary.

Their Annual Meeting also included a presentation on Central American immigration, for which they had a full house. Attendees shared their own families' stories of coming to the USA. Chronicle's Ted Reinstein gave a program about his research on New England's General Stores. The Friends again sponsored a Limerick Contest and a Limerick writing workshop for Poetry Month. They held their fourth Holiday Book Fair during which local authors displayed their books and did readings, which was very popular. The group also funded the summer reading program materials.

The Library meeting space is well-used by many groups and organizations, including the Mothers Club, Fairhaven-Acushnet Land Preservation Trust, Toastmasters, Coastline Elderly, among others. A lot of these meetings were informational presentations for the public. There were two sessions with recruiters for the 2020 Census. The Board of Health ran a series of workshops called Buried in Treasures which proved so popular they added another series. The Library had a couple of Wild! About Fairhaven programs, including one about Edible Wild Plants funded by the Cultural Council and another presented by Louise Barreau on Monarch Butterflies, co-sponsored with the Land Trust. The auditorium hosted a meeting of the FHS LGBTQ group during the summer. There were two long-time book discussion groups and a new History Book Club run by Dan Falcone.

Severin Haines donated a large painting of the restored marsh behind Atlas Tack. Len Langevin repaired and strengthened the settee in the Children's Room and money donated in memory of Seth Daigle was used to reupholster it. The settee was bought many years ago in Seth's memory. William Hathaway took a fantastic photo of the library and we are using it for updated postcards. He also donated a large print which will be framed.

Ethel L. Beckett, a summer resident and good friend to the library, made several donations including one which we used to buy our book drop. The Friends of the Library donated as well. The book drop is at the Walnut Street entrance.

## BUILDING

A Community Preservation grant last year funded the repainting and repair of the library windows. This year a grant will help to provide more watertightness and also some repainting of the interior. The library lawn had a problem with grubs last fall and this year

we took care of it and installed a sprinkler system to make the lawn management easier and more efficient.

#### ARCHIVES (DEBRA CHARPENTIER) 2019

VOLUNTEERS--Deb Charpentier had some dedicated volunteer assistance this year. Beth Luey continues to update the Lost Fisherman site. She has also organized, cataloged and created finding aids for the Cynthia McNaughten collection.

Max Isaksen continues to digitize records, along with updating our Native American collection and working on Willow Park burial records. Suzanne Kowal, our longtime volunteer, works where she is needed. She has worked on both the Benac and McNaughten collections. The town's zoning by-laws and burial records have been digitized. Suzanne still found the time to do general and house research. Christopher Green, a Fairhaven High School student, spent 30 hours inputting Riverside Cemetery records

ACQUISITIONS--After the passing of former Archives volunteer, Cynthia McNaughten, her children donated her research collection to the library. Mr. Jim Mahaney donated two dozen Hastings Middle School yearbooks. Eva Tillett donated boxes of knitting books and instructions from the yarn shop. The Benac families continues to send boxes of files that belonged to him.

DISPLAYS--Dennis Duval did a D-Day display for the important anniversary of the battle. We put paintings by local female artists in the case in the Rogers Room. Several artists displayed their work on the ends of the book stacks, including Virginia Stevens, Bertha Petruski, Jack Daly, and Glenda George.

ON-LINE RESOURCES--Both the Town of Fairhaven Zoning By-Laws and the Barnacle (a free biweekly newspaper from the 1990s) have been digitized and will be available on our website soon. The Fairhaven High School Yearbooks were just sent to Boston Public Library to be digitized. They will be available on the Internet Archive website later.

#### Youth Services (Jane Murphy) 2019

2019 was another wonderful year for the Youth Services Department at the Millicent Library under the direction of Youth Services Librarian Jane Murphy, who celebrated ten years at the library in September. Storytime programs were once again well attended, and our baby group is a success. Many grandparents and other caregivers attend the programs. Many of the children have gone on to preschool or kindergarten but still visit the library and participate in the summer and school vacation activities. Our lively Facebook page, administered by Ms. Jane, continues to inform families about the activities at the library. Parents and caregivers enjoy the photos of their children and appreciate being able to download them for their own collections.

Some of Ms. Jane's first storytime children have grown up and now participate in our Summer Teen group, which grew even more in the summertime, providing social time

and snacks for teens entering grade 6 and up on “Teen Tuesday.” In return, they prove to be a great group of volunteers who assist with many children’s programs throughout the summer. School and day care groups visited the library all year. The Friends of the Library continue to be very generous as well. We thank them once again this year for their continuing help. Student volunteers assist us in the Youth room during the school year. They need to complete their community service hours, so it is win-win! Many volunteers contribute their time out of the goodness of their hearts as well. Electronic databases and ebooks are still used as well as the many physical books, and we welcome many tutors, who work with their students after school in the library. We continue to have a good rapport with the schools and preschools, with class visits and guest readings by Ms. Jane both in the library and out at the schools.

During the 2019 Statewide Summer Reading program, “A Universe of Stories,” over 400 children and teens once again read over 4000 hours. “A Universe of Stories”-- a space theme which coincided with the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon landing-- brought programs by NASA Solar System ambassador Pat Monteith and a Star Wars program by Peter Struzziero.

Other summer programmers included Davis Bates and Roger Tinknell, whose performance was funded by the Fairhaven Cultural Council. Sparky’s Puppets were very entertaining. Dr. Toby Dills returned with his ever popular Tie Dye and Bottle Rockets programs, along with Tales from the Talespinner, which were once again highlights of the summer. The library welcomed back a wonderful local favorite, Daisy D. Dots, for her class on Clowning. She also painted faces during the 35th annual Teddy Bear parade, a tradition that is much loved by the people in Fairhaven and surrounding communities. Kay Alden led her Backstage at the Nutcracker in December. We appreciate the volunteer efforts of many of our program presenters and are ever grateful to the Fairhaven Fire Department for their annual visit, which teaches youngsters about fire safety followed by the unfurling of the fire hose, so welcome on a hot day! The Boston Bruins continue to be huge supporters of the Statewide Summer Reading program.

Next summer, the 2020 Summer Reading Theme, “Imagine Your Story” promises to bring another magical summer to the library.

## STATISTICS

As of June 30, 2019, the library owned 57,162 print books; 160 print magazines and newspapers; 11,705 audios (plus 6,342 downloadable), 12,698 videos (plus 1,180 downloadable). Patrons had access to 34,065 ebooks. This doesn’t include our subscription to Hoopla where you can access many more books, audios and videos on your devices.

We circulated 118,629 items and loaned 44,553 items to other libraries outside our network. Apart from this the usage of our electronic content was 71, 119. We are a member of the SAILS library network, made up of over 70 libraries, including some schools and colleges. We have passes to a dozen museums, the State Parks, etc. that may be checked out including a new one to the Massachusetts Archaeological Museum. Many

groups continued to use our auditorium throughout the year. The Library is open 55 hours per week, which is five more than required for certification. Our guestbook this year saw visitors from 29 states and 10 different countries.

Some of our databases and the delivery of items between libraries are funded jointly by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and the Massachusetts Library System, with state funding and federal support from the Institute of Museum and Library Services as administered by the MBLC.

Carolyn Longworth, Library Director

The Millicent Library Board of Trustees  
as of December 31, 2019

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Kathy Lopes  
Anne O'Brien  
Cheryl Moniz  
Carol Rodrigues  
Michael Silvia  
Joanna Weeks  
Lisa Wright  
Daniel Freitas, Selectmen Representative

## PLANNING BOARD AND DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Planning Board and the Department of Planning and Economic Development enjoyed a busy year in 2019. Board Member Wayne Hayward served as the interim Director beginning in January until a new Director of Planning and Economic Development, Paul Foley, was hired in April 2019. During the annual elections in April, Wayne Hayward and Rene Fleurent were re-elected to four-year terms and John 'Jay' Malaspino was elected to a two-year term. The Chairman of the Planning Board for 2019 was John K. Farrell Jr. and the Vice-Chair was Ann Richard. Jeffrey T. Lucas was re-appointed as the Planning Board's representative to the Community Preservation Committee, of which he is the Chairman. Rene J. Fleurent, Jr. was re-appointed by the Planning Board to serve as the Board's Commissioner to the Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District (SRPEDD). The Planning Board and Department note with sadness the passing of longtime Planning Board member Al Borges.

The new Town Planner was appointed by the Board of Selectmen to represent the Town as the Selectmen's representative to the Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG), an advisory committee on transportation issues to SRPEDD as well as to the Southeastern Regional Transit Authority (SRTA). He also serves as Staff representative to the Economic Development Committee and the Community Preservation Committee. The Department also assists in the administration of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

The Department of Planning and Economic Development has continued to assist the Planning Board in preparing the Town for the future by developing zoning changes and bylaw amendments. In 2019, a number of bylaw amendments passed that will help the Town grow responsibly while protecting its historic and rural character. These amendments include new Stormwater Regulations and a Historic Site Reuse zoning bylaw that were approved at the Annual Town Meeting in May 2019 and the Benoit Square Mixed-Use zoning change and a Demolition Delay general bylaw amendment that were approved at the Special Town Meeting in November 2019. The Planning Board worked jointly with the Historic Commission on developing the Demolition Delay bylaw.

Fairhaven 2040, the Master Plan approved in 2018, charts out how the Town wants to grow over the next 20 years. The Board has begun the process of implementing the action items of the plan and developing zoning and general bylaw amendments to implement Fairhaven 2040. The Town with the assistance of the Planning Board and Department was also successful in 2018 in approving other important Town-wide plans including the Economic Development Plan, The Open Space and Recreation Plan, the Hazard Mitigation Plan, and attaining Green Community Designation. The Planning Board and Department look forward to assisting the Town in implementing these plans and adopting new policies, plans, regulations and incentives such as the Complete Streets Policy, the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program, a Route 6/240 Redevelopment Plan and developing new bylaws to direct growth and preserve town character and the environment.

The Planning and Economic Development Department has been active in assisting the Town with several ongoing projects including the Dog Park Study and addressing concerns on Hacker Street, in North Fairhaven and with the SRPEDD Route 6 Corridor Study. Development review projects kept the Board and Department very busy in 2019 with a record fifteen (15) Special Permit Applications, five (5) Form “A” Applications, one (1) Preliminary Subdivision Application, and two (2) Definitive Subdivision Applications. Several of these are carrying over into 2020.

The Department of Planning and Economic Development assisted several other town departments with their grant submittals including to the Seaport Economic Council and MassWorks for upgrades at Union Wharf. While this round was not successful, the Department looks forward to improving and expanding our grant applications in 2020.

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 make the Town’s Zoning and General Bylaw’s more responsive to the needs of the Town. We look forward to 2020.

Respectfully submitted,	
John K. Farrell, Jr., Chairman	2022
Ann Richard, Vice-Chairman	2020
Jeffrey T. Lucas	2020
Cathy Melanson	2021
Geoffrey A. Haworth	2022
Wayne Hayward,	2023
Rene J. Fleurent, Jr.,	2023
John ‘Jay’ Malspino	2023

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

## FAIRHAVEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Fairhaven Police Department responded to 17104 calls for service in 2019.

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	6
Accidents - Motor Vehicle - Hit & Run	111
Accidents - Motor Vehicle vs. Pedestrian	4
Accidents - Motor Vehicle - Personal Injury	94
Accidents - Motor Vehicle - Property Damage	421
Alarm – Burglar	852
Alarm – Holdup	30
Ambulance Requests	2059
Animal Bites	9
Animal Complaints	460
Annoying Telephone Calls	14
Arrests (does not include criminal application requests)	98
Assaults	67
Assist Motorist	205
Assist Other Agency	170
Assist Other Police Department	108
Boat in Distress, Water Emergency, Water Hazard	30
Burglary - Breaking & Entering - Dwelling	25
Burglary - Breaking & Entering - Commercial	3
Burglary - Breaking & Entering - Motor Vehicle	27
Burglary - Breaking & Entering - Garage	7
Burglary - Breaking & Entering - Vessel	0
Disabled Auto	183
Disturbances/Disorderly Conduct	880
Domestic Violence/Family Offenses	125
Fights	34
Fraud	87
Illegal Dumping	15
Intoxicated Person	55
Larcenies	90
Mental Health Emergencies/Section12/Section 35	62
Missing Person	25
Motor Vehicle Thefts	8
Motor Vehicle Violations	2451
Motor Vehicle Complaints	323
Officer Wanted	43
Prisoner Transports	166



Protective Custody	52
Recovered Stolen Motor Vehicles	0
Reported Deaths	22
Restraining Order Violations	18
Robberies	1
Safety/Road Hazards	251
Search Warrant Executions	5
Restraining Order Services	95
Harassment Protection Order Services	10
Shoplifting	81
Suicide Attempts	12
Summons Services	114
Suspicious Activity	743
Trespassing	18
Unwanted Person	101
Vandalism	80
Welfare Checks	482

The New Year began rather uneventfully for the Fairhaven Police Department. However, the City of New Bedford experienced 10 fatal overdoses attributed to the opioid epidemic. This epidemic continues to keep our members of the opioid task very busy. They began the year continuing their outreach work with town residents who are addicted, or know people addicted to opiates. Their ongoing efforts are becoming better received by people in need of services as relationships between them and team members become more developed.

On February 22, 2019, Officer Christopher Beauregard graduated from the Plymouth Police academy. Officer Beauregard was required to pass an in depth, extensive background check, credit history check, a psychological examination and a physical abilities test prior to being sent to the academy. He endured an intensive 21-week training program that was designed to test them mentally and physically, and to prepare him for a career in law enforcement. It consisted of classroom instruction, defensive tactics, firearms and driver training, handcuffing and physical fitness. Officer Beauregard is also a sergeant in the US Army, serving in a military police unit. He completed a one-year deployment to South Korea, and lives in Fairhaven with his wife and two children. We welcome him to our department, and wish him the best of luck for a long, safe and successful career.

Officer Philip Lacerda retired in March after completing a 33-year career with the Fairhaven Police Department. Officer Lacerda served as a DARE Officer and as a Detective during his tenure. He was one of the investigators that led to the identification and arrest of a group of juveniles that broke into Fairhaven High School during the 1990's. One of the successes of that investigation was the return of the head of Henry Huttleston Rogers that had been severed from the bust of his statue during the ransacking of the high

school. Officer Lacerda also served as a state certified firearms instructor who provided years of training and expertise to our department. He also provided valued assistance with firearms licensing.

We purchased a Livescan fingerprint machine, which went online at the beginning of March. The fingerprint machine provides us with cutting edge technology in completing the fingerprinting process for prisoners, gun license applicants, town residents requiring fingerprints for various background checks, and identifying suspects involved in criminal activity.

Sadly, we lost a member of our police department family in March of last year. Michael Sullivan was a dispatcher with the Fairhaven Police Department for 20 years. He was a dedicated employee who cherished every member of our department. He was a mission driven person who, through his actions, demonstrated on a daily basis that the safety of every officer was paramount to him. He loved his job, and was often heard saying that he would do it for free. He had a warm personality and a wonderful sense of humor.

Prior to working for our department "Sully" received an honorable discharge from the military after serving for 22 years in the United States Army. At his retirement party, Sully commented that he felt very fortunate, because he accomplished two of his main goals in life; serving as a soldier, and serving within the law enforcement community. Sully is survived by his wife of 40 years, Coreen, his two sons, Michael II and James, his two daughters, Kelly and Holly, and two grandsons.

Sully was a great friend to us all, and he will be deeply missed. Sully and his family will forever remain in our thoughts and prayers.



Michael A. Sullivan  
1953 - 2019

On May 10th, our Detectives, working with Wareham Police Detectives and the US Drug Enforcement Administration, raided a residence in East Wareham and seized over 500 grams of cocaine, a small amount of Suboxone, and more than 19 grams of fentanyl. They arrested 59-year old Robert Ward, and charged him with trafficking cocaine and trafficking fentanyl. At the time of his arrest, Ward was free on \$50,000 bail for the same offenses. Although he had open cases for trafficking cocaine and trafficking fentanyl, he continued operating his drug trafficking enterprise until he was finally arrested as a result of this investigation.



Drugs & scales seized from Robert Ward May 10, 2019

In July our Department successfully passed an assessment by the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission for Initial Certification. Initial Certification is the first step in becoming a Fully Accredited police department. Accreditation is a process that raises the professionalism of a police department by ensuring that it operates at the highest level of industry standards. It provides a mechanism to identify and correct deficiencies before they become problematic. It requires the department to maintain current, up-to-date policies and procedures. It is a vital gauge that ensures quality assurance in the services we deliver. This is also an efficient risk management tool for preventing and reducing loss in professional liability claims. Law enforcement accreditation is a badge of honor in the law enforcement profession. It is one of the best measures of a police department's compliance with professional law enforcement standards.

In November our Officers completed training on the new Taser 6 platform. The Taser 6 is the newest Taser version available to law enforcement, and has the latest technology in electronic control weapons. At the time we went live with this new product, the Fairhaven Police Department was one of five police departments within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to employ this device.

On November 16th we conducted an assessment center for the promotion to the ranks of Sergeant and Lieutenant. Several members of the department completed the assessment, with Detective Scott Gordon obtaining the highest score for the position of Sergeant.

In December, the Fairhaven Police Department began filing criminal complaint applications to Third District Court via electronic submission. Rather than hand carrying three printed copies of criminal complaint applications, we are now electronically sending one complaint. This greatly reduces the amount of our paper usage, which is beneficial to the environment. It is also one of our contributions to the town's Green Initiative.

The Fairhaven Police Department utilizes its website, [fairhavenpolice.org](http://fairhavenpolice.org), its Twitter account, 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. Information from these sites has led to many arrest and drug seizures.

### **Fairhaven Animal Control**

This year has been a very productive year for the Animal control division of the Fairhaven Police Department. We were able to make some needed upgrades to the animal shelter at a very minimal cost to the town. We utilized the gift fund to make the shelter completely wheelchair accessible for not only our volunteers but to the public as well. A ramp was installed leading into the garage where we store most of the supplies for the animals.

We also had two fences installed in the backyard. This divided one large yard into three areas that our dogs could exercise in. A large concrete slab was then installed in that area to make it wheelchair friendly. All three of our cat rooms were down to concrete floors so we began asking local businesses for estimates to install ceramic tiles. Tile Craft , right here in Fairhaven , did the entire job for free. Finally, we replaced the wash tub and kitchen counter with stainless steel units. A stainless steel dishwasher was donated by a Fairhaven resident to make our volunteers' job much easier.

The shelter found homes for almost 150 dogs, cats and small animals throughout the year. This could not have been accomplished without the hard work of our volunteer staff. We currently have over thirty volunteers at the shelter. We also have four interns from Fairhaven High school and Greater New Bedford Vocational Tech. Community Connections and SMEC also bring their clients to the shelter every week to assist our volunteers. In the past year our volunteers have donated over 1300 hours to the town of Fairhaven.

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

## PUBLIC WORKS, BOARD OF

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 105 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 17 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 75 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.
- 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 2019 or are still being worked on:

Community Involvement – During 2019, the Board of Public Works continued to participate in various community events both inside and outside of its' purview.

Engineering Projects – Projects that were either engineered or requested to be engineered include a drainage remedy on Billy's Way, drainage remedy on Cooke St., drainage remedy on Waybridge Rd and paving/drainage remedy of the West Island Town Beach parking lot.

Hedge Street Reconstruction – In 2019, via a Community Development Block Grant, the Board of Public Works reconstructed Hedge Street from Cherry Street - westerly to include drainage, sidewalk, water and sewer improvements.

Leaf Pick-up – In 2019, 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 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 was awarded a State of Massachusetts Safe Routes to School grant in the amount of \$800,000.

The project will consist of narrowing a portion of Sconticut Neck Rd – from David Drown Blvd to the Leroy Wood school – resulting in improved safety in biking and pedestrian lanes and compliance with Massachusetts Complete Streets criteria.

Sanitation Department – In 2019, the Town Administrator, with concurrence from the Boards of Health and Public Works, combined some of the responsibilities of these above referenced Boards and created a new Sanitation Department. The tasks assigned to this Department, which fall under the Board of Public Works, include curbside pick-up for solid waste and recycling, the disposal of trash at SEMASS, oversight of the Town's brokerage account at SEMASS, the maintenance of the Town's former landfill and the payment of invoices associated with the annual Household Hazardous Waste Day.

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 so the plant will be ready for the addition of a nitrogen removal process.

As part of the nitrogen removal upgrade, the Board of Public Works is also conducting an affordability analysis to ascertain various possibilities available to comply with our new discharge permit including, but not limited to, which type of treatment would work and be the most affordable for our residents.

Shortly thereafter the above, following review of what the results yielded reveal, design of the selected option will begin.

Our agreement with the EPA should see construction completed by 2025/2026.

At the May 2020 Town Meeting, the Sewer Department will be asking for \$2,000,000 which will be used for the initial stage of plant improvements as well as the design of this additional treatment.

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.

Sewer Pump Station Upgrades - During calendar year 2019, 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.



During 2019, improvements were made to the Railroad and Pilgrim Ave pump stations. 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 2019, Town Meeting approved the following roads for reconstruction: Billy's Way, Brown Street and Fir Street while Hope Ave, Bluepoint Road and Ebony Street were reconstructed.

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

Street Light Maintenance – In 2019, 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

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 has 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 remediating 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.

Water system flushing – The Board of Public Works would like to thank all those who assisted us with our Water Flushing Program in 2019.

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”.

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

Cameron Durant, Vice Clerk

Keith Sylvia, Commissioner

Frank Coelho, Commissioner (April 2019 – Present)

Michael Ristuccia, Commissioner (January 2019 – April 2019)

Vincent D. Furtado, Board of Public Works Superintendent

Rebecca Vento, Board of Public Works Office Manager

## PUBLIC WORKS - HIGHWAY DIVISION

During the year 2019, 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 Only:

Rockland Street - Point Street to Sconticut Neck Road  
Diamond Street, Club Street, and Henry Street  
Hopkins Street - Howland Road to Brown Street  
Brown Street - Hopkins Street west 190'

Binder Course Only:

Hope Avenue - Adams Street to Francis Street  
Bluepoint Road - Almond Street to Fir Street  
Ebony Street - Causeway Road to Fisherman Road

A pavement overlay of Alden Road was completed from Bridge Street to Lambeth Park Road.

Chapter 90 Reconstruction:

Green Street from South Street to Cottage 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 2 catch basins were rebuilt throughout the town. Crack sealing was performed on various streets throughout the Town. Street sign vandalism continues with over 101 signs being replaced or repaired. During our snow removal and sanding operations we used 560 tons of sand and 346 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,

John M. Charbonneau  
Highway Superintendent

## **PUBLIC WORKS - PARK DEPARTMENT**

The Park Department has been very busy in 2019 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 have had roofs repaired as vandals continue to pull the shingles from them. The buildings have also been painted several times to cover up graffiti painted on them. 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,

John M. Charbonneau  
Superintendent

## **PUBLIC WORKS - WATER DEPARTMENT**

In the year 2019, the Fairhaven Water Department has rehabbed two out of the four wells we own, one at Wolf Island and the existing well at Tinkham Ln. We will be in the process of starting up the new well at Tinkham Ln. and retiring the old one.

Do to the Tinkham Ln. well work, we have put our flushing and valve exercising programs on halt, we will be starting both programs up again in the spring of 2020.

In 2019, there were 398,320 million gallons of finish water were pumped. The most gallons of finished water pumped per day was 1,563,000 gallons. The most gallons of finished water pumped in a week was 10,546,000 gallons.

The Department had 24 house service leaks, and 5 main leaks, there were 2 lead services replaced and 6 new services added. We also replaced 3 fire hydrants and added 3 new fire hydrants.

In the upcoming years we will be continuing our efforts in bringing the department up to date with the most modern equipment and technologies including automatic meter reading system, that will be able to read the towns meters quicker with less manpower.

I would like to thank my staff and all Town Departments for their continued support through the year.

Jeffrey Furtado  
Water Superintendent

## PUBLIC WORKS - SEWER DEPARTMENT

2019 was again a busy year for the Sewer Department. We have completed renovation of the Pilgrim and Railroad pump stations, as well as the preliminary treatment building and clarifiers at the main plant on Arsene Street. We continue to comply with the EPA/DEP capital and compliance plan, which will ultimately upgrade the remainder of our pumping stations, and upgrade our treatment plant to comply with a 125 pound per day nitrogen limit. The timeline agreed to in the NPDES permit will take the department into 2029 with a fully functioning and compliant tertiary treatment plant by the end of 2026. Expect to be hearing a lot more about this project as we progress with the preliminary planning. One of two new wells has been installed at the West Island disposal site and it will be put online in early 2020. Borings and installation for the 2nd new well will be taking place in early 2020. We have entered into a contract with Tighe & Bond Engineering to design upgrades at the West Island facility. This work will consist of upgrading the instrumentation, filters, and various pieces of process equipment in compliance with our newly issued ground water permit.

Our 5 million gallon per day facility on Arsene Street once again performed well within its permit limits despite its age and challenges with BOD5 and TSS levels of 10.4 mg/l and 10.2 mg/l respectively (state and federal permit levels are 30 mg/l). As we remind our customers each year, the “normal” life span of a treatment facility such as ours is 20 years, while our plant has just completed its 32nd year of operation. Replacement parts and maintenance issues continue to escalate in scarcity and cost each year, making operation and compliance more difficult each day. Despite the challenges, the treatment process at our Arsene Street plant yielded 396 dry tons of biosolids, which were hauled offsite in liquid form by Synagro Northeast. There was a total of 292,500 gallons of septic waste from the towns of Fairhaven and Mattapoisett accepted in 2019. The Town of Mattapoisett contributed 143,270,767 gallons of the total 1,263,200,000 gallons received at the plant. The West Island treatment facility treated 5,798,010 gallons of wastewater. Our permit levels at this facility for BOD5 (30 mg/l), TSS (30 mg/l) and Total Nitrogen (10 mg/l) were met with the annual averages being BOD5 (6.2 mg/l), TSS (4.9 mg/l) and Total Nitrogen (6.8 mg/l).

Each year brings us new challenges and 2020 will be no different with a great number of concurrent projects already happening or in the design and pre-design phase. We are currently assessing methods of Nitrogen Removal, to choose the best possible design of the new plant, and actual design work is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2020. As always, it is the goal of the Town to be a guardian of its receiving waters, and we continue to work with all officials to produce the best possible quality effluent.

I would like to thank my entire staff for doing a great job. The job that these men do is not an easy one, and each one of them helps your sewers flow freely every day, 24 hrs. a day, 7 days a week. Thanks to Rene Robillard, Ray Paczosa, Dana Hathaway, Bob Gomes, Vic Oliveira, Lee Barlow, Matt Manzone, Joe Frates, Nick Parker, Ryan Robillard, Chris Holland, David Melo, Charlene Paulson, Manny Luiz, and Rosemary Costa. We thank each of our employees for each doing their part to assure that all of our customers receive seamless service.

We look forward to new challenges and learning opportunities in 2020. Focus will be on beginning design of the treatment plant upgrade, which is scheduled to break ground in 2023, and on doing some mandated updating at the West Island Treatment plant, which is now 20 years old. The work on the Arsene Street plant has been long anticipated, and we are happy to finally be moving towards the beginning of this very important project.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L Schick  
Sewer Superintendent

## RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Fairhaven Recreation Department ended 2019 by acknowledging our 18<sup>Th</sup> anniversary of the Recreation Center.

Our Kool Kids summer program once again did very well this past summer. Overall we were at 98 % capacity for the program's 10 weeks. The children enjoyed their time off from school by participating in our program and attending field trips, special events & having Friday pizza lunches and Water Fun day.

2019 also saw us increase our afterschool program at the Wood and the East schools. We jumped from an average of 90 to 95 children per week last school year and so far are averaging 90 children per week this school year.

In 2019 the Recreation Center updated our wellness room by purchasing a treadmill and elliptical machine and added a sit down elliptical as well, which has been a big hit so far. Working with the Town's conservation agent both the Recreation Center and the COA were able to replace all of the lights in both buildings as well as all of the outdoor lights and upgraded to energy efficient LED light fixtures.

In 2019 the Recreation Center saw 892members. We look forward to 2020 as we enter our 19th year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Warren Rensehausen, APRP  
Recreation Director

## SELECTMEN, BOARD OF / TOWN ADMINISTRATION

2019 was the third year that the Board of Selectmen, with the assistance of the Town Administrator and Town Department Directors, fulfilled its role as the “Chief Goal Setting and Policy Making Agency of the Town of Fairhaven” as required by the Town Code. This effort commenced with a goal setting workshop that was held in October of 2018 where policy goals and specific objectives that work in furtherance of those goals were approved by the Board of Selectmen. What follows is a report on progress that was made in achieving those Policy Goals:

### **Goal 1: Human Resources Improvements**

- ☐ A complete redrafting of Personnel Rules and Regulations compliant with Federal and State personnel laws was completed and is now before the Board of Selectmen for their review and approval. The Town’s Personnel Policies had not been updated since 1995.
- ☐ All seven of the Town’s Collective Bargaining agreements were settled 2019 without going to arbitration. Wages were negotiated to be competitive with similar type towns to attract and retain qualified employees while at the same time enhancing management rights.
- ☐ A performance evaluation system was implemented for non-union employees which ties merit pay directly to the achievement of department objectives.

### **Goal 2: Town Committees Collaboration**

- ☐ The Board of Health and the Board of Public Works collaborated to place management responsibility of all solid waste services under the Board of Public Works with technical assistance from the Health Department. Previously the Board of Health was responsible for curbside recycling and hazardous waste collection while Public Works handled curbside trash collection and disposal.
- ☐ The Board of Selectmen and Board of Public Works entered into agreement that clarified collective bargaining responsibilities under the auspices of the Selectmen to ensure a uniform strategy for contract negotiations. The Board of Public Works will continue to be an active participant in negotiations with their unions

### **Goal 3: Inter and Intra Governmental Cooperation**

- ☐ Fairhaven along with New Bedford and Dartmouth was the recipient of a \$1.8 million Federal Grant to combat the continuing opioid crises in our communities.
- ☐ Fairhaven has partnered with the City of New Bedford for a Federal dredging project around public and private wharfs and piers which is necessary to maintain the economic viability of this important infrastructure. On the Fairhaven side of the harbor, we estimate that the Federal Government will fund 80% of the project or \$6.4 million dollars while the private wharf owners will contribute \$1.5 million and the Town of Fairhaven will fund \$89,500.
- ☐ The Town is actively engaged with our regional planning agency, the South East Regional Planning and Economic Development Commission in the Route 6 Corridor Study which is looking at ways traffic issues can be improved between Fairhaven and Wareham.
- ☐ All municipal and school buildings have been connected to the town owned fiber



optic system which greatly enhances our data and communications capabilities while ensuring reliability and security.

#### **Goal 4: Financial Sustainability**

##### **As of June 30, 2019 the Town's General Fund reserves were as follows:**

- ☐ Undesignated Free Cash: \$2,042,792 or 3.9% of Town's Budget and well within the town's benchmark of 3 to 5%
- ☐ Stabilization Fund: \$3,049,289 or 5.8% of the Town's Budget and exceeding the benchmark of 5%
- ☐ Capital Stabilization Fund including reserves for the Facility Improvement plan: \$6,288,126 or 11.9% of the Town's Budget.
- ☐ In total, the Town has available \$11,380,207 in reserves or 21.6% of the budget.
- ☐ The Health Insurance Trust Fund as of 12/31/19 was \$1,980,084 or \$367,799 over the benchmark of \$1,612,285

In FY2019 the town was awarded 27 grants totaling more than \$1 million dollars.

<b><u>Department</u></b>	<b><u>Grant Name</u></b>	<b><u>Grant Revenue</u></b>
Planning & Economics	CDBG Hedge St'18 (Phase1)	361,977.10
Planning & Economics	Union Wharf West Wall- Phase2	302,744.52
Planning & Economics	Union Wharf Public Safety Marina	73,459.77
Planning & Economics	Hazard Mitigation Plan	6,470.00
Council on Aging	Formula	49,976.74
Council on Aging	Outreach #1	32,000.00
Council on Aging	Social Day	18,000.00
Council on Aging	Outreach #2	11,000.00
Council on Aging	ARAW Medical Appt. Transportation	5,000.00
Council on Aging	ARAW Director	3,000.00
Cultural Council	Arts Lottery	6901.63
Police	911 Grant	50,741.52
Police	Bullet Proof Vest	7,934.90
Police	911 EMO Training	6,496.50
Police	Traffic Safety	4,188.55
Police	SEMLEC Drive II	1,540.00
Police	Walmart	1,000.00
Sewer	GAP Grant	23,924.00
Board of Health	Recycle IQ Kit	18,873.80
Board of Health	SMRP Sustainable'19	12,100.00
Board of Health	Technology	1,498.45
Marine Resources	Boat Pump Out Grant	16,891.11

Fire	Hazmat	8,433.88
Fire	Fire Safe	4,354.00
Fire	Senior Safe	2,600.00
Civil Defense	Civil Defense	4,457.39
Town Clerk	Election Grant	<u>4,827.00</u>
		1,040,390.86

□ With partial funding from the State's Green Communities Program, the Town embarked on various energy related projects including installing LED lighting at the Council on Aging/Recreation Building, Energy Management systems at the High School and Middle School and installation of solar panels at the two elementary schools with an expected annual energy savings of \$88,000

□ The fee schedule for building inspections was revised to be more equitable and consistent in its application. The recommended revisions are currently before the Economic Development Committee for their comments prior to the Board of Selectmen voting on them.

#### **Goal 5: Economic Development**

- Town Meeting approved a zoning change for Benoit Square area which will allow for mixed use development as a way to spur economic development in that neighborhood
- Paul Foley, formerly of the Martha Vineyards commission was appointed Planning and Economic Development Director and immediately began working with the Economic Development Committee on implementation of the Economic Development Plan Work began on applying for grant funds for targeted economic development strategies and the Complete Streets program.

#### **Goal 6: Health and Welfare of Town Residents**

- Two additional Fire Fighters/EMTs were added to the Town's Fire Department to address increasing calls for ambulance services and to improve rescue and fire-fighting operations.
- The Fairhaven Opioid Task Force continued to address the opioid addiction crises in Fairhaven by providing overdose follow up visits, distribution of educational material via multiple media outlets, a targeted outreach program to fishermen. The opioid addiction crises remains a serious problem in our town with town experiencing nine fatalities related to drug overdoses in 2019 up from four fatalities the prior year.
- We continue to improve the Town's emergency response capabilities with the acquisition of the RAVE emergency communications system that greatly expands the traditional Reverse 911 system to include Cell Phone technology and user driven interface. In addition the emergency response plan continues to be improved with updates this year from the Police Department, Board of Health and Harbor Master

### **Goal 7: Civic Engagement**

- Fairhaven Community Television made operational the Community Access Channel to allow Town residents to produce and show television shows of local interest. Fairhaven Community Television also produced numerous Public Service Announcements (PSAs) for Town departments and organizations.
- Huttleston Market Place, operating by the Tourism Department for the second year, continued to be success in bringing local farmers and crafters together with town residents and visitors. In addition Old Time Holiday, and Monday Fun continued to attract many residents.
- The Veteran's Services Officers, assisted by a committee of volunteers, has assumed responsibility the planning, organization and implementation of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.
- Police, Fire, Public Works and the Tourism Director provided security and support to numerous community organizations for their fairs, runs, swims and other fund raising activities at no cost to those organizations

### **Goal 8: Long Term Planning**

- The Town was awarded a \$55,000 grant from the state to conduct a municipal vulnerability study that would focus on Fairhaven strengths and weaknesses in the context of climate change and then prioritize actions to support the Town's resilience to impacts from climate change. These top actions will frame future grant applications that the town will be eligible for by doing this study.
- Implementation of the Town's Facility Improvement Plan has begun with site selection and conceptual design for a public safety facility. This project was the first priority of the Capital Planning Committee.
- A consultant has been engaged to study the viability of the town providing residents and businesses access to high quality, less expensive internet access

### **GOAL 9: Improve Municipal Services:**

- The Veterans Services Officer position was increased from a part time position to a full time position greatly enhancing the services we can provide our veterans and their families
- The Fairhaven Police Department received certification status from the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission demonstrating adherence to the highest levels of professional policing.
- The Fairhaven Police Department launched a comprehensive speed and traffic control program that includes dedicated department personnel assigned to enforcement in areas of concern and the use of portable radar signs, traffic counters and handheld radar detectors.
- The Council and Aging in partnership with the Fairhaven Public Schools and Greater New Bedford Vocational Technical School has implemented several intergenerational programs including photography classes and visitation programs.
- The town has acquired two drones that provide assistance to the fire and police departments in missing person searches and to support the Board of Public Works with inspecting infrastructure.

None of these accomplishments would have been possible without the hard work and dedication of the town employees and volunteers who serve on our boards, commissions and committees and for this we are sincerely thankful. We look forward to another year of serving you, our constituents. Thank you for your confidence in us to serve as your Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator.

Respectfully,  
Charles K. Murphy Sr., Chair  
Robert Espindola, Clerk  
Daniel Freitas, Member  
Mark Rees, Town Administrator

## **SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL PLANNING & 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, 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 2019, the Town of Fairhaven paid \$2,900.79 to SRPEDD, based upon an assessment of 18.275 cents per capita. SRPEDD also functions 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).

Please visit SRPEDD’s website at [www.srpedd.org](http://www.srpedd.org) to review Highlighted Projects ([www.srpedd.org/highlights](http://www.srpedd.org/highlights)), including our Regional Data Center, Drone Program, and various municipal projects, such as 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 René Fleurent, Jr. on the SRPEDD Commission.

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

In 2019, SRPEDD provided technical assistance to Fairhaven in the following areas; please note that funding sources are indicated in parentheses:

- SRPEDD continued to assist the South Coast Bikeway Alliance (Fairhaven represented) with mapping, funding guidance, route planning, and sign design (MassDOT).
- Staff continued to advance the Route 6 Corridor Study including Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett, and Wareham (MassDOT). For more information, please see <http://www.srpedd.org/Route-6-Corridor-Study>.
- Staff assisted the Planning Board with a mapping project and a subdivision plan review and discussion during the search for a full-time Director of Planning and Economic Development.
- SRPEDD conducted traffic counts on the following roadways: Alden Rd. at Acushnet Line, Alden Rd. north of Rte. I-195 Overpass, Bridge St. east of Rte. 6, Howland Rd. at New Bedford Line, Main St. south of Cowen St., Main St. south of I-195 Overpass, and Main St. south of Washington St. (FHWA, MassDOT).
- Staff completed turning movement counts on the following roadways: Huttleston Ave. at Bridge St. (FHWA, MassDOT).

Highlights from SRPEDD's general 2019 Work Program include the following:

- SRPEDD updated the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for Southeastern Massachusetts, a regional document maintained by SRPEDD and certified by the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA). The CEDS maintains eligibility for the region's cities and towns to receive EDA funding.
- SRPEDD completed the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which sets regional priorities for federal transportation funds. The Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMMPO) endorsed the FY 2020-2024 TIP.
- SRPEDD completed numerous local technical assistance projects through direct local contract, our Municipal Assistance (MA) program, and the District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) program. Projects include, but are not limited to, Master Plans, Economic Development Plans and Guides, Housing Production Plans, Complete Streets and Green Communities Program Participation, interactive mapping, and assisting with Community Compact Cabinet (CCC) Best Practices.
- SRPEDD continued work under year 2 of our Drone Program.
- SRPEDD continues as the lead agency for the Resilient Taunton Watershed Network (RTWN). The RTWN is a collaborative of local, non-profit, regional, and state and federal government representatives interested in the future health and resilience of the Taunton River Watershed. The RTWN provides information, conducts outreach and educational efforts, resources and tools to protect existing natural resources, reduce flooding, promote restoration, and develop sustainability (EPA).
- In partnership with UMass-Dartmouth and the Cape Cod Commission, SRPEDD is working to develop a Marine Science and Technology "super cluster" through a three-year U.S. EDA-funded effort. Year one (2019) includes an assessment of the sector; year 2 (2020) includes the development of a formal Industry Alliance comprised of leaders in business, finance, government, and academia; and year 3 includes the development of a marketing plan. UMass-Dartmouth is administering the project.
- Staff continued to work with the Taunton Pathways Committee and provided a review of the draft Scope of Work for the new rail trail segment along the Taunton River.
- SRPEDD provides fiduciary support services to the Southeast Regional Homeland Security Council (SRAC), comprised of 96 municipalities and the Wampanoag Nation.
- SRPEDD conducts a district-wide traffic-counting program and maintains a database of available traffic count data throughout the region. SRPEDD undertook 130 traffic counts at various locations this past year.
- SRPEDD continued to provide administrative and technical support to the Taunton River Stewardship Council (TRSC) through a Cooperative Agreement with the National Parks Service. The Council is a multi-community, multi-agency collaborative established through the designation of the Taunton River as a Federal Partnership Wild & Scenic River in 2009.
- In partnership with the TRSC, SRPEDD provides public education and stewardship opportunities to Taunton River Watershed communities, as well as access to local project funds through its Mini-Grants Program.
- SRPEDD is a member of two National Estuary Programs (NEP) including the Narragansett Bay Management Committee and Buzzards Bay Steering Committee, created to protect the resources and promote the stewardship of their respective

watersheds. The Buzzards Bay and Narragansett Bay Watersheds together encompass the entirety of the SRPEDD area. As a member of these oversight committees, SRPEDD participates in the development of their respective Management Plans for both programs.

- SRPEDD worked with partners from the DEP, Buzzards Bay Coalition, USDA, Cape Cod Cranberry Growers Association, and the Cranberry Experiment Station to address nutrient reduction in the Wareham River.
- SRPEDD worked with the MA Division of Ecological Restoration to provide education and outreach materials and a regional workshop on the restoration of abandoned cranberry bogs.
- SRPEDD presented a workshop on agricultural vulnerability to the impacts of climate change for regional Agricultural Commissions at the 13th Annual SEMAP Agriculture and Food Conference at Bristol County Agricultural High School.
- SRPEDD provides technical planning to two regional transit authorities, SRTA and GATRA, including route evaluations, rider surveys, performance standards and federal reporting.
- SRPEDD continues to operate the Pavement Management Program, evaluating pavement conditions on federal-aid eligible roadways in the region's cities and towns.
- SRPEDD maintains a comprehensive database of all 380 signalized intersections in the region. SRPEDD conducted 48 turning movement counts at various locations this past year during the AM, Midday and PM peaks
- SRPEDD continues to assist communities under the Regional Bicycle Plan addressing infrastructure needs and recommendations on how to improve connectivity throughout the region.
- SRPEDD completed the Regional Pedestrian Plan to promote recommendations to improve pedestrian connectivity within and between municipalities.
- SRPEDD continues work on the Regional Bus Stop Capital Investment Plan following the completion of the Regional Bus Stop Inventory in 2016. The inventory of data collected for GATRA and SRTA bus stops is available to assist on proposed capital improvements.
- SRPEDD maintains an extensive Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping program. The mapping program contains a number of data layers including, land-use, zoning, water resources, soils, habitats, transportation network, economic development, priority protection and priority development areas, and other data and information.
- SRPEDD operates the Southeastern Massachusetts Data Center, providing information to businesses, cities and towns, and individuals.

## SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Fairhaven Sustainability Committee participated in three EcoChallenges this year. April's Drawdown EcoChallenge focused on reducing our collective carbon footprint. July's Plastic Free EcoChallenge focused on reducing the amount of plastic we use and dispose of. The People's EcoChallenge in October focused on environmental and social engagement aligned with individual values. These events were all successful ways in getting the area community involved in sustainable initiatives at home and work.

As part of the public outreach for the Plastic Free EcoChallenge, we participated in the Huttleston Marketplace. Our booth promoted the reducing single-use plastics and stirred up interest in other sustainable events going on in the town. This event allowed us to build our Sustainability Mailing List to promote sustainable events by the committee and those held by other community members.

With the Green Community designation comes potential for grants and awards throughout the year. Sustainability Coordinator, Whitney McClees was busy securing and managing four different grants and working with town departments on the best use for the various monies available.

The Green Communities Grant for \$174,565 was awarded to the Town to fund energy conservation measures, such as energy management systems, lighting, and variable frequency drives and motors. The Council on Aging and Recreation Center were upgraded to LED lighting and controls. The remaining projects due to take place at Fairhaven High School and Hastings Middle School are ongoing and are projected to be completed in 2020.

The Town also received a Municipal Energy Technical Assistance Grant for \$12,500 to fund assistance in evaluating potential municipal solar photovoltaic array locations and energy storage for the Town. This grant is ongoing and is due to be completed by May 2020.

The Department of Energy Resources awarded Fairhaven \$55,000 for a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Planning Grant to fund a Community Resilience Building Workshop to assess the Town's vulnerabilities and strengths in the context of climate change. As part of this grant, two additional items will be funded in addition to the workshop, a Town policy and regulatory review to determine how our local policies and regulations can more effectively address climate change and targeted vulnerability assessments of five high-priority, high-risk assets. All three of these tasks will provide a good baseline for future grant applications to implement priority actions to increase the Town's resilience to coastal hazards in the face of climate change.

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection awarded the Town \$12,500 through their Electric Vehicle Incentive Program (EVIP) Fleets Grant. This grant covers the cost of 1 charging station, up to \$2,500, and the lease of two electric vehicles, up to \$5,000 for each vehicle, to be completed by June 2020.

Our three Community Gardens are still very active at Wood School, East Fairhaven and



Elizabeth Hastings Middle School. We have a very dedicated sub-committee that works tirelessly on providing spaces for gardeners to grow their favorite produce. Our committee also still runs the Seed Library/Exchange at The Millicent Library during the Spring and is very active.

In the fall, Laura Gardner presented the Climate Reality Project for our committee. She was trained for this presentation and shared with the committee the details of the project that many people across the country are working on. There is a local chapter of Climate Reality Project which meets at the Fairhaven Unitarian Universalist Church.

The committee participated in the annual Cable Access Halloween event at the Town Hall. We promoted and hosted a Halloween Costume Swap and Exchange, which was very successful. It was a very fun event that hundreds attended and were able to get recycled/reused costumes if they were needed. The committee also handed out Equal Exchange Fair Trade Chocolate.

Susan Spooner shared details of a Marina Trash Skimmer that other communities, including New Bedford, have successfully installed to address marine debris. There is a hope that someday soon this could be put into place in Fairhaven as well. Funding and volunteer hours for upkeep are concerns that were addressed. No definite decisions were made, but may be in 2020.

Our committee will continue to promote sustainable practices into the new year and is always willing to work on new projects that enhance the town. We are looking for fresh ideas and would love to work with local groups and individuals. Please contact any member of the committee if you are interested.

We would like to thank Deirdre Healy for serving as Chair for a portion of the year. We would also like to thank Denise Barr, Marcus Ferro, Diana Painter, Vincent Marron, Laurie Hellstrom, and Marianne Murray for their service on the committee.

Ann Richard – Chair  
Wendy Drumm  
Karen Gent  
Deirdre Healey  
Anne O'Brien – Clerk  
Susan Spooner  
Lois Callahan – Alternate  
Denise Barr – resigned  
Marcus Ferro – resigned  
Diana Painter – resigned  
Vincent Marron – resigned  
Laurie Hellstrom – resigned  
Marianne Murray – resigned  
Whitney McClees – Sustainability Coordinator

## **ANNUAL REPORT—OFFICE OF TOURISM**

### **Calendar Year 2019**

The calendar year 2019 was comprised of the last two quarters of FY19 and the first two quarters of FY20. It was the twenty-fourth year of the Office of Tourism's operation.

#### **TOURS**

In 2019, the regularly scheduled Henry H. Rogers Walking Tours in June through September were guided by Robert Foster (Tuesday mornings) and Christopher Richard (Thursday mornings).

At Fort Phoenix the "Pirates and Privateers Presentation" continued for the fourth season on Friday mornings, June through September. Christopher Richard and volunteer Erin Hedges once again portraying the privateers Greybeard & Abby, joined by Jordan Richard playing Caleb the Powder Monkey and Lee Bonia portraying Mr. Church the ship's cook.

Between May and September, several scheduled public tours were given in Riverside Cemetery, guided by Joanne Zych. On evening tour was canceled because of concern about the EEE virus from mosquitoes.

Poverty Point Walking Tours, guided by Christopher Richard, were given in May and October.

In addition to the above mentioned, regularly scheduled public tours, a number of custom tours and school field trips were presented.

#### **VISITORS CENTER**

The center was open year round on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Whenever the Office of Tourism was open, visitors could also see the Historical Society's museum on the second floor. The Center was also open the evening of August 6 for National Night Out.

Joanne Zych volunteered to staff the Visitors Center on Friday mornings during June, July, August, and September when Mr. Richard was out guiding tours. Erin Hedges volunteered to staff the Visitors Center on Thursday Mornings.

Besides the regular Visitors Center operation, other programs sponsored by the Office of Tourism were held at the Academy Building. Details on the Monday Morning Fun programs, the Huttleston Marketplace and Harvest Fun Day are given in the Events section below.

The Fairhaven Historical Society had volunteers on duty in the museum on the Saturdays of the Huttleston Marketplace and Harvest Fun Day.

#### **HUTTLESTON MARKETPLACE**

The second season of the summertime Huttleston Marketplace ran most Saturdays from June 1 through September 14. The marketplace was very successful. It grew considerably over the first year, with a total of 135 different vendors participating (vs. 65 in 2018) and 35 to 50 or more booths set up each Saturday. Vendors contributed to the Tourism

Gift Account to cover the expenses of the marketplace, including rental of a porta-john, advertising and printing, and the hiring of local musicians to perform each Saturday afternoon.

The marketplace provides a venue for local artists, crafters, farmers, and other vendors to sell their goods as well as being a performance venue for local musicians. In 2019 one of the vendors—selling honey—experienced his best sales day ever at any marketplace in the region, and almost tied the record on another Saturday. The Huttleston Marketplace is an ongoing economic booster for the creative community and for local growers of plants and farm produce.

Plans are currently underway for the third season in 2020, during which the marketplace will be a state certified farmers market. The music performances at the marketplace will also be marketed separately as “Music at the Marketplace.”

### OTHER EVENTS

The 23rd annual Fourth of July Ceremony at Fort Phoenix was sponsored by the Office of Tourism, with participation by the Board of Selectmen and the Fairhaven Village Militia.

During its fifth year, there were eight weeks of Monday Morning Fun programs at the Visitors Center in July and August. Programs were presented by local groups including the Buttonwood Park Zoomobile, Mad Science, Pirates of the Cape, New Bedford Pottery Works, Supreme Perfection Dance Studio and others. Erin Hedges volunteered to supervise one week during the Tourism Director’s vacation. Dorothy Cox’s was on hand each week selling ice cream and bottled water. Heart Body Arts provided face painting. A bounce house was supplied each week by DeTerra’s Jump, sponsored by local businesses and organizations. Funding of Monday Morning Fun comes from donations to the Tourism Gift Account.

On September 21, the seventh annual Harvest Fun Day was held on a warm and sunny day. There were 75 booths set up, making it the largest Harvest Fun Day so far. A large crowd attended to shop for crafts, enjoy food, children’s activities and entertainment. A farm tractor, an antique Ford Model T depot hack, and a 1930s Ford sedan were on hand, as were some walk-around characters.

The Office of Tourism hosted its 22nd annual Town Hall Shops as part of the Old-Time Holiday in December. Twenty-five groups took part in the Town Hall. Music was provided by Fairhaven music students and the Buttonwood Brass trio. Food was served by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association, Boy Scout Troop 52, and the FHS Class of 2022. The Fairhaven Village Militia served popcorn. The Office of Tourism provided publicity and paid advertising for all of the Old-Time Holiday events.

In addition to the events sponsored or co-sponsored by the Office of Tourism, the office provides free marketing/advertising services for many special events such as the Father’s Day and West Island road races, the Homecoming Day Fair, the FIA Summer Concert Series, Outdoor Family Movie Night, the Feast of Our Lady of Angels, the Manjirō

Festival, and others, that are sponsored by independent non-profit groups. Website listings, paid advertising and press releases are produced to promote many public activities held in town throughout the year.

### **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 Rte. 28*, *Cape Cod and Islands Pride Pages*, *O Jornal*, *Fairhaven Neighborhood News*, *The Traveler*, *Cape Cod Best Read Guide*, and *Community Values*. Additionally, ads were placed in regional hotel in-room guest directories. The Monday Morning Fun Programs, the Huttleston Marketplace, and Harvest Fun Day were promoted with full-page ads in the *Neighborhood News*. The Old-Time Holiday in December was promoted with full-page color ads in the *Fairhaven Neighborhood News* and the *South Coast INSIDER*.

The dates and information about the Huttleston Marketplace were listed with FestivalNet.com, a nationwide service promoting fairs, festivals, marketplaces, etc.

Five thousand copies of the, updated 28-page Fairhaven Visitors Guide were published in early May. A .pdf file of the guidebook is posted on Town of Fairhaven and the Office of Tourism websites.

In addition to paid advertising, press releases and photos about Fairhaven and special events were distributed to the press. Some of Fairhaven's larger special events were posted on the Massachusetts, Bristol County and City of New Bedford tourism websites.

### **INTERNET**

Information about Fairhaven events is posted daily on social media sites Facebook (<http://facebook.com/FairhavenTours>) and Twitter (<http://twitter.com/FairhavenTours>). Items posted by Fairhaven non-profit groups on social media are shared and retweeted by the Office of Tourism. Twitter accounts and Facebook pages have been created for the Huttleston Marketplace and Greybeard & Companie (the Fort Phoenix Pirates and Privateers presentations). The Office of Tourism also maintains Facebook pages for the Old Stone Schoolhouse, John Cooke Memorial Park, and Harvest Fun Day. Facebook "events" are created to promote all the tours, programs, and special events sponsored by the Office of Tourism.

The Office of Tourism website, <http://FairhavenTours.com>, was further expanded and updated. Work was begun on creating history pages covering 20th Century activities, such as the marine industries and the increase of ethic and cultural diversity as the population grew.

Respectfully,  
Christopher J. Richard, Director of Tourism

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

As of December 31, 2019 total residents in Fairhaven are 15,733 and the total registered voters are 11,556. Births, marriages and deaths in the year 2019 were:

- Births: 97
- Marriages: 74
- Deaths: 249

Elections and Town Meetings in 2019 were as follows:

Town Election—April 1, 2019

Annual Town Meeting—May 4, 2019

Special Town Meeting—November 12, 2019

Total cash turned over to the Treasurer was \$54,441.32. The Town Clerk's Office collected the following violations:

- Parking violations - \$5,150.00
- By-Law violations - \$4,475.00
- Dog violations - \$100.00
- Boat Ramp violations - \$595.00
- Penalties/Late fees - \$1050.00

Dog licenses – 2050 for a total of \$15,770.00

Business Certificates – 155 for a total of \$4,500.00

The managing and administration of elections is one of the most important functions of the Town Clerk's Office. This involves the preparation and organizing of all Elections, This year Fairhaven hosted two Poll Workers training classes. One with the State Elections Department and the second one with LHS Associates who maintains our voting machines. Both were very informative and educational.

We have begun scanning vital documents to preserve the paper copies. We also changed our dog licensing period to the calendar year and have increased the dog licensing fees which have remained unchanged for approximately 20 years.

Once again, I would like to thank our Assistant Town Clerk, Linda Fredette, the former Town Clerk, Eileen M. Lowney, fellow co-workers, registrars, poll workers, police and fire departments and all custodians for their assistance and support during the past year.

Respectfully,  
Carolyn Hurley  
Town Clerk  
Registrar & Constable

## TOWN COLLECTOR

REAL ESTATE TAX	27,174,017
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX	1,038,568
CPA TAX	469,522
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	1,982,959
WATERWAY USER FEES	67,457
BOAT EXCISE	19,214
TAX LIENS	319,245
INTEREST AND FEES	421,326
WATER USAGE	2,698,327
WATER BETTERMENTS	-
WATER BETTERMENT INTEREST	-
WATER LIENS	207,354
WATER & SEWER LIEN INTEREST & FEES	88,473
DRAINLAYERS APPLICATION FEE	56,667
SEWER LIENS	270,520
SEWER USAGE	2,668,066
SEWER CAPITAL FEE	283,852
SEWER USAGE FEE	19,241
SEWER BETTERMENTS	246,976
SEWER BETTERMENT INTEREST	69,206
MATTAPOISETT SEWER CHARGES	460,801
BETTERMENT RELEASE CERTIFICATES	192
MUNICIPAL LIEN CERTIFICATES	28,600
SCHOOL TUITION	2,674,347
PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	167,772
IE LIENS	34,575
 TOTAL COLLECTIONS IN FY 2018	 41,467,277

Thank you to my office staff: Assistant Treasurer/Collector Pamela Bettencourt, and Principal Office Assistants Kelly Ferranti and Mary Lou Krossschell . Your dedication and teamwork assisting our taxpayers is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy L. Graves  
Town Collector

## TREE DEPARTMENT

Overall, 2019 was a good year for the town's trees. Although several strong wind storms caused a large number of trees and branches to fall into roadways, about 70% of those trees were privately owned.

Spring of 2020 will see many new trees planted in town, both along roadways to replace lost trees and also at Livesey Park where the new parking lot has been completed. We have applied to both the International Society of Arboriculture and the Massachusetts Tree Warden and Foresters Association for grants which they issue for the purchase of trees. We expect to receive the town's new Altec aerial lift truck in February of 2020, which will significantly increase the work that can be completed by the tree crew. The old 2001 truck has not been operable for some time, due to its unsafe condition and extremely expensive repairs that were required. The new truck boasts a number of the most modern safety features available, including custom lighting which will allow for nighttime operation as well.

Unfortunately, Emerald Ash Borer beetles have been discovered in Massachusetts. These insects can completely decimate ash trees if they are left untreated, so we will be closely monitoring the town's mature ash trees, of which there are more than a dozen.

The tree crew employees have attended numerous safety related courses put on by the International Society of Arboriculture, which are offered to ISA members free of charge. We anticipate that the coming year will see the tree department well-prepared for any emergency and able to effectively maintain Fairhaven's historical trees.

G. Bourne Knowles IV  
Tree Warden

## VETERANS SERVICES

The Office of Veterans' Services granted financial aid and medical assistance through M.G.L. Chapter 115 to one hundred and five veterans, their families, spouses or widows during the year 2019. There was a total of seventy seven cases which is 88 total Veteran and spouses we supply services to throughout the year.

According to the latest update from the Veterans Administration, VA benefits paid to veterans with Fairhaven residency totaled \$3,100,000.00 for the last 12 month period monitored. These benefits were paid for pensions and disability compensation and included 270 resident veterans' beneficiaries. A number of these claims were processed through this office.

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.

Our department has completed the application process for all our clients on individual Blue Cross Blue Shield Medex and Medicare part B plans. This has saved the state and town approximately \$55,000.00 a year.

Respectfully submitted,

Bradford Fish, Director/Agent



## DEPARTMENT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

The annual salary of the Sealer of Weights and Measures is \$7140

The Town of Fairhaven has a Consumer/Merchant Fund and the account balance is \$3824.16

Calendar year of 2019 – Fees Charged

Sealing fees collected: \$5125

Charges collected for adjusting: \$97.50

Total Amount collected for Civil Penalties: \$0

### DEVICES TESTED DURING THIS PERIOD

	Sealed	Not- Sealed
SCALES		
100-5,000lbs.	9	
Under 100lbs .	43	
Balances	4	
WEIGHTS		
Avoirdupois	8	
Metric	28	
Apothocary	19	
AUTOMATIC LIQUID MEASURING DEVICES		
Gasoline	86	2
OTHER AUTO MEASURING DEVICES		
Wire-Cirdage Measurring Drvices	1	
Reversing Vending Machines	5	
TOTALS	203	2

Submitted by:

Theodore Machado

Sealer of Weights and Measures

## WELLNESS COMMITTEE

The Wellness Committee is an eight-member committee made up of full and part-time employees who meet monthly to plan and create healthier options for Town employees in the interest of improving self-care, work-life balance, stress-reduction, and overall health. In this way, the committee hopes to improve the lives of its colleagues, and hopefully stabilize or lower health insurance costs through a healthier workforce.

In 2019, the Wellness Committee offered three walking challenges through our health provider, Blue Cross Blue Shield. More than 50 employees tracked their walking steps daily, inputted the information and then the top team(s) received prizes. The challenges are encouraging and promote walking and exercise.

The Wellness Committee was able to offer 13 stand up desks to Town employees who wanted one. Occasional standing is excellent for ergonomic working, and great for overall health. From the school department (teachers and administrative assistants) to the police and fire personnel, the stand-up desks were a big hit. This allows people to stand at their job/station to avoid sitting for long periods of time, which benefits their backs and legs.

In April of 2019, the Wellness Committee put on their fourth Annual Health Fair at the Council on Aging Building; where there were more than 35 'health' vendors that attended. The Lions Club, Tropical Smoothie, Mystic Café, and Barley Fitness were among the vendors that provided their free service to the Town's employees. It was a successful health fair.

Last year was also the first year that a 20/20 Vision Van was able to set up shop for eye exams for any town employee that wanted to participate. Fifteen employees took advantage of this mobile experience with a full eye exam, and prescription to go.

We also provide a Wellness Works (Weight Watchers) work class, yoga, zumba and 20/20/20 classes through the Fairhaven Recreation Center; and offer other classes throughout the year. Two biggest loser challenges are done annually as well, and the committee offers a pre-diabetes class in conjunction with the YMCA.

The Wellness Committee meets monthly, usually on the first Thursday of the month at 4:45 pm.

We strive to encourage all employees to feed their mind, soul and healthy living, if that is what they choose to do.

Respectfully submitted,

Pattie Pacella, Chairperson

Members:

Robert J. Espindola

Warren Rensehausen

Anne O'Brien

Mary Freire-Kellogg

Paula Medeiros

Tara Kohler

Shallyn Carreiro

# **RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH AS OF JUNE 30, 2019**

Cash & Checks in office		\$25.00
Bank of America	1,870,363.25	
Century Bank	2,880,108.28	
Unibank	5,538,128.25	
Citizens Bank	472,561.73	
Blue Hills Bank	1,220,890.51	
Mansfield Bank	1,730,812.51	
HarborOne Bank	6,202,868.25	
Rockland Trust	2,496,819.93	
Bristol County Savings Bank	4,200,276.89	
<b>TOTAL LIQUID INVESTMENTS</b>		<b>26,612,829.60</b>
<b>TRUST FUNDS</b>		
Bristol County Savings Bank	676,279.60	
Citibank - not in custody of Treasurer	2,194,635.83	
Bank of America - (Stocks-Market Value)	700,466.00	
Rockland Trust Company	1,041,563.59	
Bartholomew & Company	9,363,974.29	
MMDT	5,136,722.41	
<b>TOTAL TRUST FUNDS</b>		
<b>TOTAL ALL CASH &amp; INVESTMENTS</b>		<b>\$19,113,641.72</b>
		<b>\$45,726,496.32</b>

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, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019**

**TAX COLLECTIONS (NET)**

REAL ESTATE/ROLLBACK	27,174,017
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE/8 OF 58 ABATE	1,982,959
PERSONAL PROPERTY	1,038,568
TAX LIENS/FORECLOSURES REDEEMED	319,245
MUNICIPAL LIENS / IE LIENS	63,175
BOAT EXCISE/OTHER EXCISE	32,901
IN LIEU OF TAXES/PROFORMA TAX	167,772

**INTEREST/PENALTIES**

PROPERTY TAX/WARRANT FEE	113,854
EXCISE TAX/RMV MARKING FEES	128,702
TAX LIENS	178,769

**TOTAL TAXES/INTEREST**

**31,199,963**

**CHARGES FOR SERVICES**

SEMASS ADMINISTRATION/RECYCLING	107,646
WHARFAGE	69,373
FEES	507,204
RENTALS/LEASE	50,421
WIND TURBINE ENERGY	1,046,244

**TOTAL CHARGES FOR SERVICES**

**1,780,889**

**LICENSES AND PERMITS**

ALCOHOLIC BEV. LICENSES	37,085
OTHER LIC & PERMITS	367,999

**TOTAL LICENSES & PERMITS**

**405,084**

**FINES & FORFEITS**

**7,760**

INVESTMENT INCOME	327,755
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MISCELLANEOUS

RECURRING	21,415
NONRECURRING/SALE OF TAX POSSESSION	37,749
PRIOR YEAR	13,708

TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	72,872
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REVENUE FROM FEDERAL/STATE

UNRESTRICTED GEN'L GOV AID	2,331,555
STATE OWNED LAND	154,041
CHAPTER 90	952,172
ROOM TAX	239,128
MEAL TAX	352,109
VETERAN BENEFITS	483,237
ABATE VETS & BLIND/SURVIVING SPOUSE	98,943
GENERAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS	1,076,678
SRF-TRANSPORTATION NETWORK	1,228

TOTAL STATE REVENUE/FEDERAL	5,689,091
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OTHER REVENUE

WATERWAY IMPROVEMENT	67,457
AMBULANCE FUND	1,127,759
STORMWATER MAINT FEE	-
SOCIAL DAY RECEIPTS-COA	178,561
WETLAND PROTECTION	8,959
INSURANCE RECOVERY	6,515
GIFTS/RESTITUTION	54,418
HOPPY'S LANDING	19,826
GOV ACCESS-GENERAL	370,506
PARK UTILITIES	200
TITLE 5	3,349
HAZMAT	4,764
SUSTAINABILITY COMM	330

TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM	185	
WELLNESS	82	
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE		1,842,911
TOTAL NON-SCHOOL REVENUE		41,326,324
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT		
TUITION	2,648,419	
EDUCATION CABLE	149,980	
SALE OF SCHOOL LUNCHES/INV EARN	400,128	
ATHLETIC REVOLVER	22,282	
MUSIC REVOLVER	932	
GIFTS/RESTITUTION	24,921	
LEASE-TRIPP SCH	37,209	
RENTAL SCHOOL PROPERTY	32,017	
PRESCHOOL TUITION	44,173	
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM/REC CTR	136,013	
INSURANCE RECOVERY	-	
MISC	-	
TOTAL		3,496,073
SCHOOL REVENUE FROM FEDERAL/STATE		
CIRCUIT BREAKER	353,714	
SCHOOL AID - CHAPTER 70	7,794,726	
CHARTER TUITION	3,348	
ADDITIONAL SCHOOL AID	-	
TRANSPORT HOMELESS	25,928	
SCHOOL LUNCH	432,691	
MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT	126,505	
TOTAL		8,736,912
SCHOOL GRANTS FEDERAL/STATE		
TITLE I/SCHOOL SUPPORT	293,849	

SPN IDEA	508,141	
TITLE IIA/EDUCATORS QUALITY	72,778	
EARLY CHILDHOOD	22,842	
TITLE IV	24,298	
ENHANCED SCHOOL HEALTH	3,000	
 TOTAL		924,908
 TOTAL SCHOOL REVENUE		13,157,893
 WATER DIVISION		
WATER RATES/WATER SERVICES	2,698,326	
WATER LIENS/COMM INT	137,004	
WATER DEMANDS	44,494	
TAX LIENS/FORECLOSURES	70,350	
WATER BETTERMENT ADDED TO TAXES	-	
COMM. INTEREST PD IN ADVANCE	-	
MISC	4,161	
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	876	
WATER BETTERMENT PD IN ADVANCE	-	
INSURANCE RECOVERY	3,037	
 TOTAL WATER REVENUE		2,958,248
 SEWER DIVISION		
SEWER USER CHARGE	2,668,066	
SEWER CAPITAL FEE	283,852	
SEWER BETTERMENT ADDED TO TAXES	178,170	
MATT. USER CHARGE	460,801	
SEWER LIENS/COMM INT	158,113	
COMMITTED INTEREST	69,206	
SEWER BETTERMENT PD IN ADVANCE	68,806	
TAX LIENS/FORECLOSURES	112,407	
SEWER APPLICATION FEE	35,144	
USAGE W/O WATER	10,995	
DEMANDS AND FEES	43,979	

SEPTIC WASTE	5,610	
MISC	17,509	
DRAIN LAYER	2,750	
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	1,525	
USER CHARGE-OT	3,347	
INSURANCE RECOVERY	-	
 TOTAL SEWER REVENUE		4,120,280
 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT		
SURCHARGES/TAX LIENS	398,450	
STATE MATCH REVENUE	71,072	
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	8,537	
INTEREST AND FEES	2,155	
 TOTAL COMMUNITY PRESERVATION REVENUE		480,215
 TOTAL COMBINED REVENUE		62,042,961



# SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS & EXPENDITURES AS OF JUNE 30, 2019

	BUDGET	TRANSFERS	FINAL BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	ENCUMBRANCE	BALANCE
113 -TOWN MEETING						
SALARY	1,088.00	0.00	1,088.00	(724.66)	0.00	363.34
PURCHASE OF SERVICES	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	(2,609.16)	0.00	390.84
SUPPLIES	1,400.00	0.00	1,400.00	(1,337.00)	0.00	63.00
114 -MODERATOR						
SALARY	800.00	0.00	800.00	(800.00)	0.00	0.00
122 -SELECTMEN						
SALARY	262,430.00	0.00	262,430.00	(260,530.94)	0.00	1,899.06
SALARY	16,717.00	0.00	16,717.00	(16,716.60)	0.00	0.40
PURCHASE OF SERVICES	2,250.00	0.00	2,250.00	(1,651.82)	(102.00)	496.18
SUPPLIES	4,703.00	0.00	4,703.00	(3,836.90)	(246.65)	619.45
OTHER CHARGES	19,360.00	0.00	19,360.00	(12,579.22)	0.00	6,780.78
MINOR EQUIPMENT	11,500.00	0.00	11,500.00	(3,336.28)	(8,163.72)	0.00
WAGE & SALARY RESOURCE	27,685.00	0.00	27,685.00	0.00	0.00	27,685.00
COLA FOR NON-UNION	5,634.00	0.00	5,634.00	0.00	0.00	5,634.00
EMPLOYEE						
SETTLEMENT-HOBSON	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	0.00	0.00
RAPE CRISIS	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	0.00	0.00
ROGERS/OXFORD MAINT	8,000.00	0.00	8,000.00	(4,255.63)	(3,744.37)	0.00
BUZZARDS BAY COMM	1,520.00	0.00	1,520.00	(1,520.00)	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL STAB FUND	1,182,627.00	0.00	1,182,627.00	(1,182,627.00)	0.00	0.00
OPEB	200,000.00	0.00	200,000.00	(200,000.00)	0.00	0.00
ROGERS SCH PRESERVATION	252,000.00	0.00	252,000.00	(11,821.60)	0.00	240,178.40
WIND TURBINES	700,000.00	60,000.00	760,000.00	(677,327.11)	(60,000.00)	22,672.89
SISTER CITY SUPPORT	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	(500.00)	0.00	500.00
ENG/ARCHITECT PUBLIC	32,000.00	0.00	32,000.00	0.00	0.00	32,000.00
SAFETY						
FACILITY IMPR PLAN	32,028.40	0.00	32,028.40	(21,920.75)	0.00	10,107.65
UNPAID BILLS OF PRIOR	3,786.76	0.00	3,786.76	(3,786.72)	0.00	0.04
YEAR						
131 -FINANCE COMMITTEE						
PURCHASE OF SERVICES	170.00	0.00	170.00	0.00	0.00	170.00

135 -TOWN ACCOUNTANT

SUPPLIES	2,670.00	0.00	2,670.00	(2,326.00)	0.00	344.00
OTHER CHARGES	475.00	0.00	475.00	(245.00)	0.00	230.00
RESERVE FUND TRANSFER	100,000.00	(25,807.00)	74,193.00	0.00	0.00	74,193.00
SALARY	133,685.00	0.00	133,685.00	(132,421.14)	0.00	1,263.86
PURCHASE OF SERVICES	86.54	0.00	86.54	(68.65)	0.00	17.89
TOWN AUDIT	43,500.00	0.00	43,500.00	(43,500.00)	0.00	0.00
SUPPLIES	625.00	0.00	625.00	(399.98)	(223.53)	1.49
OTHER CHARGES	1,618.46	0.00	1,618.46	(1,618.46)	0.00	0.00

141 -ASSESSORS

SALARY	168,462.00	0.00	168,462.00	(166,769.99)	0.00	1,692.01
PURCHASE OF SERVICES	25,063.00	0.00	25,063.00	(20,954.89)	0.00	4,108.11
SUPPLIES	3,375.00	0.00	3,375.00	(3,010.75)	(89.32)	274.93
OTHER CHARGES	4,675.00	0.00	4,675.00	(3,546.49)	0.00	1,128.51

145 -TREASURER/COLLECTOR

SALARY	347,479.00	0.00	347,479.00	(343,729.19)	0.00	3,749.81
PURCHASE OF SERVICES	62,660.00	0.00	62,660.00	(52,448.80)	(5,200.00)	5,011.20
TAX TITLE	57,800.00	0.00	57,800.00	(57,754.15)	0.00	45.85
SUPPLIES	12,300.00	0.00	12,300.00	(9,906.48)	0.00	2,393.52
OTHER CHARGES	6,510.00	0.00	6,510.00	(3,409.46)	0.00	3,100.54

151 -LEGAL SERVICES

PURCHASE OF SERVICES	170,000.00	0.00	170,000.00	(164,995.65)	(5,004.35)	0.00
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153 -HUMAN RESOURCES

SALARY	119,084.00	0.00	119,084.00	(109,416.49)	0.00	9,667.51
PURCHASE OF SERVICES	9,500.00	(450.00)	9,050.00	(3,191.73)	0.00	5,858.27
SUPPLIES	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00	(2,776.78)	0.00	723.22
OTHER CHARGES	3,250.00	450.00	3,700.00	(3,679.47)	0.00	20.53
WELLNESS PROGRAM	7,500.00	0.00	7,500.00	(5,687.45)	0.00	1,812.55

155 -INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

SALARY	327,200.00	0.00	327,200.00	(322,302.00)	0.00	4,898.00
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161 -TOWN CLERK	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	97,197.00	0.00	97,197.00	(75,415.01)	0.00	21,781.99
	SUPPLIES	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	(1,143.08)	0.00	856.92
	CAPITAL OUTLAY	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00	(24,785.13)		5,214.87
163 -ELECTION AND REGISTRATION	SALARY	58,417.00	0.00	58,417.00	(53,608.70)	0.00	4,808.30
	SALARY	56,775.00	0.00	56,775.00	(56,775.00)	0.00	0.00
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	9,819.00	(1,500.00)	8,319.00	(7,983.03)	(80.00)	255.97
	SUPPLIES	2,458.00	1,500.00	3,958.00	(3,161.93)	0.00	796.07
	OTHER CHARGES	549.00	0.00	549.00	(288.15)	0.00	260.85
171 -CONSERVATION COMM	SALARY	34,316.00	0.00	34,316.00	(33,789.88)	0.00	526.12
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	18,334.00	0.00	18,334.00	(17,369.83)	0.00	964.17
	SUPPLIES	1,968.00	0.00	1,968.00	(1,302.55)	(158.26)	507.19
	OTHER CHARGES	78.00	0.00	78.00	(7.63)	0.00	70.37
175 -PLANNING BOARD	SALARY	59,386.00	0.00	59,386.00	(45,586.95)	0.00	13,799.05
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	4,050.00	(110.00)	3,940.00	(1,573.66)	(220.00)	2,146.34
	SUPPLIES	1,020.00	0.00	1,020.00	(781.72)	(218.61)	19.67
	OTHER CHARGES	1,050.00	110.00	1,160.00	(1,135.16)	0.00	24.84
	SALARY	3,264.00	0.00	3,264.00	(1,496.92)	0.00	1,767.08
175-01 -PLANNING & ECONOMICS	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	(654.59)	0.00	845.41
	SUPPLIES	1,450.00	0.00	1,450.00	(886.55)	(318.55)	244.90
	OTHER CHARGES	955.00	0.00	955.00	(480.00)	0.00	475.00
	SALARY	110,659.00	0.00	110,659.00	(105,057.46)	0.00	5,601.54
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	8,600.00	0.00	8,600.00	(4,639.15)	0.00	3,960.85

176 -BOARD OF APPEALS	SUPPLIES	1,825.00	0.00	1,825.00	(897.59)	(809.00)	118.41
	INTERGOVERNMENTAL	2,901.00	0.00	2,901.00	(2,900.79)	0.00	0.21
	OTHER CHARGES	2,400.00	0.00	2,400.00	(1,356.39)	0.00	1,043.61
	ECON DEVELOP COMMIT-	8,000.00	0.00	8,000.00	(1,092.65)	0.00	6,907.35
	TEE	20,082.47	0.00	20,082.47	(9,600.00)	0.00	10,482.47
	MACLEANS BLDG DEMOLIT-	12,000.00	0.00	12,000.00	0.00	0.00	12,000.00
	TION	33,982.09	0.00	33,982.09	(29,313.59)	0.00	4,668.50
	HARBOR MASTER PLAN						
	UNION WHARF BULKHEAD						
189 -TOURISM	SALARY	2,672.00	7.00	2,679.00	(2,611.85)	0.00	67.15
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	3,400.00	0.00	3,400.00	(1,935.98)	(450.00)	1,014.02
	SUPPLIES	400.00	0.00	400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00
190 -COMMISSION ON DISABILITY	SALARY	67,576.00	0.00	67,576.00	(66,141.36)	0.00	1,434.64
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	23,155.00	0.00	23,155.00	(22,533.38)	(25.00)	596.62
	SUPPLIES	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	(873.09)	0.00	126.91
192 -TOWN HALL	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	825.00	0.00	825.00	(700.00)	0.00	125.00
	SUPPLIES	75.00	0.00	75.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
	OTHER CHARGES	400.00	0.00	400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00
	SALARY	62,091.00	0.00	62,091.00	(61,415.85)	0.00	675.15
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	28,850.44	20,000.00	48,850.44	(44,675.57)	(4,174.87)	0.00
	UTILITIES	29,858.23	0.00	29,858.23	(25,558.23)	(900.00)	3,400.00
	SUPPLIES	3,250.18	0.00	3,250.18	(3,037.94)	(165.79)	46.45
	OTHER CHARGES	116.82	0.00	116.82	0.00	(116.82)	0.00
	MINOR EQUIPMENT	4,716.33	0.00	4,716.33	(4,716.33)	0.00	0.00

	SNOW GUARDS	60,000.00	0.00	60,000.00	(60,000.00)	0.00	0.00
	ACADEMY BLDG DOORWAY	45,000.00	0.00	45,000.00	0.00	0.00	45,000.00
	ASSESSOR CEILING	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	50,000.00
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	3,200.00	0.00	3,200.00	(3,200.00)	0.00	0.00
	SALARY	3,486,982.00	0.00	3,486,982.00	(3,480,687.13)	0.00	6,294.87
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	132,780.00	0.00	132,780.00	(129,780.84)	(2,566.00)	433.16
	UTILITIES	38,000.00	0.00	38,000.00	(31,884.99)	(1,700.00)	4,415.01
	SUPPLIES	85,425.00	(500.00)	84,925.00	(79,635.72)	(2,212.79)	3,076.49
	GASOLINE	50,200.00	0.00	50,200.00	(50,032.96)	0.00	167.04
	OTHER CHARGES	7,466.00	500.00	7,966.00	(7,965.95)	0.00	0.05
	RADIO SYSTEM	247,170.00	0.00	247,170.00	(91,109.05)	0.00	156,060.95
	2 POLICE VEHICLES	90,000.00	0.00	90,000.00	(88,671.20)	0.00	1,328.80
	FINGER PRINT	25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00	(20,618.92)	0.00	4,381.08
	SALARY	2,318,128.28	0.00	2,318,128.28	(2,305,824.21)	0.00	12,304.07
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	125,904.00	5,100.00	131,004.00	(127,207.99)	(1,837.95)	1,958.06
	UTILITIES	5,480.00	0.00	5,480.00	(5,038.20)	(200.00)	241.80
	SUPPLIES	83,885.00	0.00	83,885.00	(79,621.32)	(3,837.01)	426.67
	GASOLINE	22,400.00	0.00	22,400.00	(21,683.04)	(259.69)	457.27
	OTHER CHARGES	4,514.00	0.00	4,514.00	(4,514.00)	0.00	0.00
	MINOR EQUIPMENT	4,535.00	0.00	4,535.00	(4,500.33)	0.00	34.67
	HYDRAULIC EQUIPMENT	32,000.00	0.00	32,000.00	(31,918.96)	0.00	81.04
	RADIO REPEAT	64,000.00	0.00	64,000.00	(64,000.00)	0.00	0.00
	SEWER PIPE REPLACE-FIRE	147,000.00	0.00	147,000.00	(9,403.75)	0.00	137,596.25
	STAT	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	(50,000.00)	0.00	0.00
	AMBULANCE	16,501.72	0.00	16,501.72	(13,754.08)	0.00	2,747.64
	SALARY	8,058.00	0.00	8,058.00	(6,563.51)	(1,154.66)	339.83
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	(464.61)	(433.81)	101.58
	SUPPLIES	458.00	0.00	458.00	(244.55)	(100.00)	113.45
	GASOLINE	100.00	0.00	100.00	(100.00)	0.00	0.00
	OTHER CHARGES	2,272.00	0.00	2,272.00	(2,272.00)	0.00	0.00
	MINOR EQUIPMENT						

195 -TOWN REPORT

210 -POLICE

220 -FIRE

225 -FIRE ALARM

241 -BUILDING

244 -WEIGHTS AND MEASURES	SALARY	167,505.00	0.00	167,505.00	(161,888.76)	(780.00)	4,836.24
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	(364.44)	0.00	1,135.56
	SUPPLIES	2,388.00	0.00	2,388.00	(1,651.54)	(19.16)	717.30
	GASOLINE	800.00	1,000.00	1,800.00	(1,168.41)	0.00	631.59
	OTHER CHARGES	1,770.00	(1,000.00)	770.00	(619.58)	0.00	150.42
291 -EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	SALARY	7,000.00	0.00	7,000.00	(7,000.00)	0.00	0.00
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	127.00	0.00	127.00	0.00	0.00	127.00
	SUPPLIES	75.00	0.00	75.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
	OTHER CHARGES	796.00	0.00	796.00	(325.00)	0.00	471.00
292 -ANIMAL CONTROL	SALARY	1,803.00	0.00	1,803.00	(1,795.20)	0.00	7.80
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	11,802.00	0.00	11,802.00	(11,778.08)	(17.00)	6.92
	UTILITIES	3,090.00	1,031.65	4,121.65	(3,384.08)	(137.00)	600.57
	SUPPLIES	425.00	0.00	425.00	(130.58)	(227.48)	66.94
	GASOLINE	745.00	0.00	745.00	(552.71)	(79.90)	112.39
294 -TREE WARDEN	MINOR EQUIPMENT	8,142.00	(431.65)	7,710.35	(7,710.35)	0.00	0.00
	SALARY	58,032.00	0.00	58,032.00	(55,447.59)	0.00	2,584.41
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	28,450.00	0.00	28,450.00	(26,239.81)	(65.00)	2,145.19
	UTILITIES	4,850.00	700.00	5,550.00	(5,107.94)	(350.00)	92.06
295 -TREE DEPT	SUPPLIES	4,000.00	(700.00)	3,300.00	(1,488.09)	0.00	1,811.91
	GASOLINE	680.00	0.00	680.00	(466.43)	0.00	213.57
	OTHER CHARGES	600.00	0.00	600.00	(550.00)	0.00	50.00
	SALARY	7,036.00	141.00	7,177.00	(7,177.00)	0.00	0.00
295 -TREE DEPT							
	SALARY	32,863.00	(141.00)	32,722.00	(27,282.49)	0.00	5,439.51
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	23,450.00	700.00	24,150.00	(17,396.73)	(6,748.40)	4.87
	SUPPLIES	5.00	0.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	5.00

298 -MARINE RESOURCES	GASOLINE OTHER CHARGES	1,900.00	0.00	1,900.00	(1,865.10)	0.00	34.90
		850.00	0.00	850.00	(687.36)	(153.12)	9.52
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	132,838.00	0.00	132,838.00	(113,866.14)	0.00	18,971.86
		30,755.00	0.00	30,755.00	(30,037.37)	(691.92)	25.71
	UTILITIES	240.00	0.00	240.00	(85.64)	(7.50)	146.86
	SUPPLIES	5,925.00	0.00	5,925.00	(5,816.19)	(80.94)	27.87
	GASOLINE	4,475.00	1,700.00	6,175.00	(6,082.28)	(91.96)	0.76
		410.00	0.00	410.00	(130.00)	(280.00)	0.00
	PROPAGATION OF SHELL- FISH	25,247.22	0.00	25,247.22	(16,731.20)	0.00	8,516.02
	UNION WHARF LIGHTS	7,995.00	0.00	7,995.00	(3,125.52)	0.00	4,869.48
300 -SCHOOL	UNION WHARF MARINE RES	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	(20,000.00)	0.00	0.00
	WATERWAY RULES	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
	EXPENDITURES	20,383,354.00	0.00	20,383,354.00	(20,176,921.70)	(173,189.82)	33,242.48
	FHS WINDOW RESTORA- TION	119,600.00	0.00	119,600.00	(119,600.00)	0.00	0.00
301 -G.N.B.V.H.S	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	1,956,485.00	0.00	1,956,485.00	(1,944,702.00)	0.00	11,783.00
302 -BC AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	41,706.00	0.00	41,706.00	(41,706.00)	0.00	0.00
	SUB DIVISION MGT FEES	9,847.00	0.00	9,847.00	(4,463.50)	(5,003.75)	379.75
403 -HIGHWAY	DRAINAGE	12,000.00	0.00	12,000.00	(11,968.25)	0.00	31.75
	HARDSURFACING	162,000.00	0.00	162,000.00	(162,000.00)	0.00	0.00
	SIDEWALK	43,000.00	0.00	43,000.00	(29,362.13)	(13,440.00)	197.87
	STREET RESURFACING	150,000.00	0.00	150,000.00	(66,363.70)	(83,636.30)	0.00
405 -ENGINEERING	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	(2,000.00)	0.00
420 -HIGHWAY							

SALARY	1,006,557.00	0.00	1,006,557.00	(931,693.41)	0.00	74,863.59
PURCHASE OF SERVICES	124,330.00	0.00	124,330.00	(122,789.24)	(499.75)	1,041.01
UTILITIES	17,000.00	0.00	17,000.00	(16,351.54)	(107.50)	540.96
SUPPLIES	55,850.00	0.00	55,850.00	(51,566.03)	(3,619.22)	664.75
GASOLINE	42,000.00	0.00	42,000.00	(28,328.13)	(9,178.92)	4,492.95
OTHER CHARGES	1,300.00	0.00	1,300.00	(1,120.00)	(60.00)	120.00
SNOW/ICE REMOVAL	60,000.00	0.00	60,000.00	(58,612.26)	0.00	1,387.74
RUBBISH REMOVAL	553,072.00	0.00	553,072.00	(463,310.00)	(89,262.00)	500.00
LANDFILL/TRANSFER STA- TION	35,400.00	0.00	35,400.00	(34,870.68)	(529.32)	0.00
ROADWORK	837,906.10	0.00	837,906.10	(424,026.40)	0.00	413,879.70
ROADWORK-WELCOME ST	12,686.10	0.00	12,686.10	(12,686.10)	0.00	0.00
CATCH BASIN TRUCK	165,000.00	0.00	165,000.00	(165,000.00)	0.00	0.00
HIGHWAY LOADER 963	143,190.62	0.00	143,190.62	(143,190.62)	0.00	0.00
HIGHWAY FORD VAN 1	55,000.00	0.00	55,000.00	(52,174.56)	0.00	2,825.44
HIGHWAY BOBCAT 23	72,000.00	0.00	72,000.00	(64,730.21)	0.00	7,269.79
SALARY	194,451.00	0.00	194,451.00	(194,120.34)	0.00	330.66
PURCHASE OF SERVICES	1,026.00	0.00	1,026.00	(689.68)	(65.40)	270.92
SUPPLIES	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	(1,434.08)	0.00	65.92
OTHER CHARGES	290.00	0.00	290.00	(76.65)	0.00	213.35
BPW VEHICLE	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00	(27,202.65)	0.00	2,797.35
BPW SECURITY CAMERA	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	(17,975.00)	0.00	2,025.00
UTILITIES	51,000.00	0.00	51,000.00	(41,531.14)	(9,468.86)	0.00
SALARY	137,367.00	0.00	137,367.00	(119,929.11)	0.00	17,437.89
SALARY	4,308.00	0.00	4,308.00	(4,308.00)	0.00	0.00
PURCHASE OF SERVICES	4,300.00	0.00	4,300.00	(3,119.43)	(160.00)	1,020.57
SUPPLIES	4,835.00	0.00	4,835.00	(4,733.27)	(100.00)	1.73
GASOLINE	465.00	0.00	465.00	(278.07)	0.00	186.93

421 -B.PW ADMIN

424 -STREET LIGHTS

510 -HEALTH



541 -COUNCIL ON AGING	INTERGOVERNMENTAL	17,000.00	0.00	17,000.00	(16,999.96)	0.00	0.04
	OTHER CHARGES	3,900.00	0.00	3,900.00	(3,150.26)	0.00	749.74
	MINOR EQUIPMENT	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	(1,500.00)	0.00	0.00
	BOH-LANDELL	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	(20,000.00)	0.00	0.00
	HAZARDOUS WASTE	20,635.38	0.00	20,635.38	(20,495.38)	(140.00)	0.00
	SEMASS	343,074.00	0.00	343,074.00	(259,524.20)	(60,000.00)	23,549.80
	RECYCLING	236,850.62	0.00	236,850.62	(166,258.83)	(32,887.06)	37,704.73
	SALARY	159,376.00	0.00	159,376.00	(155,037.60)	0.00	4,338.40
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	10,000.00	3,500.00	13,500.00	(11,917.90)	(117.23)	1,464.87
	UTILITIES	16,422.00	(3,500.00)	12,922.00	(12,495.45)	(83.64)	342.91
543 -VETERANS	SUPPLIES	2,859.00	0.00	2,859.00	(2,859.00)	0.00	0.00
	GASOLINE	5,564.00	0.00	5,564.00	(5,216.74)	0.00	347.26
	OTHER CHARGES	306.00	0.00	306.00	(50.59)	0.00	255.41
	SALARY	73,023.00	0.00	73,023.00	(46,550.86)	0.00	26,472.14
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	347,400.00	0.00	347,400.00	(286,685.68)	(15,826.72)	44,887.60
	SUPPLIES	1,800.00	0.00	1,800.00	(1,563.27)	(222.33)	14.40
	OTHER CHARGES	442,900.00	0.00	442,900.00	(324,025.31)	(2,250.00)	116,624.69
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	669,283.00	0.00	669,283.00	(669,282.92)	0.00	0.08
	SALARY	179,436.00	0.00	179,436.00	(174,027.31)	0.00	5,408.69
	PROGRAM ACCOUNT	125,000.00	0.00	125,000.00	(113,994.13)	(976.57)	10,029.30
611 -LIBRARY	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	11,950.00	0.00	11,950.00	(11,672.60)	(45.55)	231.85
	UTILITIES	21,000.00	0.00	21,000.00	(20,908.62)	0.00	91.38
	SUPPLIES	3,250.00	0.00	3,250.00	(2,612.44)	0.00	637.56
	OTHER CHARGES	600.00	0.00	600.00	(375.00)	0.00	225.00
	MINOR EQUIPMENT	2,900.00	0.00	2,900.00	(2,859.00)	0.00	41.00
	SALARY	103,079.00	0.00	103,079.00	(99,950.87)	0.00	3,128.13
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	15,190.00	110.46	15,300.46	(15,090.46)	(210.00)	0.00
640 -RECREATION CENTER	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	669,283.00	0.00	669,283.00	(669,282.92)	0.00	0.08
	SALARY	179,436.00	0.00	179,436.00	(174,027.31)	0.00	5,408.69
	PROGRAM ACCOUNT	125,000.00	0.00	125,000.00	(113,994.13)	(976.57)	10,029.30
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	11,950.00	0.00	11,950.00	(11,672.60)	(45.55)	231.85
	UTILITIES	21,000.00	0.00	21,000.00	(20,908.62)	0.00	91.38
	SUPPLIES	3,250.00	0.00	3,250.00	(2,612.44)	0.00	637.56
	OTHER CHARGES	600.00	0.00	600.00	(375.00)	0.00	225.00
	MINOR EQUIPMENT	2,900.00	0.00	2,900.00	(2,859.00)	0.00	41.00
	SALARY	103,079.00	0.00	103,079.00	(99,950.87)	0.00	3,128.13
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	15,190.00	110.46	15,300.46	(15,090.46)	(210.00)	0.00
650 -PARK	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	669,283.00	0.00	669,283.00	(669,282.92)	0.00	0.08
	SALARY	179,436.00	0.00	179,436.00	(174,027.31)	0.00	5,408.69
	PROGRAM ACCOUNT	125,000.00	0.00	125,000.00	(113,994.13)	(976.57)	10,029.30
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	11,950.00	0.00	11,950.00	(11,672.60)	(45.55)	231.85
	UTILITIES	21,000.00	0.00	21,000.00	(20,908.62)	0.00	91.38
	SUPPLIES	3,250.00	0.00	3,250.00	(2,612.44)	0.00	637.56
	OTHER CHARGES	600.00	0.00	600.00	(375.00)	0.00	225.00
	MINOR EQUIPMENT	2,900.00	0.00	2,900.00	(2,859.00)	0.00	41.00
	SALARY	103,079.00	0.00	103,079.00	(99,950.87)	0.00	3,128.13
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	15,190.00	110.46	15,300.46	(15,090.46)	(210.00)	0.00



913 -UNEMPLOYMENT COM- PENSATION	115,000.00	0.00	115,000.00	(61,267.82)	(6,000.00)	47,732.18
918 -MEDICARE	398,000.00	0.00	398,000.00	(373,806.48)	0.00	24,193.52
924 -GROUP INSURANCE	3,956,977.00	0.00	3,956,977.00	(3,889,346.48)	0.00	67,630.52
925 -TOWN INSURANCE	880,000.00	0.00	880,000.00	(843,051.67)	(1,942.00)	35,006.33
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERN- MENT	52,223,724.76	62,300.00	52,286,024.76	(49,862,596.69)	(625,758.79)	1,797,669.28
179 -CPA						
SALARY	7,600.00	0.00	7,600.00	(5,791.66)	0.00	1,808.34
PURCHASE OF SERVICES	3,400.00	0.00	3,400.00	(300.00)	0.00	3,100.00
SUPPLIES	500.00	0.00	500.00	(176.63)	0.00	323.37
OTHER CHARGES	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	(1,750.00)	0.00	250.00
DANA COURT BOILER	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	(50,000.00)	0.00	0.00
FITNESS STATION	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	(10,000.00)	0.00	0.00
LIBRARY EXTERIOR PHASE 3	38,200.20	0.00	38,200.20	0.00	0.00	38,200.20
FHVN HOUSING OXFORD	45,000.00	0.00	45,000.00	0.00	0.00	45,000.00
POOR						
STRATFORD OXFORD	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	50,000.00
SCHOOL						
LIBRARY EXTERIOR PHASE 4	32,418.44	0.00	32,418.44	(11,325.00)	0.00	21,093.44
TOWN HALL RESTOR STUDY	3,700.00	0.00	3,700.00	(1,500.00)	0.00	2,200.00
ACADEMY BLDG HANDICAP	119,000.00	0.00	119,000.00	(7,387.11)	0.00	111,612.89
DOORS						
GREEN MEADOW/SWIN-	40,000.00	0.00	40,000.00	0.00	0.00	40,000.00
DOWS						
STRATFORD / ROGERS	150,000.00	0.00	150,000.00	0.00	0.00	150,000.00
TH HANICAP DOOR	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	(11,746.00)	0.00	3,254.00

LIBRARY WINDOWS	86,000.00	0.00	86,000.00	(44,398.45)	0.00	41,601.55
FIRE MUSEUM GUTTERS	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	(1,626.00)	0.00	374.00
OLD STONE ROOF	7,000.00	0.00	7,000.00	(5,250.00)	0.00	1,750.00
BELL RESTORATION	18,500.00	0.00	18,500.00	0.00	0.00	18,500.00
LIBRARY WALNUT ST SIDE- WALK	92,000.00	0.00	92,000.00	0.00	0.00	92,000.00
BIKE PATH FITNESS	7,500.00	0.00	7,500.00	(7,413.28)	0.00	86.72
OPEN SPACE AND REC PLAN	2,303.79	0.00	2,303.79	0.00	0.00	2,303.79
FORT PHOENIX WALL	104,154.96	0.00	104,154.96	(28,191.97)	0.00	75,962.99
BIKE PATH SIGNAGE	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00
TOTAL CPA FUND	889,277.39	0.00	889,277.39	(186,856.10)	0.00	702,421.29

#### 450 -WATER

SALARY	556,200.00	0.00	556,200.00	(542,039.80)	0.00	14,160.20
PURCHASE OF SERVICES	286,101.00	(865.00)	285,236.00	(244,120.70)	(1,506.27)	39,609.03
UTILITIES	49,700.00	0.00	49,700.00	(38,531.47)	(68.83)	11,099.70
SUPPLIES	37,100.00	0.00	37,100.00	(30,330.14)	(1,163.40)	5,606.46
GASOLINE	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	(13,321.92)	0.00	1,678.08
OTHER CHARGES	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	(650.00)	0.00	1,350.00
MINOR EQUIPMENT	19,500.00	0.00	19,500.00	(19,500.00)	0.00	0.00
DEBT	61,674.00	0.00	61,674.00	(61,673.61)	0.00	0.39
WATER DISTRICT	1,209,797.00	0.00	1,209,797.00	(1,209,796.00)	0.00	1.00
WATER MGT ACT	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
PUMP STATION ROOFS	130,269.57	0.00	130,269.57	(111,656.77)	0.00	18,612.80

TINKHAMLANE WELL	519,407.12	0.00	519,407.12	(51,132.95)	0.00	468,274.17
FIBER OPTIC	40,000.00	0.00	40,000.00	(36,811.78)	0.00	3,188.22
DUMP TRUCK	75,000.00	0.00	75,000.00	(75,000.00)	0.00	0.00
RATE SOFTWARE	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00
METER EVALUATION	150,000.00	0.00	150,000.00	(4,744.57)	0.00	145,255.43
HAND HELD METERS	75,000.00	0.00	75,000.00	(44,000.00)	0.00	31,000.00
WATER MGT ACT ATM 13 ART 16	3,572.87	0.00	3,572.87	0.00	0.00	3,572.87
CONSTRUCT W/ CAUSEWAY MAIN	30,468.15	0.00	30,468.15	0.00	0.00	30,468.15
TINKHAMLANE WELL ATM 16	14,898.00	0.00	14,898.00	0.00	0.00	14,898.00
CROSS CONNECT SURVEY	1,422.38	0.00	1,422.38	(255.00)	0.00	1,167.38
RESERVE FUND TRANSFER	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	50,000.00
	3,352,110.09	(865.00)	3,351,245.09	(2,483,564.71)	(2,738.50)	864,941.88
TOTAL WATER						
440 -SEWER						
SALARY	1,000,545.00	0.00	1,000,545.00	(983,943.13)	0.00	16,601.87
PURCHASE OF SERVICES	295,100.00	(50,000.00)	245,100.00	(217,761.24)	(13,309.95)	14,028.81
UTILITIES	358,000.00	91,500.00	449,500.00	(404,202.21)	(45,297.77)	0.02
SUPPLIES	146,425.00	(25,000.00)	121,425.00	(98,637.55)	(21,318.36)	1,469.09
GASOLINE	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	(11,813.06)	0.00	3,186.94
MINOR EQUIPMENT	58,000.00	(16,500.00)	41,500.00	(35,826.69)	0.00	5,673.31
DEBT	1,010,063.00	0.00	1,010,063.00	(449,084.68)	0.00	560,978.32
SLUDGE DISPOSAL	325,000.00	0.00	325,000.00	(270,047.58)	(54,952.41)	0.01
FIBER OPTIC	35,000.00	0.00	35,000.00	(32,481.01)	0.00	2,518.99
TREATMENT PLT UPGRADE	180,000.00	0.00	180,000.00	(51,025.00)	0.00	128,975.00

PUMP FOR ABBY STATION	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00	(20,106.06)	0.00	9,893.94
PORTABLE PUMP STATION	36,000.00	0.00	36,000.00	(36,000.00)	0.00	0.00
INFLOW INFILTRATION	53,968.62	0.00	53,968.62	(1,343.98)	0.00	52,624.64
RESERVE FUND TRANSFER	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	50,000.00
TOTAL SEWER	3,593,101.62	0.00	3,593,101.62	(2,612,272.19)	(134,878.49)	845,950.94

**TRANSFERS FROM THE RESERVE FUND FY19  
AUTHORIZED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE	20,000.00
FIRE	5,100.00
TREE	700.00
BOARD OF APPEALS	7.00
TOTAL	25,807.00

**TRUST FUNDS (FUND 81 NON-EXPD / FUND 82 / 84 & 85 EXPEND)**  
**JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019**

	NON-EXPD 7/1/18	EXPEND 7/1/18	NON-EXPD REV'TRANS	EXPENDABLE TRUST INTEREST/ REV'TRANS	WITHDRAW	FUND 81 NON-EXPD 6/30/19	FUND 82/84/85 EXPEND 6/30/19
<b>FUND 81 &amp; 82:</b>							
HH ROGER ELEM	447,689.29	7,504.42	10,533.24	3,670.51	6,600.00	458,222.53	4,574.93
E ANTHONY JR	10,000.00	1,446.14		13.25	500.00	10,000.00	959.39
ABNER PEASE	5,000.00	2,286.31		33.09		5,000.00	2,319.40
HH ROGERS HS	2,181,085.84	383,645.59	13,549.99	106,085.16	126,028.84	2,194,635.83	363,701.91
J RICKETT	1,430.66	2,927.10		40.14		1,430.66	2,967.24
J STODDARD	370,194.63	11,082.74	9,031.50	7,229.40	4,800.00	379,226.13	13,512.14
ANDRUS SPRUIT	41,372.52	1,020.92		469.78		41,372.52	1,490.70
A TROWBRIDGE	6,000.00	566.64		5.60	-	6,000.00	572.24
S CLARK-ROGER	500.00	52.34		6.24		500.00	58.58
S. CLARK H.S.	500.00	5,318.08		65.89		500.00	5,383.97
LADY FAIRHAVEN	600.00	111.15		8.06		600.00	119.21



AMANDA SEARS	700.00	81.83	8.85	700.00	90.68
JULIA SEARS	1,000.00	34.18	11.71	1,000.00	45.89
FRANCES HOXIE	2,000.00	324.61	26.32	2,000.00	350.93
J KEEN	3,000.00	122.06	35.34	3,000.00	157.40
SWIFT SCHOLAR	50,000.00	3,425.27	54.01	50,000.00	3,479.28
M MILLER	15,552.04	1,522.81	24.01	15,552.04	1,046.82
P HILLER	6,075.00	553.66	71.80	6,075.00	625.46
A PILLSBURY	6,500.00	114.76	86.23	6,500.00	200.99
M DELANO	25,000.00	403.34	231.80	25,000.00	635.14
TRIPP	2,000.00	74.61	25.19	2,000.00	99.80
M KNIPE	6,000.00	1,802.47	88.35	6,000.00	1,890.82
MEMOR TROPHY	726.66	245.40	2.74	726.66	248.14
FHS DARLING LIB	1,096.89	420.03	16.99	1,096.89	437.02
HS SPEC AID	1,449.24	514.54	22.20	1,449.24	536.74
J COYNE	4,500.00	72.30	51.79	4,500.00	124.09

RADCLIFFE	8,000.00	264.12	100.38	-	8,000.00	364.50
ENTWISTLE	8,000.00	195.64	92.80		8,000.00	288.44
ANTHONY SCH	1,638.10	799.92	26.60		1,638.10	826.52
HUTTLESTONIAN	12,000.00	99.16	138.68		12,000.00	237.84
SILVEIRA	-	39.15	44.61		-	83.76
MACCORD	2,362.97	190.64	32.88		2,362.97	223.52
MEEKIN	-	3.34	1.91		-	5.25
S. GRABIEC	2,100.00	542.63	29.93		2,100.00	572.56
BANGS	2,300.00	153.21	27.78		2,300.00	180.99
KATHY ROCHA	10,620.00	174.92	131.29		10,620.00	306.21
F CAMPBELL	-	2,000.00	20,000.00	12,000.00	-	10,000.00
ACUSH FOUNDA	-	295.30	3.34		-	298.64
M CABRAL	900.00	212.90	12.59		900.00	225.49
A MARTIN	415.31	138.48	1.56		415.31	140.04
HELEN PORTER	4,140.00	167.54	54.45		4,140.00	221.99

RICH GAUTREAU	9,200.00	195.29		106.39	9,200.00	301.68
SUPT SCHOLARSHIP		0.66		-		0.66
RICH MACCORD ART	150.00	534.52	50.00	5.44	200.00	539.96
MATTY OLIVIERA		(2,280.51)		4,992.00	2,670.00	41.49
BRUNETTE		1,266.59		14.35		1,280.94
CLASS OF '43		61.58		0.69		62.27
CAROL KANER		44.13		0.49		44.62
JAY KRUGER	14,350.00	4,745.78		233.21	14,350.00	4,478.99
RODRIGUES	9,100.00	2,705.35		642.64	9,100.00	3,047.99
DAVID G. HUGHES	-	-	200,000.00	137,957.20	200,000.00	137,957.20
FHVN HIGH SCHOLAR		7,670.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	7,670.00
BOBBY BRUSO		1,553.16		897.84	250.00	2,201.00
DOUG STEVENS	3,275,249.15	101.88	-	1.00	-	102.88
		447,548.68	233,164.73	285,934.50	156,148.84	577,334.34
FUND 84:					3,508,413.88	
CLAIMS TRUST/DENTAL		1,390,536.77		7,581,464.42	7,834,509.20	1,137,491.99
BCBS increase deposit		-		-	-	(57,000.00)
BCBS decrease deposit		1,390,536.77		7,581,464.42	7,834,509.20	1,080,491.99
Adj Claim Trust/Dental		1,390,536.77		-	-	22,800.00
				7,581,464.42	7,834,509.20	1,103,291.99
CLAIMS TR-BCBS DEPOSIT		904,600.00		-	-	904,600.00
JE adj incr to BCBS deposit		904,600.00		-	-	34,200.00
						938,800.00

OPEB TRUST				228,610.74			726,199.06
STAB-CAPITAL PLAN	497,588.32			1,295,533.77			3,636,708.56
STAB-GENERAL	2,341,174.79			47,113.16			3,035,186.94
STAB-AMBULANCE	2,988,073.78			51,572.42			104,635.14
STAB-SPED RESERVE	53,062.72			6,171.24		-	397,575.80
STAB-SWR BOULDER PK BTR	391,404.56						204.90
STAB-SWR SCOUT NK BTR	3,380.73			3.17		3,179.00	59,251.64
STAB-SWR NANCY ST BTR	70,884.90			919.74		12,553.00	1,447.93
STAB-SWR WI BTR	4,030.45			22.48		2,605.00	150,528.08
STAB-SEWER CAPITAL IMPR	162,086.54			2,336.54		13,895.00	729,404.92
	417,629.97			311,774.95			
POST WAR PLAN							
	7,793.99			7.78			7,801.77
LAW ENFORCE-STATE							
LAW ENFORCE-FED	19,292.93			4,195.00		1,000.00	22,487.93
	33,746.30	-		63,039.30		46,918.66	49,866.94
	9,285,286.75	-		9,592,764.71		7,914,659.86	10,963,391.60
TOTAL FD 81/82/84/85	3,275,249.15	233,164.73		9,878,699.21		8,070,808.70	3,508,413.88

# TOWN ELECTION

## APRIL 1, 2019

PRECINCT 1	VOTE	PRECINCT 2	VOTE	PRECINCT 3	VOTE
(24 for 3 yrs) (1 for 2 yrs)		(24 for 3 yrs) (5 for 2 yrs)		(24 for 3 yrs) (10 for 2 yrs) (1 for 1 yr)	
Leonard E. Benoit	108	Eleanor Chew	82	Philip Cardoza	73
Rosalina Benoit	105	Matthew Coes	98	David J. Dias	65
Dan DeJesus	102	Melissa Duarte	98	Michelle Dias	63
Catherine Delano-Calamari	95	Pamela A. Francis	95	Donald A. Dwelly	69
Gail I. Desroches	94	Kevin A. Gallagher	93	Jessica Dwelly	74
Stephen R. Desroches	93	Richard A. Griffiths	84	Nancy L. Dwelly	69
Theodore Lorentzen	95	Andrew L. Jones	93	Damien Girard	64
Nancy Machado	97	Jean J. Rousseau	89	Rita Souza Gubler	65
Peter Machado	97	Anne Gardella	105	Charles K. Murphy, Sr.	72
Anne O'Brien	97	Diane E. Hahn	95	Erin Murphy	69
John Whalen	95	Gary Lavalette	89	Alan S. Waddington	71
Jennifer Dupras	88	Write Ins		Write Ins	
Whitney McClees	93	Deirdre Healy	3	Nicholas Costa	2
Claudia Mitchell	108	Scott Hahn	2	Sheryl Costa	2
Stephanie Trott	98	Ann Healy	2	Connor Powers	2
Write Ins		Maria J. Carvalho	1	Delfino Garcia	1
Morgan Dawicki	2	Curt Devlin	1	Karen Goodhue	1
Alex Kuechler	1	Dawn Devlin	1	Stephen King	1
Robert Todd MacGregor	1	David Faunce	1	Rachel G. Martin	1
Loretta Ryan	1	Vincent Manfredi	1	Shawn Miranda	1
		Marco Pedulli	1		

PRECINCT 4	VOTE	PRECINCT 5	VOTE	PRECINCT 6	VOTE
(25 for 3 yrs) (3 for 2 yrs) (1 for 1 yr)		(23 for 3 yrs) (1 for 2 yrs)		(24 for 3 yrs) (1 for 2 yrs) (1 for 1 yr)	
Lee J. Baumgartner	98	Richard W. Douglass	115	Joseph A. Borelli	96
Naomi Brown	83	Vivian I. Douglass	113	Donald W. Dompierre	99
Kyle Bueno	101	Kevin M. Gonsalves	138	Debra Frias	84
Kathleen Carter	89	Kim Hyland	113	Rosalie Hutchinson	86
Ruy DaSilva	90	Frederick L. Jones	95	Antone P. Lopes	102
Nelson L. Lima	85	Michael McNamara	121	Diane A. Lopes	99
Christopher Fidalgo	75	Elaine O'Neill	109	Cleveland Matheson	84
Jessica Fidalgo	82	Karl J. Pedersen	110	John D. Methia	79
Ronald C. Lacasse	100	Theresa B. Pereira	116	Kevin Pestana	77
Nicholas Sylvia	87	Susan Spooner	91	Marlene C. Serpa	88
Write Ins		Gary J. Staffon	123	Peter Szala	91
Antone Medeiros, III	2	Wayne Vieira	106	Therese Szala	89
Matthew Paulson	2	Deborah B. Davis	99	Write Ins	
Denise Barr	1	Write Ins		Joshua Benoit	1
Melissa Bowcock	1	Scott Coelho	22	Marcus Ferro	1
Pamela Green	1	Rene Fleurent, Jr.	1	Linda Gallant	1
Robert McConnell	1	Bryan Wood	1	Wayne Gallant	1
Michele Merolla	1				
Jayme E. Morin	1				

# TOWN ELECTION

## APRIL 1, 2019

Town Clerk - 3 years	PREC 1	PREC 2	PREC 3	PREC 4	PREC 5	PREC 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
Vote for One								
Carolyn Hurley	187	160	109	177	185	154	972	976
Hand Counts	0	0	1	0	2	1	4	
Write-Ins	0	2	0	0	1	1	4	4
Blanks	22	38	17	27	69	34	207	207
TOTAL	209	200	127	204	257	190	1187	1187

Selectman - 3 years	PREC 1	PREC 2	PREC 3	PREC 4	PREC 5	PREC 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
Vote for One								
Daniel Freitas	121	118	93	133	156	117	738	741
Hand Counts	0	0	1	0	2	0	3	
Lisa Plante	78	73	30	61	87	61	390	390
Hand Counts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Write-Ins	4	0	0	2	2	1	9	9
Blanks	6	9	3	8	10	11	47	47
TOTAL	209	200	127	204	257	190	1187	1187

School Committee - 3 years	PREC 1	PREC 2	PREC 3	PREC 4	PREC 5	PREC 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
Vote for Two								
Stasia Powers	149	133	99	135	162	133	811	813
Hand Counts	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	
Kyle Bueno (Write In Candidate)	64	48	27	45	70	23	277	277
Hand Counts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Write-In	0	6	0	2	0	9	17	17
Blanks	205	213	127	226	282	214	1267	1267
TOTAL	418	400	254	408	514	380	2374	2374

Board of Health - 3 years	PREC 1	PREC 2	PREC 3	PREC 4	PREC 5	PREC 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
Vote for One								
Peter DeTerra	157	156	98	161	182	142	896	899
Hand Counts	0	0	1	0	1	1	3	
Write-Ins	2	0	0	2	1	1	6	6
Blanks	50	44	28	41	73	46	282	282
TOTAL	209	200	127	204	257	190	1187	1187

Commissioner of Trust Funds - 3 years	PREC 1	PREC 2	PREC 3	PREC 4	PREC 5	PREC 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
Vote for One								
Barbara Acksen	153	127	82	135	147	113	757	760
Hand Counts	0	0	1	0	1	1	3	
Write-Ins	2	1	1	0	0	1	5	5
Blanks	54	72	43	69	109	75	422	422
TOTAL	209	200	127	204	257	190	1187	1187

Board of Public Works - 3 years	PREC 1	PREC 2	PREC 3	PREC 4	PREC 5	PREC 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
Vote for One								
Frank Coelho	109	85	47	95	173	90	599	601
Hand Counts	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	
Albert N. Martin, Jr.	76	88	59	82	62	83	450	451

Hand Counts	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	
Write-Ins	0	0	1	0	1	1	3	3
Blanks	24	27	20	27	19	15	132	132
TOTAL	209	200	127	204	257	190	1187	1187
Planning Board - 4 years	PREC 1	PREC 2	PREC 3	PREC 4	PREC 5	PREC 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
Vote for Two								
Rene Fleurent, Jr.	147	131	92	140	166	126	802	806
Hand Counts	0	0	1	0	2	1	4	
Wayne Hayward	137	128	86	137	126	129	743	746
Hand Counts	0	0	1	0	1	1	3	
Write-Ins	7	3	2	1	0	2	15	15
Blanks	127	138	72	130	219	121	807	807
TOTAL	418	400	254	408	514	380	2374	2374
Planning Board - 2 year	PREC 1	PREC 2	PREC 3	PREC 4	PREC 5	PREC 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
-Unexpired Term								
Vote for One								
John Malaspino (Write In	9	5	1	6	0	2	23	23
Candidate)								
Write-Ins	10	11	7	14	16	11	69	69
Blanks	190	184	119	184	241	177	1095	1095
TOTAL	209	200	127	204	257	190	1187	1187
Housing Authority - 5 years	PREC 1	PREC 2	PREC 3	PREC 4	PREC 5	PREC 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
Vote for One								
Anne D. Silveira	145	137	85	128	159	128	782	784
Hand Counts	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	
Nicholas Sylvia	52	48	28	52	50	47	277	277
Hand Counts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2
Blanks	12	15	13	24	47	13	124	124
TOTAL	209	200	127	204	257	190	1187	1187



**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – MAY 4, 2019**  
**WALTER SILVEIRA AUDITORIUM – ELIZABETH HASTINGS**  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**TOWN MEETING MEMBERS PRESENT 184 – QUORUM**  
**REQUIRED 100**

Meeting called to order by Moderator at 9:34 AM.

The National Anthem was played.

Invocation by Fr. Stephen Banjare, Pastor of St. Joseph's Parish.

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, Carolyn Hurley.

The Moderator stated that the warrant had 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 articles 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, 2019 through June 30, 2020 unless otherwise specified. Seconded.

At 11:52 it was voted to dissolve the Annual Town Meeting to take up the Special Town Meeting called for May 4, 2019 in this auditorium, Seconded.

Town Meeting Members present:	Precinct 1 – 40
	Precinct 2 – 30
	Precinct 3 – 19
	Precinct 4 – 34
	Precinct 5 – 34
	Precinct 6 – 27
	<b>TOTAL 184</b>

**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 – SEWER CAPITAL FEE – FY19**

By majority vote, the town voted to transfer from the Sewer Retained Earnings of June 30, 2018 Sewer Capital fee \$305,490.88 to the Sewer Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

## **ARTICLE 5 – AMENDED FY19 GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET**

By majority vote, the town voted to amend Article 10 of the May 5, 2018 Annual Town Meeting

*“General Fund Operating Budget FY19 as” as follows:*

- 1) \$1,100 be transferred from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) to Assessors, Salaries and Wages.
- 2) \$14,000 be transferred from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) to Town Clerk/Election, Salaries and Wages.
- 3) \$3,100 be transferred from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) to Town Hall, Salaries and Wages.
- 4) \$40,000 be transferred from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) to Police Dept and Animal Control, Salaries & Wages.
- 5) \$5,000 be transferred from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) to Police Dept and Animal Control, Operating Expenses.
- 6) \$40,000 be transferred from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) to Fire Dept, Salaries & Wages.
- 7) \$9,200 be transferred from Surplus Revenue to Fire Department, Operating Expenses.
- 8) \$1,706 from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) to Bristol County Agricultural High School.
- 9) \$5,000 be transferred from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) to Public Works, Admission, Salaries and Wages.

## **ARTICLE 6 – AMENDED FY19 WATER ENTERPRISE FUND OPERATING BUDGET**

*Moved to Pass Over.*

## **ARTICLE 7 – AMENDED FY19 WATER ENTERPRISE FUND OPERATING BUDGET**

*Moved to Pass Over.*

## **ARTICLE 8 – AMENDED FY19 GENERAL FUND CAPITAL BUDGET**

By 2/3rds vote, the town voted to amend Article 14 of the May 5, 2018 Annual Town Meeting

*“General Fund Capital Budget Fy19” as follows:*

I. High School Gym Dehumidification Project: Increase the appropriation from \$283,000 to \$432,700 by transferring from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) \$96,023.41 and by transferring \$53,676.59 in borrowed funds from Article 3 of October 25, 2011 Special Town Meeting,

“Wood School Project” in which funds are no longer needed.

K. COA/Recreation: Replace HVAC system at Senior/Recreation Center: Increasing the Appropriation from \$200,000 to \$259,000 by transferring from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) \$59,000.

#### **ARTICLE 9 – AMENDED FY19 WATER ENTERPRISE FUND CAPITAL BUDGET**

*Moved to Pass Over.*

#### **ARTICLE 10 – AMENDED FY19 SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND CAPITAL BUDGET**

By 2/3rds vote, the town voted to amend Article 20 of the May 5, 2018 Annual Town Meeting “Sewer Enterprise Capital Budget FY19” by transferring \$1,050,000 originally borrowed in accordance with a vote of the Town adopted under Article 14B “Treatment Plant Upgrade” of the warrant of the Annual Town Meeting held on May 6, 2017 which funds are no longer needed to complete the project for which they were borrowed, to pay additional costs for Article 20C “West Island Treatment Plant Improvements” from the Annual Town Meeting held on May 5, 2018 for a total revised project cost of \$1,750,000.

#### **ARTICLE 11 – BILLS OF PRIOR YEAR – Paid from FY19 fund**

By 4/5ths vote, the town voted the following sums of money:

- A) Southern New England Radiology - \$6.67 be transferred from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash).
- B) Southcoast Hospital Group - \$310.95 be transferred from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash).

#### **ARTICLE 12 – SETTING SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS FY20**

By majority vote, the town voted to fix the compensation of the Town’s Elected Officers and that said compensation be effective July 1, 2019.

- A) Board of Selectmen (3 members) - \$20,060
- B) Town Clerk - \$61,775
- C) Moderator - \$800
- D) Tree Warden - \$7,177
- E) Board of Health - \$5,170

#### **ARTICLE 13 – FUNDING LABOR CONTRACTS – FY20**

By majority vote, the town voted, pursuant to Section 50-F of the Town Code, the Town Meeting waived the notice provisions of Section 50-9 A-E with respect to a collective bargaining agreement entered into between the Town and the Highway Union – Council 93 AFL-CIA on May 1, 2019.

By majority vote, the town voted, pursuant to Section 50-F of the Town Code, the Town Meeting waived the notice provisions of Section 50-9 A-E with respect to a collective bargaining agreement entered into between the Town and the Water Union – Teamsters

Union Local 59 on May 1, 2019.

By majority vote, the town voted, pursuant to Section 50-F of the Town Code, the Town Meeting waived the notice provisions of Section 50-9 A-E with respect to a collective bargaining agreement entered into between the Town and Town and the Dispatchers Union New England Police Benevolent Association, Local 106 on May 1, 2019.

1. Selectmen/Town Administrator - \$1,496 be transferred from FY20 Wage & Salary Reserve.
2. Human Resources - \$1,384 be transferred from FY20 Wage and Salary Reserve,
3. Treasurer/Collector - \$10,102 be transferred from FY20 Wage and Salary Reserve.
4. Town Clerk - 1,334 be transferred from FY20 Wage and Salary Reserve.
5. Assessors - \$3,768 be transferred from FY20 Wage and Salary Reserve.
6. Police Department - \$6,856 transferred from FY20 Wage and Salary Reserve.
7. Building Department - \$1,342 be transferred from FY20 Wage and Salary Reserve.
8. Marine Resources - \$2,115 be transferred from FY20 Wage and Salary Reserve.
9. Highway Department - \$24,725 be transferred from FY20 Wage and Salary Reserve.
10. Board of Health - \$1,383 be transferred from FY20 Wage and Salary Reserve.
11. Council on Aging - \$2,012 be transferred from FY20 Wage and Salary Reserve.
12. Park Department - \$1,712 be transferred from FY20 Wage and Salary Reserve.
13. Water Enterprise Fund - \$14,799 be transferred from Water Enterprise Retained Earnings.
14. Sewer Enterprise Fund - \$1,167 be transferred from Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings.

#### **ARTICLE 14 – GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET FY20**

By majority vote, the following sums of money was voted to fund the FY20 General Fund Operating Budget:

##### **GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Moderator – Salaries & Wages	\$800.00
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Selectmen/Town Administrator

Salaries & Wages	\$297,221.00
Operating Expenses	\$42,473.00
Human Resources	
Salaries & Wages	\$116,217.00
Operating Expenses	\$28,000.00
Town Accountant	
Salary & Wages	\$137,859.00
Operating Expenses	\$46,812.00
Finance Director (Treasurer/Collector)	
Salaries & Wages	\$351,385.00
Operating Expenses	\$141,310.00
Town Clerk/Elections	
Salaries & Wages	\$139,205.00
Operating Expenses	\$34,995.00
Assessors	
Salaries & Wages	\$176,367.00
Operating Expenses	\$33,113.00
Town Hall	
Salaries & Wages	\$46,500.00
Operating Expenses	\$71,016.00
Town Meeting/Finance Committee	
Salaries & Wages	\$1,088.00
Operating Expenses	\$7,715.00
Planning Board	
Salaries & Wages	\$3,200.00
Operating Expenses	\$3,990.00
Planning & Economic Development	
Salaries & Wages	\$113,027.00
Operating Expenses	\$16,799.00
Economic Development Committee	\$8,000.00
Board of Appeals	
Salaries & Wages	\$2,513.00
Operating Expenses	\$4,100.00
Legal Expense	\$170,000.00

ConCom/Sustainability	
Salaries & Wages	\$75,841.00
Operating Expenses	\$9,495.00 - \$4,000 from Con/Com Wetlands RRA \$5,495 on the Tax Levy

Buzzard's Bay Action Comm	\$1,520.00
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#### PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Dept & Animal Control	
Salaries & Wages	\$3,581,128.00
Operating Expenses	\$377,625.00 - \$6,000 from Animal Shelter Gift Acct \$371,625 on the Tax Levy

Fire Dept/Emergency Mgt	
Salaries & Wages	\$2,513,726.00 - \$1,000,000 from Ambulance RRA \$1,513,726 on the Tax Levy
Operating Expenses	\$307,836.00

Building Department	
Salaries & Wages	\$172,455.00
Operating Expenses	\$10,300.00

Marine Resources	
Salaries & Wages	\$157,089.00 - \$64,500 from Waterways Fund \$92,589 on the Tax Levy
Operating Expenses	\$47,590.00

Sealers of Weights & Measures	
Salaries & Wages	\$7,140.00
Operating Expenses	\$1,498.00

Street Lighting	\$51,000.00
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#### EDUCATION

Fairhaven Public Schools	\$21,082,516.00
GNBRVT High School	\$1,866,316.00
Bristol County Aggie HS	\$42,000.00

#### PUBLIC WORKS

Administration	
Salaries & Wages	\$186,089.00
Operating Expenses	\$6,250.00

Highway Division	
Salaries & Wages	\$1,083,450.00
Operating Expenses	\$628,267.00 - \$9,847 from Sub-Division Mgt Fees \$618,420 on the Tax Levy
Snow & Ice Removal	\$60,000.00

Tree Department	
Salaries & Wages	\$40,007.00
Operating Expenses	\$18,705.00

Sanitation	
Recycling & Waste Disposal	
Operating Expenses	\$1,386,520.00

#### HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Board of Health	
Salaries & Wages	\$149,352.00
Operating Expenses	\$33,840.00
Council on Aging	
Salaries & Wages	\$164,093.00 - \$36,000 from Soc Day Care Ctr RRA \$128,093 on the Tax Levy
Operating Expenses	\$35,277.00

Veterans Services	
Salaries & Wages	\$79,445.00
Operating Expenses	\$742,400.00

Commission on Disability	\$1,300.00
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Rape Crisis Project	\$2,000.00
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#### CULTURE & RECREATION

Millicent Library	\$684,037.00
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Recreation	
Salaries & Wages	\$187,349.00
Operating Expenses	\$175,775.00

Park Division	
Salaries & Wages	\$109,636.00
Operating Expenses	\$38,541.00
Office of Tourism	

Salaries & Wages	\$69,357.00
Operating Expenses	\$24,155.00
Fine Arts	\$1,200.00
Historical Commission	\$16,750.00
Memorial Day	\$2,500.00
Cultural Council	\$2,750.00
Consolidated Information Technology	\$547,571.00 - \$24,500 from Town Cable TV Spec Rev \$24,500 from School Cable Spec Rev \$498,571 on the Tax Levy
NON-DEPARTMENTAL	
Contributory Retirement	\$3,227,999.00
Group Insurance	\$4,296,182.00
MA Employment Security	\$115,000.00
Town Insurance	\$928,583.00
Medicare Assessment Employer Share	\$418,000.00
Wind Turbine Electric Expense	\$650,000.00
DEBT SERVICE	
Principal	\$803,711.00 - \$149,000 from Overlay Surplus \$15,000 from Title 5 RRA \$639,711 on the Tax Levy
Interest	\$294,616.00
Principal Authorized but not issued	\$127,600.00
Interest Authorized but not issued	\$31,900.00
Interest on Temp Loans	\$44,500.00
APPROPRIATIONS TO RESERVE	
Overlay Reserve (Abatements & Refunds)	\$300.00
Reserve Fund	\$100.00
OPEB	\$250.00
COLA for non-union Employees	\$147,772.00



## **ARTICLE 15 – WATER ENTERPRISE FUND OPERATING BUDGET FY20**

By majority vote, the town voted the sum of \$2,856,001.00 be appropriated from the Water Enterprise Fund to do the following:

\$580,846 for Water Salaries and Wages  
\$425,500 for Water Expenses  
\$1,277,368 for Water District  
\$460,931 for Water Indirect Costs (to cover the costs in the General Fund)  
\$50,000 for Water Reserve Fund  
\$47,582 for Water Debt  
\$13,774 for Water Interest on Debt

## **ARTICLE 16 – SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND OPERATING BUDGET FY20**

By majority vote, the town voted the sum of 3,074,573 of which \$3,042,341 be appropriated from the Sewer Enterprise Fund to do the following:

\$1,048,260 for Sewer Salaries and Wages  
\$1,167,325 for Sewer Expenses  
\$50,000 for Sewer Reserve Fund  
\$506,099 for Sewer Debt (principal)  
\$302,881 for Sewer Interest on debt

And the sum of \$32,232 be transferred from Sewer Betterment Stabilization Fund as follows:

\$18,034.52 – From West Island Sewer Betterment Stabilization Fund  
\$203.86 - from Boulder Park Sewer Betterment Stabilization Fund  
\$1,440.62 - from Nancy Street Sewer Betterment Stabilization Fund  
\$12,553.00 – from Sconticut Neck Road Sewer Betterment Stabilization Fund

## **ARTICLE 17 – GENERAL FUND CAPITAL BUDGET FY20**

By majority vote, the town voted to appropriate the sum of \$1,746,500 to pay for the costs of the following capital Equipment/Projects in the General Fund including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto. And to meet this appropriation:

\$1,491,000      be transferred from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash).  
  
\$76,500          be transferred from the Waterways Fund to partially fund “A” Union Wharf Improvements.  
  
\$179,000        be transferred from the Waterways Fund to entirely fund “C” Phase 5 Dredging Project.

A) \$250,000 Harbormaster/Shellfish Warden – Union Wharf Improvements – South Side  
B) \$265,000 Fire – Two Way Radio Upgrade

- C) \$179,000 Harbormaster/Shellfish Warden – Phase 5 Dredging Project (20% match)
- D) \$66,000 Fire – Municipal Fire Alarm System Upgrade
- E) \$183,000 BPW Highway – Replaces Six Wheel Dump Truck with Plow #25
- F) \$90,000 Police – Police cruisers
- G) \$22,500 Animal Control – Dog Park Construction (10% match)
- H) \$58,000 BPW Highway – Replace Utility Truck #11
- I) \$52,000 Emergency Management – Replace Pick Up Truck with Crew Cab #53
- J) \$75,000 Police – Police Vehicles for Scholl Resource Officers
- K) \$206,000 School Department – Fairhaven High School Performance Arts Lighting
- L) \$160,000 Tree Department – Forestry Bucket Truck
- M) \$30,000 Information Technology – Computer Hardware Equipment Replacement
- N) \$110,000 Police – Traffic Monitoring Cameras

#### **ARTICLE 18 – ROADWORK FY20**

By majority vote, the town voted the sum of \$156,630 be appropriated from Surplus Revenue

(Free Cash) for the following streets:

- (A) Billy's Way – Reconstruct and hard-surface Billy's Way from Sconticut Road westerly, approximately 600 feet.
- (I) Fir Street – Reconstruct, hard-surface and install drainage on Fir Street from Causeway Road to Blueprint Road, a distance of approximately 680 feet.

and that the board of Public Works is authorized to spend these funds in the aggregate without regards to individual line items so long as the expenditures do not exceed the amount so appropriated.

#### **ARTICLE 19 STATE AID TO HIGHWAYS FY20**

(A) By majority vote, the town voted to authorize the Board of Public Works to accept and enter into 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, or take any other action relative thereto.

(B) By majority vote, the town voted to transfer the sum of \$517,470 from State Aid to Highways 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 take any other action relation thereto.

#### **ARTICLE 20 FUNDING CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND FY20**

By majority vote, the town voted to transfer from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) the sum of \$1,925,000 to the Capital Stabilization Fund as authorized by Chapter 40, Section 5B of the General Laws for school capital projects.

#### **ARTICLE 21 AMBULANCE STABILIZATION FY20**

By majority vote, the town voted the sum of \$50,000 be transferred from the Ambulance RRA to the Ambulance Stabilization Fund.

## **ARTICLE 22 WATER ENTERPRISE CAPITAL PLAN FY20**

By 2/3rds vote, the Town voted the sum of \$1,554,000 to pay costs of the following items:

- A) \$1,500,000 - Meter Reading System (borrow)
- B) \$54,000 – Pickup Truck (from retained earnings)

purchasing a meter reading system and a new pick-up truck for the use of the Water Department, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$1,000,000 under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1), M.G.L. c. 44 §8(6) or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

## **ARTICLE 23 SEWER ENTERPRISE CAPITAL FY20**

By majority vote, the town voted to transfer from Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings the sum of \$350,000 in aggregate without regards to individual line items to fund the following Capital Equipment/Project:

- A) \$50,000 - Manhattan Avenue Pump Replacements (Retained Earnings)
- B) \$50,000 - Integrated Instrumentation System Replacement (Retained Earnings)
- C) \$250,000 - Inflow/Infiltration Reduction Project (Retained Earnings)

## **ARTICLE 24 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS FY19**

*Moved to Pass Over.*

## **ARTICLE 25 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS FY20**

By majority vote, the town voted to appropriate 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 2020, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation

- A) Voted to Reserve for future appropriations \$55,000 from FY20 Estimated Receipts for acquisition, creation, and preservation of Open Space, and its rehabilitation and restoration.
- B) Voted to appropriate \$60,000 from FY20 Estimated Receipts for the Fairhaven Housing Authority – Anthony Haven Porch & Rails Replacement.
- C) Voted to appropriate \$118,730 from FY20 Estimated Receipts for the Millicent Library,

Interior Restoration Project.

D) Voted to appropriate \$75,000 from FY20 Estimated Receipts for the Whitfield-Manjiro, Carriage House Interior Restoration Project.

E) Voted to appropriate \$12,000 from Undesignated Fund Balance for the Riverside Cemetery Trustees, Nasketucket monument restoration project.

F) Voted to appropriate \$4,000 from Undesignated Fund Balance for the FHC, Washington Street Firehouse Roof Project.

G) Voted to appropriate \$9,000 from Undesignated Fund Balance for the FHC, Academy Building Shutters Project.

H) Voted to appropriate \$10,000 from Undesignated Fund Balance for the NFIA, Fire Station #3 Roof Project.

I) Voted to appropriate \$16,000 from Undesignated Fund Balance for the Selectmen, Town Hall Terra Cotta Restoration Project.

J) Voted to appropriate \$55,000 from FY20 Estimated Receipts for the Fairhaven Public School, H/S window Restoration.

K) Voted to appropriate \$45,000 from Fy20 Estimated Receipts for the FHV Tennis Association, Livesey Park Project.

L) Voted to appropriate \$12,650 from Undesignated Fund Balance for administrative services and operating expenses. t

**ARTICLE 26 REVOLVING FUNDS FY20**

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

Revolving Fund	Authorized to Spend	Revenue Source	FY20 Limit
Hazardous Materials	Fire Chief	Disposal fees/ charges	\$100,000
Sustainability	Sustainability Comm Administrator	Fees/charges	\$10,000
Hoppy's Landing	Board of Selectmen and/or Town Administrator	Fees/charges from users of Hoppy's Landing	\$25,000

Town Hall Auditorium	Town Administrator	Town Hall auditorium rental fees	\$2,000
Park Utilities	Board of Public Works	User fees	\$2,000
Wellness	Wellness Committee	Fees, BCBS reimbursement, vendors	\$2,500
Mattress Recycling (NEW)	Board of Health	Fees for mattress disposal	\$2,000
Hoarding Remediation (NEW)	Board of Health	Revenue from textile recovery boxes	\$1,000

#### **ARTICLE 27 SOCIAL DAY CARE CENTER FY20**

By majority vote, the town voted to authorize the Fairhaven Council on Aging to expend in the Fiscal Year 2020 a sum of money not to cumulatively exceed \$160,000 from the Grant Account known as "Receipts Reserved for Appropriation for Fairhaven Supportive Social Day Program" for the purpose of providing a Social Day Program for Senior Citizens or take any other action relative thereto.

#### **ARTICLE 28 PROPAGATION OF SHELLFSH FY20**

By majority vote, the town voted the sum of \$20,000 be raised and appropriated for the propagation of shellfish.

#### **ARTICLE 29 SENIOR WORK-OFF PROGRAM FY20**

By majority vote, the town voted to continue the provisions of MGL Chapter 59, Section 5C

Senior Work for a total authorization of \$10,000 or take any other action relative thereto.

#### **ARTICLE 30 TRANSFER FROM SURPLUS REVENUE FY20**

By majority vote, the town voted to transfer the sum of \$91,000 from Surplus Revenue for the reduction of the Tax Levy, or to take any other action relative thereto.

#### **ARTICLE 31 CITIZEN PETITION STREET LIGHT REQUEST CORNER OF PETER LANE AND MCKENSIE LANE – TWO LIGHTS**

By majority vote, the town voted that street lights be placed on Pole #411/8 and Pole #230-55UG and that \$1,600 be appropriated from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) to pay for installation.

#### **ARTICLE 32 CITIZENS PETITION STREET LIGHT REQUEST 46 TORRINGTON ROAD – ONE LIGHT**

By majority vote, the town voted that street light be placed on Pole #270/7 ½ and that \$800 be appropriated from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) to pay for the installation.

**ARTICLE 33 PETITION THE LEGISLATURE RESTAURANT ALL  
ALCOHOL LICENSE AT HAMPTON INN, 1 HAMPTON WAY**

By majority vote, the town voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for the passage of legislation authorizing the issuance of a Restaurant All Alcohol License to the Hampton Inn by Hilton, One Hampton Way, in the Town Of Fairhaven, notwithstanding any limitations on the number of licenses issued under the provisions of Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended. This license is non-transferable to another location but the licensing authority may grant the license to a new applicant at the same location, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 34 TRANSFER FROM SURPLUS REVENUE TO FUND SPECIAL  
EDUCATION RESERVE FUND**

By majority vote, the town voted to transfer \$18,400 from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) to be deposited in the Special Education Reserve Fund as authorized by Chapter 40, Section 13E of the General Funds.

**ARTICLE 35 OTHER BUSINESS**

None

Motion to adjourn sine die at 11:52 AM on Saturday, May 4, 2019. Seconded.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carolyn Hurley – Town Clerk

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – MAY 4, 2019**  
**WALTER SILVEIRA AUDITORIUM – ELIZABETH HASTINGS**  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL TOWN MEETING MEMBERS PRESENT**  
**184 – QUORUM REQUIRED 100**

Meeting called to order by Moderator at 11:52 AM.

The Moderator stated that the warrant had 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 articles by number and title only, Seconded.

Town Meeting Members present:	Precinct 1 – 40
	Precinct 2 – 30
	Precinct 3 – 19
	Precinct 4 – 34
	Precinct 5 – 34
	Precinct 6 – 27
	<b>TOTAL 184</b>

**ARTICLE 1 ESTABLISH ENTERPRISE FUND FOR TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN CABLE TELEVISION**

By majority vote, the town voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53F 1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws establishing a Town of Fairhaven Cable Television PEG Access Enterprise Fund, effective July 1, 2019. The Town of Fairhaven Cable Television PEG Access Special Revenue Fund will convert to an Enterprise Fund and the fund balance in the special revenue fund at June 30, 19 will transfer to the fund balance of the enterprise fund effective July 1, 2019, or any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 2 TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN CABLE TELEVISION PEG ACCESS ENTERPRISE FUND FY 20 RECOMMENDED BUDGET**

By majority vote, the town voted the sum of \$187,327 for Town of Fairhaven Cable Television PEG Access Direct Expenditures and \$12, 673 for Town of Fairhaven Cable Television PEG Access Indirect Costs (to cover costs in the General Fund) for a total of \$200,000 to be appropriated from the Town of Fairhaven Cable Television PEG Access Enterprise.

**ARTICLE 3 ESTABLISH ENTERPRISE FUND FOR FAIRHAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS CABLE TELEVISION**

By majority vote, the town voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53F 1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws establishing a Fairhaven Public Schools Cable Television PEG Access Enterprise Fund, effective July 1, 2019. The Fairhaven Public Schools Cable Television PEG Access Special Revenue Fund will convert to an Enterprise Fund and the fund balance in the special revenue fund at June 30, 19 will transfer to the fund balance of the enterprise fund effective July 1, 2019, or any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 4 FAIRHAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS CABLE TELEVISION PEG ACCESS ENTERPRISE FUND FY 20 RECOMMENDED BUDGET**

By majority vote the town voted the sum of \$144,687 for Fairhaven Public Schools Cable Television PEG Access Direct Expenditures and \$15,313 for Fairhaven Public Schools Cable Television PEG Access Indirect Costs (to cover costs in the General Fund) for a total of \$160,000 to be appropriated from the Fairhaven Public Schools Cable Television PEG Access Enterprise.

**ARTICLE 5 FUNDING FOR ENGINEERING/ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES RELATED TO LAND PURCHASE FOR A PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY, FY19**

By majority vote, the town voted to transfer from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) the sum of \$32,000 to pay engineering/architectural services related to the possible land purchase for a public safety facility.

**ARTICLE 6 ROADWORK FY20**

By majority vote, the town voted to transfer from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) the sum of \$193,370 to reconstruct, hard surface and install drainage on Brown Street,

**ARTICLE 7 STREET ACCEPTANCE: ROBERT STREET**

*MOTION FAILED*

**ARTICLE 8 TELEVISION BOARD MEETINGS**

By majority vote, the town voted to accept, as amended, the following By-Law:

**Section 1: Broadcast/Recording Required**

All meetings of Town Boards, Commissions and Committees shall be broadcast live and/or recorded for future broadcast over the local cable television network and on-line viewing unless emergency, operational or technical conditions suspend the requirements hereof, as determined by Town Administrator for broadcasts over the public access and government channels or the School Superintendent for broadcasts over the education channel.

**Section 2: Notice Requirement**

Notice of all such meetings shall be posted in accordance with the requirements of the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. Chapter 30A, and shall contain the date, time and place of such meeting and a listing of topics that the chair reasonably anticipates will be discussed at the meeting

**Section 3: Scheduling Conflicts**

If there is a scheduling conflict with the use of a meeting room, The Town Administrator for municipal property or the School Superintendent for school property or their designees shall have the discretion to determine which board shall have use of the room.

**Section 4: Compliance with Open Meeting Law**

Nothing contained in this bylaw shall be so construed as to conflict with the requirements of the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. Chapter 30A.



Section 5: Failure to comply.

A violation of this bylaw or a failure to comply with this bylaw shall not be grounds for challenging or invalidating any actions taken at any meeting of a Town Board, Committee or Commission.

## **ARTICLE 9 AMENDMENT TO TOWN ADMINISTRATOR ACT**

By majority vote, the town voted to revoke its approval of Article 34 of the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting held on May 7, 2016; and in its place vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court:

(a) to repeal Chapter 389 of the Acts of 2014, An Act Relative to the Board of Public Works in the Town of Fairhaven, and

(b) to amend Chapter 381 of the Acts of 2014, An Act Establishing the Position of Town Administrator in the Town of Fairhaven.

The purpose of the petition is to remove from the authority of the Board of Selectmen certain of that authority presently delegated to the Board of Public Works; and also to further clarify the authority and duties of the Town Administrator with respect to the application of the personnel bylaw and to collective bargaining. The proposed legislation is as follows:

An Act relative to the town administrator in 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. Section 1 of chapter 381 of the acts of 2014 is hereby amended by striking out subsection:

(c) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:- appoint the town counsel and any special counsels, and all members of committees, boards and commissions except the finance committee and except those appointed by the moderator, elected by the voters or under the jurisdiction of the school committee or of the board of public works and may make appointments to temporary posts and committees the board creates for special purposes;

SECTION 2. Section 2 of said chapter 381 is hereby amended by striking out subsection 9 (e) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:

(e) Manage and direct the daily reporting and supervision of all town departments under the jurisdiction of the board of selectmen, including: assessors, building commission, council on aging, police, civil defense, animal control officer, gas inspector, plumbing inspector, wiring inspector and weights and measures inspector, recreation, tree, planning, finance, finance director, collector, treasurer, accounting, veterans, town counsel, other committees appointed by and under the jurisdiction of the board of selectmen and the fire department, subject to section 42 of chapter 48 of the General Laws, but not including

the school department or the public works department.

SECTION 3. Said section 2 of said chapter 381 is hereby further amended by striking out subsection (g) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:

(g) Except with respect to the school department, and except with respect to the hiring and firing of employees within the public works department, the town administrator shall have sole authority over the administration of personnel policies for all town employees. With respect to the fire department, such authority shall be subject to section 42 of chapter 48 of the General Laws. The town administrator shall act as the personnel board under all applicable laws and by-laws, except as otherwise set forth in this act. The personnel board as presently constituted shall be eliminated upon the appointment of the town administrator. The town may enact by-laws establishing the wages, salaries and other benefits of employees, which shall be consistent with the authority granted to the town administrator in this act. Notwithstanding the elimination of the personnel board, all actions taken prior to the appointment of the town administrator by the personnel board within its authority, and by any other town official or board, with respect to personnel, including the appointment of all officers and employees, shall continue in full force and effect subject to future action by the town administrator within the town administrator's authority.

SECTION 4. Said section 2 of said chapter 381 is hereby further amended by striking out subsection (k) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:

(k) With the approval of the board of selectmen, negotiate all collective bargaining agreements on behalf of the town, except for the school department. In collective bargaining negotiations with unions representing employees in the public works department, the town will be represented by the town administrator, the superintendent of public works, and a member of the board of public works. The town administrator may seek the assistance of labor counsel if the town administrator deems it necessary to effect successful negotiations. All final agreements must be approved and executed by the board of selectmen.

SECTION 5. Said section 2 of said chapter 381 is hereby further amended by striking out subsection (m) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:

(m) Submit to the board of selectmen a written proposed budget for town government for the ensuing fiscal year. The proposed budget shall detail all estimated revenue from all sources, and all proposed expenditures, including debt service for the previous, current and ensuing 5 years. The proposed budget shall include proposed expenditures for both current operations and capital projects during the ensuing year, detailed by department, committee, agency, purpose and position and proposed financing methods. The proposed budget shall include estimated revenues and free cash available at the close of the fiscal year, including estimated balances in special accounts. The town may, by by-law establish additional financial information and reports to be provided by the town administrator. To assist the town administrator in preparing the proposed annual budget

of revenue and expenditures, the finance director, all boards, officers and committees of the town, including the school committee and the board of public works, shall furnish to the town administrator, in a writing in such a form as the town administrator shall establish, all relevant information in their possession, including a detailed estimate of the appropriations required and any available funds.

SECTION 6. Said section 2 of said chapter 381 is hereby further amended by striking out subsection (v) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:

(v) Manage and oversee the use, maintenance, security and, with the approval of the board of selectmen, regulate the rental for all the town buildings, properties and facilities, including information technology, except those under the jurisdiction of the school department or the public works department, unless so requested by either of those departments.

SECTION 7. Said section 2 of said chapter 381 is hereby further amended by striking out subsection (x) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:

(x) With the approval of the board of selectmen, prosecute, defend and settle all litigation for or against the town or its officers and employees, subject to such appropriation as may be necessary to effect settlement, except for litigation involving only the school department or the public works department, unless so requested by either of those departments.

SECTION 8. Chapter 389 of the acts of 2014 is hereby repealed,

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

#### **ARTICLE 10 ESTABLISH OPEB TRUST**

By majority vote, the town voted to accept the provisions of Section 20 of Chapter 32B of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended by Section 15 of Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2016, establishing an Other Post Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Treasurer to execute a declaration of trust creating an expendable trust for the purpose of holding monies appropriated to such fund: to designate the Treasurer as the trustee of such trust; to authorize the transfer of any and all monies currently held for the purpose of paying retiree health and life benefits to such trust; and to authorize the trustee to invest and reinvest the monies in such fund under the prudent investor rule established in chapter 203C.

#### **ARTICLE 11 BUFFER ZONE PROTECTION**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's wetlands by-law by adding thereto a section 192.15 which identifies limits on, or prohibition of, specific activities within one hundred feet of protected wetland resource areas (the "Buffer Zone"),

Or to take any other action thereto.

*MOVED TO PASS OVER*

#### **ARTICLE 12: STORM WATER MANAGEMENT**

By 2/3rds vote, the town voted to adopt the document entitled "Stormwater Management,

Illicit Discharge, Soil Erosion, Sediment Control By-Law” storm water management by-law, pursuant to federal and state laws, to protect public water bodies and wetlands from pollutants that may be introduced into storm water. The proposed by-law will regulate the direct introduction of potential pollutants into the storm drainage system; the introduction of potential pollutants by run-off from land disturbance during development; and the introduction of potential pollutants from those which may be allowed subject to regulation and permitting.

#### GENERAL REFERENCES

Wetlands – See Ch. 192

Subdivision of Land – See Ch. 322

Zoning By-Law – See Ch. 198

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#### §194-1 Authority

This By-Law is adopted under authority granted by the Home Rule Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution, the Home Rule statutes, and pursuant to the regulations of the Federal Clean Water Act found at 40 CFR 122.34.

#### §194-2 Purpose.

A. The purpose of this bylaw is to provide for the public health, safety, and general welfare of the residents of the Town of Fairhaven, the protection of Fairhaven’s water bodies and groundwater, and the protection of Fairhaven’s natural resources through the regulation of non-stormwater discharges to the storm drainage system to the maximum extent practicable as required by federal and state law. This bylaw establishes methods for controlling the introduction of pollutants into the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) in order to comply with requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit process.

B. Increased and contaminated stormwater runoff associated with developed land uses and the accompanying increase in impervious surface are major causes of impairment of water quality and flow in lakes, ponds, streams, rivers, wetlands, and groundwater. The harmful impacts of illicit discharge, soil erosion, and sedimentation are:

Impairment of water quality and flow in lakes, ponds, streams, rivers, wetlands, groundwater, and drinking water supplies;

Contamination of drinking water supplies;

Erosion of stream channels and downstream coastal areas;

Alteration or destruction of aquatic and wildlife habitat;

Flooding;

Overloading or clogging of municipal stormwater management systems.

C. The objectives of this By-Law are to:

- 1, Regulate the contribution of pollutants to the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) by stormwater discharges by any user;
2. Prohibit illicit connections and unauthorized discharges to the municipal separate storm sewer system and require their removal;
3. Protect water resources;
4. Require practices that eliminate soil erosion and sedimentation;
- 5, Control the volume and rate of stormwater runoff resulting from land disturbance activities in order to minimize potential impacts of flooding;
6. Require practices to manage and treat stormwater runoff generated from new development and redevelopment;
7. Establish minimum construction and post-construction stormwater management standards and design criteria for the regulation and control of stormwater runoff quantity and quality;
- 8, Protect groundwater and surface water from degradation;
9. Promote infiltration and the recharge of groundwater
10. Maximize recharge of groundwater in the Fairhaven Aquifer Protection District
- 11, Prevent pollutants from entering the Town's municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) and reduce or eliminate pollutants entering the Town's MS4 from existing users;
- 12, Ensure that soil erosion and sedimentation control measures and stormwater runoff management practices are incorporated into the site planning and design process and are implemented and maintained;
13. Ensure adequate long-term operation and maintenance of structural stormwater best management practices;
14. Require practices to control waste such as discarded building materials, concrete truck washout, chemicals, litter, and sanitary waste at construction sites that may cause adverse impacts to water quality;

15. Comply with state and federal statutes and regulations relating to stormwater discharges including total maximum daily load requirements;

16. Establish the Town of Fairhaven's legal authority to ensure compliance with the provisions of this By-Law through inspection, monitoring and enforcement; and

17. Support Chapter 198 §31 (Earth removal regulations), Chapter 198 §31.1 and Chapter 322 § 26 (Stormwater management)

#### §194-3 Definitions.

For the purposes of this By-Law, the following shall mean:

**ABUTTER:** The owner(s) of land abutting the lot or lots on which activity regulated by this bylaw is occurring or proposed.

**AGRICULTURE:** The normal maintenance or improvement of land in agricultural or aquaculture use, as defined by the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and its implementing regulations.

**ALTERATION OF DRAINAGE CHARACTERISTICS:** Any activity on an area of land that changes the water quality, or the force, quantity, direction, timing or location of runoff flowing from the area. Such changes include: change from distributed runoff to confined, discrete discharge; change in the volume of runoff from the area; change in the peak rate of runoff from the area; and change in the recharge to groundwater on the area.

**APPLICANT:** Any "person" as defined below requesting a soil erosion and sediment control permit for proposed land-disturbance activity or a permit relating to or involving stormwater management

**BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPs):** An activity, procedure, restraint, or structural improvement that helps to reduce the quantity of or improve the quality of stormwater runoff. Schedules of activities, prohibitions of practices, general good housekeeping practices, pollution prevention and educational practices, maintenance procedures, and other management practices to prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants directly or indirectly to stormwater, receiving waters, or stormwater conveyance systems. BMPs also include treatment practices, operating procedures, and practices to control site runoff, spillage or leaks, sludge or water disposal, or drainage from raw materials storage.

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS:** The Board of Public Works for the Town of Fairhaven and its employees, agents or others designated by that Board to enforce this Bylaw

**CLEAN WATER ACT:** The federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. § 1251 et

seq.), and any subsequent amendments thereto.

**CLEARING:** Any activity that removes the vegetative surface cover. Clearing activities generally include grubbing activity as defined below.

**CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY:** The erection or placement of a building or other structure, or the placement of any impervious surface, in or on the ground, or site preparation for such activities, including, but not limited to, activities subject to NPDES Construction Permits as laid out in the eligibility conditions of the permit.

**CONSTRUCTION AND WASTE MATERIALS:** Excess or discarded building or site materials, including but not limited to concrete truck washout, chemicals, litter and sanitary waste at a construction site that may adversely impact water quality.

**DEVELOPMENT:** The modification of land to accommodate a new use or expansion of use, usually involving construction.

**DISCHARGE OF POLLUTANTS:** The addition from any source of any pollutant or combination of pollutants into the municipal storm drain system or into the waters of the United States or commonwealth from any source.

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**DISTURBANCE OF LAND:** Any action, including clearing and grubbing, that causes a change in the position, location, or arrangement of soil, sand, rock, gravel, or similar earth material.

**ENVIRONMENTAL SITE MONITOR:** A Registered Professional Engineer or other trained professional selected by the Conservation Commission and retained by the holder of a Minor Land Disturbance Permit or a Full Land Disturbance Permit to periodically inspect the work and report to the Conservation Commission and/or Planning Board

**EROSION:** The wearing away of the land surface by natural or artificial forces such as wind, water, ice, gravity, or vehicle traffic and the subsequent detachment and transportation of soil particles.

**EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL PLAN:** A document containing narrative, drawings and details developed by a registered professional engineer (PE), registered professional land surveyor (PLS), or a certified professional in erosion and sedimentation control (CPESC) which includes best management practices, or equivalent measures designed to control surface runoff, erosion and sedimentation during pre-construction and construction related land disturbance activities.

**EROSION CONTROL:** The prevention or reduction of the movement of soil particles or rock fragments due to stormwater runoff.

**ESTIMATED HABITAT OF RARE WILDLIFE AND CERTIFIED VERNAL POOLS:** Habitats delineated for state-protected rare wildlife and certified vernal pools

for use with the Wetlands Protection Act Regulations (310 CMR 10.00) and the Forest Cutting Practices Act Regulations (304 CMR 11.00).

**FLOODING:** A local and temporary inundation or rise in the surface of a body of water, such that it covers land not usually under water.

**GRADING:** Changing the level or shape of the ground surface.

**GROUNDWATER:** Water beneath the surface of the ground.

**GRUBBING:** The act of clearing land surface by digging or grinding up roots and stumps.

**HAZARDOUS OR TOXIC MATERIAL OR WASTE:** Any material, including any substance, waste, or combination thereof, which because of its quantity, concentration, or physical, chemical, corrosive, flammable, reactive, toxic, radioactive, or infectious characteristics, either separately or in combination with any substance or substances, may cause, or significantly contribute to, a substantial present or potential hazard to human health, safety, welfare, property, or the environment when improperly treated, stored, transported, disposed of, or otherwise managed. Toxic or hazardous materials include any synthetic organic chemical, petroleum product, heavy metal, radioactive or infectious waste, acid and alkali, and any substance defined as “toxic” or “hazardous” under MGL c. 21C and c. 21E, and the regulations at 310 CMR 30.000 and 310 CMR 40.0000.

**ILLEGAL DISCHARGE:** Any direct or indirect non-stormwater discharge to the storm drain system, except as exempted in this bylaw.

**ILLICIT CONNECTION:** An illicit connection is defined as either of the following: Any drain or conveyance, whether on the surface or subsurface, which allows an illegal or illicit discharge into the municipal storm drain system, including but not limited to any conveyances which allow any non-stormwater discharge including sewage, process wastewater, and wash water to enter the storm drain system and any connections to the storm drain system from indoor drains, sinks or toilets, regardless of whether said drain or connection had been previously allowed, permitted, or approved by an authorized enforcement agency before the effective date of this bylaw OR, Any drain or conveyance connected from a commercial or industrial land use to the storm drain system which has not been documented in plans, maps, or equivalent records and approved by an authorized enforcement agency.

**LLICIT DISCHARGE:** Direct or indirect discharge to the municipal storm drain system or a watercourse or the waters of the Commonwealth that is not composed entirely of stormwater, except for projects exempted by this Bylaw or by Regulations issued there under. The term does not include a discharge in compliance with an NPDES stormwater discharge permit or resulting from fire-fighting activities.

**IMPERVIOUS SURFACE:** Any material or structure on or above the ground that prevents water infiltrating the underlying soil. Impervious surface includes without



limitation roads, paved parking lots, sidewalks, and roof tops.

**IMPOUNDMENT:** A stormwater pond created by either constructing an embankment or excavating a pit which retains a permanent pool of water.

**INFILTRATION:** The act of conveying surface water into the ground to permit groundwater recharge and the reduction of stormwater runoff from a project site.

**INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY:** Activities subject to NPDES Industrial Permits as defined in 40 CFR, Section 122.26(b) (14).

**LAND-DISTURBING ACTIVITY or LAND DISTURBANCE:** Any activity, including without limitation: clearing, grubbing, grading, digging, cutting, excavation of soil, placement of fill, and construction that causes a change in the position or location of soil, sand, rock, gravel, or similar earth material.

**LOAD ALLOCATION or WASTE LOAD ALLOCATION:** The maximum concentration or mass of a pollutant which can be discharged to a waterway non-point sources without causing a violation of surface water quality standards as established in an applicable Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL).

**LOT:** A single parcel of land held in identical ownership throughout and defined by metes, bounds, or boundary lines in a recorded deed on a recorded plan.

**MASSACHUSETTS ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT:** (M.G.L. c. 131A) and its implementing regulations at (321 CMR 10.00) which prohibit the “taking” of any rare plant or animal species listed as Endangered, Threatened, or of Special Concern.

**MASSACHUSETTS STORMWATER MANAGEMENT POLICY:** The Policy issued by the Department of Environmental Protection, as amended, that coordinates the requirements prescribed by state regulations promulgated under the authority of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act MGL c. 131 s. 40 and the Massachusetts Clean Waters Act MGL c. 21, ss. 23-56. The Policy addresses stormwater impacts through implementation of performance standards to reduce or prevent pollutants from reaching water bodies and control the quantity of runoff from a site.

**MUNICIPAL STORM DRAIN SYSTEM or MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4):** The system of conveyances designed or used for collecting or conveying stormwater, including any road with a drainage system, street, gutter, curb, inlet, piped storm drain, pumping facility, retention or detention basin, natural or man-made or altered drainage channel, reservoir, and other drainage structure that together comprise the storm drainage system owned or operated by the Town of Fairhaven.

**NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) STORMWATER DISCHARGE PERMIT:** A permit issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency or jointly with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

that authorizes the discharge of pollutants to waters of the United States.

**NONSTORMWATER DISCHARGE:** Discharge to the municipal storm drain system not composed entirely of stormwater.

**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN:** A plan describing the functional, financial and organizational mechanisms for the ongoing operation and maintenance of a stormwater management system to ensure that it continues to function as designed.

**OUTFALL:** The point at which stormwater flows out from a point source discernible, confined, and discrete conveyance into waters of the Commonwealth.

**OUTSTANDING RESOURCE WATERS (ORWs):** Waters designated by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection as ORWs. These waters have exceptional sociologic, recreational, ecological and/or aesthetic values and are subject to more stringent requirements under both the Massachusetts Water Quality Standards (314 CMR 4.00) and the Massachusetts Stormwater Management Standards set forth in the Massachusetts Stormwater Management Policy. ORWs include vernal pools certified by the Natural Heritage Program of the Massachusetts Department of Fisheries and Wildlife and Environmental Law Enforcement, all Class A designated public water supplies with their bordering vegetated wetlands, and other waters specifically designated.

**OWNER:** A person with a legal or equitable interest in property.

**PERMITTEE:** The person who holds a land disturbance permit and therefore bears the responsibilities and enjoys the privileges conferred thereby.

**PERSON:** An individual, partnership, association, firm, company, trust, corporation, agency, authority, department or political subdivision of the Commonwealth or the federal government, to the extent permitted by law, and any officer, employee, or agent of such person.

**POINT SOURCE:** Any discernible, confined, and discrete means of conveyance, including but not limited to, any pipe, ditch, channel, tunnel, conduit, well, discrete fissure, or container from which pollutants are or may be discharged.

**POLLUTANT:** Any element or property of sewage, agricultural, industrial or commercial waste, runoff, leachate, heated effluent, or other matter, whether originating at a point or nonpoint source, that is considered toxic or detrimental to humans or the environment and is or may be introduced into the municipal storm drain system or any sewage treatment works, or into any water, watercourse or waters of the Commonwealth. Pollutants shall include without limitation:

Paints, varnishes, and solvents;

Oil and other automotive fluids;

Nonhazardous liquid and solid wastes and yard wastes;

Refuse, rubbish, garbage, litter, or other discarded or abandoned objects, ordnance, accumulations, and floatables;  
Pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers;  
Hazardous materials and wastes;  
Sewage, fecal coliform, and pathogens;  
Dissolved and particulate metals;  
Animal wastes;  
Rock; sand; salt; soils;  
Construction wastes and residues; and  
Noxious or offensive matter of any kind.

**PRE-CONSTRUCTION:** All activity in preparation for construction.

**PREMISES:** Any building, lot, parcel of land, or portion of land whether improved or unimproved including adjacent sidewalks and parking strips.

**6PRIORITY HABITAT OF RARE SPECIES:** Habitats delineated for rare plant and animal populations protected pursuant to the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act and its regulations.

**PROCESS WASTEWATER:** Water which, during manufacturing or processing, comes into direct contact with or results from the production or use of any material, intermediate product, finished product, or waste product.

**RECHARGE:** The process by which groundwater is replenished by precipitation through the percolation of runoff and surface water through the soil.

**REDEVELOPMENT:** Development, rehabilitation, expansion, demolition or phased projects that disturb the ground surface, including impervious surfaces, on previously developed sites. The creation of new areas of impervious surface or new areas of land disturbance on a site constitutes development, not redevelopment, even where such activities are part of a common plan which also involves redevelopment. Redevelopment includes maintenance and improvement of existing roadways including widening less than a single lane, adding shoulders, correcting substandard intersections, improving existing drainage systems and repaving; and remedial projects specifically designed to provide improved stormwater management such as projects to separate storm drains and sanitary sewers and stormwater retrofit projects.

**RESPONSIBLE PARTIES:** owner(s), persons with financial responsibility, persons with operational responsibility, and persons with administrative responsibility.

**RUNOFF:** Rainfall, snowmelt, or irrigation water flowing over the ground surface.

**SEDIMENT:** Mineral or organic soil material that is transported by wind or water, from its origin to another location; the product of erosion processes.

**SEDIMENTATION:** The process or act of deposition of sediment.

**SITE:** Any lot or parcel of land or area of property where land-disturbing activities are, were, or will be performed.

**SLOPE:** The incline of a ground surface expressed as a ratio of horizontal distance to vertical distance.

**SOIL:** Any earth, sand, rock, gravel, or similar material.

**STABILIZATION:** The use, singly or in combination, of mechanical, structural, or vegetative methods, to prevent or retard erosion.

**STORMWATER:** Any surface flow, runoff, and drainage consisting entirely of water from any form of natural precipitation, and resulting from such precipitation.

**STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN:** A document containing narrative, drawings and details prepared by a registered professional engineer (PE), a registered professional land surveyor (PLS), or a certified professional in erosion and sedimentation control (CPESC) which includes structural and non-structural best management practices and activities to identify sources of pollution or contamination and the actions to eliminate or reduce pollutant discharges to stormwater, stormwater conveyance systems and/or receiving waters to the maximum extent practicable, and to manage and treat stormwater runoff generated from regulated development activity. A stormwater management plan also includes an Operation and Maintenance Plan describing the maintenance requirements for structural best management practices.

**STRIP:** Any activity which removes the vegetative ground surface cover, including tree removal, clearing, grubbing, and storage or removal of topsoil.

**TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD or TMDL:** A plan required under the Clean Water Act for a pollutant which causes or contributes to a violation of state surface water quality standards in a specific geographic area, and which establishes the maximum amount of that pollutant (referred to as the load allocation and waste load allocation) which may be discharged to the affected waters of the Commonwealth by one or more categories of users without violating state surface water quality standards.

**TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS or TSS:** Material, including but not limited to trash, debris, and sand, suspended in stormwater runoff.

**VERNAL POOLS:** Temporary bodies of freshwater which provide critical habitat for a number of vertebrate and invertebrate wildlife species.

**WASTEWATER:** Any sanitary waste, sludge, or septic tank or cesspool overflow, and water that during manufacturing, cleaning, or processing comes into direct contact with or results from the production or use of any material, intermediate product, finished product,

by-product, or waste product.

**WATERCOURSE:** A natural or man-made channel through which water flows, including a river, brook, stream, underground stream, pond or lake.

**WATERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH:** All waters within the jurisdiction of the commonwealth, including, without limitation, rivers, streams, lakes, ponds, springs, impoundments, estuaries, wetlands, coastal waters, and groundwater.

**WETLAND RESOURCE AREA:** Area specified in the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act M.G.L. c. 131, §40 and in the Town of Fairhaven Wetlands Protection By-law.

**WETLANDS:** Tidal and non-tidal areas characterized by saturated or nearly saturated soils most of the year that are located between terrestrial (land-based) and aquatic (water-based) environments, including freshwater marshes around ponds and channels (rivers and streams), brackish and salt marshes; common names include marshes, swamps and bogs. Freshwater wetland, marsh, bog, wet meadow and swamp are defined in M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, and are collectively known as vegetated wetlands. Credible evidence as to wetland affinities of other vegetation in an area shall be considered in making wetland determinations.

#### §194-4 Applicability.

This By-Law shall apply to land-disturbing activities on any developed and undeveloped land within the jurisdiction of the Town of Fairhaven and water and other materials entering the Town of Fairhaven municipal storm drain system. Land disturbance of 40,000 square feet or more in area is hereby prohibited except in compliance with this Bylaw. The discharge of any substance other than storm water into the municipal storm water system is hereby prohibited except in compliance with this Bylaw.

#### Regulated Land Disturbance Activities –

Regulated activities shall include, but not be limited to:

- (a) Land disturbance of greater than 40,000 square feet, associated with construction or reconstruction of structures.

Development or redevelopment involving multiple separate activities in discontinuous locations or on different schedules if the activities are part of a larger common plan of development that all together disturbs 40,000 square feet or more of land,

Paving, repaving or other change in surface material over an area of 40,000 square feet or more causing a significant reduction of permeability or increase in runoff

Construction of a new drainage system or alteration of an existing drainage system or conveyance serving a drainage area of more than 40,000 square feet,

Any other activity altering the surface of an area exceeding 40,000 square feet that will, or may, result in increased stormwater runoff flowing from the property into a public way or the municipal storm drain system, or

Construction or reconstruction of a structure or structures with more than 40,000 square feet of roof drainage, or combined roof and surface drainage.

Erosion and Sedimentation Control Requirement - A project which includes land

disturbance of less than 40,000 square feet shall be considered to be in conformance with this By-Law if soils or other eroded matter have been or will be prevented from being deposited onto adjacent properties, rights-of-ways, public storm drainage system, or wetland or watercourse. The design, installation, and maintenance of erosion and sediment control operations and facilities shall adhere to the standards specified in the Regulations to this By-Law.

Exempted Projects – Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph A, above, the procedural requirements of this Bylaw shall not apply to activities which have been approved by the Planning Board or the Conservation Commission provided that the applicant has submitted to the Board of Public Works a written determination from the Planning Board or the Conservation Commission that the project complies with the performance standards otherwise required by this Bylaw.

#### Discharge Prohibitions

1. Prohibition of Illegal Discharges: No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged into the municipal storm drain system or watercourses any materials, including but not limited to pollutants or waters containing any pollutants that cause or contribute to a violation of applicable water quality standards, other than storm water. The construction, use, maintenance or continued existence of illicit connections to the storm drain system is prohibited. This prohibition expressly includes, without limitation, illicit connections made in the past, regardless of whether the connection was permissible under law or practices applicable or prevailing at the time of connection. A person is considered to be in violation of this bylaw if the person connects a line conveying sewage to the MS4, or allows such a connection to continue. The commencement, conduct or continuance of any illegal discharge to the storm drain system is prohibited except as described as follows:

Water line flushing;

Flow from other potable water sources;

Landscape irrigation or lawn watering;

Diverted stream flows;

Rising ground water;

Uncontaminated groundwater infiltration as defined in 40 CFR 35.2005(20);

Uncontaminated pumped groundwater (e.g. sump pump) provided that where a pump intake exists inside a structure, the operator seeks a permit from the Board of Public Works prior to discharge and thereafter discharges in accordance with the requirements of the permit and applicable laws and regulations;

Water from exterior foundation drains, footing drains (not including active groundwater dewatering systems), crawl space pumps, or air conditioning condensation;

Non-commercial washing of vehicles;

Springs, natural riparian habitat or wetland flows;

Discharge from swimming pool water (if dechlorinated - typically less than one ppm chlorine) provided the water is allowed to stand for one week prior to draining and the pool is drained in such a way as not to cause a nuisance;

Discharge from street sweeping;

Firefighting activities;

Dye testing is an allowable discharge, but requires a verbal notification to the Board of Public Works prior to the time of the test;

Discharges specified in writing by the Board of Public Works as being necessary to protect public health, safety, welfare, or the environment; and

The prohibition shall not apply to any non-storm water discharge permitted under an NPDES permit, waiver, or waste discharge order issued to the discharger and administered under the authority of the Federal Environmental Protection Agency, provided that the discharge is in full compliance with all requirements of the permit, waiver, or order and other applicable laws and regulations, and provided that written approval has been granted for any discharge to the storm drain system.

#### Suspension of MS4 Access

Suspension due to the Detection of Illicit Discharge. Any person discharging to the MS4 in violation of this bylaw may have their MS4 access terminated if such termination would abate or reduce an illicit discharge. The Board of Public Works will notify a violator of the proposed termination of its MS4 access. Suspension due to Illicit Discharges in Emergency Situations. The violator may petition the Board of Public Works for a reconsideration and hearing. Any person commits an offense if the person reinstates MS4 access to premises terminated pursuant to this Section, without the prior approval of the Board of Public Works.

The Board of Public Works may, without prior notice, suspend MS4 discharge access to a person when such suspension is necessary to stop an actual or threatened discharge which presents or may present imminent and substantial danger to the environment, or to the health or welfare of persons, or to the MS4 or waters of the United States. If the violator fails to comply with a suspension order issued in an emergency, the Board of Public Works may take such steps as deemed necessary to prevent or minimize damage to the MS4 or waters of the United States, or to minimize danger to persons.

Industrial or Construction Activity Discharges: Any person subject to an industrial or construction activity NPDES stormwater discharge permit shall comply with all provisions of such permit. Proof of compliance with said permit may be required in a form acceptable to the Board of Public Works prior to the allowing of discharges to the MS4.

Exempt Activities - The following activities are exempt from the requirements of this By-Law:

Normal maintenance and improvement of land in agricultural use as defined by the Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L Chapter 131 §40) and its associated Regulations (310 CMR 10.00).

Repair of septic systems when required by the Board of Health for the protection of public health and compliance with Section 4, Paragraph B.

Normal maintenance of existing landscaping, gardens or lawn areas associated with a single family dwelling provided such maintenance does not include the addition of more than 50 cubic yards of soil material, construction of any walls, alteration of existing grades by more than one foot in elevation, or alteration of drainage patterns.

The construction of fencing that will not alter existing terrain or drainage patterns.

Construction of utilities other than drainage (gas, water, electric, telephone, etc.) that will not alter terrain or drainage patterns.

#### §194-5 Administration.

The Board of Public Works shall administer, implement and enforce this By-Law. Any powers granted to or duties imposed upon the Board of Public Works through this By-



Law may be delegated in writing by the Board of Public Works to its employees or agents.

#### §194-6 Regulations.

The Board of Public Works may adopt, and periodically amend rules, regulations, and/or written guidance to effectuate the purposes of this By-Law. Failure by the Board of Public Works to promulgate such rules and regulations, or a legal declaration of their invalidity by a court, shall not act to suspend or invalidate the effect of this By-Law.

Such regulations, rules or guidance may include without limitation, provisions for the establishment of one or more categories of administrative review approvals for specific types or sizes of projects. Administrative review applications that meet all the standard requirements may be issued by one or more agents designated in writing by the Board of Public Works, without the requirement for a public hearing as detailed in this bylaw. Administrative review approval shall comply with all other provisions of this Bylaw.

#### §194-7 Land Disturbance Permits.

Permit issuance is required prior to any activity disturbing 40,000 or more square feet of land. The site owner or his agent shall apply for the permit with the Board of Public Works. While application may be made by a representative, the permitted must be the owner of the site.

Applications - An application shall be made to the Board of Public Works in a form and containing information as specified in this By-Law and in the Regulations adopted by the Board of Public Works and shall be accompanied by payment of the appropriate application and review fees.

Fees - Fees shall be established by Board of Public Works to cover expenses connected with public notice, application review, and monitoring permit compliance. The fee shall be sufficient to also cover professional review. The Board of Public Works is authorized to retain a Registered Professional Engineer or other professional consultant to advise the Board of Public Works on any or all aspects of these plans. Applicants must pay review fees before the review process may begin.

Information Requests - The Board of Public Works may request such additional information as is necessary to enable the Board of Public Works to determine whether the proposed land disturbance activity will protect water resources and comply with the requirements of this By-Law.

Determination of Completeness - The Board of Public Works shall make a determination as to the completeness of the application and adequacy of the materials submitted. No review shall take place until the application has been found to be complete.

Coordination with Other Boards - On receipt of a complete application for a Land Disturbance Permit the Board of Public Works shall distribute one copy each to the Planning Board, Department of Public Works, Board of Health, and the Building Inspector for review and comment. Said agencies shall, in their discretion, investigate the case and report their recommendations to the Board of Public Works. The Board of Public Works shall not hold a hearing on the Land Disturbance Permit until it has received reports from said agencies or until said agencies have allowed forty-five (45) days to elapse after receipt of the application materials without submission of a report thereon.

Entry - Filing an application for a land disturbance permit grants the Board of Public Works or its agent, permission to enter the site to verify the information in the application



and to inspect for compliance with permit conditions, to the extent permitted by law.

Hearing – Once in receipt of a complete application for a Land Disturbance Permit, the Board of Public Works shall hold a public hearing and shall take final action within ninety (90) days from the close of the hearing unless such time is extended by agreement between the applicant and the Board of Public Works. Notice of the public hearing shall, at least seven (7) business days prior to said hearing, be given by publication in a local paper of general circulation, and by posting. The Board of Public Works shall be responsible for publishing the notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the city or town once in each of two successive weeks, the first publication to be not less than fourteen days before the day of said hearing, and posting the notice at the Town Hall. The Board of Public Works shall make the application available for inspection by the public during business hours at their Town of Fairhaven Office.

Action - The Board of Public Works may:

Approve the Application and issue a permit if it finds that the proposed plan will protect water resources and complies with the requirements of this By-Law;

Approve the Application and issue a permit with conditions, modifications or restrictions that the Board of Public Works determines are required to ensure that the project will protect water resources and complies with the requirements of this By-Law; or

Disapprove the application and deny a permit if it finds that the proposed plan will not protect water resources or fails to meet the objectives of and to comply with the requirements of this By-Law. If the Board of Public Works finds that the applicant has submitted insufficient information to describe the site, the work, or the effect of the work on water quality and runoff volume, the Board of Public Works may disapprove the application, denying a permit

Project Changes - The permittee, or his or her agent, must notify the agent of the Board of Public Works in writing of any change or alteration of a land-disturbing activity before the change or alteration occurs. If the agent of the Board of Public Works determines that the change or alteration is significant, the agent of the Board of Public Works may require that an amended application or a full application be filed in accordance with this Section. If any change or alteration from the Land Disturbance Permit occurs during land disturbing activities, the agent of the Board of Public Works may require the installation of interim erosion and sedimentation control measures before approving the change or alteration

Waivers

Following a public hearing on a waiver request, the Board of Public Works may waive strict compliance with any requirement of this bylaw or the rules and regulations promulgated hereunder, where:

Such action is allowed by federal, state, and local statutes and/or regulations; and

Is in the public interest; and

Is not inconsistent with the purpose and intent of this bylaw.

Any applicant must submit a written request to be granted such a waiver. Such a request shall be accompanied by an explanation or documentation supporting the waiver request and demonstrating that strict application of the bylaw does not further the purposes or objectives of this bylaw.

All waiver requests shall be discussed and voted on at the public hearing for the project. If in the Board of Public Works's opinion, additional time or information is required for review of a waiver request, the Board of Public Works may continue a hearing to a certain

date announced at the meeting. In the event the applicant objects to a continuance, or fails to provide requested information, the waiver request shall be denied.

**§194-8 Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan.**

The erosion and sediment control plan should include a written description of the plan as well as an emergency response outline (including response phone numbers) and a maintenance schedule. The plan shall meet the following objectives and criteria:

1. Keep disturbed areas small: No more than 60 feet in width and 100 feet in length of a single lot, or five acres of the overall tract at one time. Said plan shall identify design issues and methods employed to address such items as; topography, soils, vegetation, steep slopes, wetlands and waterbodies; Stabilize and protect disturbed areas quickly: Exposed areas and stockpiles shall be re- vegetated within 40 days of being exposed. The Board of Public Works, depending on weather conditions, may require slope and stockpile stabilization sooner. Methods for stabilizing disturbed areas include mechanical, structural, and vegetative. In some cases, some or all of these methods should be combined in order to retard erosion. These methods shall be identified in the erosion and sedimentation control plan.

Keep stormwater runoff velocities low: Velocities of runoff should be in the range of two to 10 feet per second. The removal of the existing vegetative cover during the development and the resulting increase in impermeable surface area after development will increase both the volume and velocity of runoff. These increases must be taken into account when providing for erosion control.

Protect disturbed areas from stormwater runoff: Conservation measures can be utilized to prevent water from entering and running over the disturbed area. Diversions and other control practices to intercept runoff from higher elevations, store or divert it away from vulnerable areas, and direct it towards stabilized outlets should be utilized. Selected measures should be identified on the plan and in text.

Retain sediment within site area: The best way to control sediment is to prevent erosion; however, sediment can be retained by two methods:

- (a) Filtering runoff as it flows and detaining sediment; or
- (b) Detain runoff for a period of time so that the soil particles settle out.

**§194-9 Stormwater Management Plan.**

The Stormwater Management Plan shall contain sufficient information to describe the nature and purpose of the proposed development, pertinent conditions of the site and the adjacent areas, and proposed best management practices for the permanent management and treatment of stormwater. The Stormwater Management Plan shall contain sufficient information for the Board of Public Works to evaluate the environmental impact, effectiveness, and acceptability of the measures proposed by the applicant for reducing adverse impacts from stormwater. The Plan shall be designed to meet the Massachusetts Stormwater Management Standards set forth in the Massachusetts Stormwater

Management Policy and DEP Stormwater Management Handbook Volumes I and II. The Stormwater Management Plan shall fully describe the project in drawings, and narrative. The applicant shall submit such material as is required for the administration of this By-Law.

#### §194-10 Operation and Maintenance Plans.

An Operation and Maintenance Plan - (O&M Plan) for the permanent storm water management system is required at the time of application for all projects. The maintenance plan shall be designed to ensure compliance with this By-Law and that the Massachusetts Surface Water Quality Standards contained in 314 CMR 4.00 are met in all seasons and throughout the life of the system. The Operation and Maintenance plan shall include any requirements deemed necessary by the Board of Public Works to insure compliance with said plan, including without limitation a covenant. The Board of Public Works shall make the final decision of what maintenance option is appropriate in a given situation. The Board of Public Works will consider natural features, proximity of site to water bodies and wetlands, extent of impervious surfaces, size of the site, the types of stormwater management structures, and potential need for ongoing maintenance activities when making this decision. Once approved by the Board of Public Works the Operation and Maintenance Plan shall be recorded at the Bristol County Registry of Deeds by the permittee, shall run with the land, shall remain on file with the Board of Public Works and shall be an ongoing requirement. The Operation and Maintenance Plan shall conform to the requirements listed in the Regulations adopted by the Board of Public Works for the administration of this By-Law. Stormwater management easements shall be provided by the property owner(s) in areas and as necessary to carry out the required maintenance.

#### Changes to Operation and Maintenance Plans

The owner(s) of the stormwater management system must notify the Board of Public Works or its agent of changes in ownership or assignment of financial responsibility. The maintenance schedule in the Maintenance Agreement may be amended to achieve the purposes of this By-Law by mutual agreement of the Board of Public Works and the Responsible Parties. Amendments must be in writing and signed by all Responsible Parties

#### §194-11 Inspection and Site Supervision.

Preconstruction Meeting - Prior to clearing, excavation, construction, or any land disturbing activity requiring a permit, the applicant, the applicant's technical representative, the general contractor, pertinent subcontractors, and any person with authority to make changes to the project, shall meet with the Board of Public Works or its designated agent to review the permitted plans and proposed implementation.

Commission Inspection - The Board of Public Works or its designated agent shall make inspections as hereinafter required and shall either approve that portion of the work completed or shall notify the permittee wherein the work fails to comply with the approved plans and any conditions of approval. One copy of the approved plans and conditions of approval, signed by the Board of Public Works shall be maintained at the site during the progress of the work. In order to obtain inspections, the permittee shall notify the Agent of the Board of Public Works at least three (3) working days before each of the following events:

Erosion and sediment control measures are in place and stabilized;  
Rough Grading has been substantially completed;  
Final Grading has been substantially completed;  
Bury Inspection: prior to backfilling of any underground drainage or stormwater conveyance structures.

Close of the Construction Season; and

Final landscaping (permanent stabilization) and project final completion.

Permittee Inspections - The permittee or his/her agent shall conduct and document inspections of all control measures no less than weekly or as specified in the permit, and prior to and following anticipated storm events. The purpose of such inspections will be to determine the overall effectiveness of the control plan, and the need for maintenance or additional control measures. The permittee or his/her agent shall submit monthly reports to the Board of Public Works or designated agent in a format approved by the Board of Public Works. The Board of Public Works may require, as a condition of approval, that an Environmental Site Monitor, approved by the Board of Public Works, be retained by the applicant to conduct such inspections and prepare and submit such reports to the Board of Public Works or its designated agent.

Access Permission - To the extent permitted by law, or if authorized by the owner or other party in control of the property, the Board of Public Works, its agents, officers, and employees upon privately owned property for the purpose of performing their duties under this By-Law and may make or cause to be made such examinations, surveys or sampling as the Board of Public Works deems reasonably necessary to determine compliance with the permit.

#### §194-12 Surety.

The Board of Public Works may require the permittee to post before the start of land disturbance activity, a surety bond, irrevocable letter of credit, cash, or other acceptable security. The form of the bond shall be approved by town counsel, and be in an amount deemed sufficient by the Board of Public Works to insure that the work will be completed in accordance with the permit. If the project is phased, the Board of Public Works may release part of the bond as each phase is completed in compliance with the permit but the bond may not be fully released until the Board of Public Works has received the final report as required by Section 13 and issued a certificate of completion.

#### §194-13 Final Reports.

Upon completion of the work, the permittee shall submit a report (including certified as-built construction plans) from a Registered Professional Engineer (P.E.), Registered Professional Land Surveyor (PLS), or a certified professional in erosion and sedimentation control (CPESC) certifying that all erosion and sedimentation control devices, and approved changes and modifications, have been completed in accordance with the conditions of the approved Land Disturbance permit. Any discrepancies should be noted in the cover letter.

#### §194-14 Certificate of Completion.

The Board of Public Works will issue a Certificate of Completion upon receipt and approval of the final reports and/or upon otherwise determining that all work of the Land

Disturbance permit has been satisfactorily completed in conformance with this By-Law. The Certificate of Completion shall be recorded at the Registry of Deeds by the Owner(s).

#### §194-15 Monitoring of Discharges

**Applicability.** This section applies to all facilities that have storm water discharges associated with industrial activity, including construction activity.

**Access to Facilities.**

The Board of Public Works shall be permitted to enter and inspect facilities subject to regulation under this bylaw as often as may be necessary to determine compliance with this bylaw. If a discharger has security measures in force which require proper identification and clearance before entry into its premises, the discharger shall make the necessary arrangements to allow access to representatives of the Board of Public Works. Facility operators shall allow the Board of Public Works ready access to all parts of the premises for the purposes of inspection, sampling, examination and copying of records that must be kept under the conditions of an NPDES permit to discharge storm water, and the performance of any additional duties as defined by state and federal law.

The Board of Public Works shall have the right to set up on any permitted facility such devices as are necessary in the opinion of the Board of Public Works to conduct monitoring and/or sampling of the facility's storm water discharge.

The Board of Public Works has the right to require the discharger to install monitoring equipment as necessary. The facility's sampling and monitoring equipment shall be maintained at all times in a safe and proper operating condition by the discharger at its own expense. All devices used to measure stormwater flow and quality shall be calibrated to ensure their accuracy.

Any temporary or permanent obstruction to safe and easy access to the facility to be inspected and/or sampled shall be promptly removed by the operator at the written or oral request of the Board of Public Works and shall not be replaced. The costs of clearing such access shall be borne by the operator.

Unreasonable delays in allowing the Board of Public Works access to a permitted facility is a violation of a storm water discharge permit and of this bylaw. A person who is the operator of a facility with a NPDES permit to discharge storm water associated with industrial activity commits an offense if the person denies the Board of Public Works reasonable access to the permitted facility for the purpose of conducting any activity authorized or required by this bylaw.

If the Board of Public Works has been refused access to any part of the premises from which stormwater is discharged, and he/she is able to demonstrate probable cause to believe that there may be a violation of this bylaw, or that there is a need to inspect and/or sample as part of a routine inspection and sampling program designed to verify compliance with this bylaw or any order issued hereunder, or to protect the overall public health, safety, and welfare of the community, then the Board of Public Works may seek issuance of a search warrant from any court of competent jurisdiction.

#### §194-16 Requirement to Prevent, Control, and Reduce **Stormwater Pollutants by the Use of Best Management Practices.**

The Board of Public Works will adopt requirements identifying Best Management Practices for any activity, operation, or facility which may cause or contribute to pollution

or contamination of storm water, the storm drain system, or waters of the U.S. The owner or operator of a commercial or industrial establishment shall provide, at their own expense, reasonable protection from accidental discharge of prohibited materials or other wastes into the municipal storm drain system or watercourses through the use of these structural and non-structural BMPs. Further, any person responsible for a property or premise, which is, or may be, the source of an illicit discharge, may be required to implement, at said person's expense, additional structural and non-structural BMPs to prevent the further discharge of pollutants to the municipal separate storm sewer system. Compliance with all terms and conditions of a valid NPDES permit authorizing the discharge of storm water associated with industrial activity, to the extent practicable, shall be deemed compliance with the provisions of this section. These BMPs shall be part of a stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP) as necessary for compliance with requirements of the NPDES permit.

#### §194-17 Watercourse Protection.

Every person owning property through which a watercourse passes, or such person's lessee, shall keep and maintain that part of the watercourse within the property free of trash, debris, excessive vegetation, and other obstacles that would pollute, contaminate, or significantly retard the flow of water through the watercourse. In addition, the owner or lessee shall maintain existing privately owned structures within or adjacent to a watercourse, so that such structures will not become a hazard to the use, function, or physical integrity of the watercourse.

#### §194-18 Notification of Spills.

Notwithstanding other requirements of law, as soon as any person responsible for a facility or operation, or responsible for emergency response for a facility or operation has information of any known or suspected release of materials which are resulting or may result in illegal discharges or pollutants discharging into storm water, the storm drain system, or water of the U.S. said person shall take all necessary steps to ensure the discovery, containment, and cleanup of such release. In the event of such a release of hazardous materials said person shall immediately notify emergency response agencies of the occurrence via emergency dispatch services. In the event of a release of non-hazardous materials, said person shall notify the Board of Public Works in person or by phone or facsimile no later than the next business day. Notifications in person or by phone shall be confirmed by written notice addressed and mailed to the Board of Public Works within three business days of the phone notice. If the discharge of prohibited materials emanates from a commercial or industrial establishment, the owner or operator of such establishment shall also retain an on-site written record of the discharge and the actions taken to prevent its recurrence. Such records shall be retained for at least three years.

#### §194-19 Enforcement.

The Board of Public Works or an authorized agent of the Board of Public Works shall enforce this By-Law, regulations, orders, violation notices, and enforcement orders, and may pursue all civil and criminal remedies for such violations.

Orders - The Board of Public Works or an authorized agent of the Board of Public Works



may issue a written order to enforce the provisions of this By-Law or the regulations thereunder, which may include:

A requirement to cease and desist from the violating activity until there is compliance with the By-Law and any existing permits

Maintenance, installation or performance of additional erosion and sedimentation control measures;

Monitoring, analyses, and reporting

Remediation of erosion and sedimentation resulting directly or indirectly from the land-disturbing activity

The elimination of illicit connections or discharges

The abatement or remediation of stormwater pollution or contamination hazards and the restoration of any affected property

If the enforcing person determines that abatement or remediation of erosion and sedimentation, stormwater pollution or contamination hazards is required, the order shall set forth a deadline by which such abatement or remediation must be completed. Said order shall further advise that, should the violator or property owner fail to abate or perform remediation within the specified deadline, the Town of Fairhaven may, at its option, undertake such work, and the property owner shall reimburse the Town's expenses.

Within thirty (30) days after completing all measures necessary to abate the violation or to perform remediation, the violator and the property owner shall be notified of the costs incurred by the Town of Fairhaven, including administrative costs. The violator or property owner may file a written protest objecting to the amount or basis of costs with the Board of Public Works within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notification of the costs incurred. If the amount due is not received by the expiration of the time in which to file a protest or within thirty (30) days following a decision of the Board of Public Works affirming or reducing the costs, or from a final decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, the costs shall become a special assessment against the property owner and shall constitute a lien on the owner's property for the amount of said costs.

**Criminal Penalty** - Any person who violates any provision of this By-Law, regulation, order or permit issued thereunder, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$ 300.00 for each offense. Each day or part thereof that such violation occurs or continues shall constitute a separate offense.

**Non-Criminal Disposition** - As an alternative to criminal prosecution or civil action, the Town of Fairhaven may elect to utilize the non-criminal disposition procedure in which case the Board of Public Works or authorized agent shall be the enforcing person. The penalty for each violation shall be \$300.00. Each day or part thereof that such violation occurs or continues shall constitute a separate offense.

**Appeals** - All decisions or orders of the Board of Public Works shall be final. Further relief shall be to a court of competent jurisdiction.

**Remedies Not Exclusive** - The remedies listed in this By-Law are not exclusive of any other remedies available under any applicable federal, state or local law.

§194-20 Compliance with the provisions of EPAs General Permit for MS4s in Massachusetts.

This bylaw shall be implemented by the Board of Public Works in accordance with the requirements of EPA's most recent General Permit for MS4s in Massachusetts relating to illicit connections and discharges, construction site runoff, and post-construction stormwater management. The Board of Public Works shall include these requirements in any Regulations that it issues. The Board of Public Works may establish additional requirements by Regulation to further the purposes and objectives of this bylaw so long as they are not less stringent than those in the MS4 General Permit for Massachusetts.

§194-21 Severability.

If any provision, paragraph, sentence, or clause of this By-Law or the application thereof to any person, establishment or circumstance shall be held invalid for any reason, all other provisions shall continue in full force and effect to the extent permitted by law.

### **ARTICLE 13 HISTORIC SITE REUSE SPECIAL PERMIT**

By 2/3rds vote, the town voted to amend the zoning by-law by adding a special permit authorizing the reuse of certain historic sites. The purpose of the by-law is to promote the preservation of historic sites by allowing adaptive reuse of historic buildings. The proposed by-law will identify the special permit granting authority which will have authority to issue a special permit appropriate to make feasible the preservation and reuse of eligible historic sites, or take any other action thereto.

#### **“HISTORIC SITE REUSE SPECIAL PERMIT”**

##### **PART 1**

Chapter 198, Section to be determined:

##### **Purpose**

The purpose of the Historic Site Reuse Special Permit is to promote the adaptive reuse of eligible municipally owned buildings no longer used by the Town for municipal purposes for residential use that protects the historic character by modifying those general zoning regulations including parking and loading, lot and building dimensions, density and use limitations, which would otherwise make such preservation infeasible, while protecting the health, welfare, aesthetics and character of the neighboring community.

##### **Eligible Building and Lot**

Any municipally owned building constructed before 1920 and no longer used by the Town for municipal purposes will be eligible for consideration for a special permit under this section.

The lot on which an eligible building is situated, and any adjoining lots which were used in common with the eligible building for its principal municipal use shall be eligible for a Historic Site Reuse Special Permit.

##### **Special Permit Granting Authority**

The special permit granting authority shall be the Planning Board.

##### **Application and Fee**



The applicant shall submit to the Planning Board a hardcopy original and a digital copy of the special permit application along with ten hardcopy prints and a digital copy of the proposed project plans, including the site plan for the property subject to the Special Permit, and construction plans sufficient in detail to show all proposed modifications to existing zoning requirements.

The application and plans shall provide:

A statement of the facts supporting the eligibility of the subject building for Special Permit;

A description of the proposed project including the planned alteration or reconstruction of the eligible building, the planned alteration, reconstruction or construction of any other structures and the proposed uses.

A detailed statement of all proposed modifications to zoning bylaw requirements.

An analysis of the project prepared by a qualified professional Massachusetts licensed architect or Massachusetts licensed engineer addressing the feasibility of the project; the reason modification of zoning regulations is needed to make the project feasible; and the impact of each of those modifications on the neighboring community.

A description of the proposed plans for preservation of the historic building and site, including plans for maintenance and the financial mechanism for the cost of maintenance. A proposal, with draft legal documentation, to provide assurance of the continued maintenance of the historic building and site, specifically granting the Town of Fairhaven standing and authority to enforce continued protection and maintenance of the historic site.

The plans shall provide:

Actual dimensions of the lot or lots subject to the proposed special permit.

All easements existing or proposed.

Location and size of existing and proposed structures, including any existing structures within 300 feet of the site.

Name, width and condition of all abutting streets.

All proposed parking and driveway areas, including curbing and planting islands.

Existing and proposed topography at two-foot minimum contours.

Existing and proposed water, sanitary and storm drainage facilities noting any new construction and/or new impervious surface area and areas that may be subject to Storm Water Regulations.

Detailed elevation drawings of all existing and proposed buildings.

The stamp and seal of the design professional responsible for the plans.

The applicant shall pay a fee, in an amount determined by the Planning Board, sufficient to pay the cost to the Planning Board of professional services for review and advice concerning the proposal.

#### Interdepartmental Communication

The Planning Board shall submit a copy of the application and the plans to the Building Department, the Fairhaven Historical Commission, the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Public Works, and the Fire Department and any other Boards as appropriate. Comments by any board should be submitted to the Planning Board for inclusion in the Special Permit application record. If no comment is made by one of these Boards to the Planning Board within 30 days of receipt, no objection by the recipient board shall be assumed.

## Public Hearing

The Planning Board shall hold a public hearing in conformance with MGL 40A Section 9 and Special Permit public hearing notification requirements of MGL 40 Section 11 on the application for special permit within 65 days of submission to the Board, and a decision will be rendered by the Board within 90 days following the date of the hearing.

## Issuance of Special Permit

A Special Permit for Historic Site Reuse may be issued under this section by a two-thirds vote of the Planning Board upon a determination by the Board that the proposed structures and uses are in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the zoning by-laws, protects the essence of the historical property and the particular purpose and intent of this section, and conditioned on the following standards being met by the proposed project:

The eligible building may be used for multi-family residential use.

The frontage and side setback for the eligible building will be those in existence prior to any alteration which may be allowed by the Special Permit.

Any addition to the historic building shall be at the rear of the building opposite the primary fronting street line, and facing the primary rear lot line. (For purposes of this provision the side lines of corner lots shall not be considered front or rear lot lines.) The lot size, building lot coverage and yard dimension requirements may be decreased by up to 20% on the primary lot with the historic building on it in order to make any such addition to the historic building feasible.

Any new lots and their development areas which may be created and allowed by the Special Permit shall be similar to the existing average size of lots of the surrounding neighborhood, which shall include abutting lots, and opposing lots on fronting street lines (even if the average lot size does not conform to existing zoning).

Any new residential structures shall not be larger than the average size of the existing houses in the surrounding neighborhood, which shall include abutting lots, and opposing lots on fronting street lines.

Unless expressly waived by the Planning Board, the off-street parking requirements to service the eligible historic building will be the existing parking prior to any alteration, or the requirements found in Fairhaven Zoning Chapter 198, Section 27, Part B.1 A and B (Two bedrooms or more - two (2) parking spaces; less than two bedrooms - one parking space).

Unless expressly waived by the Planning Board, the off-street parking requirements to service any new residential structures which may be allowed by special permit will be the requirements set forth in this by-law, or the average off-street parking on those developed properties abutting the eligible lot, whichever is less.

The property for which a special permit is granted pursuant to this section shall not be subject to the requirements of §§198-27 (Parking; loading and landscaping) and 198-29 (SP for non-residential and multifamily) of this zoning by-law.

The applicant shall enter into protective covenants or other legal devices to preserve and maintain the exterior, and to the extent the Planning Board deems appropriate, the interior historic integrity and character of the eligible building.

The applicant shall enter into appropriate covenants or otherwise guarantee timely completion of the proposed work that preserves and maintains the historic character of

the eligible building.  
The board may impose such other conditions as it deems proper to ensure compliance with the purpose of this article.

PART 2  
Add the following sentence to §198-15 C (1):  
“The Planning Board shall be the special permit granting authority for special permits for historic site reuse.”

PART 3  
Add the following line to §198-16 under other principal uses:

	RR-RA	RB	RC	P	B	D	AG	WRP
Historic Site Reuse	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A

PART 4  
Add the following new subsection to §198-17  
D. Developments using the Historical Site Reuse Special Permit (Chapter 98 Section TBD) intensity of use requirements for eligible buildings and lots shall be governed by the provisions of the Historical Site Reuse Special Permit section and the terms of a special permit granted thereunder.”

Motion to adjourn sine die at 1:05 on Saturday, May 4, 2019. Seconded

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carolyn Hurley – Town Clerk

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – NOVEMBER 12, 2019  
WALTER SILVEIRA AUDITORIUM – ELIZABETH HASTINGS  
MIDDLE SCHOOL  
TOWN MEETING MEMBERS PRESENT 122 – QUORUM  
REQUIRED 100**

Meeting called to order by the Moderator at 7:00 PM.

Moderator stated that the Warrant had 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 articles by number and title only.

Seconded

Town Meeting Members present:	Precinct 1 – 27
	Precinct 2 – 23
	Precinct 3 – 13
	Precinct 4 – 21
	Precinct 5 – 20
	Precinct 6 – 18
	TOTAL 122

**ARTICLE 1 - FUNDING LABOR CONTRACTS-FY20**

By majority vote, the Town voted to fund labor contracts for the Fire, Police and Sewer Unions as follows:

Fire Department Salaries and Wages - \$62,648 be transferred from FY20 Wage and Salary Reserve.

Sewer Department Salaries and Wages - \$54,163 be transferred from Sewer Enterprise Fund, Retained Earnings.

Police Department - \$68,591 be transferred from FY20 Wage and Salary Reserve.

**ARTICLE 2 - BILLS OF PRIOR YEARS**

By 9/10th vote, the Town voted to authorize the payment of the following bills of the Prior Years as follows:

New Bedford Harbor Development Committee: \$4,070 from General Fund Surplus Revenue.

Thomas P Crotty & Associates: \$4,240 from General Fund Surplus Revenue.

Clifford and Kenny, LLP: \$2,581 from General Fund Surplus Revenue.

Town of Mattapoisett: \$6,980 from Water Retained Earnings.

**ARTICLE 3. AMEND FY 20 GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET**

By majority vote, the Town voted to amend Article 14 of the May 4, 2019 Annual Town Meeting "General Fund Operating Budget-FY20" as follows:

- 1) Raise and appropriate \$1,000 to be added to Town Clerk/Elections, Salaries and Wages
- 2) Raise and appropriate \$2,000 to be added to Marine Resources, Operating Expenses
- 3) Raise and appropriate \$10,000 to be added to Fire Department, Operating Expenses
- 4) Raise and appropriate \$220,000 to be added to Fairhaven Public Schools
- 5) Raise and appropriate \$7,606 to be added to Public Works Adm, Salaries and Wages
- 6) Raise and appropriate \$100,000 to be added to Wind Turbine Electric Expense

#### ARTICLE 4 – AMENDED FY 20 GENERAL FUND CAPITAL BUDGET

By majority vote, the Town voted to amend Article 17 of the May 4, 2019 Annual Town Meeting “General Fund Capital Budget-FY20” by adding the following capital projects

N. Police Department- Equipment and Weapons Storage Lockers:  
\$26,000 to be transferred from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash)

O. Fire Department-Patient Transport Stretchers for Ambulances:  
\$38,416 to be transferred from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash)

P. Central Fire Station/Polling Location-Handicap Access:  
\$17, 000 to be transferred from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash)

Q. Town Hall-Handicap Access: An amount not to exceed \$140,000 be transferred from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash)

#### ARTICLE 5 – AMENDED FY 20 AMBULANCE STABILIZATION FUND

By majority vote, the Town voted to amend Article 21 of the May 4, 2019 Annual Town Meeting “Ambulance Stabilization –FY20” by increasing the amount to be transferred from Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation from \$50,000 to \$65,000 or take any other action relative thereto.

#### ARTICLE 6 - AMENDED FY 20 SOCIAL DAY CARE CENTER

By majority vote, the Town voted to amend Article 27 of the May 4, 2019 Annual Town Meeting “Social Day Care Center–FY20” by increasing the amount authorized to expended from the grant account known as “Receipts Reserved for Appropriation for Fairhaven Supportive Social Day Program” from \$160,000 to \$175,000.

#### ARTICLE 7 - FUNDING FOR MS4 STORM WATER MANAGEMENT COMPLIANCE

By majority vote, the Town voted to transfer from General Fund Surplus Revenue \$50,000 to fund compliance work related to the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit requirements.

#### ARTICLE 8 - FUNDING FOR REPAIRS TO PILGRIM AVE. FORCE MAIN

By majority vote, the Town voted to transfer the sum of \$40, 000 from Sewer Retained Earnings to pay for the repair of the Pilgrim Avenue force main.

#### ARTICLE 9 - FUNDING FOR MUNICIPAL BROADBAND NETWORK

## CONSULTANT

By majority vote, the Town voted the sum of \$65,000 be transferred from the Town of Fairhaven Cable Television Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings for funding a municipal broadband network consultant.

## ARTICLE 10 – FUNDING FOR LAND ACQUISITION AND PRELIMINARY DESIGN/ENGINEERING

### WORK FOR PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY

MOVED TO PASS OVER

## ARTICLE 11 - CONVEYANCE OF A PORTION OF PARK LAND AND CORRESPONDING DEDICATION

### OF OTHER LAND TO PARK USE

By majority vote, the Town voted to amend its previous vote under Article 52 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 6, 2017, by revoking its approval of Part B of that article, and in its place approving the following:

“B.) To dedicate to park use a parcel of land owned by the Town and described as follows: The property at 87 Main Street, Fairhaven, appearing as Lot 50 on Fairhaven Assessors’ Map 11, and more fully described in a deed, which was recorded on November 16, 1992, in the Bristol County (SD) Registry of Deeds at Book 2934, Page 9. The subject property was by the Town of Fairhaven for non-payment of taxes by an Instrument of Taking, recorded on January 4, 1996, in the Bristol County (SD) Registry of Deeds at Book 3593, Page 103, and a subsequent Judgment in Tax Lien Case recorded on January 6, 2014, in the Bristol County (SD) Registry of Deeds at Book 10987, Page 180.”

## ARTICLE 12 - MUNICIPAL LIEN FOR STORM WATER COSTS

By majority vote, the Town voted to provide that costs incurred by the Town to remedy violations of the stormwater management bylaw are collectible as liens against the subject property, by adding to Section 194-19(B) (3) the following:

“such special assessment shall constitute a lien for the purpose of G.L. c. 40 § 58.”

## ARTICLE 13 - SPECIAL SURETY ACCOUNTS

By majority vote, the Town voted to amend the town bylaws by adding the following section:

“Sec \_\_\_\_\_: Special Surety Accounts

The Town, acting through any officer or board authorized by law, may provide by rule, regulation or contract for the deposit of cash, bonds, negotiable securities, sureties or other financial guarantees to secure the performance of any obligation by an applicant as a condition of a license, permit or other approval or authorization, and the monies or other security received may be deposited in a special account. Such rule, regulation or contract shall specify: (1) the type of financial guarantees required; (2) the treatment of investment earnings, if any; (3) the performance required and standards for determining satisfactory completion or default; (4) the procedures the applicant must follow to obtain a return of the monies or other security; (5) the use of monies in the account upon default; and (6) any other conditions or rules as the city or town determines are reasonable to ensure

compliance with the obligations. Any such account shall be established by the Town treasurer in the Town treasury and shall be kept separate and apart from other monies. Monies in the special account may be expended by the authorized board, commission, department or officer, without further appropriation, to complete the work or perform the obligations, as provided in the rule, regulation or contract. This section shall not apply to deposits or other financial surety received under section 81U of chapter 41 of the general laws, or other general or special law.”

#### ARTICLE 14 - OFFICE HOURS ON WEEKDAYS AND SATURDAY

By majority vote, the Town voted to amend the town bylaws and to accept M.G.L. c. 41 § 110A, by striking therefrom § 56-11, and inserting in its place the following:

##### “§ 56-11: Office Hours

The public offices of the Town shall remain open on all weekdays, except legal holidays, and as otherwise directed by the Town Administrator.

The public offices of the Town shall remain closed on all Saturdays, and the provisions of section nine of chapter four shall apply in the case of such closing of any such office on any Saturday to the same extent as if such Saturday were a legal holiday.”

#### ARTICLE 15 - CHANGING DOG LICENSE PERIOD

By majority vote, the Town voted to change the period of licensure for dog licenses from April 1 through March 31 to January 1, 2019 by amending Chapter 87-8 of the Town Code by deleting “(the time between April 1 and the following March of any year, both dates inclusive)” and replacing it with “(the time between January 1 and the following December 31 of any year, both dates inclusive)”

#### ARTICLE 16 - STREET ACCEPTANCE-ROBERT STREET

By majority vote, the Town voted to accept, or to take by eminent domain, as a public way Robert Street from its intersection with Castle Avenue, as shown on a Street Layout and Acceptance Plan for Robert Street by GCG Associates, Inc. dated October 2, 2019.

#### ARTICLE 17 - AGREEMENTS FOR PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES

By majority vote, the Town, as amended, voted to approve any, or all, of the following agreements pursuant to G. L. c. 59 § 38H (b) which provides that certain power generating companies may, in order to comply with its property tax liability obligation, execute an agreement for the payment in lieu of taxes with the municipality in which such generation facility is sited, and said company shall be exempt from property taxes, in whole or in part, as provided in any such agreements during the terms thereof. Any such agreement shall be the result of good faith negotiations and shall be the equivalent of the property tax obligation based on full and fair cash valuation.

- A. Name of Contracting Party: SolectEnergy  
Location: East Fairhaven Elementary School, 2 New Boston Road, Fairhaven, MA  
Term of Agreement: 20 years  
Property Tax Obligation through Term of Agreement: \$115,537.00

Amount of Annual Payment: \$5,777.00

- B. Name of Contracting Party: SolectEnergy  
Location: LeRoy L. Wood Elementary School, 60 Sconticut Neck Rd,  
Fairhaven, MA  
Term of Agreement: 20 years  
Property Tax Obligation through Term of Agreement: \$116,932.00  
Amount of Annual Payment: \$5,847.00
- C. Name of Contracting Party: Fairhaven MA 1, LLC  
Location: 287 Mill Rd, Fairhaven, MA  
Term of Agreement: 20 years  
Property Tax Obligation through \$706,498.00  
Amount of Annual Payment: \$35,325.00
- D. Name of Contracting Party: Fairhaven MA 2, LLC  
Location: 20 Yankee Land, Fairhaven, MA  
Term of Agreement: 20 years  
Property Tax Obligation through Term of Agreement: \$940,916.00  
Amount of Annual Payment: \$47,046.00

#### ARTICLE 18. GENERAL BY-LAW: DEMOLITION DELAY

By majority vote, the Town voted to approve any building proposed for demolition or significant alteration, in whole or in part, built before 1921 or those built after this date which have otherwise been determined by the Historic Commission to be potentially historically or architecturally significant based on established criteria, shall be referred to the Historic Commission for a public hearing to determine if they are “preferably preserved”. Any building which the Historic Commission determines to be preferably preserved shall not be demolished within twelve (12) months of such determination in order for the Historic Commission and the Town to seek alternatives to demolition in order to protect the historic character of the community.

#### **Intent and Purpose of the Demolition Delay By-Law**

This By-Law is enacted for the purpose of preserving and protecting historic and architecturally significant buildings within the Town of Fairhaven that constitute or reflect distinctive features of the architectural, cultural, economic, political or social history of the town and to limit the detrimental effect of demolition on the character of the town.

This By-Law provides:

- a) An opportunity to develop preservation solutions for significant buildings threatened with demolition;
- b) An opportunity to inform residents of the town of impending demolitions of significant buildings;
- c) A reasonable time for public notice and discussion by interested parties to preserve such buildings;
- d) An opportunity to create an historical record, including photographs, of significant buildings prior to demolition.



Owners of significant buildings will be encouraged to:

- a) Seek out alternative options that will preserve, rehabilitate or restore such buildings; or
- b) Seek out persons who might be willing to purchase such buildings in order to preserve, rehabilitate, or restore such buildings rather than demolish them.

To achieve these purposes, the Fairhaven Historical Commission is authorized to advise the Town of Fairhaven Building Inspector with respect to demolition permit applications. The issuance of demolition permits is regulated as provided by this By-Law. The Historical Commission shall review all buildings that are proposed for demolition or significant alteration that are potentially historically or architecturally significant. If, after a public hearing, the Historical Commission determines that the building(s) is/are “preferably preserved” then a twelve (12) month Demolition Delay shall begin in order to seek alternative options. The Historical Commission, in conjunction with the Planning Board, may develop incentives in order to encourage preservation of Fairhaven’s historic structures and small town charm.

#### **Procedure for Obtaining a Demolition Permit**

No demolition permits for a building which, in whole or in part, was built before 1921 or has otherwise been determined by the Historical Commission to be potentially historically or architecturally significant, shall be issued without following the provisions of this By-Law. An applicant proposing to demolish a building subject to this By-Law shall file with the Building Commissioner an application containing the following information:

- a) The address of the building to be demolished.
- b) The owner’s name, address and telephone number.
- c) A description of the building with photograph(s).
- d) The reason for requesting a demolition permit.
- e) A brief description of the proposed reuse, reconstruction or replacement.

The Building Commissioner shall within ten (10) business days forward a copy of the application to the Historical Commission and the Planning Director. The Historical Commission shall, within fifteen (15) business days after receipt of the application, make a written determination of whether the building is potentially historically or architecturally significant or not.

Upon a determination by the Historical Commission that the building is not potentially historically or architecturally significant, the Historical Commission shall so notify the Building Department and the Applicant of the decision in writing within fifteen (15) business days after receipt of the application. The Building Commissioner may then issue the Demolition Permit.

Upon determination by the Historical Commission that the building is potentially historically or architecturally significant, the Commission shall so notify the Building Commissioner and the applicant in writing within fifteen (15) business days after receipt of the application. No demolition permit may be issued at this time. If the Historical Commission does not notify the Building Department in writing on the close of business

on the 15th business day after receipt of the application, the Building Inspector may proceed to issue the Demolition Permit.

If the Historical Commission finds that the building is potentially historically or architecturally significant, it shall hold a public hearing within twenty (20) business days of the written notification to the Building Department in order to determine if the structure is "preferably preserved". Public Notice of the time, place and purpose of the hearing shall be posted in a conspicuous place in town hall for a period of not less than seven (7) days prior to the date of said hearing and the Building Commissioner and the applicant shall be notified in writing of the meeting time and place.

The Commission shall decide at the public hearing or within ten (10) business days after the public hearing whether the building should be "preferably preserved". If agreed to in writing by the applicant, the determination of the Commission may be postponed. If the Commission determines that the building is not preferably preserved, the Commission shall so notify the Building Commissioner and applicant of the decision in writing within ten (10) business days after the public hearing. The Building Commissioner may then issue the demolition permit.

If the Commission determines that the building is preferably preserved, the Commission shall notify the Building Commissioner and applicant in writing within ten (10) business days after the public hearing. No demolition permit may then be issued for a period of up to twelve (12) months from the date of that determination unless a shorter period is agreed to by a majority vote of the Commission.

If the Historical Commission does not so notify the Building Commission in writing on the close of business on the 10th business day following the public hearing, the Building Commissioner may issue the Demolition Permit.

No permit for demolition of a building determined to be a preferably preserved building shall be granted until all plans for future use and development of the site have been filed with the Building Commissioner and have been found to comply with all laws pertaining to the issuance of a building permit or if applicable, a Certificate of Occupancy for that site. All approvals necessary for the issuance of such building permit or Certificate of Occupancy including without limitation any necessary zoning variances or special permits, must be granted and all appeals from the granting of such approvals must be concluded, prior to the issuance of a demolition permit under this section.

The Building Commissioner may issue a demolition permit or a building permit for a preferably preserved building within the twelve (12) month review period if the Historical Commission notifies the Building Commissioner in writing that the Historical Commission finds during the twelve (12) months and after a further public hearing, that the intent and purpose of this By-Law is served even with the issuance of the demolition permit or the building permit. Following the twelve (12) month review period, the Building Commissioner may issue the demolition permit.

## Definitions

### DEMOLITION OR SIGNIFICANT ALTERATION, IN WHOLE OR IN PART

-- Any act of pulling down, destroying, removing, dismantling or razing a building or any substantial portion thereof or commencing the work of total or substantial destruction with the intent of completing the same, or removal of the building from its site with the intent to relocate it to another site. A substantial portion or substantial destruction of a building is defined as either half the volume of the building or half its value, as determined by the Building Commissioner. A building shall be considered to be demolished if more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the front, back or side elevations are removed or covered so as to substantially obliterate the original design. Each elevation shall be calculated separately.

**PREFERABLY PRESERVED** -- Any historically or architecturally significant building that the Commission determines, following a public hearing, is in the public interest to be preserved or rehabilitated rather than demolished. A preferably preserved building is subject to a demolition review period as stated in this By-Law of up to twelve (12) months.

**POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT BUILDING** -- Any building within the Town of Fairhaven, in whole or in part, that was built before 1921, or has otherwise been determined by the Historical Commission to be potentially historically significant based on any of the following criteria:

- a) The Building or area is listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places; or
- b) The Building or area is eligible to be listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places; or
- c) The Building is importantly associated with one or more historic persons or events, or with the broad architectural, cultural, political, economic or social history of the Town of Fairhaven or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; or
- d) The Building is historically or architecturally important (in terms of period, style, method of building construction or association with a recognized architect or builder) either by itself or in the context of a group of buildings.

### **Emergency Demolition**

If after an inspection, the Building Commissioner or the Board of Health finds that a building subject to this By-Law is found to pose an immediate threat to public health and safety or the health and safety of the occupants due to its deteriorated condition and that there is no reasonable alternative to the immediate demolition of the building, then the Building Commissioner may issue an emergency demolition permit to the owner of the building after making every reasonable effort to notify the Historical Commission and the Planning Department (preferably within forty-eight hours) of making this determination. The Building Commissioner or the Board of Health shall first prepare a report explaining the condition of the building and the basis for the decision that shall be forwarded to the Historical Commission and the Planning Department.

The Building Commissioner shall require the property owner of the building to be demolished to provide photograph(s) and other documentation about the property as outlined in this By-Law. The Building Commissioner shall make every reasonable effort to provide the Historical Commission reasonable time to document such property or building prior to demolition provided such activity poses no threat to public health or safety or appropriate precautions are taken to protect public health and safety.

### **Enforcement and Remedies**

The Historical Commission and/or the Building Commissioner are each specifically authorized to institute any and all actions and proceedings, in law or equity, as they may deem necessary and appropriate to obtain compliance with the requirements of this By-Law or to prevent a threatened violation thereof.

A building is considered to be demolished if it is destroyed due to the owner's failure to maintain a weather tight and secure structure or if it is destroyed willfully or by neglect during the demolition review period. Any owner of a building subject to this By-Law who demolishes a building willfully or by neglect and without first obtaining a demolition permit in accordance with the provisions of this By-Law shall be subject to a fine of not more than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300). Each day the violation exists shall constitute a separate offense until the demolished building is recreated as directed by the Historical Commission, or unless otherwise agreed to by the Historical Commission.

If a building subject to this By-Law is demolished without first obtaining a demolition permit, no building permit shall be issued for a period of five years from the date of the demolition on the subject parcel of land or any adjoining parcels of land under common ownership and control unless otherwise agreed to by the Commission.

Nothing in this By-Law shall be deemed to exempt applicants from any requirements of the state Building Code or other local by-laws and other rules and regulations. In case any section, paragraph or part of this By-Law be for any reason declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court, every other section, paragraph, and part shall continue in full force and effect.

### **ARTICLE 19. AMENDMENT TO ZONING MAP: BENOIT SQUARE MIXED USE ZONING**

By 2/3rds vote, the Town voted, as amended, to amend the Zoning Map by adding Map 19 Lot 376:

North Fairhaven Benoit Square/Main Street area.

By 2/3rds vote, the Town voted to accept amended Article 19 as follows:

Rezone the following described lots from Single Residence District (RA), General Residence District (RB), Business District (B) to the Mixed Use District (MU) and comprised of the following Assessor's Map-Lots:

18-013, 18-014, 18-014B, 18-078A, 18-078B, 18-078C, 19-120, 19-127, 19-128, 19-130, 19-131, 19-132, 19-133, 19-134, 19-176, 19-177, 19-200, 19-201, 19-239, 19-240, 19-241, 19-244, 19-246, 19-252, 19-254, 19-255, 19-256, 19-257, 19-258, 19-259, 19-260, 19-276, 19-314, 19-315, 19-316, 19-322, 19-323, 19-375, 19-376, 19-377, 20-293, 20-

321, 22-253, 22-254, 22-272, 22-273, 22-274, 22A-001, 22A-002, 22A-022, 22A-023, 22A-024, 22A-047, 22A-048, 22A-169, 22A-170, 22A-173, 22A-174, 22A-175, 22A-176, 22A-179, 22A-180, 22A-181, 22A-182, 22A-183.

Motion to adjourn sine die at 8:50 PM on Tuesday, November 12, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carolyn Hurley – Town Clerk

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West Island from a bird's eye view

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## Back cover

Annual lighting of the cannons on the Fourth of July

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