

2024 ANNUAL REPORT • FAIRHAVEN, MASSACHUSETTS

# 2024

## Annual Report

*Fairhaven, Massachusetts*

# ANNUAL REPORT

of the  
Town Offices of

## FAIRHAVEN, MASSACHUSETTS



For the Year 2024



### FRONT COVER

The front cover photo was submitted by  
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It is a view of the Millicent Library

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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: 15,006

9th Congressional District

First Councilor District

Second Bristol & Plymouth District

Tenth Bristol Representative District

Election of Officers

First Monday in April

Fairhaven, Massachusetts

## General Information

### About the Town

Located

On the Shore of Buzzards Bay

56 Miles from Boston – 1 Mile from New Bedford

Registered Voters 13,530

Population 15,006

Tax Rate Year 2024

Residential – \$9.23

Commercial - \$18.37

### Area

7,497 Acres

Miles of Shore Property – 29.4

Miles of Streets and Roads – Approximately 100

Churches – 9

Public Schools – 4

Private (Parochial) Schools – 1

Maritime Education – 1

Preschools – 17

Banks – 10

Nursing Homes – 14

### Principal Industries

Ship Building

Fishing Industry

Winches and Fishing Machinery

Marine Repair & Construction

Customer Service

Hospitality

Retail

IN MEMORIAM



**Debra A. Charpentier**  
 March 14, 2024  
 Millicent Library  
 Historical Commission



**Gerald J. Brecken**  
 May 2, 2024  
 Firefighter



**Heidi R. Hacking**  
 November 19, 2024  
 Board of Health

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



DIRECTORY OF OFFICIALS

Elected Officials Designated by Capital Letters  
 \*denotes partial year

ELECTED OFFICIALS

MODERATOR

MARK SYLVIA

Term Expires 2027

SELECT BOARD

STASIA POWERS  
 CHARLES K. MURPHY, SR.  
 KEITH SILVIA  
 ANDREW ROMANO  
 ANDREW B. SAUNDERS  
 \*LEON E. CORREY III  
 \*ROBERT ESPINDOLA

Term Expires 2025  
 Term Expires 2026  
 Term Expires 2026  
 Term Expires 2027  
 Term Expires 2027  
 Term Expired 2024  
 Term Expired 2024

TOWN CLERK

Elisabeth Horan  
 Paula Vieira  
 Jodi Duval\*

Interim Town Clerk  
 Administrative Assistant  
 Office Assistant

BOARD OF HEALTH

JUSTINE FREZZA, Chair  
 BRIAN MENESES, Vice-Chair  
 BARBARA ACKSEN  
 David Flaherty  
 Thomas Hemingway  
 Angelica Medeiros  
 \*KEVIN GALLAGHER

Term Expires 2026  
 Term Expires 2025  
 Term Expires 2027  
 Health Agent  
 Health Inspector  
 Administrative Assistant  
 Term Expired 2024

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

BRIAN WOTTON, Chair  
 ROBERT HOBSON, Vice-Chair  
 ANNE MORTON SMITH  
 DANIEL LOPES  
 HILLARY ROTONDO  
 \*Travis Rapoza, appointed  
 Vincent Furtado  
 Joshua Crabb  
 Jeffrey Furtado  
 Rene Robillard  
 Nick Parker  
 Rebecca Vento  
 Kathy Tripp  
 Kim Nogueira  
 Joyce Wilson  
 Kristy Lavalette  
 Hailey Hemingway

Term Expires 2026  
 Term Expires 2027  
 Term Expires 2025  
 Term Expires 2026  
 Term Expires 2027  
 Term Expired 2024  
 Public Works Superintendent  
 Highway Division Superintendent  
 Water Division Superintendent  
 Sewer Division Superintendent  
 Asst. Sewer Superintendent  
 Office Manager  
 Part-Time Administrative Assistant  
 Principal Office Assistant  
 Principal Office Assistant  
 Principal Office Assistant  
 Principal Office Assistant

**COMMISSIONER OF TRUST FUNDS**

BARBARA ACKSEN Term Expires 2025  
LOUISE PONTE Term Expires 2026  
COLEEN SILVIA Term Expires 2027

**HOUSING AUTHORITY**

CAROL ALFONSO, Chair Term Expires 2028  
RONNIE MANZONE, Vice-Chair Term Expires 2026  
GARY SOUZA, Treasurer Term Expires 2027  
JAY SIMMONS Term Expires 2029  
TIMOTHY FRANCIS (State/Gov. Appointee)  
Janet Falone, Executive Director

**PLANNING BOARD**

CATHY MELANSON, Chair Term Expires 2025  
PATRICK CARR, Vice-Chair Term Expires 2027  
SHARON SIMMONS, Clerk Term Expires 2026  
JESSICA FIDALGO Term Expires 2028  
KEVIN GRANT Term Expires 2026  
RUY DASILVA Term Expires 2027  
DIANE TOMASSETTI Term Expires 2028  
RICHARD TRAPILO Term Expires 2025  
\*JEFFREY T. LUCAS Term Expired 2024  
\*Paul DiGiuseppe Director  
\*Stephanie Fidalgo Recording Secretary/Part-Time Administrative Assistant

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

COLIN VEITCH, Chair Term Expires 2027  
BRIAN S. MONROE, Vice-Chair Term Expires 2026  
ERIK ANDERSEN Term Expires 2025  
STEPHANIE PICKUP Term Expires 2026  
NICOLE PACHECO Term Expires 2027  
BRENDALEE SMITH Term Expires 2025  
Tara Kohler Superintendent of Schools  
Mark Balestracci Assistant Superintendent of Schools  
Nicole Potter School Business Manager  
Steven Rosa Director of Information Technology  
Tanya Dawson Director of Student Services  
Nicole McNeil Assistant Director of Student Services  
Sheri Souza Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

**TREE WARDEN**

DON COLASSIUS\* Term Expired 2024  
*By vote at the June 18, 2022 Annual Town Meeting, the Tree Warden became an appointed position*

**TOWN DEPARTMENTS**

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR / TOWN HALL**

Amy Hart Executive Assistant  
Susan Rizzo Administrative Assistant  
Loreen Pina Part-Time Assistant  
Kevin Fournier Facilities Manager  
\*Angie Lopes Ellison Town Administrator

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

Richard Forand\* Director of Inspectional Services/Building Commissioner  
Suzanne Vieira Administrative Assistant  
Paul Raposo Chief Wire Inspector  
Leo Charpentier Associate Wiring Inspector  
Henry Daigle Gas Inspector  
William Alphonse, Jr. Temporary Gas Inspector  
Norman Lussier Plumbing Inspector  
\*Randall Bassett Building Commissioner

**CABLE ACCESS**

Derek Frates Director of Media  
Erik Sa Production Coordinator  
Nicholas Doyle Videographer/Editor  
Todd Migliacci Videographer/Set Design  
Caden Lisa Videographer  
William Bouvier Videographer  
\*Alyssa Botelho Social Media

**COUNCIL ON AGING / SENIOR CENTER**

Martha Reed Director  
Jocelyn Bowers Administrative Assistant/Newsletter  
Sally Bourke Social Day & Activities Coordinator  
Debra Chmiel\* Social Day Admin Assistant  
Debra Leonardo Social Day Activities Asst. Coordinator  
Diane Perkins SHINE  
Carolyn D'Antoni SHINE  
Christine Alfonse Volunteer Coordinator  
Freda St. Marie\* Receptionist  
Phyllis Pequita Volunteer  
Richard Walker Environmental Coordinator  
Frank Barcellos Van Driver  
Leon Hebert Van Driver  
Ron Dexter Van Driver  
James Hennessey Van Driver  
Stephen Almeida Van Driver  
William Farrell Van Driver  
Kristine Medeiros\* Van Driver  
Peter Chmiel\* Van Driver  
\*Anne Silvia Social Day  
\*Lucille Dauteuil Outreach Coordinator

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE / DIVISION OF TREASURY and COLLECTION**

Anne Carreiro Assistant Town Administrator of Finance / Town Accountant  
Lisa Rose Treasurer  
Pamela Bettencourt Collector  
Kerri King Assistant Treasurer/Collector  
Pamela Breton Principal Office Assistant

**DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Sue Masten CDBG Administrative Assistant  
\*Paul DiGiuseppe Director of Planning and Economic Development  
\*Stephanie Fidalgo Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant

**DIVISION OF ACCOUNTING**

Anne Carreiro Assistant Town Administrator of Finance / Town Accountant  
Joyce Shepard Part- Time Accounting Clerk  
Helen DaCunha Part- Time Accounts Payable Clerk

**DIVISION OF ASSESSING**

Amanda Robinson, Chair Term Expires 2025  
Daniel Lane, Vice-Chair Term Expires 2025  
Sharon Simmons Term Expires 2025  
Joanne Correia Principal Assessor  
Kathleen Sylvia Principal Office Assistant  
\*Ronnie Manzone, Board of Assessors  
\*Pamela Davis, Board of Assessors  
\*Ellis Withington, Board of Assessors  
\*Jane Bettencourt, Board of Assessors

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Todd Correia Fire Chief  
Joy Nichols Deputy Fire Chief  
Scott Rittenhouse Fire Alarm Coordinator  
Marc Jodoin Emergency Management Director  
Kristine Austin Executive Assistant

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

Susan Roderiques Benefits Coordinator  
Takira Faucher Payroll Administrator, Accounting  
\*Cameron Durant Director

**MARINE RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

Timothy Cox Harbormaster/ Shellfish Warden  
Sharon Mills Administrative Assistant  
Steven Botelho Shellfish Deputy  
Todd Cox Shellfish Deputy  
Steve Riley Shellfish Deputy  
Brandon Estrella Shellfish Deputy  
Wade Cabana Shellfish Deputy  
Brad Fish Shellfish Deputy

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Daniel Dorgan Police Chief  
Scott Gordon Police Captain  
Jaunna Adesso Administrative Assistant  
Terry Cripps Animal Control Officer  
\*Michael Myers Police Chief

**RECREATION CENTER**

Kelley Ramirez Director  
Rachel Martin Program Coordinator  
Jennifer Cardoza Administrative Assistant

**SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

Ray White

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

Michael Jenney Veteran's Agent  
Jane Bettencourt Administrative Assistant

**TOWN BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

**ART CURATOR**

Mark Badwey, Art Curator Kelly Smith, Associate Art Curator

**BELL COMMITTEE**

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

**BELONGING COMMITTEE**

Jessica Fidalgo, Chair Greg Weider, Vice-Chair  
Alliea Group, Clerk Laura Barillaro  
Richard Cancio Eryn Spencer Tomascik  
Rachel Medeiros August Baker  
Kelly Ochoa  
Jerome Penha, Police Dept. Representative Jill Sullivan, School Representative  
Andrew Romano, Select Board Liaison Cameron Durant, Staff Liaison

**BROADBAND STUDY COMMITTEE**

Sean Powers, Chair Sean Daly  
Erik Baumann\* Robert Espindola  
Andrew Romano, Select Board Liaison Derek Frates, Staff Liaison  
\*Cathy Melanson, EDC Representative  
By vote of the Select Board November 25, 2024, the Broadband Study Committee was dissolved

**CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Barbara Acksen, Chair John Methia  
Ronald Medina Derek Frates, Director of Media  
Andrew Romano, Select Board Liaison

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Anne Carreiro, Assistant Town Administrator of Finance/Town Accountant  
Vincent Furtado, BPW Representative  
Tara Kohler, School Representative  
Stasia Powers, Select Board Liaison  
Cathy Melanson, Business Representative  
David Faunce, Open Space Representative  
Paul Kitchen, Construction Representative

**CHARTER COMMITTEE**

Morgan Dawicki, Chair  
Marybeth Vargas, Clerk  
Robert Grindrod  
Lilia Bernard-Cabral, Vice-Chair  
Brendalee Smith  
Cathy Melanson

**COMMISSION ON DISABILITY**

Pamela Whynot, Chair  
Ronnie Medina, Vice-Chair  
Krystal Lunn, Recording Secretary  
Eleanor Chew  
Donna Lavallee  
Annmarie Chagnon  
Cara Viveiros  
Jennifer Cardoza  
Randall Durrigan  
\*Glenn Gabbard  
Keith Silvia, Select Board Liaison  
Term Expires 2027  
Term Expires 2025  
Term Expires 2027  
Term Expires 2025  
Term Expires 2027  
Term Expires 2025  
Term Expires 2026  
Term Expires 2026  
Term Expires 2027  
Term Expired  
Martha Reed, Staff Liaison

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

Ann Richard, Chair, Select Board Appointment  
Jeff Lucas, Vice-Chair, Select Board Appointment  
Beth Luey, Clerk, Select Board Appointment  
Roger Marcoux, Select Board Appointment  
Dianne Tomassetti, Planning Board Representative  
Jay Simmons, Housing Authority Representative  
Anne Morton Smith, BPW Representative  
Natalie Mello, Historical Commission Representative  
Karen Isherwood, Conservation Representative  
\*Terrence Meredith  
Term Expires 2026  
Term Expires 2026  
Term Expires 2025  
Term Expires 2027  
Term Expires 2028  
Term Expires 2029  
Term Expires 2025  
Term Expires 2025  
Term Expires 2025

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Karen Isherwood, Chair  
Caroline Hawthorne, Vice-Chair  
Jake Galary, Clerk  
Anthony Couto  
Ronnie Medina  
Wendy Drumm  
Brandon Estrella  
Kelly Camara, Staff Liaison  
\*Jay Simmons  
\*Erik Baumann  
\*Andrew B. Saunders  
Term Expires 2027  
Term Expires 2027  
Term Expires 2025  
Term Expires 2025  
Term Expires 2026  
Term Expires 2026  
Term Expires 2027  
Term Expired 2024  
Elected to Select Board

**CONSTABLES**

Joseph Latimer  
Lawrence Machado  
Elisabeth Horan, Interim Town Clerk  
Robert F. Jones  
Milan Whitaker  
David Miller

**COUNCIL ON AGING**

Carol Burt  
Joan Mello  
Susan Oiestad  
Jacqueline Kenworthy  
Terry Pereira  
Joyce Veilleux  
Michael Hevey  
Martha Reed, Director  
\*Lee Cummings Allaire  
\*Robert Ryan  
Term Expires 2027  
Term Expires 2026  
Term Expires 2027  
Term Expires 2025  
Term Expires 2027  
Term Expires 2025  
Term Expires 2026  
Term Expired 2024  
Term Expired 2024

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Cathy Melanson, Chair  
Patrick Carr, Vice-Chair  
Nils Isaksen  
Karyn Ferreira  
John Hinds

**FAIR HOUSING COORDINATOR**

Charles Murphy, Sr., Select Board Liaison

**FAIRHAVEN CULTURAL COUNCIL**

Beth Ann Gallagher, Chair  
John Walker, Vice-Chair  
Jennifer Frasier  
Serina Gundersen Thomas  
Nicole Arruda  
Katharine MacPhail  
Alexandra Mitchell  
\*Ron Fortier  
Term Expires 2026  
Term Expires 2026  
Term Expires 2026  
Term Expires 2027  
Term Expires 2027  
Term Expires 2027  
Term Expires 2026

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

PRECINCT 1  
Padraic Elliott, Chair  
Robert Grindrod  
PRECINCT 2  
Claire Millette, Vice-Chair  
Ken Blanchard  
PRECINCT 3  
Steven Levesque  
David Patterson  
PRECINCT 4  
Peter Gardner  
James Souza  
Term Expires 2026  
Term Expires 2025  
Term Expires 2025  
Term Expires 2025  
Term Expires 2024  
Term Expires 2025  
Term Expires 2025  
Term Expires 2024  
Term Expires 2025  
Term Expires 2024



PRECINCT 5

Steven Riley Term Expires 2026  
Lisa Plante Term Expires 2025

PRECINCT 6

Linda Gallant Term Expires 2025  
Patricia Pacella Term Expires 2024

MEMBER AT LARGE

Chris Fidalgo, Precinct 1 Term Expires 2026

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

Wayne Oliveira Paul Kitchen  
\*Randall Durrigan, Term Expired 2024

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Michael Kelly, Chair Term Expires 2026  
Natalie Mello, Vice-Chair, Clerk Term Expires 2026  
Nate Bekemeier Term Expires 2025  
Richard George Martin Term Expires 2027  
Beth Luey Term Expires 2026  
Nicole Arruda Term Expires 2027  
Wayne Oliveira Term Expires 2025  
Keith Silvia, Select Board Liaison Alyssa Botelho, Staff Liaison  
\*Maria J. Carvalho

**LAGOA FRIENDSHIP PACT COMMITTEE**

Cristina Martins Pinto, 2025 Despina Longinidis, 2026  
Jenny Fialho, 2025 Kristyn Caisse, 2025  
Tanya Henicke, 2025 Alyssa Botelho, 2025  
Charles Murphy, Sr., Select Board Liaison  
\*Maria J. Carvalho

**LIVABLE STREETS COMMITTEE (formerly BIKEWAY COMMITTEE)**

Will Gardner, Chair Tim Garcia  
Miles Grant Chip Hawthorne  
Freddie Estremera Aaron Novy  
Kelley Ramirez, Staff Liaison Bob Espindola  
Andrew B. Saunders, Select Board Liaison \*Amy Roderick

**MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

Michael McNamara, Chair Robert Pink, Jr.  
David Hebert Michelle Potter  
Andrew Jones Robert Hobson, BPW Representative  
Andrew B. Saunders, Select Board Liaison Robert Hobson, BPW Liaison

**MEASURER OF WOOD AND BARK**

Don Collasius

**MILLICENT LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Kathy Lopes, President Bruce Bendiksen, Vice-President  
Robert Kenworthy, Treasurer Jane Risch, Assistant Treasurer  
Kyle DeCicco-Carey, Library Director, Secretary Joanna McQuillan-Weeks  
Pamela Kuechler Kathleen Clement  
John Whelan Carol Roderigues  
Abigail Hevey Michael Silvia  
Maria R. Kilshaw Anne O'Brien  
Jill Carroll Meredith Smith  
Robert Grindrod Kate Powers  
Max Isaksen Stasia Powers, Ex-Officio  
Gail Isaksen, Trustee Emeritus

**OIL SPILL COORDINATOR**

Todd Correia, Fire Chief

**PARKING CLERK**

Elisabeth Horan,, Interim Town Clerk

**PRECINCT CHAIRS**

PRECINCT 1 PRECINCT 2  
Brian Bowcock, Chair Ann Richard, Chair  
PRECINCT 3 PRECINCT 4  
Sean Powers, Chair Paul M. Foster, Chair  
PRECINCT 5 PRECINCT 6  
Scot Pomfret, Chair Dan DeNardis, Chair

**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

Elisabeth Horan (U)  
Kim Hyland (R) Term Expires 2027  
Nils Isaksen (R) Term Expires 2025

**ROGERS RE-USE COMMITTEE**

Sue Loo, Chair Doug Brady, Vice-Chair  
Beverly Rasmussen, Recording Secretary Cathy Melanson, EDC Rep  
Nils Isaksen Lisa Plante, Finance Committee Rep  
Keith Silvia, Select Board Representative

## RETIREMENT BOARD

Anne Carreiro, Chair, Ex. Officio  
Tim Cox, Vice-Chair  
Lee Ann Torres, Retirement Administrator

Wally Therrian  
Mark Rees  
Alfred Robichaud

## SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Andrew B. Saunders SRPEDD, SMMPO, Select Board Representative  
Rick Trapilo SRPEDD, Planning Board Representative  
Joshua Crabb JTPG Representative  
Vincent Furtado JTPG Representative

## SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Ann Richard, Chair  
Christin Ritz  
Tim Garcia  
Laura Gardner  
Karen Gent, Clerk  
Susan Spooner  
Wendy Drumm  
John Pond

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Patrick Carr, Chair  
Ruy DaSilva, Vice Chair  
Peg Cook  
Daryl Manchester  
Amy Goyer  
Kristen Russell, Associate  
Katharine MacPhail, Associate  
Derek Furtado, Associate\*  
Robert Hannan, Associate\*  
\*Nicholas Sylvia, Associate  
\*Kenneth Kendall, Vice-Chair  
Term Expires 2029  
Term Expires 2028  
Term Expires 2027  
Term Expires 2025  
Term Expires 2029  
Term Expires 2026  
Term Expires 2027  
Term Expires 2025  
Term Expires 2028

Terms are all 1-year unless otherwise indicated  
\*denotes partial year

## TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

AMBULANCE – 911

FIRE 508-994-1428

POLICE 508-997-7421

## TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN

Accountant 508-979-4023 ext. 9108  
Animal Control 508-979-4028  
Assessors 508-979-4023 ext. 9105  
Building Department 508-979-4023 ext. 9107  
Council on Aging 508-979-4029  
Cable Access 774-328-8828  
Conservation/ Sustainability 508-979-4023 ext. 9303  
Election and Registration 508-979-4023 ext. 9103  
Emergency Management Agency 508-979-4090  
Fire Department, non-emergency 508-994-1428  
Harbormaster/ Marine Resources 508-979-4023 ext. 9304  
Health, Board of 508-979-4023 ext. 9121  
Housing Authority 508-993-1144  
Human Resources 508-979-4023 ext. 9122  
Millicent Library 508-992-5342  
Planning and Economic Development 508-979-4023 ext. 9109  
Police Department 508-997-7421  
Public Works Department 508-979-4030 (connects all departments)  
Highway Department 508-979-4030 ext. 9213  
Sewer Department 508-979-4030 ext. 9211  
Water Department 508-979-4030 ext. 9212  
Recreation Department 508-993-9269  
Retirement Board 508-979-4023 ext. 8121  
School Department 508-979-4000 (connects all departments)  
Sealer of Weights and Measures 508-979-4023 ext. 9107  
Select Board 508-979-4023 ext. 91022  
Tax Collector 508-979-4023 ext. 9104  
Tourism Office 508-979-4085  
Town Clerk 508-979-4023 ext. 9103  
Treasurer/Director of Finance 508-979-4023 ext. 9108  
Tree Warden 508-979-4023 ext. 9102  
Veterans Agent 508-979-4023 ext. 9302

## STATE LEGISLATORS

Congressman William Keating 508-999-6462  
Senator Elizabeth Warren 617-565-3170  
Senator Ed Markey 508-677-0523 or 617-565-8519  
Senator Mark Montigny 508-984-1474 or 617-722-1440  
Representative William Straus retired 2024 508-992-1260 or 617-722-2400

## BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Assessors are responsible for assessing property taxes, the major source of revenue for most communities, as well as miscellaneous excise taxes assessed in lieu of personal property taxes, such as the motor vehicle, boat and farm animal excise. Assessors also play a key role in the collection of special assessments and betterments and certain delinquent municipal charges.

Assessors must value all real and personal property within their communities as of January 1 each year. Assessors calculate the annual “new growth” increase in the community’s levy limit under Proposition 2½ and obtain certification of the amount from DLS. Assessors set the annual tax levy and tax rate for their city or town by submitting the tax rate recapitulation (recap) to DLS for approval. After the tax rate is approved, the assessors prepare the annual valuation and tax list or roll and commit the list to the collector with a warrant. Assessors act on abatement applications filed by taxpayers disputing property valuations and seeking reductions in tax bills. Assessors determine the amount, if any, to add to the reserve to fund anticipated property tax abatements and exemptions when they set the tax rate each year. Assessors initiate the collection of betterments and special assessments, which are special taxes assessed to pay for the construction of public improvements, such as water and sewer systems. Assessors initiate the collection of overdue municipal charges secured by liens on a property by adding them to the annual property tax commitment. Assessors administer the local excise taxes assessed in lieu of personal property taxes on motor vehicles, boats and farm animals.

The Assessor’s Department has completed the sales analysis of 2023 sales and the building permit inspections and determined new growth and values for FY25. The Town of Fairhaven’s total valuation for FY24 was \$3,229,181,043. The Residential tax rate was set at \$9.23 and the Commercial/Industrial/Personal Property tax rate was set at \$18.37. For FY25 the town’s valuation is now at \$3,335,544,087. The FY25 Residential tax has been set at \$9.32 and the Commercial/Industrial/Personal Property tax rate has been set at \$18.49, which was approved and certified by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR). FY22 was the last certification review and the next certification review will be in FY27. Interim year reviews are still completed by the DOR for non-certification years.

The Fairhaven Board of Assessors currently holds public meetings once a month. In 2024, the members of the Board of Assessors that were in place on January 1, 2024, all resigned shortly thereafter. Three new board members were appointed by May 2024, however, by August, one of the new members resigned. Since then we were able to fill the position again and now the Board of Assessors is made up of Amanda Robinson, Chair, Daniel Lane and Sharon Simmons. The staffing within the office remained consistent in 2024 with the Principal Assessor Joanne Correia and Kathleen Sylvia as the Principal Office Assistant. The Assessor’s Office did find a new home in 2024, moving to the old Building Department office in July 2024.

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 importantly to assess new growth in value for the Town of Fairhaven.

To give you a measure of property inspections conducted by the Principal Assessor, below is the last 4 years count of building permits received from the Building Department to generate property inspections for new growth. (MGL c. 59 §2A, 38) In addition, deeds are processed on new sales to determine an arm’s length sale (valid sale) and to conduct an interior and exterior inspection at the time of sale. (MGL c. 59 §21C (f))

FY	Building Permits	New Sales
'25	1781	149 Valid Sales
'24	1841	190 Valid Sales
'23	1553	176 Valid Sales
'22	1766	181 Valid Sales

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,

Joanne Correia, Principal Assessor and Board of Assessors  
Amanda Robinson, MAA, Chair, Board of Assessor  
Daniel Lane, Board of Assessor  
Sharon Simmons, Board of Assessor

## BELL COMMITTEE

The Fairhaven Bell Committee progresses forward in the production of the housing for the 1795 Revere Bell which was removed from the Oxford cupola due to the building being sold to a private developer.

The committee is excited to report that construction is in full earnest by Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School leadership team and the students from Fairhaven, Acushnet and New Bedford. The school has been diligently working on the chosen cupola design which is designed to mimic the old Oxford school cupola. The goals of the committee for 2024 were to monitor the ongoing physical construction of the design, choose the paint color of the cupola housing and review the final location which will be located on the east side lawn of the Fairhaven Town Hall behind the flag pole. Our goals are a continued work in progress until the final completion of the project.

The ongoing goals for 2025 is to finalize all construction and have the Revere bell set in place in the spring. The committee will continue to provide informational and progressive updates to the members of the Select Board, Historical Commission, North Fairhaven Improvement Association and town residents. We would like to acknowledge and thank Select Board Member Mr. Keith Silvia for his dedication in providing his time, expertise and other re-sources to make this project come to fruition.

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

## BELONGING COMMITTEE

Throughout 2024, the Belonging Committee remained dedicated to fostering community engagement, diversity, and inclusivity. Collaborative efforts among various departments, community organizations, and local leaders were instrumental in achieving significant milestones and fostering an environment of unity and support.

### KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Celebrated Black History Month, hosting 2 events with Milicent Library
- Successfully organized a food drive and campaign with the Lion's Club and the Rotary Club to bring awareness to rising food insecurity in our community. Donations going to the Fairhaven COA and the pantry at the First Congregational Church. We were able to showcase the community's generosity held at the Town Hall and boxes throughout the community in businesses & department buildings alike.
- Additionally, supported a grant for inclusive equipment for a Rec Center Fishing Derby.
- Collaborated with community members and the office of tourism to celebrate Pride Month.
- Advocating for inclusivity and requesting the Juneteenth and progress pride flag at Town Hall during June.
- Active participation in the 4th of July celebrations, emphasizing inclusivity.
- Organized the Second Disability Pride event in collaboration with M.O. Life at the Senior Center & Recreation Center. The event gathered vendors, hundreds of attendees, and a positive message to the community.
- Offered our sensory friendly booth at KidsFest and offered the changing/nursing station at events throughout the year.
- We supported initiatives for unsheltered families which lead to acknowledgments of leadership and compassion from the ADL of New England, Gov Maura Healy, and Lt Gov Kelly Driscoll.
- Participated in the Haunted Halloween program and Old Tyme Holiday with tables at these events. The Old Tyme Holiday we had 5 major holidays that occur during the Fall/Winter. We also had a table for attendees to fill out holiday greeting cards and make ornaments to take or leave that we shared with the Senior Center/VA.

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS:

- Collaboration with various community groups and civic leaders in the SouthCoast region, fostering relationships with organization.
- Strengthened interdepartmental relationships in Fairhaven.
- Assisted the Selectboard with the writing of a proclamation of the Town's commitment to DEI efforts.

## CONCLUSION:

The Belonging Committee's efforts in 2024 focused on continuing a nurturing a sense of belonging, fostering inclusivity, and gaining community support. Through collaborative partnerships and many initiatives, the town has strengthened its commitment to addressing and tackling inequities and building a more unified and supportive community. The Belonging Committee continues to research, communicate and look for ways to make our residents feel represented and seen in the town.

Jessica Fidalgo,  
Chair of the Belonging Committee  
She/her

## BRISTOL COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL

This year marks the 65th anniversary of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project and its services to the cities and towns of Bristol County. Our mission is to bring mosquito populations to tolerable levels using a variety of scientifically effective methodologies consistent with applicable laws. Surveillance, water management, biological and chemical controls are performed in an environmentally sensitive manner to minimize potential effects on people, wildlife and the environment. The Project is a regional response to a regional problem, and provides a way of organizing specialized equipment, specially trained employees, and mosquito control professionals into a single agency with a broad geographical area of responsibility.

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

Disease risk from mosquitoes changes greatly from year to year. Because of this constant change in risk, BCMCP works in close relationship with the MA Dept. of Public Health to analyze disease risk in current and future years.

During the 2024 mosquito season, 12,216 individual mosquitoes in 447 samples were tested for the mosquito borne viruses EEE and WNV. There were 6 isolations of EEE and no human cases in the County. Bristol County had 32 mosquito samples test positive for WNV with 1 reported human case. There were no reported equine cases for EEE or WNV.

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

Bristol County Mosquito Control Project completed the following work in the Town of Fairhaven during the time period of January 1, 2024– December 31, 2024.

- Sprayed over 6,446 acres
- Treated 15.88 acres in 26 locations with B.t.i. for mosquito larvae
- Received and completed 595 requests for spraying
- Cleared and reclaimed 6,270 feet of brush
- Cleaned 4,140 feet of ditches by machine
- Treated 600 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 Fairhaven 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  
Joseph Barile, Chairman  
Gregory D. Dorrance  
Christine A. Fagan  
Henry R. Vaillancourt  
Joseph Carvalho

## BROADBAND STUDY COMMITTEE

The Broadband Study Committee spent 2024 redirecting their focus at the direction of the Select Board to begin exploring low/no cost options for expansion. This included, but not limited to, partnering with neighboring communities to see where efforts were focused in terms of an RFP and implementation. The BSC worked with SRPEDD for a short time to begin the draft work for an RFP to mirror the efforts of the City of New Bedford. The Broadband Chair, Vice Chair, and Select Board representative met with the City to see where they stood and to learn more about tools used to move forward and to learn more about their next steps.

Ultimately, the Select Board decided to not move forward with supporting moving funds appropriated in the Cable Enterprise Fund in order to hire a consultant to assist with an RFP had they decided to put one forward, thus making it challenging to take any further action. The Broadband Study Committee was formally dissolved on November 25th, 2024.

The committee would like to thank the Town of Fairhaven for their support over the years in attempting to move this project forward. Though they did not achieve the final goal of offering competition to assist with lowering the cost of internet access, they are proud of the work they were able to accomplish in educating and engaging the community, and most importantly, listening to their concerns.

## CABLE ACCESS CHANNEL 18 & 95

### Staff:

Derek T. Frates, Media Director  
Erick Sa, Production Coordinator  
Alyssa Botelho, Social Media  
Nicholas Doyle, Videographer / Editor  
Todd Migliacci, Videographer / Set Design  
Caden Lisa, Videographer  
William Bouvier, Videographer

### Cable Advisory Committee:

Barbara Acksen, Chairperson  
Maria Carvalho  
Ronnie Medina  
John Methia

### Select Board Representative:

Andrew Romano

In 2024 Fairhaven Cable Access Television continued to stay true to our mission: Providing informational, educational and community-based content on our two access channels.

Four locations are now available for meeting participants to interact through a hybrid system of in person and virtual attendance. Dating back to the pandemic of 2020, multiple technologies were used to make this happen. Livestream, Castus Stream, and Zoom were simultaneously used along with an intricate audio & video set-up to accomplish this. The department continues to receive great feedback from other departments, boards and committees who credit Fairhaven TV as being an essential piece of keeping town government issues on the forefront for the viewing public through multiple outlets.

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

Fairhaven TV's social media platforms continue to be an important tool to accomplish the mission of keeping residents informed. Facebook followers grew to over 2500 (an increase of over 400) and Instagram followers total over 780. Our YouTube page is also the place to find all of the latest events filmed for Fairhaven Community Media. In total, FTV had an astounding 298,519 total internet views in 2024.

Alyssa Botelho has been the Social Media coordinator for the town since 2022. In 2024 she accepted the role of Community Development Coordinator and continues to handle most of the town's social media in her new role. Her tireless efforts in reconfiguring and reorganizing all of the town's Facebook and Instagram pages has been truly beneficial in keeping the community abreast of many happenings in town.

The 10-year (2018-2028) cable television renewal license between Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC and Town of Fairhaven, Massachusetts is available

to view on the Town of Fairhaven website on the Cable Advisory Committee page. ([www.fairhaven-ma.gov/cable-advisory-committee](http://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/cable-advisory-committee))

## GOVERNMENT ACCESS – CHANNEL 18:

The following government meetings are filmed regularly, broadcast live when possible, replayed on channel 18, and are available to view on demand at [www.fairhaventv.com/governmentmeetingvideos](http://www.fairhaventv.com/governmentmeetingvideos) and are hosted and archived on Vimeo at <https://vimeo.com/user92750067>. Select Board, Board of Assessors, Board of Health, Board of Public Works, Belonging Committee, Broadband Study Committee, Cable Advisory Committee, Capital Planning Committee, Charter Committee, Conservation Commission, Contributory Retirement Board, Community Preservation Committee, Commission on Disability, Council on Aging Board, Cultural Council, Economic Development Committee, Finance Committee, Financial Policy Review Committee, Historical Commission, Housing Authority, Lagoa Friendship Pact Committee, Livable Streets Committee, Marine Resource Committee, Planning Board, School Committee, Sustainability Committee, Town Meeting Advisory Committee, Town Meetings, Zoning Board of Appeals and various Public Hearings.

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

FTV arguably covers and broadcasts more meetings than any other access station in the commonwealth. 330 government meetings and 31 related shows and Public Service Announcements were produced and aired in 2024. There were actually more meetings filmed by Fairhaven Government Access in 2024 than in 2023 (307), 2022 (302), 2021 (301), 2020 (260) and 2019 (234).

Public meetings, forums, press conferences and ribbon cuttings are also filmed upon request. In addition, Fairhaven TV works with other departments to create public service announcements and informational videos to keep residents informed. These are posted to [www.youtube.com/@Fairhaven\\_tv](http://www.youtube.com/@Fairhaven_tv) and [www.facebook.com/fairhaventv](http://www.facebook.com/fairhaventv) as well as replayed on channel 18. Examples include Health Dept. guidelines and updates, Fairhaven Fire and Police Dept. PSAs, Town Clerk Election Info, Adopt-A-Pet series; monthly segments with the Fairhaven Animal Shelter and Animal Control Officer, Fairhaven Building Permits instructional online videos, BPW updates; Hedge Street Sidewalk Replacement Walking Tour and Trash Fees information, Wood School Bike Bus updates, Fairhaven Tree Warden Arbor day festivities, Recreation Center updates, and the return of National Night Out.

FTV also filmed the Belonging Committee's April food drive, and the Commission on Disability Unveiling of a Communication Board at Livesey Park.

The Economic Development Committee New Business Spotlight is very popular, featuring a variety of small business openings and ribbon cuttings in town.

FTV worked with the Veterans Services Dept. agent Mike Jenney to produce coverage of annual events including Memorial Day, Independence Day, Veterans Day parades and exercises and related activities like the Fairhaven/Acushnet Purple Heart Ceremony.

FTV continued our collaboration with the Fairhaven Opioid Task Force by filming

International Opioid Awareness day events in neighboring New Bedford, MA. The 'Opioid Crisis' 3-part video series continues to be shared bringing community awareness of the ongoing Opioid Crisis and offer support and contact information for those that need help for themselves, friends or family members.

#### COMMUNITY/PUBLIC ACCESS – CHANNEL 95:

Fairhaven Community Media- Channel 95 is used for public access programming. 38 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, dozens of regional access shows were imported and broadcast on Channel 95. Throughout the country, 142 affiliated access stations downloaded our content to broadcast in their communities.

The Magazine, a popular public access show about local and regional people, projects and events continued their frenetic pace of producing episodes in 2024. Producer Dave Fauteux and host Charlie Murphy have produced 63 episodes of The Magazine in just 5 years! All can be viewed on our YouTube Channel.

FTV's Haunted Halloween Party has become one of the most anticipated events in the community. The 7<sup>th</sup> annual event was hosted live in Town Hall. Attendance was over 700 once again. Features included Master of Ceremonies Todd "Magic" Migliacci performing magic and trivia, spooky stories, games and activities, trick-or-treat tables from community organizations and townfolk, and the segments from the originally produced Hometown Haunts. Fairhaven Police, Animal Control, Millicent Library, and some local Food trucks partnered this year to make the event even bigger and better! Thanks to all our volunteers who participated.

Other highlights include the Office of Tourism's Kids Fest, Fairhaven's first ever Food Truck Flavor Festival, and a re-energized Olde Tyme Holiday in December. FTV once again filmed FIA's Concerts Under the Stars summer concert series and Homecoming Fair. Northeast Maritime Institute's graduation exercises, and the North Fairhaven Improvement Association's Easter Egg Hunt and Benoit Square Tree lighting were other popular events filmed by FairhavenTV.

The highlight of the year was the release of the Fairhaven High School documentary, The History of the Castle on the Hill: A journey of America's most beautiful high school. Led by Fairhaven High School Alumni Association President Robert Foster, explore over a century of fascinating history, architectural marvels, and captivating stories. It has become FTV's most popular video of all time with over 5300 views.

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

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



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## CHARTER COMMITTEE

On June 12th, 2020, Town Meeting convened to vote on a total of 60 articles, one of these items including action on Article 48, citizens petition calling for the creation of a nine-member Charter Committee. By 139-32 votes, your representatives at Town Meeting overwhelmingly approved this article. This group's charge is reviewing all aspects of local government organization and structure, including, without limitation, regional relationships and the operation of all Town departments, boards, committees and commissions, elected and appointed, and make a report or recommendations to the 2022 Annual Town Meeting, or such later town meeting as the Moderator may approve, with the goal of presenting a proposed charter at the 2022 Annual Town Meeting, which special legislation would be forwarded to the General Court for review and approval, in accordance with the Home Rule Amendment, Section 8, and further to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of \$10,000.00 to pay for the expenses of such Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

The committee has been working to finalize a draft charter with the assistance of Ms. Heather White from Petrini & Associates. The committee worked with the Town Administrator and Town Moderator to allocate the \$10,000 towards Town Counsel expenses to ensure the charter meets legal standards and does not conflict with Massachusetts General Law.

Overall, the committee is looking to present a charter that does not make substantive alterations to the Town's governance structure, but which condenses the Town's governance into a singular document, the Town of Fairhaven Charter. For example, the Town Counsel has assisted with incorporating the Town's existing special acts into the Charter. The committee's goal is to present a charter to the town meeting that is clear, concise, and ensures that moving forward there should be few questions regarding Fairhaven's governance.

In 2024, the Committee spent several months reviewing the Town Administrator Act, upon request by several members of the public. Using public feedback and feedback from the Select Board, the Committee has made several changes to the Town Administrator Act (which has been incorporated into the Charter), largest based upon reaffirming or establishing a checks and balances system between the Town Administrator and the Select Board.

The Committee voted in February 2025 to submit an Article for the Annual Town Meeting 2025 for the Town Meeting to vote to approve the charter that has been put together by the Committee.

More information, including our documents and contact information, are available on the town's website <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/charter-committee>

Submitted,  
Mr. Morgan G. Dawicki, Chair  
Ms. Lilia Cabral-Bernard, Vice Chair

## COLLECTOR

TITLE	TAX	REFUND	TOTAL PAID
Real Estate Taxes	31,910,787.00	117,492.00	31,793,295.00
Personal Property Tax	1,882,623.00	5,015.00	1,877,608.00
Cpa Tax	517,414.00	385.00	517,029.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	2,332,471.00	37,875.00	2,294,596.00
Waterway User Fees	101,479.00		101,479.00
Boat Excise	42,888.00	897.00	41,991.00
Interest And Fees	264,297.00		264,297.00
Water Usage	2,252,510.00		2,252,510.00
Water Betterments			
Water Betterments Interest			
Water Liens	107,059.00		107,059.00
Water & Sewer Lien Int & Fees	51,905.00		51,905.00
Sewer Liens	134,706.00		134,706.00
Sewer Usage	3,247,378.00	4,036.00	3,243,342.00
Sewer Capital Fee	283,695.00		283,695.00
Sewer Betterments	119,871.00		119,871.00
Sewer Betterments Interest	16,003.00		16,003.00
Mattapoisett Sewer Charges	794,793.00		794,793.00
Betterment Release Certificates	108.00		108.00
Municipal Lien Certificates	14,750.00		14,750.00
School Tuition	2,403,277.00		2,403,277.00
IE Liens	40,484.00		40,484.00
			46,352,798.00

I would like to thank the Collector's Office staff, Asst. Coll/Treasurer Kerri King and Administrative Assistant Pamela Breton for their teamwork and dedication to their jobs and to the taxpayers.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pamela J. Bettencourt  
Town Collector

## COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

Fairhaven Commission on Disability (FCOD) Mission Statement: The FCOD serves to identify and eliminate architectural, procedural, attitudinal, and communication barriers in town, ensuring that all residents have equitable access to services. We work to design, advocate, coordinate, and implement services that address the needs of people with disabilities while educating the community and enlisting their support and participation. Our aim is to work with other agencies and organizations to support the needs of people with disabilities within the state and federal guidelines, making Fairhaven a more inclusive and equitable place for all.

In 2024, the FCOD focused on the following:

- Continued to meet with multiple departments in town to enhance collaboration and further equitable access to town services and public spaces. We would like to thank all those departments for their time and commitment.
- Expanded social media presence by increasing Facebook reach to 304 followers (including community-based FB pages serving the Fairhaven community) and added an Instagram presence. Provided hundreds of social media posts on our Facebook page providing information and resources related to disability history and rights, health, education, advocacy, and resources available at the local, state, and Federal level.
- Participated in community events, including the Diverse Abilities Event (organized with Belonging Committee and private organization, MOLIFE), the Office of Tourism's Kids Days at Huttleston Marketplace, and the Town's holiday tree lighting event to make the public aware of the FCOD and to recruit additional members. We would like to thank the Belonging Committee & Office of Tourism for hosting these events.
- Secured a communication board for Livsey Park and worked with the Board of Public Works (BPW) for installation. Thank you to the Selectboard and BPW for your support.
- Increased accessibility of town meeting by gathering information and resources from the MA Office on Disability and sharing the findings with the Town Accessibility Committee.
- Worked with Fairhaven TV (Cable Access) to offer Special Olympics as part of its programming to raise awareness of local athletes with disabilities.
- In cooperation with the Fairhaven Council on Aging, arranged for American Sign Language (ASL) classes to be offered to Fairhaven residents by a qualified Deaf professional. We would like to thank the Fairhaven Council on Aging for their significant contribution to these classes.
- Began outreach to community restaurants regarding the importance of Braille and picture menus and provided resources for businesses to be able to offer these accessible menus inexpensively and easily.
- Engaged with the BPW, School Department, and other departments to begin a plan for updating or creating accessible parking spaces.

- Accepted donation of an accessible children's bike and worked with Fairhaven Recreation Center to establish safety and use procedures; Marketed the availability of the bike through social media.
- Engaged in preliminary planning discussions with the Fairhaven Recreation Center in regarding to adaptive recreational programming options.

To stay informed, follow the Fairhaven Commission on Disability Facebook Page or Instagram Account. Want to get involved? Have ideas for making Fairhaven more accessible and inclusive? Reach out to us via email at [cod@Fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:cod@Fairhaven-ma.gov) Respectfully Submitted,

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pamela Whynot, Chair  
Ronnie Medina, Vice-Chair  
Krystal Lunn, Secretary  
Eleanor Chew  
Donna Maino Lavallee  
AnneMarie Chagnon  
Cara Viveiros  
Jennifer Cardoza  
Randall Durrigan

## OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ("DISCOVER FAIRHAVEN")

### The MISSION for a NEW ERA

The 2024 fiscal year marks the 29th year of the Office of Tourism and the start of a new chapter under Alyssa Botelho, who took over leadership following the retirement of Christopher Richard on May 31, 2024 after nearly three decades of dedicated service.

Appointed Community Development Coordinator on September 30, Alyssa is leading the transition as the Office of Tourism has evolved into the Community Development Office. While continuing to promote Fairhaven's history, culture, and events, the new focus expands to include economic growth, resident quality of life, and municipal communications. Branded as Discover Fairhaven, the department aims to enhance the visitor experience while creating opportunities for residents and businesses and seeks to foster a vibrant, connected community in Fairhaven.

### PHYSICAL and ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES

Discover Fairhaven is now located on the second floor of Town Hall, facilitating collaboration with various Town entities. The Academy Building, formerly the Visitor's Center, is now open by appointment, with the Historical Commission overseeing its care and the Historical Society's museum available to the public by appointment. Liaison partnerships with Town committees, including the Historical Commission, Cultural Council, Economic Development Committee, Lagoa Friendship Pact Committee, and Livable Streets Committee, have expanded, fostering more integrated initiatives. Additionally, a new user-friendly website for Discover Fairhaven is being developed to centralize event listings, business directories, and important information for residents and visitors.

### MUNICIPAL SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGEMENT

The Office of Community Development now manages all official municipal communications through social media, utilizing the Meta Suite. In 2024, a total of 290,871 records were archived via ArchiveSocial, encompassing posts across 55 official Town of Fairhaven accounts. To ensure compliance and safeguard the Town's online presence, Alyssa Botelho conducted a social media training session for all Town employees during Professional Development Day in February.

### BEAUTIFICATION INITIATIVES

Discover Fairhaven, in partnership with the Fairhaven Cultural Council, has started developing a formal process for temporary art installations on town property. This initiative, driven by local artist proposals through Cultural Council grants, involves collaboration with the Historical Commission and Select Board to balance cultural engagement with effective oversight. Additionally, Discover Fairhaven is assisting the Fairhaven Improvement Association with expanding historic street lamps around the Millicent Library block, led by Nils Isaksen, Frank Fostin, and Keith Silvia. This project aims to enhance the town's aesthetic appeal and foster a more pedestrian-friendly environment.

## COLLABORATIONS and PARTNERSHIPS

Discover Fairhaven has initiated partnerships with neighboring communities and regional organizations such as Explore New Bedford, the Southeastern Massachusetts Visitor's Bureau, and the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism. Through regular attendance at state meetings and local networking events, Discover Fairhaven has cultivated valuable connections that will support Fairhaven's growth and development.

Discover Fairhaven has engaged in brainstorming sessions with leadership at the Millicent Library and Unitarian Church to share resources and create greater unity among programming. The vision is to develop cohesive, exciting, and educational events for residents and visitors alike, fully utilizing the invaluable treasures left behind by Henry Huttleston Rogers.

## HISTORICAL TOURS and PRESENTATIONS

During the transitional period between the retirement of Chris Richard and the hiring of a Community Development Coordinator, historical programming continued thanks to passionate volunteers and the foundational work of Chris Richard. From June through August, local historians Michael Hevey and Robert Foster led weekly Tales of an Old Seaport Village walking tours, highlighting Fairhaven's maritime history, architecture, and cultural significance. Chris Richard also continued his Dreadful Medicine presentations as a pirate at Fort Phoenix, offering engaging lessons about Revolutionary War-era medical practices.

For the first time, Discover Fairhaven partnered with Michael Hevey to guide a special edition of the Tales of an Old Seaport Village tour during the Olde-Tyme Holiday Village. This iteration drew approximately three times the usual tour numbers, demonstrating the value of strategic planning and collaboration integrating historical programming into community celebrations.

## HUTTLESTON MARKETPLACE

The seventh season of the Huttleston Marketplace took place from May 18 through September 28 on the Fairhaven High School lawn. Managed by Stephanie Fidalgo and Alyssa Botelho, 172 local artists and organizations participated. Vendor fees totaling \$14,700 were deposited into the Town of Fairhaven's general fund. Feedback collected from vendors will help shape the structure of future events, with a focus on increasing community involvement, attendance, and excitement.

## KIDS FEST

The fourth annual Fairhaven Kids Fest, held on the second Saturday of October, was a lively event co-sponsored by the Millicent Library, Recreation Center, and Discover Fairhaven. Featuring family-friendly activities, entertainment, and a new climbing rock wall funded by Discover Fairhaven, the festival attracted approximately 1,000 attendees. This successful collaboration highlighted the value of uniting community partners to create engaging experiences for residents and visitors.

## FOOD TRUCK FLAVOR FEST

Fairhaven's inaugural Food Truck Flavor Fest, held on September 20th, was a successful

community event despite the rain. Featuring a variety of food trucks, sweet treats, and a beer garden, the event drew approximately 1,000 attendees. Fairhaven Emergency Management, Public Works, Fire Department, and Police Department maintained safety and provided essential logistical support. This marked the first event Alyssa Botelho contributed to before officially starting as Community Development Coordinator, working alongside a dedicated team of Town employees and volunteers including Town Accountant Anne Carreiro, Planning Assistant Stephanie Fidalgo, Livable Streets Committee Chair William Gardner, Media Director Derek Frates, Planning Committee Chair Cathy Melanson, and Fairhaven TV employee Todd Migliacci. The Fest serves as a model for future initiatives promoting local businesses and offering exciting experiences for residents and visitors.

### **FAIRHAVEN TV'S HAUNTED HALLOWEEN PARTY**

The newly appointed Community Development Coordinator leveraged experience from Fairhaven TV, where she contributed since 2018, to enhance the successful Haunted Halloween Party. The event was expanded with additional outdoor activities, increasing its scope and appeal. As a licensed drone operator, she also captured aerial footage for future promotional materials showcasing Fairhaven and its community events.

### **OLDE-TYME HOLIDAY VILLAGE**

In 2024, the Old-Time Holiday event was rebranded as Olde-Tyme Holiday Village, emphasizing Fairhaven's historic charm and creating a cohesive holiday experience across the Town Center. For the first time, a police detail was employed to enhance safety and encourage visitors to stay and explore. The 26th annual event, held on the second Saturday in December, exceeded expectations with 15 new attractions and drawing approximately 1,500 attendees—three times the usual turnout. Highlights included pony rides, holiday cocktails, fire pits, Recreation Center games, dessert trucks, costumed actors from Fairhaven High School, and an Animal Shelter petting pen, creating a magical holiday atmosphere.

### **TELEVISION and FILM**

The Community Development Coordinator has earned film liaison certification from the Association of Film Commissioners International, and through coordination with the Massachusetts Film Office, will promote Fairhaven as a filming location, assist with permits, and connect productions to local resources. The film industry not only brings immediate economic benefits, such as job creation and local spending, but also serves as a powerful tool for long-term tourism and investment.

Respectfully,  
Alyssa Botelho  
Community Development Coordinator / Discover Fairhaven Director

## **COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is responsible for the administration of the Community Preservation Fund, the selection and recommendation to Town Meeting of projects for funding and the monitoring of the progress of projects funded by community preservation. By statute, Community Preservation Act funds may be allocated to those projects that support the preservation and/or enhancement of open space, historic resources, community housing, and land for recreational use. The CPC successfully continued its mission in 2024, its 19th year of operation.

At the annual Town Meeting held on May 4, 2024, the Community Preservation Committee recommended nine (9) projects for spending appropriations in addition to an appropriation for the creation of an emergency account, an administrative appropriation, and reserves for each area for a total of \$1,182,800. The Committee allocated \$70,000 in funds into each account for the acquisition, creation, and preservation of Open Space; Historic Resources; and Community Housing for future projects to ensure that all areas received at least the 10% minimum required. The CPC recommended \$13,400 for the Administrative Budget. The CPC Budget appropriations in Annual Town Meeting Article #12 for FY2025 were the following:

1. Reserve for Future Appropriation
  - a. Open Space set aside - \$70,000
  - b. Historic Resources set aside - \$70,000
  - c. Community Housing set aside - \$70,000
  - d. Emergency Fund Account - \$20,000
2. Spending Appropriations
  - e. Fairhaven High School – Boiler Room Roof Replacement (\$92,700 Under Balance.) \$92,700
  - f. Library. – Electrical Upgrades (\$76,000 Est. Historic & \$309,700 Estimated receipts) \$385,700
  - g. Town Hall Repairs – Stairs and Exterior Caulking (\$30K Under Balance.) \$30,000
  - h. BBC – Carvalho Woods Conservation Project (\$110K Under Balance.) \$110,000
  - i. BPW – Phoenix Rail Trail Handicapped Accessible Tables (\$5K Estimated Receipt) \$5,000
  - j. BPW – Macomber Park BMX Track (\$201,000 Und. Bal. & \$76,000 Est.O.S.) \$277,000 K. Cushman Park Pathways (19,000 Under Balance.) \$19,000
  - l. Fairhaven Housing Authority – Anthony Haven Window Replacement (\$100K Est. Housing) \$100,000
  - m. Town Hall Repairs – East Retaining Wall (\$150K Emergency Reserve) \$150,000 Administrative Spending Appropriation
  - n. To fund the Community Preservation Committee's annual expenses for: Personal Service; Purchase of Services; Supplies; Other charges/expenditures (Estimated Receipts) \$13,400

Total Recommended Spending Appropriations \$1,182,800

In September, the Committee published the FY2026 Community Preservation Plan with guidelines and information for applicants seeking community preservation funds. The Application includes the criteria from the guidelines as a checklist to help clarify proposals. A new change for this year made the forms available as fillable PDFs for ease of entry.

In October 2024, the Committee began considering new applications.

All CPC meetings are open to the public and the Committee welcomes public participation throughout the process. A Letter of Interest option is available as a less formal alternative to a full application for potential applicants to learn about the process and requirements and get feedback from the Committee on whether their project is eligible for funding and what the Committee will be looking for before an applicant goes to the expense of a full application and detailed drawings. The Committee is also considering drafting an evaluation matrix for the FY2026 application round for increased clarity and transparency during the decision-making process.

Citizens may email the Committee by contacting the Planning Department by email at [planner@fairhaven-ma.org](mailto:planner@fairhaven-ma.org) or by calling (508) 979-4023, Ext. 8128, 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).

#### 2024 CPC MEMBERS:

Ann Richard, Chair and At-Large Representative  
Jeffrey Lucas, Vice-Chair and At-Large Representative  
Beth Luey, Secretary and At-Large Representative  
Roger Marcoux, At-Large Representative  
Terrence P. Meredith, At-Large Representative \* Resigned  
Natalie Mello, Historical Commission Representative  
Karen Isherwood, Conservation Commission Representative  
Jay Simmons, Fairhaven Housing Authority Representative  
Anne Morton-Smith, Board of Public Works Representative

#### STAFF SUPPORT:

Bruce Webb, Land Use & Planning Director, previously Acting Planning Director  
Stephanie Fidalgo, Administrative Assistant for Planning & Economic Development and Recording Secretary \* Resigned October 2024  
Sue Masten, Administrative Assistant for Planning & Economic Development

## 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 part-time Administrative Assistant.

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

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

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission holds public hearings, issues Orders of Conditions, inspects work in progress, and upon completion, issues Certificates of Compliance. The FCC is updating and strengthening the Town Bylaws to keep pace with the changing times and climate, and is taking measures to keep track of Enforcement Orders, permits, and other conservation matters electronically. The FCC routinely undertakes enforcement activities when unauthorized activities are identified and cannot be resolved through more amicable means.

In 2023, the Conservation Commission held 16 public hearings with 29 new Notices of Intent and 24 new Requests for Determination of Applicability. There were 19 total meetings, which also addressed violations and Enforcement Orders.

As of May 2023, the Conservation Commission consisted of the following (7) members.

James Simmons (2024) – Chair  
Karen Isherwood (2024) – Vice-Chair  
Jacob Galary (2025) – Member  
Caroline Hawthorne (2024) – Member  
Ronald Medina (2026) – Member  
Andrew Saunders (2026) – Member  
Anthony Couto (2025) – Member

The 2023 Conservation Commission consisted of the following (7) members and (3) non-voting members, until May 2023, when (5) new members were appointed.

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

Staff:

Hugh Bruce Webb – Conservation Agent – February 2023 – Present  
Kelly Camara – Administrative Assistant

## CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT

The following schedule summaries the operations for:	2024
Balance on hand January 1st	\$91,194,149.48
Town appropriation	\$4,223,792.00
Housing Authority appropriation	\$138,453.00
Contributions from Members	\$1,631,103.73
Contributions rec'd for military service	\$0.00
Transfers from Other Systems	\$290,469.09
Members Make-up payments	\$8,945.77
Workers' Compensation Settlements	\$0.00
Recovery of 91A Overearnings	\$0.00
Investment Income/Loss	\$8,617,061.01
COLA Received	\$18,005.79
Reimbursement from other systems	\$288,930.80
Federal Grant Reimbursements	\$23,709.28
Interest not refunded	\$13.92
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$106,434,633.87</b>
Pensions Paid	\$5,235,875.11
Annuities Paid	\$1,161,747.35
Refund to members	\$152,611.46
Reimbursement to other systems	\$359,154.65
Transfers to other systems	\$242,166.57
Administrative Expense	\$616,441.40
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$7,767,996.54</b>
<b>Income less disbursements</b>	<b>\$98,666,637.33</b>
<b>Balances:</b>	
Cash	\$701,174.75
Prit Fund	\$97,824,588.67
Accounts Receivable	\$142,319.38
Account Payable	-\$1,445.47
<b>Total FRS Balances December 31st</b>	<b>\$98,666,637.33</b>

## COUNCIL ON AGING

### MISSION

The mission of the Fairhaven Council on Aging is to recognize and address the needs and concerns of the town's older adult community. Guided by these priorities, the COA develops, advocates for, and implements programs and services designed to meet those needs and close existing gaps. The Fairhaven Senior Center serves as a valuable community resource, welcoming older adults, their families, and caregivers. It offers a supportive environment where seniors can access essential services and participate in a variety of activities, including wellness programs, educational presentations, and social engagements.

### CENSUS

The Council on Aging (COA) serves approximately 30% of Fairhaven's total population. As of 2024, the senior population in Fairhaven, aged 60 and older, is estimated to be 4,839 individuals. In the same year, the COA provided services to 2,217 unduplicated seniors, who received over 32,000 units of services and participated in events at the Senior Center.

These programs and activities played a vital role in promoting and maintaining a secure, safe, and healthy quality of life for seniors in the community. The COA's efforts focused on expanding services and creating programs to address both emerging and unmet needs within the senior population.

Throughout 2024, the COA continued to offer in-person events and services, while taking necessary precautions to reduce the likelihood of respiratory and other illness for both staff and patrons at the Senior Center.

### STAFFING & VOLUNTEERS

The Senior Center is currently staffed by the following positions:

- Director: 40 hours per week, funded through the COA budget.
- Principal Office Assistant: 35 hours per week, funded through the COA budget.
- Volunteer Coordinator: 19 hours per week, funded through the Formula Grant.
- Receptionist: 19 hours per week, funded through the Formula Grant.
- Van Drivers: Two drivers share approximately 20–24 hours per week; one position is funded through the COA budget and the other through the Formula Grant.

Additionally, approximately 52 dedicated volunteers contributed over 5,600 hours of service to the Council on Aging during the year, yielding an estimated annual savings of around \$160,000 for the town. Their responsibilities include outreach, SHINE, fuel assistance, tax preparation, administrative support, monthly food box deliveries, medical transportation, legal assistance, newsletter coordination and distribution, activity support, and light custodial duties.

### OUTREACH

Outreach services provided critical education and information to seniors regarding community resources designed to help them remain safe, maintain dignity, and preserve their independence in their own homes. These services encompassed programs such as SHINE (assistance with Medicare and health insurance), PACE (fuel assistance), SNAP (food assistance), the Senior Circuit Breaker Tax Credit, tax preparation services, applying

for discount utility rates, Lifeline free cell phone services, medical alert systems, and referrals to local agencies and organizations that offer additional in-home support.

Seniors in need of legal assistance were referred to South Coastal Counties Legal Services, the Office of the District Attorney, and local private elder law attorneys. Additionally, local elder law attorney Suzanne J. Sequin provides pro bono legal services on a monthly basis at the Senior Center.

As a mandated reporter, the Council on Aging collaborates with all municipal departments to address the needs of seniors in crisis, and promptly reports any suspected cases of elder abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation to Elder Protective Services.

### SENIOR TAX WORKOFF

Twenty financially qualified Fairhaven seniors per year have the opportunity to receive a \$500.00 deduction from their real estate taxes after volunteering 62.5 hours in various departments of the town. In 2024, 11 Seniors took part in the program.

### NUTRITION

The Fairhaven Senior Center collaborates with Coastline Elder Services to operate the Meals on Wheels program and serve as a congregate meal site Monday through Friday, delivering approximately 120 meals daily to the community. Coastline Elder Services also supports two Senior Supper Clubs—the Single Seniors Club and the South Coast LGBTQ+ Seniors Club—and provides food for special events, such as the Veterans Day Luncheon. Additionally, the Fairhaven Council on Aging (COA) hosted in-person Easter Sunday and Thanksgiving Dinner events for seniors who might otherwise be alone during the holidays, while also offering meal delivery options for those unable to attend in person. In partnership with community groups, churches, businesses, and organizations, several food baskets and turkeys were donated to seniors in need and to grandparents raising grandchildren.

Food insecurity remains a growing concern, particularly among older adults. The Fairhaven COA continues to participate in the Greater Boston Food Bank's Commodity Supplemental Food Program, which provides supplemental food to low-income seniors. Under this program, qualifying seniors aged 60 and older receive two bags of non-perishable food each month, with over 50 households participating this year. Additionally, the COA assists seniors with applications for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and serves as a SNAP Outreach Partner in collaboration with the of Massachusetts Medical School.

### TRANSPORTATION

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

- Van #2 2018 Econoline Bus 14 passenger
- Van #4 2021 Ford Star Bus 14 passenger
- Van #5 2012 Ford Starcraft 14 passenger (Social Day Van)
- 2005 Crown Victoria 4 passengers

In 2023, the COA facilitated over 2,000 in-town transportation rides—covering activities such as shopping, banking, and other essential errands—for 216 unique seniors. A dedicated van is deployed every Wednesday for a mall trip and is also used for special

outings in surrounding communities. Additionally, the vans serve community events, including road races, parades, and other special town functions, and are available to support emergency evacuations for residents of housing, nursing homes, or assisted living facilities.

### HEALTH SERVICES

The Fairhaven COA remains committed to enhancing the mental and physical well-being of seniors in Fairhaven and the surrounding communities through a diverse range of wellness programs and activities. In 2024, services available by appointment included consultations with a foot care specialist and a registered community nurse. Physical activity offerings comprised chair yoga, Zumba Gold, an Osteo class, Tai Chi, walking groups, and Moxie Mobility sessions for balance training.

Health and wellness information was disseminated through initiatives such as the Health Awareness Group, Caregivers Support Group, Bereavement Groups, and two Flu Clinics, as well as various in-service presentations conducted by local organizations and agencies addressing scams, fraud, and overall safety issues. Additionally, the Fairhaven COA distributed 1,600 newsletters per month throughout the town and surrounding areas, keeping residents informed about all activities and events at the Senior Center.

### SUPPORTIVE SOCIAL DAY PROGRAM

In May 2024, the Fairhaven COA was awarded a grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Aging and Independence (AGE) to expand the Supportive Social Day program back to five days per week. This program provides seniors, who require minimal supervision due to cognitive or physical impairments, with a full day of socialization, recreational activities, music and dancing, arts and crafts, along with a light breakfast, a hearty lunch, and an afternoon snack. Operating Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., the program also offers transportation for those in need.

The program is fully self-supported, funded through a combination of privately paid participant fees, health insurance reimbursements, and grants from Coastline and other local agencies for eligible participants. It serves as a cost-effective alternative to nursing home placement while providing caregivers with a much-needed respite and peace of mind.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Fairhaven Council on Aging, we extend our deepest gratitude to our dedicated staff, volunteers, and generous donors. Your unwavering support throughout the year has been instrumental in the growth and success of our organization and its programs.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Martha Reed, Executive Director

Board Members:

Robert Ryan, Chairperson (Retired May 14, 2024)

Lee Allaire, Secretary (Retired May 14, 2024)

Joan Mello, Member

Carol Burt, Member

Susan Oiestad, Member

Theresa Perreira, Member

Jacqueline Kenworthy, Member

Joyce Veilleux, Member,

Michael Hevey, Member

## CULTURAL COUNCIL

In 2024, the Fairhaven Cultural Council (FCC) campaigned to raise public awareness of our grant and volunteer opportunities. Council members tabled at the Huttleston Market Place; they organized a grant application information session; and they increased the FCC's social media presence by becoming more active on Facebook and adding Instagram as a platform. As a result, our annual survey's response rate increased by 681%; the FCC net gained 117 Facebook followers, increasing our follower total to 512; the FCC has 116 Instagram followers; and the number of grant applications, especially those from first time applicants, increased.

The FCC updated our grant award priorities based on member and public survey feedback. Grant applications were evaluated whether they: 1) promoted excellence, access, education, and diversity in the Arts, Humanities, and Interpretive Sciences. 2) offered a clear benefit to the Town of Fairhaven and our citizens. 3) took place in Fairhaven. 4) were about the culture and history of Fairhaven. 5) were submitted by first time applicants.

The FCC received 47 grant applications totaling \$55,972, and it awarded funding totaling \$13,804 to 17 projects. Funding came from the Mass Cultural Council (\$11,900), the Town of Fairhaven (\$1,500), and a returned grant (\$404). 14 projects will occur in Fairhaven. Projects target all ages (9), children and teens (5), and senior citizens (3). Awarded disciplines include art, music, theatre, and history. Grant winners include Fairhaven High School, Fairhaven Improvement Association, Ron Fortier, the Millicent Library, North Fairhaven Improvement Association, Inc., and the Shepherd Center for the Performing Arts, Inc.. To see the full list of approved applications, please visit our Mass Cultural Council page: <https://massculturalcouncil.org/local-council/Fairhaven>

The FCC both welcomed and lost members. The Select Board appointed Nicole Arruda, Serina Gundersen Thomas, Katharine MacPhail, and Alexandra Mitchell. Lisa Breese and Ron Fortier resigned. We ended the year 7 members strong.

2025 goals include continuing to raise public awareness of the FCC's grant and volunteer opportunities; starting a newsletter to reach Fairhaven residents directly, unaffected by social media algorithms or platforms' possible fading popularity; and fundraising to increase total available grant funds.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

### MISSION STATEMENT and CHARGE

The mission of the Fairhaven Economic Development Committee (EDC) is to provide the Select Board with guidance on the enhancement of the existing business community, ways to attract new business and encourage development. The result of programs, from this guidance, will have a goal to enhance overall economic impact. These programs will result in a growth in business activity, jobs and revenue. The Select Board acknowledges that a strong business community is essential to the financial well being of the Town.

The membership shall consist of five (5) at-large members with ties and experience in Fairhaven, to be appointed by the Select Board; one (1) voting representative member from the Select Board; and one voting representative from the Planning Board, to be appointed by the Planning Board. Two (2) Alternate Non- Voting members, appointed by the Select Board. In the event that there is no quorum of the 7 full voting members, alternate members may act as voting members for the purposes of quorum for that meeting. The alternate member(s) will be chosen by seniority in service as alternate members on the committee. All terms shall be one year terms.

### STAFF LIAISON TRANSITION

The Planning and Economic Development Director previously served as a non-voting ex-officio staff member of the EDC. Following the resignation of Paul DiGiuseppe and the retirement of Tourism Director Christopher Richard, the responsibilities for economic development were reassigned. These duties were transitioned from the Planning Director to a newly created position, the Community Development Coordinator, which combines the functions of the former Tourism Director role. This restructuring underscores the Town's dedication to a cohesive approach to economic, tourism, and community development. Alyssa Botelho was appointed as Fairhaven's first Community Development Coordinator on September 30, 2024, and now serves as the EDC's non-voting ex-officio staff member.

### RIBBON-CUTTINGS

Throughout the year, ribbon-cutting ceremonies celebrated the openings of new businesses, marking their contributions to Fairhaven's growing economic landscape. These events were filmed and documented by Fairhaven TV, ensuring greater visibility for local entrepreneurs. Businesses highlighted this year included:

- Nasketucket Bay Vineyard
- Tropical Smoothie Cafe
- Sweet Lizzie's Bake Shop
- The Acai Spot
- The Ice Cream Cottage
- The Yarn Lady
- Mirasol's Cafe
- Starbucks

Footage from these events is available on YouTube, FairhavenTV.com, and the official Fairhaven TV Facebook and Instagram pages, providing residents and visitors with opportunities to learn about and support these establishments.



## **BUSINESS OWNER AFTER-HOURS MIXERS**

In collaboration with the Community Development Coordinator, branded under Discover Fairhaven, the EDC has sought to foster greater engagement among the local entrepreneurial community. A key success in 2024 was the “Seasons of Success” Holiday Mixer, which featured keynote speaker Joni Rhoads, owner of Rescue Cafe, recognized as SouthCoast Almanac’s “Best Coffee Shop” of the year. This event achieved a five-fold increase in attendance compared to past mixers, significantly broadening the network of Fairhaven’s business community.

## **GET INVOLVED**

The EDC encourages businesses to join its email list to stay informed about opportunities and resources. Additionally, new businesses interested in scheduling a ribbon-cutting ceremony are welcome to contact Discover Fairhaven at [discoverfairhaven@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:discoverfairhaven@fairhaven-ma.gov).

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Melanson, Chair 2025

Patrick Carr, Vice Chair & Planning Board Representative, 2025

Karyn Ferreira 2025

John Hinds 2025

Nils Isaksen 2025

Keith Silvia, Select Board Representative, 2025

Alyssa Botelho, Community Development Coordinator

## **FAIRHAVEN FIRE & EMS DEPARTMENT**

The Fairhaven Fire Department responded to 4,191 emergency calls for service. In addition to emergency calls, the fire department provides a wide range of inspection and safety responses for our community, putting our total calls for service at over 5250.

## **BUDGET CUTS**

In FY25, this department sustained a 3% reduction in its budget. This impacted program services, advanced training for our paramedics and firefighters, information technology and software initiatives to support all departments in major natural disasters, as well as a cut to the overtime budget. Thankfully, we were spared from reducing our staffing levels. Additional reductions to this department will negatively affect the services offered to our residents as we balance both an EMS and Fire response.

## **STAFFING**

There has been extensive discussion about the need for increased staffing in the Fire Department. We have proposed multiple times for the town to study this matter, but our requests have been denied. Nevertheless, the department remains committed to advocating for additional staffing to improve the safety of our personnel and services to the citizens.

We understand that financial resources are limited, but it is crucial to prioritize public safety. To operate efficiently and safely, it is our professional opinion that we would require a minimum of nine (9) firefighters per shift, with at least seven (7) on duty at all times, 24/7.

The Call department remains part of the fire department. A depleting roster and increased demand on their personal responsibilities have made this an inconsistent source of response personnel.

This proposed staffing level will enable us to operate two ambulances (with two firefighters assigned to each) and cross-staff both an engine and a ladder truck. The remaining three (3) firefighters will be assigned to the first due engine. If additional staffing allows us to go beyond seven (7), those firefighters will be used to staff a third ambulance, which is particularly critical during daytime hours.

## **NEW STAFF**

We are pleased to announce the hiring of two firefighters following the unexpected resignation of two firefighters in 2024.

Firefighter Jacob Ruben was hired in May 2024. He is a City of Fall River resident, He is completing his paramedic training and is scheduled to attend the Fire Academy in February 2025.

Firefighter Wilson Smith was hired in September 2024. He resides in Bridgewater. He is attending paramedic school while managing his responsibilities at the fire department. He is expected to complete paramedic school in early summer 2025 and attend the Fire Academy in September.

## **EMS DIVISION**

The EMS division is responsible for about 70% of our call volume and generated over \$1.55 million in revenue for FY25. This funding helps offset the costs of the fire

department covered by the tax levy. Each ambulance is staffed with at least one paramedic to ensure that citizens and visitors receive the highest level of advanced care. A minimum of two personnel is required for each ambulance call, which typically lasts about 75 minutes. We transport patients to all local hospitals, and occasionally to Rhode Island Hospital or Hasbro Children's Hospital.

Our personnel operate under the guidance of Dr. Matthew Bivens from the Southcoast Hospital Group. As the population ages and additional low-income and elderly housing developments emerge, we anticipate increased demand and strain on our ambulance services.

### **FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION**

The Fire Prevention Division, led by Deputy Chief Joy Nichols, conducts life safety and fire safety inspections in commercial, industrial, and government buildings. One of the fire department's primary roles is to prevent fires and reduce their likelihood in our communities. While it is impossible to eliminate fires, we must collaborate with our community partners to minimize the associated risks.

The installation of solar panels on residential homes has significantly strained the work of the Fire Prevention Division. Each week, this division reviews and approves installation plans to ensure compliance with fire codes. After installation, each system is inspected to confirm that the roof remains safe for firefighters. The growing use of lithium battery storage systems alongside solar panels has also introduced a new dimension to our inspection process.

### **FIRE SAFETY DIVISION**

Firefighter Maggie Rocha, assisted by Firefighter Ryan Amado, led our fire safety education division. This year, we delivered various fire safety programs to our elderly housing units and elementary schools, teaching them to stay safe from fire hazards. Our annual open house in October was a success. They conducted numerous visits to our schools, daycares, community events, and college fairs. We continue to educate hundreds of residents and visitors annually.

### **FIRE ALARM DIVISION**

The Fire Alarm Division maintains the town's radio box system. The team works weekly and inspects and reprograms radio boxes to ensure that required structures and municipal buildings report fire alarms directly to the fire department. We are constantly updating our inspection program to ensure that the wireless system meets the current N.F.P.A. standards and transmits the appropriate alarms to the fire department.

This year, Lieutenant Robert Lincoln, who retired from the fire service about four years ago, officially retired from the Fire Alarm division. He served in the Fire Alarm Division for over 30 years. We thank him for his dedicated service to the Town and wish him the best in his retirement.

Firefighter Scott Rittenhouse now leads the Fire Alarm division. He has completed his initial training certifications and was able to shadow Lt. Lincoln for over a year.

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION (EM)**

In 2024, we actively helped the police and fire departments during various natural calamities and emergencies. We also supported the community in many ways, such as organizing road races and assisting civil groups, including the North Fairhaven Improvement Association, the Fairhaven Improvement Association, the Fairhaven Father's Day Road Race, and the annual Polar Plunge.

Over the past year, our town has experienced several water main breaks, small storms, and other emergencies that require Emergency Management equipment and personnel.

We continue to make minor improvements to the EOC (emergency operations center) located at the fire station in our town. We closely monitor and gather data from the National Weather Service, even when no apparent weather threats exist. Our team will continue collaborating with the Fire Department staff to monitor weather threats that may impact our community.

As always, we are excited to provide services to the town residents, departments, and numerous civic groups and assist our neighboring emergency management agencies and Massachusetts Emergency Management.

### **FAIRHAVEN ALERT**

Fairhaven ALERT was established in April 2019. A notification system enables all departments to send emergency messages to the town's citizens and visitors, providing information about current or pending emergencies and what actions they should take.

Each citizen controls which alerts they want to receive and can opt-out anytime. We appreciate the town's support and encourage all citizens to register. To register, please visit [www.fairhavenfire.org](http://www.fairhavenfire.org).

### **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN**

The Fairhaven Fire Department is responsible for designing and completing the annual Emergency Management Plan. Every year, we work with other departments to ensure they are well-prepared to respond to and mitigate any emergency, whether a man-made disaster or a crisis resulting from a natural disaster.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

The Fairhaven Fire Department's administration is ready to answer any questions regarding this document. Please feel free to check our website, [www.fairhavenfire.org](http://www.fairhavenfire.org), for more information.

### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

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

In addition to the website, please follow us on Facebook to receive daily information on emergency preparedness, current emergencies, and daily activities.



Fairhaven Fire-EMS

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

## FAIRHAVEN FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES IN 2024

Situation Description	Totals
Fire, other	5
Building fire	15
Fires in structure other than a building	2
Cooking fire, confined to container	6
Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	1
Fuel burner/boiler malfunction, fire contained	1
Trash or rubbish fire, contained	3
Passenger vehicle fire	2
Road freight or transport vehicle fire	1
Water vehicle fire	2
Natural vegetation fire, other	11
Grass Fire	2
Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	1
Overpressure rupture of steam pipe or pipeline	1
Explosion (no fire) other	1
Medical assist, assist EMS crew	4
Emergency medical service incident, other	39
EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	3077
Motor vehicle accident with injuries	72
Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)	4
Motor vehicle accident with no injuries	54
Lock-in	3
Search for person on water	2
Extrication, rescue, other	1
Extrication of victim(s) from building/structure	1
Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	2
Water & ice-related rescue, other	1
Watercraft rescue	8
Rescue or EMS standby	1
Hazardous condition - other	4
Combustible/Flammable gas or liquid condition, other	1
Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	14
Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	35
Oil or other combustible liquid spill	11
Chemical spill or leak	2
Carbon monoxide incident	21
Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	30
Breakdown of light ballast	1
Power Line Down	2
Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	5
Building or structure weakened or collapsed	2
Vehicle accident, general cleanup	12

Service call, other	12
Lock-out	14
Water problem, other	2
Water evacuation	7
Water or steam leak	10
Smoke or odor removal	6
Animal rescue	2
Public service assistance, other	9
Assist police or other governmental agency	22
Police Matter	2
Public service	14
Assist invalid	5
Defective elevator, no occupants	2
Unauthorized burning	39
Cover assignment, standby, move up	2
Good intent call, other	27
Dispatched & cancelled en route	51
No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	5
Authorized controlled burning	3
Smoke scare, odor of smoke	20
Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke	1
Smoke from barbecue, tar kettle	1
Hazmat release investigation w/no hazmat	2
False alarm or false call, other	4
Malicious, mischievous false call, other	1
Municipal alarm system, malicious false alarm	2
Direct tie to FD, malicious false alarm	1
Local alarm system, malicious false alarm	1
Bomb scare – no bomb	1
System malfunction, other	9
Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	5
Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	71
Heat detector activation due to malfunction	1
Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	103
CO detector activation due to malfunction	11
Unintentional transmission of alarm, other	2
Sprinkler activation, no fire - unintentional	5
Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	63
Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	17
Alarm system sounded, no fire - unintentional	148
Carbon monoxide detector activation, no co	12
Special type of incident, other	5
Citizen complaint	9
<i>Total Runs</i>	<i>4191</i>

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

Car Seat Installation	13
Car Seats Donated	4
ESS/Solar Inspection	146
Fire Alarm Acceptance Test	15
Hood Fire Suppression System Acceptance	1
Hurricane Dike Inspection	1
L.P. gas tank inspections	24
Nursing home inspections	16
Inn/Hotel Inspections	16
Oil burner / Tank Removal Inspections	20
Public building inspections	415
Public Education- SAFE Program	16
Re-inspection of Commercial/Industrial	127
School building inspections	12
School drills	24
Smoke detector inspections	207
Sprinkler Inspection	9
Total Service for 2024	1066
In-service training	4650
EMS training	5257

**FIRE DEPARTMENT FEES / DONATIONS COLLECTED**

Type of Fee	Amount Collected
Above Ground Tank Removal	\$330.00
Ammunition Storage License	\$30.00
Annual Radio Box Fee	\$17,600.00
Ansul System Installation or Removal	\$50.00
Bonfire Permits	\$120.00
Copy of Fire Report	\$80.00
Copy of Records (21E)	\$40.00
Copy of PCR Report	\$360.00
Solar Energy Storage System Installation Permit	\$80.00
Fire Alarm Installation/Upgrade – Commercial	\$1,050.00
Flammable Liquids, Solids & Gases	\$1,740.00
Fuel Dispensing Permit- Marine	\$150.00
Fuel Dispensing Permit – Motor Fuel	\$30.00
Hazardous Materials Storage	\$130.00
Inn/ Hotel Inspections	\$950.00
Install / Alter Oil Burner Equipment	\$550.00
LP Gas Storage Permit	\$1,370.00
Smoke Detector Inspections	\$8,740.00
Sprinkler Permit	\$310.00
Rubber Tire Storage Permit	\$60.00

Waste Oil Permit & Burner	\$1,060.00
Welding / Cutting Storage Permit	\$1,370.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$36,300.00</b>

**AMBULANCE REVENUE**

Ambulance Transport Fees	\$1,564,062.00
MassHealth – MAASCR Cost Reimbursement	\$80,050.00
<b>Sub Total:</b>	<b>\$1,644,112.00</b>

**Donations:**

Gift Account Donation	\$1,250.00
Ambulance Gift Donation	\$1,700.00
<b>Sub Total:</b>	<b>\$2,950.00</b>

**GRAND TOTAL**

**\$1,683,362.00**

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Todd M. Correia – Chief of Departments  
 Joy Nichols – Deputy Chief  
 Robert Lincoln – Assistant Superintendent of Fire Alarm  
 Marc Jodoin – Director Emergency Management Agency  
 Kristine Austin – Executive Assistant

## FAIRHAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

### SCHOOL OF RECOGNITION

As part of its annual accountability reporting process, the Department identifies a small number of Schools of Recognition. These schools demonstrate progress toward annual accountability targets, emphasizing the performance of all students and the school's lowest-performing student groups (where applicable). We proudly report that Fairhaven High School was named one of fourteen high schools to receive this prestigious honor.

### INNOVATION PATHWAY DESIGNATION

After about a year of an application process, Fairhaven Public Schools has been awarded an Innovation Pathway Grant in the area of Business and Finance, where students will earn industry-level credentials. It allowed for the opening of a SouthCoast Credit Union branch to be housed inside Fairhaven High School, which provides for internships and real job opportunities. This distinction has opened up dual-enrollment opportunities through partnerships with Massachusetts Maritime Academy and Bristol Community College and additional internship opportunities through MASSHIRE of Greater New Bedford. FPS is committed to expanding upon this initial pathway to provide our students the most authentic real-world learning experiences.

### CREATIVE FUNDING

While our budget was cut by \$447,000 for FY25, we got creative to retain services. We requested a restructure of a post-COVID grant, which allowed us to purchase our technology refresh cycle once for \$134,000. We also consolidated the East Fairhaven School bus routes and cut district-wide money designated for Professional Development and training. While these tools helped us survive this fiscal year, they put us at risk of a structural deficit.

### SUPER BOWL

Coming off of an exciting Super Bowl Victory, our Football Team made it to Gillette Stadium again. While we did not win this time, we are very proud of our team's hard work and dedication to get there.

### UNIFIED TEAMS

We have proudly expanded our Unified Programs throughout the district. This year, Fairhaven High School was again honored as a Special Olympics Champion School. Elizabeth Hastings Middle School and East and Wood Elementary Schools have participated in Special Olympics this year. We are excited to announce that our FHS Unified Basketball has been invited to participate in the Andrew James Lawson 2025 Invitational on January 11, 2025, at TD Garden.

## FINE ARTS

The collection of the town's fine art remains in excellent condition and all insurance values remain in place.

The town's collection is located within Town Hall and the Millicent Library.

All are welcome to come in and view the works of these Hudson River School Artists: Albert Bierstadt, Charles H. Gifford, William Bradford, R Swain Gifford, Lemuel D. Eldred and others.

If any Fairhaven resident would like a personal tour of the art collection with an explanation of the paintings and the artist who created the works, please contact the Department of Fine Art. We would be happy to provide you with a tour. It would be our pleasure.

This past year the Department of Fine Art spent \$900.00 to restore and clean a large canvas measuring approximately 34 x 62 inches. The painting was by the artist Elizabeth Delano and the subject matter is titled "Chrysanthemums". It hangs proudly on the western second floor stairwell.

To quote the great American artist, Edward Hopper, "If I could say it in words there would be no reason to paint."

All the best,  
Mark Badwey  
Art Curator

## GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Wayne Oliveira, Chair, Fairhaven  
Carol Pimentel, Vice-Chair, New Bedford  
Kimberli Bettencourt, New Bedford  
Paul Kitchen, Fairhaven  
Dr. Cynthia Marland, Dartmouth  
Rita M. Ribeiro, New Bedford  
Michael Shea, Dartmouth

The District School Committee sets policy and approves the budget for the school. The eight-member Committee includes four members from New Bedford and two each from Dartmouth and Fairhaven. A student serves as the ninth, non-voting member of the group. In May of 2024, the School Committee held its annual organizational meeting. Wayne Oliveira, of Fairhaven was elected chair and Carol Pimentel of New Bedford was elected vice-chair. Caroline Pereira has joined the School Committee as a student representative for the 2024-2025 school year. Caroline is a senior majoring in Dental Assisting. Caroline lives in New Bedford.

### OVERVIEW OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

### OVERVIEW OF THE HIGH SCHOOL

Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School is a four-year career and vocational technical high school. The school provides career and technical education as well as academic instruction to students from New Bedford, Dartmouth and Fairhaven. With its roots dating back to 1908, it opened as a regional vocational technical high school in 1977. As of October 1, 2024, there were 2,152 students enrolled in grades 9-12. Of those, 1,672 lived in New Bedford, 320 lived in Dartmouth, and 160 lived in Fairhaven.

### CAREER MAJORS

GNB Voc-Tech offers two dozen career and technical education programs. Career majors include Architectural and Mechanical Design, Automotive Technology, Business Technology, Carpentry, Collision Repair Technology, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Dental Assisting, Design & Visual Communication, Diesel Service Technology, Early Childhood Education, Electrical Technology, Engineering & Robotics, HVAC, Information Support

Services and Networking, Legal and Protective Services, Machine Technology, Marine Service Technology, Medical Assisting, Nurse Assisting/Health Assisting, Plumbing, Programming and Web Development, Stationary Engineering, and Metal Fabrication and Joining.

### GREATER NEW BEDFORD VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

GNBVTI returned for the 2024-2025 school year with an increase in both programs and enrollment. Adult Education has added new classes, we are running two new Career Technical Initiative (CTI) cohorts, and in After Dark, we have added plumbing students to our roster.

After school culinary workshops for our staff started this fall and have been met with much enthusiasm. We are also partnering with New Bedford Fisheries to present seafood cooking classes in 2025. These classes will be led by community cooks, providing students with the opportunity to learn how to prepare locally caught seafood. These classes tie in with New Bedford Fisheries newest exhibit, "Casting a Wider Net" and features traditional seafood dishes from the cultures represented in the exhibit. Students will learn to prepare seafood from various cultures as well as traditional seafood dishes.

Two new 200-hour Career Technical Initiative (CTI) cohorts began in the Fall of 2024. There are 18 students enrolled in our Automotive and Marine Technician programs, and a second cohort in Automotive Technology will begin in February of 2025. These programs are offered through the Massachusetts Commonwealth Corporation for individuals who are either unemployed or underemployed. We work closely with MassHire's Career Center to recruit and vet qualified students who receive this training. Student retention and employment are tracked and reported to Commonwealth Corporation, and incentives are given to students who complete the program and find employment in their occupational field.

Our After Dark program has added a new group of plumbing students from New Bedford High School. Seventeen students are now enrolled in plumbing and carpentry classes here at GNBVT, where they work on various projects Mondays through Fridays from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. This fall, carpentry students from New Bedford High School worked on building displays for the Clasky Commons Festival of Lights, and have new projects planned for the winter and spring semesters.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

Students at Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech (GNBVT) continue to achieve remarkable success across various areas of learning and development. In Career and Technical Education (CTE), we have doubled the capacity of our dental assisting, plumbing, and metal fabrication programs to accommodate growing student interest and meet the increasing demand for these high-skill fields. These expansions provide more students with access to modern career pathways, equipping them with the skills necessary for success in today's evolving job market.

This year also marked the completion of several key infrastructure projects. The auditorium has undergone a full renovation, including new flooring, seating, and upgraded lighting, representing the first major improvements to this space since the school opened in 1977. The collision repair shop has been fully modernized with two new spray booths,

providing students with state-of-the-art facilities to enhance their learning experience. Additionally, the outdoor track has been resurfaced, and the removal of hills at the front of the school has improved visibility and created a safer, more accessible environment for students, staff, and visitors. The main office expansion was also completed, enhancing accessibility and providing a welcoming entry point for families and visitors.

The Admissions Office now offers streamlined support for seventh and eighth-grade families, ensuring consistency throughout the application process and the freshman exploratory experience. By maintaining familiar faces during the onboarding process, the district strengthens its connection with students and families, creating a sense of trust and community. This effort is further supported by the expansion of the District's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Office, which now includes a community specialist dedicated to fostering engagement, building relationships, and supporting equitable practices.

GNBVT's redefined admissions policy for the Class of 2029 reflects a district-wide commitment to equity and access. This includes not only ensuring fair access to all students across the region but also embedding equitable practices throughout instruction. A focus on culturally inclusive teaching, multi-tiered systems of support, intentional lesson development, and proactive community outreach ensures that all students receive an education tailored to their needs. By meeting learners where they are and fostering their growth, GNBVT continues to provide high-quality, personalized educational opportunities. These initiatives, alongside the district's strategic plan, highlight GNBVT's dedication to serving its community and ensuring every student has the resources to succeed.

#### **DISTRICT BUDGET & ASSESSMENT**

The District's total budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 was \$50,119,752. Of this amount, the City of New Bedford was responsible for 76.1 %, the Town of Fairhaven was responsible for 8.2 %, and the Town of Dartmouth was responsible for 15.7 %. For fiscal year 2024, the district's total assessment to the three-member communities was \$13,989,080. This figure represented 28% of the total District budget. Each year, the school district works hard to keep its budget at the required net school spending level.

#### **GRANTS FY 2024**

Title I \$806,493  
Title II \$75,208  
Title III \$17,676  
Title IV \$55,727  
Perkins \$349,467  
SPED IDEA \$561,491  
Career Technical Initiative \$180,000

#### **OFF-CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION**

At Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational-Technical High School, our Off-Campus Construction (OCC) program continues to offer students opportunities to apply their classroom knowledge in impactful, real-world settings. Although the students participating change from year to year, the value they gain remains constant. By expanding our classroom into the communities of our sending districts, students gain invaluable

experiences and build confidence while performing meaningful services that benefit the community. This approach helps shape them into well-rounded individuals.

Over the past year, students have undertaken a series of off-campus construction projects that showcase their skills, provide practical learning experiences, and prepare them for future careers. These projects also contribute significantly to saving district funds, demonstrating the financial efficiency of the program.

Through their active involvement, students refine their skills in carpentry, plumbing, HVAC, electrical work, and other trades such as architectural and mechanical design. These immersive experiences not only enhance their technical abilities but also instill a sense of pride and responsibility as they see the tangible impact of their work in the community. The OCC program is not just about building structures; it is about constructing pathways to personal growth, professional readiness, and community engagement.

#### **SY 24/25 OFF CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS:**

##### **CARPENTRY**

- Completion of the Lloyd Center
- Dartmouth Housing Authority raised bed planters
- New Bedford Common Park holiday display (Set-Up)
- Prince Henry Society- outside pavilion/shed
- Andrea McCoy Recreation Center trophy display
- City of New Bedford | Environmental Stewardship Photo Station cradle
- Our Sisters School OSS Pavillion
- James Arnold Mansion renovation
- Multiple in house GNBRVTHS projects
- Rosemary's Wish Kids/Wish House Program-Demi's Playhouse Project
- Whitfield-Manjiro Project
- Fairhaven Lady of Angels Feast Grounds (Walk-In Freezer)
- Fairhaven Community Center shed
- Fairhaven High School maintenance / athletic storage building
- Fairhaven Revere Bell Tower project
- Fairhaven Town Hall (Custom Moldings)
- Common Park Holiday Display Design and construct new building displays through the collaboration of the Afterdark Program & GNB students

Multiple GNBRVTHS Repairs, as the work order comes in 24/25

##### **ELECTRICAL**

- Completion of the Lloyd Center (Installation of electrical power monitors)
- New Bedford Common Park holiday display
- New Bedford Boys & Girls Club (Maintenance & emergency service calls)
- SEYAA Baseball League maintenance & safety hazard repairs
- Multiple in house GNBRVTHS projects
- Whitfield-Manjiro Project

- Our Sisters School OSS Pavillion
- Fairhaven Town Hall (Office lighting rehab)
- Fairhaven Shepherd Center for the Performing Arts Stage wiring (layout and planning stages with students)
- Fairhaven High School maintenance / athletic storage building (power / branch wiring)
- Fairhaven Revere Bell Tower project (lighting)
- Fairhaven Benoit Square (Underground wiring and Outlets for multiple holiday display)
- Rosemary's Wish Kids/Wish House Program-Demi's Playhouse Project

Multiple GNBRVTHS Repairs, as the work order comes in 24/25

### PLUMBING

- Completion of the Lloyd Center
- Smith Mills Campgrounds (winterizing/maintenance)
- New Bedford Boys & Girls Club (maintenance & emergency service calls)
- SEYAA Baseball League maintenance & safety hazard repairs
- Whaling City Youth Baseball League (winterizing/ maintenance)
- New Bedford pony league (winterizing/ maintenance)
- Bay State Girls Softball (winterizing/ maintenance)
- Whitfield-Manjiro Project (Carriage house retrofit to an education center, Bathroom & Kitchen)

Old Colony Regional Vocational High School Collaborative Projects

- Mary's Pond Ball fields (winterizing/ maintenance)
- Dexter Lane Baseball fields (winterizing/ maintenance)
- Mattapoisett Holy Ghost grounds New ADA men's & lady's bathrooms
- Carver High School concession stand
- Mattapoisett American Legion bathroom upfit

Multiple GNBRVTHS Repairs, as the work order comes in 24/25; \$41,685.00 to date

### HVAC/R

- Completion of the Lloyd Center (finish work)
- Fairhaven High School maintenance / athletic storage building
- Fairhaven - Whitfield-Manjiro Project
- Fairhaven Lady of Angels Feast Grounds (Walk-In Freezer)

Old Colony Regional Vocational High School Collaborative Projects

- American Legion bathrooms (Ductless HVAC unit)
- Mattapoisett Harbor Master

Multiple GNBRVTHS Repairs as the work order comes in 24/25

### EDUCATIONAL VALUE OF THE OFF-CAMPUS PROGRAM

The off-campus construction program is a cornerstone of our commitment to equipping students with the skills, experiences, and mindset necessary to thrive in their careers. It

provides an unparalleled opportunity for students to transition from theory to practice, helping them mature into confident, capable professionals ready to enter the workforce.

### HAND-PICKED PROJECTS ALIGNED WITH CURRICULUM GOALS

Our instructors meticulously select off-campus projects to ensure they align with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) frameworks for each trade area. These projects are carefully chosen to complement the program's scope and sequence, seamlessly integrating into the year's curriculum. This alignment guarantees that students receive targeted, practical experience directly tied to the academic and technical competencies outlined in their coursework.

By selecting projects that mirror industry trends and demands, we also stay ahead of the curve in incorporating the latest tools and technologies into our teaching. This approach allows students to gain firsthand experience with cutting-edge practices without imposing additional costs on the district or impacting the school's budget.

### KEY BENEFITS FOR STUDENTS

1. **Real-World Application**
  - Students apply theoretical concepts learned in the classroom to actual construction projects, bridging the gap between academic knowledge and practical experience.
2. **Skill Development**
  - Engagement in these projects refines trade-specific skills while introducing students to new technologies and industry innovations, ensuring they are workforce-ready upon graduation.
3. **Collaborative Learning**
  - Working in teams fosters collaboration and communication skills, which are critical for success in any professional environment.
4. **Problem-Solving Abilities**
  - Students face real-world challenges, honing their critical thinking and innovation as they overcome obstacles inherent in construction projects.

### A COST-EFFECTIVE APPROACH TO EXCELLENCE

One of the program's most significant advantages is its ability to provide state-of-the-art education without placing additional financial strain on the district or school budget. These projects offer students exposure to advanced tools and techniques, funded through external collaborations, ensuring our programs remain dynamic and up-to-date.

### PREPARING STUDENTS FOR THEIR FUTURE

This program not only imparts technical expertise but also instills confidence, independence, and a professional mindset. By engaging in meaningful, curriculum-aligned projects, students emerge as industry-ready individuals, equipped to make a significant impact in their chosen careers.

As we conclude this academic year, we eagerly anticipate even more dynamic off-campus construction projects in the year ahead. These experiences are essential to shaping the next



generation of skilled, capable, and innovative professionals who will lead the construction industry into the future.

### **SCHOOL ENROLLMENT**

October 1<sup>st</sup> marks the date for a snapshot of statistics for official reporting of enrollment data to the state. As of October 1, 2024, there were 2,152 students enrolled in grades 9-12. There were 1,042 females, 1,109 males and 1 non-binary student. The enrollment by grade level is: grade 9 – 558, grade 10 - 557, grade 11 - 527, and grade 12 - 510. The breakdown by city/town is: Dartmouth 320, Fairhaven 160, and New Bedford 1,672.

In the spring, grade 12 students participated in the annual Postgraduate Plans Survey. This survey is a DESE required survey as part of the Perkins grant and is a part of end-of-the-year SIMS reporting to the state. According to the survey, 58.7% of the students in the Class of 2024 planned to pursue a post-secondary education, 38.2% planned to enter the workforce, and 3.1% planned to enter the military.

### **JOHN & ABIGAIL ADAMS SCHOLARSHIP**

The John and Abigail Adams Scholarship provides a tuition credit for up to eight semesters of undergraduate education at a Massachusetts state college or university. The scholarship covers tuition only; fees and room and board are not included. The scholarship must be used within six years of a student's high school graduation. Scholarship criteria for the class of 2024 included students with combined scores placing them in the top 25% of students in the district and who also met the MCAS score requirements (score at advanced level on one of the tests and who score proficient on the remaining tests). Scholarship eligibility is based on each student's first attempt at taking the next-generation tests.

214 graduating seniors in the Class of 2024 were awarded the John & Abigail Adams Scholarship.

### **GUIDANCE, HEALTH & STUDENT SERVICES**

The objectives of the Office of Guidance, Health & Student Support Services are multifaceted. The department is composed of an extremely diverse staff who are trained in a variety of specialized areas. During the 2022-2023 school-year GNB Voc-Tech employed 8 Guidance Counselors, 5 School Adjustment Counselors, 4 Nurses, 1 Student Registrar and 2 Administrative Assistants. Each day, staff work to make a difference in the lives of GNB Voc-Tech youth. The services we provide are essential in assisting students successfully meet the challenges they may face. These specially trained, licensed staff are responsible for providing consultation and direct intervention to students and families in regard to academic, college and career readiness, behavioral, emotional, physical, medical and/or social emotional issues. GNB Voc-Tech school counselors do an outstanding job of working with every student to assist in determining the right college or career path for them. In June of 2023, 94.7% of our seniors graduated from GNB Voc-Tech. These graduates left with endless opportunities and a solid plan for their future. It is through our rigorous academic and high-quality vocational technical educational opportunities that we prepare our students for the real-world challenges and expectations. Our students graduate from GNB Voc-Tech with a solid academic background, problem solving

abilities, work ethic and employment skills that place our students in a prime position to immediately enter college or a career of their choice. For the incoming class of 2027, GNB Voc-Tech accepted 572 incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade students, in which 236 were admitted via the Lottery. These students come to us from the sending districts of Dartmouth, Fairhaven and New Bedford. The Special Education department consists of 1 Coordinator, 14 Special Education Teachers, 1 School Psychologist, 6 Teaching Assistants, one 1:1 Paraprofessional, and 1 Administrative Assistant. We consult and work with the Southeastern Massachusetts Educational Collaborative for Speech and Language, Physical Therapy, and Occupational Therapy services.

### **EXPLORATORY**

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

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

### **ATTENDANCE**

GNB Voc-Tech has a rigorous Attendance Policy that is outlined in the student handbook. The district's policy holds students accountable for their behavior by raising the expectations for students to be prepared, present, and on time every day. GNB Voc-Tech believes that attendance is the key component in students' reaching academic and vocational success. For the 2023-2024 SY, GNB Voc-Tech continues to report a 96% overall attendance rate and is working on reducing the dropout rate of 0.7% by 5% to 0.6% for the 2024-2025 SY.

### **COOPERATIVE EDUCATION & PLACEMENT**

During the 2023-2024 school year, over 200 students from the senior class and more than 100 students from the junior class participated in the Cooperative Education Program (Co-op). Many of these students will stay with the companies which they are currently on Co-op with after graduation in either a full or part-time capacity. Many more students than the prior year. Participation could have been even greater if more students had met the requirements of maintaining a 70 average in their classes and having met the attendance requirements.

The 313 Cooperative Education students that did participate in Co-op had total earnings for all students combined of approximately \$ \$1,869,219.

We are grateful to our new cooperative partnership employers listed below:

Advanced Dental Spa, Alert Ambulance, AMC Dartmouth, BBS Tech, Best CJDR, Brandon Woods, Brownell Boat Stands, CDBS, Chasse Ind Coastline Electric, Colonial Chevrolet, Crumble Cookie, Davis & Tripp DP Collari, Dr Whinterhalter, Edmond Heat and Air, ERT Painting Granite City Elec, Green Brothers, Hiller CJD, J Berry Sheet Metal KIA of Dartmouth, Lucigold, Luzo Auto Body, Marshall Marine Marx Auto Center, Mattapoissett Boatyard, MB Contracting Mechanical Systems and Welding, NORPEL, Northeastern Trades PACE, Prestige Collision, Pride Heat and Oil, Ralphs, Refab Sandpiper Air, SDC Drywall, South Wharf Yacht Yard SpeeDee Oil Change, St Lukes Maintenance, Super Lube Used Tire Warehouse, VAZ Home Improvement

### PLACEMENT

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

### ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS

Articulation Agreements allow GNBVT students to be eligible for credit for prior learning in specific Career and Technical Programs. Students must maintain a 3.0 (B) or better average in the approved Chapter 74 program at GNBVT, as well as meet other program specific criteria for the college, university or technical school. Students in participating programs must present an official high school transcript documenting completion of the program to the Office of Admissions. Credits are awarded as transfer credits.

### DUAL ENROLLMENT

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

### SKILLS USA

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

*July 2024 - State Officer Elect Summer Training* - Our State Officer, Jada Sanchez, participated in the one-week training session in Marlborough, Massachusetts that

culminated in an installation ceremony. She was elected State Region Historian.

*August 2024 - The Heritage Adventure Park* - Our leadership team went on an adventure zip lining and building on our skills. This was a team building exercise to encourage teamwork, communication and leadership skills. Everyone had a blast.

*September 2024 - Chapter Officers Retreat & Leadership Instillation* - Our leadership team worked on Neuron Networks, Program of Work, Communication/Frameworks, and Etiquette. The students had a great presentation by Stephen Gorrie on Robert's Rules of Order and are excited to incorporate into meetings. The wrap up was the installation ceremony for this year's officers.

Presidents - Cameron Stapleton, Owen Medeiros

Vice Presidents - Olivia DeAlmeida, Jaelynn Sustache

Secretary- James Edminster

Treasurer - Ayden Silva

Reporter - Brooklynne Costa

Historian - Madison Leite

Parliamentarian - Ediline Pires

Leadership Chair - Cameron Stapleton

SkillsUSA Frameworks: Personal - Ella DeMelo, Evelyn Cardoza-Coj

SkillsUSA Frameworks: Technical - Brandon Santiago, Aiden Buck

SkillsUSA Frameworks: Workplace - Cheyenne Medeiros, Emma Pereira

SkillsUSA Massachusetts State Representative - Jada Sanchez

SkillsUSA Week team - Brandon Santiago, Evelyn Cardoza-Coj, Cheyenne Medeiros

Public Relations team - Aiden Buck, Ella DeMelo, Emma Pereira

*September 2024 - SkillsUSA Member Recruitment* - Our State Region Vice President, a Chapter Officer and advisor spoke at the class orientation meetings to bring awareness to the organization.

*October 2024 - MRE Challenge* - One team of 3 along with their advisor competed in the annual MRE Challenge which allows culinary students the ability to utilize and be creative with Military issue MREs. Our team did not win this year but vow to win it all next year.

*November 2024 - June 2025 - SkillsUSA Competitors Professional Development* - Students participate in learning the required skills for the Professional Development portion of the competitions.

*November 24-25, 2024 - Fall State Leadership Conference* - Students in 10th and 11th grade are invited to learn more about SkillsUSA and how to become a leader in their areas. Students at the conference participated in intensive leadership training in multiple areas, including communication skills, group dynamics and employability skills, while having opportunities to become involved in the SkillsUSA Professional Development Program (PDP), earn a SkillsUSA Massachusetts Leader Award, and learn more about SkillsUSA's various programs. The students that attended participated in several challenges, including areas in: Personal Skills, Workplace Skills, Technical Skills and Community Engagement.

*December 2024 - Local Competitions* - During the month of December, the career & technical areas hold 70 local competitions to assess the students in their abilities. The

top four students are then able to represent themselves, their career & technical area and their school at the District Competition in February of 2025, along with the students participating in the leadership competitions that go directly to the state level, who also compete during this month to represent the school.

*January 16, 2025 - Smart Start Summit* - This conference focusses on our freshmen who know little to nothing about the SkillsUSA organization. The conference is designed to help 8th and 9th-grade students begin their SkillsUSA journey by focusing on personal, workplace, and technical skill development. The event features interactive activities, led by SkillsUSA State and Chapter leaders, emphasizing community service, professional growth, and career readiness. Participants will explore SkillsUSA programs and opportunities while engaging in leadership and peer-led sessions. The summit is aimed at building a foundation for students' success within the SkillsUSA organization.

*February 6, 2025 - SAIL Conference* - This conference focuses on our seniors who will graduate with seemingly limitless opportunities for quality employment largely due to the drastic skills gap in today's workforce. The training content included: Financial Foundations, Real World Ready, Selling Yourself & Navigating Networking. The one-day conference can send up to 12 seniors and 4 advisors. Who will enjoy the overall experience, and all of the students received graduation stoles & certificates.

*February 28, 2025 - District 1 Competition* - Greater New Bedford Voc Tech participated in the District Competition for District I schools. With the support of the School Committee and administration, the students were able to compete in an online testing format.

*May 1-3, 2025 - State Leadership & Skills Conference* - The SkillsUSA State competition will take place in Marlborough, Massachusetts as a three-day event. Students pre-submitted items online and participated in-person for the leadership and technical competitions.

*June 23-28, 2025 - National Leadership & Skills Conference* - Students who participated in the State Leadership & Skills Conference and medal in first place (GOLD) will move onto the next level at Nationals. This will be hosted in Atlanta Georgia. Next year 2026, the conference has to move the date of the conference to June 1-5, 2026, due to the World Cup. The conference will still be held in Atlanta Georgia.

## ATHLETICS

Once again during the calendar year GNB Voc-Tech High School saw another great turnout of students participating in athletics. Along with the large participation came many highlights:

## WINTER SPORTS

**Basketball** - The girls basketball team continued to show considerable improvement this season improving their win total from 2021-22, 1, to 2022-23, 4 to this year, 8. The team narrowly missed qualifying for the MIAA Tournament. With a great collection of talented players returning, the future is promising for the Bears. Coach Moniz is leading the team back towards the success the program had when he was a sub varsity coach under Coach

Prior and Coach Harrison. Freshmen Jai-Ana Silva was an SCC All-Star and averaged just under 20 points a game. Our boys' basketball team had their most challenging season since Coach Delaleu has taken over the program. The boys finished the season 5-15. However, the program is loaded with young talent. Between the 3 levels of the program, we had 21 freshmen. Despite the struggles this season the program will be continuing to move towards Coach Delaleu's vision of GNBVT Boys Basketball being on the court with the top programs in the state. We are looking to keep Durfee, Wareham, Dartmouth and add NBHS to our non-conference schedule.

**Track** - Our girls indoor track & field team had another Championship Level season. Senior Owen Vieira became the latest GNBVT Track & Field Athlete to add a State Championship to his resume. Owen won the D3 State Championship in the 55-meter Hurdles with a time of 6.70 seconds. Owen along with teammates Jared Quann and Madalyn Duarte qualified and competed in the MIAA Meet of Champions. While the boys team will be losing seniors Owen Vieira, Dan Ward, Jared Quann and Nate Fernandes Coach Thornhill will look for our underclassmen to continue the level of success this group of seniors have brought to the program. Our girls program will be returning many of our top performers including Madalyn Duarte, Nevaeh Escobar and Shelbie Ruffley and look to compete at the top of the SCC next season.

**Hockey** - The Bears made small steps of improvement this season on the ice. With a co-op program approved by the MIAA the Bears will team with Whalers for the first time in school history. We are hopeful this co-op will bring New Bedford Hockey back to where it was when NBHS and GNBVT's programs were at their peaks.

## FALL SPORTS

**Football** - The culture Coach Cruz has built around our football program resulted in another season of over 140 athletes competing within our football program. More impressive than the number of athletes we started the season with is the fact that we ended the season with over 100 athletes yet again. The team battled to another winning season and a final record of 6-5. The team once again qualified for the MVADA State Vocational Tournament and won their first-round game against Blackstone Valley Tech. The squad ultimately fell to 3-time Vocational State Champion Bay Path. The team was loaded with 4-year seniors including, Harrison Cabral, Ayden Santos, Joel Costa, Vanilson Andrade, Demetrios Baptiste, Angel Barreto, Nick Boucher, Nasir Cox, Cam Moniz, Aedan Nogueira, Dylan Rosario, Jomar Santos and Tyler Vasconcelos. Harrison Cabral was the school's Otto Graham Nominee, finishing the season with over 1,000 yards rushing and double-digit touchdowns. There will be voids to fill on both sides of the football next season and we are hopeful our large number of athletes can continue the success this group has accomplished.

**Boys Soccer** - Our boys soccer team struggled through their most challenging season under Coach Almeida this year. While the squad did not qualify for any post-season tournaments our group of young players will look to lead the team back to the top of the SCC and into the Vocational and State Tournament next season.

**Girls Soccer** - After their most successful season in the 2023 season, Coach Racine was

called into active duty resulting in her having to step away from the Girls Soccer Program for the 2024 season. GNBVT was lucky enough to have Coach Katia Andrade step in and take over the program for the season. In her first year as a varsity head coach, Coach Andrade did a fantastic job with our girls. They were competitive in a very challenging SCC. They finished with a record of 7-12-1. Senior Captain, Kendra Santiago broke the school's single season goals record with 36 goals.

**Cross Country** - For the third season in a row our Cross-Country program ended with over 30 students. Coach Southerland and Coach Shimala have done a great job building the program to its highest participation number in many years. Madalyn Duarte was named the SCC's MVP in her first season running XC. She was undefeated in league and regular season competition and competed in the Meet of Champions.

**Girls Volleyball** - Our girls volleyball team won another MVADA State Vocational Championship. The team was led by two record-breaking seniors. Morgan Teves broke our all-time kills record and Elle McCormack became the first setter in school history with 2,000 assists. The girls defeated Lynnfield in the first round of the MIAA tournament. Their season ended with a loss to Wayland in the Sweet 16.

**Golf** - Our Golf Team continued to improve under Coach Santiago. They finished the regular season with a record of 10-5, qualifying for the MIAA Tournament. Senior Jackson Ruel was the team's lone all-star; however, our talented underclassmen will look to improve on this season's success going into next season.

## SPRING SPORTS

**Boys Lacrosse** - Our boys lacrosse team finished the season 3-13 in the competitive SCC. Senior Captain Nathan Pearson ended his record-breaking career at GNBVT as the Boys All-Time leading scorer. Nathan received a scholarship to continue his lacrosse career at NCAA D2 Tiffin University in Ohio.

**Girls Lacrosse** - The Girls' Lacrosse Team had the program's most successful season in program history this season under Head Coach Sydney Gomes. The team qualified for both the MIAA and Vocational State Tournament. While the girls lost in the first round of the MIAA Tournament out in Martha's Vineyard, they were able to win the Vocational State Semi-Final and competed in the Vocational State Tournament. The team will be looking to build off this success going into next season.

**Baseball** - The baseball team finished the season 7-13 narrowly missing out on the MIAA and Vocational State Tournament. Senior Captain Jhaden Reis capped off his impressive 3 Season career with an All-Star season. The team was loaded with young but talented players that will be challenging for the top spot in the SCC for years to come.

**Softball** - The Softball Team challenged themselves with one of the most difficult schedules in all of Massachusetts. While their 11-11 record wasn't as impressive on paper as our previous regular season records, when you look at their quality of opponent that record is very respectable. This resulted in a strong power ranking and an 11th seed in the MIAA D3 tournament.

**Boys Volleyball** - Coach Gomes once again led the Boys to another MVADA State Vocational Championship. The team were also Tri-Champions in the last season of the South Alliance Conference. 4-year starter and Senior Captain Collin Stuessi was named

Conference Player of the Year to cap off his 4-year career at GNBVT. The team was able to advance to the Sweet 16 of the MIAA D1 State Tournament. The team received a bye in the first round of the tournament before defeating Seekonk in the round of 32. Their season came to an end once again at Triton Regional this time in the round of 16.

**Spring Track** - Our girls track team finished with a 2-2 record. Sophomore Maddie Duarte won another SCC Championship in the 1 mile and was named to the SCC All-Star Team. Our Boys team also finished with a 4-0 winning the SCC Championship. The team was led by Seniors Owen Vieira and Jared Quann. They were both named to the SCC All-Star team and participated in the MIAA Championships Meet.

## CLOSING REMARKS

Thank you for taking the time to review our annual report, which showcases the exceptional dedication and achievements of our school community. Together, we are committed to creating opportunities that empower every student to thrive through high-quality learning experiences, equipping them with the skills they need for lifelong growth and success.

As we move forward, we remain committed to being responsible stewards of public trust and resources, investing in programs that foster bright futures for our students and strengthen our communities. In a world that is constantly evolving, our school community continues to adapt and excel, driven by an unwavering commitment to support every learner to the fullest extent possible.

With gratitude and determination,  
Michael P. Watson  
Superintendent-Director

## BOARD OF HEALTH

In 2024 the Board of Health welcomed the return of Board Member Dr. Barbara Acksen. The Board would like to thank Kevin Gallagher for his years of service and expertise to the Board of Health. The Board also expresses their deepest condolences for the passing of former member Heidi Hacking. The Board would also like to thank the hard-working staff of the Health Department and all the Town employees who helped us reach our goals and implement policies.

The Board of Health continued to perform routine and complaint-based inspections for Code compliance in relation to Food Service Establishments, Housing, private wells, Title 5 and septic systems, marinas, rodent and vermin complaints as well as general nuisance complaints. During the summer season, the Board of Health tested the bathing beach water samples weekly. The water quality was very good for the entire season with no beach closures. Additionally, the Board of Health tracked West Nile Virus, Eastern Equine Encephalitis, Lyme disease, Influenza and COVID 19 with assistance of our Community Public Health Nurse Maura Reimer.

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

The following permits were issued in the year 2024:

Food Establishments	180	Funeral Directors	10
Percolation Tests	10	Marinas	6
Septic System Installations	7	Demolition/Rodents	8
Septic System Inspections	15	Catering	2
Septic System Installers	10	Frozen Desserts	5
Animal Permits	22	Motels/Inns	4
Mobile Food	24	Public & Semi-Public Pools	2
Tobacco Sales	19	Bathing Beaches	7
Offal Haulers	10	Tanning Salons	1
Private Swimming Pools	6	Residential Kitchens	1
Private Wells	4	Dumpsters	51

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Justine Frezza, Board Chair  
 Brian Meneses, Board Vice-Chair  
 Barbara Acksen, PhD, Clerk  
 David D. Flaherty Jr., RS, Health Agent  
 Thomas Hemingway, Health Inspector  
 Angelica Medeiros, Administrative Assistant

## HISTORICAL COMMISSION

2024 was a year of transition and evolution for the Fairhaven Historical Commission. During the end of 2023 and beginning of 2024, the Commission experienced a 75% turnover in active members. Of the members that made up the Commission at the beginning of 2023, only 3 now remain. The change has brought an influx of new ideas and renewed enthusiasm for the role of the Historical Commission.

In addition to new personnel, 2024 saw a change in direction for the Historical Commission, from one of maintenance and oversight, to an expanded role of public engagement and intra-governmental collaboration.

From a fiscal standpoint, the Commission was able to provide all basic maintenance and repairs within budget, and ended Fiscal 2024 with \$445 remaining, though this did require tapping into the Commission's gift fund, which is composed entirely of donations, due to unexpected repairs needed for the Academy exterior.

The buildings under the charge of the Historical Commission remain:

The Old Stone Schoolhouse, North Street

The Fairhaven Academy Building, Main Street

Fort Phoenix (Structure & Cannons)

Fairhaven Protecting Society Building/Old Jailhouse, Washington Street

Spring Street Firehouse, Spring Street

The most measurable aspect of this change mentioned above has been the transformation of the Old Stone Schoolhouse (c. 1828) from a shuttered building requiring basic upkeep to an active museum opened to the public on multiple dates from Spring through Autumn 2024. Building upon the success of the initial openings in late 2023, the Schoolhouse welcomed 393 visitors this year. While many were from town and immediate area, the museum had guests from multiple states and at least three foreign countries as well. We also hosted field trips from three school groups, including Friends Academy and Nazarene Christian Academy. The most often heard comment from Fairhaven citizens upon entering the building was, "I've been by this building my whole life, and always wanted to see what was inside."

2024 also saw the vacating of the Academy Building by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism, upon the retirement of the Director of Tourism. The Commission continues to maintain the property, and in Q3 of 2024 the Commission applied to the Community Preservation Committee for the purpose of installing cedar shingles on the east, north, and west faces of the building, as well as upgrading the interior restroom to ADA Compliance and the addition of an electronic opening pad for the ADA compliant rear entrance.

Fort Phoenix remains one of the key focal points of our town, and as such requires constant monitoring. The high winds and salt spray common to the location causes frequent damage to the US flag, as well as continuous erosion of the cannon & their carriages. Given the need for quick response and continuous vigilance, the Historical Commission has partnered with the Department of Veteran's Services, in order to provide Fort Phoenix with the appropriate level of oversight. Plans are being developed for a major repair & preventive maintenance project beginning in Spring 2025. Also discussed during

the year was the need for better management of the property in terms of its use by non-governmental parties. Nothing discussed would limit or impede the ability for outside groups to use Fort Phoenix. The changes would simply require advance notification of the various entities that manage the total property: the Historical Commission (structures & apparatus,) Veteran's Services (memorials,) and DPW (grounds.)

The two Firehouses (Spring Street & Washington Street) continue to be maintained and house the antique fire engines belonging to the town. While progress on preparing both for public viewing has been slow, based on the successful program of opening the Old Stone Schoolhouse, we hope to provide both buildings as destinations for citizens and tourists alike in 2025.

Finally, at the end of 2024, the Historical Commission welcomed a new Staff Liaison, Alyssa Botelho of the Fairhaven Office for Community Development. Her ideas and enthusiasm will aid in the continued development of the Historical Commission as a service and benefit to the townspeople and visitors of Fairhaven in 2025 and beyond.

Reviewed and approved for submission by:

Michael J. Kelly, Chair

Natalie Mello, Vice-Chair/Clerk

Nicole Arruda

Nate Bekemeier

Beth Luey

Rick Martin

Wayne Oliveira

Keith Silvia, Select Board Liaison

Alyssa Botelho, Staff Liaison

## HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Board of Commissioners of the Fairhaven Housing Authority for 2024 was:

Chairperson - Carol Alfonso	180 Adams St.	Term Expires 4/2028
Vice Chairperson - Ronnie Manzone	28 Brook Dr.	Term Expires 4/2026
Treasurer - Gary Souza	14 Blossom St.	Term Expires 4/2027
Commissioner Jay Simmons	14 Oxford St.	Term Expires 4/2029
Commissioner Timothy Francis	25 Rivard St.	(State/Gov. Appointee)

Commissioner Anne Silveira, after 30 plus years of service on the board, had decided not to run for reelection. We wish her the best in all her future endeavors.

The Fairhaven Housing Authority holds its regular meeting on the third Thursday of the month at 2:30 p.m. The Election of Officers is conducted at the Authority's annual meeting in April.

The office staff consists of four full-time employees. Janet E. Falone, Executive Director, Kim Marie McArdell, Assistant Executive Director, Michelle Jones, Tenant Selection Specialist, Tracey Mabry, Resident Service Coordinator and part-time Resident Service Coordinator Diane Rocha. Our maintenance crew consists of four full-time employees: Tom Caron, Maintenance Supervisor, Rebecca Seed, Maintenance Laborer, Austin Machado, Maintenance Mechanic and Kevin Wood, Maintenance Mechanic.

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

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

The FHA Developments are:

667-1	Green Meadows 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 27 vacancies at our elderly/ handicapped/ disabled housing and one at our family housing. Vacant units at Oxford Terrace that were taken offline and held vacant to be used as "hotel" units during the modernization/renovation have all been rented.

The major renovation for Oxford Terrace (circa 1976) was completed as of June 2024. All of the handicapped units have been upgraded to current ADA requirements. The rest of the units all got a full-face lift with new flooring, kitchens and walk in showers.

Along with the Oxford Terrace Modernization, the Authority completed two modernization (MOD) project this year, new roofing at Green Meadows #100 McGann Terrace, and new roofing at Green Meadows 1-42, and has started three other MOD projects, Electrical Upgrade at Green Meadows 1-42, Brick Repainting at Dana Court and Fire Alarm upgrade at Oxford Terrace.

Eligibility requirements for our elderly, disabled and handicapped housing are a minimum age of 60, except for disabled/ handicapped applicants. The size of the household determines the income limits. The revised income limits issued in May 2023 for a one (1) person household is \$55,800 and for a two (2) person household is \$63,800. 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 wheelchair 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 \$63,800, for three (3) \$71,750, for four (4) \$79,700, for five (5) \$ 86,100 and six (6) \$92,500. 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 EOHLC, Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities. The Authority does not receive any funding through the budget of the Town of Fairhaven. The Authority is fortunate in its ability to be essentially self-sufficient and non-subsidized.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,  
 Carol Alfonso Chairperson  
 Fairhaven Housing Authority

## HUMAN RESOURCES

In the past year, the Fairhaven Human Resources Department has achieved significant changes in collaboration with dedicated team members including former Human Resources Director, Cameron Durant, Interim Human Resources Director, Susan Roderiques and Payroll Coordinator, Takira Faucher.

A major accomplishment was the implementation of a Medicare Advantage Plan for our retirees. The change brought some new benefits with a decrease in premium.

Takira, our payroll coordinator continues to strive to streamline our payroll system to make it more user friendly which makes it easier to use which in the end cuts down on payroll error.

The Town and the HR Department actively engage with our unions, fostering open communication and delivering meaningful results.

The HR Department facilitated several departmental recruitment efforts, playing a crucial role in the hiring of key positions. We hired a grant writer to apply for grants for the town. Our conservation commissioner Hugh (Bruce) Webb has taken on new responsibilities with taking over Planning and letting go of some of his conservation duties to our new Conservation Coordinator, Kelly Camara. His new title is Director of Land Use. We hired Alyssa Botelho who is our new Community Development Coordinator. We also hired a new Building Commissioner, Richard Forand.

In summary the Human Resources Department through strategic initiatives and collaborative efforts, has made substantial contributions to the wellbeing of town employees, cost effectiveness and the overall efficiency of municipal operations.

The success of these initiatives is a result of the collective efforts of the entire Human Resources team.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Roderiques  
Interim Human Resources Director

## INSPECTIONAL SERVICES: BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Building Department experienced change in 2024. In August we welcomed Richard Forand as the new Director of Inspectional Services. Since his start in August 2024 he has worked tirelessly to streamline the permitting process and inspection process. He has successfully brought the department current on permits and inspections. Titleist is on the next phase of a major renovation. The town's current electrical inspector is Paul Raposo. Our current plumbing and gas inspector is Norman Lussier. Our electrical, plumbing and gas inspectors have over 30 years of experience in their trade. Permit Eyes is currently the online permitting system and the focus has been on implementing this system to its optimal performance. This includes educating residents, contractors and staff on the many functions that are available throughout this system. The Building Department continues to work closely with the Conservation Department and The Planning Department to ensure all buildings are flood zone compliant and wetlands continue to be preserved and to ensure economic development. The Building Departments main goal at this time is public safety in buildings and to ensure all projects meet Massachusetts State Building Code and Town by laws. The Building Department continues to provide oversight to the Board of Appeals and Department of Weights and Measures.

Residential homes including Single and Multifamily continue to be on the uptrend. Commercial projects that the Building Department welcomes is Starbuck's, Burlington Coat Factory, Harbor Freight, and Marisol's, which opened in 2024.

### Fee Summary Report ( 01/01/24 to 12/31/24 )

Permits	Applications	Transactions	Issued	Fees	Waived
Certificate Of Inspection	63	63	64	\$4,425.00	\$300.00
Certificate Of Occupancy (Comm)	9	8	5	\$1,500.00	\$251.00
Certificate Of Occupancy (Res)	2	2	0	\$300.00	\$0.00
Commercial Building Permit	53	54	50	\$218,415.00	\$362,247.00
Electrical Permit	445	454	438	\$98,455.00	\$240.00
Gas Permit	163	171	156	\$17,590.00	\$226.00
Mechanical Permit	19	19	19	\$5,120.00	\$0.00
Plumbing Permit	212	220	211	\$37,880.00	\$260.00
Residential Building Permit	757	736	721	\$167,690.62	\$351.00
Shed	7	7	8	\$650.00	\$200.00
Sheet Metal Permit	22	22	22	\$6,821.00	\$0.00
Short-Term Rental	18	22	0	\$4,400.00	\$0.00
Sign Permit	32	32	30	\$9,750.00	\$300.00
Smoke And Co Modification Permit	1	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Solid Fuel Appliance Permit	7	7	7	\$525.00	\$0.00
Sprinkler And Fire Alarm Systems	18	16	17	\$7,704.00	\$1.00
Tent Permit	8	7	7	\$850.00	\$0.00
Trench Permit	4	4	2	\$210.00	\$100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1840</b>	<b>1844</b>	<b>1757</b>	<b>\$582,285.62</b>	<b>\$364,476.00</b>



## PLANNING BOARD AND LAND USE AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT

It has been an eventful year for the Planning Board and the Land Use & Planning Department, with significant gains having been made in new zoning which will facilitate affordable housing and economic development, and a significant restructuring of the department to address staffing issues.

The Chair of the Planning Board for 2024 was Cathy Melanson. Vice-Chair was Patrick Carr, and Clerk was Sharon Simmons. Patrick Carr also served as the Planning Board's Clerk and representative to the Economic Development Committee. Diane Tomassetti was appointed as the Planning Board's representative to the Community Preservation Committee, of which he is the Chairman. Richard Trapilo was appointed to serve as the Board's Commissioner to the Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District (SRPEDD).

The year began under Town Planner Paul DiGiuseppe, as the Director of the Department of Planning and Economic Development. Mr. DiGiuseppe departed as planner in April. Stephanie Fidalgo served as Administrative Assistant and Recording Secretary for the department, going above and beyond to keep the department functioning as efficiently as possible. Members of the planning board also made significant contributions of time and effort to assist the Planning Dept.

In 2024 the Planning Department was instrumental in bringing approximately \$1,100,000 dollars in grant funding to the Town for various projects. This included a grant for \$923,000 to continue the work on Hedge St., \$125,000 through Green Communities for energy efficiency improvements to two schools and the Police/Fire building, and

\$50,000 through the Community Planning Grant program. The Department also assisted other departments with locating grant opportunities which are currently being applied for.

The efforts of the Board and Department to create a 40R Smart Growth Overlay District and Design Standards as part of the Route 6/240 Redevelopment Plan to create more opportunity for mixed-use in the previously developed shopping plazas along Routes 6 and 240 were a resounding success. The Board and Department listened to the concerns of Fairhaven residents, consulted with our experts at Mead, Talerman & Costa as well as Dodson & Flinker, and made changes to the proposed 40R bylaw as a result. This was followed by a concerted community outreach effort on the part of the Board and the Department. As a result of these efforts, the 40R Smart Growth Overlay District passed at Special Town Meeting on Nov. 19th.

A second success story was the completion and passage of a new Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) bylaw. This was Fairhaven's second attempt at the same in cooperation with State efforts to make ADUs by right. Following consultation with affordable housing experts at the State, as well as with Town Counsel, a bylaw containing reasonable restrictions on ADUs was crafted, and was passed at Special Town Meeting on Nov. 19th. These changes will allow for more housing choice for residents, and increase the stock of affordable housing.

A significant change which has had positive impacts on the functioning of not just the work of the Planning Board is the creation of the Land Use (& Planning) Department in October 2024. By combining the Planning & Economic Development Department with the Conservation Department, all land use permitting is now centralized in the Land Use Dept. This arrangement still provides the Board and Department with a full time Planner, a role that had not been filled since the departure of Mr. DiGiuseppe in April. With an academic background Land Use, Geography, GIS, and Earth Science, Bruce Webb (myself) shifted from the Conservation Agent role to the Planner Role to support the Planning Board in their mission. This restructuring also elevated Ms. Kelly Camara from an administrative role to that of Conservation Coordinator. Ms. Camara has a university education in environmental science, and her skills are much better suited to her new role. An administrative role is shared between the Planning and Conservation within the Department. While the Administrative Assistant role is currently unfilled, interviews have been conducted and a concerted effort to fill the position is ongoing. As well, Economic Development and the Economic Development Committee now come under the new Community Development Department. The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) continues to operate with the support of the Land Use & Planning Department, and the CPC Annual Report is attached to this Annual Report.

The Planning Board and the Department of Planning and Economic Development once again thank Town Meeting Members for their continued support of our work, to continue the work of implementing our Master Plan and other plans and make the Town's Zoning and General Bylaw's more responsive to the needs of the Town. We look forward to 2025.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bruce Webb, MSc., Land Use and Planning Director

Current Planning Board membership and terms:

Cathy Melanson, Chair	2025
Patrick Carr, Vice Chair	2027
Sharon Simmons, Clerk	2026
Jessica Fidalgo	2028
Diane Tomassetti	2028
Ruy daSilva	2027
Kevin Grant	2026
Richard Trapilo	2025

## LIVABLE STREETS COMMITTEE

The Fairhaven Livable Streets Committee had a productive year, advancing initiatives that promote safer, more accessible, and people-friendly streets. Through collaboration with town officials, advocacy for infrastructure improvements, and community engagement, the committee worked to enhance active transportation and public spaces in Fairhaven.

### KEY INITIATIVES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#### 1. Sconticut Neck Traffic Calming Pilot

- The committee identified a high-speed section of Sconticut Neck Road for a traffic calming pilot.
- Collaborated with the Department of Public Works (DPW) to explore evidence-based solutions.
- Secured approval from the BPW to launch a pilot project Spring 2025.

#### 2. Outdoor Seating and Parklets

- Successfully worked with the Town Administrator and Selectboard to develop and approve a new **outdoor seating policy**.
- Supported businesses interested in creating outdoor seating and parklets.

#### 3. Bike and Pedestrian Advocacy

- Collaborated with DPW on improvements to the Phoenix Rail Trail and other key pedestrian corridors.
- Hosted community engagement events such as the “Bike & Brew” rides to encourage active transportation.
- Gave input for the Bridge St. Complete Streets project

#### 4. Expansion of the Bike Bus

- Continued supporting the Bike Bus initiative to provide safe and fun group rides for students commuting to school.
- Expanded the Bike Bus with a new route serving Sconticut Neck
- Engaged parents and community members to promote ridership and build awareness.

#### 5. Community Engagement and Events

- Assisted with planning for the **Pedal for the Path** fundraiser for the Southcoast Bikeway.
- Supported town-wide block parties and other neighborhood engagement activities.
- **Helped the town plan and promote its first-ever Food Truck Night**, which brought the community together and showcased the potential of walkable, people-friendly public spaces.
- Participated in Old Tyme Holiday festivities, helping promote safe and welcoming streets.
- Developed a formalized system for residents to submit concerns about street safety and mobility issues.

## LOOKING AHEAD

In the coming year, the committee plans to focus on:

- Implementation and evaluation of the **Sconticut Neck traffic calming pilot**.
- Continued advocacy for safe and accessible routes for cyclists and pedestrians.
- Expanding the **Bike Bus program** to increase student participation.
- Supporting businesses in adopting **outdoor seating and parklets**.
- Strengthening partnerships with town departments to implement street safety measures efficiently.

The Fairhaven Livable Streets Committee remains committed to fostering a safer, more vibrant, and people-oriented transportation network for all residents and visitors.

## LAGOA FRIENDSHIP PACT COMMITTEE

### MISSION

The Lagoa Friendship Pact Committee shall provide input and suggestions for a variety of current and foreseeable community, civic, cultural, educational and other activities that expand its partnership with the Municipality of Lagoa, Portugal. The Committee is advisory in its capacity and shall not supersede or take the place of the Select Board to determine ultimate courses of action.

### BACKGROUND

The committee was established in recognition of the deep historical and cultural ties between Fairhaven and São Miguel, Azores, specifically the Municipality of Lagoa. Many Fairhaven residents have ancestral and personal connections to the region, making this partnership a meaningful bridge between our communities.

### 2024 UPDATES

The committee met once in 2024, on Monday, July 22, for an informational meeting attended by Charles Murphy and Alyssa Botelho. Alyssa initially joined as a Fairhaven resident interested in Portuguese culture but transitioned to a staff liaison role upon becoming the Community Development Coordinator on September 30. A planned September meeting, which was to include officer elections, did not take place.

The committee encouraged participation in the Our Lady of Angels Feast from August 31 to September 2, which concluded with the traditional cultural procession. Looking ahead, once a full committee is assembled, there is strong interest in hosting cultural events and establishing educational exchanges with schools in Lagoa.

### GET INVOLVED

The committee welcomes all who wish to explore and celebrate Portuguese culture—membership is open to everyone. With minimal commitment required, more community involvement is needed to help advance its mission.

If you're interested in joining or learning more, please reach out. Community engagement is essential to sustaining this meaningful partnership.

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Botelho, Community Development Coordinator

Charles Murphy, Selectman Ex Officio

## MARINE RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

### HARBORMASTER/ SHELLFISH

The department of Marine Resources had quite an eventful year in 2024. From conducting routine patrols, responding to emergencies, investigating the release of oil and other substances in the harbor, pump out services and the propagation of shellfish all kept us very busy.

The Marine Resource Department, under the direction of the Harbormaster, Shellfish Warden continues to enforce the rules and regulations of the Town of Fairhaven in regards to both shellfish and safe boating practices. The department has logged hundreds of man hours on patrol to ensure proper operation of vessels, personal watercraft (jet skis) and safety inspections. High speed and unsafe operators, especially near beaches were targeted on patrols. Our department collaborates with both the Fire and Police departments as well as neighboring communities to ensure our efforts to catch and prosecute violators is successful.

The Pump out Service during the summer months was a busy one. We pumped out an estimated total of 15,800 gallons of waste from Fairhaven boaters. Because of this service, boaters in Fairhaven waters have contributed to Buzzards Bay becoming a much cleaner body of water.

The Department has overseen the construction on Union Wharf phase 5B which was funded with \$2,500,000.00 of grants from the Seaport Economic Council. This included the North Side of Union Wharf up to the Safety Marina, and also major work on the South Side Lobster Basin which was completed on October of 2024.

Phase 5 Dredging in the New Bedford Harbor started in January of 2024 and was completed in November of 2024. This project increased the depth of navigation channels, anchorages, and berthing areas to ensure the safe passage of boats and ships.

The shellfish side of the department had a hectic year with the continuous closing of shellfish. New regulations that closed a big section of Fairhaven's shellfish a majority of the season affected both Fairhaven's commercial and recreational shell fishing. DMF has changed Fairhaven's waters from approved to conditionally approved resulting in Shellfish being closed 182 days out of 365. This did have an impact on the amount of shellfish permits that were sold and hurt the commercial fisherman.

### 2024 PERMITS:

Residents - 198

Non-residents - 10

Commercial -5

Seniors - 28

Veterans -4

Dredge boats -1

My Deputies and I planted 600 bushels of quahogs in Round Cove. This location will be reopened the beginning of May 2025.

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

Respectfully,

Captain Timothy Cox

Harbormaster/Shellfish-Warden

## MATTAPOISETT RIVER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

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

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

The year 2024 represented the seventeenth year of operation of the MRVWTF. The plant processed 605 million gallons of water (finished water) during the 2024 calendar year. The FY25 operating budget for the plant is \$2,590,187, which represents an increase of approximately 1.3% over FY24. Major expenses include power, labor, and chemicals to maintain and operate the MRVWTF, equipment maintenance, and equipment replacement identified in the Capital Improvement Plan. The District continues to benefit from the solar power Net Metering agreement with Greenbacker Renewable Energy Corporation. The District is able to offset electrical costs through this program. The District does not pay any capital or operating costs for the power generation at the facilities, which are located on commercial buildings in Walpole, MA. In June 2024, the District solicited and received bids for FY25 supply of chemicals and propane at the MRVWTF.

In January 2024, the District provided both oral and written testimony to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) requesting that the construction phase of the MRVWTF Upgrades project be included as a funded project on the Final Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Intended Use Plan (IUP). This testimony was required because the DWSRF Project Evaluation Form (PEF) for the project did not receive a sufficient amount of points to fund the project on the Draft 2024 IUP. Following review of the District's oral and written testimony, the PEF score for the project was revised thereby positioning the project above the funding line on the Final 2024 IUP.

The MRVWTF operated well in 2024, however, various equipment required maintenance or replacement during the calendar year. Periodic maintenance to the air compressors at the water treatment plant was completed at various times during the year. Operators replaced several actuator valves on the ultrafiltration stages throughout the year. The rooftop heating unit was replaced. The automatic transfer switch for the emergency generator was replaced following damage sustained from the tornado that struck the area in August 2023. Issues with the battery backup up associated with the ozone control panels and failure of ozone generator II were addressed and repaired. Miscellaneous repairs to low lift pumps were completed. Large meter testing was conducted at the water

treatment plant and at the water supply wells. The Town of Mattapoisett received tornado relief funding from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. A portion of this funding was used to address issues with tree debris at the MRVWTF resulting from the tornado.

In September 2024, Ms. Judith Mooney was hired as the Accountant for the District.

The design and bidding phase for the water treatment plant upgrades construction contract was completed in the Summer of 2024 followed by receipt of filed sub-bids in September and a general bid opening on October 3, 2024. The construction contract was awarded to Hart Engineering Corporation. Construction begins in January 2025 and is expected to be complete in May 2025.

On November 20, 2024, a virtual meeting was held with regional water officials to discuss current water operations, proposed water operations, and coordination of water operations between municipalities.

Quarterly meetings, including representatives from Fairhaven, Marion, and Mattapoisett, continued in 2024 to discuss raw water pumping totals from the various water supply sources and additional costs incurred by Fairhaven and Marion due to accepting more finished water from the MRVWTF than raw water pumped from its water supply sources that feed the MRVWTF. Discussions during these meetings also included possible ways to offset the additional costs incurred by Fairhaven and Marion.

Respectfully submitted,

Mattapoisett River Valley Water District Commission

### TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN

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Vincent Furtado, Chairman  
Jeffrey Furtado

### TOWN OF MARION

Meghan Davis, Clerk  
Randy Parker  
David Pierce

### TOWN OF ROCHESTER

Rick Charon  
Sandy Keese  
Merilee Kelly

### TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT

Michael Lorenzo  
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Henri Renauld, Vice Chairman/Treasurer

# 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 3:30 p.m. at the Fairhaven Board of Public Works Office in Fairhaven. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the MRVWSPAC has been meeting remotely using Zoom since April 2020 with the exception of the November 2022 meeting, which was held at Fairhaven Board of Public Works Office.

In September 2024, Ms. Judith Mooney was hired as the Accountant for the MRVWSPAC.

## MATTAPOISETT RIVER VALLEY AQUIFER

The Mattapoisett River and its aquifer provide fresh water for water supply, recreation, and agriculture to several communities in Bristol and Plymouth Counties in Massachusetts. In 2024, the aquifer supplied approximately 1.65 million gallons per day for Mattapoisett River Valley Water District residential and commercial water supply customers in the Towns of Mattapoisett, Fairhaven, Marion, and Rochester.

## Summary of 2024 MRVWSPAC Accomplishments

- Monitored stream flow and water levels at numerous locations in the vicinity of the Mattapoisett River. Maintained a database of critical water level data.
- Funded Annual Mattapoisett River Hydrologic Monitoring Report.
- Purchased the following new monitoring well electronic equipment to replace malfunctioning devices, which reached the end of their useful life.
  - Three (3) water level transducers (Leveloggers).
  - One (1) Datagraber, which connects to the Leveloggers and is used to transfer data from the Leveloggers to a USB flash drive.
- Environmental review of projects in the Mattapoisett River Valley:
  - Reviewed plans for the following projects within the watershed and sent comment letters to the Rochester Planning Board:
    1. ANR Application – Map 25, Lot 42 Hartley Road, Rochester.
    2. ANR Application – 52 Wolf Island Road, Rochester.
    3. ANR Application – Bishop Road, Rochester.
    4. Eversource Substation – 0 Rounseville Road, Rochester.
    5. ANR Application – 84 New Bedford Road, Rochester.
- In June 2024, the MRVWSPAC received a letter from the Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District (SRPEDD) regarding a ground-

water modeling study of the Mattapoisett River Watershed currently underway. In November 2024, the Town of Rochester issued a subsequent letter to the MRVWSPAC noting that the Town is working in collaboration with SRPEDD and Horsley Witten Group to utilize funding received through the Massachusetts Division of Ecological Restoration to study groundwater and surface water flow dynamics in the Mattapoisett River and Assawompset Ponds Complex Watersheds. Work includes development of a groundwater model conceptual framework for the Mattapoisett River Watershed. The Town of Rochester reached out to the MRVWSPAC to form a Task Force in order to guide the study. In addition, the Town of Rochester is monitoring hydrologic flow within and between the Snipatuit Pond and Assawompset Ponds Complex to collect data and assist in the development of the groundwater model. The flow monitoring work is being funded through a grant provided by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. The study group reached out to the MRVWSPAC for informational purposes and to offer the opportunity to work with the MRVWSPAC on these initiatives.

The MRVWSPAC wishes to recognize the members of its consulting team for their excellent work and contributions in 2024:

Tata & Howard, *Engineering Consultant*

Blair Bailey, Esq., *MRVWSPAC Counsel*

David Watling, *Mattapoisett River Valley field monitoring and data collection*

Meagan McCarthy, *Data reduction and graphing*

Nettles Design, *MRVWSPAC website management*

Respectfully submitted,

### Fairhaven Committee Members

Angeline Lopes Ellison

Vincent Furtado, Chairman

Jeffrey Furtado, Treasurer

### Marion Committee Members

Meghan Davis, Clerk

Randy Parker

David Pierce

### Mattapoisett Committee Members

Daniel Chase

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Henri Renauld, Vice Chairman

### Rochester Committee Members

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## MILLICENT LIBRARY

### INTRODUCTION

Millicent Library trustees, director, and staff have a long history that exceeds 130 years, working to provide quality library services for our town residents. Millicent Library is formally Millicent Library Corporation, a nonprofit 501(c)(3), established by Henry Huttleston Rogers (HHR) in 1892 to manage and operate the library. The corporation is a separate entity, operating with a Board of Trustees, and a director and staff providing free library services to residents of Fairhaven and the surrounding area as part of the SAILS library network. The director and staff are employees of the Millicent Library Corporation, not the Town of Fairhaven.

The Millicent Library building was given to the Town of Fairhaven by HHR, in memory of his daughter Millicent, who had passed away at the age of 17. The Millicent Library Corporation is responsible for library operations and normal building maintenance. The library is a town-owned building and for that reason the town has been responsible for capital improvement projects, although library management has assisted in requesting grants for those projects in the past.

In 1888, HHR had established the private Fairhaven Water Company which supplied water for Fairhaven. He later gave the Fairhaven Water Company to the Millicent Library as a funding source for ongoing operations. For 70 years, Millicent Library operated with dividends from the water company until the town sought to acquire the company, including its wells, pumps, and street piping. In 1966, a committee of Millicent Library trustees and Fairhaven leaders worked together to form a mutual agreement that would compensate for the purchase of the water company by the Town of Fairhaven.

Chapter 830 of the Acts of 1967 (amended from Chapter 715 from the Acts of 1966) formed a Massachusetts law that the town would agree to pay an amount by formula recalculated every year to consummate purchase of the water company. The agreed formula multiplied the town population times the average town/city per capita spending across Massachusetts, less other income. The per capita funding is to be calculated from the previous year, and is the amount spent for library operations. The agreement was formalized in 1968 after Town Meeting approval when town managers and library trustees signed the agreement, which included wording to accept the Chapter 830 law.

Payments to support Millicent Library operations are obligations of the Town of Fairhaven, according to the contract and Massachusetts legislation. These payments are not excessive when compared to other libraries across Massachusetts for several reasons. The per capita formula is based on library operating costs; however, our town's beautiful old building has many additional expenses beyond typical operations.

Millicent Library has not qualified for the Massachusetts Libraries State Aid for 10 out of the last 14 years, because the amount we receive is below the required threshold for our town size. A waiver for the aid has been obtained during these past years. However, the library is not guaranteed a waiver. If a waiver is not granted, we risk decertification of the library.

We carefully follow MBLC requirements and engage in annual audits to confirm financial procedures and records. The library has always maintained an excellent working rapport

with the Town of Fairhaven and has goals that will continue to provide valuable services for our residents for the foreseeable future.

### THE YEAR IN REVIEW

#### MILLICENT LIBRARY BUILDING

Work on the library building took place throughout 2024. The library chimney restoration project, on hold since the onset of the COVID pandemic in 2020, was scheduled to start in the spring. However, in January scaffolding was erected earlier than anticipated in an attempt to find a temporary solution to water infiltration around the library's chimneys. Chimney restoration work began in mid-April and continued throughout May and June. The project contractor, Folan Waterproofing, recommended waterproofing the chimneys, a process that was not originally included in the project. Folan generously completed this work at no additional cost.

In late July, Folan Waterproofing conducted a water test that showed the masonry, granite, and terracotta to be watertight. However, minor leaks were discovered around the bases of the chimneys. Rather than completing an extensive and time-consuming search to pinpoint the leaks, sealing was applied to all three chimney bases. The cost for this work was outside the project budget and covered by the Millicent Library. A water test was conducted after the completion of the work found no water infiltrating the building. A heavy rainfall in early December confirmed the results of the water test.

The Millicent Library would like to thank project architect Stephen Kelleher Architects, project contractor Folan Waterproofing, historical masonry consultant Paul Choquette, and Joe Alfonse of Greenwood Roof Services, who restored and replaced two damaged roof finials.

The Millicent Library is grateful for the support of the Fairhaven Community Preservation Committee for funding this project to help preserve this historical treasure for the town.

As the chimney project ended, another Fairhaven Community Preservation Committee-funded project began. The library's electrical upgrade project includes the replacement and relocation of electrical panel boards that do not meet code requirements and present a safety risk. In addition, the capacity for the library will increase from a 400-amp to an 800-amp system in anticipation of an HVAC upgrade that will replace the building's aging boiler and add a central cooling system.

This year the library experienced failures of the boiler and the limited air conditioning system due to aging infrastructure.

During the summer, the library recorded daily average interior temperatures as high as 85°F and average daily humidity levels as high as 68%. Conditions such as these pose a health risk to staff and patrons, forcing the library to close on several occasions.

#### LIBRARY STATISTICS

As of June 30, 2024, the library's collections consist of 51,821 print books, 151 print magazines and newspaper titles, 10,694 items in audio format, and 16,085 videos. The library's Overdrive subscription through the SAILS library network provided access to 61,523 eBooks, audiobooks, videos and magazines. Additional subscription services

available to patrons include Hoopla, which provides more than 800,000 audiobook, eBook, movie, music, and television titles, and Kanopy, a streaming service with access to more than 30,000 movie titles, including popular movies, documentaries, and children's shows.

Other online resources available to Millicent Library cardholders include databases for current and historical news, genealogy, education, and more.

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

There was an increase in usage across several collections from fiscal year 2023 including a 14% increase in DVD checkouts, 50% in Kanopy usage, 20% in the adult eBook Overdrive collection, 15.25% in youth print book circulation, 41% in youth eBook circulation, as well as increases in many other collection areas.

In the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2024, the library circulated 98,587 physical items to patrons while online resources downloads and views totaled approximately 156,775. Overall, circulation was up almost 10% from fiscal year 2023.

#### **DEBRA A. CHARPENTIER ARCHIVES AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

In 2024, the archives were overseen by Violet Hurst, archivist/assistant director, with assistance for much of the year from Robert Demanche, special collections assistant.

We were fortunate to have four volunteers contribute their time this year. Beth Luey transcribed the 1826-1827 diary of Almira Hathaway Read (1797-1831). Elizabeth McKenzie worked on box lists for personal and family papers. Connie McGrath and Nicole Fortier worked on various inventory and rehousing projects. We are grateful to all of them for the gift of their time.

#### **GRANTS**

We received two grants for the archives in 2024.

The first was a \$6,000 grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners for a preservation needs assessment. The library had not had such an assessment since 2001, and we felt an updated report was needed to guide our short- and long-term preservation planning. We hired Bexx Caswell-Olson from Northeast Document Conservation Center in Andover, Massachusetts, to conduct a comprehensive assessment of our Archives and Special Collections storage and display practices, personnel, security, and policies. The report we received from Bexx in September will serve as the foundation for an updated preservation plan for our collections.

The second grant we received was from the Martha G. Coggeshall Fund, administered by the Southcoast Community Foundation. This was a \$4,000 award to finish rehousing high-value collections materials stored in the library's vault (a project that was started with funding from the Coggeshall Fund in 2022) and to implement an archives catalog to make materials more accessible to the public. More than 1,700 items have been entered into the archives catalog, which can be searched online at [Archives.MillicentLibrary.Org](https://Archives.MillicentLibrary.Org).

#### **PROGRAMS**

As part of our goal to demystify the archives, we began holding quarterly "Open Archives

Nights" where patrons were invited to view, touch, and explore materials from our collections. Each of these programs was built around a particular theme: March - Women's History Month, July - Fairhaven's coastline, and November - a cooking and eating in Fairhaven theme for Thanksgiving. Attendance at these programs varied, but we estimate that between the three nights, we had about 75 patrons.

We also launched an "Intergenerational Pen Pal" program for Massachusetts Good Neighbor Day of Action on Sept. 28. Thirty-six patrons of all ages registered to write letters to an assigned pen pal from October through June, with the option to deposit their correspondence in the archives at the end of the program. Children who participated in "Millicent's Magic Mail" (our letters to Santa program during the Old-Tyme Holiday Village) likewise had the option to deposit their letters here at the archives once the North Pole was finished with them.

Finally, the department was delighted to offer tours of the archives to a local history class from Fairhaven High School, a Girl Scout troop earning their "Honesty and Fairness" badge, and a homeschool group comprising children ages 9-12.

#### **STATISTICS**

**Reference Requests:** 88 inquiries related to genealogy, house histories, and general history/photograph requests.

**Notary Requests:** 11

**Lost Fishermen Site:** 26,578 Page Views | 4,937 users

**Cemetery Site:** 40,168 Page Views | 4,425 users

**Vital Records:** 19,457 Page Views | 2,314 viewers

**Archives Catalog (Launched 11/01/2024):** 1,494 Page Views | 94 users

#### **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS**

Historical booklets by Mabel Hoyle Knipe and the last five years of FHS yearbooks (2020-2024) were digitized and added to Internet Archive, as were a few local historical sketches. In June of 2024, Ignite Tech abruptly stopped supporting the software on which the Fairhaven Star newspaper had been dependent; the library entered into an agreement with Digital Commonwealth to host the paper, which is expected to be back up in March 2025.

The library continued to participate in the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners Environmental Monitoring Program. Four new environmental sensors from Conserv Solutions were installed in collections storage spaces in the library; these and existing sensors were used to monitor conditions throughout the library, with an eye toward preservation.

Thanks to a loan of obituary books from the Aubertine-Lopes Funeral Home, a dozen names were added to the Lost Fishermen Site.

And, finally, much of the year has been taken up by the time-consuming but necessary work of weeding, organizing, and inventorying collections and centralizing provenance records. We expect that this work will make our collections - and information about our collections - much more accessible to our patrons in the years to come.

## PROGRAMMING

### PROGRAMMING AT A GLANCE

In 2024, the Millicent Library was proud to offer programs that inspire, educate, and connect patrons of all ages — from toddlers and school-aged children to teens and adults. This year's programming highlights our commitment to fostering lifelong learning, creativity, and community through a diverse range of activities and events. Youth Services Librarian Allie Thiel was promoted to head of Youth Services and community engagement and now oversees all aspects of youth services and programming at the library.

### PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH

Programming in 2024 included the library's many Youth Services activities.

For our youngest patrons, Baby and Toddler Storytime and Pre-K Storytime continued to be popular recurring programs, running consecutively for eight weeks per session in winter, spring, summer, and fall. A new addition for children under 5 this year was the Monday Morning Playgroup, run by adult volunteers Ruth Ann Rasbold and Liz Mulroy. This weekly drop-in program provided caretakers and children with a welcoming space to socialize, play, and participate in read-alouds.

Crafternoon invited kids of all ages and skill levels to the library for fun, free after-school crafts. Projects included painting flower pots, crafting bird feeders, designing your own book bags, making milkweed "seed bombs," and creating seasonal and holiday-themed crafts. In the winter of 2024, we also held a DIY printmaking series for teens, offering instruction in various techniques and styles.

Special programs during vacation weeks engaged school-aged children. Clowning Around with Daisy D. Dots delighted attendees with magic tricks, interactive performances, and confetti cannon fun. Art Lab guided kids in creating Hanging Squid Lanterns with streamers and watercolor paints.

The Adventurer's Book Club, a walking book club for kids ages 8-12 and their parents, paired novels with field trips to local destinations. This year's adventures included a snowy winter walk at Fort Phoenix, an exploration of sea monsters at the New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center, a hike with the Outhounds Hiking Group, stargazing with a Mars Rover scientist at The Sawmill, a tea party at Haskell Gardens, monarch butterfly tagging with MA Audubon at Fort Taber, a paranormal investigation after dark at the library, and a guided tour of New Bedford Research and Robotics. The program enjoyed continued growth and collaboration with local partners.

The library also hosted the annual Kids Fest, this year in partnership with the Fairhaven Recreation Department and the Interim Tourism Department following the retirement of Tourism Director Chris Richards. The event featured a rock-climbing wall, pumpkin painting, costume bingo, pumpkin bowling, and other activities for an estimated 1,000 attendees. We are grateful for the continued support of local community organizations, including Boy Scout Troop 52, Fairhaven TV, Fairhaven Lions Club, EFS Champions, Fairhaven Belonging Committee, ParentChild+/CFCE/PACE, Climate Reality Southcoast Group, Fairhaven Sustainability Committee, Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven, and the Fairhaven Commission on Disability, as well as the many vendors that make this event possible.

## OUTREACH TO SCHOOLS

The library deepened its connections with local schools through a variety of initiatives designed to support students and educators.

We worked with Fairhaven High School teachers from AP Seminar and Research to develop and present a Research Skills for High School Students workshop. This hands-on session demonstrated how to use library databases to select and research topics effectively.

We supported Elizabeth Hastings Middle School in developing a collections strategy and advised on purchasing an initial library collection for their new space. The Book Bike also made appearances at vendor fairs, sharing library resources and free family crafts.

Holiday storytime visits were conducted at Wood School, Little People's Colleges, and Saint Joseph's. Atlas, the library's bearded dragon, often made special appearances to the delight of elementary and Pre-K children. Classes also visited the library throughout the year, with teachers facilitating library card signups for their students.

To support summer reading programs at Fairhaven schools, we again purchased extra copies of summer reading books and made them available to students during the summer break.

Our youth volunteer program provides students with service opportunities at special programs and throughout the year, engaging students from Wood School, Elizabeth Hastings Middle School, Fairhaven High School, GNB Voc-Tech, and the homeschool community.

### SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The 2024 Summer Reading program, Read, Renew, Repeat, engaged people of all ages with reading and learning challenges.

This year, the Ice Cream Cottage generously sponsored the kick-off, serving free ice cream to more than 150 excited summer readers. Many local businesses donated raffle prizes, including the Shepherd Center for the Performing Arts, Danny's Seafood Bar and Grille, the Art Loft, Spider King Nails, the Yarn Lady, 168 Sushi and Kitchen, Quing's Mo Cha Bubble Tea, Euro Phoenix Store, The Armoury, Bocca Restaurant, Leni's Licks and Links, Dorothy Cox, South Coast Pickleball, and the Rescue Cat Cafe. In total, 173 children and 114 teens and adults participated in the reading challenge.

The program featured a robust schedule of events, including annual favorites and new activities tied to the year's conservation and sustainability theme, in addition to regularly occurring drop-in movies, sidewalk chalk sessions, and chess and checkers afternoons.

Supported by a grant from the Fairhaven Cultural Council, Eyes On Owls brought Mark and Marcia Wilson to Town Hall for an entertaining and educational presentation featuring close encounters with live owls. Also funded by the council, artist Cara Bean led three Doodle Plus workshops for middle schoolers, showcasing how drawing can support mindfulness and mental health.

Local residents Cal Wingate and Leanne Manning led programs on zentangle art, rock painting, and gardening for bees and butterflies. In the series Fashion for Our Future, teens honed their DIY skills by mending and repairing clothes using sewing machines from the Library of Things. We organized a beach cleanup-themed storytime at Fort Phoenix



with Be the Solution to Pollution. A representative from MA DEP also visited, hosting a recycling relay to demonstrate proper recycling techniques and how to create a worm-fueled compost bin.

Beloved educator Toby Dills returned to once again teach the science behind building and launching water-propelled bottle rockets, the art of tie-dye, and shared stories of the shore and sea with audiences that recall his tales across generations.

In another family favorite, the annual Teddy Bear Parade and Picnic enjoyed its 39th year. Led by Daisy D. Dotts, the parade traveled from the library to Our Lady's Haven and back to the UUSF lawn for face painting and lawn games, drawing more than 170 kids and adults.

### **COLLABORATIONS WITH TOWN HALL**

The library continued to partner with town departments for a year of collaborative programs.

During February vacation week, the Fairhaven Animal Shelter visited for a special "We Love Animals!" program, teaching kids about responsible pet care and introducing them to animals in their care. The Fairhaven Fire Department hosted a Fire Safety Storytime with a fire hydrant family craft.

The Fire Department returned in summer with the truck (the best sprinkler system in town), paired with frozen lemonade from Dorothy Cox to beat the summer heat. The Fairhaven Police Department provided safe crossings and support for the annual Teddy Bear Parade. The Fairhaven Senior Center and Fairhaven Recreation Center welcomed the Book Bike for summertime visits with seniors and children in the Cool Kids Summer Camp.

We partnered with the former tree warden, Don Collasius, to host Jr. Deputy Tree Warden meetings and tree-themed trivia events. The Conservation Department led a hands-on water quality testing workshop, demonstrating the importance of wetlands in filtering water.

We handed out candy at Fairhaven TV's annual Haunted Halloween Party, where Atlas, the library's bearded dragon, made a costumed appearance at Town Hall.

The library also participated in town events such as the Food Truck Fest, Homecoming Fair, and Huttleston Marketplace, displaying mobile library collections on the Book Bike. At the Old Tyme Holiday Village, the library scooped reindeer food and wrote letters to Santa while fiddle music filled the main library for the enjoyment of visitors.

### **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY**

The Friends of the Millicent Library once again proved to be an invaluable partner, organizing engaging events and supporting library programs.

The Friends organized several author talks held at the library, featuring Matt Davis (At Home in the World), Ted Reinstein (Before Brooklyn), Bill Comeau (Duel with the Dragon), and Don Wilding (Historic Storms of the Cape).

The Annual Friends of the Library Book Sale, held during the Old Tyme Holiday Fair, set a record for books sold and brought many new faces through the doors. We are deeply grateful for the Friends' support, which includes funding for Youth Services programs, technology, and other resources that enhance library services.

### **OTHER PROGRAMS**

Beyond what's been covered, the library hosted a wide variety of programs throughout the year, offering something for patrons of all ages and interests. From creative workshops to educational talks, these events brought the community together and highlighted the library's role as a hub for learning, connection, and fun.

The long-running Thursday Morning Book Club and History Book Club continued to meet monthly, welcoming fiction readers and history enthusiasts alike. In the depths of winter, the Knitting Club formed a cozy crew that continues to meet bi-weekly, providing a space for beginners and experts to work on projects and share their love of the craft. The library's public meeting room was a busy space, reserved for programs and used by homeschool groups and various non-profit organizations, reflecting the library's commitment to serving as a community gathering place.

Town committees were great partners, enthusiastically co-sponsoring events for the community. The Sustainability Committee planted a pollinator garden, and Crystal Brinson of Star Garden Studios presented on gardening for bees and butterflies to celebrate. The Belonging Committee served popcorn at movie screenings of Hidden Figures and Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse for Black History Month. And with the Livable Streets Committee, we organized a Little Free Library Bike Tour, taking the Book Bike for a spin around town during one of their Bike and Brew meetings.

Literature and learning remained a focus of our programming. Attorney Ellen Nelson returned to teach Stuff You Should Know: Basic American Government. Historian Daniel Harrington shared the harrowing tale of The Larchmont Remembered, a historic maritime disaster. Local author Jonathan Lenore Kastin and anthology editor Rob Costello discussed their YA anthology, We Mostly Come Out at Night: 15 Queer Tales of Monsters, Angels and Other Creatures. And the library served as the starting point for the popular Manjiro Trail tours, which ran frequently throughout the year.

Experts presented their passions and drew crowds. Tim Weisberg captivated a full house with his talk on Ghosts of the South Coast, featuring the Millicent Library and other local paranormal attractions. Spots filled up instantly for a hands-on terrarium workshop by local artisan Brendan DaSilva, where attendees designed and planted miniature gardens.

Music and film programs rounded out our offerings. The library continued its partnership with South Coast Cinemaniacs, hosting well-attended silent movie screenings, including a special Halloween showing of A House on Haunted Hill. Jeffrey Angeley of South Coast Lessons hosted a series of Silent Films Set to Live Music and Fiddle Sessions, while the Nina Ott Organic Quartet treated us to a jazzy summer evening and returned for a festive Charlie Brown Christmas Concert, complete with holiday treats.

### **OTHER NOTEWORTHY NEWS**

Early in 2024, the Millicent Library unveiled a new look for its website. This was the first major redesign of the site since 2012. The update has a more intuitive menu and an easier way to locate the library's most popular resources and services.

The library's old website, complete with the content as it appeared in 2023, was preserved through the web archiving service, Archive-It. Visitors can still access the old site by

visiting [Archive-It.Org/Home/MillicentLibrary](http://Archive-It.Org/Home/MillicentLibrary). Additionally, previous versions of the library website dating back to 2002 can be viewed at the Internet Archive's Way back Machine at [Web.Archive.Org/Web/20250000000000\\*/MillicentLibrary.Org](http://Web.Archive.Org/Web/20250000000000*/MillicentLibrary.Org).

In the fall, a new event calendar was integrated into the library's webpage. The calendar has a cleaner look and allows patrons to register for some events and receive email updates related to registration. A museum pass system was also introduced, allowing users better access to information related to the library's many discounted passes as well as the ability to reserve passes.

Additionally, a Library of Things feature was added to the website. This feature provides images and information on the many items patrons can borrow, such as board and lawn games, science kits, a karaoke machine, a sewing machine, and more.

The Millicent Library Board of Trustees began work on a new strategic plan to identify opportunities and challenges as the library works to strengthen services and best support the informational, cultural, recreational, and educational needs of the community. The board engaged the services of a strategic planner, who organized a survey and focus groups to draft a plan that will help the library create a roadmap for future growth and service improvements.

#### **STAFF**

The library staff participated in a professional development day which included a morning of engaging in a strategic planning workshop. In the afternoon, the staff were led by Gerry Rooney on a guided tour of the Manjiro Trail. Additionally, staff took part in several training sessions throughout the year including the new website and the event calendar, Library of Things, and museum passes modules.

The library welcomed two new staff members this year:

Heather Hudnall-Ripley, reference and technology services librarian: Heather joined the library in May coming from the Elizabeth Taber Library in Marion where she was the Children's Librarian. She has also held positions at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library and the Ames Free Library in Easton. She has experience in reference services, collection management, program planning, and implementing and assisting with technology in libraries. Heather has a Bachelor of Science degree in Historical Preservation with a Minor in Literature from Southeast Missouri State University and a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science from Simmons University in Boston.

Robert Demanche, library page: Bob came to the library in February as a special collections assistant as part of Coastline's Senior Community Service Employment Program. He joined us on a permanent basis when the library page position opened up at the end of the year. Bob formerly worked as an independent information specialist performing services such as archival, research, curator, and speaker at institutions such as the Woods Hole Marine Biological Laboratory, the Fishing Heritage Center, and the Whaling Museum. He has also held positions at the SAILS Library Network and Iron Mountain.

He is the author of the book *The Last of the Fairhaven Coasters: Captain Claude S. Tucker and the Schooner Coral*.

Bob has a Bachelor of Science degree as well as a Master's of Arts in Biology from the College of William and Mary and a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science from Simmons University.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kyle DeCicco-Carey  
Library Director

#### **LIBRARY STAFF**

Joan Bisbee, Circulation Assistant  
Kyle DeCicco-Carey, Director  
Robert Demanche, Library Page  
Bob Dupre, Custodian  
Rob Gonsalves, Technical Services Librarian  
Peyton Houghton-Papas, Library Assistant  
Heather Hudnall-Ripley, Reference and Technology Services Librarian  
Violet Hurst, Archivist/Assistant Director  
Sharon Pinho, Circulation Assistant  
Laurie Powers, Bookkeeper  
David Sterenchock, Custodian  
Allie Thiel, Head of Youth Services and Community Engagement  
Elizabeth Ulrich, Head of Circulation

## POLICE DEPARTMENT (ANIMAL CONTROL)

### OVERVIEW

The Fairhaven Police Department currently employs 45 personnel. This includes 36 Full-Time Police Officers, 3 Full-Time Civilian Dispatchers, 4 Part-Time Civilian Dispatchers, a Full-Time Chiefs Executive Assistant, and a Custodian. In addition to the 45 personnel we also have 8 Retired Fairhaven Police Officers that are eligible to work paid details.

The Animal Control Division, which is under the umbrella of the Police Department, has been led by Animal Control Officer Terry Cripps for the past 7 years. Terry is assisted by an Assistant Animal Control Officer and numerous volunteers.

### CALL STATISTICS

The Fairhaven Police Department was dispatched and responded to 14,725 calls in 2024. The following is a partial list of the number and types of calls for service we responded to throughout the past year.

9-1-1 Abandoned/Accidental/Open Line Calls .....	510
Alarms - Burglar/Holdup/Fire.....	671
Ambulance Requests .....	2064
Animal Complaints .....	293
Assaults.....	24
Breaking and Entering.....	21
Disturbances/Disorderly Conduct.....	618
Disabled Motor Vehicles.....	168
Domestic Violence/Family Offenses .....	115
Harrasment .....	86
Larceny .....	105
Missing Person .....	23
Motor Vehicle Complaint .....	285
Motor Vehicle Violations/Stops .....	1345
Motor Vehicle Lockouts .....	108
Restraining Order/Harassment Order/Summons Service .....	125
Sex Offenses .....	15
Shoplifting .....	44
Stolen Motor Vehicles .....	16
Sudden Death .....	16
Suspicious Activity .....	419
Threats .....	55
Trespassing .....	11
Vandalism .....	39

### RETIREMENT

In 2024 we saw the retirement of four staples of our Police Department. These four retirees, with a total of 118 years of service to the Town of Fairhaven have been the backbone of the Police Department for decades. Although retirement is a wonderful thing for these four individuals, these retirements are a great loss for the Fairhaven Police

Department. These four individuals' contributions to the department will be difficult to duplicate and we wish them all the best in their retirement.

**Officer Laurie Cannon** hung up her patrol belt in February of 2024 after 21 years of service for the Town of Fairhaven. Officer Cannon served with a calm, calculated approach throughout her career and was always available to help others or with any task the department needed. Laurie was the first ever female to be assigned to the Fairhaven Police Departments Motorcycle Unit and also served with the SEMLEC Regional Motorcycle Unit and Drone Unit for several years. Officer Cannon was the Fairhaven Police Departments Safety Officer overseeing all town roadway projects, safety issues, and numerous other responsibilities within the traffic and parking safety realm. We are lucky to still have Officer Cannon employed by the Fairhaven Police Department as a Part-Time dispatcher.

**Chief Michael J. Myers** retired in August of 2024 after a 31 year Fairhaven Police career, of which 15 years was serving as the Chief of Police. Chief Myers started his journey as a patrol officer on March 1, 1993. After a short but impressive patrol officer stint he quickly was transferred to the Detective Division where he served proudly for several years. In 1998 he was promoted to Sergeant where he began his illustrious career as a leader of Police Officers. On June 6, 2009 Sergeant Myers was promoted to Chief by his predecessor Chief Gary Souza. Chief Myers then proudly served the Town of Fairhaven for 15 years as the Head Law Enforcement for the Town of Fairhaven. Chief Myers served as the Control Chief of the SEMLEC Detective Division, School Resource Officer Division, and served stints as the President of the Southeastern Massachusetts Police Chiefs Association and Bristol County Chiefs of Police. Chief Myers served with a calm and distinguished manner that should be a model for all future police officers.

**Lieutenant Kevin Kobza** retired in September of 2024 after 21 years of service. Lieutenant Kobza started his career in December of 2001 after graduating from Northeastern University and serving as a Special Agent with the US Customs Narcotics Interdiction Southwest Border. Lieutenant Kobza quickly earned himself a promotion to Sergeant in January of 2007 and served as a patrol sergeant. He was soon transferred to Administrative Sergeant where he served alongside the Chief of Police for years as his "right-hand man" serving in every and all administrative functions needed for the Fairhaven Police Department. In March of 2018 he was promoted to Lieutenant and served proudly as Administrative Lieutenant until his retirement. Lieutenant Kobza's duties included being the Departments Firearms Licensing Officer, Firearms Instructor, Internal Affairs Investigator, Court Liaison, and dozens of other Administrative Duties needed for everyday functions at the Police Department. Lieutenant Kobza was the spearhead and lone reason the Fairhaven Police Department has been certified by the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission as an Accredited Police Department. He worked for years on this monumental task and without his hard work and dedication we would not have received this honor. Thank you Lieutenant Kobza for everything you have done for the Fairhaven Police Department and the Town of Fairhaven. Your presence and contributions will be missed greatly.

Lieutenant David Sobral officially retired on January 1, 2025 after an impressive 41-year career with our Department. Sobral was hired in December of 1983 as a patrol officer. After 12 years patrolling and keeping the residents of our Town safe he was promoted to Sergeant in 1995. He served as Patrol Sergeant for 23 years and was ultimately promoted to Lieutenant in March of 2018. He was assigned as Patrol Lieutenant and oversaw all Patrol and Dispatch operations. Lieutenant Sobral had numerous responsibilities throughout his career including Firearms Officer, Permit Licensing Officer, Breathalyzer Test Supervisor, Use of Force Instructor, Spike Strip Instructor, and numerous other responsibilities. Lieutenant Sobral brought a calm, friendly, and calculated demeanor to all aspects of his career. He has been the “rock” of the Fairhaven Police Department for the past four decades and will be greatly missed. We wish him the very best and a long, happy, and healthy retirement.

## PROMOTIONS

2024 was a year of great change at the Fairhaven Police Department. Numerous promotions were needed to attempt to fill the big shoes caused by the previously mentioned retirements.

In August of 2024 **Chief Daniel Dorgan** took the reins as the lead Law Enforcement Officer for the Town of Fairhaven from Retiring Chief Michael Myers. Chief Dorgan joined the Fairhaven Police as a part time Officer in June of 2006. The following year, in November of 2007, he was hired as a full time Dispatcher, where he served for three years. In November of 2010, Chief Dorgan was hired as a full time Police Officer and was sent to the Plymouth Police Academy for recruit training. He graduated first in his class the following Spring. Upon graduating the Academy Chief Dorgan joined the ranks as a patrol officer until August of 2014 when he was promoted to Patrol Sergeant until his eventual promotion to Chief of Police. Chief Dorgan holds a Master’s Degree in Justice Studies and Public Administration from Southern New Hampshire University. We would like to wish Chief Dorgan best of luck in his new difficult position and for a healthy and long career.

In September of 2024 **Captain Scott Gordon** was promoted to his position. Captain Gordon came to the Fairhaven Police Department in August of 2003 after serving for three years at the Acushnet Police Department. After six years of patrol Captain Gordon was transferred to the Detective Division where he proudly served for 10 years. In January of 2019 Captain Gordon was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and after a short time became the Detective Sergeant. As Detective Sergeant he directly supervised the five-person detective unit and was integral in all drug, violent, and property related cases that were investigated by that division. Captain Gordon was ultimately promoted to Captain upon the vacancy caused by Chief Dorgan becoming Chief of Police. Captain Gordon holds a Masters Degree in Criminal Justice.

Also, in September of 2024 there were three new Lieutenant promotions. The first being **Lieutenant Kevin Swain**. Lieutenant Swain was initially hired as a part time officer in July of 2008. In November of 2010 he was hired on a full time basis and attended a full time Police Academy. Lieutenant Swain worked as a Patrol Officer and was also a School Resource Officer during the early part of his career. In July of 2016 he was promoted

to Sergeant and worked in the Patrol Division until his Lieutenant promotion. He has served on the SEMLEC Search and Rescue Team, Hostage Negotiations Unit, Critical Incident Debriefing Unit, and served as Union President. Lieutenant Swain is now tasked with supervising the Patrol Division as well as leading our Community Outreach Team. Lieutenant Swain has a Master’s Degree in Criminal Justice.

Second, **Lieutenant Matthew Botelho** was also promoted in September of 2024. Lieutenant Botelho was appointed as a Full Time Police Officer in January of 2005. He worked as a Patrol Officer for approximately seven years and was then promoted to Sergeant in September of 2012. After a short stint as a Patrol Sergeant he was then transferred to the Detective Division where he Supervised that division for nearly 8 years. Lieutenant Botelho is the head of the F.P.D. Marine Division and Commander of the SEMLEC Drone Team. Lieutenant Botelho in his new role is in charge of all Special Assignment Personnel, including Detectives, School Resource Officers, and K-9 Unit. He is also in charge of all Special Operations including all F.P.D. SEMLEC members, Marine Unit, and Drone Operations. Lieutenant Botelho holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice.

Finally, **Lieutenant Timothy Souza** was also promoted in September of 2024. Lieutenant Souza has been a member of the Fairhaven Police Department for over 28 Years. He was hired in November of 1996. During his patrol officer career, he was a D.A.R.E. instructor and School Resource Officer for 6 years helping to mold the minds and guide the youth of our town. In October of 2009 he was promoted to Sergeant and remained a Patrol Sergeant until 2020. He was then transferred to the Administrative Sergeant Position. Lieutenant Souza was the Commander of the SEMLEC Operational Response Unit for 6 years. That unit is tasked with responding to emergency situations and commanding multi agency responses by units for all major incidents in Southern Massachusetts. With his new position as Administrative Lieutenant, he is tasked with several tasks which include: Firearms Licensing, Internal Affairs Investigations, Court Liaison, Scheduling, Holbrook Regional Dispatch Liaison, Public Information Officer, Dispatch Supervisor, and Accreditation Coordinator. Lieutenant Souza holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice from Westfield State University.

With the vacancies left by the Captain and Lieutenant promotions we were able to promote 4 patrol officers to the rank of Sergeant. All four have proven themselves continually over their career to be leaders and we look forward to seeing what they will do in the future.

**Sergeant Janis Guerreiro** was hired by the Fairhaven Police Department in July of 2011. She previously worked for the Fall River Police Department for 3 years and the Acushnet Police Department for 2 years. After a time in patrol Sergeant Guerreiro was transferred to the Detective Division where she was in charge of Sexual Assault/Abuse Cases and was our Domestic Violence Officer. Sergeant Guerreiro was promoted in August of 2024 and is now assigned to the Patrol Division.

**Sergeant Jerome Penha** was hired by the Fairhaven Police Department in March of 2015. In his career he has served as a School Resource Officer and was also a member of the Detective Division. Sergeant Penha is also an active member of the SEMLEC Search and Rescue Team. Sergeant Penha was promoted in August of 2024 and is now assigned to the Patrol Division.

**Sergeant Jerald Bettencourt** was hired by the Fairhaven Police Department in January of 2000. Sergeant Bettencourt served in the Patrol Division until he was assigned to the Detective Division in 2005. During his long stretch in the Detective Division he also spent 4 Years in the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) Task Force investigating drug cases all throughout New England. Sergeant Bettencourt was promoted in September of 2024 and is now assigned as the Sergeant in charge of the Detective Division.

**Sergeant Wayne Mello** was hired by the Fairhaven Police Department in September of 2012. Sergeant Mello has spent his 12-year career as a staple in the Patrol Division and has been a model employee. Sergeant Mello was promoted in September of 2024 and is currently assigned to the Patrol Division.

## NEW HIRES

With multiple retirements within the Fairhaven Police Department we were able to hire 6 excellent candidates to support the ranks of the Fairhaven Police Department this year.

**Officer Michael Wyche** joined the Fairhaven Police Department in March of 2024. Officer Wyche comes to us as with 2 years' experience as a Cambridge Police Officer. Officer Wyche attended and graduated from a MPTC Northeastern Full-Time Training Academy and is a great asset to our community.

**Officer Cooper Howell** joined the Fairhaven Police Department on September 16, 2024. Cooper was a graduate of the Fitchburg State 4 + 1 Program. The Police Program is a one-of-a-kind model where, in 5 years total, a student obtains their bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice (BSCJ), their MPTC certification to become a full-time Massachusetts municipal police officer and their master's degree in Criminal Justice (MSCJ). Cooper is a graduate of Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School and comes to us with a positive go-getter attitude and will serve the Town of Fairhaven with pride for the foreseeable future.

After an extensive search and interview process the Fairhaven Police was lucky to have four highly qualified recruits start the Plymouth Police Academy on August 26, 2025. These young men and women will be graduating and joining the ranks of the Fairhaven Police Department on January 24, 2025. The following individuals rose above and beyond all other applicants and we are proud to have them join us.

**Recruit Officer Patrick Claffin** is the son of retired Fairhaven Police Officer Richard (Dicky) Claffin who served the town as a police officer for 36 years. Patrick has worked in hospital security for many years and has a strong background in working well with people in the unpredictable and sometimes volatile hospital setting. He possesses strong skills in the area of communication, de-escalation and the ability to work well with others in a team environment. Patrick has earned an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice from Bristol Community College and is working on his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice at UMASS Dartmouth.

**Recruit Officer Lindsay Halewood** has a Bachelor's Degree from UMASS Dartmouth in Criminal Justice Studies and an Associate's Degree from Bristol Community College in Paralegal Studies. She has worked for four years as a paralegal and her job has mostly

entailed the review of police reports and preparing defense for court. She has a very good understanding of the importance of writing strong detailed police reports and how that relates to success as a police officer.

**Recruit Officer Colby Nowicki** has an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice from Bristol Community College. He is currently employed as a Public Safety Officer at Morton Hospital. He has worked in the area of public safety and security for over four years and has learned essential skills such as verbal de-escalation, strong communication skills and the ability to work well with others.

**Recruit Officer Allisen Swisher** has served in the United States Navy for five years as an intelligence analyst at the strategic, operational and tactical levels and was recently deployed overseas in Africa. Since her return she has been assigned as an Intelligence Analyst at the Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron in Newport, RI where she will maintain her reserve status while employed by the town. Allisen is currently working on her degree at Bristol Community College through the GI Bill Program.

All of these new officers bring a unique and impressive set of skills that will provide the Town with impeccable service for decades to come. We are pleased to welcome all of them and wish them all well for a long, safe, and successful career.

## MARINE UNIT

2024 was another busy and productive year for the Fairhaven Police Department Marine Division. Our Marine Unit continues to serve as a critical part of the Buzzards Bay Task Force, ensuring emergency response and public safety throughout Buzzards Bay. This year, we proudly welcomed a new 31-foot LifeProof boat to our fleet. Equipped with the latest state-of-the-art technologies, this vessel enhances our emergency response capabilities and provides vital support for life-saving operations in even the most challenging conditions. In addition to the new boat, we expanded our team with the addition of three new marine officers. These officers underwent extensive training and successfully earned their captain's licenses through Northeast Maritime. Their expertise and dedication strengthen our team and enhance our ability to respond effectively to emergencies on the water. The Marine Unit also added a new Kawasaki Jet Ski to our resources. This versatile vehicle allows us to respond to emergencies in shallow coastal areas where larger vessels may have difficulty navigating. Furthermore, as jet skis have become a growing safety concern in recent years, this addition will also aid in enforcement efforts, promoting safer recreational use of our waterways.

As we reflect on 2024's achievements, we are grateful for our community's ongoing support. The Fairhaven Police Marine Unit remains committed to ensuring the safety of our residents and visitors while protecting Buzzards Bay's natural beauty.

Thank you for your continued trust in our team. We look forward to serving you in 2025 and beyond.

## DRONE UNIT

2024 was a productive and impactful year for the Fairhaven Police Department Drone Unit. As a part of the Southeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council (SEMLEC)

Drone Team, our unit provides aerial support to communities throughout the South Coast, offering critical assistance during emergencies and enhancing public safety. The Fairhaven Drone Unit employs state-of-the-art unmanned aircraft systems with advanced technologies, including thermal imaging, high-intensity spotlights, and loudspeakers. These tools have proven invaluable during search and rescue operations, enabling us to efficiently locate missing individuals and assess emergency situations. The ability to stream real-time aerial footage to command units provides responding personnel with vital information to make informed decisions quickly.

This year, the unit welcomed three new officers, who have undergone extensive training to operate drones effectively and safely. Each drone operator holds a Part 107 license issued by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and is well-versed in all FAA rules and regulations. The Drone Unit operates under the authority of a Fairhaven Certificate of Authorization (COA) and a SEMLEC COA, allowing us to provide seamless coverage across the South Coast. As we continue to embrace this exciting technology, the Drone Unit remains committed to serving the community with precision, innovation, and professionalism. These advancements enhance our ability to respond to emergencies and ensure the safety of Fairhaven's residents and visitors. Thank you for your continued support and trust in our department. We look forward to another year of serving and protecting our community.

## NEW EQUIPMENT

In 2024 to enhance our emergency response capabilities and better serve our town's citizen's numerous pieces of state of the art equipment were purchased using Federal Funds. These advancements reflect our commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of our community while embracing innovative approaches to law enforcement.

Among the new additions are two Suzuki Quads, significantly expanding our search and rescue capabilities. These all-terrain vehicles allow us to access areas that are otherwise unreachable by traditional police vehicles, ensuring that no location is beyond our reach in times of need. To support this effort, twelve of our officers underwent extensive training with the Massachusetts Environmental Police, equipping them with the skills necessary to operate effectively in diverse environments. In addition to improving local safety, this enhanced unit supports the Southeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council (S.E.M.L.E.C.). This regional task force provides critical assistance to communities along the South Coast.

We also added two new electric bicycles (E-bikes) to our fleet. These E-bikes enable officers to efficiently patrol our busy, scenic bike paths and areas like beaches and parks. Residents can expect to see officers on E-bikes throughout the warmer months, ensuring a visible and approachable presence in high-traffic areas.

Finally, the department received an all-electric Club Car, which has already proven invaluable during special events, parades, and patrols along bike paths. This eco-friendly vehicle enhances our ability to navigate crowded spaces while minimizing our environmental footprint.

These equipment upgrades are part of our ongoing mission to adapt and respond to our community's evolving needs. We are grateful for your continued support as we work to provide exceptional service and protection for the town of Fairhaven.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH UNIT

In 2017, the Fairhaven Police Department and the community that it represents and protects was overwhelmed with the devastating effects of the opioid crises. Recognizing the need to provide support for those affected by the crises, the Fairhaven Police Department formed a community outreach response unit. The goal of the unit was to provide immediate and personalized support for individuals who had experienced an overdose, by connecting them with a substance use recovery coach. Additional goals included, intervention and prevention, assistance with treatment, and engaging with individuals in harm-reduction strategies and recovery services to reduce the risk of future overdoses and improve the overall well-being of an individual affected by a substance use disorder. The Fairhaven Police Department adopted a co-responder model, incorporating police officers, clinicians, social workers, members of the faith-based community, peers, and other personnel that respond in the field together. The outreach team also began coordinating with local agencies that provide needle exchange, naloxone distribution, and

other harm-reduction services. Currently, the Fairhaven Community Outreach unit works with Fishing Partnerships, Seven Hills Foundation, Bristol County Outreach, the Greater New Bedford Inter-Church Council, the New Bedford Crisis Center, and the New Bedford Health Department. The unit is also part of the Fairhaven Opioid Task-Force, and the Greater New Bedford Opioid Task-Force, and the Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative (PAARI). All officers and coaches are certified as a recovery coach, trained in motivational interviewing, trauma-informed care, and harm reduction strategies. Officers within the unit attended a recovery coach academy.

In 2024, the Fairhaven Police Department furthered their partnership with Bristol County Outreach. Through federal grant funding, Bristol County Outreach was able to provide the department with funding and access to a certified mental health clinician. Through these combined efforts, the Fairhaven community outreach unit implemented home visits with a mental health clinician. The collaborative effort integrates the strengths of both law enforcement and mental health expertise to provide safe, effective interventions for individuals experiencing mental health crises. The team assists in coordinating hospitalization or transportation to a mental health facility, using involuntary commitment protocols if necessary. In less acute situations, the clinician can provide referrals to community mental health services, outpatient care, or other support systems like health insurance navigation, addiction recovery, or social work. Through follow-up visits, the clinician can aid in ensuring continued care and potentially prevent future crises. By combining the strengths of law enforcement and mental health professionals, this plan ensures more compassionate and effective responses to mental health crises, with a focus on safety, support, and recovery. Officers involved in the program undergo specialized mental health crisis intervention training, including recognizing mental health symptoms, de-escalation tactics, and cultural competency.

In 2024, the Fairhaven Police Department responded to seventeen overdoses, in which two were fatal. Narcan was administered on ten occasions and the deployment of Narcan was successful in all ten deployments. The department's community outreach unit conducted one hundred thirteen follow-up attempts and were successful with sixty-two contact visits. Out of the sixty-two successful contact visits, thirty-nine people accepted services from the unit. Beginning in August of 2024, the department began utilizing a mental health clinician, while also documenting behavioral health data. There were eighteen behavioral health incidents documented since the inception of the mental health component of the program. In comparison to previous years, the Fairhaven Police Department and Community Outreach Unit responded to the following:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Non-fatal overdoses-	15	15	22	34	38
Fatal events-	2	2	3	4	5
At-risk referrals-	10	2	2	3	1
Narcan administered-	10	10	18	24	29
Narcan saves-	10	10	17	24	27
Follow-up attempts-	113	63	52	27	5 *(Covid-19 affected follow-ups)
Successful contact-	62	24	24	18	3
Services accepted-	39	18	18	5	2

#### **ANIMAL CONTROL**

The year 2024 was very busy at the animal control department. We said goodbye to our assistant ACO Abigail Griffith when she moved on to a full time job at a local veterinarian. She single-handedly rewrote the entire animal control by-laws before she left. Many of the by-laws were decades old and needed updated very badly.

We have continued to be supported by organizations such as M.O. Life and Southern Massachusetts Education Collaborative. They send us special needs adults on a daily basis to help us with our day to day activities. We could not do our jobs without them.

We have added some outdoor lighting features to provide higher safety standards for our staff. We were also able to install a new air conditioning system for the front half of the shelter. As always our volunteer staff continue to support our town shelter. In April the town of Fairhaven select board presented them with a proclamation thanking them for their countless hours that they donate to the homeless animals.

In 2024 we were able to adopt over 130 animals to loving homes. We have several other projects planned for the future. We greatly appreciate the continued support from our community.

The mission of the Fairhaven Police Department is to cultivate strong community partnerships and ensure fair and equitable treatment of all citizens while providing the highest quality police services without bias. We are committed to fostering a safe and inviting environment where trust, transparency, and respect are paramount. Through collaborative efforts and proactive engagement, we strive to build lasting community relationships, address community concerns, and promote justice for all. Our dedicated officers are trained to uphold the highest standards of professionalism, integrity, and

compassion. We will continue to work together to create a safer and more harmonious community for all those we serve.

Respectfully,  
 Daniel M. Dorgan  
 Chief of Police  
 Fairhaven Police Department

## BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

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

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

- Rapid response to emergencies throughout all seasons
- Effective budgeting, management and cost-effective delivery
- Implementing best management practices
- Using technology to its fullest to enhance operations, environmental sustainability and communications with residents
- Providing exceptional customer service to our customers

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Trees** – which manages the maintenance of all Public Shade trees throughout the Town. 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 2024 or are still being worked on:

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

**Bridge St. (former) Landfill** – in 2024, the Board of Public Works engaged the services of Brown and Caldwell to obtain a design and narrative which will both depict the site location and feasibility of moving the recycling center from the south end of Arsene St to a section of the former landfill. Due to the mandated treatment plant upgrade at Arsene St, the recycling center has been temporarily moved to our side yard but we need to ascertain the required permitting logistics with the State in hopes of moving recycling permanently to Bridge St. not only for space but to provide the residents with a state of the art facility.

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

In 2024, the Board of Public Works continued their engagement with Tighe and Bond to conduct a bridge inspection as a means to ascertain vulnerabilities and needed repairs, to provide the Town with a planning tool to address said vulnerabilities. This work completed has been shared with the Town and the next steps are under review.

**Community Development Block Grant** – In 2024, the Town of Fairhaven received a Community Development Fund grant in the amount of up to \$923,376 from the Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). These monies will be used to complete the road reconstruction project on Hedge St. between Main St. and Adams St.

**Community Involvement** – During 2024, the Board of Public Works continued to participate in various community events both inside and outside of its' purview.

**Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan** – In 2024, the Town engaged the services of Tighe and Bond to assist with the development of a Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP). This document is a town-wide, state approved, science-based plan to protect Fairhaven's bays, coastal waters, ponds and drinking water by managing nutrient pollution from wastewater. In addition to the positive environmental impacts, this document is paramount for the Town to be able to receive a 0% interest rate for the borrowing of the federally mandated nitrogen removal upgrade at the Arsene St. Wastewater Plant.

**Engineering Projects** – Projects that were engineered in 2024 include Bayside St., Bayview Ave., Bonney St., Bridge St., Causeway Rd., Cove St., Hathaway St., Hedge St., Manhattan Ave., Sciticut Neck Rd (sections), Walnut St., Washburn Ave., and William St.



**Household Hazardous Waste Day** – in 2024, the Board of Public Works hosted a household hazardous waste day affording residents an opportunity to dispose of such materials in a proper manner. The contracted vendor specializes in recycling as that is the intent for the final destination of the delivered wastes.

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

**Lead Services Notices** – In 2024, to comply with the updated federal regulations – specifically the EPA's Lead and Copper Rule — water systems were required to document all water service lines materials and identify any lead, lead materials or unknowns. Once said inventory occurred, we were then required to inform residents who do or may have lead pipes in their water supply. Although we were not looking to cause panic, as nothing has changed in the water supply, we were required to forward these notices as the new federal rule sets a stricter standard for lead and aims to eliminate this type of piping in the coming years.

**Leaf Pick-up** – In 2024, the Board of Public Works, once again, contracted for 4 weeks of residential leaf pick up. Due to the initial costs of beginning the cart program, the Board of Public Works discontinued leaf pickup to stabilize general fund costs. Though recycling numbers are not where they should be, because the Town's recycling has improved, the Board of Public Works was able to continue to add on this often-requested service.

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

After numerous meetings and site visits with applicable project representatives, since application submittal, this project has grown into a \$2M grant to the Town which will see ADA compliant sidewalks, bike lanes from the Stop N Shop Plaza to the Leroy Wood School as well as the narrowing of Scoticut Neck Rd from David Drown Blvd to the school. This project is awarded to Lawrence Lynch Corp. and is scheduled to be completed by summer 2025.

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

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

When the CWA came into existence, nitrogen was not a parameter of concern as scientists were unaware of the deleterious effects of this pollutant. As a result, the design of most wastewater plants (including Fairhaven's) did not contain nitrogen removal capabilities as this was not a pollutant that Congress had targeted when these facilities were being built. Fast forward to today and science has revealed that excessive nitrogen discharges

can deplete oxygen levels and encourage algae growth in marine waters which are both ecologically harmful.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In 2023, an additional \$20 M was approved by Town Meeting and the project was bid and awarded to Methuen Corporation who are scheduled to commence this work in early 2024 and be completed by the Fall of 2026.

In 2024, Methuen Corporation began the work of constructing the new building which would house the nitrogen removal process and also upgraded existing infrastructure so that flows could be carried to and from the new process,

Please be aware that the BPW is committed to undertake this mandated task with consideration of achieving compliance at the most affordable upgrade to the Town's rate payers. To date, we have secured circa \$12M in loan forgiveness and are actively pursuing a 0% interest loan for the remaining balance.

**Sanitation Contract** – In 2024, the Board of Public Works extended the contract with E.L. Harvey for curbside pickup of recyclables and trash.

**Sewer Pump Station Upgrades** – During calendar year 20234, the Board of Public Works continued to upgrade sewer pump stations, based on a prioritized schedule for rehabilitation.

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

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

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

**Street Construction** – During 2024, the Board of Public Works requested that sections of Beachwood St and Chase Rd. be approved at Town Meeting for reconstruction/paving; while sections of Babbit St; Coolidge St; Dartmouth St; Littleneck Rd; Mina St; Nancy St; and Weeden Rd. were paved.

**Street Light Maintenance** – In 2024, the Board of Public Works continued with the responsibility of maintaining the streetlights in Town. Working closely with the Police Department, the Board of Public Works, via an outside contractor, responds to those lights that malfunction. To date, this has worked out very well for the Town.

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

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

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

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

The Town had 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 is required to investigate high bacteria counts and remove them from the system.

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

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

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

In order to accomplish and comply with the above, especially the required tasks of 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.

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

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

In 2023, the Town applied for and received a \$125,000 grant from the Buzzards Bay National Estuary project to assist with stormwater remediation.

In 2024, the Stormwater Remediation was constructed on Jerusalem Rd.

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

**Trash Fee** – In 2024, the Board of Public Works implemented a trash fee

**Water system flushing** – The Board of Public Works would like to thank all those who assisted us with our Water Flushing Program in 2024.

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

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

**Water System upgrade** – In 2024, the Mattapoissett River Valley Water District, comprised of the Towns of Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoissett and Rochester finally was able to secure funding for the upgrade to the filtration system and to add disinfection capability. The upgrade work commenced January 2025.

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  
Anne Morton Smith, Clerk  
Daniel Lopes, Commissioner  
Hillary Rotondo, Commissioner  
Travis Rapoza, Commissioner  
Vincent D. Furtado, Board of Public Works Superintendent  
Rebecca Vento, Board of Public Works Business Manager

## PUBLIC WORKS - HIGHWAY DIVISION

During the year 2024, 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:

**Binder Course:** Littleneck Road – Alder St to Ebony St

**Roads Resurfaced from Eversource Account:**

Mina Street – Oliver St to Marguerite St

Nancy Street – Alden Rd to Andrew Ave

Andrew Ave – Nancy St to dead end

Weeden Road – Route 6 to Bike Path

Coolidge Street – Weeden Rd to Studley St

Babbitt Street – Weeden Rd to Studley St

Dartmouth Street – Weeden Rd To Studley St

Studley Street – Dartmouth St to Babbitt St

Potholes remain a problem and are patched as needed. A total of 45 permanent asphalt patches for miscellaneous trench repairs, sink holes, and sidewalk tree root conflicts were completed throughout town. A total of 12 new catch basins were installed while 18 structures were repaired/rebuilt, and approximately 300 linear feet of drain lines were repaired throughout the town. Street sign vandalism continues with over 45 signs being replaced or repaired. During our snow removal and sanding operations we used 209 tons of sand and 239 tons of salt. The Highway Department continues to operate the Recycle Center, Leaf and Brush collection area.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joshua Crabb  
Highway Superintendent

## PUBLIC WORKS - PARK DEPARTMENT

The Park Department has been very busy in 2024 with repairs and maintenance work done to our parks, beaches, recreation areas and Town memorials. This department maintains six parks, two cemeteries, two bike paths, the Town owned portion of Fort Phoenix, the West Island Town Beach and 25 other Town owned sites.

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Board of Public Works Park Commissioners

## PUBLIC WORKS - SEWER DEPARTMENT

Calendar year 2024 was quite a year for the Fairhaven Sewer Department as we continue to dealing with obstacles of an aging plant and collections system while a multi-million-dollar project is on-going.

We continue to comply with the EPA/DEP's capital compliance plan which will result in the upgrade to the treatment plant and pump stations.

Our West Island Ground Water Discharging plant is performing well within its designed parameters. The upgrades completed in 2023 help us comply with our permit currently and in the future.

With the plant upgrades and stations progressing forward, the Sewer Department has entered into contract with an engineering firm to conduct a comprehensive assessment of our largest force mains. It is the goal of this department to meet all permit requirement levels which necessitates the aforementioned upcoming and ongoing projects.

Our 5 million gallon per day facility on Arsene St. is performing well within permit limits despite its age and the challenges presented now with the new construction in full swing. The annual flow of the treatment plant was 1,63,900,000 gallons. We saw average BOD5 and TSS levels of 12.1 mg/l and 10.8 mg/l respectively - both of which are well within the plant's permit limits of 30mg/l daily.

The West Island treatment plant permit levels of 30mg/l for BOD5 / TSS, and a total nitrogen level of 10mg/l have all been met. With levels of 6.1 mg/l, 5.5 mg/l, and 3.1 mg/l respectively and an annual flow of 7,220,329 gallons.

In 2024, the Sunset Beach Sewer Tie in project was completed, with all valves, piping, manholes, passing inspection. In spring of 2024 the roadway was also repaved allowing now 20 homes to tie into the Town municipal sewer.

I would like to thank our staff for doing a good job for their continued efforts in this department along with maintaining all equipment in operational conditions. Each person on staff here helps keep the Fairhaven's sewers flowing 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Plant Staff Ray Paczosa, Joe Frates, Dana Hathaway, Lee Barlow, Matt Manzone, Manny Luiz, Nick Parker, Rose Mary Costa, Alex Pullman, Tyler Perry, Seth Arruda, Jared Amaral. Thank you for all you do.

Welcome 2025

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rene J Robillard  
Sewer Superintendent

## PUBLIC WORKS - WATER DEPARTMENT

In 2024, the Fairhaven Water Department has been committed to keeping the water system moving forward to achieve the expectations our customers want. The Mattapoisett River Valley Treatment Plant has started the much-awaited filter replacement that is on track to be up and running early spring of 2025. We want to thank everyone for their patience with this much needed project.

This past year we have implemented the use of the new water smart meter system where you, the customer, can monitor your usage and set consumption alerts simply from your personal smart phone or computer. Visit the towns website for more info and how you can sign up for the water smart customer monitoring. We have also updated our lead and copper water service inventory per EPA as well as Mass DEP for all homes we are servicing. Our Boston Hill water tank was cleaned, and the Scoticut Neck Tank was painted this past November.

In 2024, there were 370,180,000 gallons of finish water pumped. The most gallons of finished water pumped per day was 1,459,000 gallons. The most gallons of finished water pumped in a week was 9,032,000 gallons.

The Department had 24 house service leaks and 12 main leaks in the past year.

There were 9 new services added. We also replaced 1 fire hydrant and put 2 new fire hydrants in service in the distribution system.

In the upcoming year we will be working on the water smart program, continuing on with our fire hydrant maintenance program and focusing on the water treatment plant upgrades coming early Spring and doing another complete unidirectional system flush. We will also be wishing our long standing secretary Joyce Wilson a very Happy and Healthy retirement

Finally, I would like to thank my entire staff at the board of public works and all Town Departments for their continued support throughout the last year.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jeffrey Furtado  
Water Superintendent

## RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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

### Personnel

Kelley Ramirez, Director

Rachel Martin, Program Coordinator

Jennifer Cardoza, Recreation Assistant

### Director's Message

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

### Staffing

The Recreation Department is staffed by a full-time director (40 hours per week), a full-time program coordinator (40 hours per week), a full-time administrative assistant (35 hours per week), and 15 part-time staff who manage the front desk outside of regular business hours and deliver direct-service programming. All staff salaries are funded through the recreation budget.

In January 2024, we welcomed a new member to our team, Jennifer Cardoza, who joined as our first-ever administrative assistant. Through her passion, dedication, and commitment to excellence, Jennifer has quickly become an invaluable part of our operations. Her contributions have significantly enhanced our department's customer service and organizational efficiency, setting a new standard for excellence.

### Finance

The Recreation Department strategically employs a fee structure to offset the expenses associated with the provision of our diverse programs and services and the seamless operation of the recreation center. Our overarching objective is to deliver high-quality programs and services that remain financially accessible to all residents within the community.

To sustain the robust offering of our programs, the department relies on various revenue streams, including program fees, membership fees, and facility rental fees. In

2024, the department successfully generated over \$200,000 in revenue through these means. Notably, the primary contributor to this revenue comes in the form of program participation fees, reflecting the significant engagement and enthusiasm of our community members in our various offerings. Following closely are membership fees, indicative of the sustained interest in long-term recreational engagement, and facility rental fees, emphasizing the community's utilization of our versatile facilities for various events and gatherings. By maintaining a balance between affordability and excellence, we strive to uphold our commitment to serving the diverse recreational needs of our residents.

### Marketing

In 2024, the Recreation Department increased its efforts to promote programs and services, with a strong focus on digital outreach. Our enhanced activity on Facebook has yielded positive results, as our following continues to grow rapidly. Recognizing the importance of social media as a key communication tool, we remain committed to expanding our presence on Facebook to reach and engage a broader audience.

Our comprehensive marketing approach includes seasonal brochures, an informative website, online registration, email marketing, Fairhaven TV features, Neighborhood News publications, eye-catching flyers and posters, banners, and responsive communication through email, phone, and office inquiries.

Committed to staying current with communication trends, we strive to keep the community informed and engaged with the diverse recreational offerings available. The Recreation Department remains dedicated to innovative strategies that facilitate easy access to information, ensuring active community participation in our programs and services.

### Special Events

2024, the Fairhaven Recreation Department continued to bring the community together through dynamic programming and memorable events. Building on the success of past years, we are proud to report a year filled with both cherished traditions and exciting new initiatives that engaged residents of all ages.

One of our most beloved traditions, the 23rd Annual Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt, drew over 100 participants and their families for an evening of excitement and community fun. Additionally, our Intergenerational Field Day, held in collaboration with the Council on Aging, once again united youth and seniors through a day of games, a cookout, entertainment, and the always-popular Dorothy Cox ice cream. This event has firmly established itself as a highlight of our annual programming.

This year, we proudly co-hosted the annual Kid's Fest event with the Millicent Library and partnered with the Office of Community Development's Old Tyme Holiday event to run reindeer games for kids. We also participated in the Diverse Abilities Celebration (formerly the Disability Pride Event), where we worked alongside the Disability Committee and M.O. LIFE to promote inclusivity and celebrate our community's diverse abilities.

2024 also marked the debut of several new and exciting events that brought the community together for memorable experiences.

One of the highlights was the Adaptive Fishing Derby, made possible by a grant from the Massachusetts Office of Outdoor Recreation. This event, which focused on inclusivity,

featured adaptive fishing gear and attracted about 50 participants. It was a fun and successful day of fishing, providing an opportunity for individuals of all abilities to enjoy the outdoors.

In the summer, we hosted an Outdoor Family Movie Night at Livesey Park. This enchanting evening featured a screening of Moana and drew a crowd of approximately 300 attendees. Families gathered under the stars to enjoy the film, making it a beloved community event.

Additionally, the Taylor Swift Glow-in-the-Dark Dance Party brought a vibrant and energetic atmosphere to the Recreation Center. This lively event delighted participants of all ages, offering a fun opportunity to celebrate music and dance.

Lastly, our Polar Express Movie Night added a cozy and festive touch to our holiday programming.

Each of these new events helped strengthen our community connections, offering opportunities for all ages to come together and create lasting memories.

By staying attuned to the evolving needs and interests of our community, we strive to create programs and events that foster connection, joy, and engagement. We are excited to continue building on this success as we move into 2025, strengthening the bonds within our community and creating lasting memories for all.

### **Programming and Services**

The Recreation Department serves the Town of Fairhaven through dynamic programs and activity offerings, which actively work to identify and meet the needs of the entire community. A wide range of activities are offered to enable residents to spend their recreational time in a positive, productive, and enjoyable manner. In 2024 the Recreation Department saw over 1,383 participants across all recreation programs that were offered. Our Kool Kids Summer Program especially had an exceptional year in 2024. The program reached full capacity, and we expanded enrollment to accommodate as many children as possible from the waitlist. Over the course of the summer, we recorded a total of 536 registrations and generated over \$80,000 in revenue. This continued success can be attributed to our commitment to providing a high-quality, inclusive program at an affordable rate, as well as the enhanced training and professional development our staff undergo each spring. These efforts ensure that the Kool Kids Summer Program remains a standout offering for families in our community.

Many of our other programs (spanning across all ages) saw expanding participation as well, including our Pre-K Nature Program, Pint-Sized Picassos, Youth Track & Field, Youth Basketball Clinics, Youth Soccer Clinics, Toddler Tumble Time, and more.

The Recreation Center remains a highly valued and frequently utilized resource for the Town of Fairhaven. It continues to offer a wide range of services and opportunities for community engagement. Open gym time is available six days a week, amounting to 54 hours of access weekly, while the wellness room is open for a total of 74 hours each week. The center proudly served approximately 1,000 active members over the past year, demonstrating its strong appeal and commitment to supporting residents' health and wellness.

In addition to regular membership activities, the facility has proven its value as a community gathering space. The high demand for rental space is another key indicator of operational success. The Recreation Center accepts reservations seven days a week, with nearly 400 bookings throughout the year. These events include everything from birthday parties to large community gatherings, further enriching the center's role in the town.

All told, the Recreation Center welcomed around 40,000 individuals through its doors in the past year, including members, program participants, event attendees, and those utilizing rental spaces. This high volume of visitors reflects the center's vital role in fostering a thriving, active community, offering diverse programming, and serving as a hub for social, fitness, and recreational activities.

### **Facilities Highlights**

This year, the Recreation Department made several key improvements to enhance the Recreation Center to ensure it continues to meet the needs of the community. One notable upgrade was the replacement of four backboards on our basketball court. This was a crucial improvement, as it ensured a safer and higher-quality experience for players of all ages and skill levels, contributing to the overall enjoyment and functionality of the space.

Additionally, we replaced several pieces of aging strength equipment in the wellness room. These updates were essential in maintaining a modern, safe, and effective fitness environment for our members. The new equipment allows us to better support individuals with a variety of fitness goals, from strength training to general wellness.

These facility improvements demonstrate our ongoing commitment to maintaining high standards and ensuring the Recreation Center remains a valuable resource for the Fairhaven community. As we continue to invest in the center's infrastructure, we strive to provide an ever-improving environment that supports active lifestyles and fosters engagement among residents.

### **Looking Ahead**

As we eagerly step into the new year, the Fairhaven Recreation Department is brimming with excitement about the promising developments on the horizon. Our dedicated staff has been hard at work, crafting innovative programs and initiatives that are poised to elevate and enrich the quality of life for the Fairhaven community in 2025. We look forward to introducing a diverse array of offerings that cater to the varied interests and needs of our community members, fostering a vibrant and engaging environment for all. With enthusiasm and dedication, we are committed to making the upcoming year a memorable and fulfilling experience for everyone we serve.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kelley Ramirez  
Recreation Director

## ROGERS REUSE COMMITTEE

The Rogers Grammar School in 2024 continues in ongoing legal litigation over the ownership of the Rogers School property between New England Preservation & Development - Owner Zachary Mayo and the Town of Fairhaven. The Town Administrator has maintained instructions that until all final legal aspects are resolved regarding the property, the committee will take no further action regarding past or future RFP's or any matter regarding the future ownership of the property.

The committee will continue to work with the Town's Building Facilities Manager- Mr. Kevin Fournier in assisting in the preservation and mothballing process of the Rogers Grammar school property along with any related buildings issues and repairs that may arise.

Town Meeting Members in May 2018 at the Annual Town Meeting appropriated two hundred fifty-two thousand dollars (\$252,000) for the use in preservation, repairs, maintenance and listing on the National Registry of Historic places of the Rogers Grammar School while the town considers a future use for the facility. This account remains with an active balance and continues to financially fund the needed maintenance and preservation of the school building.

The Committee in 2024, continued with the directive of the Select Board, in pursuing the federal application for listing of Rogers Grammar School on the National Registry of Historic Places. The committee had received approval from Massachusetts Historical Commission for inclusion on the State's site as the first step required for Federal Registry listing.

Thru researching of specialized preservation companies, a preservation company who has the consultants with the knowledge and expertise in finalizing federal applications for National Registry Listings was selected. The company, Public Archaeology Laboratory Inc. (PAL) located in Pawtucket, Rhode Island was identified and subsequently hired by the Town. PAL completed the Federal Registry of Historic Listings nomination application, and the application was submitted to Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) per their guidelines and procedures. MHC reviewed the work by the consultant from PAL and considered the application to be finalized and ready to submit to the National Park Service. The criteria for National Registry listing are quite stringent and lengthy for federal approval. Currently the application is awaiting federal review with a decision expected in 2025.

If you wish to view a recorded virtual tour of the inside of Rogers Grammar School, please go to the town's website: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov>

The video is located under the Rogers Re-Use Committee and was created by the Town's Cable access director.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Sue Loo Chair, Doug Brady Vice-Chair, Beverly Rasmussen, Nils Isaksen, Cathy Melanson Representative of the Economic Development Committee, Patrick Carr Representative of the Planning Board, Lisa Plante Representative of the Finance Committee and Keith Silvia Select Board Representative.

## SELECT BOARD / TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

The past year has been one of progress and transition for Fairhaven, marked by strategic planning, financial policy updates, and leadership changes. The Select Board has continued its commitment to responsible governance, fiscal stewardship, and community engagement to ensure a strong and sustainable future for the Town.

### Municipal Goals and Strategic Planning

The Select Board has worked diligently to set broad-based municipal goals that align with the town's long-term vision. These goals focus on enhancing public services, strengthening infrastructure, and fostering economic development while maintaining fiscal responsibility. Key priorities include:

1. Plan for the town's financial future to better anticipate the availability of funds for projects and plan for challenges
2. Increase the town's inventory of affordable housing options for non-elderly, family and elderly residents
3. Adopt land use, zoning, and building code policies that support healthy, sustainable development
4. Promote Economic Development
5. Enhance Fairhaven's resiliency to the likely impacts of a changing climate
6. Develop Public Facilities and Improve Services
7. Improve open space, recreation, and natural resources
8. Improve Town-wide transportation systems
9. Inventory and preserve Historic Resources

### Financial Policy Update

One of the significant milestones this year was the acceptance of the updated Financial Policy for the Town, based on the diligent efforts of the Financial Policy Review Committee. This comprehensive policy update aims to:

- Strengthen fiscal management practices
- Improve transparency and accountability in budgeting
- Establish guidelines for long-term financial planning
- Ensure responsible use of taxpayer funds while maintaining essential services

The updated policy will serve as a framework for sound financial decision-making and long-term stability, supporting the town's continued fiscal health.

### Town Administrator Search

As part of the Town's leadership transition, the Select Board has initiated a search for a new Town Administrator. This follows the mutual agreement between the Town and Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison not to renew her contract. The Select Board acknowledges Ms. Ellison's contributions to the community and appreciates her service. The search for a new Town Administrator is underway, with a focus on identifying a candidate who aligns with the town's vision and priorities. The board remains committed

to a transparent and inclusive process that engages stakeholders and ensures strong leadership for the town's future.

#### **Acknowledgement of Town Employees and Volunteer Board Members**

None of Fairhaven's accomplishments would have been possible without the steadfast dedication of the staff across all departments, its Town officials, Town Meeting Members and the many volunteers devoted to Town boards, committees and commissions. The Select Board extends its deepest gratitude to those who contribute their time, expertise, and passion to serving the community. Their hard work and commitment play a vital role in shaping the policies and initiatives that help Fairhaven thrive. The Town greatly benefits from their efforts, and their service is truly appreciated.

In conclusion, The Select Board remains dedicated to fostering a thriving, fiscally responsible, and well-managed community. Through strategic planning, financial policy enhancements, and fostering strong leadership, Fairhaven continues to move forward with a focus on growth, resilience, and sustainability. We look forward to continued collaboration with residents, town officials, and community partners in the year ahead.

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

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

SRPEDD serves 4 cities and 23 towns in southeastern Massachusetts. Through our work, we address common issues facing the region, including economic development, growth and land use, safe and efficient transportation, environmental stewardship, municipal partnerships, community development and affordable housing, infrastructure needs, 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 2024, the Town of Fairhaven paid \$3,293.08 to SRPEDD, based upon an assessment of 20.68 cents per capita. SRPEDD's annual budget in 2024 was \$6,826,432.

SRPEDD also serves as the region's staff for the Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMMPO) and the regional Economic Development District (EDD) with the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA). SRPEDD staff also works with the Southeast Region Homeland Security Advisory Council (SRAC). In these roles, SRPEDD works with numerous partners to program tens of millions of dollars to directly invest in our region's infrastructure, safety and emergency preparedness, and community development.

Please visit SRPEDD's agency website at [www.srpedd.org](http://www.srpedd.org) to review our work, read our 2024 Annual Report, and tour recent projects, including: our Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS); our work to support communities as they comply with the new Section 3A of Chapter 40A; our ongoing Regional Resilience Plan; our Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) and diverse Environmental Planning work program; our Regional Transportation Plan; our Complete Streets and Multi-Use Path transportation projects; our Safe Streets For All (SS4A) Action Plan; our work with SRAC; our work with school districts and public safety officials to create Active Shooter/Hostile Event (ASHE) Response Tools; our collaboration with communities to update Priority Development Area (PDA) and Priority Protection Area (PPA) designations; and various municipal projects, such as Redevelopment Studies, Business and Marketing Guides, Community Master Plans, and Open Space and Recreation Plans. Our website also includes departmental web pages, staff profiles, 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:**

Andrew B. Saunders and Richard F. Trapilo on the SRPEDD Commission.  
Joshua Crabb and Vincent Furtado on the Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG).

In 2024, SRPEDD provided technical assistance to Fairhaven in the following areas; please note that funding sources and project web pages are provided, where available:



Project Name	Funding Source(s)	More Information
Green Communities Program Assistance	DOER	<a href="https://srpedd.org/environment/climate-resilience-planning/green-communities/">https://srpedd.org/environment/climate-resilience-planning/green-communities/</a>
MVP	MassEEA	<a href="https://srpedd.org/environment/climate-resilience-planning/municipal-vulnerability-preparedness-mvp-planning/">https://srpedd.org/environment/climate-resilience-planning/municipal-vulnerability-preparedness-mvp-planning/</a>
Main St., Adams St., and Sconticut Neck Rd. Roadway Evaluation for Project Development	DOT	-
Open Space and Recreational Plan	DLTA	<a href="https://srpedd.org/environment/open-space-planning/">https://srpedd.org/environment/open-space-planning/</a>
Turning Movement Counts were completed for the town. (details available by request)	MassDOT	-
Traffic Counts were completed for the town. (details available by request)	MassDOT	-

Highlights from SRPEDD's 2024 General Work Program include the following:

Project Name	Funding Source(s)	More Information
Arts and Culture Community Development Initiative	DLTA	<a href="https://srpedd.org/justice-equity-and-community-development/arts-and-culture/">https://srpedd.org/justice-equity-and-community-development/arts-and-culture/</a>
Assawompset Ponds Watershed Plan Priority Action Implementation	DER, TNC	<a href="https://srpedd.org/environment/watershed-planning/apc-nemasket-river-watershed-management-and-climate-action-plan/">https://srpedd.org/environment/watershed-planning/apc-nemasket-river-watershed-management-and-climate-action-plan/</a>
Brownfields Community Wide Assessment Grant	EPA	<a href="https://srpedd.org/environment/brownfields-redevelopment/">https://srpedd.org/environment/brownfields-redevelopment/</a>
Bus Stop Capital Investment Plan	MassDOT	<a href="https://srpedd.org/transportation/public-transit/">https://srpedd.org/transportation/public-transit/</a>
Bus Stop Inventory Update	MassDOT	-
Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG)	U.S. EPA	<a href="https://srpedd.org/cprg/">https://srpedd.org/cprg/</a>
Coastal Resilience Project Planning Support	NOAA, Mass Audubon	
District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) and DLTA - Augmentation (project development and grant-writing)	SRPEDD	<a href="http://www.srpedd.org/DLTA">www.srpedd.org/DLTA</a>

FFY20 Homeland Security Program and Project Management	MAPC	<a href="https://srpedd.org/homeland-security/">https://srpedd.org/homeland-security/</a>
FFY21 Homeland Security Program and Project Management	MAPC	<a href="https://srpedd.org/homeland-security/">https://srpedd.org/homeland-security/</a>
FFY22 Homeland Security Program and Project Management	MAPC	<a href="https://srpedd.org/homeland-security/">https://srpedd.org/homeland-security/</a>
Freight Action Plan	MassDOT	<a href="https://srpedd.org/freight-action-plan/">https://srpedd.org/freight-action-plan/</a>
Green Communities – Annual Reports and Competitive and Designation Grant Applications	EOEEA	<a href="https://srpedd.org/environment/climate-resilience-planning/green-communities/">https://srpedd.org/environment/climate-resilience-planning/green-communities/</a>
Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG)	MassDOT	<a href="https://srpedd.org/transportation/regional-transportation-planning/jtpg/">https://srpedd.org/transportation/regional-transportation-planning/jtpg/</a>
Justice, Equity, and Community Development (JECDD) Initiative	DLTA	<a href="https://srpedd.org/justice-equity-and-community-development/">https://srpedd.org/justice-equity-and-community-development/</a>
Mass. Assn. of Regional Planning Commissions (MARPA)	RPAs	<a href="https://massmarpa.org/">https://massmarpa.org/</a>
Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) Asset Mapping and Digital Equity Planning Enrollment	MassTech/MBI	<a href="http://www.srpedd.org/Digital-Equity">www.srpedd.org/Digital-Equity</a>
MBTA Multi-Family Zoning Support	DLTA, EOHLIC	<a href="http://www.srpedd.org/MBTA-Communities">www.srpedd.org/MBTA-Communities</a>
Open Space Residential Design (OSRD) Regional Study	EOEEA	<a href="https://srpedd.org/environment/osrd/">https://srpedd.org/environment/osrd/</a>
Pavement Management - Fed. Aid Road Network	MassDOT	<a href="https://srpedd.org/transportation/transportation-infrastructure/#pavement-management">https://srpedd.org/transportation/transportation-infrastructure/#pavement-management</a>
PDA/PPA Update for MBTA Communities	MBTA, DLTA	<a href="http://www.srpedd.org/Priority-Areas">www.srpedd.org/Priority-Areas</a>
Regional Evacuation Route Study	MassDOT	-
Regional Pedestrian Plan	MassDOT	<a href="https://srpedd.org/transportation/bicycle-and-pedestrian-networks/">https://srpedd.org/transportation/bicycle-and-pedestrian-networks/</a>
Regional Stormwater Management Planning and Technical Assistance	USM/U.S. EPA, NBEP	-

Rural Community Section 3A Compliance	EOHLC	<a href="http://www.srpedd.org/MBTA-Communities">www.srpedd.org/MBTA-Communities</a>
Rural Policy Advisory Council	DLTA, sister RPAs	<a href="https://www.mass.gov/service-details/rural-policy-advisory-commission-rpac">https://www.mass.gov/service-details/rural-policy-advisory-commission-rpac</a>
Safe Streets For All (SS4A) Action Plan	U.S. DOT/ MassDOT	<a href="https://srpedd.org/transportation/ss4a-safety-action-plan/">https://srpedd.org/transportation/ss4a-safety-action-plan/</a>
South Coast Administrators Committee	SRPEDD	-
South Coast Bikeway Technical Assistance	MassDOT	-
Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMMPO)	MassDOT	<a href="https://srpedd.org/transportation/regional-transportation-planning/smmpo/">https://srpedd.org/transportation/regional-transportation-planning/smmpo/</a>
Southern New England Program (SNEP) Network Technical Assistance Provider	USM/U.S. EPA	<a href="https://srpedd.org/environment/snep-network-projects/">https://srpedd.org/environment/snep-network-projects/</a>
SRPEDD Regional Resilience Plan (SRRP)	DLTA, CCC EDA, MassDOT	<a href="https://srpedd.org/regional-resilience-plan/">https://srpedd.org/regional-resilience-plan/</a>
Taunton River Trail	MassDOT	-
Technical Assistance Planning and GIS	GATRA	<a href="https://srpedd.org/transportation/public-transit/">https://srpedd.org/transportation/public-transit/</a>
Title VI Program Report	MassDOT	<a href="https://srpedd.org/title-vi-compliance/">https://srpedd.org/title-vi-compliance/</a>
Traffic Counting and Turning Movement Counts	MassDOT	<a href="https://srpedd.org/transportation/transportation-infrastructure/traffic-counting/">https://srpedd.org/transportation/transportation-infrastructure/traffic-counting/</a>
Trails Mapping (Off Road)	MassDOT	<a href="https://srpedd.org/transportation/bicycle-and-pedestrian-networks/regional-trails-mapping-project/">https://srpedd.org/transportation/bicycle-and-pedestrian-networks/regional-trails-mapping-project/</a>
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Workshop	MassDOT	<a href="https://srpedd.org/transportation/regional-transportation-planning/">https://srpedd.org/transportation/regional-transportation-planning/</a>

## SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

The Sustainability Committee started the new year with a brainstorming meeting to introduce 2024 projects. There were many great ideas that initiated projects and goals. One new project included the Shorebirds Education Project on West Island. Committee member, Wendy Drumm, worked with The Lloyd Center and educated the public on the importance of leashed dogs on the beach to protect nesting birds.

Another new project this year was the Green Business initiative. Member, Tim Garcia, worked with an advisory committee to create a questionnaire and application for business owners to participate and be recognized as a green business in Fairhaven.

Our single-use plastic bylaw went into effect on January 1st of 2024. Our committee has met with the Health Agent to make sure all businesses comply with the bylaw. Businesses that are not in compliance are notified with a letter by the Board of Health. The nip bottle ban also started in January, and while some stores were reluctant to comply, they can no longer sell nip bottles in town.

The committee once again worked with the Senior Center and Director, Martha Reed. Seeds for Seniors was presented by the committee and ran successfully for the third year, with the help of Senior Center staff, who distributed the Seeds for Seniors packages. Over 50 packages were distributed and planted by residents in town. This program was very popular and will continue in future years with a planned expansion, that will provide more residents with seeds they can plant at home.

Our three Community Gardens are still very active at Wood School, East Fairhaven School, and Elizabeth Hastings Middle School. A new garden shed was added to the EFS garden and looks great with the help from members assembling and painting the shed. We also had a pumpkin compost site at each of the schools, where residents could drop off pumpkins after Halloween to keep them out of the trash.

Our committee continues to run the Seed Library and Seed Exchange at the Millicent Library during the spring and is very active.

The committee participated in the Fourth Annual Kids' Fest in October. As we have in the past, we collected Halloween costumes at the Town Hall and distributed them to anyone who needed one at the festival. It was very successful, and we will continue to participate in this annual event. Members of the committee distributed over 500 costumes and decorations. This activity promotes recycling and the reuse of costumes for the community.

This year, committee member Christin Ritz had a table to distribute milkweed seeds for Monarch Butterflies. The table was a success with lots of information and coloring sheets to involve the kids.

The committee will continue to promote sustainable practices into the new year and remains open to collaboration on new projects that enhance our town. We are looking for fresh ideas and are eager to work with local groups and individuals. Please contact any member of the committee if you are interested.

**Committee Members:**

Ann Richard – Chair  
Wendy Drumm  
Tim Garcia  
Laura Gardner  
Karen Gent  
John Pond  
Christin Ritz  
Susan Spooner

**Staff:**

Bruce Webb  
Kelly Camara

## TOWN HALL FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

As we look back on the past year, several key improvements and projects were completed to enhance the functionality and security of our Town's facilities. Our team has been committed to ensuring that all buildings under our management are well-maintained, accessible, and prepared to serve the community's needs.

**Key Accomplishments:**

**1. Key Card Entry System for Town Hall**

A significant upgrade was made to the security of Town Hall with the installation of a key card entry system. This system improves access control, ensuring that only authorized personnel can enter the building after hours. It also enhances security and streamlines access for town employees and visitors.

**2. Digitizing Documents**

To improve the efficiency and accessibility of records, we undertook a project to digitize a large portion of the town's documents. This shift to digital records will reduce the need for physical storage and make it easier for staff to retrieve important information. It's a step forward in modernizing town operations and improving public access to records.

**3. Fire Panel Relocation**

As part of ongoing safety improvements, we successfully relocated the fire panel at the Town Hall. This relocation ensures that the fire alarm system is better positioned for monitoring and response, enhancing the overall safety of the building.

**Facilities Under Our Management Outside of Town Hall:**

- **Police/Fire Station:**

The Police and Fire Station continues to serve as a critical hub for emergency response and public safety. Our team remains dedicated to maintaining this facility, ensuring it meets the needs of our first responders.

- **Recreation Center:**

The Recreation Center remains a vital space for community activities and events. We focus on keeping this building in top condition to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for residents of all ages.

- **Council on Aging:**

The Council on Aging building serves as a key resource for senior services in Fairhaven. Our team ensures the building is well-maintained and accessible, fostering a welcoming space for our senior citizens.

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

**FY 25-26 Retaining Wall Project at Town Hall**

As we look toward the upcoming fiscal year, one major project on the horizon is the retaining wall project at Town Hall. This project will address structural concerns and improve the long-term stability of the building's foundation. The retaining wall will also enhance the building's overall aesthetic and curb appeal.

We look forward to continuing our work in maintaining these important facilities, improving service to our community, and implementing additional enhancements to keep Fairhaven a great place to live, work, and play.

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

As of **January 1, 2025** total residents in Fairhaven are **15,006** and the total registered voters are **13,530**. Births, marriages and deaths in the year **2024** were:

- Births: **104**
- Marriages: **77**
- Deaths: **239**

Elections and Town Meetings in 2024 were as follows:

- Presidential Primary — March 5, 2024
- Town Election—April 1, 2024
- Annual Town Meeting—May 4, 2024
- State Primary—September 3, 2024
- State Election/Presidential Election—November 5, 2024
- Special Town Meeting—November 19, 2024

Total cash turned over to the Treasurer was **\$47,292.28**. The Town Clerk's Office collected the following violations:

- Parking violations—**\$1,197.21\***
- By-Law violations—**\$0.00\***
- Boat Ramp violations—**\$674.56\***
- Hoppy's Landing—**\$2,027.01\***
- Penalties/Late fees—**\$2,102.00\***

And collected for the following services:

- Dog licenses—**1,652** for a total of **\$15,600.00\***
- Board of Appeals Certified Decision Form—**\$170.00\***
- Constable Fees—**\$125.00**
- Business Certificates—**109** for a total of **\$3,120.00\***
- Certified Vital Records—**\$13,805.00\***
- Marriage Licenses—**77** for a total of **\$1,200.00\***
- Census Street Listing Books—**\$150.00\***
- Gas Permits—**\$300.00**
- Auditorium Fund (donations received for wedding ceremonies performed in the Town Hall)—**\$0.00\***
- Miscellaneous fees (, Poles, Raffles) —**\$80.00\***
- Public Records Request —**\$477.50**
- Unipay Sales (online and in-office sales)—total **\$6,264.00**

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

The Town Clerk's Office serves as the central point of contact at Town Hall, providing outstanding support to residents and visitors on a variety of town-related matters. As the official keeper of records and custodian of the Town Seal, the Town Clerk's Office maintains vital records and a comprehensive archive of Town documents.

The Town Clerk plays an integral role in Town Meetings, recording all proceedings, votes and motions to create an official record. Additionally, the Town Clerk's Office handles

the registration of all births, marriages, and deaths occurring in Fairhaven or involving its residents, with certified copies available upon request.

As the Town's Records Access Officer, the Town Clerk manages public records requests for Town Hall. In the capacity of Chief Election Officer, the Town Clerk oversees and certifies all elections in Fairhaven, serves on the Board of Registrars, and records all votes cast during elections. The office is also responsible for processing the Annual Town Census, issuing street listings, dog licenses, and business certificates, posting and filing agendas and minutes for boards and committees, as well as offering complimentary notary services.

Professional development remains a cornerstone of our commitment to excellence. Our staff participates in workshops and certification programs to stay informed and continuously enhance our expertise.

In 2024, the Town Clerk's Office managed a particularly demanding schedule, overseeing four elections and two Town Meetings. Despite the heavy workload, we were able to maintain an efficient, organized, and welcoming office, ensuring a high standard of professionalism and a positive experience for all who sought our assistance.

We are thrilled to welcome Jodi L. Duval to our team. Jodi's prior experience as an election warden has been a tremendous asset, strengthening our office's operations. In addition to her technical skills, Jodi's friendly demeanor and dedication to public service have made her a valued member of the team, and we are confident that her contributions will continue to strengthen our office for years to come.

I would also like to express my deepest gratitude to Town Clerk's Office staff, Assistant Town Clerk Paula Vieira and Jodi L. Duval, Town Hall Facilities Manager Kevin Fournier, our registrars, poll workers, police and fire departments, recreation center staff, town hall staff and school custodians for their unwavering support. Successfully conducting four elections and two Town Meetings in a single year is no small feat, and their dedication ensured every event was executed efficiently, safely, and effectively.

Looking ahead to 2025, we are prepared for another busy year, with the Annual Town Election and Annual Town Meeting already on the calendar. The Town Clerk's Office remains dedicated to serving Fairhaven's residents and continuing to improve our services. We embrace the challenges and opportunities of the coming year with enthusiasm and commitment.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elisabeth E. Horan  
Interim Town Clerk

**TREASURER REPORT /  
RECONCILIATION OF THE TREASURER'S CASH**

The Town's Free Cash was certified by the Department of Revenue on November 4, 2024.

Reconciliation of the Treasurer's Cash  
June 30, 2024

Bristol County Savings	3,072,127.80
Bluestone Bank	1,082,882.97
Eastern Bank	4,663,897.81
Harbor One Bank	5,203,481.46
Rockland Trust	7,382,475.41
Unibank for Savings	7,550,355.73
<b>TOTAL CHECKING AND SAVINGS ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>28,955,221.18</b>

Rockland Trust CD	2,118,044.92
Rockland Trust – Claims Trust	2,298,321.99
Bartholomew & Company	17,154,210.75
MMDT	5,774,373.52
Citibank – Not in Custody of Treasurer – MV	2,557,490.75
Stock no in the Custody of the Treasurer – MV	960,604.58
<b>TOTAL OF TRUST FUNDS, INVESTMENT</b>	<b>30,863,046.51</b>
<b>TOTAL OF CASH, TRUST FUNDS, INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>59,818,267.69</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa M. Rose  
Treasurer

**TREE DEPARTMENT**

In October 2024, the Town Administrator entered into a Memorandum of Understanding between her office and the Board of Public Works appointing the Tree Warden responsibilities to the Public Works Department.

The above stemmed from Article 28 of the June 2022 Town Meeting where the Town voted to amend the Town's By-Laws by changing the Tree Warden from an elected position to one that is appointed by the Town Administrator with the approval of the Select Board.

To date, as part of getting a handle on this new responsibility, Public Works hired an independent company to conduct a tree canopy assessment and has retained the services of an on-call contractor while current staff is trained.

## VETERANS SERVICES

The Office of Veterans Services granted financial aid and medical assistance through M.G.L. Chapter 115, to veterans, their families, spouses or widows during 2024. The office processed a total of 56 cases which was a total of 64 Veterans and spouses we supply services to throughout the year.

According to the latest update from the Veterans Administration, VA benefits paid out to Veterans with Fairhaven residency totaled \$8,119,258.68 for the last 12-month period monitored. These benefits were paid for pensions and disability compensation and included 347 resident veterans and their beneficiaries. A number of these claims were filed through this office.

This year we submitted our accreditation through the VA as well as the state of Massachusetts. The VA accreditation is something new that is required by all Veterans Service Officers which certifies them as a National Service Officer enabling them to handle claims through Washington, D.C. We also continued supporting our veterans by partnering with the Fairhaven Police for “Coats for veterans” and Toys for Tots with the Fairhaven Fire Department. We are continuing with Wreaths across Fairhaven at Riverside, Woodside and Nasketucket cemeteries. We have done our Memorial Day Parade, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and Veterans Day Parade once again. The Veterans Office will continue to go out to Veterans’ homes if they are unable to come to our office.

The VSO Office will continue to work closely with other organizations in the area for housing, employment, training and a number of other programs that our Veterans need.

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, burial benefits, burial plaques, award certificates and tax abatements. We also help the veterans get military medals, ribbons and other military records through the National Archives.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Jenney, Director/Agent  
Jane Bettencourt, Admin Asst

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

In 2024, the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) heard petitions for Variances and Special Permits; most were positively acted upon by the Board. The Board continues to meet monthly.

In 2024, long-time member, Kenneth Kendal’s term expired and he was not reappointed by the Select Board. Mr. Kendal was Chair of the ZBA at that time and had been a member in good standing throughout his tenure on the ZBA. The Board thanks Mr. Kendal and will miss his experience and knowledge.

39 total applications

Withdrawals (5)

10 Oxford Street

141 Dogwood

148 Dogwood

8 Allen Street

62 Maitland Street

Failed (2)

25 Mulberry Street

227-229 Huttleston Avenue

Denied (1)

77 Adams Street

Continued to 2025 (1)

12 Huttleston Avenue

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick J. Carr, Chair

Ruy DaSilva, Vice-Chair

Daryl Manchester

Peg Cook

Amy Goyer

Kristen Russell, Associate Member

Katharine MacPhail, Associate Member

Derek Furtado, Associate Member

Kenneth Kendal, former Chair

**REVENUE RECEIVED**  
**JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024**

TAX COLLECTIONS (NET)		
REAL ESTATE/ROLLBACK	31,796,404	
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE/8 OF 58 ABATE	2,294,596	
PERSONAL PROPERTY	1,877,608	
TAX LIENS/FORECLOSURES REDEEMED	114,237	
MUNICIPAL LIENS / IE LIENS	55,234	
BOAT EXCISE/SHORT TERM RENTAL	49,353	
IN LIEU OF TAXES/PROFORMA TAX	8,832	
INTEREST/PENALTIES		
PP & RE TAX / BETTERMENT RELEASE	108,643	
EXCISE TAX/RMV MARKING FEES	127,025	
TAX TITLE /OTHER EXCISE/MISC	55,159	
<b>TOTAL TAXES/INTEREST</b>		<b>36,487,092</b>
CHARGES FOR SERVICES		
SEMASS ADMINISTRATION/RECYCLING	65,927	
WHARFAGE	51,574	
FEES	316,842	
CANNABIS HOST FEES	113,127	
RENTALS/LEASE	117,875	
WIND TURBINE ENERGY		
RECREATION		
<b>TOTAL CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>		<b>1,876,741</b>
LICENSES AND PERMITS		
ALCOHOLIC BEV. LICENSES	36,685	
OTHER LIC & PERMITS	549,702	
<b>TOTAL LICENSES &amp; PERMITS</b>		<b>586,386</b>
FINES & FORFEITS	6,772.95	6,773
MISCELLANEOUS		
RECURRING	170,180	
NONRECURRING	74,735	
PRIOR YEAR	4,644	
GAIN ON SALE TAX POSSESSION	-	
<b>TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS</b>		<b>249,560</b>
REVENUE FROM FEDERAL/STATE		
UNRESTRICTED GEN'L GOV AID	2,695,733	
STATE OWNED LAND	303,384	
CHAPTER 90	647,859	
ROOM TAX	469,071	

MEAL TAX	468,484	
CANNABIS TAX	264,367	
VETERAN BENEFITS	333,574	
ABATE VETS & BLIND/SURVIVING SPOUSE	9,036	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS	4,365,047	
SRF-TRANSPORTATION NETWORK	3,939	
<b>TOTAL STATE REVENUE/FEDERAL</b>		<b>9,560,493</b>
OTHER REVENUE		
WATERWAY IMPROVEMENT	121,843	
AMBULANCE FUND	1,567,771	
STORMWATER MAINT FEE	482	
SOCIAL DAY RECEIPTS-COA	144,938	
WETLAND PROTECTION	10,168	
INSURANCE RECOVERY	63,123	
GIFTS/RESTITUTION	55,774	
HOPPY'S LANDING	21,331	
MOORING/MITIGATION FEE	21,030	
TITLE 5	1,406	
HAZMAT	5,487	
SUSTAINABILITY COMM	380	
TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM	300	
EVERSOURCE PAVING	910,758	
HOARDING/MATTRESS RECYCLING	8,708	
OPIOID SETTLEMENTS	190,916	
MISC	-	
<b>TOTAL OTHER REVENUE</b>		<b>3,124,415</b>
<b>TOTAL NON-SCHOOL REVENUE</b>		<b>52,727,736</b>
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT		
ACUSHNET TUITION	2,403,277	
SALE OF SCHOOL LUNCHES/INV EARN	111,413	
ATHLETIC REVOLVER	25,196	
MUSIC REVOLVER	2,329	
GIFTS/RESTITUTION	31,581	
LEASE-TRIPP SCH	42,167	
RENTAL SCHOOL PROPERTY	77,015	
PRESCHOOL TUITION	44,550	
INSURANCE RECOVERY	-	
MISC	75,256	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,812,783</b>
SCHOOL REVENUE FROM FEDERAL/STATE		
CIRCUIT BREAKER	691,569	
SCHOOL AID - CHAPTER 70	9,631,703	

CHARTER TUITION	44,224	
ADDITIONAL SCHOOL AID	-	
TRANSPORT HOMELESS	91,847	
SCHOOL LUNCH	1,110,671	
MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT	-	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>11,570,014</b>
SCHOOL GRANTS FEDERAL/STATE		
COVID GRANTS ESSA	850,292	
TITLE I/SCHOOL SUPPORT	323,810	
TITLE II	-	
TITLE III	-	
TITLE IIII	9,700	
SPN IDEA	680,285	
TITLE IIA/EDUCATORS QUALITY	52,817	
EARLY CHILDHOOD	33,737	
TITLE IV	-	
ENHANCED SCHOOL HEALTH	148,064	
HOMELESS	22,556	
MISC GRANTS	60,014	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,181,275</b>
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL REVENUE</b>		<b>16,564,072</b>
WATER ENTERPRISE REVENUE		
WATER USER CHARGE	3,063,716	
WATER LIENS/COMM INT	44,905	
WATER DEMANDS	46,680	
TAX LIENS/FORECLOSURES	131,877	
WATER BETTERMENT ADDED TO TAXES	-	
COMM. INTEREST PD IN ADVANCE	-	
MISC	-	
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	598	
NET BOND PREMIUM	-	
WATER BETTERMENT PD IN ADVANCE	6,351	
INSURANCE RECOVERY	(9,540)	
<b>TOTAL WATER REVENUE</b>		<b>3,284,587</b>
SEWER ENTERPRISE REVENUE		
SEWER USER CHARGE	3,243,342	
SEWER CAPITAL FEE	301,812	
SEWER BETTERMENT ADDED TO TAXES	119,871	
MATT. USER CHARGE	794,793	
SEWER LIENS/COMM INT	161,793	
COMMITTED INTEREST	19,409	
SEWER BETTERMENT PD IN ADVANCE	13,593	

TAX LIENS/FORECLOSURES	6,329	
SEWER APPLICATION FEE	69,044	
DEMANDS AND FEES	49,194	
SEPTIC WASTE	33,477	
MISC	2,347	
DRAIN LAYER	7,275	
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	1,237	
NET BOND PREMIUM	-	
INSURANCE RECOVERY	-	
<b>TOTAL SEWER REVENUE</b>		<b>4,823,515</b>
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND		
SURCHARGES/TAX LIENS	519,230	
STATE MATCH REVENUE	102,996	
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	23,286	
INTEREST AND FEES	1,599	
<b>TOTAL COMMUNITY PRESERVATION REVENUE</b>		<b>647,111</b>
TOWN CABLE ENTERPRISE FUND REVENUE	196,176	<b>196,176</b>
SCHOOL CABLE REVENUE	152,055	<b>152,055</b>
<b>TOTAL COMBINED REVENUE</b>		<b>78,395,253</b>



# TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS & EXPENDITURES AS OF JUNE 30, 2024

General Fund:	Expenditure Category	Allocated	Total Expended before Encumb & Carryovers	Encumbrance	Carryover	Budget Balance Turnback	Carryover Turnback
Department							
TOWN MEETING	Salary	1,168.00	1,168			0	
	Purchase of Services	3,515.00	3,513			2	
	Supplies	1,095.00	1,095			0	
MODERATOR	Salary	1,000.00	1,000			0	
SELECTBOARD/TOWN ADMIN	Salary	309,578.00	309,561			17	
	Purchase of Services	12,250.00	11,350	12.50		888	
	Supplies	3,510.00	2,265	313.00		932	
	Other Charges	16,000.00	15,944	2.65		53	
	Selectmen Salaries	33,433.25	33,433			0	
	OPEB	300,000.00	300,000			0	
	Wage & Salary Reserve	1,000.00	0			1,000	
	Capital Stabilization Fund	120,000.00	120,000			0	
	Sister City Support	1,000.00	225			775	
	Rogers- Maint	17,130.92	1,221		15,909.97	-0	
	Bills of Prior Years	18,183.98	18,149			35	
	Compensated Absense Reserve	75,000.00	75,000			0	
	Wind Turbine Electric	595,300.00	497,046	80,000.00		18,254	
	Rape Crisis	2,000.00	2,000			0	
	Buzzards Bay Commission	1,800.00	1,800			0	
	Rogers Sch Preservation	84,643.49	41,921		42,722.63	0	
	Charter Committee Establish	10,000.00	5,681		4,318.75	0	
	Union Whatf Land-900 sq ft TM 6-18-22 Art 41	170.30	0			170	Article Trmbk
	Town Adm Office Furniture STM 11-15-22 Art 8	29,913.30	18,270		11,643.30	0	
	Finance Support TM 5-6-23 Art 11 (9)						
FINANCE COMMITTEE	Salary	500.00	0			500	
	Purchase of Services	200.00	0			200	
	Supplies	2,670.00	1,195			1,475	
	Other Charges	475.00	258			217	
	Reserve Fund Transfer	35,500.26	0		2,300.00	35,500	
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	Salary	195,501.00	194,853			648	
	Purchase of Services	140.00	130			10	
	Supplies	751.28	683			68	
	Other Charges	2,823.00	2,669			154	

ASSESSORS	Town Audit	62,000.00	0	62,000.00		0	
	Salary	145,875.98	144,980			896	
	Purchase of Services	60,210.00	33,647	21,880.00		4,683	
	Supplies	6,850.00	2,243	263.89		4,343	
	Other Charges	3,000.00	670			2,330	
	Assessor Pers Prop Audits TM 5-6-23 Art 11a(4)	5,300.00	3,000		2,300.00	0	
TREASURER	Salary	269,635.89	267,667			1,969	
	Purchase of Services	103,260.00	91,953	11,306.90		-0	
	Supplies	12,100.00	11,736			-408	
	Other Charges	6,040.00	4,443	5,315.00		-3,718	
	Tax Titles	27,000.00	20,427			6,573	
LEGAL SERVICES	Legal Services	395,000.00	353,130	16,000.00		25,870	
HUMAN RESOURCES	Salary	196,958.00	196,955			3	
	Purchase of Services	8,600.00	5,929	78.67		2,592	
	Supplies	500.00	315			185	
	Other Charges	5,675.00	4,571			1,104	
	Capital Outlay	1,744.95	1,745			0	
	Wellness Program	1,955.05	0			1,955	
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	Salary	249,816.00	248,449			1,367	
	Purchase of Services	202,415.00	196,267			6,148	
	Supplies	0.00	0			0	
	Minor Equipment					0	
	IT Hardware	30,000.00	17,480			0	
	IT Hardware Art 17m TM 5-4-19	13,604.82	11,604			0	
	Server Office Storage TM 6-18-22 Art 1311	24,000.00	0		12,519.73	24,000	Article Trmbk
	Phone System TM 6-18-22 - Art 130	89,927.27	80,666		2,001.08	9,261	Article Trmbk
	IT Applic Dev TM 5-6-23 Art 11A-5	15,000.00	15,000		-	0	
TOWN CLERK	Salary	48,903.88	48,904			0	
	Purchase of Services	9,513.22	9,513			0	
	Supplies	3,043.08	3,040	145.24		-142	
	Other Charges	5,459.28	3,654	1,284.99		611	
	Gasoline	0.00	0	525.70		-526	
	Town Clerk Salary	64,868.27	64,867			1	
ELECTION & REGISTRATION	Salary	29,430.05	29,430			0	
	Purchase of Services	15,286.98	15,287			0	

CONSERVATION/SUSTAINIBILITY

	Supplies	527.15	471	56
	Other Charges	0.00	0	0
	Voting Machines TM 6-18-22 Art 13b	100.00	0	100
	Poll Pads TM 5-6-23 Art 8A15	9,550.00	0	0
	Poll Pads PH2 STM 11-14-23 Art 8	12,700.00	0	0
				9,550.00
				12,700.00
				0

PLANNING BOARD

	Salary	102,924.00	102,922	2
	Purchase of Services	7,489.00	7,130	209
	Supplies	1,230.00	356	719
	Gasoline	0.00	0	-283
	Other Charges	1,420.00	735	685
				0
	Electric Veh Match-TM 10-20-20 Art.28	10,000.00	10,000	0
	TH Climate Vulner Assess TM 6-18-22- Art 33b			0
	Minor Equipment			0
				0
	Hazard Mitigation Match TM 6-18-22 Art 37	5,000.00	0	0
				5,000.00

PLAN/ECON DEVELOPMENT

	Salary	3,000.00	2,742	258
	Purchase of Services	1,100.00	354	746
	Supplies	1,000.00	316	684
	Other Charges	830.00	0	830
				0
	Salary	130,617.00	96,791	32,853
	Purchase of Services	9,200.00	8,706	494
	Supplies	425.00	54	371
	Intergovernmental	3,400.00	3,293	107
	Other Charges	2,500.00	0	2,500
	ECONOMIC & DEVELOP COMM	1,500.00	581	919
	Purchase of Services	6,500.00	1,533	4,967
	Union Wharf Expand Study Match TM 10-20-20	10,000.00	0	0
				10,000.00

BOARD OF APPEALS

	Salary	40,000.00	0	0
	Purchase of Services	7,000.00	0	0
				40,000.00
				7,000.00

TOURISM

	Salary	3,500.00	3,404	96
	Purchase of Services	3,400.00	3,152	248
	Supplies	300.00	10	290
	Other Charges	0.00	0	0
				0
	Salary	100,005.20	99,974	31
	Purchase of Services	7,690.00	7,686	4
	Supplies	575.00	550	25
				0

COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

	Purchase of Services	865.00	865	0
	Supplies	164.00	164	0
	Other Charges	1.00	0	1
				0
	BELONGING COMMITTEE	1,000.00	182	578
				240.00

TOWN HALL

	Salary	86,916.00	84,314	2,602
	Purchase of Services	27,065.00	16,550	10,420
	Utilities	34,050.00	31,190	-890
	Supplies	10,000.00	8,499	-2,099
	Gasoline	35.00	15	20
	Other Charges	1,000.00	965	35
	Capital Outlay	4,000.00	0	4,000
	TH Boiler Replace TM 6-18-22 Art 13k	125,000.00	86,843	-0
	TH Blinds/Shades TM 6-18-22 Art 13P	21,000.00	0	0
	TH Curved Windows TM 6-18-22 Art 30a	8,000.00	0	0
	TH Clock Gears TM 6-18-22 Art 30	164.00	0	164
	TH Elevator STM 11-15-22 Art 7	8,250.00	8,250	0
	TH Roof Repair TM 5-6-23 Art 11a(14)	7,000.00	6,400	600
	Sheathing Windows TM 5-6-23 Art 8A-13	31,000.00	0	0
	Digitize TM 5-6-23 Art 8A-14	220,000.00	0	0
	TH Handicap TM 5-6-23 Art 11A-15	7,500.00	0	0
	TH Aarm Panel STM 11-14-23 Art 7	70,000.00	0	0
				8,000.00
				38,156.76
				21,000.00
				8,000.00
				164
				0
				600
				31,000.00
				220,000.00
				7,500.00
				70,000.00
	Town Report General Expense Unclasp.	4,050.00	4,010	40

TOWN REPORT

	Salary	4,601,453.00	4,511,176	89,927
	Purchase of Services	226,064.00	181,780	24,962
	Utilities	38,000.00	33,768	1,720
	Supplies	93,700.00	87,631	4,588
	Gasoline	70,000.00	51,360	18,574
	Other Charges	15,106.00	13,983	1,123
				0
				0
				724
				0
				0
				-0
				0
				47,206.12
				-

POLICE

	Salary	1,854.24	1,130	114
	Purchase of Services	68,843.72	68,844	3,099
	Utilities	36,500.00	36,500	-28
	Supplies	156,261.00	109,055	711
	Gasoline	19,168.00	19,168	347
	Other Charges			72
				4,428
				20,637.88
				160.00
				1,911.00

FIRE DEPT.

	Salary	3,472,438.00	3,472,324	114
	Purchase of Services	253,726.58	229,990	3,099
	Utilities	5,000.00	4,868	-28
	Supplies	105,400.00	102,778	711
	Gasoline	31,200.00	30,853	347
	Other Charges	4,500.00	4,428	72

	Capital Outlay	28,092.00		27,859	233
	Ambulance Stabilization Fund	55,000.00		55,000.00	0
	Fire Eng to Eng FEMA 5% Match TM 6-12-21 Art.26	31,250.00		31,250	0
	Fire Engine 2 Tool TM 6-18-22 Art 13a	4,934.85		4,923	12
	Ambulance Sretcher TM 6-18-22 Art 13c	400,000.00	400,000.00	0	Article Trmbk
	Life Pak 15-3 Units TM 6-18-22 Art 13g	96,000.00		95,183	0
	Rescue Tools TM 6-18-22 Art 13n	1,904.00		0	817
	FEMA Grr Ambulance TM 6-18-22 Art 46	14,286.00	14,286.00	0	Article Trmbk
	Radio Upgrade -Fire TM 6-18-22 Art 13q	1,090.76		1,074	0
	Fire Medic 2 Repairs TM 5-6-23 Art 11a(8)	335.80	335.80	0	Article Trmbk
	Fire FEMA Equip Grr Match TM 5-6-23 Art 11A-12	10,812.00	10,812.00	0	0
FIRE ALARM					
	Salary	18,339.00		18,264	75
	Purchase of Services	6,000.00		5,960	40
	Supplies	1,000.00		930	70
	Gasoline	150.00		126	24
	Other Charges				0
	Replacement Equipment	3,540.00		3,540	0
BUILDING					
	Salary	202,696.00		200,382	2,314
	Purchase of Services	1,700.00		1,184	516
	Supplies	2,250.00		995	1,255
	Gasoline	2,780.79		2,731	50
	Other Charges	600.00		319	281
					0
	Salary	7,140.00		7,140	0
	Supplies	200.00		0	200
	Other Charges	300.00		185	115
					0
	Salary	4,000.00		4,000	0
	Purchase of Services	14,685.00	2,300.00	11,922	463
	Utilities	3,200.00		3,102	98
	Supplies	1,500.00		1,288	212
	Gasoline	600.00		418	182
	Capital Outlay	11,000.00		11,000	0
					0
	Salary	82,685.00		82,047	638
	Purchase of Services	34,000.00		28,543	5,457
	Utilities	9,300.00		7,613	1,687
	Supplies	2,350.00		1,294	1,056
	Gasoline	1,000.00		984	16
	Other Charges	0.00		0	0
	Capital Outlay	1,125.90		0	0
	ACO Truck TM 6-12-21 Art 14b				1,126
					Article Trmbk

	ACO Rep FY23 TM 5-6-23 Art 11A7	10,000.00		9,847	153
TREE WARDEN					
TREE DEPT.					
	Salary	7,321.00		7,321	0
	Salary	20,000.00		19,737	263
	Purchase of Services	33,965.00		30,164	3,801
	Supplies	1,300.00		65	1,235
	Gasoline	4,500.00		1,489	3,011
	Other Charges	580.00		436	144
					0
	Salary	157,459.21		150,036	7,423
	Purchase of Services	25,705.00	1,096.31	24,623	-14
	Supplies	9,150.00	209.75	7,557	1,383
	Gasoline	7,770.00		7,766	4
	Other Charges	485.00		315	170
	PROPAGATION OF SHELLFISH	22,587.04		22,587	0
	Waterway Rules FY19 Art 27	2,039.80		0	0
	Harbormaster Truck TM 6-12-21 Art 14D	35.00		0	0
	Boat Engines TM 6-18-22 Art 13m	51,000.00		39,237	35
	WI Dredging-Seaport Grr 20% match TM 6-18-22 Art43	40,000.00		16,589	0
	Seaport Grr match-WI Dredging TM 6-18-22 Art 43				0
	Union Whf North Grant match TM 6-18-22 Art 44	250,000.00	50,000.00	200,000	0
	Boat Engines TM 5-6-23 Art 8A-11	24,605.00		24,605	0
	Union Whf PH5B Math TM 5-6-23 Art 11A-10	350,000.00	150,000.00	200,000	0
SCHOOL					
	Purchase of Services	23,753,641.00	755,359.12	22,900,797	97,485
	HMS Roof TM 5-6-23 Art 8b	2,397,320.00		2,110,193	0
SCHOOL					
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	G.N.B.V.H.S.	2,397,000.00		2,396,054	946
	BRISTOL AGRICULTURAL HS	249,513.16		235,000	14,513
HIGHWAY					
	HIGHWAY CURBING AND HARDSURFACING	162,000.00		162,000	0
	HIGHWAY SIDEWALK REPAIR	50,000.00	12,234.00	37,766	0
	HIGHWAY DRAINAGE	15,000.00		14,861	139
	STREET RESURFACING	150,000.00		150,000	0
	SUB DIVISION MGT FEES	9,847.00		9,518	329
	ENGINEERING	2,000.00		0	2,000
HIGHWAY					
	Salary	1,279,388.00		1,181,177	98,211
	Purchase of Services	190,565.00	185.00	189,404	976
	Utilities	21,039.77	258.23	21,040	-258
	Supplies	53,760.23		52,927	833
	Gasoline	66,000.00		65,686	314
	Other Charges	1,700.00		1,700	0
	Capital Outlay	15,000.00		10,635	4,365
	Snow & Ice Removal	47,000.00		46,551	449

B.P.W.-ADMINISTRATION	ROADWORK	1,038,193.41	168,425	869,768.53	0	Article Trnbnk
	Londer TM 6-18-22 Art 13h	1,394.74	1,265		130	
	Backhoe Replace TM 5-6-23 Art 8	175,000.00	175,000.00		0	
	Pave COA& REC TM 5-6-23 Art 8A-5	80,000.00	0	80,000.00	0	
	Safe Rte Sch Easement STM 11-14-23 Art 6	75,000.00	75,000.00		0	
	Salary	223,502.00	223,021		481	
	Purchase of Services	3,400.00	3,246	100.00	54	
	Supplies	2,975.00	2,543		432	
	Other Charges	3,150.00	2,544	600.00	6	
	Capital Outlay	4,000.00	3,997		3	
	HVAC BPW TM 5-6-23 Art 8a	21,000.00	21,000		0	
	Capital Outlay				0	
					0	
	STREET LIGHTS	61,000.00	44,304	10,000.00	6,696	
SANITATION	TRASH-CONTRACTED SERVICES	637,364.00	634,364	44,306.60	-41,307	
	RECYCLE-CONTRACT SERVICES	454,861.00	434,871		19,990	
	HAZARDOUS WASTE-CONTRACT SERVICES	28,500.00	16,510		11,990	
	SEMASS-CONTRACT SERVICES	455,504.00	380,095		75,409	
	LANDFILL-CONTRACT SERVICES	45,000.00	33,340		11,661	
	TRANSFER STATION/LANDFILL	61,450.00	34,617		26,833	
HEALTH	Salary	159,183.00	153,359		5,824	
	Purchase of Services	3,170.00	1,554	180.34	1,436	
	Supplies	1,400.00	825	100.00	475	
	Gasoline	600.00	92		508	
	Intergovernmental	17,000.00	11,201	885.50	4,914	
	Other Charges	2,400.00	1,020		1,380	
	REGULAR PAY	5,170.00	3,303		1,867	
					0	
					-7	
COUNCIL ON AGING	Salary	182,983.00	170,449		12,534	
	Purchase of Services	10,568.29	9,731	560.00	277	
	Utilities	21,400.00	16,802	50.00	4,548	
	Supplies	2,046.00	2,041		5	
	Gasoline	8,000.00	7,203		797	
	Other Charges	3,600.00	3,367	240.00	0	
VETERANS	Salary	98,592.00	94,583		4,009	
	Purchase of Services	162,975.09	105,198	6,134.59	51,643	
	Supplies	1,000.00	993		7	
	Other Charges	393,700.00	273,507		120,193	
					0	

LIBRARY	CONTRACTED SERVICES	752,336.00	752,336		0	
RECREATION CENTER	Salary	222,931.06	222,931		0	
	Purchase of Services	4,500.02	4,275		225	
	Utilities	20,868.43	20,826	42.10	-0	
	Supplies	1,909.02	1,746	55.00	108	
	Other Charges	900.00	900		0	
	NEW EQUIPMENT	9,754.00	9,754		0	
	Program Expense	101,345.47	98,845	2,406.86	93	
	Roof Replace TM 6-18-22 Art 13l	54,000.00	0	54,000.00	0	Article Trnbnk
	Gym Curtain TM 5-6-23 Art 8A-9	26,500.00	21,446		5,054	
	REC&COA Roof TM 5-6-23 Art 8A-10	530,000.00	0	530,000.00	0	
PARK	Salary	139,896.00	127,141		12,755	
	Purchase of Services	34,800.00	34,617	46.09	137	
	Utilities	2,000.00	1,682	300.00	18	
	Supplies	3,700.00	3,684		16	
	Gasoline	8,500.00	6,085		2,415	
	New Equipment	4,500.00	3,500		1,000	
	Beach Mat Handicap Access TM 6-18-22	1,289.99	0		1,290	Article Trnbnk
	Lighting Cushman Pk TM 5-6-23 Art 8A-4	30,000.00	111	29,889.05	0	
	Purchase of Services	18,500.00	17,449	199.17	852	
HISTORICAL COMM / MANJIRO BLDG	CULTURAL COUNCIL FUNDING	2,750.00	2,750		0	
FINE ARTS	FINE ARTS	1,200.00	995		205	
MEMORIAL VETERANS DAY	MEMORIAL-VETERANS DAY	2,098.00	2,097		1	
DEBT SERVICE	DEBT SERVICE	1,131,556.11	1,131,556		0	
INTERGOV/STATE	INTERGOV/STATE	0.00	452,653		-452,653	*
INTERGOV/COUNTY	INTERGOV/COUNTY	0.00	265,745		-265,745	*
	Total State/County = \$679,124.66				0	
FAIRHAVEN RETIREMENT	EMPLOYE BFT-RETIREMENT	3,906,560.00	3,906,560		0	
	FAIRHAVEN RETIREMENT	150,000.00	150,000		0	
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	83,000.00	65,283	500.00	17,217	
MEDICARE TAX	MEDICARE TAX	462,000.00	458,815		3,185	
GROUP INSURANCE	GROUP INSURANCE	4,800,000.00	4,602,825		197,175	

TOWN INSURANCE	1,064,700.00	1,049,316	13,000.00	2,384
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	65,291,370.33	60,588,879	1,106,935	463,595
TOTAL PAID ENCUMBRANCES	1,157,985.84	937,364	3,131,961	220,622
Report Totals	66,449,356.17	61,526,243		4,923,113
	=Expd Ledger	=Expd Ledger		=Expd Ledger
			* Intergov/State	before Enc &
			* Intergov/	C-Overs
			County	Enc
			GF Turnback	C-Overs
				GF Turnback
CPA FUND:				
Salary	6,350.00	1,443		4,907
Purchase of Services	5,800.00	931		4,869
Supplies	500.00	500		0
Other Charges	2,350.00	1,750		600
Library Walnut St. Sidewalk, FY19 Art 21i	75,080.00	75,080		0
Library Walnut St. Interior Art 25C TM 5-4-19	114,230.00	0	114,230	0
Millicent Lib. Interior Art 25E TM 5-4-19	12,000.00	12,000		0
Riverside Monument Art 25I TM 5-4-19	16,000.00	0	16,000	0
TH Terra Corra Art 25I TM 5-4-19	71,969.70	71,969		-0
Green Meadow Door Replac TM10-20-20 Art 18B	4,760.30	0	4,760	0
BBC Boys Creek Proj TM10-20-20 Art 18C	195,107.50	8,345	186,763	0
BPW Skate Park TM 6-12-21 Art 32a	65,000.00	65,000		0
FHA Green Meadow Roof TM 6-12-21 Art 23b	80,000.00	13,925	13,498	0
Academy Building Door TM 6-12-21 Art 23c	2,493.59	0		0
Old Stone Exterior TM 6-12-21 Art 23d	136,360.00	49,750	86,610	0
Millicent Library Chimney TM 6-12-21 Art 23f	93,000.00	90,755	2,245	0
Library William St. Sidewalk TM 6-18-22 Art 22d	4,951.72	0		0
Firehouse Renov Spring St. TM 6-18-22 Art 22e	171,002.50	171,003		0
Pickleball Courtst TM 6-18-22 Art 22f	56,360.00	32,668	23,692	-0
Whitfield Manjuro Cr TM 6-18-22 Art 22g	85,000.00	85,000		0
Buz Bay Coal-Matr wtr Supp TM 5-6-23 Art 12e	200,000.00	0	200,000	0
TH Windows TM 5-6-23 Art 12D	50,000.00	50,000		0
BBC Salt Winds TM 5-6-23 Art 12F	150,000.00	0	150,000	0
Livesey Skate Pk TM 5-6-23 Art 12G	140,775.00	0	140,775	0
Bike Path Resurfac v 12H	75,000.00	5,215	69,785	0
Dana CT Brick & Balcony TM 5-6-23 Art 12I	3,000.00	0	3,000	0
Bike Path Signage ATM 16 Art 20F	1,817,089.31	735,334	1,011,358	0
TOTAL CPA FUND	1,817,089.31	735,334	-	10,376
Report Totals	1,817,089.31	735,334	1,011,358	60,023.00

TOWN INSURANCE	1,064,700.00	1,049,316	13,000.00	2,384
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	65,291,370.33	60,588,879	1,106,935	463,595
TOTAL PAID ENCUMBRANCES	1,157,985.84	937,364	3,131,961	220,622
Report Totals	66,449,356.17	61,526,243		4,923,113
	=Expd Ledger	=Expd Ledger		=Expd Ledger
			* Intergov/State	before Enc &
			* Intergov/	C-Overs
			County	Enc
			GF Turnback	C-Overs
				GF Turnback
CPA FUND:				
Salary	6,350.00	1,443		4,907
Purchase of Services	5,800.00	931		4,869
Supplies	500.00	500		0
Other Charges	2,350.00	1,750		600
Library Walnut St. Sidewalk, FY19 Art 21i	75,080.00	75,080		0
Library Walnut St. Interior Art 25C TM 5-4-19	114,230.00	0	114,230	0
Millicent Lib. Interior Art 25E TM 5-4-19	12,000.00	12,000		0
Riverside Monument Art 25I TM 5-4-19	16,000.00	0	16,000	0
TH Terra Corra Art 25I TM 5-4-19	71,969.70	71,969		-0
Green Meadow Door Replac TM10-20-20 Art 18B	4,760.30	0	4,760	0
BBC Boys Creek Proj TM10-20-20 Art 18C	195,107.50	8,345	186,763	0
BPW Skate Park TM 6-12-21 Art 32a	65,000.00	65,000		0
FHA Green Meadow Roof TM 6-12-21 Art 23b	80,000.00	13,925	13,498	0
Academy Building Door TM 6-12-21 Art 23c	2,493.59	0		0
Old Stone Exterior TM 6-12-21 Art 23d	136,360.00	49,750	86,610	0
Millicent Library Chimney TM 6-12-21 Art 23f	93,000.00	90,755	2,245	0
Library William St. Sidewalk TM 6-18-22 Art 22d	4,951.72	0		0
Firehouse Renov Spring St. TM 6-18-22 Art 22e	171,002.50	171,003		0
Pickleball Courtst TM 6-18-22 Art 22f	56,360.00	32,668	23,692	-0
Whitfield Manjuro Cr TM 6-18-22 Art 22g	85,000.00	85,000		0
Buz Bay Coal-Matr wtr Supp TM 5-6-23 Art 12e	200,000.00	0	200,000	0
TH Windows TM 5-6-23 Art 12D	50,000.00	50,000		0
BBC Salt Winds TM 5-6-23 Art 12F	150,000.00	0	150,000	0
Livesey Skate Pk TM 5-6-23 Art 12G	140,775.00	0	140,775	0
Bike Path Resurfac v 12H	75,000.00	5,215	69,785	0
Dana CT Brick & Balcony TM 5-6-23 Art 12I	3,000.00	0	3,000	0
Bike Path Signage ATM 16 Art 20F	1,817,089.31	735,334	1,011,358	0
TOTAL CPA FUND	1,817,089.31	735,334	-	10,376
Report Totals	1,817,089.31	735,334	1,011,358	60,023.00
Water Fund				
Finance Committee	50,000.00	0		50,000
Salary	704,809.00	663,267		41,542
Purchase of Services	473,066.76	266,547	52,416	154,104
Utilities	61,252.61	55,033	6,220	-0
Supplies	40,130.63	40,131		-0
Gasoline	26,200.00	16,234		9,966
Other Charges	3,000.00	2,110		890
Capital Outlay	43,000.00	21,938		21,062
Debt				0
Water District	1,386,650.00	1,385,595		1,055
Reserve Fund Transfer				0
WATER MGT ACT-ATM 17 ART 22	5,000.00	0	5,000	0
PUMP STATION ROOFS FY18 ART 29A	18,612.80	0	18,613	0
TINKHAM LN WELL FY18 ART 29B	72,096.89	0	72,097	0
RATE SOFTWARE FY19 ART 19C	20,000.00	0	20,000	0
WATER HAND METERS TM 11-13-18 ART 3	3,000.00	0		3,000
Well Cap Eval TM10/20/20 Art 16A	85,014.81	517	84,498	0
Van TM 10/20/20 Art 16B	4,270.52	0	4,271	0
Farmview Harborfield wtr main TM10/20/20 Art 16C	1,930.13	1,930		0
Water Main Replace TM 6-12-21 Art 15	2,848.05	2,848		0
Truck & Plow TM 6-18-22 Art 14A	2,347.98	0	2,348	0
Wtr Lead set Inven TM 5-6-23 Art 9a	100,000.00	0	100,000	0
Day St Wtr Main TM 5-6-23 Art 9A-2	264,000.00	0	264,000	0
Debt Service	434,251.00	306,721		127,530
Lead Service				
ARPA County WTR GRT Flush				
Water Meter Read sys				
Spring St. Water Main Repl FY24				
Water Tower Replant				
TOTAL WATER FUND	3,801,481.18	2,762,871	570,825.92	409,148
TOTAL ENCUMBRANCE	17,849.27	16,944		906
Report Totals	3,819,330.45	2,779,815	58,636.00	1,039,516
SEWER FUND				
Salary	1,248,009.00	1,172,830		75,179
Purchase of Services	270,100.00	263,592	3,439	3,069
Utilities	425,000.00	387,462		37,538
Supplies	120,325.00	116,542	13,626	(9,843)
Gasoline	23,900.00	13,815		10,085
Minor Equipment	445,000.00	443,081		1,919

Debt	859,465.00	858,693	772	
Reserve Fund Transfer			0	
Sludge Disposal			0	
Treatment Plt Upgrade FY 19 Art 20b	26,648.00	0	0	26,648
Inflow / Infiltration Study TM 10/20/20 Art 17A	64,628.07	28,028	0	36,600
Pump Station Design Improve TM 6-12-21 Art 16a	270,000.00	0	0	270,000
Inflow / Infiltration TM 6-12-21 Art 16b	250,000.00	0	0	250,000
Inflow / Infiltration TM 6-18-22 Art 15b	250,000.00	0	0	250,000
South St Station Valve STM 11-15-22 Art 4	50,000.00	0	0	50,000
Inflow / Infiltration TM 5-6-23 Art 10A-1	250,000.00	0	0	250,000
Portable Pump TM 5-6-23 10A-2	50,000.00	43,313	0	-
TOTAL SEWER FUND	4,603,075.07	3,327,356.00	17,065.00	1,133,247.92
TOTAL ENCUMBRANCE	115,554.08	80,856		34,698.27
Report Totals	4,718,629.15	3,408,212.00		1,303,730.34

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TOWN CABLE ACCESS	183,158.00	172,592	10,566	
Salary	17,700.00	16,653	1,008	
Purchase of Services	1,000.00	993	7	
Supplies	1,100.00	789	311	
Other Charges	11,000.00	10,844	156	
Minor Equipment	20,290.99	219	(0)	
Broadband Consultant TM 11-12-19 Art 9				20,072.00
TOTAL TOWN CABLE ACCESS FUND	234,248.99	202,090	39.00	20,072.00
TOTAL ENCUMBRANCE	318.00	251		12,048
Report Totals	234,566.99	202,341.00		67.21
				32,226.20

TRANSFERS FROM THE RESERVE FUND

Fire Alarm	49,986.58
School	14,513.16
Sewer	50,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>114,499.74</b>

TRUST FUNDS (FUND 81 NON-EXPD / FUND 82 / 84 & 85 EXPEND)

	NON-EXPD 7/1/2023	EXPEND 7/1/2023	NON-EXPD TRUST REV TRANS	EXPENDABLE TRUST INTEREST/ REV TRANS	WITHDRAW	FUND 81 NON-EXPD 6/30/2024	FUND 82/84/85 EXPEND 6/30/2024
FUND 81 & 82:							
HH ROGER ELEM	451,069.91	22,647.99		5,591.81		451,069.91	28,239.80
E ANTHONY JR	10,000.00	1,568.11		447.87		10,000.00	2,015.98
ABNER PEASE	5,000.00	2,710.33		270.03		5,000.00	2,980.36
HH ROGERS HS	2,333,996.49	475,296.18		1,182,966.90		2,333,996.49	593,593.08
J RICKETT	1,430.66	3,094.60		124.65		1,430.66	3,219.25
J STODDARD	373,093.63	26,493.88		387.28	5,500.00	373,093.63	21,381.16
ANDRUS SPRUIT	41,372.52	(644.63)		74.79		41,372.52	(569.84)
A TROWBRIDGE	6,000.00	558.51		279.89		6,000.00	838.40
S CLARK-ROGER	500.00	93.52		23.92		500.00	117.44
S. CLARK H.S.	500.00	5,794.73		253.69		500.00	6,048.42
LADY FAIRHAVEN	600.00	164.57		30.83		600.00	195.40

AMANDA SEARS	700.00	140.22		33.85		700.00	174.07
JULIA SEARS	1,000.00	110.76		44.77		1,000.00	155.53
FRANCES HOXIE	2,000.00	498.93		100.72		2,000.00	599.65
J KEEN	3,000.00	353.38		135.14		3,000.00	488.52
SWIFT SCHOLAR	50,000.00	3,363.04		2,170.74		50,000.00	5,533.78
M MILLER	15,552.04	1,490.94		704.88	500.00	15,552.04	1,695.82
P HILLER	6,075.00	1,028.92		277.93		6,075.00	1,306.85
A PILLSBURY	6,500.00	621.94		287.05		6,500.00	908.99
M DELANO	25,000.00	1,590.41		1,097.14	500.00	25,000.00	2,187.55
TRIPP	2,000.00	231.10		89.92		2,000.00	321.02
M KNIPE	6,000.00	2,394.11		338.30		6,000.00	2,732.41
MEMOR TROPHY	726.66	305.80		41.62		726.66	347.42
FHS DARLING LIB	1,096.89	535.33		65.78		1,096.89	601.11
HS SPEC AID	1,449.24					1,449.24	

J COYNE	663.91	85.15	749.06
	4,500.00	4,500.00	
RADCLIFFE	410.20	197.90	608.10
	8,000.00	8,000.00	
ENTWISTLE	887.17	358.17	1,245.34
	8,000.00	8,000.00	
ANTHONY SCH	801.90	354.75	1,156.65
	1,638.10	1,638.10	
HUTTLESTONIAN	971.15	105.72	1,076.87
	12,000.00	12,000.00	
SILVEIRA	605.78	523.73	979.51
	-	-	
MACCORD	114.62	4.63	119.25
	2,362.97	2,362.97	
MEEKIN	387.21	110.84	498.05
	-	-	
S. GRABIEC	6.73	0.28	7.01
	2,100.00	2,100.00	
BANGS	742.41	114.56	856.97
	2,300.00	2,300.00	
KATHY ROCHA	335.54	106.20	441.74
	10,620.00	10,620.00	
F CAMPBELL	987.51	467.79	1,455.30
	-	-	
ACUSH FOUNDA	13,000.00	10,000.00	13,000.00
	-	-	
	316.38	12.89	329.27

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M CABRAL	900.00	48.24	345.28
	900.00	900.00	
A MARTIN	415.31	23.74	286.01
	415.31	415.31	
HELEN PORTER	4,140.00	186.83	683.18
	4,140.00	4,140.00	
RICH GAUTREAU	9,200.00	406.63	1,296.61
	9,200.00	9,200.00	
SUPT SCHOLARSHIP	0.66	-	(999.34)
	1,000.00	1,000.00	
RICH MACCORD ART	591.58	35.92	627.50
	500.00	500.00	
MATTY OLIVIERA	(2,191.01)	2,432.50	(1,893.51)
	2,191.01	2,191.01	
BRUNETTE	1,371.35	55.29	1,426.64
	66.68	2.68	69.36
CLASS OF '43	47.67	1.95	49.62
CAROL KANER	47.67	1.95	49.62
	14,350.00	807.65	4,999.21
JAY KRUGER	4,691.56	807.65	4,999.21
	9,100.00	9,100.00	
RODRIGUES	3,361.77	433.46	3,795.23
	9,100.00	9,100.00	
DAVID G. HUGHES	335,212.70	14,638.42	31,650.77
	335,212.70	335,212.70	
FHVN HIGH SCHOLAR	19,012.35	14,638.42	31,650.77
	6,810.00	-	6,810.00
BOBBY BRUSO	1,954.12	98.67	1,802.79
	1,954.12	250.00	
DOUG STEVENS	110.13	4.42	114.55
	110.13	-	

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	ETHEL WOOD	80,309.85	3,361.02		80,309.85	3,361.02	
		80,309.85	3,361.02		80,309.85	3,361.02	
	Sub-Total	3,770,002.12	608,445.68		80,409.85	166,149.53	22,535.00
		3,770,002.12	608,445.68		80,409.85	166,149.53	22,535.00
FUND 84:							
	CLAIMS TRUST/DENTAL FB	1,696,012.25	7,677,039.98		7,673,316.43		
	CLAIMS TR-BCBS DEPOSIT	1,099,200.00	26,400.00		59,700.00		
	(Adjust for increase/decrease						
	to BCBS deposit)						
	OPFB TRUST	2,107,624.55	436,708.13				
	STAB-CAPITAL PLAN	6,373,884.79	381,644.83				
	STAB-GENERAL	3,262,116.95	131,467.47		1,238,032.00		
	STAB-AMBULANCE	387,909.85	72,819.13				
	STAB-SPED RESERVE	446,985.26	15,793.61				
	STAB-SWR BOULDER PK	-	-				
	BTR	-	-				
	STAB-SWR SCONT NK BTR	-	-				
	STAB-SWR NANCY ST BTR	-	-				
	STAB-SWR WI BTR	-	-				
	STAB-SEWER CAPITAL IMPR	1,991,643.78	871.60				
	POST WAR PLAN	7,819.49	7.80				
	LAW ENFORCE-STATE	12,189.68	1,113.00				
	LAW ENFORCE-FED	82,173.38	11,167.11		28,211.90		
	Sub-Total	17,503,463.19	9,119,112.83		8,999,260.33		
		18,111,908.87	9,285,262.36		9,021,795.33		
	TOTAL	3,770,002.12	18,111,908.87		80,409.85		
		3,770,002.12	18,111,908.87		80,409.85		
	TOTAL	3,850,411.97	18,339,472.69		3,850,411.97		
		3,850,411.97	18,339,472.69		3,850,411.97		

## TOWN ELECTION RESULTS

### Annual Town Election - April 1, 2024 - Official Results - 21.1% Turnout

SELECT BOARD - 3 years	PREC 1	PREC 2	PREC 3	PREC 4	PREC 5	PREC 6	TOTAL
<i>Vote for Two</i>							
Patrick John Carr	222	164	113	193	226	183	1101
Jean P. Lemieux	44	63	57	70	93	44	371
Donna LS McKenna	154	133	113	130	162	165	857
Andrew Scott Romano	274	216	147	195	222	186	1240
Andrew B. Saunders	254	211	144	261	272	203	1345
Write-Ins	3	6	1	3	0	3	16
Blanks	111	93	71	102	123	90	590
TOTAL	1062	886	646	954	1098	874	5520
SCHOOL COMMITTEE - 3 years	PREC 1	PREC 2	PREC 3	PREC 4	PREC 5	PREC 6	TOTAL
<i>Vote for Two</i>							
Colin W. Veitch	291	260	189	269	294	257	1560
Erik W. Baumann	165	112	95	157	177	125	831
Nicole Marie Pacheco	278	284	185	273	305	268	1593
Write-Ins	3	1	0	3	1	1	9
Blanks	325	229	177	252	321	223	1527
TOTAL	1062	886	646	954	1098	874	5520
SCHOOL COMMITTEE - 1 year	PREC 1	PREC 2	PREC 3	PREC 4	PREC 5	PREC 6	TOTAL
<i>Vote for One</i>							
Brendalee A. Smith	304	299	215	312	333	271	1734
Write-Ins	11	7	2	5	14	8	47
Blanks	216	137	106	160	202	158	979
TOTAL	531	443	323	477	549	437	2760
BOARD OF HEALTH - 3 years	PREC 1	PREC 2	PREC 3	PREC 4	PREC 5	PREC 6	TOTAL
<i>Vote for One</i>							
Barbara A. Acksen	271	208	144	213	259	208	1303
Sheila C. Dolan	183	170	120	197	191	166	1027
Write-In	4	0	2	0	1	1	8
Blanks	73	65	57	67	98	62	422
TOTAL	531	443	323	477	549	437	2760
COMMISSIONER OF TRUST FUNDS - 3 years	PREC 1	PREC 2	PREC 3	PREC 4	PREC 5	PREC 6	TOTAL
<i>Vote for One</i>							
Coleen L. Silvia	309	293	217	316	318	260	1713
Write-In	1	1	1	1	3	0	7
Blanks	221	149	105	160	228	177	1040
TOTAL	531	443	323	477	549	437	2760
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS - 3 years	PREC 1	PREC 2	PREC 3	PREC 4	PREC 5	PREC 6	TOTAL
<i>Vote for Two</i>							
Robert D. Hobson	242	232	165	242	251	209	1341
Hillary Kesner Rorondo	256	234	161	266	288	264	1469
Brian P. Messier* Write-in	50	45	30	75	70	54	324
Write-Ins	2	3	3	0	3	1	12
Blanks	512	372	287	371	486	346	2374
TOTAL	1062	886	646	954	1098	874	5520
PLANNING BOARD - 4 years	PREC 1	PREC 2	PREC 3	PREC 4	PREC 5	PREC 6	TOTAL
<i>Vote for Two</i>							
Jessica M. Fidalgo	300	233	186	256	253	222	1450
Jeffrey Thomas Lucas	213	178	132	215	213	182	1133
Diane Gail Tomassetti	257	235	142	214	277	219	1344
Write-Ins	3	2	1	3	5	5	19
Blanks	289	238	185	266	350	246	1574
TOTAL	1062	886	646	954	1098	874	5520

PLANNING BOARD - 1 year	PREC 1	PREC 2	PREC 3	PREC 4	PREC 5	PREC 6	TOTAL
<i>Vote for One</i>							
Karyn Lyn Ferreira	147	154	132	142	144	156	875
Despina Longinidis	83	43	33	61	45	39	304
Richard F. Trapilo	166	152	101	192	246	157	1014
Write-Ins	3	4	0	2	1	1	11
Blanks	132	90	57	80	113	84	556
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>2760</b>
HOUSING AUTHORITY - 5 years	PREC 1	PREC 2	PREC 3	PREC 4	PREC 5	PREC 6	TOTAL
<i>Vote for One</i>							
Jay S. Simmons	310	296	215	299	319	263	1702
Write-In	5	2	3	7	2	1	20
Blank	216	145	105	171	228	173	1038
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>2760</b>
TOWN MODERATOR - 3 years	PREC 1	PREC 2	PREC 3	PREC 4	PREC 5	PREC 6	TOTAL
<i>Vote for One</i>							
Mark Sylvia	382	348	245	353	381	313	2022
Write-In	2	3	2	3	1	0	11
Blanks	147	92	76	121	167	124	727
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>2760</b>
BALLOT QUESTION	PREC 1	PREC 2	PREC 3	PREC 4	PREC 5	PREC 6	TOTAL
Question 1: Shall the town vote to have its elected town clerk become an appointed town clerk of the town?							
Yes	208	183	134	142	178	147	992
No	253	218	146	274	269	246	1406
Blanks	70	42	43	61	102	44	362
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>2760</b>
TOTAL BALLOTS CAST	PREC 1	PREC 2	PREC 3	PREC 4	PREC 5	PREC 6	TOTAL
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>2760</b>

## TOWN ELECTION RESULTS

### Presidential Primary - March 5, 2024 - Official Results - 26.6% Turnout

DEMOCRATIC PARTY	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
<b>PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE</b>	<b>P1</b>	<b>P2</b>	<b>P3</b>	<b>P4</b>	<b>P5</b>	<b>P6</b>	<b>SUB TOT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Dean Phillips	11	11	12	22	17	12	85	85
Hand Counts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Joseph R. Biden	240	223	131	228	238	192	1252	1265
Hand Counts	5	3	3	1	0	1	13	
Marianne Williamson	12	14	12	11	6	7	62	62
Hand Counts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
No Preference	34	30	14	25	19	24	146	150
Hand Counts	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	
Write-Ins	2	3	0	1	5	0	11	11
Blanks	6	6	6	12	10	6	46	46
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>1618</b>	<b>1619</b>
<b>STATE COMMITTEE MAN</b>	<b>P1</b>	<b>P2</b>	<b>P3</b>	<b>P4</b>	<b>P5</b>	<b>P6</b>	<b>SUB TOT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Charles C. Motta	124	125	87	142	124	112	714	721
Hand Counts	4	1	2	0	0	0	7	
Leon Emmanuel Correy, III	138	140	77	128	121	106	710	714
Hand Counts	2	1	0	0	0	1	4	
Write-Ins	1	2	0	4	1	0	8	8
Blanks	39	20	11	34	49	23	176	176
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>1619</b>	<b>1619</b>
<b>STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN</b>	<b>P1</b>	<b>P2</b>	<b>P3</b>	<b>P4</b>	<b>P5</b>	<b>P6</b>	<b>SUB TOT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Lisa M. Lemieux	232	230	147	245	200	177	1231	1245
Hand Counts	6	2	2	3	0	1	14	
Write-Ins	1	0	0	3	1	1	6	6
Blanks	70	57	31	53	94	63	368	368
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>1619</b>	<b>1619</b>
<b>TOWN COMMITTEE</b>	<b>P1</b>	<b>P2</b>	<b>P3</b>	<b>P4</b>	<b>P5</b>	<b>P6</b>	<b>SUB TOT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Write-Ins	6	24	3	7	82	9	131	131
Blanks	10564	10021	6122	10528	10243	8426	55904	55904
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10570</b>	<b>10045</b>	<b>6125</b>	<b>10535</b>	<b>10325</b>	<b>8435</b>	<b>56035</b>	<b>56035</b>
<b>LIBERTARIAN PARTY</b>	<b>P1</b>	<b>P2</b>	<b>P3</b>	<b>P4</b>	<b>P5</b>	<b>P6</b>	<b>SUB TOT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE</b>	<b>P1</b>	<b>P2</b>	<b>P3</b>	<b>P4</b>	<b>P5</b>	<b>P6</b>	<b>SUB TOT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Jacob George Hornberger	1	0	1	2	0	0	4	4
Hand Counts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Michael D. Rectenwald	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	2
Hand Counts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Chase Russell Oliver	0	0	2	0	2	1	5	5
Hand Counts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Michael Ter Maat	0	2	0	1	0	0	3	3
Hand Counts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Lars Damian Mapstead	1	0	0	1	1	0	3	3
Hand Counts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
No Preference	3	3	3	5	1	2	17	17
Hand Counts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	2	3	3	3	2	0	13	13
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>47</b>

STATE COMMITTEE MAN	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
Write-Ins	0	1	0	2	0	0	3	3
Blanks	6	8	10	11	6	3	44	44
TOTAL	6	9	10	13	6	3	47	47
STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
Write-Ins	1	3	0	1	0	0	5	5
Blanks	5	6	10	12	6	3	42	42
TOTAL	6	9	10	13	6	3	47	47
TOWN COMMITTEE	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
Write-Ins	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Blanks	60	89	100	130	60	30	469	469
TOTAL	60	90	100	130	60	30	470	470
REPUBLICAN PARTY	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
Chris Christie	1	2	0	3	3	1	10	10
Hand Counts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ryan Binkley	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Hand Counts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vivek Ramaswamy	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Hand Counts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Asa Hutchinson	0	1	0	0	2	1	4	4
Hand Counts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Donald J. Trump	171	203	175	214	261	256	1280	1286
Hand Counts	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	6
Ron DeSantis	3	3	2	2	3	3	16	16
Hand Counts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nikki Haley	71	72	43	69	115	84	454	458
Hand Counts	1	0	1	1	0	1	4	4
No Preference	4	0	2	0	0	3	9	10
Hand Counts	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	4
Blanks	0	4	2	1	4	0	11	11
TOTAL	254	287	226	291	393	350	1801	1801
STATE COMMITTEE MAN	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
Robert S. McConnell	164	194	146	187	245	233	1169	1175
Hand Counts	1	1	1	2	0	1	6	6
Write-Ins	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	2
Blanks	87	92	77	101	146	121	624	624
TOTAL	252	287	225	291	391	355	1801	1801
REPUBLICAN PARTY	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
Jo-Anne Mello Hodgson	149	184	140	187	235	228	1123	1130
Hand Counts	1	1	2	2	0	1	7	7
Write-Ins	0	1	2	0	1	1	5	5
Blanks	102	101	82	102	155	124	666	666
TOTAL	252	287	226	291	391	354	1801	1801

TOWN COMMITTEE	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
John Harvey Pond	120	140	91	121	152	146	770	775
Hand Counts	1	0	1	2	1	0	5	5
Kathleen Carter	103	146	89	127	154	150	769	774
Hand Counts	1	0	1	2	1	0	5	5
Cristina Maria Lopes	114	153	96	139	166	161	829	834
Hand Counts	1	0	1	2	1	0	5	5
Kim Hyland	102	142	92	122	183	153	794	800
Hand Counts	2	0	1	2	1	0	6	6
Daniel S. Lopes	112	158	98	133	164	172	837	843
Hand Counts	1	0	1	2	1	1	6	6
Robert S. McConnell	124	163	89	138	161	164	839	844
Hand Counts	1	0	1	2	1	0	5	5
Linda Donnelly	98	144	90	119	157	151	759	764
Hand Counts	1	0	1	2	1	0	5	5
Joseph Paul Boulay	99	150	86	112	160	159	766	771
Hand Counts	1	0	1	2	1	0	5	5
Allen B. Lentini	96	139	87	114	153	145	734	739
Hand Counts	1	0	1	2	1	0	5	5
Brian P. Messier	1	0	2	1	0	1	5	5
Hand Counts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins	1	13	3	2	0	5	24	24
Blanks	7819	8662	7021	8988	12235	10779	55504	55504
TOTAL	8799	10010	7853	10134	13694	12187	62677	62677

## TOWN ELECTION RESULTS

State Primary - September 3, 2024 - Official Democratic Results - 19.81% Turnout

SENATOR IN CONGRESS	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
Elizabeth Ann Warren	312	279	188	265	268	207	1519
Write-Ins	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
Blanks	29	34	16	33	31	25	168
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>1689</b>
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
Ninth District							
Bill Keating	315	276	186	271	277	211	1536
Write-Ins	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Blanks	26	37	18	28	22	21	152
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>1689</b>
COUNCILLOR	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
First District							
Joseph C. Ferriera	276	259	178	255	243	181	1392
Write-Ins	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Blanks	65	54	26	44	56	51	296
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>1689</b>
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
Second Bristol & Plymouth District							
Mark C. Montigny	253	242	162	235	236	174	1302
Molly Kivi	71	55	33	48	51	52	310
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	18	16	9	16	12	6	77
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>1689</b>
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
Tenth Bristol District							
Mark David Sylvia	317	291	190	277	279	213	1567
Write-In	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Blanks	24	22	14	22	20	19	121
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>1689</b>
CLERK OF COURTS	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
Bristol County							
Jennifer A. Sullivan	274	262	177	253	249	194	1409
Write-Ins	2	0	0	0	0	2	4
Blanks	66	51	27	46	50	36	276
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>1689</b>
REGISTER OF DEEDS	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
Bristol Southern District							
Sherrilyn M. Mello	282	266	182	256	250	193	1429
Write-Ins	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Blanks	58	47	22	43	49	39	258
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>1689</b>
COUNTY COMMISSIONER	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
Bristol County							
Vote for two							
John R. Mitchell	240	223	171	226	216	158	1234
Julie Katherine Ruggiero	181	158	105	151	148	127	870
Write-Ins	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
Blanks	262	245	132	221	234	178	1272
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>3378</b>
TOTAL BALLOTS CAST	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>1689</b>

## TOWN ELECTION RESULTS

State Election (Presidential Election) - November 5, 2024 -  
Official Results - 71.68% Turnout

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
Ayyadurai and Ellis	6	5	7	5	2	9	34
De La Cruz and Garcia	2	2	2	2	3	2	13
Harris and Walz	934	831	612	816	836	752	4781
Oliver and Ter Maat	8	4	3	6	6	5	32
Stein and Caballero-Roca	18	8	5	7	4	1	43
Trump and Vance	628	707	740	823	820	890	4608
Cornel West & Abdullah	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
Write-Ins	4	2	1	4	12	0	23
Blanks	14	14	10	17	19	18	92
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1614</b>	<b>1574</b>	<b>1380</b>	<b>1680</b>	<b>1702</b>	<b>1678</b>	<b>9628</b>
SENATOR IN CONGRESS	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
Elizabeth Ann Warren	890	797	618	815	765	714	4599
John Deaton	674	744	728	806	874	914	4740
Write-Ins	3	4	1	1	2	0	11
Blanks	47	29	33	58	61	50	278
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1614</b>	<b>1574</b>	<b>1380</b>	<b>1680</b>	<b>1702</b>	<b>1678</b>	<b>9628</b>
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
Ninth District							
Bill Keating	959	872	683	871	863	791	5039
Dan Sullivan	575	639	618	717	739	801	4089
Write-Ins	3	1	2	0	1	0	7
Blanks	77	62	77	92	99	86	493
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1614</b>	<b>1574</b>	<b>1380</b>	<b>1680</b>	<b>1702</b>	<b>1678</b>	<b>9628</b>
COUNCILLOR	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
First District							
Joseph C. Ferriera	827	817	678	783	744	730	4579
Krysten Condon	566	592	528	684	700	721	3791
Write-Ins	4	3	4	1	2	1	15
Blanks	217	162	170	212	256	226	1243
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1614</b>	<b>1574</b>	<b>1380</b>	<b>1680</b>	<b>1702</b>	<b>1678</b>	<b>9628</b>
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
Second Bristol & Plymouth District							
Mark C. Montigny	1204	1205	1034	1246	1180	1197	7066
Write-Ins	20	15	21	11	17	9	93
Blanks	390	354	325	423	505	472	2469
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1614</b>	<b>1574</b>	<b>1380</b>	<b>1680</b>	<b>1702</b>	<b>1678</b>	<b>9628</b>
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
Tenth Bristol District							
Joseph M. Pires	536	571	599	688	746	773	3913
Mark David Sylvia	1014	952	721	912	863	828	5290
Write-Ins	1	1	0	1	2	0	5
Blanks	63	50	60	79	91	77	420
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1614</b>	<b>1574</b>	<b>1380</b>	<b>1680</b>	<b>1702</b>	<b>1678</b>	<b>9628</b>
CLERK OF COURTS	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
Bristol County							
Jennifer A. Sullivan	1126	1149	983	1172	1090	1134	6654
Write-Ins	10	10	16	7	8	10	61
Blanks	478	415	381	501	604	534	2913
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1614</b>	<b>1574</b>	<b>1380</b>	<b>1680</b>	<b>1702</b>	<b>1678</b>	<b>9628</b>

REGISTER OF DEEDS	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
Bristol Southern District							
Sherrilynn M. Mello	1107	1141	981	1150	1087	1138	6604
Write-Ins	10	9	16	7	13	8	63
Blanks	497	424	383	523	602	532	2961
TOTAL	1614	1574	1380	1680	1702	1678	9628
COUNTY COMMISSIONER	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
Bristol County							
Vote for two							
John R. Mitchell	841	851	700	815	816	806	4829
Julie Katherine Ruggiero	578	529	414	534	513	516	3084
Gregory C. DeMelo	289	300	317	372	389	357	2024
Write-Ins	9	3	6	3	4	2	27
Blanks	1511	1465	1323	1636	1682	1675	9292
TOTAL	3228	3148	2760	3360	3404	3356	19256
QUESTION 1: Auditor has authority to audit the Legislature	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
Yes	1039	996	850	1071	1046	1090	6092
No	449	479	453	475	521	473	2850
Blanks	126	99	77	134	135	115	686
TOTAL	1614	1574	1380	1680	1702	1678	9628
QUESTION 2: Eliminate MCAS	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
Yes	1001	1048	931	1084	953	1086	6103
No	556	484	414	536	696	543	3229
Blanks	57	42	35	60	53	49	296
TOTAL	1614	1574	1380	1680	1702	1678	9628
QUESTION 3: Giving transportation drivers option to form unions	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
Yes	818	706	644	773	699	708	4348
No	690	774	658	771	879	870	4642
Blanks	106	94	78	136	124	100	638
TOTAL	1614	1574	1380	1680	1702	1678	9628
QUESTION 4: Allow person aged 21+ to grow, possess and use certain psychedelic substances in certain circumstances	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
Yes	700	641	543	649	623	663	3819
No	841	866	785	946	1012	951	5401
Blanks	73	67	52	85	67	64	408
TOTAL	1614	1574	1380	1680	1702	1678	9628
QUESTION 5: Gradually increase minimum hourly wage and employer must pay a tipped worker over course of five years	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
Yes	430	423	336	434	414	377	2414
No	1117	1103	996	1166	1222	1249	6853
Blanks	67	48	48	80	66	52	361
TOTAL	1614	1574	1380	1680	1702	1678	9628
TOTAL BALLOTS CAST	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
TOTAL	1614	1574	1380	1680	1702	1678	9628

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024

**WALTER SILVEIRA AUDITORIUM – ELIZABETH I. HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL  
TOWN MEETING MEMBERS PRESENT 214 – QUORUM REQUIRED 100**

Meeting called to order by Moderator at 9:06am.

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

The Presentation of Colors was led by Fairhaven Police and Fire Department Honor Guard. Members of the Honor Guard were Chris Beauregard (Police Department), Jerome Penha (Police Department), Erik Horsley (Fire Department), Shawn Oliveira (Fire Department) and Maggie Rocha (Fire Department).

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The National Anthem was performed by Fairhaven High School senior Alexandra Cousineau.

Invocation by Fr. Maiki Kamauoha, ss.cc. – Congregation of the Sacred Hearts and Parish Administrator at St. Joseph's Church in Fairhaven.

A moment of silence was held for the town officials and town meeting members that we have lost in 2023 and to date in 2024.

All town meeting members present were sworn in by Interim Town Clerk, Elisabeth E. Horan.

The Moderator introduced those seated on the stage.

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, 2024 through June 30, 2025 unless otherwise specified. Seconded.

Town Meeting Members present:

- Precinct 1 – 51
- Precinct 2 – 30
- Precinct 3 – 19
- Precinct 4 – 34
- Precinct 5 – 40
- Precinct 6 – 40
- TOTAL 214**

### ARTICLE 1: MEASURER OF WOOD AND BARK

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to instruct the Select Board to appoint a Measurer of Wood and Bark.

*Motion declared carried by majority vote at 9:40am.*

### ARTICLE 2: TOWN REPORT

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to receive the Annual Report of Town Officers.

*Motion declared carried by majority vote at 9:41am.*

**ARTICLE 3: REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to hear and act upon the reports of any committees, or committee appointed in Town Meeting and to choose any committees or committee the Town may think proper and to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the expense of same, or to take any other action with relation to either of said matters, as the Town may deem necessary and proper.

*Motion declared passed over at 9:41am.*

**ARTICLE 4: BILLS OF PRIOR YEAR**

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to pay the unpaid bills of a prior fiscal year with funds coming from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) and paid in FY25. And others that may be brought forward, or take any other action relative thereto

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Petitioner</u>
Stryker	\$2,191.90	Fire Department
GCG Associates, Inc.	\$195.00	Planning Department

*Motion declared carried by four-fifths (4/5) majority vote at 9:42am.*

**ARTICLE 5 TOWN OPERATING BUDGETS -FY25**

**5A: GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET-FY25**

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,160,518 to fund general government departments FY25 budget, which includes salaries and wages for appointed and elected officials and operating expenses, and to defray this cost transfer \$10,000 from Wetlands Protection Fund.

*Motion declared carried by majority vote at 10:29am.*

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,929,993 to fund Public Safety departments FY25 budget, which includes salaries and wages for appointed and elected officials and operating expenses, and to defray the cost transfer \$1,555,000 from Ambulance Reserve Fund, \$13,000 from Animal Control Gift Fund and \$52,000 from Waterway Improvement Fund.

*Motion declared carried by majority vote at 10:33am.*

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,702,183 to fund the Fairhaven Public School district FY25 budget.

*Motion declared carried by majority vote at 10:33am.*

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,626,000 to fund the New Bedford Regional Technical High School FY25 budget.

*Motion declared carried by majority vote at 10:34am.*

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$310,100 to fund the Bristol County Agricultural High School FY25 budget.

*Motion declared carried by majority vote at 10:35am.*

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,379,011 to fund public works departments FY25 budget, which includes salaries and

wages for appointed and elected officials and operating expenses, and to defray the cost, transfer \$10,000 from Stormwater Subdivision Fund and \$94,001 from Trash Fees Fund.

*Motion declared carried by majority vote at 10:38am*

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$195,507 to fund Health and Environmental departments FY25 budget, which includes salaries and wages for appointed and elected officials and operating expenses.

*Motion declared carried by majority vote at 10:39am.*

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,129,289 to fund Community Services departments FY25 budget, which includes salaries and wages for appointed and elected officials and operating expenses; and to defray the cost, transfer \$20,000 from the Council on Aging Social Day Program and \$7,000 from the Tourism Gift Fund.

*Motion declared carried by majority vote at 10:45am.*

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,669,792 to fund the Non-Departmental departments FY25 budget, which includes salaries and wages for appointed and elected officials and operating expenses.

*Motion declared carried by majority vote at 10:50am.*

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,094,605 to fund debt services FY25 budget.

*Motion declared carried by majority vote at 10:50am.*

**5B: WATER ENTERPRISE FUND OPERATING BUDGET**

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$3,248,586 to fund the Water Enterprise Fund for fiscal year 2025, and to defray this cost, transfer \$215,381 from Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings.

*Motion declared carried by majority vote at 10:52am.*

**5C: SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND OPERATING BUDGET**

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$3,945,797 to fund the Sewer Enterprise Fund for fiscal year 2025, and to defray this cost, transfer \$80,000 from Sewer Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings.

*Motion declared carried by majority vote at 10:52am.*

**5D: TOWN CABLE ENTERPRISE FUND OPERATING BUDGET**

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$215,473 to fund the Town Cable Enterprise Fund for fiscal year 2025, and to defray this cost, transfer \$37,479 from the Town Cable Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings.

*Motion declared carried by majority vote at 10:53am.*

**5E: SCHOOL CABLE ENTERPRISE FUND OPERATING BUDGET**

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$144,054 to fund the School Cable Enterprise Fund for fiscal year 2025.

*Motion declared carried by majority vote at 10:53am.*

**ARTICLE 6: GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PLAN**

Line	Department/Project	Amount	Funding Source
	<b>Public Works Department</b>		
1	Road Work	\$125,000	Free Cash
2	Tub Grinder/Recycling Center Relocation	\$300,000	Free Cash
3	Vehicle #12 Replacement	\$100,000	Free Cash
4	BPW Admin Building Floor Tile	\$45,000	Free Cash
5	Tractor Replacement	\$200,000	Free Cash
	<b>Fire</b>		
6	Gear Equipment	\$185,000	Free Cash
7	Replace Fire Prevention Vehicle	\$74,500	Free Cash
8	Used Bucket Truck	\$69,900	Free Cash
	<b>Police</b>		
9	Cruiser Replacement	\$140,306	Free Cash
	<b>School</b>		
10	Maintenance, Vehicle Replacement	\$58,500	Free Cash
	<b>Information Technology (IT)</b>		
11	IT Equipment	\$30,000	Free Cash
	<b>Total recommended General Fund Capital Budget</b>	<b>\$1,328,206</b>	

*Motion declared carried by majority vote at 10:54am.*

**ARTICLE 7: WATER ENTERPRISE FUND CAPITAL PLAN**

**7A: WATER ENTERPRISE FUND CAPITAL BUDGET**

Line	Project	Amount	Funding Source
1	Portable Trailer	\$50,000	Water Retained Earnings

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from Water Retained Earnings the sum of \$50,000 to fund the capital equipment and projects as listed.

*Motion declared carried by majority vote at 10:54am.*

**7B: BORROWING AUTHORIZATION – WATER TOWER MAINTENANCE**

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to borrow the sum of \$1,000,000 for funding the Sconticut Neck Water Tower Maintenance, the principal interest of which shall be repaid, in the first instance, through Water Enterprise Fund revenues.

*Motion declared carried by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote at 10:55am.*

**ARTICLE 8: SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND CAPITAL PLAN**

**8A: SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND CAPITAL BUDGET**

Line	Project	Amount	Funding Source
1	Inflow and Infiltration Study	\$250,000	Sewer Retained Earnings
2	4" Goodwin Pump	\$75,000	Sewer Retained Earnings
3	South Street Pump Station Pump Replacement	\$500,000	Sewer Retained Earnings

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from sewer retaining earnings a sum of \$825,000 to fund the inflow and infiltration study, 4" Goodwin Pump

equipment and South Street Pump Station Pump Replacement with each amount as specified in the article.

*Motion declared carried my majority vote at 10:56am.*

**8B: SEWER CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND**

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer \$2,328,760.07 from the Sewer Capital Improvements Stabilization Fund to the Sewer Nitrogen Plant, Article 15A of the June 18, 2022 Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto:

*Motion declared carried by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote at 10:57am.*

**8C: SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND**

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer \$280,364.48 from the Sewer Capital Project Article 14B of the May 6, 2017 Town Meeting to the Sewer Nitrogen Plant Article 15A of the June 18, 2022 Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto:

*Motion declared carried by majority vote at 10:58am.*

**ARTICLE 9: OTHER BUDGET ITEMS - APPROPRIATIONS**

**9A: FUNDING OF ARTICLES**

Line	Fund	Amount	Source
1	Transfer to Ambulance Stabilization Fund	50,000	Ambulance Fund
2	Transfer to Other Post-Employment Benefit (OPEB) Trust Fund	200,000	Free Cash
3	Capital Stabilization	150,000	Free Cash
4	Compensated Absences (retirement payouts)	300,000	Free Cash
5	Preventative Building Repairs (Town Facilities)	50,000	Free Cash
6	Grant Writing Consultant (Town Hall)	60,000	Free Cash
7	Clerical Tuition (per Collective Bargaining Agreement)	10,000	Free Cash
8	Shellfish Propagation Program	17,250	Free Cash
9	FEMA 5% Match – Gear Equipment (Fire)	12,000	Free Cash
10	Mannequin (Fire)	2,450	Free Cash
11	Recreation Center Equipment	10,000	Free Cash
12	Recreation Center/Council on Aging Wall Divider	17,780	Free Cash
13	Highway Equipment	30,000	Free Cash
14	Leaf Vacuum	7,500	Free Cash
15	Basketball Hoops – Livsey Park (Town Facilities)	7,000	Free Cash
16	Utility Trailer (Public Works)	3,000	Free Cash
17	Breakroom Cabinets (Town Hall)	1,200	Free Cash
18	Special Education Reserve Fund	34,801	Free Cash
19	Zoning Bylaw consultant (Planning)	25,000	Free Cash
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$987,981</b>	

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$937,981 from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) and the sum of \$50,000 from the Ambulance Reserve Fund to fund the Reserve line articles for the amounts as written.

*Motion declared carried by majority vote at 10:59am.*

**9B: INCREASE AND FUND COLA BASE FOR RETIREES**

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from available Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) \$89,000 to increase the cost of living (COLA) base for retirees, beneficiaries, and survivors beginning July 1, 2024, from \$16,000 to \$17,000 consistent with the provisions of Chapter 188, Section 19 of the Acts of 2010.

*Motion declared carried by majority vote at 10:59am*

**ARTICLE 10: STATE AID TO HIGHWAYS, CHAPTER 90**

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote 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 improvement of Town roads, or to take any other action relative thereto.

*Motion declared carried by majority vote at 11:00am*

**ARTICLE 11: MUNICIPAL FIBER OPTIC PROGRAM**

**11A: BORROWING AUTHORIZATION – FIBER OPTIC PROGRAM**

*Motion was made and seconded to pass over this article at 11:00am*

**11B: ESTABLISH A MUNICIPAL FIBER ENTERPRISE FUND**

*Motion was made and seconded to pass over this article at 11:00am*

**ARTICLE 12 FY25 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE APPROPRIATIONS**

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate or to reserve for later appropriation, and to authorize the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) to expend or reserve, from the Community Preservation Fund available funds and FY25 Estimated Receipts as set forth herein, the following amounts for community preservation purposes, with such expenditures to be subject to conditions to be specified in applications and award letters from the Community Preservation Committee, with each item considered a separate appropriation:

PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2025 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION BUDGET		
APPROPRIATIONS		Recommended Amounts
<b>Reserve for Appropriation</b>		
A.	Acquisition, creation, and preservation of Open Space, and its rehabilitation and restoration.	\$70,000
B.	Acquisition, creation, and preservation of Historic Resources	\$70,000
C.	Acquisition, creation, and preservation of Community Housing	\$70,000
D.	Emergency Reserve Account	\$20,000
Total Reserves for Appropriation		\$230,000
<b>Spending Appropriations</b>		
E.	FHS – Boiler Room Roof Replacement (\$92.7k Und. Bal.)	\$92,700
F.	Lib. – Electrical Upgrades (\$76k FB Reserve Historic & \$309.7k Est. Receipts)	\$385,700
G.	Town Hall Repairs – Stairs and Exterior Caulking (\$30k Und. Bal.)	\$30,000
H.	BBC – Carvalho Woods Conservation Project (\$110k Und. Bal.)	\$110,000
I.	BPW – Phoenix Rail Trail Handicapped Accessible Tables (\$5k Est. Receipts)	\$5,000

J.	BPW – Macomber Park BMX Track (\$201k Und. Bal. & \$76k FB Res. OS)	\$277,000
K.	Cushman Park Pathways (19k Und. Bal.)	\$19,000
L.	FHA – Anthony Haven Window Replacement (\$100k FB Res. Comm. Housing)	\$100,000
M.	Town Hall Repairs - East Retaining Wall (\$150k Emergency Reserve)	\$150,000
<b>Administrative Spending Appropriation</b>		
N.	To fund the Community Preservation Committee’s annual expenses for: Personal Service; Purchase of Services; Supplies; Other charges/expenditures (Estimated Receipts)	\$13,400
<b>Total Recommended Spending Appropriations</b>		<b>\$1,182,800</b>

*Motion was made and seconded to amend the total number by \$277,000 by eliminating J – BPW – Macomber Park BMX Track at 11:00am.*

*Motion was made and seconded to move the question at 11:15am.*

*Motion to move the question declared carried by majority vote at 11:16am.*

*Motion to amend the total number by \$277,000 by eliminating J - BPW – Macomber Park BMX Track failed by majority vote at 11:16am.*

*Main motion declared carried by majority vote at 11:21am.*

**ARTICLE 13: REVOLVING FUNDS**

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to will authorize or re-authorize the following Revolving Accounts under the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½ and to amend General Bylaws Section 2-6 to add new revolving funds under the following terms or take any other action relative thereto:

Revolving Fund	Authorized to Spend	Revenue Source	FY25 Limit
Hazardous Materials	Fire Chief	Disposal fees/charges	\$100,000
Sustainability	Sustainability Committee	Fees/charges	\$10,000
Hoppy’s Landing	Select Board and/or Town Administrator	Fees/charges from users of Hoppy’s Landing	\$25,000
Town Hall Auditorium	Town Administrator	Town Hall Auditorium rental fees	\$3,000
Park Utilities	Board of Public Works	User fees	\$2,000
Shellfish Mitigation	Marine Resources	Mitigation fees	\$25,000
Mooring Fees	Marine Resources	Mooring fees	\$4,000
Mattress Recycling	Board of Health	Fees from mattress disposal	\$3,000
Hoarding Remediation	Board of Health	Revenue from textile recovery boxes	\$2,000
Supportive Social Day Program	Council on Aging Director	Receipts reserved for appropriation for supportive social day	\$175,000

*Motion declared carried by majority vote at 11:21am*

**ARTICLE 14 TRANSFER OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS INTO THE OPIOID SPECIAL REVENUE FUND:**

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the Opioid Settlement Funds of \$72,780.15 from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) from FY23 into the Opioid Settlement Special Revenue Fund pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53, clause 4; or to take any other action relative thereto.

*Motion declared carried by majority vote at 11:21am*



**ARTICLE 15 AMEND ARTICLE 11A MAY 6, 2023, LINE 4 DESCRIPTION**

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to amend Line 4 of Article 11A of the May 6, 2023 Town Meeting “Funding of Articles” for the description as follows: change “Personal Property Audits - Assessing Dept.” to “Assessment Audits” to allow the remaining funds totaling \$5300 to be used on Real Estate audits if needed, or take any action relative thereto.

*Motion declared carried by majority vote at 11:22am*

**ARTICLE 16 ASSESSMENT OF NEW CONSTRUCTION**

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to adopt Section (a) of Chapter 59, Section 2A of the General Laws, to allow the assessment of new buildings and other things erected on or affixed to land during the period beginning on January 2<sup>nd</sup> and ending on June 30<sup>th</sup> of the fiscal year preceding that to which the tax relates to be deemed part of the assessed real property as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.

*Motion declared carried by majority vote at 11:22am*

**ARTICLE 17 AMEND BYLAWS CHAPTER 119**

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to amend Bylaws, Chapter 119, Section 3 Acceptance of Fee Schedule as outlined below by replacing existing language with language in bold.

§ 119-3. Acceptance of fee schedule.

The following is the fee schedule pertaining to Fire Department permits:

Type of Permit or Item	Fee
Ammunition storage license	<del>\$30.00</del> <b>\$50.00</b>
Annual radio box fee	<del>\$200.00</del> <b>\$250.00</b>
ANSUL system	<del>\$30.00</del> <b>\$50.00</b>
Blasting permits	<del>\$30.00</del> <b>\$50.00</b>
Bonfire permits	\$30.00
Copy of fire report	\$20.00
Copy of records (2IE) (depends on amount copied)	<del>\$5.00/\$10.00</del> <b>\$20.00</b>
Copy of SARF report	\$20.00
Flammable liquids, solids and gases permit	<del>\$30.00</del> <b>\$50.00</b>
Fuel oil storage/waste oil storage	<del>\$30.00</del> <b>\$50.00</b>
Initial master box/radio box connection	<del>\$150.00</del> <b>\$250.00</b>
Inn/hotel inspections (quarterly)	\$50.00
Install/alter oil burner equipment	<del>\$30.00</del> <b>\$50.00</b>
Install/removal of underground tanks	\$50.00
LP gas storage permit	<del>\$30.00</del> <b>\$50.00</b>
Vent-free fireplace	<del>\$30.00</del> <b>\$50.00</b>
Research fee	<del>\$20.00</del> <b>\$25.00</b>
Smoke detector permits/inspections	<del>\$30.00</del> <b>1-2 Family \$50.00 / 3-5 Family \$100.00</b>
Smokeless/black powder permits	<del>\$30.00</del> <b>\$50.00</b>
Sprinkler permit	<del>\$30.00</del> <b>\$100.00</b>
Supervised fireworks permit	<del>\$30.00</del> <b>\$100.00</b>
Tank truck inspection	<del>\$30.00</del> <b>\$50.00</b>
Welding/cutting storage permit	<del>\$30.00</del> <b>\$50.00</b>

*Motion declared carried by majority vote at 11:23am*

**ARTICLE 18 AMEND BYLAWS 87, 206 AND 405**

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to amend Bylaws, Chapter 87, Chapter 205 and Chapter 405 as outlined in the warrant by striking some of the existing language and adding underlined language.

*Motion declared carried by majority vote at 11:24am*

**ARTICLE 19 AMEND BYLAWS STORMWATER MANAGEMENT**

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to amend Bylaws, Chapter 194 Stormwater Management and 198.31.1 and 322-26 as outlined in the warrant by striking some of the existing language and adding underlined language.

*Motion declared carried by majority vote at 11:37am*

**ARTICLE 20 AMEND BYLAWS ZONING AND PLANNING**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Bylaws, Chapters 198, 65, 306, 316, and 322 as outlined in the warrant by striking some of the existing language and adding underlined language.

**Simple majority vote:**

(1) Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to amend Bylaws Chapter 198, Section 16: Accessory apartment/inlaw apartment and Accessory apartment to a business, and Sections 32.1 through 32.1.D as written in the warrant.

*Motion declared failed by majority vote at 12:36pm*

(2) Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to amend the first sentence of Bylaws Chapter 198, Section 27.C(1) by adding the words “except on a property on which an accessory apartment/inlaw apartment, accessory apartment to a business, mixed use, or multi-family use is located, provided that such exception allows for additional housing units beyond what would otherwise be permitted under existing zoning bylaws” so that said sentence reads as follows:

No off-street parking area for five or more cars shall be located within the required front, side or rear yard setback areas, except on a property on which an accessory apartment/inlaw apartment, accessory apartment to a business, mixed use, or multi-family use is located, provided that such exception allows for additional housing units beyond what would otherwise be permitted under existing zoning bylaws.

*Motion declared failed by majority vote at 12:41pm*

**Supermajority (2/3) vote:**

(3) Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to amend Bylaws Chapter 198, Section 15.C(2), Section 16: Health care including medical, dental offices and clinics; storage units; body art establishment; artist gallery/studio; private dock or pier; and semidetached dwelling, and Sections 19, 29.A and B, and 33: Artisan Food and Beverage, Artisan Manufacturing, Coworking Space, Maker Space, and Small Scale Indoor Recreation, all as written in the warrant; and, further to take no action with respect to Section 16: Shipping Containers and Section 33: Shipping Containers.

*Motion declared failed by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote at 12:54pm*

(4) Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to amend Bylaws Chapter 198, Section 29.6 as written in the warrant.

*Motion declared failed by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote at 1:00pm*

(5) Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to amend Bylaws Chapter 198, Section 32.2 as written in the warrant.

*Motion declared failed by two-thirds (2/3) by majority vote at 1:17pm*

**Simple majority:**

(6) Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to amend Bylaws Chapters 65 as written in the warrant.

*Motion was made and seconded to amend the main motion to vote on 65-1 separately from 65-3 at 1:25pm*

*Motion to amend the main motion to vote on 65-1 separately from 65-3 was withdrawn at 1:26pm*

*Motion was made and seconded to amend section 65-1 changing the board establishment term length from four to five years and to vote on 65-1 separately from 65-3 at 1:26pm*

*Motion was made and seconded to move the question at 1:32pm*

*Motion to move the question declared carried by majority vote at 1:32pm*

*Motion to amend section 65-1 changing the board establishment term length from four to five years and to vote on 65-1 separately from 65-3 declared failed at 1:34pm*

*Main motion declared carried by majority vote at 1:34pm*

(7) Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to amend Bylaws Chapter 306 as written in the warrant.

*Motion declared carried by majority vote at 1:36pm*

(8) Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to amend Bylaws Chapter 316 as written in the warrant.

*Motion was made and seconded to amend 316-4, 316-7, 316-8, 316-9, 316-10 to maintain the certified mail requirement at 1:47pm*

*Motion to amend 316-4, 316-7, 316-8, 316-9, 316-10 to maintain the certified mail requirement declared carried by majority vote at 1:50pm*

*Main motion as amended declared carried by majority vote at 1:51pm*

(9) Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to amend Bylaws Chapter 322 as written in the warrant.

*Motion declared carried by majority vote at 1:52pm*

**ARTICLE 21 BYLAW FLOW NEUTRAL**

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to establish Bylaw Chapter 158, Section 3 Flow Neutral or take any action relative thereto:

*Motion was withdrawn at 2:14pm*

*Motion was made and seconded to amend bylaw chapter 158 section 3, flow neutral as printed in the April 23, 2024 replacement appendix F at 2:14pm*

*Motion declared carried by majority vote at 2:15pm*

**ARTICLE 22 TREE BYLAWS**

**22A: AMEND BYLAWS, CHAPTER 76 TREE WARDEN**

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to amend Bylaws, Chapter 76, § 1 as outlined in the warrant by striking some of the existing language and adding underlined language.

*Motion declared carried by majority vote at 2:25pm*

**22B: NEW BYLAW, CHAPTER 88 PUBLIC SHADE TREE**

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to establish Bylaw Chapter 88 Public Shade Tree

*Motion declared carried by majority vote at 2:26pm*

**ARTICLE 23 CITIZENS PETITION – STREET LIGHT**

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,718.24 from the streetlight account for the installation of a street light on pole 30412 across from Bass Creek Road.

*Motion declared carried by majority vote at 2:29pm*

**ARTICLE 24 CITIZENS PETITION – LEGISLATION FOR A RESTAURANT/ALL ALCOHOL LICENSE**

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to authorize the Select Board of the Town of Fairhaven to petition the General Court for the passage of legislation authorizing the issuance of a Restaurant/All Alcohol License to Southcoast Pickleball LLC of 4 David Drawn Blvd. 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.

*Motion declared carried by majority vote at 2:34pm*

**ARTICLE 25 CITIZENS PETITION – REVOKE ARTICLE 22 § 5**

To see if the Town will vote to revoke Article 22 of the May 6, 2023 Town Meeting “Amend bylaws, Chapter 83 Alcoholic Beverages and Drugs”

We, the undersigned voters and I come as a whole to address the recent ban on the sale of alcohol containers less than less than 100ml. We are unhappy with the bylaw change that was put into place at the annual town meeting on May 6, 2023. I petition for the Town of Fairhaven to revoke Article 22: Section 5, Prohibit Sale of Plastic Alcohol “Nip” Bottles. In addition, I petition the members of Town to put the issue on the ballot and let the voters decide on it.

*Motion was made and seconded to amend Town Bylaws, Chapter 85 “Alcohol Beverages and Drugs,” by deleting Section 5 “Prohibit Sale of Alcohol ‘Nip’ Bottles” in its entirety at 2:43pm.*

*Motion was made and seconded to amend the chapter number from Chapter 85 to Chapter 83 to correct scrivener’s error.*

*Motion was made and seconded to move the question at 2:48pm*

*Motion to move the question declared carried by majority vote at 2:48pm*

*Motion declared failed by majority vote at 2:50pm*

**ARTICLE 26 OTHER BUSINESS:**

None

*Motion to adjourn sine die at 2:50pm on Saturday, May 4, 2024. Seconded.*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Elisabeth E. Horan  
Interim Town Clerk

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2024**

**WALTER SILVEIRA AUDITORIUM – ELIZABETH I. HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL  
TOWN MEETING MEMBERS PRESENT 218 – QUORUM REQUIRED 100**

Meeting called to order by Moderator at 7:06pm.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The National Anthem was played.

The Moderator introduced the Town Officials seated on the stage.

Special guest David Arancio the Town Moderator for the Town of Rochester was introduced.

Instructions were given to the Town Meeting Members.

The Moderator mentioned the Poll Pad receipt given at check-in verifies Town Meeting Members and is something that will be used moving forward.

The Moderator mentioned that we have closed captioning provided for both Town Meeting Members present tonight and those watching at home. He thanked Fairhaven TV for providing the closed captioning services tonight.

The Moderator mentioned that many of the enhancements pointed out tonight were the result of Town Meeting Advisory Committee’s suggestions.

Town Meeting Advisory Committee members were recognized.

The Moderator announced the tellers Sean M. Powers, Scot T. Pomfret, Paul M. Foster, Cameron T. Durant, Mark A. Badwey and Pamela R. Kuechler.

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 – 51**

**Precinct 2 – 37**

**Precinct 3 – 21**

**Precinct 4 – 32**

**Precinct 5 – 36**

**Precinct 6 – 41**

**TOTAL - 218**

**Motion was made and seconded to change the moving the question tradition of majority vote to be consistent with Robert’s Rules and have it be two-thirds.**

*Motion declared carried by two-thirds vote (2/3).*

*Question of Count was declared by at 7:24pm.*

*Tellers were sworn in by Interim Town Clerk, Elisabeth E. Horan.*

*Vote counted by appointed tellers.*

*Motion declared carried by majority 114 affirmative, 95 negative at 7:31pm.*

**ARTICLE 1: CHAPTER 40R ZONING BYLAW AND MAP AMENDMENTS**

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

(i) by adding to Section 198-14, entitled "Establishment of districts," at the end of Subsection A, the following new overlay district:  
Fairhaven Smart Growth Overlay District (FSGOD)

and

(ii) by adding a new Section 198-29.9 thereto, entitled "Fairhaven Smart Growth Overlay District (FSGOD)," as follows:

*Appendix A will contain the full text with markup to be delivered under separate cover and will be posted online at <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/town-moderator>*

and, further, to amend the "Town of Fairhaven Zoning Map," as referenced in Section 198-14(B) of the aforementioned Code, by adding thereto, or supplementing the same with, maps entitled "Fairhaven 40R Smart Growth Overlay 4-2 Smart Growth Zoning Map (Plaza Area SGOD)," dated 6/19/24, and "Fairhaven 40R Smart Growth Overlay 4-2 Smart Growth Zoning Map (Waterfront Area SGOD)," dated 6/19/24," both prepared by Dodson & Flinker; or take any action relative thereto.

*Petitioned by: Planning Department, Select Board  
Select Board: Recommend At Town Meeting  
Finance Committee: Recommend Yield to Petitioner  
Planning Board: Recommendation will be provided at Town Meeting*

**Motion: To approve Article 1: Chapter 40R Zoning Bylaw and Map Amendments as approved by the state and as written in warrant**

*Motion was made and seconded to move the order of the articles on the warrant. Moving Article 1 of the Special town Meeting to be voted and acted upon after Article 13 of the Special Town Meeting warrant.*

*Motion declared carried by two-thirds (2/3) vote at 7:32pm.*

*Motion was made and seconded to approve Article 1: Chapter 40R Zoning Bylaw and Map Amendments as approved by the state and as written in warrant.*

*Motion made and seconded to move the question.*

*Motion to move the question declared carried by two-third (2/3) vote at 9:57pm.*

*Motion declared carried by majority vote at 9:57pm.*

**ARTICLE 2: BILL OF PRIOR YEAR**

To see if the Town will vote to pay the unpaid bills of a prior fiscal year and any others that may be brought forward, or take any other action relative thereto.

*Petitioned by: Accounting/Finance Department*

**Vendor Amount Funded From**

Med-Tech Resource LLC \$535.30 Surplus Revenue (Free Cash)

Select Board: Recommend Adoption  
Finance Committee: Recommend Adoption  
**Vote Required: Nine-Tenths (9/10) Vote**

**Motion: To approve as listed in the warrant**

*Motion was made and seconded.*

*Motion declared carried by nine-tenths (9/10) vote at 7:33pm.*

**ARTICLE 3: SEWER RETAINED EARNINGS TO SEWER NITROGEN PLANT ARTICLE 15A OF THE JUNE 18, 2022 TOWN MEETING:**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Sewer Retained Earnings the amount of \$301,812.01, which was generated from the Sewer Capital Fee from FY24, and transfer into the Sewer Nitrogen Plant Article 15A of the June 18, 2022 Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

*Petitioned by: Board of Public Works  
Select Board: Recommend Adoption  
Finance Committee: Recommend Adoption*

**Motion: To transfer the amount of \$301,812.01 from Sewer Retained Earnings to the Sewer Nitrogen Plant Article 15-A of the June 18, 2022 Town Meeting as written in the warrant.**

*Motion was made and seconded.*

*Motion was declared carried by majority vote at 7:34pm.*

**ARTICLE 4: AMEND FY25 WATER ENTERPRISE OPERATING BUDGET**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 5B of the May 4, 2024 Town Meeting "Water Enterprise Fund Operating Budget," by transferring \$20,000 from Water Retained Earnings to Water Department - Salaries for the purpose of a retirement payoff, or take any action relative thereto.

*Petitioned by: Board of Public Works  
Select Board: Recommend Adoption  
Finance Committee: Recommend Adoption*

**Motion: To transfer the sum of \$20,000 from Water Retained Earnings to Water Department Salaries as written in the warrant**

*Motion was made and seconded.*

*Motion was declared carried by majority vote at 7:35pm.*

**ARTICLE 5: WATER ENTERPRISE FUND DEBT SERVICE:**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$45,185.84 from Water Retained Earnings to fund the Water Enterprise Fund Debt Appropriation for the Boston Hill Water Tank DPW-12-10, or take any other action relative thereto. *Petitioned by: Board of Public Works*

*Select Board: Recommend Adoption  
Finance Committee: Recommend Adoption*

**Motion: To transfer the sum of \$45,185.84 from Water Retained Earnings to Water Enterprise Fund Debt Appropriation for the Boston Hill Water Tank DPW-12-10 as written in the warrant.**

*Motion was made and seconded.*

*Motion was declared carried by majority vote at 7:35pm.*

**ARTICLE 6: SCONTICUT NECK ROAD WATER MAIN REHAB**

To see if the Town will vote to borrow an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 to pay costs of rehabilitating the water distribution system/water main located on/in Sconticut Neck Road from David Drown Boulevard to the North Side of Wood School, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; to determine whether this amount should be raised by borrowing or otherwise, or take any other action relative thereto. *Petitioned by: Board of Public Works*

Select Board: Recommend Adoption  
Finance Committee: Recommend Adoption  
**Vote Required: Two-Thirds (2/3) Vote**

**Motion: To borrow an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 to pay costs of rehabilitating the water distribution system/water main located on/in Scoticut Neck Road, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §7(1), G.L. c. 44, §8(5), or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.**

*Motion was made and seconded.*

*Motion was declared carried by two-thirds (2/3) vote at 7:42pm.*

#### ARTICLE 7: REQUEST OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer the sum of \$8,000 from Article 8A-4 of the May 6, 2023 Town Meeting for Replacement of Emergency Lighting at Cushman Park to Article 9A-16 of the May 4, 2024 Town Meeting for Utility Trailer (Public Works), or take any action relative thereto. *Petitioned by: Board of Public Works*

Select Board: Recommend Adoption  
Finance Committee: Recommend Adoption

**Motion: To transfer as written in the warrant**

*Motion was made and seconded.*

*Motion was declared carried by majority vote at 7:44pm.*

#### ARTICLE 8: MATCHING FUNDS FOR GRANT WRITER

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) the sum of \$250,000 for matching funds associated with grants or take any action relative thereto.

*Petitioned by: Accounting/Finance Department*

Select Board: Recommend Adoption  
Finance Committee: Recommend Adoption

*For FY25, monies were appropriated to provide the Town with a Grant Writer. In most cases, in order to apply for various grants, the Grant Writer will need funds available as a town match.*

**Motion: To adopt as written in the warrant**

*Motion was made and seconded.*

*Motion was declared carried by majority vote at 8:05pm.*

#### ARTICLE 9: REQUEST OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$23,863 from the salary budget line item under Public Safety to the salary budget line item under Information Technology (IT) for a part-time IT tech as appropriated in Article 5A: General Fund Operating Budget-FY25 of the May 4, 2024 Town Meeting. *Petitioned by: Accounting/Finance Department*

Select Board: Recommend Adoption  
Finance Committee: Recommend Adoption

**Motion: To transfer as written in the warrant**

*Motion was made and seconded.*

*Motion was declared carried by majority vote at 8:10pm.*

#### ARTICLE 10: INCREASE TO FY2025 FAIRHAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION FOR ADDITIONAL CHAPTER 70 STATE AID

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$118,030.00 to be added to Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting appropriation on May 4, 2024 for the FY25 Fairhaven Public Schools. The additional amount was appropriated under the FY25 Chapter 70 funding approved by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts dedicated to local school districts; or take any action relative thereto.

*Petitioned by: Accounting/Finance Department*

Select Board: Recommend Adoption  
Finance Committee: Recommend Adoption

**Motion: To appropriate as written in the warrant**

*Motion was made and seconded.*

*Motion was declared carried by majority vote at 8:10pm.*

#### ARTICLE 11: SETTING SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS

To see if the Town will vote to fix the compensation of the Town Clerk salary at \$84,080 and that said compensation be effective July 1, 2024 as appropriated in Article 5A: General Fund Operating Budget-FY25 of the May 4, 2024 Town Meeting or take any action relative thereto.

*Petitioned by: Accounting/Finance Department, Human Resources*

Select Board: Recommend Adoption  
Finance Committee: Recommend Adoption

**Motion: To adopt as written in the warrant**

*Motion was made and seconded.*

*Motion was declared carried by majority vote at 8:11pm.*

#### ARTICLE 12: AMEND FY25 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE APPROPRIATIONS: PHOENIX RAIL TRAIL HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE TABLES

To see if the Town will vote to amend the FY25 Community Preservation Committee's Article 12-I of the May 4, 2024 Town Meeting to update the table location to include Livesey Park, with no additional funding requested or take any action relative thereto.

*Petitioned by: Community Preservation Committee*

Select Board: Recommend Adoption  
Finance Committee: Recommend Adoption

**Motion: To amend Article 12-I of the May 4, 2024 Town Meeting to update the table locations to include Livesey Park.**

*Motion was made and seconded.*

*Motion was declared carried by majority vote at 8:12pm.*

#### ARTICLE 13: BYLAW AMENDMENTS, CHAPTER 198 ZONING

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapters 198-16, 198-17, 198-18, 198-22, 198-27, 198-32.1 and 198-33 to conform to "An Act Relative to the Affordable Homes Act" (Ho. H4977, Acts 2024, Chapter 150, Approved by the Governor, August 6, 2024) and the proposed changes therein to MGL Chapter 40A, Section 1A and Chapter 40A, Section 3 with regard to accessory dwelling units or take any action relative thereto. *Petitioned by: Planning Board*

Select Board: Recommend At Town Meeting  
Finance Committee: Recommend Yield to Petitioner  
Planning Board: Recommend Adoption

See Appendix B for the full text with markups  
**Motion: To amend as written in the warrant**

*Motion was made seconded.*

*Motion was declared carried by majority vote at 8:48pm.*

**ARTICLE 14: BYLAW, COMMISSION ON DISABILITY**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a bylaw, Chapter 5 Commission on Disability, or take any action relative thereto.

*Petitioned by: Commission on Disability*

Select Board: Recommend Adoption

Finance Committee: Recommend Yield to Petitioner

See Appendix C for the full text with markups

**Motion: To adopt as written in the warrant**

*Motion was made and seconded to move Article 14 before Article 13.*

*Motion to move Article 14 before Article 13 was declared carried by two-thirds (2/3) vote at 8:13pm.*

*Motion was made and seconded to adopt as written in the warrant.*

*Motion was restated and seconded to adopt as written in the handout.*

*Motion was declared carried by majority vote at 8:28pm.*

**ARTICLE 15: CITIZENS PETITION**

Request for monies allocated for firefighter turnout gear to be used for an additional set of firefighter turnout gear in conjunction with the pending grant for turnout gear. This article will enable the Fire Department to use funds already allocated for firefighter turnout gear (FY25 Articles 6, line 6 & Article 9A, line 9) along with any additional monies awarded from a grant the department has applied for. This combined funding will ensure that the department can equip its members with two sets of firefighter turnout gear, aligning with industry best practices.

*Petitioned by: Kevin Gonsalves Jr.*

Select Board: Recommend Yield to Petitioner

Finance Committee: Recommend Indefinite Postponement

*Moved to pass over 8:12pm.*

**ARTICLE 16: OTHER BUSINESS**

To act upon any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

None

*Motion to adjoin sine die at 10:01pm on Tuesday, November 19, 2024. Seconded.*

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Elisabeth E. Horan  
 Interim Town Clerk

**SALARIES - CALENDAR YEAR 2024**

Dept. Code	Dept. Name	First Name	Last Name	2024 Gross Wages
114	Moderator Salary	MARK	SYLVIA	\$1,000.00
			TOWN MODERATOR TOTAL	\$1,000.00
122	Selectmen Dept Salaries	LEON	CORREY	\$2,228.88
122	Selectmen Dept Salaries	CHARLES	MURPHY SR	\$6,686.64
122	Selectmen Dept Salaries	STASIA	POWERS	\$6,686.64
122	Selectmen Dept Salaries	ANDREW	ROMANO	\$4,746.51
122	Selectmen Dept Salaries	ROBERT	ESPINDOLA	\$2,228.88
122	Selectmen Dept Salaries	SUSAN	RIZZO	\$43,754.01
122	Selectmen Dept Salaries	ANDREW	SAUNDERS	\$4,457.76
122	Selectmen Dept Salaries	DAVID	DEMANCHE	\$899.00
122	Selectmen Dept Salaries	LOREEN	PINA	\$4,388.34
122	Selectmen Dept Salaries	KEITH	SILVIA	\$6,129.42
122	Selectmen Dept Salaries	AMY	HART	\$77,969.20
122	Selectmen Dept Salaries	ANGELINE	ELLISON	\$201,321.32
			SELECT BOARD/TA TOTAL	\$361,496.60
135	Town Accountant Salaries	HELEN	DACUNHA	\$25,656.72
135	Town Accountant Salaries	JOYCE	SHEPARD	\$28,286.75
135	Town Accountant Salaries	ANNE	CARREIRO	\$144,667.20
141	Board of Assessors Salaries	PAMELA	DAVIS	\$2,973.50
141	Board of Assessors Salaries	ELLIS	WITHINGTON	\$1,189.40
141	Board of Assessors Salaries	SHARON	SIMMONS CLANCY	\$1,800.00
141	Board of Assessors Salaries	AMANDA	ROBINSON	\$600.00
141	Board of Assessors Salaries	JOANNE	CORREIA	\$80,783.68
141	Board of Assessors Salaries	KATHLEEN	SYLVIA	\$44,309.30
141	Board of Assessors Salaries	DANIEL	LANE	\$2,700.00
			ASSESSORS TOTAL	\$332,966.55
145	Treasures Salaries	PAMELA	BRETON	\$42,761.70
145	Treasures Salaries	LISA	ROSE	\$93,091.76
145	Treasures Salaries	PAMELA	BETTENCOURT	\$92,255.56
145	Treasures Salaries	KERRI	KING	\$51,251.90
			TREAS/COLLECTOR TOTAL	\$279,360.92
153	HUMAN RESOURCES	SUSAN	RODERIQUES	\$60,719.25
153	HUMAN RESOURCES	CAMERON	DURANT	\$69,954.04
153	HUMAN RESOURCES	TAKIRA	FAUCHER	\$58,328.80
			HR TOTAL	\$189,002.09
161	Town Clerk Salaries	PAULA	VIEIRA	\$50,504.43
161	Town Clerk Salaries	ELISABETH	HORAN	\$76,540.02
			TOWN CLERK TOTAL	\$127,044.45
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	PAULINE	PARKER	\$656.25
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	BERNADETTE	COSTA	\$3,258.76
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	JOSEPH	SYLVIA	\$881.25
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	NANCY	PARENT	\$112.50
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	ELAINE	BURGO	\$855.00
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	ANNE	ELLIS	\$877.50
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	GEORGE	DIGGLE	\$1,256.25
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	LINDA	THERRIEN	\$2,499.38
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	CAROLE	FAUTEUX	\$300.00
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	DONNA	ROSS	\$933.75
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	MARGARET	SOUZA	\$191.25
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	DENNIS	GALLANT	\$420.00
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	MARK	MEDEIROS	\$907.50
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	PATRICIA	MINER	\$866.25

163	Elect & Regist Salaries	ROSEMARIE	VIEIRA	\$442.50
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	RICHARD	TRAPILO	\$262.50
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	LINDA	DONNELLY	\$540.00
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	SARA	NETO-KALIFE	\$671.25
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	KATHERINE	MONROE	\$862.50
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	WAYNE	TOMCZEWSKI	\$431.25
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	JOAN	O BRIEN	\$30.00
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	CHARLENE	NELSON	\$502.50
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	DONNA	BALDWIN	\$172.50
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	SANDRA	REGO	\$165.00
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	GAIL	ANDREWS	\$168.75
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	KAREN	MORIN	\$168.75
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	CYNTHIA	ROSS	\$517.50
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	RONALD	VALIQUETTE	\$465.00
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	DAVID	ROSS	\$513.75
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	LISA	BILLITER	\$378.75
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	BRIAN	BILLITER	\$371.25
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	NANETTE	SPOOR	\$450.00
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	NANCI	DUNLOP	\$345.00
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	GEVEVIEVE	SUMAN	\$240.00
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	NILS	ISAKSEN	\$675.00
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	KIM	HYLAND	\$697.50
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	REBECCA	SUPRENANT	\$652.50
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	LINDA	CHEVALIER	\$851.25
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	MICHAEL	THOMAS	\$630.00
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	KIMBERLY	MIMOSO	\$768.75
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	BETH	KILANOWICH	\$168.75
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	CATHY	MELANSON	\$1,353.75
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	LISA	MONIZ	\$1,905.00
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	KATHRYN	SILVIA	\$453.75
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	JODI	DUVAL	\$19,322.75
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	MARIA	BRANCO	\$573.75
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	MARIA	CARVALHO	\$431.25
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	DENNIS	MATTOS	\$435.00
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	CLAIRE	MILLETTE	\$1,132.50
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	JOANNE	ST. AMAND	\$1,008.75
163	Elect & Regist Salaries	MYLES	ROMANO	\$232.50
			<i>ELECTIONS TOTAL</i>	\$53,007.14
171	Conservation Comm Salaries	KELLY	CAMARA	\$28,511.24
			<i>CONSERVATION TOTAL</i>	\$28,511.24
189	Community & Economic Development	CHRISTOPHER	RICHARD	\$59,270.50
189	Community & Economic Development	ALYSSA	BOTELHO	\$35,190.03
			<i>COMM &amp; ECON DEV TOTAL</i>	\$94,460.53
192	Town Hall Salaries	FRANK	FOSTIN	\$5,674.45
192	Town Hall Salaries	JACK	LEWIS	\$17,535.57
192	Town Hall Salaries	KEVIN	FOURNIER	\$74,272.60
192	Town Hall Salaries	MICHAEL	PARKER	\$8,345.96
192	Town Hall Salaries	CHANEL	WILLIAMS JR	\$5,602.24
192	Town Hall Salaries	RICHARD	WALKER	\$48,402.90
			<i>FACILITIES TOTAL</i>	\$159,833.72
195	Planning and Economics	HUGH	WEBB	\$91,706.22
195	Planning and Economics	PAUL	DIGIUSEPPE	\$29,406.00
195	Planning and Economics	DAVID	KENNEDY	\$400.00
195	Planning and Economics	STEPHANIE	FIDALGO	\$42,586.37

195	Planning and Economics	SUZANNE	MASTEN	\$21,101.37
			<i>LAND USE/PLANNING TOTAL</i>	\$185,199.96
210	Police Dept Salaries	SCOTT	GORDON	\$165,646.07
210	Police Dept Salaries	MATTHEW	BOTELHO	\$152,152.38
210	Police Dept Salaries	RICHARD	CICCONE	\$121,290.18
210	Police Dept Salaries	MARIE	SILVEIRA	\$71,605.77
210	Police Dept Salaries	DANIEL	DORGAN	\$187,425.39
210	Police Dept Salaries	ANN	DUPONT	\$73,910.72
210	Police Dept Salaries	SUSAN	CHACE	\$9,194.21
210	Police Dept Salaries	PATRICK	CLAFLIN	\$19,420.80
210	Police Dept Salaries	KEVIN	SWAIN	\$225,199.50
210	Police Dept Salaries	TERENCE	CRIPPS	\$66,777.87
210	Police Dept Salaries	JANIS	GUERREIRO	\$108,701.41
210	Police Dept Salaries	CHRISTOPHER	BETTENCOURT	\$116,012.84
210	Police Dept Salaries	WAYNE	MELLO JR	\$136,131.03
210	Police Dept Salaries	MARCY	HAALAND	\$118,592.92
210	Police Dept Salaries	JASON	TAVARES	\$98,988.60
210	Police Dept Salaries	GLENN	CUDMORE	\$9,926.00
210	Police Dept Salaries	JERALD	BETTENCOURT III	\$134,412.03
210	Police Dept Salaries	JAMES	BETTENCOURT	\$96,576.95
210	Police Dept Salaries	MARC	DARMOFAL	\$111,214.25
210	Police Dept Salaries	SCOTT	JOSEPH	\$167,078.01
210	Police Dept Salaries	FRANK	SNIEZEK	\$148,138.24
210	Police Dept Salaries	JOSUE	OSTOLAZA	\$108,719.13
210	Police Dept Salaries	RANEKA	SILVA	\$97,691.17
210	Police Dept Salaries	MATTHEW	GREATHEAD	\$107,373.50
210	Police Dept Salaries	MICHELLE	DASILVA	\$43,355.02
210	Police Dept Salaries	MICHAEL	WYCHE	\$75,377.20
210	Police Dept Salaries	COOPER	HOWELL	\$43,825.26
210	Police Dept Salaries	KRYSTLE	MASTERA	\$12,816.60
210	Police Dept Salaries	COLBY	NOWICKI	\$19,420.80
210	Police Dept Salaries	ALLISEN	SWISHER	\$19,420.80
210	Police Dept Salaries	LINDSAY	HALEWOOD	\$19,420.80
210	Police Dept Salaries	TIMOTHY	SOUZA	\$142,129.11
210	Police Dept Salaries	MICHAEL	BOUVIER JR	\$211,320.99
210	Police Dept Salaries	JAUNNA	FRESINA	\$72,912.73
210	Police Dept Salaries	SCOTT	COELHO	\$160,589.62
210	Police Dept Salaries	JEROME	PENHA JR	\$135,283.39
210	Police Dept Salaries	IAN	FURTADO	\$96,988.06
210	Police Dept Salaries	WILLIAM	VACHON	\$97,363.25
210	Police Dept Salaries	MICHAEL	CARRETTE	\$93,470.08
210	Police Dept Salaries	CHRISTOPHER	BEAUREGARD	\$101,063.55
210	Police Dept Salaries	JILLIAN	JODOIN	\$107,184.81
210	Police Dept Salaries	RYAN	BENOIT	\$136,626.37
210	Police Dept Salaries	ZACHARY	VIERA	\$193,749.90
210	Police Dept Salaries	ALEXANDER	SILVA	\$147,695.26
210	Police Dept Salaries	CECILIA	ROSARIO	\$11,447.16
210	Police Dept Salaries	ANDREW	DILLON	\$182,343.21
210	Police Dept Salaries	ETHAN	HORSLEY	\$105,265.37
210	Police Dept Salaries	PRICILLA	GAMBOA LOMELI	\$19,457.62
210	Police Dept Salaries	ABIGALE	GRIFFITH	\$6,139.20
			<i>POLICE TOTAL</i>	\$4,906,845.13
809	Police Off Duty	RONNIE	MANZONE	\$11,251.00
809	Police Off Duty	PAUL	ANDREWS	\$3,326.00
809	Police Off Duty	ALEXANDER	SOARES	\$8,490.00
809	Police Off Duty	STEPHEN	FOSTER JR	\$1,806.00

809	Police Off Duty	PHILIP	LACERDA	\$55,443.00
809	Police Off Duty	LAURIE	CANNON	\$63,226.15
809	Police Off Duty	KEVIN	KOBZA	\$179,362.59
809	Police Off Duty	DAVID	SOBRAL	\$205,246.13
809	Police Off Duty	MICHAEL	MYERS	\$227,467.74
809	Police Off Duty	PAMELA	BOURGAULT	\$32,389.00
809	Police Off Duty	ROBERT	BOIVIN	\$360.00
809	Police Off Duty	MICHAEL	ALVES	\$3,699.50
809	Police Off Duty	DONNA	WUNSCHER	\$248.00
809	Police Off Duty	JUSTIN	KING	\$1,224.00
809	Police Off Duty	MICHAEL	BOTELHO	\$20,794.00
809	Police Off Duty	DAVID	CORREIA	\$26,034.75
809	Police Off Duty	GARY	ROUSSEAU	\$1,998.50
809	Police Off Duty	PETER	SILVIA	\$1,333.00
			<i>POLICE OFF DUTY TOTAL</i>	\$843,699.36
220	Fire Dept Salaries	JOY	NICHOLS	\$179,082.10
220	Fire Dept Salaries	JOSHUA	BENOIT	\$142,715.65
220	Fire Dept Salaries	MAGGIE	ROCHA	\$117,872.63
220	Fire Dept Salaries	JONATHAN	COX	\$140,256.77
220	Fire Dept Salaries	SHAWN	GRAJALES	\$94,429.95
220	Fire Dept Salaries	ERIK	HORSLEY	\$98,598.16
220	Fire Dept Salaries	TROY	DECOUTO	\$106,932.35
220	Fire Dept Salaries	IAN	THATCHER	\$46,494.90
220	Fire Dept Salaries	KYLE	TEVAULT	\$93,038.86
220	Fire Dept Salaries	CHAD	FITZGERALD	\$100,124.46
220	Fire Dept Salaries	BRAD	JOHNSON	\$88,285.06
220	Fire Dept Salaries	RYAN	LANGLOIS	\$86,516.78
220	Fire Dept Salaries	RUBEN	JACOB	\$51,570.35
220	Fire Dept Salaries	WILSON	SMITH	\$22,747.62
220	Fire Dept Salaries	TODD	CORREIA	\$186,228.25
220	Fire Dept Salaries	KRISTINE	AUSTIN	\$70,375.72
220	Fire Dept Salaries	CHAUNCEY	BURR	\$138,048.50
220	Fire Dept Salaries	BRIAN	RIGGS	\$140,297.78
220	Fire Dept Salaries	PAUL	CORREIA	\$173,963.49
220	Fire Dept Salaries	KEVIN	GONSALVES	\$97,289.10
220	Fire Dept Salaries	NATHAN	REBELLO	\$113,549.85
220	Fire Dept Salaries	TYLER	CORREIA	\$105,024.58
220	Fire Dept Salaries	WILLIAM	OLIVER	\$85,837.09
220	Fire Dept Salaries	TIMOTHY	DESROCHES	\$105,443.34
220	Fire Dept Salaries	SEAN	HARRINGTON	\$96,831.71
220	Fire Dept Salaries	JESSE	LACERDA	\$131,005.90
220	Fire Dept Salaries	JORDAN	CABRAL	\$115,253.30
220	Fire Dept Salaries	SCOTT	RITTENHOUSE	\$100,789.20
220	Fire Dept Salaries	SHAWN	OLIVEIRA	\$101,787.44
220	Fire Dept Salaries	RYAN	AMADO	\$120,845.59
220	Fire Dept Salaries	SPENCER	ESPINOLA	\$89,460.26
220	Fire Dept Salaries	TIMOTHY	REILLY	\$89,476.87
220	Fire Dept Salaries	RYAN	DELOREY	\$8,640.27
220	Fire Dept Salaries	DIONDRE	GOMES	\$104,181.11
			<i>FIRE TOTAL</i>	\$3,542,994.99
221	Call Fire Dept Salaries	NICHOLAS	OLIVEIRA	\$4,944.49
221	Call Fire Dept Salaries	JAMES	SOUZA	\$250.00
221	Call Fire Dept Salaries	ADAM	KATZ	\$410.44
221	Call Fire Dept Salaries	STEPHEN	FOSTER	\$420.00
221	Call Fire Dept Salaries	NICHOLAS	GAUTREAU	\$1,669.51
222	Call Fire Dept Salaries	TODD	COX	\$7,593.22

221	Call Fire Dept Salaries	DAVID	WILSON	\$2,319.45
221	Call Fire Dept Salaries	JAKE	GALLAGHER	\$719.64
221	Call Fire Dept Salaries	G BOURNE	KNOWLES	\$2,733.63
221	Call Fire Dept Salaries	THOMAS	THATCHER	\$2,107.14
221	Call Fire Dept Salaries	HEATHER	LOPES	\$2,499.73
221	Call Fire Dept Salaries	SHAIN	RAMOS	\$272.25
221	Call Fire Dept Salaries	MATTHEW	FOSTER	\$721.74
			<i>CALL FIRE TOTAL</i>	\$26,661.24
225	Fire Alarm Salaries	ROBERT	LINCOLN	\$8,805.68
			<i>FIRE ALARM TOTAL</i>	\$8,805.68
291	Civil Defense Salaries	MARC	JODOIN	\$4,000.00
			<i>CIVIL DEFENSE TOTAL</i>	\$4,000.00
241	Building Dept Salaries	HENRY	DAIGLE	\$4,527.97
241	Building Dept Salaries	NORMAN	LUSSIER	\$17,542.33
241	Building Dept Salaries	WILLIAM	ALPHONSE	\$1,965.82
241	Building Dept Salaries	JOEL	REED	\$23,546.25
241	Building Dept Salaries	RANDALL	BASSETT	\$31,700.89
241	Building Dept Salaries	RICHARD	FORAND	\$45,792.00
241	Building Dept Salaries	JOSEPH	CHARPENTIER	\$2,315.10
241	Building Dept Salaries	PAUL	RAPOSO	\$28,099.20
241	Building Dept Salaries	WILLIAM	HORROCKS	\$1,500.00
241	Building Dept Salaries	SUZANNE	VIEIRA	\$52,214.69
			<i>BUILDING TOTAL</i>	\$209,204.25
244	Weights & Measures Salaries	RAYMOND	WHITE	\$7,140.00
			<i>WEIGHTS &amp; MEASURES TOTAL</i>	\$7,140.00
294	Tree Warden Salaries	DON	COLLASIUS	\$4,270.56
			<i>TREE WARDEN TOTAL</i>	\$4,270.56
295	Tree Warden Dept. Salaries	BENJAMIN	JOPE	\$1,848.82
295	Tree Warden Dept. Salaries	JOSHUA	DEXTRAZE	\$2,716.05
295	Tree Warden Dept. Salaries	EUGENE	TRACZ	\$3,945.42
			<i>TREE LABORER TOTAL</i>	\$8,510.29
298	Marine Resources Salaries	BRANDON	ESTRELLA	\$25,205.84
298	Marine Resources Salaries	TIMOTHY	COX	\$121,022.60
298	Marine Resources Salaries	STEVEN	BOTELHO	\$143.60
298	Marine Resources Salaries	WADE	CABANA	\$16,878.97
298	Marine Resources Salaries	G STEVEN	RILEY	\$10,478.87
298	Marine Resources Salaries	BRADFORD	FISH	\$1,870.69
298	Marine Resources Salaries	SHARON	MILLS	\$44,201.78
			<i>MARINE RESOURCES TOTAL</i>	\$219,802.35
420	Highway Dept Salaries	KYLE	WINDERLICK	\$63,333.98
420	Highway Dept Salaries	JOHN	GAGLIARDI	\$72,782.41
420	Highway Dept Salaries	JOSEPH	DESROCHES	\$79,154.35
420	Highway Dept Salaries	Estate of CHARLES	HURLEY	\$19,086.06
420	Highway Dept Salaries	SHAWN	FRANCIS	\$56,063.36
420	Highway Dept Salaries	ALESSANDRO	DOS SANTOS	\$70,442.96
420	Highway Dept Salaries	JAMES	MARTIN JR	\$19,490.32
420	Highway Dept Salaries	CHRISTOPHER	FRANKLIN	\$36,642.40
420	Highway Dept Salaries	CHRISTOPHER	FERNANDES	\$47,957.03
420	Highway Dept Salaries	KIM	NOGUEIRA	\$58,885.13
420	Highway Dept Salaries	JAMES	LAWRENCE	\$66,716.82
420	Highway Dept Salaries	SEAN	SIMONIN	\$60,736.03
420	Highway Dept Salaries	DAVID	FARLAND	\$63,607.83
420	Highway Dept Salaries	MATTHEW	GIROUARD	\$59,094.56
420	Highway Dept Salaries	CHRISTOPHER	AMARAL	\$68,182.59
420	Highway Dept Salaries	REED	FOURNIER-AMARAL	\$38,222.11



420	Highway Dept Salaries	MICHAEL	LOPES	\$43,333.17
420	Highway Dept Salaries	JODY	DONNELLY JR	\$44,117.64
420	Highway Dept Salaries	JOSHUA	CRABB	\$110,559.11
420	Highway Dept Salaries	JASON	DEREE	\$59,782.65
420	Highway Dept Salaries	ROBERT	FRIAS	\$62,322.20
			<i>HIGHWAY TOTAL</i>	\$1,200,512.71
421	Bpw Adm Salaries	VINCENT	FURTADO	\$140,394.32
421	Bpw Adm Salaries	REBECCA	VENTO	\$83,813.61
421	Bpw Adm Salaries	KATHY	TRIPP	\$30,434.80
			<i>BPW ADM TOTAL</i>	\$254,642.73
440	Sewer Dept Salaries	LEE	BARLOW	\$71,541.01
440	Sewer Dept Salaries	VICTOR	OLIVEIRA	\$86,086.45
440	Sewer Dept Salaries	MATTHEW	MANZONE	\$81,292.14
440	Sewer Dept Salaries	MANUEL	LUIZ	\$50,751.71
440	Sewer Dept Salaries	TYLER	PERRY	\$62,425.15
440	Sewer Dept Salaries	JEFFREY	OSUCH	\$57,600.00
440	Sewer Dept Salaries	ALEXANDER	PULLMAN	\$50,062.19
440	Sewer Dept Salaries	RENE	ROBILLARD	\$118,085.40
440	Sewer Dept Salaries	RAYMOND	PACZOSA	\$91,269.48
440	Sewer Dept Salaries	JOSEPH	FRATES	\$87,789.51
440	Sewer Dept Salaries	DANA	HATHAWAY	\$72,540.49
440	Sewer Dept Salaries	NICHOLAS	PARKER	\$78,107.69
440	Sewer Dept Salaries	RYAN	ROBILLARD	\$56,246.39
440	Sewer Dept Salaries	ROSEMARY	COSTA	\$55,637.08
440	Sewer Dept Salaries	JARED	AMARAL	\$72,973.11
440	Sewer Dept Salaries	SETH	ARRUDA	\$55,451.29
440	Sewer Dept Salaries	TRAVIS	MASTEN	\$7,611.48
440	Sewer Dept Salaries	HAILEY	HEMINGWAY	\$44,309.30
			<i>SEWER TOTAL</i>	\$1,199,779.87
450	Water Dept Salaries	JONATHAN	BOWERS	\$79,549.08
450	Water Dept Salaries	JOYCE	WILSON	\$55,432.08
450	Water Dept Salaries	DARYL	SNELL	\$72,469.35
450	Water Dept Salaries	JEFFREY	FURTADO	\$124,139.01
450	Water Dept Salaries	AMIAH	AGUIAR	\$2,021.45
450	Water Dept Salaries	KARL	FLEURENT	\$104,109.77
450	Water Dept Salaries	SETH	ALEXION	\$69,491.37
450	Water Dept Salaries	KRISTY	LAVALETTE	\$47,196.18
450	Water Dept Salaries	JOSHUA	CHASE	\$62,000.08
450	Water Dept Salaries	SEAN	MITCHELL	\$59,034.86
			<i>WATER TOTAL</i>	\$675,443.23
650	Park Department	MANUEL	SOUZA	\$79,518.32
650	Park Department	CAMERON	MARTEL	\$5,120.33
650	Park Department	CARLY	BRADSHAW	\$2,446.47
650	Park Department	NATHAN	PICKUP JR	\$1,617.42
650	Park Department	IAN	ALEXION	\$4,422.56
650	Park Department	ETHAN	NAULT	\$2,254.96
650	Park Department	DONALD	JOSEPH III	\$6,208.87
650	Park Department	ETHAN	VIEIRA	\$6,040.88
650	Park Department	LIZA	PINETTE	\$2,751.97
650	Park Department	ELLA	BARTHOLOMEW	\$2,395.20
650	Park Department	CHLOE	SANTOS	\$4,432.23
650	Park Department	JANAY	LEMIEUX	\$2,277.52
650	Park Department	BRETT	SILVA	\$8,072.94
650	Park Department	LAILA	AMARAL	\$1,312.15
650	Park Department	CAILIN	AUBUT	\$2,114.39
650	Park Department	TOBIAS	LAWRENCE	\$4,684.38

			<i>PARK TOTAL</i>	\$135,670.59
510	Board Of Health	THOMAS	HEMINGWAY	\$21,675.00
510	Board Of Health	BARBARA	ACKSEN	\$1,005.27
510	Board Of Health	JUSTINE	FREZZA	\$1,723.32
510	Board Of Health	ANGELICA	MEDEIROS	\$43,164.70
510	Board Of Health	BRIAN	MENESES	\$2,010.54
510	Board Of Health	DAVID	FLAHERTY JR.	\$88,966.61
			<i>HEALTH DEPT TOTAL</i>	\$158,545.44
541	Council On Aging Salaries	FRANK	BARCELLOS JR	\$12,286.70
541	Council On Aging Salaries	WILLIAM	FARRELL	\$664.70
541	Council On Aging Salaries	JAMES	HENNESSY	\$8,880.07
541	Council On Aging Salaries	PHYLLIS	PEQUITA	\$292.03
541	Council On Aging Salaries	CHRISTINE	ALFONSE	\$17,779.32
541	Council On Aging Salaries	ANNE	SILVIA	\$4,508.79
541	Council On Aging Salaries	FREDA	STMARIE-JOHNSON	\$14,057.85
541	Council On Aging Salaries	DEBRA	CHMIEL	\$16,732.18
541	Council On Aging Salaries	KRISTY	MEDEIROS	\$2,852.66
541	Council On Aging Salaries	PETER	CHMIEL	\$5,056.98
541	Council On Aging Salaries	DEBORAH	LEONARDO	\$17,762.50
541	Council On Aging Salaries	LEON	HEBERT JR.	\$1,663.09
541	Council On Aging Salaries	SALLY	BOURKE	\$47,781.32
541	Council On Aging Salaries	RONALD	DEXTER	\$13,315.01
541	Council On Aging Salaries	JOCELYN	BOWERS	\$45,944.16
541	Council On Aging Salaries	STEPHEN	ALMEIDA	\$5,289.76
541	Council On Aging Salaries	MARTHA	REED	\$83,041.60
			<i>COA TOTAL</i>	\$297,908.72
543	Veterans Services Salaries	MICHAEL	JENNEY	\$65,156.40
543	Veterans Services Salaries	JANE	BETTENCOURT	\$23,378.46
			<i>VSO TOTAL</i>	\$88,534.86
640	Rec Center	RACHEL	MARTIN	\$59,341.07
640	Rec Center	NANCY	GIBEAU	\$2,225.00
640	Rec Center	EAMONN	ANDRE	\$146.02
640	Rec Center	DONNA	RISTUCCIA	\$1,347.95
640	Rec Center	MICHAELA	BARREIRA	\$19,723.09
640	Rec Center	SIERRA	SANTOS	\$4,708.79
640	Rec Center	CHEYANNE	DAPONTE	\$11,325.50
640	Rec Center	JAYCE	DUARTE	\$5,787.29
640	Rec Center	OWEN	CENTEIO	\$5,787.83
640	Rec Center	JENNIFER	CARDOZA	\$40,731.29
640	Rec Center	ISABELLA	MENARD	\$4,584.95
640	Rec Center	VICTORIA	DUMAS	\$4,479.60
640	Rec Center	LYLA	OZDOGRU	\$5,222.33
640	Rec Center	JULIE	BAIARDI	\$1,760.00
640	Rec Center	COLBY	CARREIRO	\$12,743.06
640	Rec Center	MEAGHAN	DUFRESNE	\$8,280.14
640	Rec Center	JOHN	HAALAND	\$10,379.70
640	Rec Center	BRAYDEN	DUARTE	\$7,990.39
640	Rec Center	MICAYLA	DANIELS-PACHECO	\$4,073.91
640	Rec Center	GAVIN	AUSTIN	\$6,023.03
640	Rec Center	KELLEY	RAMIREZ	\$73,922.60
			<i>REC CENTER TOTAL</i>	\$290,583.54
950	Gov Access	CADEN	LISA	\$1,782.03
950	Gov Access	NICHOLAS	DOYLE	\$18,115.92
950	Gov Access	ERICK	SA	\$53,986.23
950	Gov Access	DEREK	FRATES	\$79,104.00
950	Gov Access	TODD	MIGLIACCI	\$10,186.08

950	Gov Access	WILLIAM	BOUVIER	\$460.72
			GOV ACCESS TOTAL	\$163,634.98
320	Administration	NICOLE	POTTER	\$123,795.76
320	Administration	BARBARA	LORANGER	\$49,876.42
320	Administration	TARA	KOHLER	\$195,188.63
320	Administration	NICOLE	MCNEIL	\$94,631.78
320	Administration	SANDRA	ARRIBADA	\$44,125.34
320	Administration	LINDA	BURKE	\$25,285.96
320	Administration	MEAGHAN	FOSTIN	\$6,968.32
320	Administration	STEVEN	ROSA	\$99,613.80
320	Administration	MELISSA	FRIAS	\$40,466.51
320	Administration	JESSICA	MONIZ	\$69,075.05
320	Administration	CHRISTINA	PINHEIRO	\$1,293.57
320	Administration	SHERI	SOUZA	\$64,867.32
320	Administration	MARK	BALESTRACCI	\$147,882.87
320	Administration	TANYA	DAWSON	\$119,009.02
			SCHOOL ADMIN TOTAL	\$1,082,080.35
321	Elementary	CATHY	SILVA	\$97,838.64
321	Elementary	LISA	NEELY	\$90,003.64
321	Elementary	STEPHANIE	PICKUP	\$85,768.50
321	Elementary	JENNIFER	PERROTTI	\$90,055.64
321	Elementary	JACLYN	LEWIS	\$24,640.57
321	Elementary	BETH	MITCHELL	\$37,867.25
321	Elementary	DONNA	CHARPENTIER	\$43,729.13
321	Elementary	MICHELLE	LAVERDIERE	\$102,330.26
321	Elementary	AMY	SILVA	\$106,798.14
321	Elementary	PAULA	BISSONNETTE	\$82,233.84
321	Elementary	PATRICE	NOGUEIRA	\$63,617.95
321	Elementary	SARAH	LOPES	\$88,633.64
321	Elementary	LAURA	PANELL	\$87,128.64
321	Elementary	ANNETTE	PALMER	\$49,787.23
321	Elementary	MELISSA	TAYLOR	\$81,399.37
321	Elementary	HEATHER	LONG ROISE	\$90,173.14
321	Elementary	JOCELYNE	BEAUBIEN	\$94,505.77
321	Elementary	SHERYL	ZYGIEL	\$26,716.50
321	Elementary	KATE	JOSEPH	\$57,748.54
321	Elementary	ZACHARY	NICKERSON	\$4,483.80
321	Elementary	JENNIFER	RUTKOWSKI	\$88,547.09
321	Elementary	ERICA	PALLATRONI	\$87,721.14
321	Elementary	JENNIFER	DUMAS	\$28,021.85
321	Elementary	ASHLEY	PATNAUDE	\$81,399.37
321	Elementary	KERI	MONROE	\$72,008.48
321	Elementary	JACOB	COSTA	\$67,095.27
321	Elementary	JAMEY	CARR	\$62,842.43
321	Elementary	MAUREEN	LEE	\$84,181.47
321	Elementary	REGINA	FRAZIER	\$87,996.32
321	Elementary	JENNIFER	CASTELO	\$92,610.64
321	Elementary	JESSICA	LIMA	\$26,737.54
321	Elementary	SAMANTHA	TAGGART	\$32,228.38
321	Elementary	CAROLINE	DECOSTA	\$6,150.29
321	Elementary	APRIL	MORRIS	\$58,701.65
321	Elementary	BENJAMIN	PARRY	\$44,028.11
321	Elementary	NICOLETTE	BACHE	\$42,381.86
321	Elementary	AMBER	MEERBACH	\$86,598.64
321	Elementary	MAGGIE	PATON	\$17,859.05
321	Elementary	ISABELLA	GEORGE	\$44,637.90

321	Elementary	JO-ANN	DEAN	\$23,063.58
321	Elementary	AMANDA	HUESMANN	\$53,021.00
321	Elementary	JEAN	PIERRE	\$29,008.58
321	Elementary	CHRISTINE	PACHECO	\$31,284.50
321	Elementary	DANIELLE	GRACIE	\$13,928.63
321	Elementary	MELISSA	O'DOWD	\$13,666.18
321	Elementary	KRAIG	PERRY	\$13,623.00
321	Elementary	HANNAH	LEWIS	\$8,697.31
321	Elementary	KRISTEN	MEDEIROS	\$21,151.23
321	Elementary	CHELSEA	DEFEO	\$28,550.48
321	Elementary	BETHANY	BETTENCOURT	\$4,068.28
321	Elementary	LAUREN	PROVOST BACHSTEIN	\$9,523.03
321	Elementary	AMY	DORSCHIED	\$5,384.56
321	Elementary	JUDITH	LEGENDRE	\$963.09
321	Elementary	MICHELLE	PAVLIC	\$57,928.16
321	Elementary	DAWN	MATTOS	\$85,101.32
321	Elementary	TERESA	LINCOLN	\$84,114.50
321	Elementary	VALERIE	TURNER	\$85,648.82
321	Elementary	CAROLYN	LOPES	\$20,702.07
321	Elementary	LISA	THOMAS	\$58,492.43
321	Elementary	CHRISTINA	EDMINSTER	\$15,856.91
321	Elementary	SARAH	MURPHY	\$73,769.68
321	Elementary	WENDY	WEIDENFELLER	\$123,347.12
321	Elementary	KELSEY	PRIOR	\$77,494.59
321	Elementary	ERIN	HOAK	\$86,638.64
321	Elementary	KERI	THATCHER	\$20,007.96
321	Elementary	MELISSA	CASMIRA	\$29,807.18
321	Elementary	MEAGAN	ALLEN	\$77,954.59
321	Elementary	COURTNEY	TRANFAGLIA	\$36,266.49
321	Elementary	LAURIE-ANN	PACHECO	\$31,362.26
321	Elementary	BETHANY	KASZYK	\$48,587.52
321	Elementary	JANET	POTVIN	\$21,092.73
			ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TOTAL	\$3,807,314.09
322	Middle School	DANIEL	MARSHALL	\$90,038.64
322	Middle School	SONYA	BEAUSOLEIL	\$93,976.68
322	Middle School	LISA	CLARK	\$49,020.54
322	Middle School	SONJA	BARREIROS	\$58,530.36
322	Middle School	ANNIE	PEGG	\$91,521.14
322	Middle School	KEVIN	REEDY	\$95,660.14
322	Middle School	ELIZABETH	CHOQUETTE	\$39,918.74
322	Middle School	KERRIE	EDWARDS	\$76,784.46
322	Middle School	ELADIO	GOMEZ JR	\$49,538.56
322	Middle School	DAVID	STANTON	\$92,534.39
322	Middle School	MONICA	LANDIS	\$91,729.19
322	Middle School	CHRISTOPHER	EDWARDS	\$89,698.00
322	Middle School	LISA	CADIMA	\$87,858.50
322	Middle School	JULIE	COSTA	\$63,731.53
322	Middle School	THERESA	SINKO	\$37,003.67
322	Middle School	LINDSAY	DAYS	\$31,526.44
322	Middle School	EDWARD	HAMILTON	\$86,463.64
322	Middle School	MICHELLE	GUNSCHHEL	\$102,295.20
322	Middle School	LOUISE	DILLON	\$26,100.98
322	Middle School	DAWN	REGO	\$95,657.44
322	Middle School	RENEE	BRADSHAW	\$92,608.14
322	Middle School	KYLE	ALVES	\$133,991.41
322	Middle School	JEREMY	KENNEFICK	\$92,142.82

322	Middle School	JACQUELINE	BRANCA	\$38,938.95
322	Middle School	ELLEN	DICKINSON	\$5,550.68
322	Middle School	KENDRALEE	GARCIA	\$58,233.82
322	Middle School	CRYSTLE	CALVIN	\$53,568.07
322	Middle School	DONNA	TORRES	\$73,839.68
322	Middle School	SCOTT	LYMAN	\$49,776.96
322	Middle School	MEGAN	CLAVELL	\$14,917.33
322	Middle School	ETHAN	MORGAN	\$16,043.08
322	Middle School	REBECCA	KEARNEY	\$20,340.93
322	Middle School	EMILY	VASCONCELOS	\$16,131.79
322	Middle School	JENNIFER	JORDAN	\$29,678.71
322	Middle School	SARA	MOST	\$10,388.06
322	Middle School	JOAN	TRACEY	\$101,101.31
322	Middle School	NELLY	NUNES	\$89,590.23
322	Middle School	KIMBERLY	LEBLANC	\$87,878.64
322	Middle School	LAURIE	HEBERT-HUNTER	\$88,048.64
322	Middle School	PATRICK	BERRY	\$45,934.62
322	Middle School	CHRISTOPHER	CAMARA	\$77,691.97
322	Middle School	JILL	SULLIVAN	\$80,154.59
322	Middle School	JENNIFER	PEASE	\$85,943.97
322	Middle School	MARY	CONSTANTINE	\$85,180.03
322	Middle School	PATRICK	GALVAO	\$71,182.18
322	Middle School	KELLY	DONOVAN	\$33,725.49
322	Middle School	GRACE	GALINHA	\$64,288.02
322	Middle School	COURTNEY	O'REILLY	\$43,232.45
322	Middle School	COLLIN	MELO	\$34,482.43
322	Middle School	SHAWN	DASILVA	\$55,166.57
322	Middle School	DANIELLA	COBB	\$53,486.96
322	Middle School	ELIZABETH	MACHADO	\$62,817.98
322	Middle School	LILLIAN	WAGNER	\$69,684.86
322	Middle School	MORGAN	MATTHEWS BYRON	\$61,673.51
322	Middle School	PORSCHKE	PACHECO	\$36,880.63
322	Middle School	MARTY	SHURTLEFF	\$47,044.49
322	Middle School	RYAN	DEVINCENT	\$29,416.54
322	Middle School	BRETT	DENNING	\$79,073.17
322	Middle School	BROOKE	TEXEIRA	\$17,423.09
322	Middle School	KEVIN	PACHECO	\$51,981.96
			MIDDLE SCHOOL TOTAL	\$3,708,823.00
323	High School	DANA	ALMEIDA	\$5,602.00
323	High School	CARI	MAILLOUX	\$88,671.14
323	High School	TARA	COSTA	\$97,997.87
323	High School	ANGELA	ALLAIRE	\$101,581.14
323	High School	BENJAMIN	HEVEY	\$87,378.64
323	High School	MATTHEW	BURLINSON	\$87,588.64
323	High School	TINA	LAFOUNTAIN	\$50,272.29
323	High School	JUDY	PAVAO	\$30,523.04
323	High School	GREGORY	DAVIS	\$90,881.40
323	High School	JULIE	SUNDERLAND	\$90,106.14
323	High School	MICHAEL	RICHARDSON	\$86,498.00
323	High School	TRACY	HIGGINS	\$101,978.27
323	High School	SONJA	PAIVA	\$7,200.00
323	High School	RUDOLPH	BULGAR	\$35,470.04
323	High School	STACY	DOYON	\$87,128.64
323	High School	ANDREW	L'ETOILE	\$31,489.99
323	High School	ANN	LACASSE-ELLIOT	\$10,292.90
323	High School	ERIN	COSTA	\$7,203.17

323	High School	BRENDA	ROVEDA	\$87,568.64
323	High School	SCOTT	FRANCIS	\$107,820.32
323	High School	JENNIFER	POLOCHICK	\$74,535.41
323	High School	CHERYL	OLIVIER	\$87,903.64
323	High School	JEFFREY	MOLL	\$88,421.14
323	High School	KEVIN	BEAULIEU	\$90,653.64
323	High School	PAMELA	CORCORAN	\$30,891.88
323	High School	CHRISTINE	NEVILLE	\$88,253.64
323	High School	ROBERT	GESUALDO	\$95,631.14
323	High School	ANDRE	SYLVIA	\$40,404.16
323	High School	SARAH	AMARAL-PINA	\$88,246.14
323	High School	NICHOLAS	PILLA	\$89,468.64
323	High School	JASON	ANTONIO	\$6,153.17
323	High School	JAMIE	LYNCH	\$88,643.64
323	High School	LENORE	FURTADO	\$97,354.66
323	High School	AMBER	RODERICK	\$4,937.00
323	High School	COURTNEY	DUARTE	\$69,215.36
323	High School	LISA	LUNNEY	\$87,658.64
323	High School	ROSANNA	BYRNES	\$88,024.39
323	High School	JOHN	NUNES	\$2,481.00
323	High School	ABIGAIL	PIMENTAL	\$80,299.13
323	High School	STEPHEN	BOUCHER	\$101,211.65
323	High School	ANDREW	KULAK	\$131,605.85
323	High School	JAMES	COUSENS JR	\$89,991.64
323	High School	MELISSA	DUARTE	\$95,471.68
323	High School	DAVID	WELTY	\$109,382.56
323	High School	TOVE	BENDIKSEN	\$88,078.64
323	High School	PRISCILLA	MCHALE	\$25,826.69
323	High School	TANYA	SOUSA	\$31,445.00
323	High School	TRACEY	FRANCIS	\$1,910.00
323	High School	GREGORY	CENTEIO III	\$420.00
323	High School	MATTHEW	GRADY	\$56,441.19
323	High School	CHELSEY	BERGSTEN	\$81,399.37
323	High School	RACHEL	CESARINI	\$75,409.90
323	High School	LAUREN	DUFFY	\$67,660.79
323	High School	HEIDI	CRABBE	\$48,656.18
323	High School	LAURA	SCALONE-FINTON	\$62,395.28
323	High School	KASEY	LYFORD	\$24,754.76
323	High School	RICARDO	OLIVEIRA	\$296.20
323	High School	DAVID	MAHMOUD	\$49,062.54
323	High School	KENNEDY	HUNTER	\$49,834.58
323	High School	MAURICE	AYALA	\$41,765.35
323	High School	NICOLE	BRUNO	\$23,882.15
323	High School	BETHANY	LAWRENCE	\$3,191.58
323	High School	DAVID	DIPAOLLO	\$31,507.15
323	High School	GLORIA	CUTRONE	\$30,295.02
323	High School	AMELIA	QUITERIO	\$16,356.79
323	High School	SHARON	LACROIX	\$31,192.54
323	High School	KAYLA	RALEIGH	\$16,236.79
323	High School	ALEXANDRA	NASON	\$16,337.34
323	High School	JULIE	LORANGER	\$2,962.00
323	High School	LAURA	CLAY	\$7,819.34
323	High School	SUSAN	BAGGE	\$7,700.00
323	High School	MINDY	PETRUCCI	\$18,522.00
323	High School	ANDREW	GUILLOTTE	\$12,643.35
323	High School	MANUEL	RIBEIRO	\$79,058.73

323	High School	DONALD	JOSEPH JR	\$106,602.40
323	High School	CHRISTOPHER	FOSTER	\$91,061.14
323	High School	BRYAN	YOUNG	\$67,992.39
323	High School	STEVEN	HORSLEY	\$52,800.12
323	High School	DEREK	ALMEIDA	\$97,458.82
323	High School	MICHAEL	PONTE	\$525.00
323	High School	KAREN	STAHOWIAK	\$89,758.64
323	High School	ALLISON	LIMA	\$4,937.00
323	High School	BRIAN	RICHARD	\$47,759.13
323	High School	ANDREW	DAVEY	\$107,789.14
323	High School	CHRISTINE	OLIVEIRA	\$96,499.89
323	High School	BRIANNA	JONES	\$3,802.00
323	High School	KATE	STARVISH	\$34,495.89
323	High School	MARISA	REBELO	\$4,986.00
323	High School	DAVID	DONNELLY	\$43,801.70
323	High School	WILLIAM	CARR	\$77,619.59
323	High School	TIMOTHY	LUZ	\$82,959.66
323	High School	ALLEN	CONSTANT	\$77,560.04
323	High School	MOLLY	MCNULTY	\$89,058.89
323	High School	MILLER	VEITCH	\$3,697.00
323	High School	ALLYSON	COLLETTE	\$70,859.90
323	High School	CODY	RODRIGUES	\$76,682.40
323	High School	JOHN	RICCIARDI	\$78,292.78
323	High School	MICHAEL	AGUIAR	\$50,313.62
323	High School	COLBYLYN	GILMAN	\$66,545.12
323	High School	WILFRED	GILL	\$4,937.00
323	High School	NICOLE	GIANNANDREA	\$108,344.14
323	High School	MEREDITH	SMITH	\$89,547.30
323	High School	JARRID	ANTIL	\$1,777.20
323	High School	DAVID	PEIXOTO	\$2,962.00
323	High School	NICOLE	PIKE	\$2,468.00
323	High School	PAUL	MELLO	\$12,434.38
323	High School	ERIKA	BENEVIDES	\$33,372.72
323	High School	BREANNA	DEMANCHE	\$3,308.00
323	High School	TAYLOR	CANASTRA	\$62,024.43
323	High School	KENZIE	CAMARA	\$61,185.74
323	High School	MICHAEL	FERNANDES	\$63,579.98
323	High School	JUNE	REEDY	\$62,678.23
323	High School	VINICIUS	BARREIROS	\$888.60
323	High School	NICHOLAS	ELLIOTT	\$34,149.27
323	High School	AUSTIN	CABRAL	\$1,184.80
323	High School	JOHANNA	THORP	\$20,468.79
323	High School	JOHN	BULGAR	\$2,468.00
323	High School	NINA	MEDEIROS	\$735.00
323	High School	AMANDA	KING	\$58,862.84
323	High School	MARIA	GIELLA	\$55,268.41
323	High School	NICHOLAS	KLEIMOLA	\$54,472.79
323	High School	MARLENE	SABEH	\$75,222.21
323	High School	LESLIE	COSTA	\$13,580.00
323	High School	MEGAN	LAFLEUR	\$36,432.77
323	High School	MICHAEL	GOMES	\$3,089.00
			<i>FHS TOTAL</i>	\$6,512,453.18
324	Wood School	MAUREEN	GRACE	\$22,634.04
324	Wood School	ROBERT	SMITH JR	\$50,657.39
324	Wood School	AMY	INGEMI	\$88,823.64
324	Wood School	KIM	DWYER	\$88,671.14

324	Wood School	KRISTEN	ANTONIO	\$35,348.27
324	Wood School	KELLY	GUILFOYLE	\$89,051.14
324	Wood School	CAROL	TYNAN	\$89,546.14
324	Wood School	KAYLA	SATCHELL	\$90,366.14
324	Wood School	LYNN	ARRUDA	\$87,381.87
324	Wood School	KENDRA	LANGLAIS	\$87,541.14
324	Wood School	SILVIA	OLIVEIRA	\$90,313.14
324	Wood School	JILL	LEVE MC GEE	\$85,222.53
324	Wood School	DEBORAH	NICOLOSI	\$74,544.68
324	Wood School	KIMBERLY	KATZ	\$87,351.14
324	Wood School	STACY	INGHAM	\$35,016.83
324	Wood School	MONICA	HOMER	\$82,729.50
324	Wood School	KERRI	BENJAMIN	\$79,750.34
324	Wood School	ALYSSA	OUELLETTE	\$73,884.18
324	Wood School	JESSICA	BASSETT	\$20,975.19
324	Wood School	CAROLE	BARBOZA	\$90,623.64
324	Wood School	LYNN	VASCONCELOS	\$99,998.00
324	Wood School	LESLYE	TILTON	\$94,330.64
324	Wood School	HEATHER	BUSSIERE	\$25,250.27
324	Wood School	VANESSA	EGGLESTON	\$22,850.58
324	Wood School	PAUL	BOUSFIELD	\$47,380.49
324	Wood School	CECILE	SINCLAIR	\$13,697.86
324	Wood School	MICHELLE	MENDONCA	\$23,427.05
324	Wood School	TESS	TIEU	\$86,498.64
324	Wood School	MICHELLE	AUSTIN	\$86,668.64
324	Wood School	MARIAH	SHIELDS	\$29,608.78
324	Wood School	KRYSTLA	FAY	\$85,531.47
324	Wood School	PAUL	CLOUTIER	\$1,254.87
324	Wood School	CHRISTOPHER	DEOLIVEIRA JR	\$20,735.82
324	Wood School	JORDYN	MAXIM	\$19,447.28
324	Wood School	JUSTIN	SILVA	\$26,389.64
324	Wood School	AUSTIN	BURNS	\$16,371.64
324	Wood School	SERENA	HUTCHINGS	\$3,843.84
324	Wood School	SOFIA	DUPRAS	\$9,405.71
324	Wood School	PAULA	DESROSIERS	\$90,485.64
324	Wood School	CYNTHIA	ROCK	\$83,864.50
324	Wood School	BRENDAN	FOSTER	\$90,003.64
324	Wood School	DEREK	GALVAM	\$98,575.64
324	Wood School	MICHELLE	SOUZA	\$44,411.78
324	Wood School	CAROL	MEDEIROS	\$22,524.48
324	Wood School	MEG	HUNT	\$90,195.64
324	Wood School	BRIAN	MUNCE	\$92,528.64
324	Wood School	KELLY	KENYON	\$44,527.45
324	Wood School	TRACEY	DINGEE	\$87,511.14
324	Wood School	BRENNER	DECAS	\$77,914.59
324	Wood School	MELISSA	DESNOYERS	\$7,301.26
324	Wood School	TRISHA	STE. MARIE	\$23,555.66
324	Wood School	RUSSELL	MOURA	\$39,315.13
324	Wood School	PATRICIA	SILVA	\$86,318.64
324	Wood School	LAURIE	BOTELHO	\$51,456.96
324	Wood School	JENNIFER	DACUNHA	\$9,025.08
324	Wood School	LISA	COLLINS	\$56,222.05
324	Wood School	KERA	YOUNG	\$80,512.09
324	Wood School	AMY	MACDONALD	\$35,452.06
324	Wood School	PAMELA	PACHECO	\$123,347.12
324	Wood School	HEATHER	DEFEO	\$90,761.14

324	Wood School	LAURA	MEROLLA	\$65,988.15
324	Wood School	ERIN	MESSIER	\$36,946.23
324	Wood School	CINDY	DUMOND	\$87,771.14
324	Wood School	LAUREN	PHILLIPS	\$30,344.34
			WOOD SCHOOL TOTAL	\$3,809,983.49
326	Crossing Guards	NANCY	PERRY	\$10,808.70
326	Crossing Guards	KERRY	DOMPIERRE	\$2,970.00
			GROSSING GUARD TOTAL	\$13,778.70
329	Substitutes	LISA	ABRANTES	\$195.00
329	Substitutes	JEANNINE	LOPES	\$3,435.00
329	Substitutes	GEORGE	ALEXANDER	\$15,320.00
329	Substitutes	KEVIN	SPRATT	\$3,480.00
329	Substitutes	DESPINA	LONGINIDIS	\$120.00
329	Substitutes	MARGARET	CARROLL	\$360.00
329	Substitutes	IAN	CONTE	\$3,520.00
329	Substitutes	MATILDE	BOTELHO	\$2,400.00
329	Substitutes	NINAH	MACEDO	\$262.50
329	Substitutes	SARAH	CAMARA	\$840.00
329	Substitutes	RYAN	HEISE	\$3,500.00
329	Substitutes	KENDRA	BENTO	\$3,237.50
329	Substitutes	GREGORY	CENTEIO II	\$15,600.00
329	Substitutes	WILONA	VEIGA	\$1,625.00
329	Substitutes	SAMUEL	HORSFALL	\$2,160.00
329	Substitutes	KACI	PACHECO	\$350.00
329	Substitutes	NELLIE	ZYGIEL	\$665.00
329	Substitutes	COLIN	KULAK	\$2,160.00
329	Substitutes	SHEA	MCGEE	\$620.00
329	Substitutes	ANDREA	WESTGATE	\$1,905.00
329	Substitutes	PAIGE	BOTELHO	\$2,640.00
329	Substitutes	ASHLEE	VARLEY	\$6,125.00
329	Substitutes	PAIGE	COGSWELL	\$1,680.00
329	Substitutes	SUSAN	BIZARRO	\$2,280.00
329	Substitutes	MATTHEW	NILLES	\$2,100.00
329	Substitutes	KATHRINE	ESTEN	\$720.00
329	Substitutes	LEAH	FARIA	\$1,170.00
329	Substitutes	REBECCA	SMITH	\$962.50
329	Substitutes	SUSAN	MALONEY	\$5,040.00
329	Substitutes	PETER	HEMINGWAY	\$2,160.00
329	Substitutes	JEANELLE	JEAN-PIERRE	\$118.59
329	Substitutes	BROOKE	JASON	\$120.00
329	Substitutes	OLIVIA	MEDEIROS	\$1,560.00
329	Substitutes	NICOLE	CESARINI	\$525.00
329	Substitutes	JAROD	LAROCQUE	\$240.00
329	Substitutes	ABIGAIL	BERNARDO	\$120.00
329	Substitutes	JANICE	SYLVIA	\$6,600.00
329	Substitutes	KRISTIN	GUBLER	\$4,080.00
329	Substitutes	ANNETTE	RACINE	\$13,080.00
329	Substitutes	STEPHANIE	LEMAY	\$19,800.00
329	Substitutes	RYAN	RODRIGUES	\$600.00
329	Substitutes	SONIA	PEREIRA	\$2,295.00
329	Substitutes	KAMRYN	LANZONI	\$525.00
329	Substitutes	FORREST	SCHULTZ	\$7,625.00
329	Substitutes	JAMES	EVANGELHO	\$360.00
329	Substitutes	SARA	AIELLO	\$2,640.00
329	Substitutes	DONNA	KING	\$13,020.00
329	Substitutes	LISA	AMARAL	\$18,365.00

329	Substitutes	CHRISTINA	PANEK	\$3,240.00
329	Substitutes	NATALIE	MELLO	\$480.00
329	Substitutes	GRACE	BOTELHO	\$1,362.50
329	Substitutes	LEXI	KNOX	\$888.75
329	Substitutes	AIYANA	APPLEBEE	\$4,240.00
329	Substitutes	FAITH	BROWNE	\$380.00
329	Substitutes	SADIE	MARCHESSEAU	\$120.00
329	Substitutes	DENNIS	BELANGER	\$14,225.00
329	Substitutes	BRITTANY	RAIMONDO	\$1,440.00
329	Substitutes	DAVID	LAWRENCE	\$10,895.00
329	Substitutes	KELLY	MEDEIROS	\$1,120.00
			SUBSTITUTE TOTAL	\$216,697.34
341	Lunch Monitors	MICHELE	SEYEZ	\$5,100.00
341	Lunch Monitors	SHIYI	ZHENG	\$2,332.50
341	Lunch Monitors	WENDY	MACHADO	\$1,485.00
341	Lunch Monitors	APRIL	SOARES	\$2,921.25
341	Lunch Monitors	ROSEMARY	SANTOS	\$5,163.75
341	Lunch Monitors	STEPHANIE	MATOS	\$4,650.00
			LUNCH MONITOR TOTAL	\$21,652.50

*\*Calendar Year Salaries obtained from the Payroll Team*

*Totals reflect the department assignment as of the date this report was generated, employees may earn from multiple departments throughout the year*

*Police/Fire Earnings reflect all earnings including: regular, overtime and off-duty, etc.*

*The Salary Report was previously included in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant*



**BACK COVER**

The back cover photo was submitted by  
Kera Young

It was taken at the Shaw Road Nature  
Trail. As you can see 4-year old Spudz, a  
Shih Tzu Mix, is enjoying the scenery.

