Fairhaven Historical Commission Minutes January 8, 2025

Present: Nate Bekemeier, Michael Kelly, Beth Luey, Rick Martin, Natalie Mello, Keith Silvia (Select Board Liaison),
Present via Zoom: Nicole Arruda (6:45)

Absent: Wayne Oliveira, Alyssa Botelho (Staff Liaison)

- 1. Meeting called to order 6:31pm by Michael Kelly, Chair.
- 2. Minutes: Motion to approve minutes as amended from December 3, 2024 (R Martin, B Luey). Motion passed unanimously.

<u>Motion</u> to take item 6.1. on the agenda out of order so that Mr. Edminster can present his proposal for his Eagle Scout Project that involved Fort Phoenix (N Mello, B Luey). Motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion/Action Items:

- 1. James Edminster, candidate for Eagle Scout, proposed a project he would like to complete on the cannons at Fort Phoenix in fulfillment of his candidacy. The project would include sanding, priming, and painting each of the large cannons and their wooden supports. It would be accomplished during the months of May and June with help from his Scout peers and family. The project is also being supported by sponsorship from Sherwin Williams. The Veterans Services Office will also be involved in overseeing this project. Motion to support Mr. Edminster's project at Fort Phoenix in fulfillment of his Eagle Scout requirements (N Mello, N Bekemeier). Motion passed unanimously.
- 3. Financial Report: See attached 2025 Budget Balance Sheet as of January 8, 2025. Commission Bills:
 - 3. Motion to approve payment of invoices to Eversource, O'Reilly's Auto Parts and SE Fire & Safety for a total of \$556.46 [see attached listing of bills] (N Bekemeier, N Mello). Motion passed unanimously.

4. Chair Report:

• Chair Kelly has drafted and distributed the text for the 2024 Annual Report. The Commission was appreciative of his efforts and commented on how positive and not boring the text is. Edits will be accepted until Friday 1/10/25.

5. Properties update:

- A. Academy Building: N/A
- B. Fire Museums:
- Washington Street N/A
- Spring Street N/A
- C. Fort Phoenix: N/A
- D. Old Stone Schoolhouse: N/A

6. Discussion/Action Items:

2. Revisit and review November 6 vote to move recurring meeting day from 1st Wednesday to 1st Tuesday of each month. Discussion centered the value of having Ms. Botelho be present at our meetings. The Commission can always change the date at a later date if deemed desirable. Motion to move our regular meeting date to the first Tuesday of each month (N Mello, N Bekemeier). Motion passed.

Roll call vote:

N. Arruda – Nay M. Kelly – Aye N. Bekemeier – Aye
R. Martin – Nay B. Luey – Aye N. Mello – Aye

7. Committee Liaison Report:

 Community Preservation Committee – Next meeting January 22, 2025 when deliberations will begin on funding awards.

8. Commission Member Items:

- Chair Kelly would like to discuss having a policy where no one is able to commit or spend money under the authority of the Historical Commission without the Commission's prior knowledge and approval.
- 9. Public Comment: None.
- 10. Regularly scheduled meeting: Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 6:30pm
- 11. Motion to Adjourn at 7:01pm (N Mello, R Martin). Roll call vote. Motion passed unanimously.



TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN

Historical Commission

Budget Balances

Name			Total	
Historical Commission			\$	500.00
Academy Building			\$	6,382.88
Fire Museum			\$	1,359.83
Fort Phoenix			\$	3,048.46
Old Stone School house on North Stree	t		\$	100.00
Manjiro House			\$	1,000.00
Antique Fire Trucks			\$	976.69
		Grand total	\$	13,367.86
Historical Commission Gift Account Fort Gift Account	\$	1,158 569.45		
Fort Restitution Account	\$	0		

VOUCHER #

TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL BILLS PAYABLE

To the Accounting Officer:

The following named	bills of the	HISTORICAL COMMISSION	Department amount	
in the Aggregate to	\$556.46	Dolla	ars and has been approved	
by the Department, an	d you are reque	sted to place them on a warran	t for payment.	
DATE:	1/13/25	_	Michael Kelly, Chair	
			Prenared by & Title	

VENDOR	VENDOR	ACCOUNT	INVOICE	
NUMBER	NAME	NUMBER	NUMBER	TOTAL
6850	Eversource	001-670-00-5201-02-1241	12524	22.49
6850	Eversource	001-670-00-5201-02-1241	12524	21.00
6850	Eversource	001-670-00-5201-02-1241	12524	16.50
6850	Eversource	001-670-00-5201-01-1241	12524	126.25
6850	Eversource	001-670-00-5201-01-1241	12524	56.88
6850	Eversource	001-670-00-5201-03-1241	12524	113.22
72879	O'Reilly's Auto Parts	001-670-00-5201-02-1241	6064-239179	105.23
25400	SE Fire & Safety	001-670-00-5201-01-1241	24-7050	94.89
		TOTAL	556.46	