

**Town of Fairhaven**  
Town Hall - 40 Center Street - Fairhaven, MA 02719



### Belonging Committee

#### Date, Time, and Location:

May 20, 2025

Remote Only via ZOOM: 1-929-205-6099; Meeting ID: 892 1866 8394; Passcode: 686316

Video Recording Available on Fairhaven TV: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/11514976>

#### Meeting Overview:

**Call to Order:** The Massachusetts Open Meeting Law and updated Zoom requirements were reviewed.

#### Quorum/Attendance

##### In Attendance:

- **Members:** Jessica Fidalgo, Chair; Alliea E. Group, Clerk; Krystal Lunn; Kelly Ochoa;

##### Absent:

- **Members:** August Baker; Laura Barillaro; Rachel Medeiros
- **Ex Officio:** Officer Mary Christ, Police Department Representative; Andrew Romano, Select Board Representative.
- **Vacant Positions:** Fire Department Representative; School Department Representative; Town of Fairhaven Employee Representative.

**Fairhaven's Got Pride Community Picnic, Sunday, June 22, 2025, 4-8 PM:** We will host food trucks, entertainment, lawn games, children's activities, and a beer garden. This event is co-sponsored by the Millicent Library, M.O.L.I.F.E., Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven, Fairhaven for All, and with support from Discover Fairhaven.

**Juneteenth:** We will reach out to the Millicent Library to see if they would be able to set up a Juneteenth educational book table. For next year, a suggestion was made to apply for a cultural grant to help support a speaker-led event.

**Disability Pride:** The current plan is to host an event with the Commission on Disability at West Island Beach on July 18<sup>th</sup> 12-4 PM to highlight the improvements to accessibility, including a floating beach chair and accessibility mats. <https://www.discoverfairhaven.org/event-details-registration/disability-pride-beach-day>

*A motion was made by Kelly Ochoa and seconded by Krystal Lunn to co-sponsor Disability Pride Beach Day with the Commission on Disability. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

**Belonging Committee/Fairhaven Police Department Community Event:** This event is still in the planning phase, more information to be provided at a future meeting.

**Future Planning:** As Disability Pride will be a smaller event this year and there is uncertainty regarding Kidsfest, we began brainstorming ideas for a new vendor-participating event to be held late summer or fall in coordination with the Commission on Disability.

*A motion was made by Kelly Ochoa, seconded by Krystal Lunn, to sponsor an All Abilities event with the Commission on Disability. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

**Belonging Committee Open Positions:**

Liaison Positions:

Fire Department  
Fairhaven Public Schools  
Town of Fairhaven Employee

*A motion was made by Kelly Ochoa and seconded by Krystal Lunn to send a letter to the Select Board asking them to assist in reaching out on our behalf to help facilitate the filling of the Town of Fairhaven Employee position.*

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:**

*A motion was made by Jessica Fidalgo to approve the minutes from March, as amended, and seconded by Kelly Ochoa. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

**Public Comments:**

A reminder that public comments may be submitted to [belonging@fairhaven.ma.gov](mailto:belonging@fairhaven.ma.gov), in person or remotely during the Public Comment period of Belonging Committee meetings.  
*No public comments were received.*

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, June 17, 2025

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by Jessica Fidalgo at 7:13 PM.

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Alliea E. Group

Signed by:

As approved by the Committee on June 23, 2025.