



FAIRHAVEN SELECT BOARD
Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2025

FAIRHAVEN TOWN CLERK
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Present: Charles Murphy Sr., Andrew Romano, Natalie A. Mello, Keith Silvia, and Interim Town Administrator George Samia

Not Present: Andrew B. Saunders

Mr. Murphy opened the meeting at 6:30pm

PUBLIC HEARING

Transfer of an Annual All Alcohol Liquor License for The Bitter End located at 409 Huttleston Ave Fairhaven, MA 02719; proposed new manager Andrea L. Perry, 10 Lawton St., Fairhaven, MA 02719

Mr. Murphy opened the public hearing at 6:32pm and read the notice. Applicant Andrea Perry addressed the Board and advised the transfer and change of manager is due to retirement. The Board confirmed that the application was for a transfer and a change of manager.

No public comment received.

Mr. Murphy closed the public hearing at 6:34pm.

Motion: Ms. Mello motioned to approve the Transfer of an Annual All Alcohol Liquor License for The Bitter End located at 409 Huttleston Ave Fairhaven, MA 02719 and proposed new manager Andrea L. Perry, 10 Lawton St., Fairhaven, MA 02719. Mr. Romano seconded. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Mello made a statement addressing recent allegations, her campaign platform of moving Fairhaven forward, getting people involved in committees and boards with the capability to learn, resolve to serve the people of Fairhaven and focus on the essential duties of the Select Board and hiring a new Town Administrator.

Cathy Melanson of Adams Street addressed the Board about Mr. Romano's comments during Board Member Items at the June 9, 2025 meeting regarding a conversation in the hallway after the May 27, 2025 meeting.

Tracy Travers of Union Street addressed the Board and disclosed that she has been a supporter and friend of Mr. Murphy and is Mr. Silvia's sister-in-law. Ms. Travers commented about Ms. Mello's statements and the questions posed to Ms. Melanson during the May 12, 2025 meeting. She requested an apology to Ms. Melanson.

Patrick Carr of Pleasant Street addressed the Board in response to Ms. Mello's statement and the line of questioning of Ms. Melanson; he called for criteria in the line of questioning, commented on notifying Associate Members about full-time Zoning Board of Appeals vacancies and referred back to the 2024 reappointment process, the reference to bullies and Mr. Carr asked for the ZBA member vote to be rescinded and consider Associate Members.

Erin Carr, business on Middle Street addressed the Board in response to Ms. Mello's statement, comments about being born in Town or serving in the past and inappropriate questions of a candidate. She clarified that the concern was wanting people with experience and holding our public officials accountable.

Michelle Costen of Spring Street addressed the Board and said she agreed with an earlier comment and referred to Ms. Mello as the bully. Ms. Costen questioned monies taken from Community Preservation Act funds for projects at the Unitarian Church, conflict of interest from an employee of the Unitarian Church being a member on the CPC committee and on the Board of Public Works. She asked about the Anti-Aid Amendment and no Helmes test and she said she is looking for an explanation.

APPOINTMENTS AND COMMUNITY ITEMS

Town Administrator Search Committee Update

Rick White and Jeff Osuch addressed the Board. Mr. Osuch summarized the Committee's work, thanked Mr. White and announced the four finalists in alphabetical order: Lisa Green, Keith Hickey, Joseph Powers and James Ryan. The Board thanked the Town Administrator Search Committee members: Jeff Osuch, David Darmofal, Ken Blanchard, Pam Kuechler, Colin Veitch, Mark Rees and Dan Lopes as well as consultant Rick White.

Discussion ensued regarding scheduling interviews with the finalists and each Board member was asked to review the sample questions Mr. White provided and send three to Mr. Samia and Ms. Hart to compile. The tentative date for interviews with the finalists will be on Monday, July 7, 2025 at 3pm. Mr. Samia will confirm the process in open session or executive session.

Proclamation: Deputy Chief Joy Nichols

Ms. Mello read the proclamation for Deputy Chief Joy Nichols.

Motion: Ms. Mello motioned to approve the proclamation for Deputy Chief Joy Nichols. Mr. Romano seconded. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

Proclamation: 35th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act

Ms. Mello read the proclamation. Krystal Lunn thanked the Board. Mr. Romano thanked Ms. Lunn for her volunteer work across multiple boards.

Motion: Ms. Mello motioned to approve the proclamation in recognition of the 35th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Mr. Romano seconded. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

Appointment Request: Conservation Commission: Stephen F Theberge Jr

The Board reviewed Mr. Theberge's application, interests and qualifications (*Attachment A*). Brandon Estrella of Church Street addressed the Board via zoom in support of Mr. Theberge's application.

Motion: Mr. Romano motioned to appoint Stephen F Theberge Jr to the Conservation Commission for a term through May, 2027. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

Appointment Request: Zoning Board of Appeals-Associate Member, Cathy Melanson, Ken Kendall

Cathy Melanson and Ken Kendall addressed the Board individually; each reviewed their background and qualifications.

Motion: Mr. Silvia motioned to appoint Ken Kendall as an Associate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term through May, 2027. Mr. Romano seconded. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

Appointment Request: Atlas Tack Working Group: Rick Trapilo, Doug Brady, Brian Messier, Michael Sherman, Brandon Estrella, Cathy Melanson, David Gerber, Ken Blanchard, Fernando Lemos

Mr. Samia addressed the Board about the number of applicants for the Atlas Tack Working Group (ATWG) and recommended the Board consider adding all applicants to the ATWG. Ms. Melanson and Mr. Carr described the 40R Working Group process to the Board. Ms. Melanson recommended the ATWG provide a monthly update to the Select Board.

Doug Brady of Pleasant Street addressed the Board about the charge being for research and fact finding and the differences compared to the 40R Working Group.

Mr. Romano recommended the charge be updated to say the "working group will consist of appointed members of the community" and take any additional applications until noon on Thursday, July 10, 2025.

Motion: Mr. Romano motioned to amend the charge of the Atlas Tack Working Group to say the working group will consist of appointed members of the community and take any additional applications until noon on Thursday, July 10, 2025. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

Motion: Mr. Romano motioned to appoint Rick Trapilo, Doug Brady, Brian Messier, Michael Sherman, Brandon Estrella, Cathy Melanson, David Gerber, Ken Blanchard and Fernando Lemos as members of the Atlas Tack Working Group. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

Select Board Liaison to Atlas Tack Working Group

Motion: Mr. Romano motioned to appoint Keith Silvia as Select Board Liaison to the Atlas Tack Working Group. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

Parking Request: Hoppy's Landing: Inclusive and Adaptive Fishing Derby, August 1, 2025 from 1-5pm

The request was reviewed for the second annual event.

Motion: Ms. Mello motioned to approve the parking request for the Inclusive and Adaptive Fishing Derby at Hoppy's Landing on August 1, 2025. Mr. Romano seconded. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

Reappoint Interim Town Administrator: George Samia

Mr. Samia's advised the Board that his appointment term is expiring and Assistant Town Administrator of Finance and Town Accountant Anne Carreiro reached out to Town Counsel for an opinion. Mr. Samia said he is able to continue until approximately the first week in August to give time for the hiring of a new Town Administrator.

Motion: Ms. Mello motioned to reappoint George Samia as Interim Town Administrator until a new Town Administrator is hired, with the term of the reappointment not to exceed another 180 days. Mr. Romano seconded. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

Mr. Silvia asked why Historical Commission applications were not on the agenda. Ms. Hart explained that two were received and they came after the agenda was posted and that the office responded to both advising the appointment request would be reviewed at the July 14, 2025 meeting.

ACTION/DISCUSSION

Utility Company Right of Way and Public Hearing Process Discussion with Public Works

Highway Superintendent Josh Crabb addressed the Board via zoom about the process for Eversource public hearings and recommended the Eversource petition be discussed at a Board of Public Works (BPW) meeting first so that any recommendations or requirements from Public Works can be cared for when the Select Board holds the public hearing. Ms. Hart summarized the process the Select Board office follows and that the office can coordinate with Public Works, confirm they add to their agenda and that the Select Board's public hearing be scheduled after the BPW meeting has taken place. Public Works will send recommendations and requirements for the petition to the Select Board ahead of the public hearing.

Ms. Hart will contact Eversource representatives about the process discussion from tonight.

Motion: Ms. Mello motioned to formalize that the DPW (Department of Public Works) review the application first before the Select Board's public hearing to act with their information and with their recommendation. Mr. Romano seconded. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

Building Department Permit Fees

This item was tabled at the request of Building Commissioner Rick Forand

Deputy Fire Chief Appointment Process Update

Mr. Samia reviewed the history of the process change due to the potential conflict of interest that Chief Correia disclosed to the Board; the applicants are not relatives of Chief Correia thus clearing the conflict. Mr. Samia will confirm with Labor Counsel how to move forward with the process. Mr. Romano recommended the Chief work in tandem with the Board on the hiring process. Brief discussion ensued about the methodology considerations and Civil Service process and that the Chief would be working with Labor Counsel.

Motion: Ms. Mello motioned to allow Chief Todd Correia to resume the process of selecting an interim Deputy Fire Chief. Mr. Romano seconded. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

Town Boards: Policy and Training Review: Social Media, Open Meeting Law, Public Records

Discussion ensued as to the training need for Town Boards and the involvement of Town and Labor Counsel in the training. Mr. Samia will reach out to Town and Labor Counsel to set up the training for social media use, Open Meeting Law and public records.

Motion: Ms. Mello motioned to have Town Counsel start a review process for training for social media use, Open Meeting Law and Public Records Law. Mr. Romano seconded.

Motion: Ms. Mello amended her motion to have Town Counsel and Labor Counsel start a review process for training for social media use, Open Meeting Law and Public Records Law. Mr. Romano seconded. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Samia had no additional updates to report on.

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS / COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

Ms. Mello reported:

- The Historical Commission met
- The Library Trustees met. The Trustees will organize a Capital Campaign for a Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning System

Mr. Murphy reported:

- Lagoa meets June 30, 2025.
- The Whitfield/Manjiro Society has an upcoming meeting
- The July 4th Parade Committee has the upcoming parade (*Attachment B*)
- Homecoming is Saturday, June 28, 2025
- Shout out to Alyssa Botelho for organizing a great community event at Harborfest on June 21, 2025

Mr. Romano reported:

- The Open Market was held on Saturday, June 21, 2025
- Sustainability met; reminder about Piping Plover season, they are laying eggs
- Thank you to the organizers of the 4th Annual Fairhaven's Got PRIDE event
- Mr. Romano addressed discussion about the exchange with Ms. Melanson after the May 27, 2025 meeting; he said also requested a copy of the footage to play tonight and will not. There is a common goal to move forward and stop the person to person issues and try and continue relationships.

Mr. Silvia reported:

- Economic Development met. John Hinds participated in fishing demonstration event for kids with a Marine Biologist
- Thank you to Mr. Murphy for raising funds in the dunk tank

MINUTES

Motion: Ms. Mello motioned to accept the open session minutes of June 9, 2025. Mr. Romano seconded. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

Motion: Ms. Mello motioned to accept the executive session minutes of June 9, 2025. Mr. Romano seconded. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

CORRESPONDENCE

- Contact Form: Michelle Costen (*Attachment C*)

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next regularly scheduled Select Board meeting is ***Monday, July 14, 2025*** at 6:30pm
- Town Administrator finalist interviews tentatively ***Monday, July 7, 2025*** at 3:00pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Ms. Mello motioned to enter into Executive Session Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(2) [1]o conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel. (Fire Chief) AND not to return to OPEN SESSION. Mr. Romano seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ms. Mello, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Romano and Mr. Silvia in favor. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Volunteer Application: Stephen Theberge Jr.
- B. July 4th Parade flyer
- C. Contact Form: Michelle Costen

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:13pm

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Select Board Clerk (ah)

Accepted on July 14, 2025

New submission from Volunteer Opportunities

1 message

Stephen F Theberge Jr Stephen F Theberge Jr <no-reply@jgpr.net>

Thu, May 29, 2025 at 5:37 PM

Reply-To:

To: Selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov

Full Name

Stephen F Theberge Jr

Address

Email

Phone

How long have you been a Fairhaven resident?

6 years recently, but i also lived here from 1954-1980

What Board(s) or Committee(s) are you interested in joining? What is your reason for joining?

Conservation Commission

I am very interested in Conservation Issues in Fairhaven. I grew up in Fairhaven and have been involved in Conservation issues for most of my career. I enjoy walking on the hiking trails in the local area and boating and fishing in local Bays and Creeks

Have you attended a meeting of this Board or Committee?

No

Have you (or are you currently) served on any Town of Fairhaven Boards? If so, please indicate what Board and number of years

No, I have not

Interstes and Qualifications (tell us about yourself)

BS Fisheries Biology, Umass, Amherst
MS Biology Coastal Zone Studies, University of West Florida
District 1 Director, Florida Wildlife Federation
Environmental Specialist, Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (10 years)
Sea Grant Faculty, Oregon State University, Department of Fish and Wildlife
Board Member of Save West Island
Naturalist, Cumberland Island National Seashore and Everglades Center Outdoors
Fish Biologist I, Southeast Fisheries Science Center
Marine Educator, New England Aquarium



**Celebrating 250 years
1776-2026**

April 24, 2025

Town of Fairhaven
Select Board
40 Center Street
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Dear Fairhaven Select Board and Town Administrator Samia,

It's that time of year again for the Town's Annual July 4th Celebration to be held on Friday, July 4, 2025.

The day will begin with the raising of the Big Flag at F.H.S at 8:30 a.m. Followed by the antique car cruise through town and arriving at Cushman Park to meet up with the start of the Parade. The parade will step off at 9:00 a.m. from Cushman Park (Green Street side) and continue down Green Street to Fort Phoenix, where we will hold the Annual Independence Day Ceremony and the traditional cannon firing by the Fairhaven Village Militia to cap off the event.

This year marks the start of the 250th celebrations; all leading up to our Nation's 250th birthday on July 4, 2026. We look forward to having a grand parade this year but an even grander one in 2026.

Please join the celebration by participating in the parade and ceremony with a float, costume or just "comfortable marching shoes" to say Happy Birthday America!

Please RSVP by July 1, 2025 to:
July4thparade@fairhaven-ma.gov

We look forward to seeing you at the Parade!

Sincerely,

The Fairhaven July 4th Celebration Team

Wayne & Vicki Oliveira (parade & ceremony coordinators)

John Medeiros (car cruise coordinator)

Alyssa Botelho (Discover Fairhaven)

#starsandstripesfairhaven

Select Board Public Comment/Letter for Public record -- CPA taxpayer funds / legal justice /Liberty of Conscience

1 message

michelle costen <michcosten@gmail.com>

Thu, Jun 12, 2025 at 1:02 PM

To: TownAdmin@fairhaven-ma.gov, "selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov" <selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov>

Dear George Sami (Town Administrator) Select-board, Community Preservation & Historical, Sustainable Committees, Planning Board, and to the Public at Large including US Representatives and Congress.

I have put in a written request sent to the town hall clerk, to have the receipts of any monies paid by taxpayer preservation CPA funds Or otherwise, from the Unitarian Universal church, over the past 4 years. I understand per a town official that \$193,000 was issued to the Unitarian Universal church as only part of a first phase, of 4 phases ? As it appears now this could accumulate to a million or more of our taxpayers' preservation funds. This is causing a disturbing unrest and injustice for residents who have recently learned about this, and who are not part of that church or its mix of teachings. The UU Church is not publicly owned either. What is going on? We demand transparency at the neighborhood level.

Is there any more taxpayer dollars going to the UU Church or that has been distributed, and or will possibly be distributed in any time of the future?

I offer an article below to assist you as further proof of information about the importance of the scrutiny needed per the Supreme Court, as to how our community preservation funds are being used for church historic purposes, while being certain that *Liberty of Conscience* is not being violated, and that the exclusive control requirements and the Anti Aid Amendment is not being ignored, while approving funds for churches we do not publicly own in the name of historical purposes. **Constitutional Law and liberty of Conscience of your taxpayers comes before historical improvements to church buildings, the public does not own. Especially when it is reported that some of these churches have a net worth of 500 million to a billion or more.**

I have gathered information and signatures from residents of Fairhaven that prove that *Liberty of Conscience* has in fact been violated and CPA funds misappropriated. And decisions made without scrutiny as in reflection to the Anti Aid Amendment.

Reading of the CPC meeting minutes so far has proved this lack of necessary responsible attention, before committee members voted yes to distributing our tax dollars to churches we do not own, and that directly causes a violation of Liberty of Conscience not being considered at all in the decision making process.

There are many residents who do not agree with the UU church's Anti Trinity teachings and their biblical distortions of the teachings of Jesus Christ as written in the Holy Bible. and are justifiably unrested, about knowing their tax dollars are going to that church for any reason, or has gone to that church without their knowledge. All residents of Fairhaven need to know about this.

*This is a forcing of the use of taxpayers dollars being used against their **Will of Conscience**. It is deception in the worst degree. Taxpayers are trusting town hall officials to do the right thing with our taxpayer funds. Even if this is a matter of honest ignorance of the town hall officials who allocated this money in the name of historic purposes to the UU Church. The Anti Aid Amendment should have been already made known in this acceptance process before our taxpayer CPA funds were distributed. And the Unitarian Universal Church who supposedly stands for humanity, cared not one iota*

about Liberty of conscience in this application, to pursue our taxpayer CPA funds for their sustaining means and purposes.

*Also to note- the branding of all Fairhaven Residents in their(UU Church) Fairhaven's got Pride logos and media ads in connection with our Town hall officials DEI agenda's for LGBTQ, who go to that church, and make decisions for the taxpayer dollars, even when the residents' of Fairhaven **Will of Conscience** is being ignored.-All of This is unconstitutional. And a show of gross double standards with their own mixed up teachings and unity ideologies.*

In 2023 there was an article written, which I have linked below, Which highlights the Acton First Parish congregation, which is part of the Unitarian universalist association of America. This article speaks about the fact that the millions of dollars Of taxpayer funds that churches are using as being questioned by the Supreme Court. And as not being constitutional in instances as per the anti-aid amendment article 18. The Supreme Court has specifically outlined the three tests when making a decision on giving community preservation funds from taxpayers for churches.

-One of the provisions/test before approving/ issuing any monies from taxpayer preservation funds, is that **Liberty of Conscience is not being violated, which is the very reason that the anti-aid amendment was written into law in the first place. Not to mention the violation of conflict of interest, and Separation of Church and State laws that need to be considered also.**

From what has been reported online, is that the UU church/congregation/society and all its parts, throughout the Bay State has a net worth of 1 billion. ???

If this is true, why is the UU church taking money from our taxpayer community preservation funds?

To Note-The UU church Touts how they want to help affordable housing ?

-For those who don't know, Housing purposes can also be covered by community preservation CPA funds, instead of helping housing with our preservation funds, it appears the UU church helped themselves with our taxpayer Community preservation funds, on a building that we do not even publicly own. That money should have been prioritized for housing purposes, as in the time period 1st phase funds were granted to the UU Church, as we were in a housing crisis. And Still Are!

Please offer me some justifiable clarity, and please let me know what committees and people have approved this money to the UU church, and please give me all of the information on receipts, and amounts approved in the past 4 years, and in the future phases if any.

I am happy to do this work myself if you will guide me to where I can find the specific accurate information. Because I understand per the TH clerk you could charge an hourly rate of \$40.00, possibly, for the time spent to give the community answers to questions, as to where their tax paying dollars are going?

- I thought the community was already paying you for your jobs the public has entrusted you with ? And why isn't this information easily accessible? And if it is, why is it that no one in the town hall knows how to help you find the information you need?

Our Fairhaven website has been altered this year, and the public comment page was dismantled. Who's idea was that? So I send my public comment/Letter to the SelectBoard and other boards and committees for the next meeting to be Publicly Recorded. And please add the link-

Below is the link about the millions of dollars churches are using from CPA taxpayer dollars. The Acton Congregational church(a part of the UU Association of America, backed out of the particular case that included possible violation of *liberty of Conscience involving stained glass windows of Jesus, that left the Supreme Court in question of violating Liberty Of Conscience*. **I think of all this restoration money for churches the public does not own, that could have gone to help in housing people. Where is Humanity the church's tout?**

I stand to be corrected on any information that I am providing here in this letter, as I am in pursuit of the full truth of the matter, and will speak Truth to the lie when it rears its ugly head. Thus the reason for this letter. to have further clarification, expose any deception, or misuse of CPA funds, and to ensure full transparency to all law hard working abiding taxpayers/citizens of Fairhaven. Making sure that we do not continue to unlawfully infringe on Liberty of Conscience or our tax dollars, going forward.

<https://www.newsfromthestates.com/article/massachusetts-cities-and-towns-have-spent-millions-restoring-historic-religious-sites-they>

To Note

The Anti-Aid Amendment to the Massachusetts Constitution, also known as Article 42, prohibits the Commonwealth or any political subdivision from using public funds or property for private entities. Article 42 prohibits using public funds to found, maintain, or aid any private institution like an infirmary, hospital, school, or charitable or religious undertaking unless it's publicly owned and controlled

Sincerely,
Michelle Costen
Justice advocate
Fairhaven

Followup & Meeting with TM members-/Residents

1 message

michelle costen <michcosten@gmail.com>

Wed, Jun 18, 2025 at 9:05 AM

To: michelle costen <michcosten@gmail.com>, selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov

Dear Town Administrator, -cc Selectboard, Public at Large,

Thank you for the follow up call yesterday. There is only one purpose and reason, why I feel that the appropriations of our taxpayer funds needs to be talked about and made more transparent to the public, and that is to ensure Justice for everyone.

I have met up with a few town meeting members and residents, and they agree that this needs to be looked into and out in the open. Especially since changes were made when the last town administration was here. The simplifications she made have also assumed a vagueness, where the flow of money is more difficult to follow and could be hidden entirely.

In reviewing meeting minutes of several committees along with the town warrants, we have discovered that funds can be easily misappropriated.

Shuffling funds leads to confusion, breaking laws, deceiving the public, and can become the main culprit of deficits. The public has the lawful right to fully know how taxpayer funds are being used, and for providing the actual names of the beneficiaries of those funds.

AS we are reviewing the meeting minutes of various boards, misappropriations and conflict of interest, are unraveling in what appears as conscious intentional entanglements between a political church system and state, which has now become *apparent*.

As an advocate for justice for the people of Fairhaven and for God Almighty, my conscience will not allow me to just walk away from this unresolved issue.

Breaking or evading constitutional laws, ignorantly or not, will just continue to become an accepted norm, which will bring our little town and its people into both economic and moral ruin. Not to mention how it would leave the spirit of life in this little town, barren.

Playing the naive card won't work for too much longer either. Especially as things become more out in the open.

There is a definite need for more descriptive and precise clarity, and for chronological order in our meeting minutes, so that appropriations are easily determined for both the select board, town meeting, and the public at large to understand. We all need to be on the same page with clear understanding as to where funds are going, and to who or what taxpayer funds are benefiting. Also when distributing funds there are specific scrutinies and constitutional laws and guidelines per the Supreme Courts, that have been completely ignored with our taxpayer dollars. These omissions are not excusable when they are breaking constitutional and transparency laws.

In the last part of our conversation Mr Sami, we spoke about having a Town Administrator who lives in this community, as this was the rule at one time. A rule that had better outcome, because the TA had a vested interest to share with the entire community in lasting economic growth and stability. It would be good to further explore this.

I also apologize for any "brass" candidness in our conversation yesterday.

Sincerely & Transparently yours,

Michelle Costen
Advocate for Justice
Fairhaven, Mass