



FAIRHAVEN SELECT BOARD

Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2025

FAIRHAVEN TOWN CLERK
RCUD 2025 NOV 25 PM2:16

Present: Charles Murphy Sr., Andrew Romano, Natalie A. Mello, Keith Silvia, Andrew B. Saunders and Anne Carreiro. **Not Present:** Keith R. Hickey

Planning Board Present: Jessica Fidalgo, Sharon Simmons, Ruy daSilva, Miles Grant, Sean Powers, Kevin Grant and Patrick Carr

Mr. Murphy opened the Select Board meeting at 6:32pm

Ms. Fidalgo opened the Planning Board meeting at 6:35pm and confirmed a quorum was present.

A moment of silence was observed in honor of Veterans' Day.

Mr. Murphy reviewed the process for the joint meeting, interview and appointment. He advised both Boards that Ms. Costen had rescinded her application (*Attachment A*).

PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENT INTERVIEWS (Joint with the Fairhaven Planning Board)

Interview Candidates for one Planning Board Vacancy and Consider appointment.

Candidates: Rick Trapilo, Jeffrey Lucas and Diane Tomassetti

Each candidate addressed both Boards and gave an opening statement.

Mr. Murphy and Ms. Fidalgo asked each candidate the same questions in rotation. At the end of the interview, all candidates were thanked for stepping forward and Mr. Murphy opened discussion to the Select Board and Planning Board.

Patrick Carr addressed both Boards regarding the conflict of interest (COI) disclosure from Andrew Romano and copies of the North Fairhaven Improvement Association (NFIA) attendance from 2022 to present (*Attachment B*). Mr. Carr asked Mr. Romano to recuse himself due to being the NFIA President and the perceived conflict due to Mr. Lucas being a member of the NFIA. Mr. Carr reviewed other examples of conflict of interest disclosures submitted to the Select Board dating back to April, 2025 and referred to Mr. Romano's votes on these matters.

Mr. Romano addressed both Boards about his COI disclosure, the NFIA attendance records that were distributed to both Boards and the summary of his conversation with the State's Attorney of the Day (AOTD) Christopher Popov (*Attachment B*). Mr. Romano said in past meetings he recused himself when a financial relationship existed and he would not be recusing himself tonight.

Mr. Carr asked if Mr. Romano received the opinion in writing. Mr. Romano said he did not. Mr. Murphy added that calls to the AOTD are recorded/documented for reference.

Mr. Lucas asked for clarification on the accusations against him and said that he had not been to an NFIA meeting in over a year due to scheduling conflicts but participates in community events when he can.

Motion: Mr. Silvia motioned to appoint Diane Tomassetti to the Planning Board for a term through Town Elections in June, 2026. Mr. Saunders seconded. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Saunders, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Silvia, Ms. Simmons, Mr. Carr and Mr. daSilva in favor and Ms. Mello, Mr. Romano, Ms. Fidalgo, Mr. K. Grant, Mr. M. Grant and Mr. Powers opposed. The motion failed (6-6-0).

Motion: Ms. Mello motioned to appoint Jeffrey Lucas to the Planning Board for a term through Town Elections in June, 2026. Mr. Romano seconded. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Saunders, Mr. Silvia, Ms. Simmons, Mr. Carr and Mr. daSilva opposed and Ms. Mello, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Romano, Ms. Fidalgo, Mr. K. Grant, Mr. M. Grant and Mr. Powers in favor. The motion passed (7-5-0).

Motion: Mr. K. Grant motioned to adjourn the Planning Board meeting at 7:19pm. Ms. Simmons seconded. The motion passed unanimously (6-0-0).

The Planning Board adjourned at 7:19pm

The Select Board recesses from 7:19 to 7:21pm

APPOINTMENTS AND COMMUNITY ITEMS

Event Request: Fort Phoenix Polar Plunge, Thursday, January 1, 2026

Kathy Lopes addressed the Board about the request and details of the event.

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to approve the Fort Phoenix Polar Plunge on Thursday, January 1, 2026. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to approve the request for the Fairhaven Fire Department to provide an ambulance and Emergency Management to be on site for the Fort Phoenix Polar Plunge on Thursday, January 1, 2026. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Use of Town Hall Auditorium: Off Broadway, December 18, 19 and 20, 2025

Mr. Murphy read from the application and details of the event.

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to approve the application from Off Broadway School of Dance for a dance recital on the dates of December 18, 2025 from 3-8p, December 19, 2025 from 4-8p and December 20, 2025 from 4-8p. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Appointment Request: Public Safety Complex Committee: Timothy Cox

Mr. Murphy read the request.

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to appoint Timothy Cox to the Public Safety Complex Committee. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Special One-Day All Alcohol License: Hanami Café, November 29, 2025 8p-12a

Mr. Murphy read the application.

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to approve the Special One-Day All Alcohol License for a promotional event at the Hanami Café on November 29, 2025 from 8pm-12am contingent upon payment of the fee at least seven days prior to the event. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Special One-Day All Alcohol License: Discover Fairhaven: Olde-Tyme Holiday, December 13, 25 10a-5p

Mr. Murphy read the application.

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to approve the Special One-Day All Alcohol License for Discover Fairhaven's Olde-Tyme Holiday Event on December 13, 2025. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Request the Use of Rogers School Parking Lot: Discover Fairhaven: Olde-Tyme Holiday, December 13, 2025

Mr. Murphy read the request.

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to approve the use of the parking lot at the Rogers School during the Olde-Tyme Holiday event on December 13, 2025 for vendor and attendee parking. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

PUBLIC COMMENT

None received.

ACTION/DISCUSSION

Consider Reclassification of Treasurer/Collector Position to Grade 20 on the Town's Wage and Classification Schedule

Mr. Murphy read the request.

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to approve the Reclassification of Treasurer/Collector Position to Grade 20 on the Town's Wage and Classification Schedule. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Update on Zoning Bylaw Update Project

Mr. Murphy reviewed the item. Mr. Silvia asked about a Request for Proposals (RFP) that he said he thought was part of the process.

Ms. Carreiro said she would follow up with Mr. Hickey. The Board tabled further discussion.

Consider Amending the Flag/Banner Policy

Mr. Murphy read the recommendation to change the deadline from sixty days to thirty days.

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to approve the amended Flag/Banner Policy as presented. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Consider Amending the Use of Town Hall Process and Application

Mr. Romano reviewed the proposed updates to the language in the policy including changing it from Town Hall Auditorium to Town Hall Facilities. Mr. Romano added that some requests are for the use of bathrooms or electricity and changing to "facilities" accommodates requests for the use of any part of Town Hall. He advised the Board that another update was to the non-profit rate for Fairhaven Town Affiliated Groups that are listed on the application; this change would remove the rental fee only and all other fees would apply based on the event request.

Updates to the application forms will be done based on the Board's vote and communication to applicants will be sent to advise of the changes and what fees apply (ex. Custodian, Audio/Visual, Off-Duty Police, Board of Health).

Discussion ensued as what a "Fairhaven Affiliated Group" is and is not. Fairhaven businesses and non-profits would not be considered under this category.

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to approve the amended Use of Town Hall Process and Application as presented. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Ms. Carreiro read Mr. Hickey's TA report (*Attachment C*)

- Mr. Romano asked if Mr. Hickey or Mr. Furtado could do an update on water issues, he suggested a 1-2-page report and asked if it could be included in future bills. Ms. Mello suggested it be the weekly video subject. Ms. Carreiro will review with Mr. Hickey.

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS / COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Saunders reported:

- Marine Resources is reviewing their fees and impacts on revenue. Currently, the number of permits is down over the prior year and revenue is at ninety-five percent to the prior two years. They will monitor and consider recommendations as needed.
- The Public Safety Complex Committee has a future meeting.

Ms. Mello reported:

- Historical Commission met and reviewed projects for the Academy Building that are out to bid; the funds are from Community Preservation. The Old Stone Schoolhouse had over three hundred visitors and will reopen in the spring.

Mr. Murphy reported:

- The Veterans Day Parade is tomorrow at 9:00am from Benoit Square. He attended the Veterans' Lunch earlier and thanked Ms. Reed and All Trust Bank.

Mr. Romano reported:

- Thanks to the Recreation Center Director and Assistant for the bingo event, he was a guest caller and it was a great event, free and brought in donations of non-perishable items. He also thanked those who donated.
- Veterans Day is tomorrow and, in the pledge, we say "all," all means all and our Veterans fought for that.
- SRPEDD met and set a December meeting for the budget.
- Southcoast Places for People led by Will Gardner had a memorial service in honor of those impacted by traffic issues on November 16, 2025
- The Town Meeting Advisory Committee met to review their final report. One big recommendation will be to move Special Town Meeting to a Saturday. There will be a survey sent to Town Meeting Members.

Mr. Silvia had no meetings to report on and thanked Veterans and their families for their sacrifice; this is why we can say what we want.

MINUTES

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to accept the Open Session minutes of October 27, 2025. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to accept the Executive Session minutes of October 14 and 27, 2025. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

CORRESPONDENCE

Contact Form: Michelle Costen, Letter of Thanks: Mayor Yoh Hodo-oka, Tosashimizu City, Japan (*Attachment D*)

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to enter the Select Board correspondence as listed into the record. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next regularly scheduled Select Board meeting: *Monday, November 24, 2025* at 6:30pm

Quote:

"The man who moves a mountain begins by carrying away small stones." — Confucius

Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Correspondence: Michelle Costen: Rescind Planning Board Application
- B. Correspondence: Andrew Romano: Disclosure and NFIA attendance records
- C. Town Administrator Report
- D. Correspondence: Contact Form Michelle Costen, Letter of Thanks: Mayor Yoh Hodo-oka, Tosashimizu City, Japan

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

Accepted on November 24, 2025

Fwd: Letter to rescind- for public record

1 message

michelle costen <michcosten@gmail.com>

Sat, Nov 8, 2025 at 1:11 PM

To: Keith Hickey <khickey@fairhaven-ma.gov>, Amy Hart <ahart@fairhaven-ma.gov>, selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov

Hello,

I am forwarding you a withdrawal letter for public record, that I have sent to the Chairman of the SelectBoard.

Best Regards,

Michelle Costen

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **michelle costen** <michcosten@gmail.com>

Date: Sat, Nov 8, 2025 at 1:04 PM

Subject: Letter to rescind- for public record

To: Charlie Murphy <cmurphy@molifeinc.com>

Dear Charlie Murphy, Chairman of the Select Board,


I have attached a letter to rescind from my application to volunteer as an interim planning board Member.

My reasons as stated in the attached letter to rescind.

Please make this letter part of the public record and comment for the November 10, 2025, select board meeting.

Thank You,

Michelle Costen

 **Withdraw Letter.pages**
221K

November 8, 2025

To: The Select & Planning Board Members, And to the Residents of Fairhaven,

I rescind my application for Interim Planning Board Member.

At the time I applied I had not fully realized that there would be very eligible candidates, who have had direct experience on the planning board. It's crucial, especially in these next six months, that we have the most qualifiable skill and experience on the planning board.

I pray that there will be a real focus on our 2040 Master Plan, and it's visions, where, especially in the area of housing affordability for all residents, is deemed as top priority. For this has been a polling outcry of our residents. Especially those residents who offer vital services to the community. Vital services that none of us would ever want to be without.

People of Fairhaven need to have that opportunity once again, to be able to purchase a home they can afford and to grow their own equity.

As I reference our 2040 MPV, finalized in 2018- it stands now, that we're missing the mark, when it comes to affordable home purchasing for all income levels. This is something I would've wanted to bring a focus on in the planning board, had I become a member. But I feel as a housing advocate, I can still do the same thing.

I would finally like to say,

May you all be blessed & motivated with a sincere willingness to serve the people and precious families of Fairhaven, in harmony with God's Will and laws. The same One God, we pledge our allegiance to.

For this will guarantee a successful outcome, in all things planning.

Thank You

Michelle Costen
Advocate for Fairhaven

Re: My Conflict Disclosure

1 message

Andrew Romano <aromano@fairhaven-ma.gov>

Fri, Nov 7, 2025 at 3:28 PM

To: Keith Hickey <khickey@fairhaven-ma.gov>, Amy Hart <ahart@fairhaven-ma.gov>, Charles K Murphy Sr <cmurphy@fairhaven-ma.gov>

Typo in my last email. What I meant by "Voting for Mr. Lucas" was Voting in the appointment in which Mr. Lucas is one of the 4 applicants.

Best,
Andrew Romano
Vice Chair, Fairhaven Select Board
C: 774.473.4049

On Fri, Nov 7, 2025 at 3:23 PM Andrew Romano <aromano@fairhaven-ma.gov> wrote:
Mr Hickey,

Thank you for your call this afternoon regarding Mr. Carr's inquiry into my 23 B 3 disclosure I filed with the Town Clerk's Office in regards to the upcoming Planning Board Appointment.

To recap, it seems the question that was raised was why I filed and will be voting for Mr. Jeffrey Lucas, however, in the past I did not file a form and DID recuse myself for appointing Mr. Robert Hannon to a board (be it Zoning or EDC, I can not remember.)

At the time, I did not realize Mr Hannon was seeking appointment to these positions, and I did not have time to call ethics to speak with the attorney of the day (AOTD). In an effort to not bring a question to Mr. Hannon's credibility, I recused myself to be safe, especially as Mr. Hannon was not opposed for these positions.

As I had ample time to check in with the AOTD in regards to the upcoming appointment, I have since called and spoke with Mr. Christopher Popov who assured me that as long as there is no financial relationship between myself and Mr. Lucas either through the NFIA or through his potential appointment onto the Planning Board, I would be fine and would only need to file a form.

Furthermore, a key difference I feel the need to point out is that Mr Hannon currently serves on the Board of Directors for the NFIA, whereas Mr. Lucas has not attended a meeting in over 2+ years, if not longer. I am happy to provide attendance records. Had it not been for the fact that Mr. Lucas purchased what we offer as a "Lifetime Membership," it is unknown if he would still be a member in good standing. Mr Lucas only occasionally volunteers as a photographer and once a year as a cashier at homecoming and / or the Olde Tyme Holiday Market.

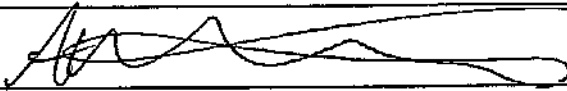
Thank you for taking the time to review this email. I am okay if you would like to forward this along to him. The NFIA is an organization that does endless good for our community, and protecting their name is my highest priority. I have also CC'd Amy Hart and Selectboard Chair Charlie Murphy so they may be aware of my response.

I am happy to answer any more questions, have a great vacation!

Best,
Andrew Romano
Vice Chair, Fairhaven Select Board
C: 774.473.4049

**DISCLOSURE OF APPEARANCE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST
AS REQUIRED BY G. L. c. 268A, § 23(b)(3)**

	PUBLIC EMPLOYEE INFORMATION
Name of public employee:	Andrew Romano FAIRHAVEN TOWN CLERK RCUD 2025 NOV 5 AM 10:36
Title or Position:	Vice Chair
Agency/Department:	Fairhaven Select Board
Agency address:	40 Center St, Fairhaven, MA 02719
Office Phone:	508-979-4023
Office E-mail:	selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov
	<p>In my capacity as a state, county or municipal employee, I am expected to take certain actions in the performance of my official duties. Under the circumstances, a reasonable person could conclude that a person or organization could unduly enjoy my favor or improperly influence me when I perform my official duties, or that I am likely to act or fail to act as a result of kinship, rank, position or undue influence of a party or person.</p> <p>I am filing this disclosure to disclose the facts about this relationship or affiliation and to dispel the appearance of a conflict of interest.</p>
	APPEARANCE OF FAVORITISM OR INFLUENCE
Describe the issue that is coming before you for action or decision.	Recently, there was a resignation on the elected Planning Board which calls for an appointment during a joint meeting between the Select Board and Planning Board.
What responsibility do you have for taking action or making a decision?	As an Elected Select Board member, I am tasked with voting to appoint one of the 4 applicants to fill the seat of the planning board until the June 2026 election.
Explain your relationship or affiliation to the person or organization.	One of the applicants, Jeffrey Lucas, is a former board member of the North Fairhaven Improvement Association (NFIA.) Mr Lucas has not attended an NFIA committee meeting since my membership in April of 2022. In 2023, Mr Lucas was removed as a Board member and now only occasionally attends and participates at our events when we need volunteers. As President of the NFIA, I receive no financial compensation, and neither does Mr. Lucas as a member or previous board member.

How do your official actions or decision matter to the person or organization?	Mr. Lucas is one of the 4 applicants applying for a position on the Fairhaven Planning Board. My decision for who should fill this position is unaffected by my role in the NFIA.
Optional: Additional facts – e.g., why there is a low risk of undue favoritism or improper influence.	Fairhaven is a small town of ~16,000 residents. I have no financial or otherwise favors due to Mr. Lucas, the same as I have no influence from the other 3 applicants. Furthermore, despite Mr. Lucas' membership and occasional volunteering at events, we do not interact outside of Town Events as we do not know one another personally.
If you cannot confirm this statement, you should recuse yourself.	<p>WRITE AN X TO CONFIRM THE STATEMENT BELOW.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Taking into account the facts that I have disclosed above, I feel that I can perform my official duties objectively and fairly.</p>
Employee signature:	 Andrew Romano
Date:	November 5, 2025

Attach additional pages if necessary.

Not elected to your public position – file with your appointing authority.

Elected state or county employees – file with the State Ethics Commission.

Members of the General Court – file with the House or Senate clerk or the State Ethics Commission.

Elected municipal employee – file with the City Clerk or Town Clerk.

Elected regional school committee member – file with the clerk or secretary of the committee.

North Fairhaven Improvement Association

June 16, 2022

Meeting 6:30

Present:

Pauline Parker	X	Heidi Hacking	X	Deb Davis		Fred Raphael.	
Ed Rose	X	Jeff Lucas		Gail Konerth		Christine Koska	X
John Medeiros,	X	Jodi Duval		Rosanne Cordeira		Leon Correy	
Jessica and Chris Fidalgo	X	Andrew Romano	X	Nancy Parent			

North Fairhaven Improvement Association

July 28, 2022

Meeting 6:30

Present:

Pauline Parker	X	Heidi Hacking	X	Deb Davis	X	Fred Raphael.	X
Ed Rose		Jeff Lucas		Gail Konerth		Christine Koska	X
John Medeiros,	X	Jodi Duval	X	Rosanne Cordeira		Leon Correy	
Jessica Fidalgo	X	Andrew Romano		Nancy Parent		Bryon Knight	X

Minutes: Minutes were read

North Fairhaven Improvement Association

August 18, 2022

Meeting 6:30

Present:

Pauline Parker		Heidi Hacking		Deb Davis	X	Fred Raphael.	
Ed Rose	X	Jeff Lucas		Gail Konerth		Christine Koska	X
John Medeiros,	X	Jodi Duval	X	Rosanne Cordeira	X	Leon Correy	
Jessica and Chris Fidalgo		Andrew Romano	X	Nancy Parent			

North Fairhaven Improvement Association

September 15, 2022

Meeting 6:30

Present:

Pauline Parker		Heidi Hacking		Deb Davis	X	Fred Raphael.	X
Ed Rose	X	Jeff Lucas		Gail Konerth		Christine Koska	X
John Medeiros,	X	Jodi Duval	X	Rosanne Cordeira		Leon Correy	
Jessica and Chris Fidalgo		Andrew Romano	X	Nancy Parent			

North Fairhaven Improvement Association
October 20, 2022
Meeting 6:30

Present:

Pauline Parker	X	Heidi Hacking	X	Deb Davis	X	Fred Raphael.	
Ed Rose	X	Jeff Lucas		Gail Konerth		Christine Koska	X
John Medeiros,	X	Jodi Duval	X	Rosanne Cordeira		Andrew Romano	
Jessica and Chris Fidalgo		Nancy Parent	X	Guest: Keith Silva	X	Guest: Nils Isaksen	X

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North Fairhaven Improvement Association
November 24, 2022
Meeting 6:30
Annual Meeting

Present:

Pauline Parker	X	Heidi Hacking	X	Deb Davis	X	Fred Raphael.	
Ed Rose		Jeff Lucas		Gail Konerth		Christine Koska	X
John Medeiros,	X	Jodi Duval	X	Rosanne Cordeira		Andrew Romano	
Jessica Fidalgo		Nancy Parent					

APPROX 1 MINUTE

December 2022
No meeting

North Fairhaven Improvement Association
January 19, 2023
Meeting 6:00

Present:

Pauline Parker	X	Heidi Hacking	X	Deb Davis	X	Fred Raphael.	
Ed Rose	X	Jeff Lucas		Gail Konerth		Christine Koska	X
John Medeiros,	X	Jodi Duval	X	Rosanne Cordeira	X	Andrew Romano	X
Jessica Fidalgo	X	Nancy Parent					

North Fairhaven Improvement Association

February 16, 2023

Meeting 6:30

Present:

Pauline Parker		Heidi Hacking	X	Deb Davis	X	Fred Raphael.	
Ed Rose	X	Jeff Lucas		Gail Konerth		Christine Koska	
John Medeiros.	X	Jodi Duval	X	Rosanne Cordeira	X	Andrew Romano	X
Jessica Fidalgo	X	Nancy Parent		Bob Demers	X	Barry Parker	X

North Fairhaven Improvement Association

March 16, 2023

Meeting 6:30

Present:

Pauline Parker	x	Andrew Romano	X	Heidi Hacking	X	Deb Davis	x
Ed Rose	X	Jeff Lucas		Gail Konerth		Christine Koska	
John Medeiros.	X	Jodi Duval	X	Rosanne Cordeira	X	Fred Raphael	
Jessica Fidalgo	X	Nancy Parent		Bob Demers	X	Barry Parker	X

North Fairhaven Improvement Association

April 20, 2023

Meeting 6:30

Present:

Pauline Parker		Andrew Romano	X	Heidi Hacking	X	Deb Davis	X
Ed Rose	X	Jeff Lucas		Gail Konerth		Christine Koska	
John Medeiros.	X	Jodi Duval	X	Rosanne Cordeira		Fred Raphael	
Jessica Fidalgo	X	Nancy Parent		Bob Demers	X	Barry Parker	X
Laura Britto	X						

North Fairhaven Improvement Association

May 18, 2023

Meeting 6:30

Present:

Pauline Parker		Andrew Romano	X	Heidi Hacking	X	Deb Davis	X
Ed Rose	X	Jeff Lucas		Gail Konerth		Christine Koska	
John Medeiros.	X	Jodi Duval	X	Rosanne Cordeira		Fred Raphael	
Jessica Fidalgo	X	Nancy Parent		Bob Demers	X	Barry Parker	X
Laura Britto	X						

North Fairhaven Improvement Association

June 15, 2023 6:30pm

Meeting

Present:

Pauline Parker		Andrew Romano	X	Heidi Hacking	X	Deb Davis	X
Ed Rose	X	Jeff Lucas		Gail Konerth		Christine Koska	
John Medeiros	X	Jodi Duval	X	Rosanne Cordeira		Fred Raphael	

North Fairhaven Improvement Association

July 27, 2023 6:30pm

Meeting Minutes

Present:

Pauline Parker	X	Andrew Romano	X	Heidi Hacking	X	Deb Davis	X
Ed Rose	X	Jeff Lucas	X	Gail Konerth		Christine Koska	
John Medeiros	X	Jodi Duval	X	Rosanne Cordeira		Fred Raphael	
Jessica Fidalgo	X	Nancy Parent		Bob Demanche	X	Barry Parker	X
Laura Britto	X						

North Fairhaven Improvement Association

August 17, 2023 6:30pm

Meeting

Present:

Pauline Parker	X	Andrew Romano	X	Heidi Hacking		Deb Davis	X
Ed Rose		Jeff Lucas		Gail Konerth		Christine Koska	X
John Medeiros		Jodi Duval	X	Rosanne Cordeira		Fred Raphael	
Jessica Fidalgo	X	Nancy Parent		Bob Demanche	X	Barry Parker	X
Laura Britto	X						

North Fairhaven Improvement Association

September 21, 2023 6:35pm

Meeting

Present:

Pauline Parker	x	Andrew Romano	x	Heidi Hacking		Deb Davis	x
Ed Rose	x	Jeff Lucas		Gail Konerth		Christine Koska	x
John Medeiros		Jodi Duval	x	Rosanne Cordeira	x	Fred Raphael	
Jessica Fidalgo	x	Nancy Parent	x	Bob Demanche	x	Barry Parker	x
Laura Britto	x						

North Fairhaven Improvement Association

October 19, 2023 6:30pm

Meeting

Present:

Pauline Parker		Andrew Romano	X	Heidi Hacking		Deb Davis	X
Ed Rose	x	Jeff Lucas		Gail Konerth		Christine Koska	X
John Medeiros	x	Jodi Duval	X	Rosanne Cordeira		Fred Raphael	
Jessica Fidalgo	X	Nancy Parent		Bob Demanche	X	Barry Parker	

North Fairhaven Improvement Association
~~November~~ **October 19, 2023 6:30pm**
Meeting

Present:

Pauline Parker	x	Andrew Romano	X	Heidi Hacking	x	Deb Davis	X
Ed Rose	x	Jeff Lucas		Gail Konerth		Christine Koska	X
John Mederios	x	Jodi Duval	X	Rosanne Cordeira	x	Fred Raphael	
Jessica Fidalgo	X	Nancy Parent		Bob Demanche	X	Barry Parker	x
Laura Britto		Bob Hannon	x				

- Also present this month were: Gary Corvelo

Minutes: Minutes were reviewed and approved by Rosanne and the second by Pauline

Treasurer's Report: reviewed and approved by Rosanne and second by Pauline

Correspondence: Pauline thanked everyone for the lily plant

New Business

- **Gary Corvelo w/Complete Energy Services:** Updated lighting and insulation had been done except in the attic. Recommended dense insulating the floor above meeting space. They would add in weatherstripping doors. Once scheduled (about 2-6 weeks) the job would likely take 1 day. Left information on pricing, and payments plans with Eversource credit included. Motion to go forward and use the 24 month payback plan at \$53.38/M made by John seconded by Pauline, passed.
- **By-Laws Change:** Article 3 Section 1 change motion made by Jodi Seconded by Rosanne Article 4 Section 2 motion made to adopt language made by Jodi and seconded by Rosanne.
- **Shed:** Dec 5th meeting at Selectboard to get the official ok from selectboard after miscommunication was brought forward, after a complaint.
- **Decorating the Square-**Meet at 9am. Burgers for lunch. Meeting this Saturday at 10AM to organize stuff. Pictures of how its organized in the shed should be taken. All set for Boy Scouts.
- **Holiday Lighting at Benoit Square:** 530-830 the Street is closed, Confirmed with LT Sobral. Flyers going out to be distributed. Waiting on the call back for the Old Fire Truck. EMA was contacted by Fred for sound as well. Stanley is unable to do Santa this year, Chris & Rosanne have a friend they will ask. Hot Choc w/ Heidi TBD. Cookies and milk picked up. 200 candy canes (Debbie).
- **Decorate a tree at town hall:** Tree arriving Nov 18/19 asked to be decorated by Dec 9, and requested white lights. Theme- NFIA, NF businesses, landmarks. Jess can laminate photos. Set a decorating date of Nov 26th weather dependent.
- **Holiday Cafe:** Decorate Banquet room tables, yule log on TV. Set Up 8, event 10-3. Pies from Sam's (Jeff pick up), Soup by Dannys 3 gallons. Case of oyster crackers. Bring crock pots and chafing dish/warmers.
- **Nominations for December Elections:** Jodi now nominated for Vice President by Andrew Jodi accepted
- **January Meeting date:** Andrew has a conflict, would people like to change the meeting date or just run the meeting date without him. Meeting date decided to stay the same.
- **Other:** NFIA Gift Wrappers at Youth Vendor event to restart scholarship program, if anyone would like to join, Jess's mom volunteering and has supplies. Jess will have boxes. Event 12-4 12/10/23.
- Jess asked for a good month for a recruitment event for non profits at town hall, would like input from members on organizing this for the town. (March)
- Andrew mentioned to members when we are out and about to make sure we are clear to represent ourselves and our opinions as our own and not that of the NFIA without the permission of the committee.

Old Business:

- **Any Thank you/Get Well to send:** Jodi sent a get well card to Fred R recovering from surgery.
- **Recap/wrap up Halloween Parade:** Rain Out. Members passed out candy on Halloween. Sorted candy and saved prizes and costumes for next year. In March; consider using Park vs church so a rain date can be accessible.
- **Veterans Day Parade wrap up:** 3 dozen donuts & coffee sponsored by Lions Club (next year possibly ask Rescue Cafe for donation). Nancy made muffins. Jess and Laura walked in the parade. A future note, of possibly having a "thank you veterans" banner.

Upcoming Events: Reviewed dates of events 11/25, 12/1, 12/9, 1/6/24

Meeting adjourn: Jess made motion to adjourn, Andrew seconded, adjourned at 8:00pm

Next Meeting: December 21, 2023 6:30 PM Annual Dinner @6PM Members + 1 guest.
 respectfully submitted: Jess

North Fairhaven Improvement Association
December 21, 2023 6:57pm
Meeting

Present:

Pauline Parker	x	Andrew Romano	X	Heidi Hacking	Deb Davis	X
Ed Rose	x	Jeff Lucas	x	Gail Konerth	Christine Koska	X
John Mederios	x	Jodi Duval	X	Rosanne Cordeira	Fred Raphael	
Jessica Fidalgo	X	Nancy Parent		Bob Demanche	X Barry Parker	x
Laura Britto	X	Bob Hannon	x			

- Also present this month were: Myles Romano, Miguel, Roberta, Sally

North Fairhaven Improvement Association
January 18, 2024 6:31pm Meeting

Present:

Pauline Parker	x	Andrew Romano		Heidi Hacking	Deb Davis	X
Ed Rose	x	Jeff Lucas		Gail Konerth	Christine Koska	X
John Mederios	x	Jodi Duval	X	Rosanne Cordeira	x Fred Raphael	
Jessica Fidalgo	X	Nancy Parent		Bob Demanche	x Barry Parker	x
Laura Britto	X	Bob Hannon	x			

North Fairhaven Improvement Association
February 15, 2024 6:34pm
Meeting

Present:

Andrew Romano	X	Pauline Parker	X	Heidi Hacking	Deb Davis	X
Ed Rose		Jeff Lucas		Gail Konerth	Christine Koska	X
John Mederios	X	Jodi Duval	X	Rosanne Cordeira	X Fred Raphael	
Jessica Fidalgo	X	Nancy Parent		Bob Demanche	X Barry Parker	X
Laura Britto	X	Bob Hannon				

- Also present this month were: Christopher Fidalgo

North Fairhaven Improvement Association
Tuesday, March 19, 2024 6:34pm
Meeting Minutes

Present:

Andrew Romano	X	Pauline Parker	X	Heidi Hacking		Deb Davis	X
Ed Rose	X	Jeff Lucas		Gail Konerth		Christine Koska	X
John Mederios	X	Jodi Duval	X	Rosanne Cordeira	X	Fred Raphael	X
Jessica Fidalgo	X	Nancy Parent		Bob Demanche	X	Barry Parker	X
Laura Britto	X	Bob Hannon	X				

- Also present this month were: Will Gardner, Gary Brackins

North Fairhaven Improvement Association
Tuesday, April 18, 2024 6:34pm
Meeting Minutes

Present:

Andrew Romano	X	Pauline Parker	X	Heidi Hacking		Deb Davis	X
Ed Rose		Jeff Lucas		Gail Konerth		Christine Koska	X
John Mederios	X	Jodi Duval	X	Rosanne Cordeira	X	Fred Raphael	
Jessica Fidalgo		Nancy Parent		Bob Demanche	X	Barry Parker	X
Laura Britto	X	Bob Hannon	X				

- Also present this month were: Sherry Lopes, David Darmofal

North Fairhaven Improvement Association
Tuesday, May 16, 2024 6:34pm
Meeting Minutes

Present:

Andrew Romano	X	Pauline Parker	X	Heidi Hacking		Deb Davis	X
Ed Rose	X	Jeff Lucas		Gail Konerth		Christine Koska	
John Mederios	X	Jodi Duval		Rosanne Cordeira		Fred Raphael	
Jessica Fidalgo	X	Nancy Parent		Bob Demanche	X	Barry Parker	X
Laura Britto	X	Bob Hannon	X				

North Fairhaven Improvement Association
Tuesday, June 20, 2024 6:35pm
Meeting Minutes

Present:

Andrew Romano	X	Pauline Parker		Heidi Hacking		Deb Davis	X
Ed Rose	X	Jeff Lucas		Gail Konerth		Christine Koska	X
John Medeiros	X	Jodi Duval	X	Rosanne Cordeira	X	Fred Raphael	
Jessica Fidalgo	X	Nancy Parent		Bob Demanche		Barry Parker	
Laura Britto	X	Bob Hannon		Dave Darmofal	x		

- Also present this month were:

North Fairhaven Improvement Association
Tuesday, July 17, 2024 6:34pm
Meeting Minutes

Present:

Andrew Romano	X	Pauline Parker		Heidi Hacking		Deb Davis	X
Ed Rose	X	Jeff Lucas		Gail Konerth		Christine Koska	X
John Medeiros		Jodi Duval	X	Rosanne Cordeira		Fred Raphael	
Jessica Fidalgo	X	Nancy Parent		Bob Demanche	X	Barry Parker	
Laura Britto		Bob Hannan	X	Dave Darmofal	X		

North Fairhaven Improvement Association
Thursday, August 15, 2024 6:30pm
Meeting Minutes

Present:

Andrew Romano	X	Pauline Parker	X	Heidi Hacking		Deb Davis	X
Ed Rose	X	Jeff Lucas		Gail Konerth		Christine Koska	
John Medeiros	X	Jodi Duval	X	Rosanne Cordeira		Fred Raphael	
Jessica Fidalgo	X	Nancy Parent		Bob Demanche	X	Barry Parker	X
Laura Britto	X	Bob Hannan	X	Dave Darmofal	X		

- Also present this month were:

North Fairhaven Improvement Association
Thursday, September 19, 2024 6:31pm
Meeting Minutes

Present:

Andrew Romano	X	Pauline Parker	X	Heidi Hacking		Deb Davis	X
Ed Rose	X	Jeff Lucas		Gail Konerth		Christine Koska	X
John Medeiros	X	Jodi Duval	X	Rosanne Cordeira	X	Fred Raphael	
Jessica Fidalgo		Nancy Parent	X	Bob Demanche	X	Barry Parker	X
Laura Britto		Bob Hannan	X	Dave Darmofal			

• Also present this month were:

North Fairhaven Improvement Association
Thursday, October 17, 2024 6:30pm
Meeting Minutes

Present:

Andrew Romano	X	Jodi Duval	X	Jessica Fidalgo		Deb Davis	X
Ed Rose	X	Laura Britto	X	Rosanne Cordeira	X	Christine Koska	X
John Medeiros	X	Jeff Lucas		Bob Hannan	X	Fred Raphael	
Dave Darmofal	X	Bob Demanche		Pauline Parker		Barry Parker	
Gail Konerth		Nancy Parent					

• Also present this month were: Josh Crabbe from the Highway Department

North Fairhaven Improvement Association
Thursday, November 21, 2024 6:30pm
Meeting Minutes

Present:

Andrew Romano	X	Pauline Parker		Jodi Duval	X	Deb Davis	X
Ed Rose	X	Jeff Lucas		Gail Konerth		Christine Koska	X
John Medeiros	X	Dave Darmofal		Rosanne Cordeira		Fred Raphael	X
Jessica Fidalgo	X	Nancy Parent	X	Bob Demanche	X	Barry Parker	
Laura Britto	X	Bob Hannan	X				

• Also present this month were:

North Fairhaven Improvement Association
Thursday, December 19, 2024 6:30pm
Meeting Minutes

Present:

Andrew Romano	X	Pauline Parker		Jodi Duval	X	Deb Davis	X
Ed Rose	X	Jeff Lucas		Gail Konerth		Christine Koska	
John Medeiros	X	Dave Darmofal	X	Rosanne Cordeira	X	Fred Raphael	X
Jessica Fidalgo	X	Nancy Parent	X	Bob Demanche	X	Barry Parker	
Laura Britto	X	Bob Hannan	X				

- Also present this month were: Chris Fidalgo, Evan & Elliot Britto, Roberta Rose, Myles Romano

North Fairhaven Improvement Association
Thursday, January 16, 2025 6:30pm
Meeting Minutes

Present:

Andrew Romano	X	Jodi Duval	X	Laura Britto	X	Deb Davis	X
Ed Rose	X	Jessica Fidalgo	X	Rosanne Cordeira		Christine Koska	X
Bob Hannon	X	John Medeiros	X	Fred Raphael		Pauline Parker	
Dave Darmofal	X	Nancy Parent		Bob Demanche	X	Barry Parker	X
Jeff Lucas							

- Also present this month was: Will Foley

North Fairhaven Improvement Association
Thursday, February 20, 2025 6:30pm
Meeting Minutes

Present:

Andrew Romano	X	Jodi Duval		Laura Britto	X	Deb Davis	X
Ed Rose	X	Jessica Fidalgo	X	Rosanne Cordeira	X	Christine Koska	
Bob Hannon	X	John Medeiros		Fred Raphael		Pauline Parker	X
Dave Darmofal	X	Nancy Parent		Bob Demanche	X	Barry Parker	X
Jeff Lucas							

- Also present this month was: Chris Richard, Kelly Ochoa, Natalie Mello, Bob Dorgan, Frank Fostin, Nils Isaksen, Allie Thiel

North Fairhaven Improvement Association
Wednesday, March 19, 2025 6:30pm
Meeting Minutes

Present:

Andrew Romano	X	Jodi Duval	X	Laura Britto	X	Deb Davis	X
Ed Rose	X	Jessica Fidalgo		Rosanne Cordeira	X	Christine Koska	X
Bob Hannon	X	John Medeiros	X	Fred Raphael	X	Pauline Parker	X
Dave Darmofal	X	Nancy Parent		Bob Demanche	X	Barry Parker	X
Jeff Lucas		Chris Richard	X				

- Also present this month was: Rick Trapilo, Miles Grant, Sean Powers, Erik Andersen, Ken Blanchard, Bob Collins, Larry O'Gara, Sandi Watkins

North Fairhaven Improvement Association
Thursday, April 24, 2025 6:30pm
Meeting Minutes

Present:

Andrew Romano	X	Jodi Duval		Laura Britto	X	Deb Davis	X
Ed Rose	X	Jessica Fidalgo		Rosanne Cordeira		Christine Koska	
Bob Hannon	X	John Medeiros	X	Fred Raphael	X	Pauline Parker	X
Dave Darmofal	X	Nancy Parent	X	Bob Demanche	X	Barry Parker	X
Jeff Lucas		Chris Richard	X				

- Guests: Bill Kliegel, Jeff Cardoza

North Fairhaven Improvement Association
Thursday, May 22, 2025 6:30pm
Meeting Minutes

Present:

Andrew Romano	X	Jodi Duval	X	Laura Britto	X	Deb Davis	X
Ed Rose	X	Jessica Fidalgo	X	Rosanne Cordeira	X	Christine Koska	
Bob Hannon	X	John Medeiros	X	Fred Raphael		Pauline Parker	
Dave Darmofal	X	Nancy Parent	X	Bob Demanche	X	Barry Parker	
Jeff Lucas		Chris Richard	X				

- Guests: none

North Fairhaven Improvement Association
Thursday, June 26, 2025 6:30pm
Meeting Minutes

Present:

Andrew Romano	X	Jodi Duval	X	Laura Britto	X	Deb Davis	
Ed Rose		Jessica Fidalgo	X	Rosanne Cordeira	X	Christine Koska	X
Bob Hannon	X	John Medeiros	X	Fred Raphael		Pauline Parker	X
Dave Darmofal	X	Nancy Parent	X	Bob Demanche	X	Barry Parker	X
Jeff Lucas		Chris Richard	X				

- Guests: George, Owner of Galaxy Pizza

North Fairhaven Improvement Association
Thursday, July 24, 2025 6:30pm
Meeting Minutes

Present:

Andrew Romano	X	Jodi Duval	X	Laura Britto	X	Deb Davis	
Ed Rose		Jessica Fidalgo		Rosanne Cordeira		Christine Koska	X
Bob Hannon	X	John Medeiros	X	Fred Raphael		Pauline Parker	
Dave Darmofal		Nancy Parent		Bob Demanche		Barry Parker	
Jeff Lucas		Chris Richard	X				

- Guests: None

North Fairhaven Improvement Association
Thursday, August 28, 2025 6:38pm
Meeting Minutes

Present:

Andrew Romano	X	Jodi Duval	X	Laura Britto	X	Deb Davis	X
Ed Rose	X	Jessica Fidalgo		Rosanne Cordeira	X	Christine Koska	
Bob Hannan	X	John Medeiros	X	Fred Raphael		Pauline Parker	X
Dave Darmofal	X	Nancy Parent		Bob Demanche	X	Barry Parker	X
Jeff Lucas		Chris Richard	X				

- Guests: None

North Fairhaven Improvement Association
Thursday, September 25, 2025 6:30pm
Meeting Minutes

Present:

Andrew Romano	X	Jodi Duval		Laura Britto	X	Deb Davis	X
Ed Rose	X	Jessica Fidalgo	X	Rosanne Cordeira	X	Christine Koska	X
Bob Hannon	X	John Medeiros	X	Fred Raphael		Pauline Parker	
Dave Darmofal	X	Nancy Parent		Bob Demanche	X	Barry Parker	
Jeff Lucas		Chris Richard	X				

- Guests: Officer Coelho and Lieutenant Swain



Town of Fairhaven Report of the Town Administrator November 10, 2025

Financial Updates

- Department heads have begun drafting their departments future capital needs that will be incorporated into the FY27-FY31 Capital Improvement Plan. The deadline for department head submission is Wednesday, November 26th.

Project Updates

- Public Works will continue to flush fire hydrants over the next month, weather permitting. The recently completed upgrades to the water treatment plant, along with the ongoing hydrant flushing will improve the quality of water customers receive. The water quality being discharged from the plant is the highest since the water plant opened seventeen years ago. Once sediment have removed from the water lines through flushing, customers will notice the improvement to the water quality. Thank you for your patience.

Personnel Update

- There are no personnel updates this week.

Miscellaneous Updates

- Department heads met with Town Moderator Mark Sylvia to review the Town Meeting warrant articles in preparation for the Fall Town Meeting.
- The new Fire Department boat has been delivered. Fire Department staff will be training on the boat prior to the boat going into service. The boat being replaced was acquired as a Coast Guard surplus and has to be returned the State for redeployment.



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November 3, 2025

Mr. Keith Silvia
Select Board Member
Town Hall
40 Center Street
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Dear Mr. Silvia:

As the Superintendent-Director at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School, I'd love to invite you to attend an Information Day for Fairhaven Public Officials on December 4, 2025, from 8:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The event for public officials from Fairhaven will be held at GNB Voc-Tech, 1121 Ashley Boulevard, New Bedford, on December 4, 2025, from 8:45 a.m. to 11:30am. The Information Day is designed to strengthen our collaboration between GNBVT and the Fairhaven community, discuss the importance and value of career and technical education at our educational institution, identify ways we can ensure that all graduates are equipped with the necessary skill sets to be successful in our regional and statewide job markets, and identify ways that we may continue to strengthen our fantastic partnership with community leaders on behalf of Fairhaven residents. If you are unable to attend during the day, we are happy to schedule an evening for Fairhaven officials.

These conversations, as well as the opportunity to observe our learning environment in action, provide an exceptional forum to build upon our already strong relationship. Please RSVP by November 28, 2025 to Maria Fredette, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, at (508) 998-3321, ext. 275 or email her at maria.fredette@gnbvt.edu. (If you can't make it for the entire program, I hope you will consider visiting us for part of it.)

Thank you. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Very truly,

Michael P. Watson
Superintendent-Director

Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School is committed to ensuring equal opportunities for all students. The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, genetics, ancestry, limited English proficiency, sex, disability, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, homelessness, immigration status, military status or veteran status in its education programs and activities, including admission to or employment in such programs or activities.

Michael P. Watson
Superintendent-Director

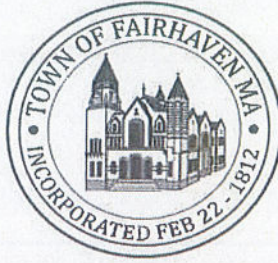
Maciel Pais
Executive Director
Operations and Technology

Warley J. Williams
Principal

Erin Ptaszenski
Executive Director
Student Services

Pamela Stuart
School Business Administrator

Yolanda Dennis
Executive Director
DEI and Compliance



Monday, October 27, 2025

CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Contact Form: Michelle Costen**
2. **Letter of Thanks: Mayor Yoh Hodo-oka, Tosashimizu City, Japan**

Public Comment -CPA funds

1 message

Michelle Costen <michcosten@gmail.com>

Mon, Oct 20, 2025 at 10:38 AM

To: selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov, TownAdmin@fairhaven-ma.gov, Charlie Murphy <cmurphy@molifeinc.com>, ksilvia2@yahoo.com

To the Selectmen/board,

I wanted to bring it to your attention that in the 2024 Community Preservation Plan, it was stated on page 11, that the public had a Polling in 2022 and listed their "primary" concerns were involving cost of housing. This concern remains even greater today, as a well known fact, in 2025.

But when you look at page 47, the last page of this plan, where totals of appropriations are documented, 56% of appropriations went towards historic uses, and a 15% went towards housing needs. And not all of this historic maintenance was even involving buildings that are publicly owned.

Think about this?

Are town hall officials, (be they volunteers or paid positions) really listening to Fairhaven constituents?

Most of the new housing that is being planned and or developed in Fairhaven is \$750,000 and up.

We are still excluding our moderate income earners who offer vital services to the community, and who make up most of our community and population. These people would be police officers, firefighters, nurses, teaches, ambulance drivers/ EMT's, etc..Who no longer can afford to buy a house in Fairhaven. And of course, what about the elderly who cannot find affordable senior housing?

CPA funds can be used to create/or help preserve, low and moderate income housing. For seniors and people of all ages who live and work in our community.

On the first page of this community plan, you are thanking the public for being the majority funding source and who make it possible to have these funds available, and yet their Primary polling concerns are in the lowest percentage of Appropriations. ???

Public officials are not listening to their majority constituents. This is why we don't have a 2 1/2 proposition passed. Constituents don't believe that town hall officials will use it appropriately.

This is not my opinion. It's become a mathematical fact.

The proof is in the pudding.

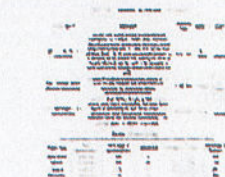
I believe it's less than 3000 people who vote, out of Approximately 14,000 people who are registered voters.

-People don't vote because there is an inner knowing by the major majority people, that town hall officials aren't really listening to their real needs. And they're just too hard-working and busy trying to survive, to be fighting town hall all the time.

When I looked at the most recent CPC agenda, 10/15/25 of this past week, again, housing was at the bottom of the list. There were no monetary values noted on the agenda, so it's hard for the public to really know what is being distributed. But CPA funds should be transparent, and you should be putting amounts right next to the applicants name on the agenda.

Michelle Costen
Fairhaven, Ma

3 attachments



Age	Sex	Marital Status	Income	Assets	Liabilities	Net Worth
35	M	Married	\$45,000	\$120,000	\$80,000	\$40,000
32	F	Married	\$35,000	\$80,000	\$50,000	\$30,000
28	M	Single	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$30,000	\$20,000
25	F	Single	\$20,000	\$40,000	\$25,000	\$15,000

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Age	Sex	Marital Status	Income	Assets	Liabilities	Net Worth
35	M	Married	\$45,000	\$120,000	\$80,000	\$40,000
32	F	Married	\$35,000	\$80,000	\$50,000	\$30,000
28	M	Single	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$30,000	\$20,000
25	F	Single	\$20,000	\$40,000	\$25,000	\$15,000

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Age	Sex	Marital Status	Income	Assets	Liabilities	Net Worth
35	M	Married	\$45,000	\$120,000	\$80,000	\$40,000
32	F	Married	\$35,000	\$80,000	\$50,000	\$30,000
28	M	Single	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$30,000	\$20,000
25	F	Single	\$20,000	\$40,000	\$25,000	\$15,000

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COMMUNITY HOUSING

The CPA statute defines "community housing" as housing for low- and moderate-income individuals and families, including senior housing. "Low-income housing" is for households whose annual income is less than 80% of the area-wide median income (AMI). "Moderate income housing" is for households whose annual income is less than 100% of the area-wide median income. The area-wide median income is determined annually by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

According to the 2024 CPA Affordable Housing Income Limits, the Area wide Median Income for a Family of Four within Fairhaven's Census Area Designation (Providence-Warwick, RI-MA MSA, New Bedford HMFA) was \$91,300. However, for housing units created with CPA funds to be counted toward Fairhaven's 10% affordable housing goal, the units must serve those households whose annual income is less than 80% of the area-wide median income, which the CPA lists as \$73,040 for a family of four.

Fairhaven has some lower-cost market housing units, primarily rental in double and triple decker apartments, but very few of these qualify as countable affordable housing units under State law. In Massachusetts, the term "affordable housing" applies to housing units made affordable to low-and moderate-income households by a recorded deed rider that restricts sale prices and rents in perpetuity to income eligible households.

C. funds may be expended "for the creation, preservation and support of community housing and for the rehabilitation or restoration ... of community housing," but not including maintenance. The Fairhaven Housing Authority historically has been the local agency responsible for implementation of community housing projects.

Community Housing Resources and Needs

During the development of the Master Plan, *Fairhaven 2040* (2017), residents of the Town reaffirmed their commitment to provide affordable housing. In order to retain Fairhaven's community character, it is critical for the Town to encourage and enable a diverse range of resident households to live here. These include municipal and school employees, people who work locally, elderly residents, the adult children of Fairhaven residents, and other first-time home buyers.

The high cost of housing continues to be a major concern of Massachusetts residents. In August of 2022, the Mass INC Polling group conducted a survey on the economic concerns of voters, and the costs of housing and living were their primary issues. Additionally, voters overall supported a shift towards more responsible development and local rent control policies.

In previous polls, such as the UMass Donahue Institute/CHAPA Housing Poll, respondents reported the cost of housing makes it hard to make ends meet; causes them to seriously consider moving out of Massachusetts; prevents elderly residents from staying in their town

DRAFT COPY - Appendix – All Approved CPC Projects

Project Name	Description	Approval Date	Categories	Status
BBC Carvalho Woods Conservation	For the Town, by and through the Conservation Commission, to purchase a conservation restriction (\$80,000) and pay for project costs and public access enhancements (\$30,000) on a 5.92 acre vacant lot at 144 Shaw Road. The CR would permanently protect the lot and allow for the creation of a walking trail from the Phoenix Bike Path near the north of the property to Shaw Road and the existing Carvalho Farm trail to the south	05/04/2024	Open Space	In Progress
FHA – Anthony Haven Window Replacement	Replace 75 windows to preserve the integrity of the public housing complex with 24 one-bedroom apartments for seniors over 60 and handicapped/disabled tenants.	05/04/2024	Housing	In Progress
Town Hall Repairs – East Retaining Wall	Repair the Town Hall East Retaining Wall along the Walnut Street Side of the building. The repair would require disassembling the wall and accompanying wrought iron fence and sidewalk, rebuilding the stonework, fence, and sidewalk, and installing a new drainage system to mitigate future issues.	05/04/2024	Historic	In Progress

Overview of Projects By Type – Total Appropriations Calculated Based on the Community Preservation Coalition Database Listings						
Project Type	Total Appropriations	Percentage of Appropriations	Completed	In Progress	Total	Percentage of Projects
Open Space	\$1,455,915	16%	10	6	16	13%
Historic	\$5,156,830	56%	49	14	64*	53%
Housing	\$1,399,371	15%	18	4	22	18%
Recreation	\$1,244,282	13%	11	8	19	16%

*The Fort Phoenix Restoration project from 2006 was cancelled

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The Committee wishes to thank the citizens of the Town, Town and State officials, and Committee members for their help in the development of this Plan.

For additional information on the CPA statute and how it is being applied in towns across the State, visit the Community Preservation Coalition website at www.communitypreservation.org. For information on Fairhaven's Community Preservation activity, visit the Town website at <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/community-preservation-committee>.



Town of Fairhaven
Select Board

On behalf of the City of Tosashimizu, I offer our sincere thanks to the Town of Fairhaven for the warm welcome and generous support extended to our delegation during the John Manjiro Festival on October 4, 2025. Your hospitality made every member of our group feel at home and deepened the friendship that connects our communities across the ocean.

First, please accept my heartfelt thanks to the people of Fairhaven for their warm reception and thoughtful kindness. Thanks to the town-wide spirit of support, our delegation felt welcomed throughout our stay.

Through the generous cooperation of Fairhaven High School, the students and staff of Shimizu High School enjoyed meaningful opportunities for exchange and learning at the school and in the community, creating unforgettable memories for everyone.

We are especially grateful to the Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven for hosting our students in homestays. Sharing daily life with Fairhaven families strengthened mutual understanding and the bonds of friendship in a way that only home life can provide.

We also extend our deep appreciation to Gerry and Ayako Rooney and to the Whitfield Manjiro Friendship Society. Their steady dedication over many years has built the bridge of trust and exchange between Fairhaven and Tosashimizu. We are honored to cross that bridge together.

Looking ahead, the year 2027 will be a historic milestone. We will return to Fairhaven to celebrate the twentieth Fairhaven John Manjiro Festival, the two hundredth anniversary of John Manjiro's birth, and the fortieth anniversary of our sister city relationship. We look forward to marking this special year with you and to strengthening our cooperation in education, culture, and civic friendship. Together, we will pass this friendship to the next generation.

Once again, thank you for your kindness and partnership. We cherish this relationship and remain committed to working with you in the years to come.

With gratitude and respect,
Yoh Hodo-oka
Mayor, City of Tosashimizu
Kochi Prefecture, Japan