

Fairhaven Cultural Council  
November 12, 2025

**Call to order**

A motion to begin the meeting at 6:40 was unanimously accepted.

**Roll Call**

Katharine MacPhail (Secretary), John Walker (Vice Chair) Beth Ann Gallagher (Chair) Jen Frasier (Treasurer), Serina Gundersen Thomas (member)

**Minutes**

The minutes from the October 15 meeting were accepted as written.

A motion to approve the minutes from the October 15 meeting as written and enter them into public record was unanimously accepted.

Everyone on the FCC has reviewed the FY26 Fairhaven Cultural Council Panel book, 400 pages plus an additional 64 pages of follow up letters.

**Recusal**

Beth Ann recused herself from application One Team, One Goal: Kicking Together, NB Film Festival, Millicent Library application, Backyard Band Jams and the Resin workshop. Katharine recused herself from proposals submitted by Fairhaven Green Lanterns and Fairhaven for All.

Beth Ann gave a quick review of FCC priorities, revised for FY26.

A motion to deliberate and discuss the projects taking place in Fairhaven first without allocating funds was unanimously accepted.

Conditional approvals are allowed. When a project is approved it can receive partial or full funding.

MCC doesn't want any one member to dominate in discussing the proposals.

After the deliberation to fund or not fund the Fairhaven projects, a motion to accept the following funding amounts was unanimously accepted:

4. Children's Art Lab Summer Camp Scholarship Program, voted to fund \$690
5. Fairhaven Summer Art Gallery, voted to fund 500
7. Alive Old Time Radio Play: A Drama-Therapeutic Community Engagement Workshop, voted to fund \$625
8. Tiny Tutti, voted not to fund
9. One Team, One Goal: Kicking Together (Beth Ann recused), voted not to fund
11. Fairhaven Association for Music Education, voted not to fund
12. Don't Look Away, Fairhaven for all (Katharine recused) voted not to fund
13. Drought Tolerant Pollinator Garden Model (Katharine recused), voted to fund \$1000
14. Lecture: Liberty's First Crisis, vote to fund \$600
15. Concert under the Stars- vote to fund \$500
16. Fairhaven Homecoming Day Fair Entertainment, vote to fund \$500
17. Pollinator Gardens at Fairhaven Rec- vote to fund 1000
18. Revolutionary War period Living History Encampment- vote to fund \$1000
19. Fairhaven Youth Mural and Public Art Workshop- vote not to fund
21. Natural Heritage of Fairhaven Speaker Series, vote to fund \$1000

22. Fairhaven Porchfest, voted not to fund
23. Seascape/Memory Frame Resin Art Class (Beth Ann recused), voted not to fund
24. Inclusive Story Adventures for Fairhaven Youth, voted not to fund
- 25- Backyard Band Jams goes to Cushman Park- vote to fund \$800
26. Hip Hop SQUARE Dance for Seniors!, vote not to fund
27. Hip Hop SQUARE Dance for Seniors and Summer Day Camps!, vote not to fund
28. Mini Big Top - A Mini Circus for Mini Readers, vote to fund \$900
29. Courage, Perseverance, and Trust: The Manjiro Story- vote to fund \$239
31. Music Night in the Gazebo- vote to fund \$500
33. To Life!: Celebrations in Story, Song and Music, vote not to fund
35. Watercolor for Beginners at the Fairhaven Council on Aging vote to fund \$1000
37. Showstoppers Performing Arts, vote not to fund
38. Party at the crossroads, vote not to fund
39. Hear our voice!, vote not to fund
41. Movement and Mentorship - Creating unity across ages, styles, and stages, vote not to fund
42. Growing Things by Margaret Moody Puppets vote to fund \$796
44. Refreshment for Fairhaven Arts Performances, vote not to fund
45. Voices Unheard 2026 Concert Season, vote not to fund
46. Fairhaven Environmental Stewardship Collective- vote to fund \$1000
48. Project S.A. F. E. ( Safety and Forensic Education), vote not to fund
49. The Theft of Dignity: Webster Presentation, vote not to fund
50. Book launch, art exhibit and library talk- vote not to fund
51. Classic Country Music Revue- vote to fund \$500

Beth Ann thanked those who applied but were not awarded money and read out the names of all the proposals and applicants. A motion to not fund all the projects listed was unanimously approved.

#### Treasurers report

Jen got another report, this one from Tri-County. Old Time Fiddle Sessions are not over yet so the report has not been issued.

A motion to set aside brief news items, Chair's report, Community Outreach, Special project , other business and to-dos review until the next meeting was unanimously accepted.

Katharine agreed to enter in the denials at the MCC website.

A motion to hold the next meeting of the FCC on Wednesday December 17 was unanimously accepted.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 PM was unanimously accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

Katharine MacPhail, Secretary