

**Fairhaven Historical Commission**

**Minutes**

**November 4, 2025**

FAIRHAVEN TOWN CLERK  
RCUD 2025 DEC 9 AM 9:23

Present: Members: Rick Martin (chair), Beth Luey (vice-chair), Eleanor Chew (secretary), Nick Jones, Shayna Jones, Alex Kuechler and Natalie Mello (Select Board Liaison)

Absent: All present

Guest at Town Hall: Nils Isaksen, Frank Fostin

ZOOM: Noone

**1. Meeting called to order:** by Rick Martin, Chair with the Pledge of Allegiance and attendance at 6:32 p.m.

**2. Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes for October were approved. (A. Kuechler)/ B. Luey)

**3. House Plaque Application:** No applications were received

**4. Financial Report:** Motion to approve payment of invoices in the amount of \$1,182.67. The motion passed. (E. Chew/ A. Kuechler). Eleanor raised the question as to what the bills were for from NAPA Auto Parts and who approved those bills in advance. The lights at the fort were \$98.98. Rick asked Alex to look into the costs and the process and to communicate the process with the Protecting Society. Eleanor expressed her concern with the Protecting Society purchasing materials without prior approval which had been previously discussed.

**5. Chair's Report:** The chair reported there is a vacancy on the commission, he is working on the properties survey, the Rogers School update, fire engine and CPC application, and that we need to come up with a list of priorities for each property and the Eagle scout project.

**6. Properties Update:**

a. Academy Building: Beth said the state has approved the project and it is going out to bid for the shingles and the bathrooms.

b. Fort Phoenix: Eleanor thanked Mike Jenney for his support, spoke with Matt McDonald about the militia, said there is a rod on one of the cannons that needs to be fixed, the John Paul Jones Cannon needs to be removed as the undercarriage is damaged, and asked if we wanted to have Alyssa Botelho include us with the plans for the event in May. The consensus was that we should ask Alyssa to include us in the plans.

c. School House: Rick said they had 323 visitors for 2025 and he deposited \$85.00 into the gift account and said the gutters need to be cleaned and repaired. Eleanor offered to call Keith Silvia regarding the work needed.

d. Firehouses: Alex reported that Engine 6 is back from Voke and that it can go to events again. The hinge on the door at Washington Street is broken and they met last month to work on cleaning out the Spring St. Station.

e. Nimrod Cannon: In process

f. John Paul Jones Cannon: In report for the fort.

## **7. Discussion/Action Items:**

- a. Delano Cemetery: Rick spoke about the Delano Cemetery, saying the plaques need to be replaced. Beth asked who owned the property with Natalie suggesting Rick contact the BPW and then the Assessor's Office to determine ownership.
- b. Street Light Project: Nils Isaaksen spoke requesting a letter of support for phase 2 of the project. A motion was made that we send a letter of support to the CPC. The motion passed. (A. Kuechler/ S. Jones). A motion was made that we approve the spending of the rest of the money for the lights in the gift account with the amount to be determined by Ann Carreiro. The motion passed. (E. Chew/A. Kuechler)

## **8. Committee Liaison Reports:**

- a. CPC: Eleanor said they met and reviewed 20 applications and they sent 2 to the BPW as they were concerns and not applications and one application was declined as it was received too late.
- b. Lagoa Society: Rick said they are looking for more members.

## **9. Commission Member Items: None**

## **10. Public Comment: None**

**12. Next regularly scheduled meeting:** Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

**13. Motion to adjourn:** The motion to adjourn passed unanimously. (A. Kuechler/ B. Luey)

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Chew  
Clerk