

### FAIRHAVEN SELECT BOARD AGENDA

May 27, 2025 6:00 p.m.

FAIRHAVEN TOWN CLERK

Town Hall - 40 Center Street - Fairhaven 2025 MAY 22 PM1:57

Log on or call 1-929-205-6099, Meeting ID: 894 8599 3911, Passcode: 330130 The meeting can also be viewed on Channel 18 or on FairhavenTV.com

### A. PUBLIC HEARINGS - 6:00P.M.

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### **B. PUBLIC COMMENT**

#### C. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation where the chair declares that an open session would have a detrimental effect on the Town's litigating position (Civil Service)

### D. APPOINTMENTS AND COMMUNITY ITEMS

- 1. Proclamation: Fairhaven Mothers' Day Club
- 2. Special One-Day All Alcohol License: Homecoming, June 28, 2025, 10:00am-4:00pm
- 3. Reappointments: Constables; Local Committees/Department Heads; Town Boards, Committees and Commissions (Attached)
- 4. Appointment Requests: New, Various Town Board, Committees and Commissions (Attached)

### E. ACTION / DISCUSSION

- 1. Resource Lighting and Energy: Electric Vehicle Charging Station Proposal
- 2. Building Permit Fee Waiver Request: School
- 3. Atlas Tack Working Group Creation Discussion
- 4. Member Removal Request: Historical Commission

### F. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

1. Fairhaven TV Wins National Hometown Media Award for High School Tour Video

### G. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS / COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

### H. MINUTES

- 1. Accept the Select Board Open Session minutes of April 28, May 3, and May 12, 2025
- 2. Accept the Select Board Executive Session minutes of April 28 and May 12, 2025

#### I. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Contact Form: Michelle Costen 2. Contact Form: Tracy Travers

#### J. NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The next regularly scheduled Select Board meeting is Monday, June 9, 2025 at 6:30PM

#### **ADJOURN**



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### PETITION FOR JOINT OR IDENTICAL POLE LOCATIONS WO# PP02349408

March 27, 2025

Bristol County, Massachusetts To the Select Board for the Town of Fairhaven, Massachusetts.

### NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.

request permission to locate poles, wires, cables and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures to be owned and used in common by your petitioners, along and across the following public way or ways:

### Shaw Road, Fairhaven

Install one (1) new JO pole to be labeled 241/8.5.

Wherefore they pray that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, they be granted joint or identical locations for permission to erect and maintain poles, wires, and cables, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as they may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked **Plan PP02349408** Dated March 26, 2025.

Also, for permission to lay and maintain underground cables, conduits, wires, and necessary equipment in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with the poles and buildings as each may desire for distributing purposes.

Your petitioners agree to reserve space for one crossarm at a suitable point on each of said poles for the fire, police, telephone, and telegraph signal wires belonging to the municipality and used by it exclusively for municipal purposes.

NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY

By <u>Jessica Elder</u>
RIGHT OF WAY AGENT

**VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC.** 

By Karen Levesque
Right of Way Manager 8

Eversource Energy 50 Duchaine Blvd. New Bedford, MA 02745 Attn: Jessica Elder

### ORDER FOR JOINT OR IDENTICAL POLE LOCATIONS WO# PP02349408

### To the SELECT BOARD FOR THE TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN, MASSACHUSETTS

Notice having been given and a public hearing held, as provided by law, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: that NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.

be and they are hereby granted joint or identical locations for permission to erect and maintain poles and their respective wires and cables to be placed thereon, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as said Companies may deem necessary, in the public way or ways hereinafter referred to, as requested in petition of said Companies dated the 27th day of March 2025.

All construction under this order shall be in accordance with the following conditions:

Poles shall be of sound timber and reasonably straight and shall be set substantially at the points indicated upon the plan marked **Plan No. PP02349408** Dated March 26, 2025 filed with said petition. There may be attached to said poles by said **VERIZON NEW ENGLAND**, **INC**. not to exceed 40 wires and 4 cables and by said **NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY** necessary wires, cables, and fixtures

and all said wires and cables shall be placed at a height of not less than 18 feet from the ground at highway crossings, and not less than 16 feet from the ground elsewhere.

#### Shaw Road, Fairhaven

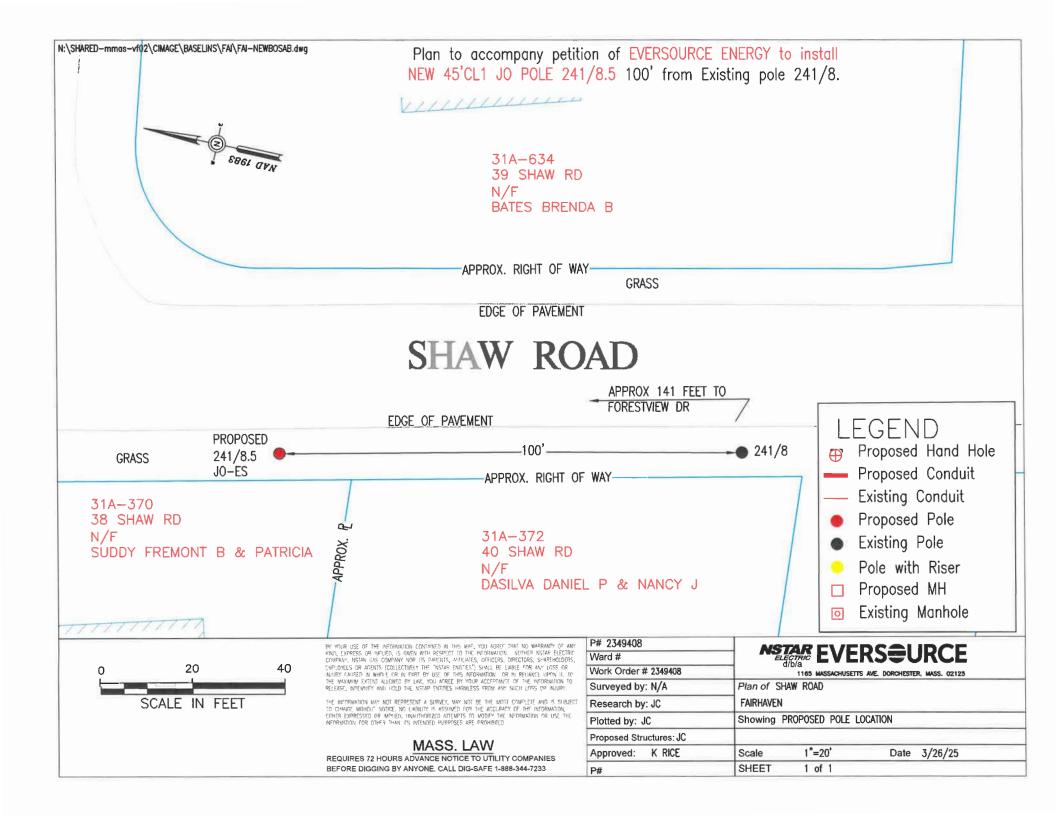
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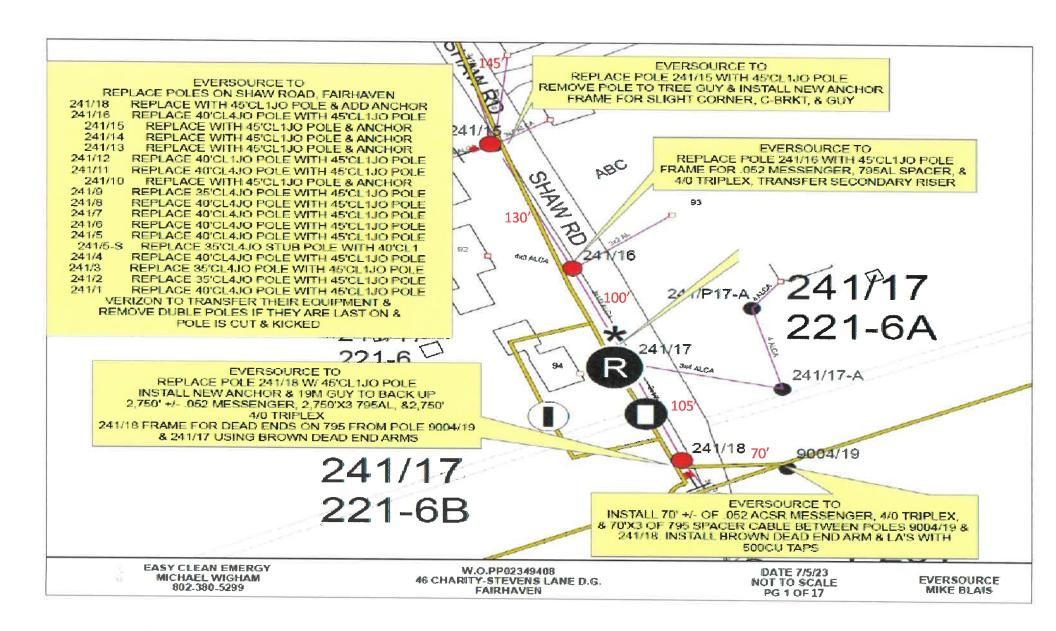
This work is necessary to provide electric service to a solar array for 46 Charity Stevens Lane.

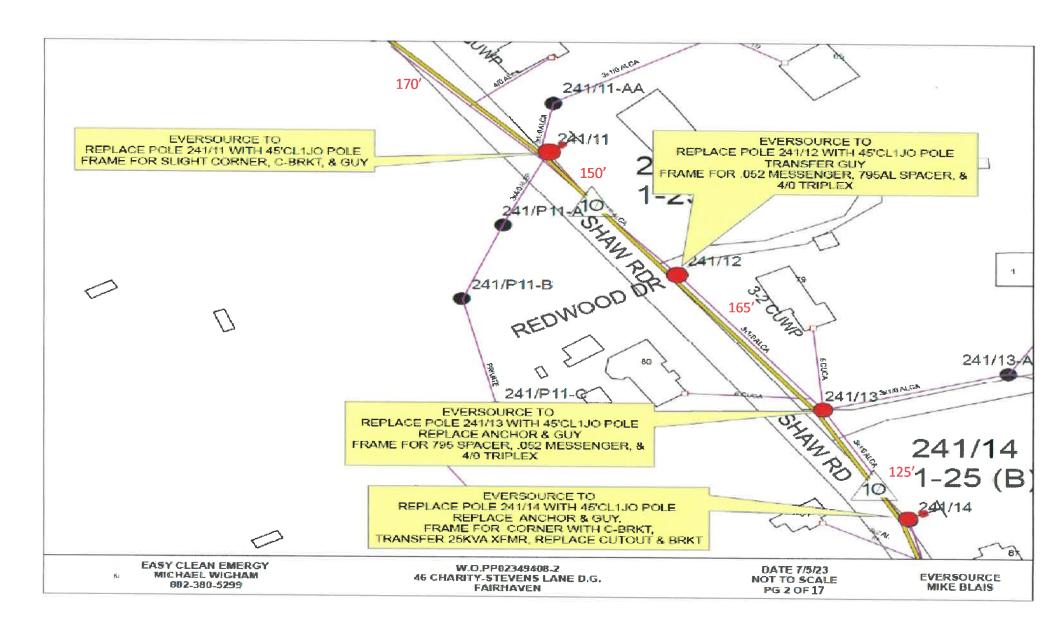
Also, that permission be and hereby granted to each of said companies to lay and maintain underground cables, conduits, wires, and necessary equipment in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each may desire for distributing purposes.

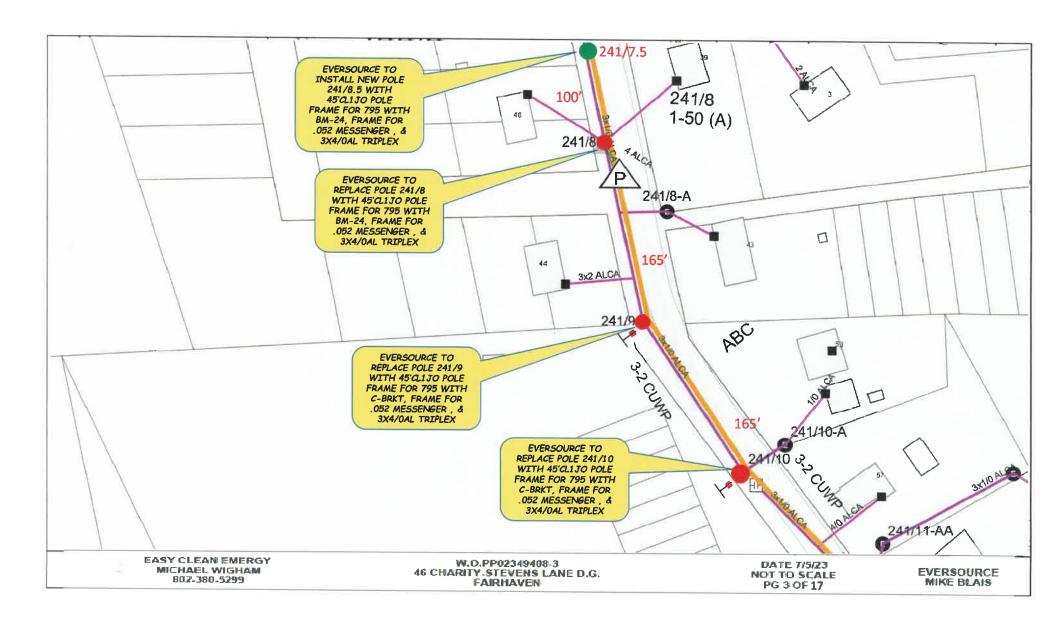
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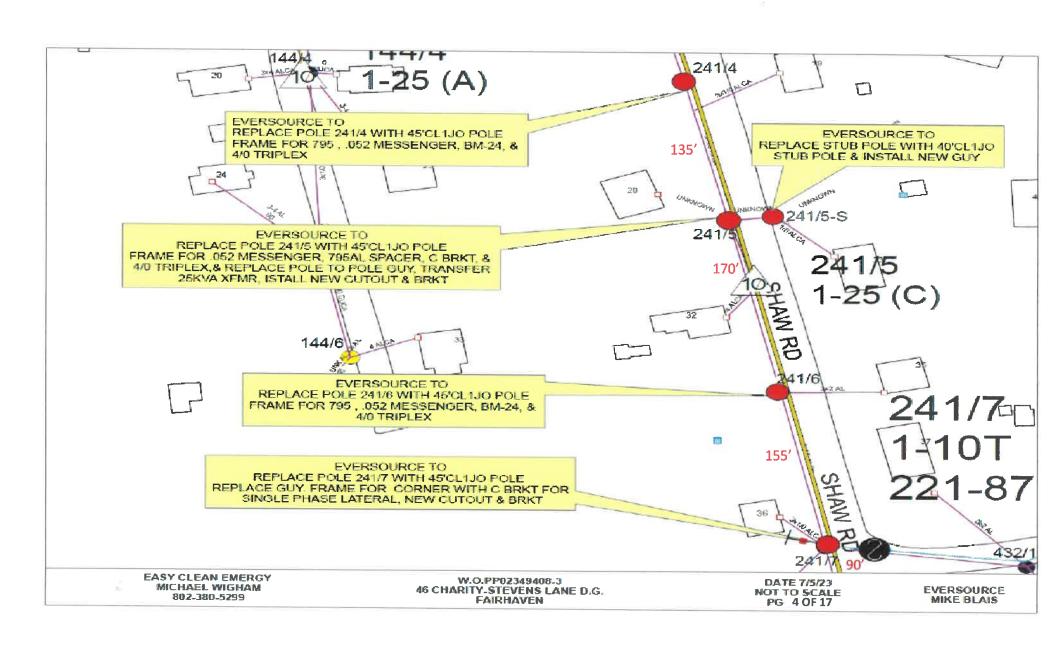
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M. at	a public hearing	
petition of the		
NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.		
for permission to erect the poles, wires, cables, fixtures herewith recorded, and that we mailed at least seven day the time and place of said hearing to each of the owners preceding assessment for taxation) along the ways or part permitted to erect poles, wires, cables, fixtures and conthereupon said order was duly adopted.	s before said hearing a of real estate (as detern is of ways upon which the	written notice of nined by the last e Companies are
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Select Board		
The Town of Fairhaven,		
Massachusetts		
CERTIFICATE		
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy o hearing with notice adopted by the Select Board for the To		ichusetts, on the
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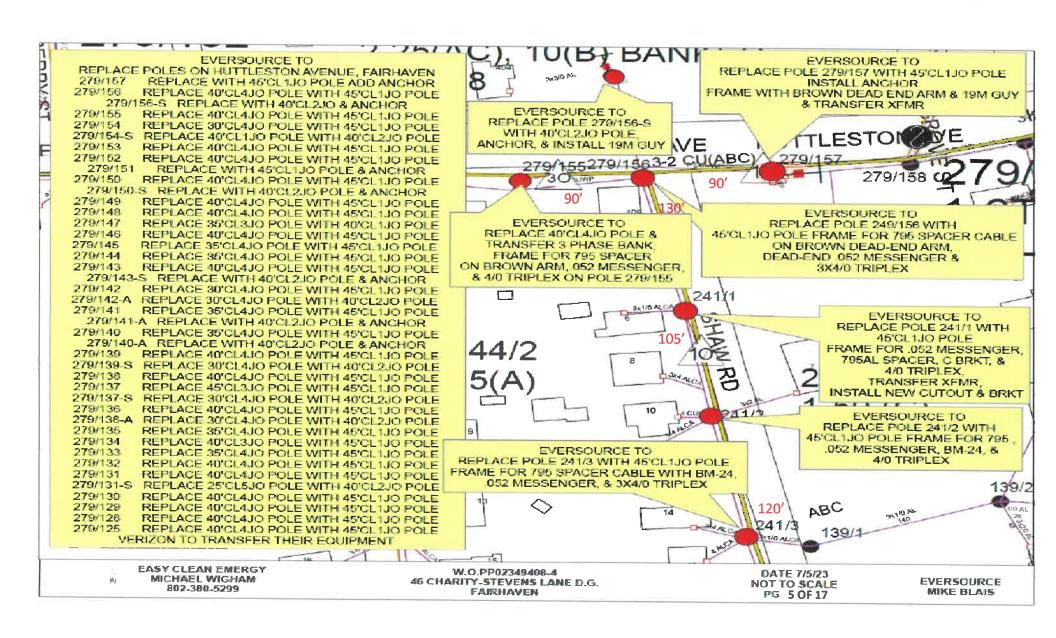


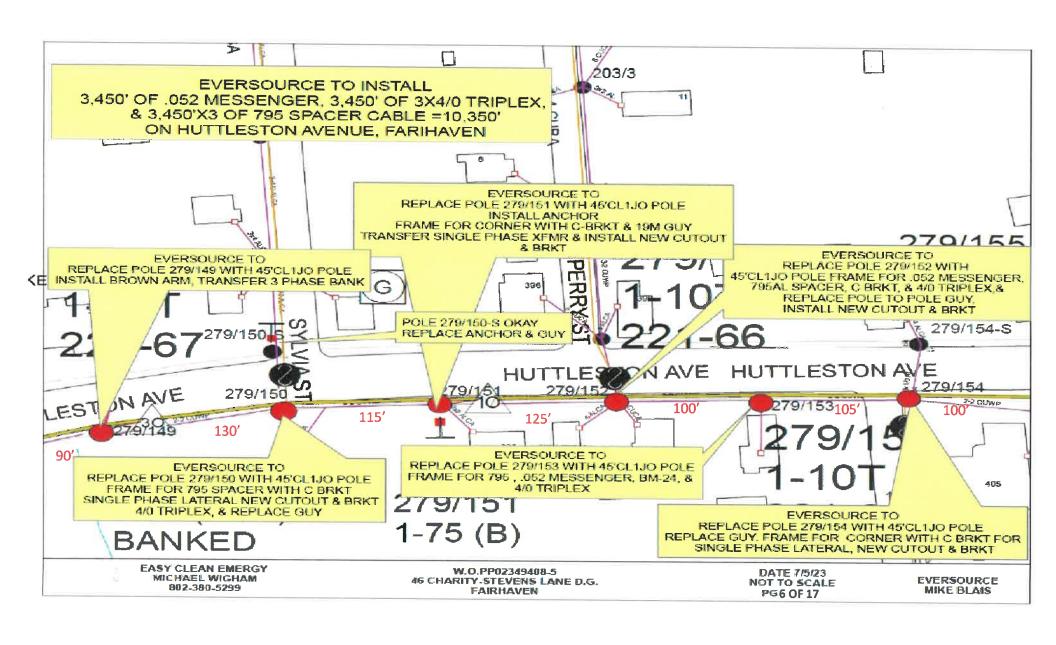


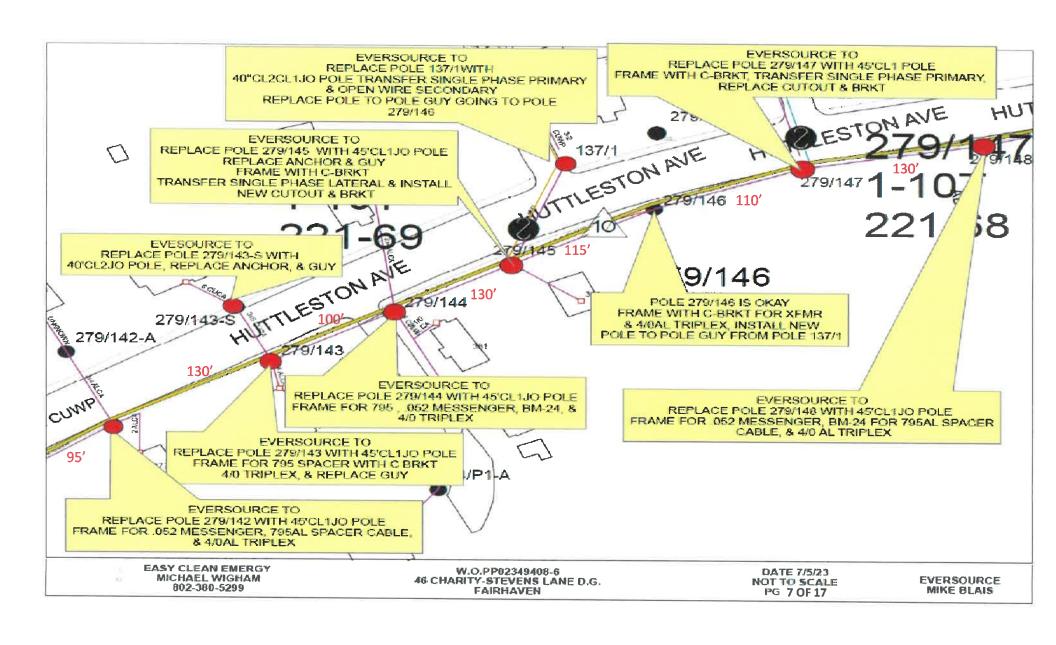


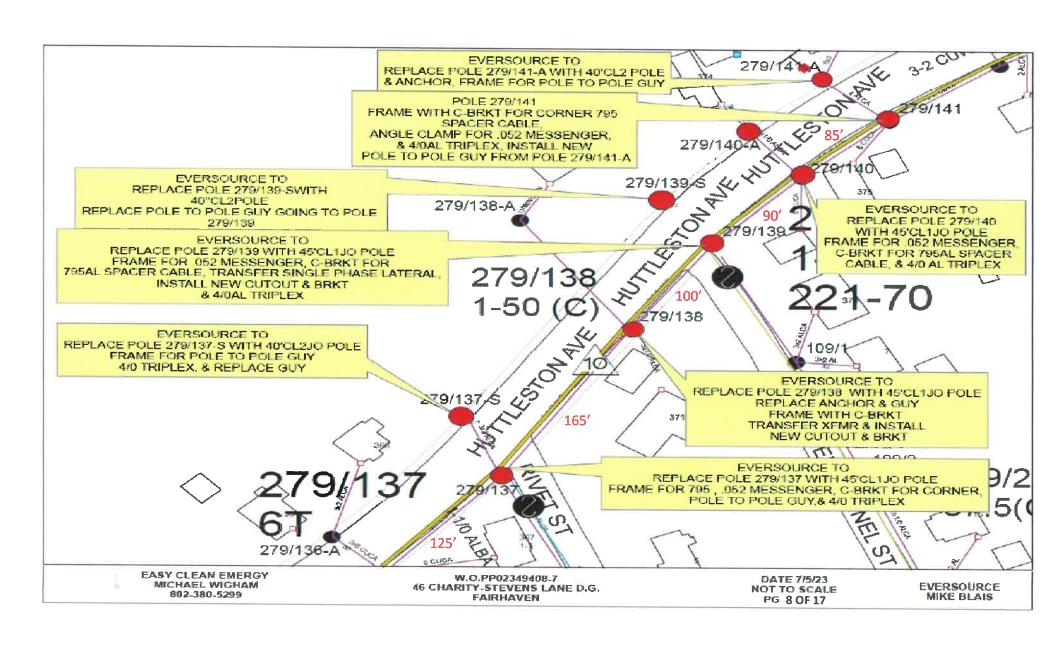


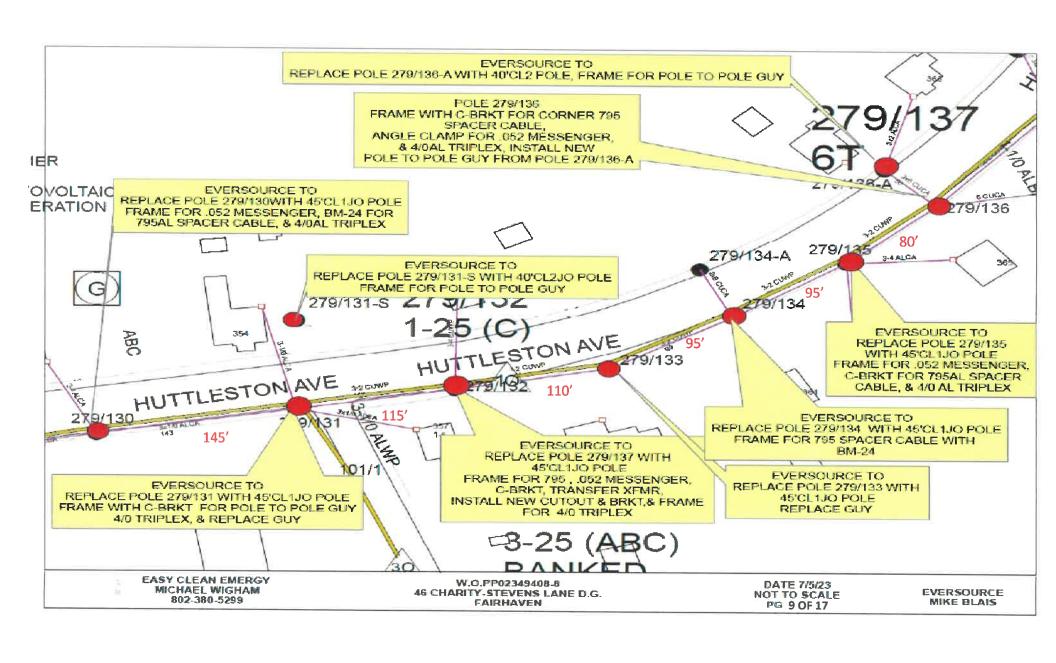


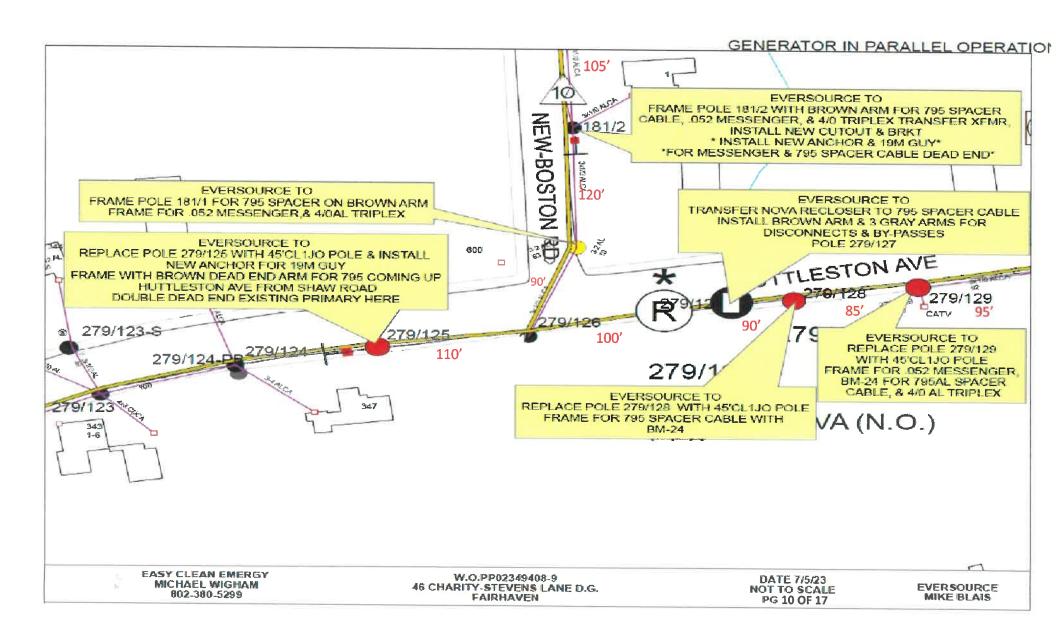


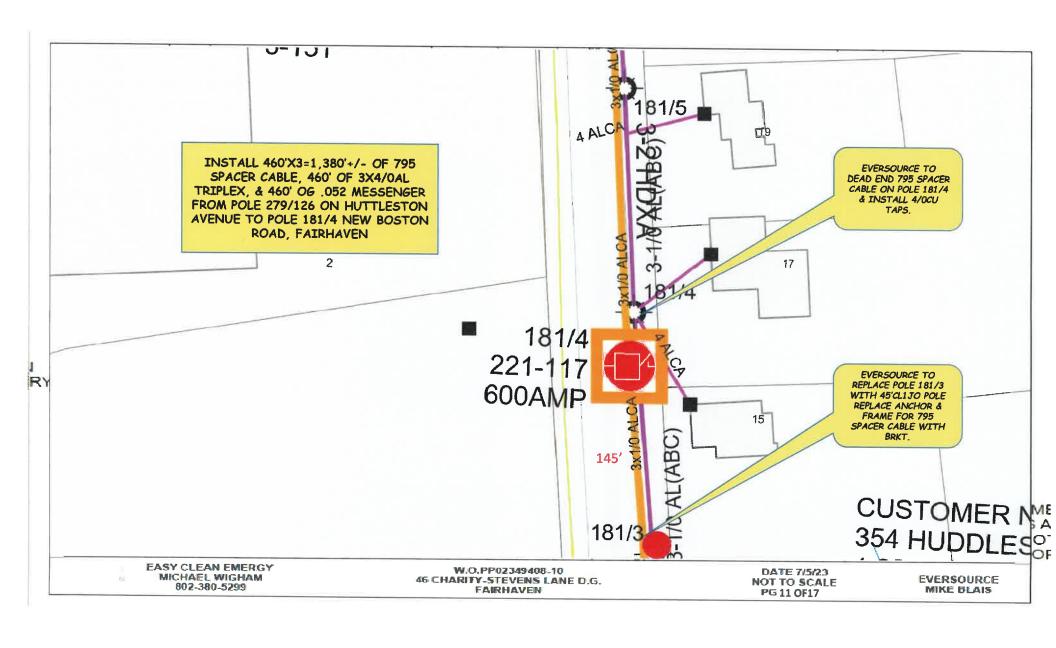


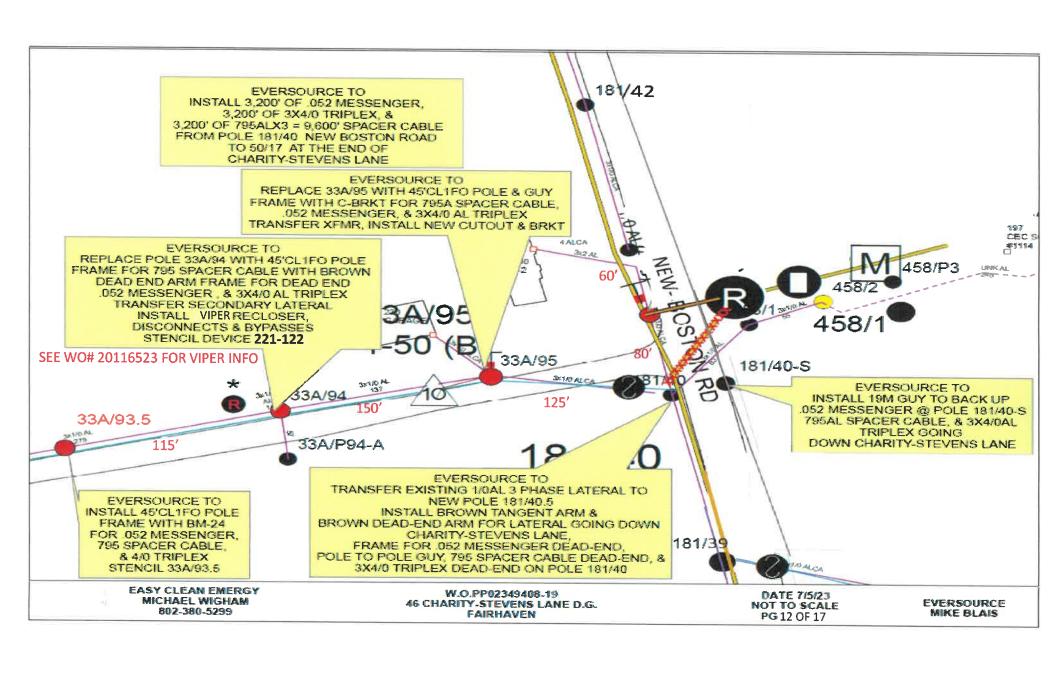


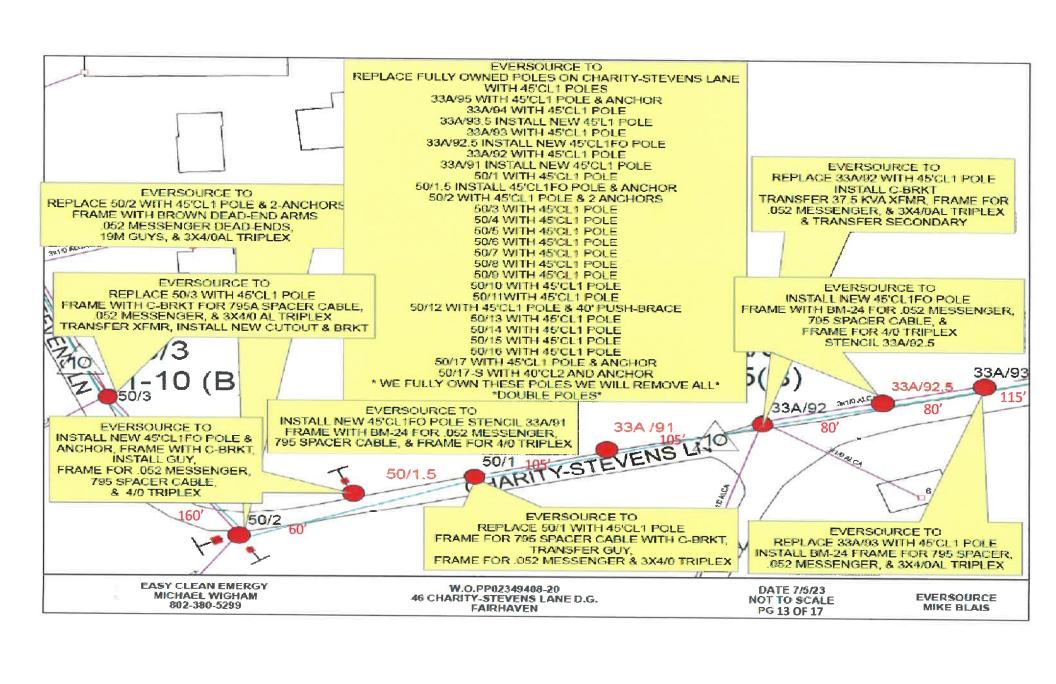


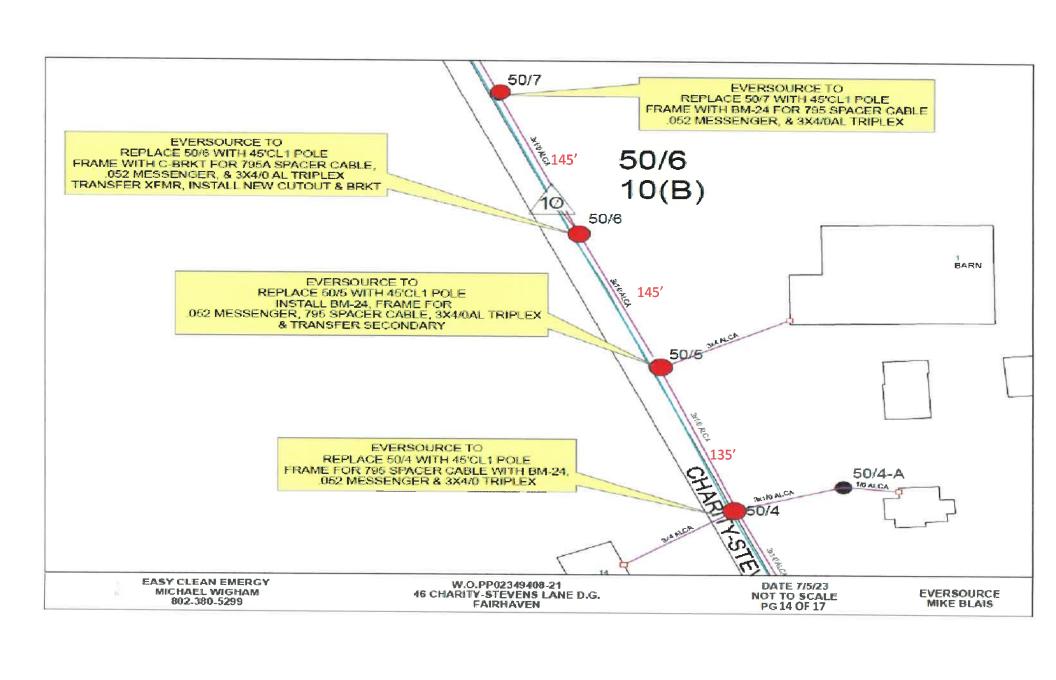


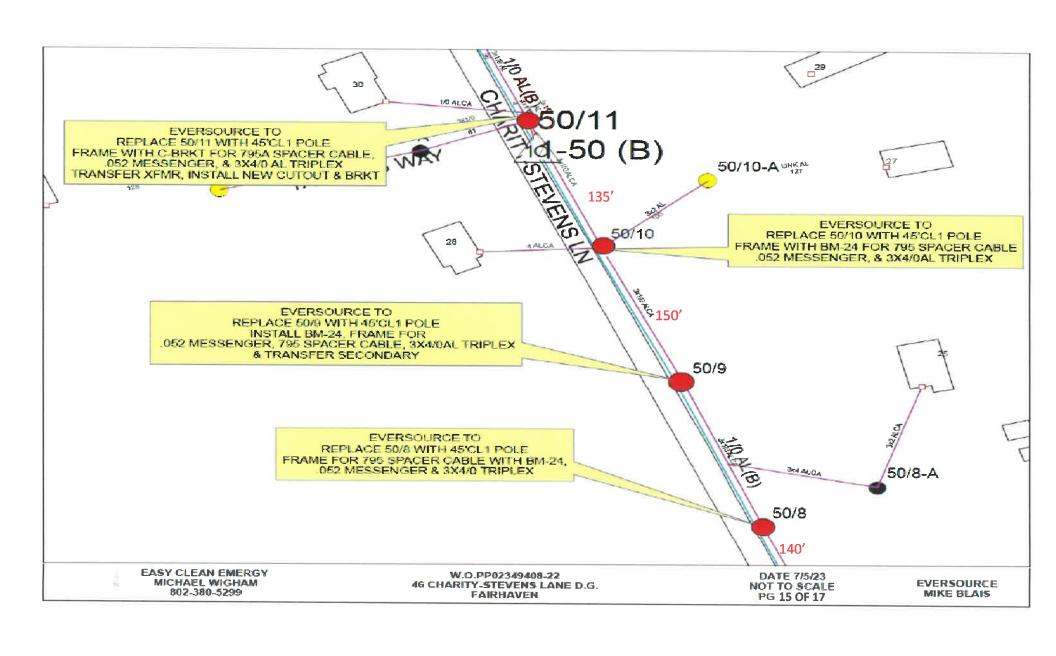


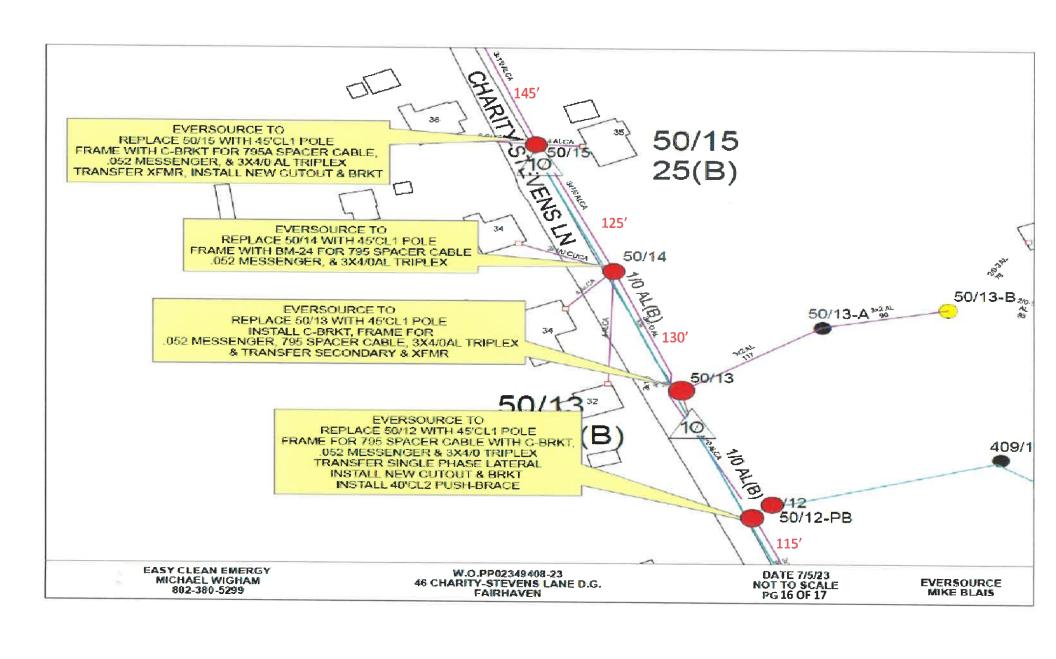


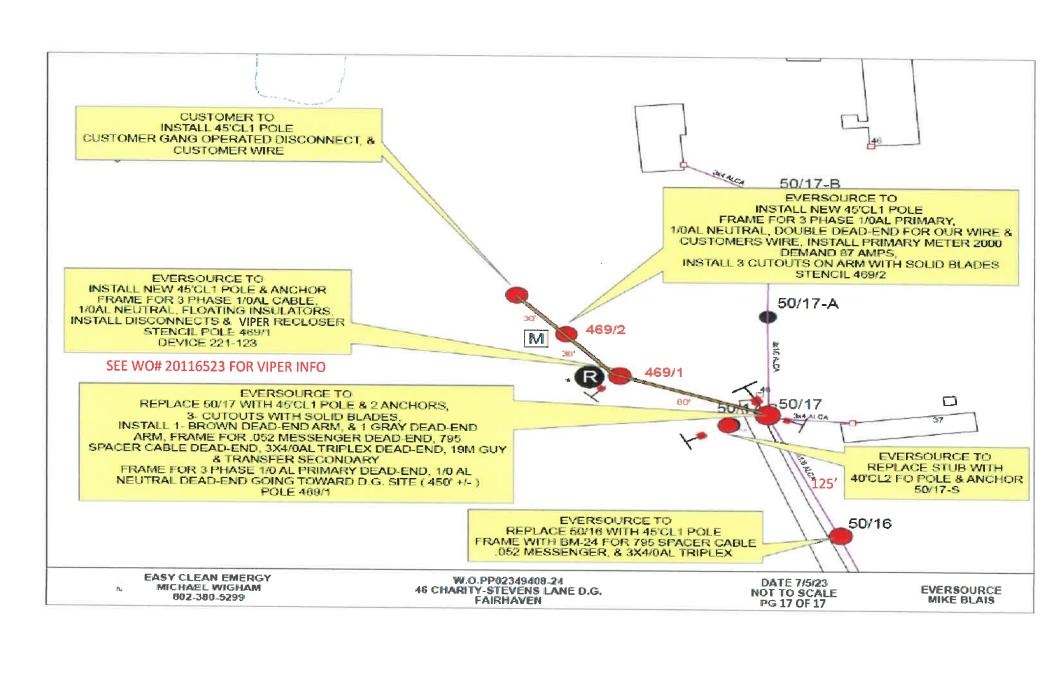












### **Public Hearing B**



50 Duchaine Boulevard New Bedford, MA 02745

April 25, 2025 RE: 16004390

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

Dear Select Board Members:

Enclosed is a petition to install approximately 80 feet of conduit under the public road and 1 new JO pole on Fort Street, Fairhaven.

This proposed location is to provide electric service to #50 Fort Street. This petition will require a notice to abutters and a hearing.

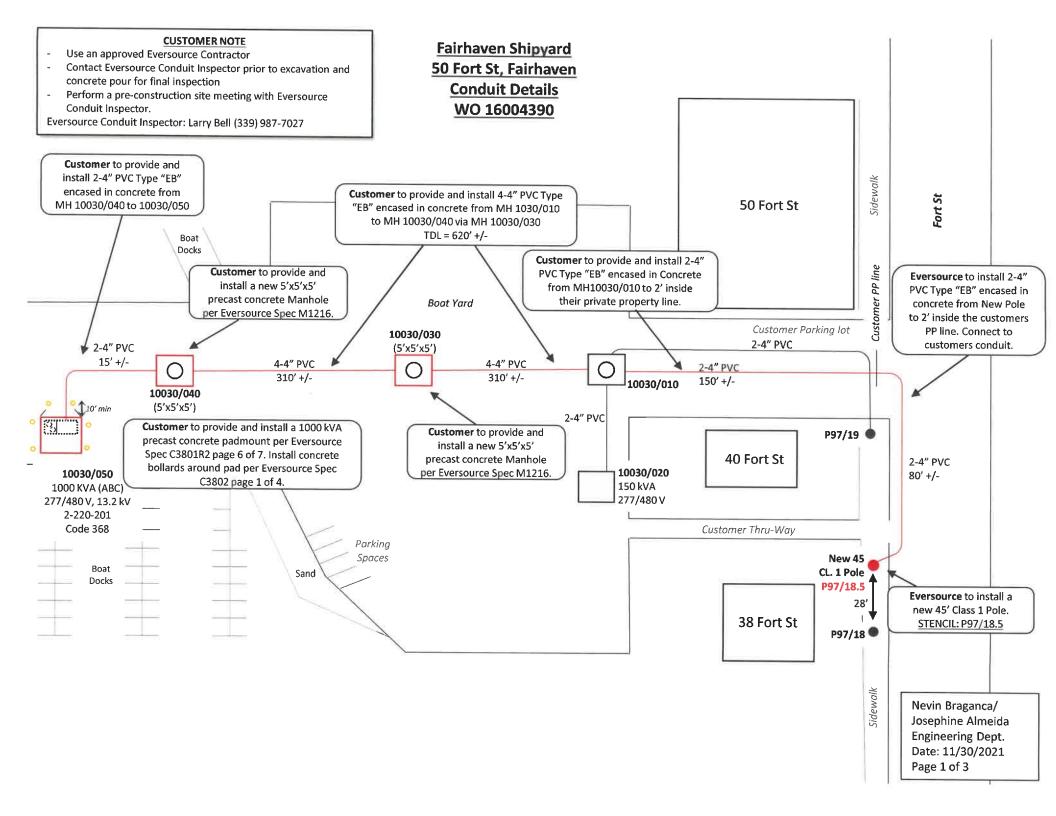
Will you please present this petition before the Board for customary action and approval?

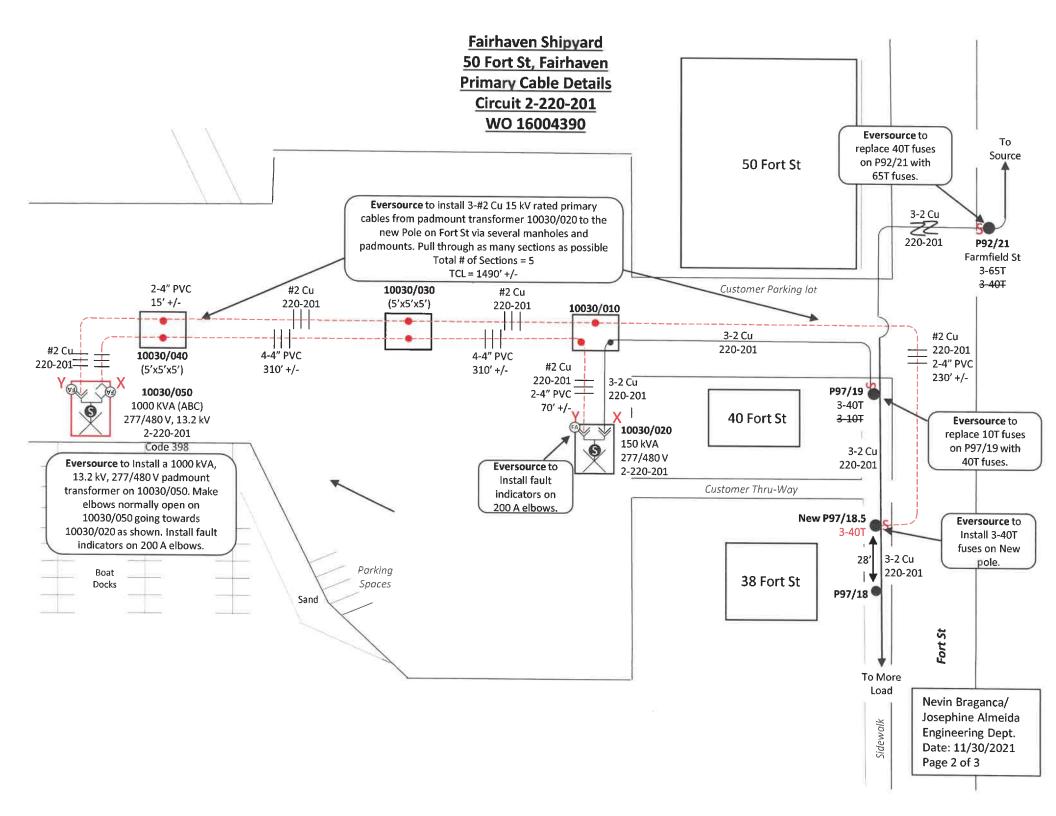
If you have any questions, please email Jessica.elder@eversource.com.

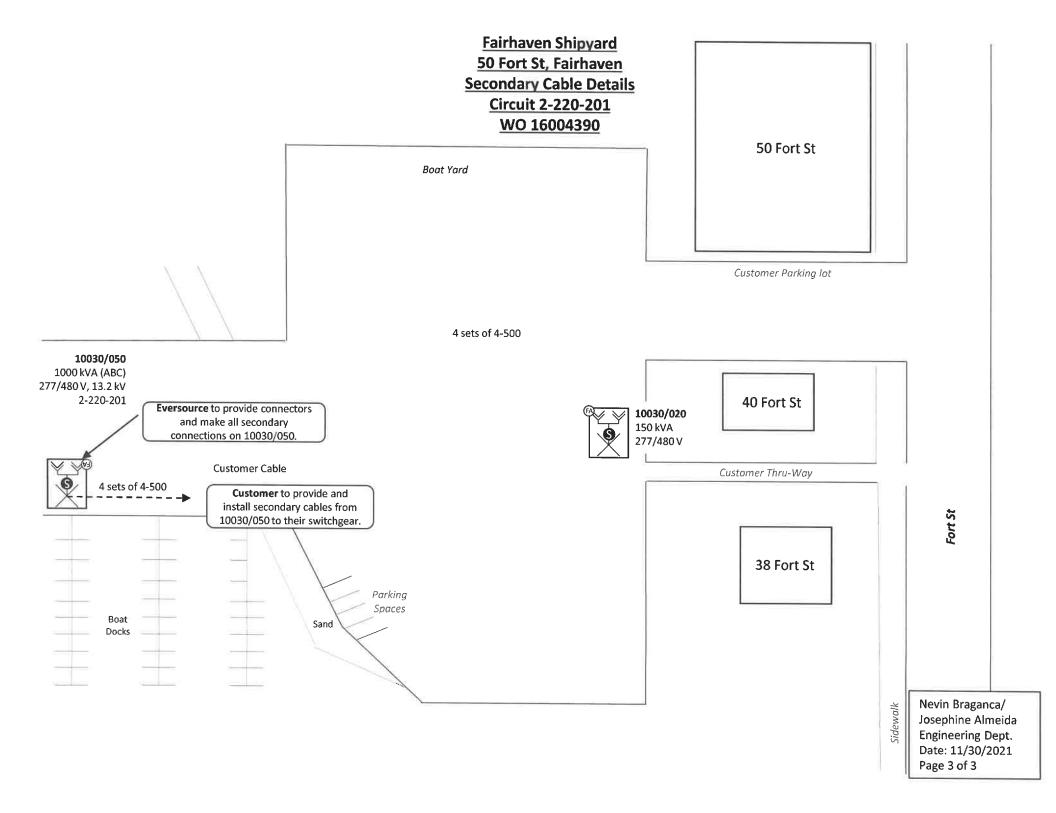
Warm Regards,

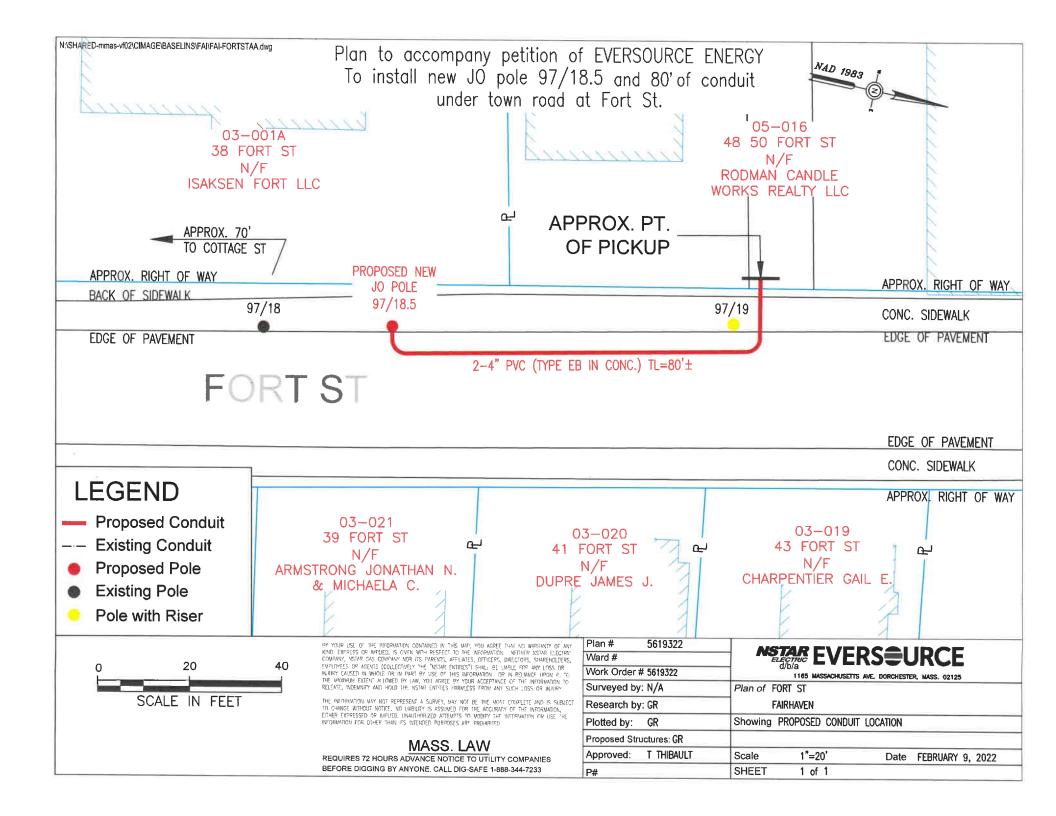
Jessica Elder

Jessica Elder Right of Way Agent NSTAR Electric d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY









# PETITION FOR POLE UNDERGROUND CABLE AND CONDUIT LOCATIONS W0#16004390

March 21, 2025

Bristol County, Massachusetts
To the Select Board for the Town of Fairhaven, Massachusetts.

NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY

VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.

request permission to locate poles, wires, cables and fixtures, underground cables, conduits and manholes, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, in, under, along and across the following public way or ways:

### Fort Street, Fairhaven

To install approximately 80' (feet) underground conduit and cable in town road northwesterly starting at newly installed JO Pole 97/18.5

To install one 45' CL1 JO Pole labeled 97/18.5 approximately 28' (feet) northwest of existing pole 97/18.

Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it be granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain poles, wires, and cables, install and maintain underground cables, conduits, and manholes, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary, said underground cables, conduits, and manholes to be installed and said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan files herewith marked Plan No.5619322 Dated February 9, 2022.

NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY

	Ву	Jessica Eld Right of Way Agent Jessica S. Elder	<u>er</u>		
	VER	RIZON NEW ENGLAND,	INC.		
	Ву	Albert	Ε.	Bessette,	
<u>Jr</u> _		Right of Way Manage	r		

### Albert E. Bessette, Jr.

# FORM OF ORDER FOR POLES UNDERGROUND CABLE AND CONDUIT LOCATIONS WO#5619322

TO THE SELECT BOARD FOR THE TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN, MASSACHUSETTS.

Notice having been given and a public hearing held, as provided by law, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: that the NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.

be and it is hereby granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain poles and the respective wires and cable and to install and maintain underground cables, conduits and manholes, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as said Company may deem necessary, in, under, along and across the public way or ways hereinafter referred to, as requested in petition of said Company dated the 10th day of February, 2022.

All construction under this order shall be in accordance with the following conditions:

Poles shall be of sound timber and reasonably straight and cables, conduits, and manholes shall be installed substantially at the point indicated upon the plan marked Plan No. 5619322 Dated February 9, 2022 filed with said petition. The following are the public ways or parts of ways under, along and across which the cables above referred to may be installed under this order.

There may be attached to said poles by said NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY necessary wires, cables and fixtures and all said wires and cables shall be placed at a height of not less than 18 feet from the ground at highway crossings, and not less than 16 feet from the ground elsewhere.

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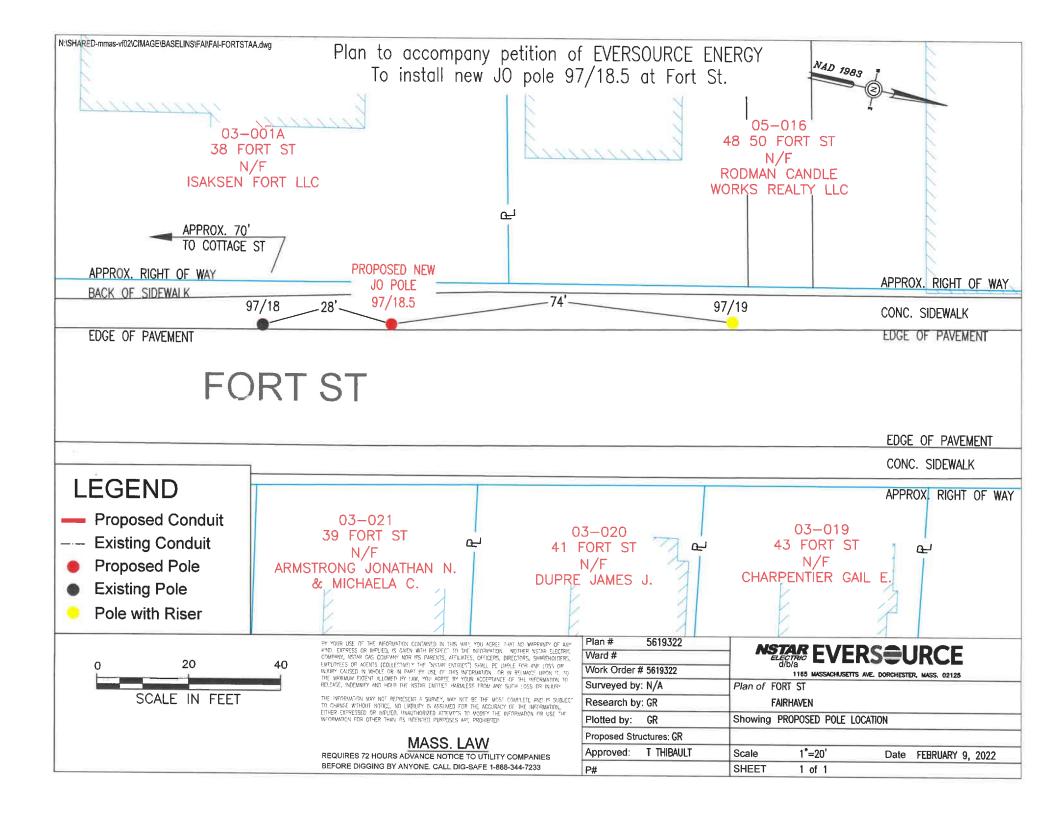
To install one 45' CL1 JO Pole labeled 97/18.5 approximately 28' (feet) northwest of existing pole 97/18.

I hereby certify that the foregoing order was ad Board of the Town of Fairhaven, Massachusetts held 2022.	on the		day of
Board.	Clerk	of	Select
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Received and entered in the reco	ords of location orders of the	he Town of Fairhaven	
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	A	ttest:	
-		Town Clerk	

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hearing w	as held on the	e petition o	t the		
NSTAR EL	ECTRIC CON	/IPANY d/b/	a EVER	SOUR	CE ENERGY
VERIZON	NEW ENGLA	ND INC.			
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Town Clerk.





### Tuesday, May 27, 2025 Executive Sessions

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AND to return to Open Session



## Tuesday, May 27, 2025 Appointments and Community Items

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### **Town of Fairhaven Massachusetts**

Office of the Select Board

### **Proclamation**

### In Honor of the 110th Anniversary of the Fairhaven Mothers' Club

Whereas:	The Fairhaven Mothers' Club was founded in 1915 and, in the 110 years since, has been a vital and enduring force for good in the town of Fairhaven, Massachusetts; and
Whereas:	The Club has demonstrated unwavering dedication to the families and youth of Fairhaven through its advocacy, philanthropy, and community-building efforts; and
Whereas:	from 1964 to 2025, the Fairhaven Mothers' Club has awarded more than one hundred and forty-five scholarships to area high school students, representing a financial investment of approximately \$175,000 in today's dollars toward the futures of local youth; and
Whereas:	over the past sixty years, the Club has brought joy, dignity, and relief to over two hundred families during the holiday season by raising a total of \$14,000 in today's dollars for essential items such as clothing, food, toys, and gift cards; and
Whereas:	The Club has also supported a wide array of local organizations, including the Fairhaven Public Schools, Community Nurses Association of Fairhaven, Mental Health Center of New Bedford, Millicent Library, Fairhaven Congregational Church, Council of Women Organization, the Boy and Girl Scouts, Little League of Fairhaven, Boys and Girls Clubs, and Lifeline for the Old in Jerusalem, Israel; and
Whereas:	the Fairhaven Mothers' Club has consistently responded to the needs of the community with compassion, leadership, and action, often inspiring broader community engagement in their wake;
the Select	efore, We, Charles K. Murphy, Sr., Andrew Romano, Natalie A. Mello, Keith Silvia and Andrew B. Saunders, Board of the Town of Fairhaven, recognize the Fairhaven Mothers' Club, for a legacy of service, empathy and commitment to the well-being and prosperity of Fairhaven and its residents.
Given und	er our hands and seal on this day, of in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Five

Charles K. Murphy, Sr., Chair Andrew Romano, Vice-Chair Natalie A. Mello, Clerk Keith Silvia Andrew B. Saunders

# SELECT BOARD'S MEETING Action Item

**Tuesday May 27, 2025** 

# FIA, in collaboration with Nasketucket Bay Vineyard, is requesting a One Day, beer and wine only, Liquor License For the Homecoming Fair

Application submitted by: Barbara Acksen

Date and Times to be held:

June 28, 2025 From 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.



## **TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN**

## APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL LICENSE

General Law Chapter 138, Section 14

Date: 5/13/25

Date: 1.5   20
To the Licensing Board:
The undersigned hereby applies for a SPECIAL LICENSE under provisions of Chapter 138, Section 14
to sell
ONLY - Closed - un opened bottles of wine produced by the Seller.  (Beer and Wine) or (All Alcoholic Beverages)
For a Fair to be held at
Fairhaven Homecoming Day Fair - held on Center St. William St.
Walnut Street.
by Nasketucket Bay Vineyard
date June 28, 2025
from 10 am to 4pm
Name of Applicant: P.D. Box 404 Fairhaven. MA 02719
Telephone: 508 993-0317

For a banquet or public dinner, the applicant should be responsible, manager of the banquet or public dinner.

For a picnic, field day or outing, applicant should be a representative of responsible organization or individual.

## FEE:

Beer & Wine \$20.00 All Alcoholic \$35.00

CONSTABLES				
	Name	Term	Notes	
CONSTABLES				
	Joseph Latimer	5/31/2026	1-year term	
	Robert F. Jones	5/31/2026		
	Lawrence Machado	5/31/2026		
	David Miller	5/31/2026		
	Milan Whitaker	5/31/2026		
LOCAL	CMTE / DEPARTMEN	IT HEAD AP	POINTMENTS	
	MUNICIPAL HEA			
	Daniel Dorgan	5/31/2026	1-year term	
	OIL SPILL COO	RDINATOR		
	Todd Correia	5/31/2026	1-year term	
	PARKING	CLERK	Barrier Valley	
	Elisabeth Horan	5/31/2026	1-year term	
	LOCAL EMERGEN	CY PLANNING	G	
	Todd Correia	5/31/2026	1-year term	
	Tara Kohler	5/31/2026		
	Rick Forand	5/31/2026		
	Vincent Furtado	5/31/2026		
	Marc Jodoin	5/31/2026		
	Daniel Dorgan	5/31/2026		
	David Flaherty	5/31/2026		

		ent Request	
	Name	Term	Notes
	Art Cu	rator	
	Mark Badwey	5/31/2026	1-year term
sst. Art Curator	Kelly Smith	5/31/2026	
	Bell Com	mittee	
	Doug Brady	5/31/2026	1-year term
	Lee Baumgartner	5/31/2026	
	Nils Isaksen	5/31/2026	
	Helena Oliveira	5/31/2026	
	Belonging C	ommittee	
	Jessica Fidalgo	5/31/2026	1-year term
	Alliea Group	5/31/2026	
	Laura Barilaro	5/31/2026	
	Rachel Medeiros	5/31/2026	
	Kelly Ochoa	5/31/2026	
	Board of A	ssessors	
	Dan Lane	5/31/2028	3-year term
	Amanda Robinson	5/31/2028	
	Sharon Simmons	5/31/2028	
	Cable Advisory	Committee	
	Barbara Acksen	5/31/2026	1-year term
	Ronald Medina	5/31/2026	
	John Methia	5/31/2026	
	Capital Pl	anning	
	David Faunce	5/31/2028	3-year term
	Commission o		
	Eleanor Chew		3-year term
	Annmarie Chagnon	5/31/2028	
Trans.	Community Preserv		ee
	Beth Luey		3-year term
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	Jacob Galary	T	3-year term
	Anthony Couto	5/31/2028	o year term
o Berthall to	Council O		
	Joyce Veilleux	5/31/2028	3-year term
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	Cathy Melanson	T T	
	Bob Hannan	+ +	1-year term
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John Hinds	5/31/2026				
Nils Isaksen	5/31/2026				
Historical Commission					
Nate Bekem	eier 5/31/2028 3-year term				
Lagoa I	riendship Pact Committee				
Jenny Fialho	5/31/2027 2-year term				
Cristina Mar	ins Pinto 5/31/2027				
	Livable Streets				
Will Gardner	5/31/2026 1-year term				
Tim Garcia	5/31/2026				
Chip Hawtho	rne 5/31/2026				
Miles Grant	5/31/2026				
Freddie Estre	mera 5/31/2026				
Bob Espindo	a 5/31/2026				
Marii	e Resources Committee				
Michael McN	amara 5/31/2026 1-year term				
Robert Pink,	Jr. 5/31/2026				
David Hebert	5/31/2026				
Andrew Jone	s 5/31/2026				
Mil	icent Library Trustees				
Kathy Lopes	5/31/2029 4-year term				
RE	GISTRAR OF VOTERS				
Nils Isaksen	5/31/2028   3-year term				
Rog	ers Reuse Committee				
Susan Loo	5/31/2026 1-year term				
Doug Brady	5/31/2026				
Nils Isaksen	5/31/2026				
Beverly Rasm	ussen 5/31/2026				
South	Coast Bikeway Alliance				
Bob Espindol	5/31/2026 1-year term				
Sus	ainability Committee				
Ann Richard	5/31/2026 1-year term				
Karen Gent	5/31/2026				
Christin Ritz	5/31/2026				
Susan Spoone	r 5/31/2026				
Tim Garcia	5/31/2026				
Melanie Jansi	y 5/31/2026				
Zoning Board of Appeals					
Daryl Manche	ster 5/31/2030 5-year term (Full)				
Derek Furtado	5/31/2028 3-year term (Associate)				

NEW APPOINTMENT REQUESTS					
Name	Term				
PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX COMMITTEE (3 At-Large)					
Cameron Durant		Term: until completion			
Marc Jodoin					
Kenny Rogers Paulino					
Steve Riley					
Jonathan Cox					
AGRICULTUR	AL COMMISSION				
Sarah Lake	5/31/2028	3-year term			
DOG P	ARK STUDY				
Jennifer Cox	5/31/2026	1-year term			
ECONOMIC DEVEL	OPMENT COMMITTE				
Patrick Carr		no vacancies, previous Planning Board representative			
	L COMMISSION				
Eleanor Chew	5/31/2026	to fill N. Mello's term			
	IIP PACT COMMITTE				
Alice Torres	5/31/2027	2-year term staggered			
Jenn Seco	5/31/2027	New Bedford resident			
Elizabeth Khoury	5/31/2027	Swansea resident			
Adelaide Cabral	5/31/2027	Dartmouth resident			
Claudia Negalha	5/31/2027	Acushnet resident			
LIVABLE STREETS COMMITTEE					
Roger Sicotte	5/31/2026	1-year term			
Jonathan Camara	5/31/2026				
ROGERS REUSE COMMITTEE					
Cathy Melanson		no vacancies, can seek to represent EDC through a vote of the EDC			

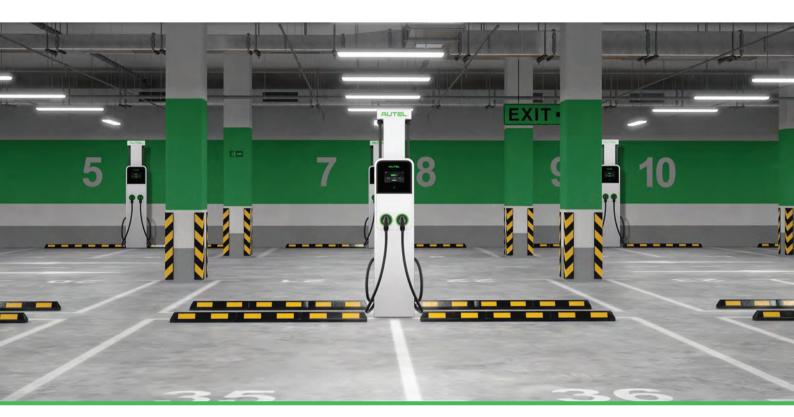


## Tuesday, May 27, 2025 Action / Discussion

- 1. Resource Lighting and Energy: Electric Vehicle Charging Station Proposal
- 2. Building Permit Fee Waiver Request: School
- 3. Atlas Tack Working Group Creation Discussion
- 4. Member Removal Request: Historical Commission

## MAXICHARGER ACULTRA

## The Fastest AC Charger for Two Vehicles





CREATE AN EXCEPTIONAL CHARGING EXPERIENCE

- At 19.2kW per port this charger leads the industry by fast charging 2 vehicles simultaneously, and generates 75 miles of range within 60 min
- Designed with ISO 15118 Plug & Charge, for a hassle-free charging experience



## **BEST-VALUE DESIGN**

TAILORED FOR COMMERCIAL DEPLOYMENT

- Rugged design allows it to be wall-mounted or floor-mounted to support your application needs
- One-piece construction makes it easy to install resulting in lower costs and a faster ROI



## **SMART CHARGING**

FUTURE-PROOF, FLEXIBLE AND IMPROVES YOUR BOTTOM-LINE

- Smart functionality with OCPP 1.6 and 2.0.1 compliant, can adapt its power usage and provide optimal charging today and into the future
- Reduce capital investment in power capacity



Cable Management



One-piece Pedestal **Housing Combination** 



WiFi Hotspot Sharing



Power Sharing



8-inch HD Advertising Screen



APP, RFID Card, Credit Card, Mobile Payment



One-Stop Cloud Network Management



OCPP1.6 / 2.0.1



Weather Resistant



74.1 inch

## TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

## **PRODUCT INFORMATION**

Input/output power rating and current

Output amperage adjustable via mobile app, from 6A to 8OA

**Input/output voltage** 208V±15%; 240V±15%, 60Hz

Input wiringL1/L2/PEInput cordHardwired

**Connector type** SAE J1772, 7.5m (25') or 5m

**Ground fault detection** 20mA CCID

**Protection** Overcurrent, overvoltage, undervoltage, integrated surge protection

Card reader Optional: ISO 15693, ISO 14443, NFC

**Power measurement accuracy** +/- 1.0% from 1% to full scale

#### **GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS**

**Enclosure rating**Operating altitude
NEMA 3R
2000m

Operating temperature range  $-40^{\circ}\text{C} \sim +50^{\circ}\text{C}$ Storage temperature range  $-40^{\circ}\text{C} \sim +85^{\circ}\text{C}$ 

**Mounting** Wall or floor using a pedestal

**Dimensions (H\*W\*D)** 625 × 320 × 170mm

### **USER INTERFACE**

Status indication LED / APP / LCD (8 inch,1280'720 touch screen)

User interfaceAutel Charge APP; Autel Charge CloudConnectivityBluetooth, Wi-Fi, Ethernet, 4G, RS485

**Communication protocols** OCPP 1.6J (Can be upgraded to OCPP 2.0.1 later)

**User authentication** APP, RFID card, Credit Cards (Optional)

## **SOFTWARE UPDATE**OTA updates via web portal

#### **CERTIFICATION AND STANDARDS**

**Safety and compliance** UL 2231-1, UL 2231-2, UL2594, NEC Article 625, CSA C22.2, UL 916

**EMC compliance** FCC 15 Class B

**Certification** Energy Star, OpenADR 2.0b

**Warranty** 36 months, warranty extension possible

## **AUTEL**

Autel Intelligent Technology Corp., Ltd

Phone: (844) 765-0150

E-mail: evsupport@autel.com

Website: autelenergy.com

### **Autel Energy**









# Town of Fairhaven

Municipal EVIP Charging Assessment

# Resource Lighting and Energy

- Disabled veteran-owned small business based in Fall River, MA.
- Sales enablement, engineering, and project management company, working in the building electrification and efficiency field.

## Areas of Focus:

- EV Charging
- Commercial Heat Pumps
- Building Management Systems
- Lighting & Lighting Systems
- Building HVAC & Mechanical Systems



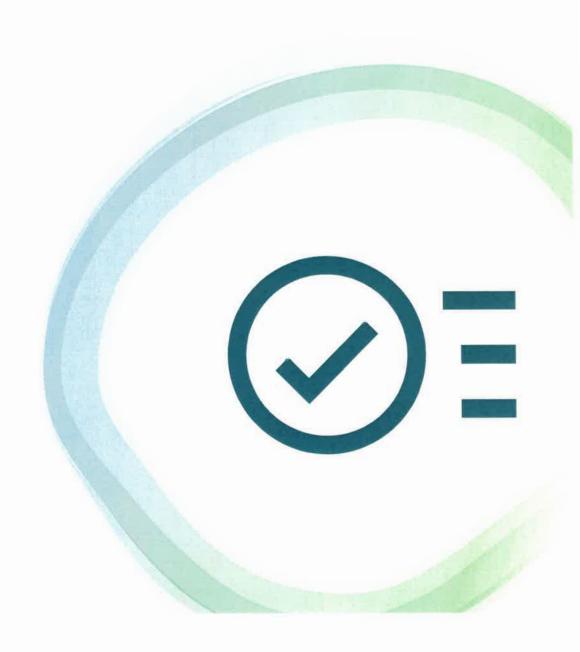
## **MassEVIP Overview**

- Massachusetts Electric Vehicle Incentive Program
- The MassEVIP Public Access Charging
   Program provides incentives for property owners or
   managers with publicly accessible parking to acquire
   and install Level 1 and Level 2 EV charging stations.
   Non-residential locations with publicly accessible
   parking are eligible.
- Government-owned locations: MassDEP funds up to 100 percent of the hardware and installation costs to a maximum of \$50,000 per street address.



# Important Information

- · No money out of pocket
- RLE handles EVIP grant application
- 4-6 months approval
- · Work with preferred vendors
- Up to 6 months to install the project once grant is awarded





## **Locations Considered**

- West Island Town Beach
- Cushman Park
- Fort Phoenix
- · Dept. Public Works
- Recreation Department
- Dana Court Housing
- Oxford Terrace Housing
- East Fairhaven Elementary
- Leroy Wood Elementary
- Elizabeth Hasting Middle School
- Fairhaven Highschool

# West Island Town Beach

• Arrows indicate potential charger locations.

- Existing electrical infrastructure
- Required electrical upgrades
- Trenching distance
- · Potential new service



# **Cushman Park**

• Arrows indicate potential charger locations.

- Existing electrical infrastructure
- Required electrical upgrades
- Trenching distance
- · Potential new service



# Fort Phoenix: Parking Lot

• Arrows indicate potential charger locations.

- · Existing electrical infrastructure
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# Department of Public Works

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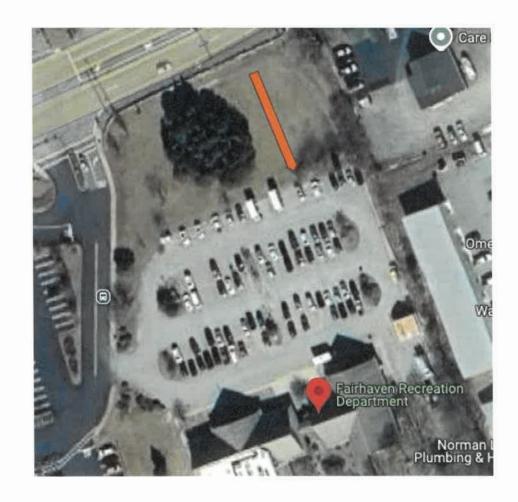
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# Recreation Department

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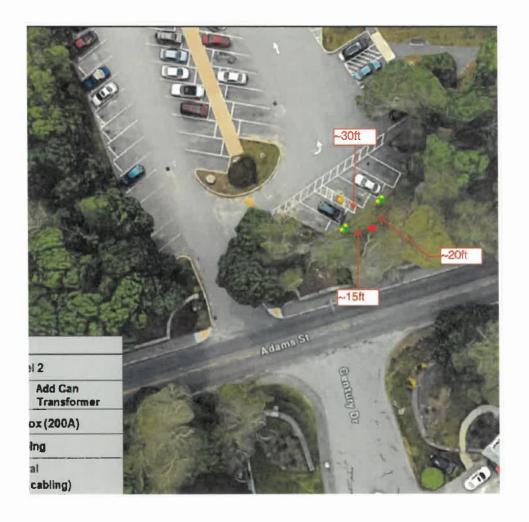
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# Dana Court: Housing Authority

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# Oxford Terrace: Housing Authority

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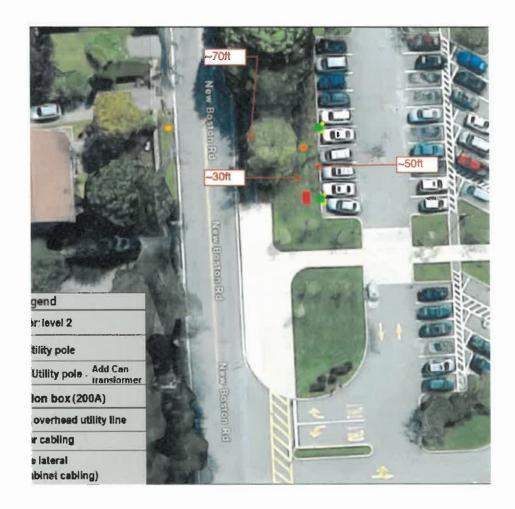
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# East Fairhaven Elementary

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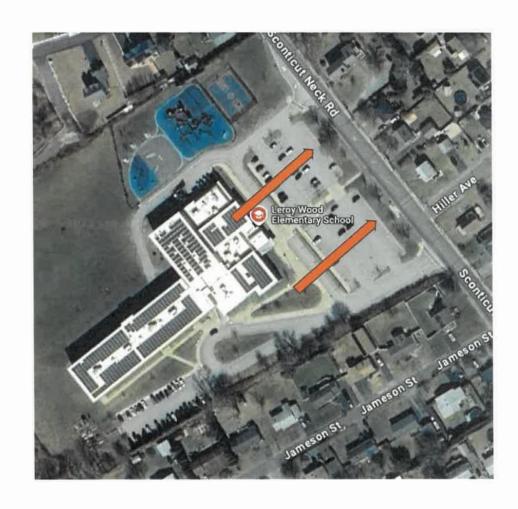
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# Leroy Wood Elementary

Arrows indicate potential charger locations.

- Existing electrical infrastructure
- Required electrical upgrades
- Trenching distance
- Potential new service



# Elizabeth Hastings Middle School

Arrows indicate potential charger locations.

- Existing electrical infrastructure
- Required electrical upgrades
- Trenching distance
- · Potential new service



# Fairhaven Highschool

• Arrows indicate potential charger locations.

- · Existing electrical infrastructure
- · Required electrical upgrades
- Trenching distance
- · Potential new service



# Next Steps

Review and sign agreements • 1 agreement per site, W9 required Submit Mass EVIP Application • Performed by RLE • Electric load verification Work with utility & town • Electrical infrastructure verification • EV charger port quantity & speed Finalize project design & pricing • EV charger locations Coordinate project Work with contractor Coordinate timeline • Install hardware Install Commission software



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## Addendum to RLE's EV Charging Station Proposal

This Addendum is executed concurrently with the signing of RLE's EV Charging Station Proposal (the "Proposal") by the undersigned parties. Pursuant to the Proposal, the Customer has the option to enroll in RLE's EV Charging Station Installation Loyalty Program (the "Loyalty Program"), a program designed to offset costs for valued customers and partners.

As part of this agreement, RLE shall provide a one-time credit in the amount of \$20,689 to the Town of Fairhaven or its assigns. Consequently, the net cost set forth under the section titled "Cost of Services" in the EV Charging Proposals for: 1) West Island Town Beach, 2) Cushman Park, 3) Fort Phoenix, 4) DPW, 5) Rec. Dept. 6) Dana Court 7) Oxford Terrace shall be deemed fully credited and shall not be payable by the Town of Fairhaven or its assigns.

Notwithstanding the Customer's decision regarding enrollment in the Loyalty Program, RLE's one-year warranty shall remain in full force and effect. RLE shall, at no charge to the Customer or the Owner, repair or replace any nonconforming equipment in accordance with the terms of the Proposal.

By signing below, the parties acknowledge and agree to the terms of this Addendum. Please sign, date, and return a copy of this agreement to RLE for our records.

All the best,		
Resource Lighting and Energy, Inc.		
Ву:		
Jon Scavone – RLE	Date	
Not Individually		
Ву:		
Town of Fairhaven	Date	
Duly Authorized		



## Tuesday, May 27, 2025 Town Administrator Report

1. Fairhaven TV Wins National Hometown Media Award for High School Tour Video



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE May 21, 2025

## Fairhaven TV Wins National Hometown Media Award for High School Tour Video

Fairhaven, MA — Fairhaven TV has been named a winner of the 2025 Hometown Media Award by the Alliance for Community Media Foundation, receiving national recognition in the Educational Profile category (Access Center Professional Division) for its production of "The History of the Castle on the Hill."

The award-winning video offers a guided tour of Fairhaven High School, widely known as one of the most beautiful high schools in the United States. The production showcases the historic architecture and rich legacy of the school through an in-depth walking tour led by Robert Foster of the Fairhaven High School Alumni Association.

This achievement marks the **third national award for Fairhaven TV in the past four years**, underscoring its continued dedication to community storytelling and educational media. Fairhaven TV Director **Derek Frates** shared his thoughts on the achievement:

"This award in particular represents a culmination of the hard work our staff puts in day in and day out to support the local community. It was truly a team effort, specifically from our editors **Erick Sa** and **Nick Doyle**, who put in months of research, filming, and editing, including the retrieval of archived photos helped elevate this tour to a new level in video production to bring this project to fruition."

Frates also extended thanks to **Robert Foster**, host of the video and representative of the Fairhaven High School Alumni Association:

"Robert has coordinated this walking tour for years, and his deep knowledge and passion for the school added incredible value."

#### Robert added:

"The Alumni Association is thrilled with the response from our alumni as well as the general public. We've heard from alums all around the country who have been able to share their beautiful high school with their family and friends who have never had the privilege of being able to visit the school in person."

Since its release, *The History of the Castle on the Hill* has become Fairhaven TV's most-viewed video, surpassing 10,000 views on YouTube and Facebook combined. Promotional reels featuring clips from the film have reached over 40,000 views across Facebook and Instagram.

The award will be formally presented at the 2025 ACM National Conference in Boston, Massachusetts, on June 25, 2025.

For more information about Fairhaven TV or to watch the award-winning video, visit fairhaventy.com or follow Fairhaven TV on social media.

Each year, nearly one thousand entries are submitted to the Hometown Media Awards. These entries, or programs, are submitted and evaluated on several factors resulting in over 100 award winners. A panel of over 150 judges from the industry evaluate the entries. Awards are presented to the most creative programs that address community needs, develop diverse community involvement, challenge conventional commercial television formats, and move viewers to experience television in a different way.

"The Hometown Media Awards celebrate both the excellence of work and the diversity of media that appears on community channels being produced around the country. The ACM Foundation is proud of their achievement and of how they represent their communities in their work," says Mike Wassenaar, president & CEO, Alliance for Community Media.

### About the Alliance for Community Media (www.allcommunitymedia.org)

Founded in 1979, the Alliance for Community Media is a national, non-profit membership organization committed to ensuring access to electronic media for all people. The Alliance for Community Media carries forth its mission by educating, advocating and acting as a resource for the more than 3,000 Public, Educational and Governmental (PEG) cable channels nationwide.

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## Tuesday, May 27, 2025 Minutes

- 1. Accept the Select Board Open Session minutes of April 28, May 3 and May 12, 2025
- 2. Accept the Select Board Executive Session minutes of April 28, May 3 and May 12, 2025



# FAIRHAVEN SELECT BOARD Meeting Minutes April 28, 2025

**Present**: Charles Murphy Sr., Andrew B. Saunders, Keith Silvia, Andrew Romano and Interim Town Administrator George Samia

Present via zoom: Natalie A. Mello

Mr. Murphy opened the meeting at 6:01p.m.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Transfer of an Annual All Alcohol Liquor License for Fairhaven Wine & Spirits to Jayshreeben S. Patel Mr. Murphy opened the public hearing at 6:02pm and read the notice. Jackson Cushman, attorney for the applicant requested through the office that the item be continued.

Mr. Murphy closed the public hearing at 6:03pm.

Motion: Mr. Romano motioned to continue the public hearing for a transfer of an Annual All Alcohol Liquor License for Fairhaven Wine & Spirits to Jayshreeben S. Patel. Mr. Silvia seconded. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Saunders, Ms. Mello, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Romano and Mr. Silvia in favor. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

**Motion**: Mr. Saunders motioned to take item B2 out of order. Mr. Silvia seconded. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Saunders, Ms. Mello, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Romano and Mr. Silvia in favor. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

### APPOINTMENTS AND COMMUNITY ITEMS

## Appointment Requests: Belonging Committee: Krystal Lunn

Ms. Lunn addressed the Board about her interest and qualifications.

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to appoint Krystal Lunn to the Belonging Committee for a term through May, 2026. Mr. Silvia seconded. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Saunders, Ms. Mello, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Romano and Mr. Silvia in favor. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

#### Wind Turbine Discussion: joint with the Board of Health

Board of Health (BOH) members Justine Frezza and Barbara Acksen addressed the Board regarding health concerns brought to the BOH regarding the wind turbines.

Curt Devlin shared a presentation with the Board titled "Everything You Wanted to Know About Wind Turbine Noise" (*Attachment A*). The Board asked what Mr. Devlin's credentials are and he referred back to the presentation (*Attachment A*).

Discussion ensued as to the process, timeline, whether the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) was involved, potential shutdown and contract terms.

Mr. Murphy recommended checking contract details with Town Counsel, add this discussion to the next agenda and then asked the BOH to research the process, testing and to schedule a public hearing with Fairhaven Wind, LLC. The complaint form will be reactivated online for residents to submit.

Grant Menard addressed the Board and provided a copy of a recent records request (*Attachment B*). He asked the Board to listen to those hurting.

Bob Espindola addressed the Board and asked about data.

John Methia addressed the Board and said health concerns and contracts should not be in the same sentence.

**Motion**: Mr. Romano motioned to indefinitely shut down the wind turbines from 10:00PM to 6:00AM pending a review of the contract with Town Counsel. Ms. Mello seconded. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Saunders, Mr. Silvia and Mr. Murphy opposed, Ms. Mello and Mr. Romano in favor. The motion failed (2-3-0) Mr. Saunders, Mr. Silvia and Mr. Murphy opposed.

Discussion ensued on proposing relief for residents and acting legally under the contract and mitigation plan as well as confirming with Town Counsel. Mr. Murphy asked for this to be on the next agenda and will invite Town Counsel.

Karen Isherwood addressed the Board via zoom and mentioned that she was diagnosed with migraines and has long term health concerns.

Henry Ferreira addressed the Board and said this is an opportunity to fix the issue.

Mr. Murphy read the acts for the record and said it should have been at the start of the meeting. Ms. Mello is participating via zoom.

**Motion**: Mr. Romano motioned to take item C1 out of order. Mr. Saunders seconded. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Saunders, Ms. Mello, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Romano and Mr. Silvia in favor. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

## Palmer Capital Presentation, Energy Options: Sumul Shah

Sumul Shah addressed the Board and shared a presentation (*Attachment C*). He said he has been in the community for twelve years and would like to find a happy medium. The Board asked if Fairhaven Wind, LLC would consider the shutdown asked and Mr. Shah said he would consider with an adjustment to the rate as compensation.

Mr. Shah reviewed a brief history of the request by the former Town Administrator in 2024 to increase production and Fairhaven Wind proposed a repower agreement. If an agreement is made the next step is through Eversource and that process can take about a year. If the Town enters negotiations it could get predictable and bankable rates and discuss noise reduction.

Discussion ensued and the Board asked about permits, how the bylaw affects changing the equipment, if Fairhaven Wind has discussed the proposal with the Building Commissioner and were rates adjusted during a previous thirty-day shutdown.

Mr. Menard referred to articles on other towns actions against wind turbines (Attachment D).

Mr. Methia asked about the process of negotiating and Executive Session. Mr. Murphy clarified that strategy about negotiations would be the Board and Town Counsel in Executive Session. Mr. Methia questioned missing information on revenue impacts, repowering and a twenty-year extension of the contract and the quiet mode myth.

Mr. Devlin asked if solar would be considered for the site.

Mr. Webb said there is a five-year prohibition on clearing land for solar under the bylaw.

The meeting recessed from 7:58pm to 8:07pm

### Appointment Requests: Zoning Board of Appeals: Kenneth Kendall

**Motion**: Mr. Silvia motioned to table the appointment request until the next meeting. Mr. Saunders seconded. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Saunders, Ms. Mello, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Romano and Mr. Silvia in favor. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

## Appointment: Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District (SRPEDD) Commission, Select Board Member

Mr. Romano confirmed the meeting schedule to move forward with the appointment.

**Motion**: Mr. Saunders motioned to appoint Andrew Romano to the SRPEDD Commission. Mr. Silvia seconded. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Saunders, Ms. Mello, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Romano and Mr. Silvia in favor. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

## Appointment: SRPEDD Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG): Josh Crabb, alt. Vincent Furtado The appointment to the JTPG was reviewed.

**Motion**: Mr. Saunders motioned to appoint Josh Crabb to the JTPG and Vinnie Furtado as alternate to the JTPG. Mr. Silvia seconded. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Saunders, Ms. Mello, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Romano and Mr. Silvia in favor. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

## Special One-Day Beer & Wine License and Temporary Street Closure: Scoops on the Street, May 9, 2025, 4:00PM-8:00PM

Miles Grant addressed the Board and reviewed the details of the request and event.

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to approve the Special One-Day Beer & Wine License and Temporary Street Closure for the Scoops on the Street event, May 9, 2025 from 4-8p. Mr. Silvia seconded. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Saunders, Ms. Mello, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Romano and Mr. Silvia in favor. Motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

## Special One-Day All Alcohol License: Huttleston HarborFest, May 10, 2025 11:00AM-3:30PM The application was reviewed.

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to approve the Special One-Day All Alcohol License for the Huttleston HarborFest event on May 10, 2025 from 11am-3:30pm. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Saunders, Ms. Mello, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Romano and Mr. Silvia in favor. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

## Phase II Lamppost Project: Millicent Library: Nils Isaksen

Nils Isaksen addressed the Board and provided an update on the project and presented a letter to the Board from Kathy Lopes regarding a vote of the Millicent Library giving permission to trench (*Attachment E*). Work would be done after Homecoming. Anyone interested in sponsoring a light should contact Mr. Isaksen.

#### ACTION / DISCUSSION

## <u>Change of Manager: 99 Restaurants of Boston, LLC from Linda Belliveau to Joshua Lawrence</u> The application was reviewed.

**Motion**: Mr. Saunders motioned to approve the Change of Manager for the 99 Restaurants of Boston, LLC from Linda Belliveau to Joshua Lawrence. Mr. Silvia seconded. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Saunders, Ms. Mello, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Romano and Mr. Silvia in favor. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

### Add 0 Alden Rd., Map 28/Lot 022B to 40R District: Recommendation of the Planning Board

Land Use and Planning Director Bruce Webb addressed the Board. Mr. Webb explained the addition of this parcel and addressed the Board's questions regarding potential development and clarified that 40R provides an option for a developer (*Attachment F*).

**Motion**: Mr. Saunders motioned to approve the addition of 0 Alden Rd., Map 28/Lot 022B to 40R District as Recommended by the Planning Board. Mr. Silvia seconded. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Saunders, Ms. Mello, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Romano and Mr. Silvia in favor. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

## **Deputy Fire Chief Appointment Process**

Chief Todd Correia addressed the Board regarding the process to post for the Deputy Fire Chief opening due to the current Deputy Chief's retirement as of July 3, 2025. He advised the Board he spoke with State Ethics due to his

conflict of interest and can provide their written advice if needed. The job description was sent to Labor Counsel. Union representative Kevin Gonsalves addressed the Board and asked for the job to be posted.

**Motion**: Mr. Saunders motioned to begin the Acting Deputy Fire Chief process. Mr. Silvia seconded. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Saunders, Ms. Mello, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Romano and Mr. Silvia in favor. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

## Discuss Request for Proposal (RFP): Town Legal Counsel

Mr. Silvia addressed the Board and suggested putting out a request for proposal (RFP) for town counsel. The Board discussed concerns about the market, saving money, current changes within Town Leadership and the hiring process for a Town Administrator, getting a template ready and the perception of making this change at this time.

**Motion**: Mr. Saunders motioned to have an RFP document drafted for the Select Board to review. Mr. Silvia seconded. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Saunders, Ms. Mello, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Silvia in favor, Mr. Romano opposed. The motion passed (4-1-0) Mr. Romano opposed.

### Review and Sign Select Board Meeting Protocols Draft

The draft document was reviewed

**Motion**: Mr. Saunders motioned to adopt and adhere to the amended protocols as amended. Mr. Silvia seconded. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Saunders, Ms. Mello, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Romano and Mr. Silvia in favor. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None received

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to enter into executive session Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(3) discuss strategy with respect to anticipated litigation where the chair declares that an open session would have a detrimental effect on the Town's litigating position; and G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(7) to comply with, or act under the authority of, the Public Records Law, G.L. c. 4, s. 7(26) (anticipated litigation by Patrick Carr and Ruy daSilva; written attorney-client privileged communications regarding same) AND to return to Open Session. Mr. Silvia seconded. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Saunders, Ms. Mello, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Romano and Mr. Silvia all in favor. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Mr. Saunders advised that he would recuse himself from Pat Carr's Conflict of Interest item and any potential Executive Session discussion related to Mr. Carr. Mr. Murphy advised he would recuse himself from any potential Executive Session discussion related to Ruy daSilva.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session from 8:40pm to 8:59pm

#### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

Mr. Samia reported:

- No staffing updates
- HarborFest Days starting May 10, 2025
- The stairs at the front entrance on Center Street are being repaired, the work is more extensive than anticipated and the main entrance will be closed during the work. Town Hall will be open, please use the entrances on William Street or Walnut Street.
- The Board will meet the morning of Town Meeting at 8:00am to review the General Fund FY26 Budget articles and the Enterprise Fund recommendations. Mr. Samia handed out a packet with the details in preparation for Saturday's meeting (*Attachment G*). Mr. Samia will provide an overview of the FY26 budget and a look at challenges for the FY27 budget. Collective Bargaining Agreements have not been finalized for an article on the Town Meeting Warrant.

# BOARD MEMBER ITEMS / COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Saunders had no meetings to report on.

Ms. Mello reported:

The Library and Historical Commission have future meetings.

Mr. Murphy reported:

Japan Day is May 7, 2025 and there is a contingent working on a celebration for October 4, 2025.

Mr. Romano reported:

The Sustainability Committee met about plover season on West Island, they also discussed Town Meeting preparation.

Mr. Romano asked for an agenda item about dispatch due to a recent situation with a friend at Rogers School who had a situation and called 911; the dispatcher had trouble understanding the reference to the location being Rogers School. Mr. Samia said any feedback on dispatch issues should be sent real time to the Chief. Ms. Hart will reach out to the Police and Fire Chiefs and invite them to the next regular meeting to discuss.

Mr. Silvia reported:

The Economic Development Committee hosted an after-hours event. The Commission on Disability has made recommendations to area businesses.

#### **MINUTES**

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to accept the Open Session minutes of March 31, 2025. Mr. Silvia seconded. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Saunders, Mr. Romano, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Silvia in favor, Ms. Mello abstained. The motion passed (4-0-1) Ms. Mello abstained.

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to accept the Open Session minutes of April 7, 2025. Mr. Silvia seconded. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Saunders, Mr. Romano, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Silvia in favor, Ms. Mello abstained. The motion passed (4-0-1) Ms. Mello abstained.

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to accept the Executive Session minutes of March 31, 2025 and April 7, 2025. Mr. Silvia seconded. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Saunders, Mr. Romano, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Silvia in favor, Ms. Mello abstained. The motion passed (4-0-1) Ms. Mello abstained.

#### **NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Reminder that work is being done on the front steps and the main entrance will be closed until the work is completed. HarborFest on May 10, 2025. The Select Board will meet prior to Town Meeting on Saturday, May 3, 2025 at 8:00am. The next regularly scheduled Select Board meeting is Monday, May 12, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Curt Devlin Wind Turbine presentation
- B. Public Records Request: Grant Menard
- C. Fairhaven Wind, LLC presentation
- D. Grant Menard handout
- E. Copy of Letter from the Millicent Library regarding digging for the lamp post project
- F. 40R Map handout
- G. FY26 Budget draft handout

#### Meeting adjourned at 9:24p.m.

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

Approved	on	
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# FAIRHAVEN SELECT BOARD Meeting Minutes May 3, 2025

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 8:14a.m.

## **ACTION / DISCUSSION**

# **Review Select Board Article Recommendations**

Mr. Samia recapped that this was an opportunity for the Board to vote recommendations on articles. The FY26 budget categories show "At Town Meeting" at this time.

Ms. Mello asked about free cash amount related to Article 4B, 1A, Town Administrator separation agreement. Mr. Samia advised that the Executive Session minutes for the meetings related to the separation agreement were released and contain the overall amount.

Discussion ensued about the FY26 budget handout (Attachment A). Mr. Samia reviewed the categories. Mr. Murphy asked the Board if there were questions on any category within Article 6. The Board had no holds for discussion.

Motion: Ms. Mello motioned to recommend Adoption for Town Operating Budgets, Article 6. Mr. Romano seconded. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

# **Preparation for Town Meeting**

Mr. Murphy opened up for discussion on Town Meeting Articles or with Town Counsel.

**Motion**: Ms. Mello motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:22am. Mr. Romano seconded. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

## **ATTACHMENTS**

A. FY26 Budget draft handout

Meeting adjourned at 8:22a.m.

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

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# FAIRHAVEN SELECT BOARD Meeting Minutes May 12, 2025

**Present**: Charles Murphy Sr., Andrew Romano, Natalie A. Mello, Keith Silvia, Andrew B. Saunders and Interim Town Administrator George Samia

Mr. Murphy opened the meeting at 6:00pm

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

Transfer of an Annual All Alcohol Retail Package Store License, Pledge of Inventory and Pledge of Collateral submitted by Ramadhuta, Inc., for the license currently held by ICJ Corp d/b/a Fairhaven Wine & Spirits at 105 Sconticut Neck Rd., Fairhaven, MA 02719.

Mr. Murphy opened the public hearing at 6:02pm and read the notice.

Jackson Cushman, attorney for the applicant addressed the Board regarding the application.

No public comments were received.

Mr. Murphy closed the public hearing at 6:04pm.

**Motion**: Mr. Romano motioned to approve the Transfer of an Annual All Alcohol Retail Package Store License, Pledge of Inventory and Pledge of Collateral submitted by Ramadhuta, Inc., for the license currently held by ICJ Corp d/b/a Fairhaven Wine & Spirits at 105 Sconticut Neck Rd., Fairhaven, MA 02719. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

# **PUBLIC HEARING**

No public comment received.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion: Ms. Mello motioned to enter into Executive Session Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation where the chair declares that an open session would have a detrimental effect on the Town's litigating position (Fairhaven School Committee v. Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals, Land Court 25MISC000064); AND Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(6) to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property where the chair declares that an open session would have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Select Board; and G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(7) to comply with, or act under the authority of, the Public Records Law, G.L. c. 4, s. 7(26) (Fairhaven Wind and privileged written legal opinion regarding same) AND to return to OPEN SESSION. Mr. Silvia seconded. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Saunders abstained, Ms. Mello, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Romano and Mr. Silvia in favor. The motion passed (4-0-1) Mr. Saunders abstained.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session from 6:07 to 7:08pm

# APPOINTMENTS AND COMMUNITY ITEMS

# Select Board Statement to Town Board, Committee and Commission Members

Mr. Murphy opened up discussion amongst the Board regarding the draft statement to be sent to all Town Boards, Committees and Commission members both appointed and elected.

**Motion**: Mr. Saunders motioned to accept the Statement of Fairhaven Select Board to Town Board, Committees and Commissions (boards) and have it sent to all members of appointed and elected boards. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

#### **Board and Committee Handbook Policies Discussion Refresher**

Mr. Romano advised the Board that he is working on a draft to incorporate changes discussed at an earlier meeting and will have them in to the office for the next meeting.

Mr. Silvia addressed the Board and said he asked for this item due to members of other boards appearing to lash out at other boards on social media. He distributed copies of emails to a board about expectations and screen shots from Facebook posts and comments (*Attachment A*). Mr. Silvia is concerned about legal costs associated if comments lead to legal action.

Mr. Samia reminded the Board that public officials are covered under a liability policy for what is done in the capacity of their official work and that depending on the nature of comments made in social media, they may not be covered.

## **Appointment Request: Zoning Board of Appeals**

Kenneth Kendall, Cathy Melanson and Geoffrey Sullivan addressed the Board about their background, interest in the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) and qualifications. The Board asked questions of each applicant. Discussion ensued regarding previous board tenure, process, variance criteria, training, time commitment for meeting preparation opening on ZBA and upcoming reappointments.

Brian Monroe addressed the Board via zoom, he cautioned the Board on voting tonight to fill the position, especially those previously involved on the ZBA and with an open ethics complaint against the ZBA and an Open Meeting Law (OML) complaint against the ZBA. He said his statements were not against the candidates and that this was a caution due to viable complaints. He recommended the Board wait or appoint someone not involved.

Ms. Melanson asked the Board to vote tonight and have candidates come back if the members up for reappointment do not apply.

Motion: Mr. Silvia motioned to appoint Cathy Melanson to the Zoning Board of Appeals. No second. The motion failed.

**Motion**: Mr. Silvia motioned to appoint Ken Kendall to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Saunders seconded. The motion failed (2-2-1) Mr. Romano and Ms. Mello opposed and Mr. Murphy abstained.

Ms. Melanson asked the Board if she withdrew, would Mr. Kendall be appointed. She said she has watched many meetings and Mr. Kendall has not broken the law.

Mr. Monroe addressed the Board via zoom and said he was concerned with the commentary, there are matters with the Attorney General (AG) that they may be concerned about, one of the applicants has shown bias towards projects that has cost the Town funding, appointments should not be in perpetuity and should change like the Select Board, congress, municipal governments, the state and federal government. There are valid complaints with the AG that appear to be dismissed by the ZBA but may not be dismissed by the AG.

Mr. Murphy asked if details of the complaints could be obtained from the AG. Mr. Samia said the AG's Office typically does not share open investigation details.

**Motion**: Ms. Mello motioned to appoint Geoffrey Sullivan to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Romano seconded. The motion passed (3-1-1) Mr. Silvia opposed and Mr. Murphy abstained.

The Board welcomed Mr. Sullivan as a full member of the ZBA and advised him to see the Town Clerk to be sworn in.

Patrick Carr of Pleasant Street addressed the Board about the questions on the five criteria and said all are taken on an individual basis because of differences between the bylaws, state bylaws and non-conforming properties. He said each individual applicant is viewed and is concerned with someone with no knowledge as a full-time member.

He asked if the current associate members were notified and given the opportunity to apply. Mr. Carr added that there are other individuals that spoke tonight that have OML complaints with ethics. Discussion ensued about the appointment process tonight.

Mr. Murphy asked Mr. Carr, as ZBA Chair, to meet with and help Mr. Sullivan.

Discussion about rescinding the motion for the appointment of Geoffrey Sullivan ensued. No Board members who voted in the affirmative for Mr. Sullivan rescinded.

#### Meeting recessed from 8:02 to 8:08pm

#### **Dispatch Discussion**

Police Chief Dan Dorgan and Fire Chief Todd Correia addressed the Board.

Mr. Romano reviewed a recent situation and a call to 911 that dispatch responded to and was confused about the reference to "Rogers School" which delayed first responders.

Chief Dorgan asked for any concerns to be brought as soon as possible to the station either to him or Lt. Souza. Lt. Souza is the liaison to Holbrook for quality. The dispatcher should have started entering Rogers and the location would have populated. There have been multiple meetings with stare 911 and Holbrook and they are trying to make the best of the situation due to the financial position of the Town.

Chief Correia addressed the Board and said he has a different opinion. He said complaints should come to the Chiefs first.

Discussion ensued about the contract, financial formula and what is dispatched out of the station.

Doug Brady of Pleasant Street addressed the Board and suggested the Board charge the Finance Committee with a review of the contract and report back on the cost and savings to the Town and how the contract numbers balance out to the actual numbers to verify what the chief said in budget meetings, especially look at section three of the contract.

Mr. Samia said the Board could ask the Finance Committee to review but could not require them.

Brian Messier of Pleasant Street addressed the Board via zoom and commented on how dispatch was set up previously and asked if Holbrook has dispatchers dedicated to Fairhaven or if calls are shared. Chief Correia described the set up and said there are assigned dispatchers but they do also share the calls as needed because of the regionalization.

Chief Dorgan asked anyone with feedback to contact the station as real time as possible so that the situation could be researched.

**Motion**: Mr. Romano motioned for the Town Administrator contact Holbrook about the dispatch contract details. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

**Motion**: Mr. Saunders motioned for the Select Board to send a request to the Finance Committee to begin the process of auditing the dispatch center agreement with Holbrook to understand the financial deal. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

#### **Wind Turbine Update**

Mr. Murphy reviewed that the Board met in Executive Session and consulted with Town Counsel about the wind turbines. The Board does not have the authority to call for a shut down. The Board of Health will conduct public hearings on the concerns and complaints. Mr. Murphy also advised that the Board is looking into who holds interest in the lease and mortgage for Fairhaven Wind, LLC. Discussion ensued as to whether Fairhaven Wind, LLC has contacted the Building Department about a permit for the changes or project they are proposing.

John Methia addressed the Board and advised there is a company that is interested, they did a solar project in Kingston due to failed turbines. He asked if the Board would need a consultant to analyze the data. The Board's consensus was that if there are entities interested in pursuing solar projects, they should reach out to the Town.

Mr. Murphy advised that Eversource would be shutting down the turbines from May 19, 2025 to May 31, 2025 due to work in that area, this planned shut down is not due to the recent discussions.

<u>Use of Town Hall Auditorium: Millicent Library, Level Up! Magic Show, July 12, 2025, 10:30-11:30AM</u> The application was reviewed. Mr. Silvia asked if the Board could waive the rental fee because it was a library event, they would be assessed the custodian fee.

**Motion**: Mr. Saunders motioned approve the Use of Town Hall Auditorium for the Millicent Library, Level Up! Magic Show on July 12, 2025 from 10:30-11:30AM with the fee for Town Hall rental waived. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

<u>Use of Town Hall Auditorium: Fairhaven Summer Art Gallery: Art Talk, July 18, 2025, 7:00-9:00PM</u>
The application was reviewed.

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to approve the Use of Town Hall Auditorium for the Fairhaven Summer Art Gallery: Art Talk, July 18, 2025 from 7-9:00PM. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

#### Special One-Day All Alcohol License: Pride Event, June 22, 2025, 4:00-7:30PM

Mr. Romano recused himself due to being on the working group and left from 8:59-9:00pm

The application was reviewed.

**Motion**: Mr. Saunders motioned to approve the Special One-Day All Alcohol License for the Pride Event on June 22, 2025 from 4:00-7:30PM. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed (4-0-1) Mr. Romano abstained.

Special One-Day All Alcohol Licenses: Huttleston HarborFest, Multiple Dates: June 21, 2025 from 11:00AM-9:30PM; July 19, 2025, August 23, 2025 and September 20, 2025 from 11:00AM-3:30PM The Board reviewed the applications and had questions about the June 21, 2025 event details. The office will contact Ms. Botelho and it will be placed on the next agenda.

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to approve the Special One-Day All Alcohol Licenses for the Huttleston HarborFest, on the following dates: July 19, 2025, August 23, 2025 and September 20, 2025 from 11:00AM-3:30PM. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed (4-0-1) Mr. Silvia abstained.

## Flag/Banner Request: Disability Pride Flag during the month of July

The application was reviewed and the Board confirmed the request was submitted within the deadline.

**Motion**: Mr. Saunders motioned to approve the request Flag/Banner Request from the Commission on Disability to hang the Disability Pride Flag during the month of July. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

## **ACTION/DISCUSSION**

#### **Conservation Restriction: Camel Street Property - Sconticut Neck**

Mark Rasmussen of the Buzzards Bay Coalition (BBC) addressed the Board about the proposed Conservation Restriction (CR) and referred to the summary list provided to the Board (*Attachment B*). He added that the BBC would be back with additional CRs for other parcels within the area project.

Discussion ensued as to opposition by some Board members due to the financial impacts to the Town's tax levy, open space considerations, conservation, previous presentation by BBC and support by some Board members because it of the family's wish.

**Motion**: Mr. Romano motioned to approve to approve the Conservation Restriction request from Buzzards Bay Coalition for the Camel Street Property - Sconticut Neck as outlined. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed (3-2-0) Mr. Saunders and Mr. Silvia opposed.

#### File Home Rule Petition: Article 15, Annual Town Meeting, May 3, 2025

As a follow up to the Town Meeting vote on Article 15, the Board needs to authorize filing the Home Rule petition.

**Motion**: Mr. Saunders motioned to file a home rule petition as authorized by Article 15, Annual Town Meeting, May 3, 2025. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

#### File Home Rule Petition: Article 16, Annual Town Meeting, May 3, 2025

As a follow up to the Town Meeting vote on Article 16, the Board needs to authorize filing the Home Rule petition.

**Motion**: Mr. Saunders motioned to file a home rule petition as authorized by Article 16, Annual Town Meeting, May 3, 2025. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

# Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMMPO) Self-Nominations

Mr. Romano advised the Board of his interest in this position.

**Motion**: Mr. Saunders motioned to appoint Andrew Romano as the elected representative for the SMMPO. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

## TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Samia reported:

- The Finance Committee has an open At-Large position, if interested complete the volunteer form.
- An application was submitted for an outdoor seating area by the Ice Cream Cottage. This is a new process the Board approved in 2024 and this is the first application under the process; the applicant will work with other departments as outlined in the application.
- A renewal of the Community Electric Aggregation was signed; there are about twenty-four communities that take part in the process.

## **BOARD MEMBER ITEMS / COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS**

Mr. Saunders had no report:

#### Ms. Mello reported:

• Historical Commission has open positions, please apply if interested. The Fort Phoenix flagpole project is underway.

#### Mr. Murphy reported:

- The Cherry Blossom Festival was a success. Mr. Rooney could not be present and Mr. Murphy thanked Deb Almeida and Brian Bowcock for helping to run the event.
- He attended the opening day ceremony for the Fairhaven Acushnet Youth Baseball league.
- Lagoa meets next week.

#### Mr. Romano reported:

- He will miss graduation due to winning a trip at last year's Cherry Blossom Festival.
- Fairhaven's Got Pride event is June 22, 2025 from 4:00 to 7:30pm, they are trying something different for this year's event and having it in the evening.
- Mr. Romano apologized to the Board and audience for speaking out without being recognized earlier and commits to retaking the Open Meeting Law training.

# Mr. Silvia reported:

• The Commission on Disability met, the adaptive bike that was donated is being used regularly by a local family.

• The Huttleston HarborFest event on May 10<sup>th</sup> was well attended, about seven hundred people.

#### **MINUTES**

**Motion**: Mr. Saunders motioned to accept the open session minutes of April 14, 2025. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

**Motion**: Mr. Saunders motioned to accept the executive session minutes of April 14, 2025. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Murphy read the invitation to the July 4th Parade.

Brief discussion ensued about what the Board could do once the on-hand supply of flags is exhausted and the suggestion of moving to red poppies for Memorial Day.

#### **NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Brief discussion on the start time for meetings going forward. The Board decided to move back to a 6:30pm start

• The next regularly scheduled Select Board meeting is Tuesday, May 28, 2025 at 6:30pm

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

A. Handout: Mr. SilviaB. Buzzards Bay Coalition

Meeting adjourned at 9:40p.m.

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

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# Tuesday, May 27, 2025 Correspondence

1. Contact Form: Michelle Costen

2. Contact Form: Tracy Travers

#### **New submission from Contact**

1 message

Michelle Costen <no-reply@jgpr.net> Reply-To: no-reply@fairhavenma.com To: Ahart@fairhaven-ma.gov Thu, May 15, 2025 at 11:37 AM

#### Name

Michelle Costen

#### Address

Spring St Fairhaven, Massachusetts 02719-3060 United States Map It

#### Who Are You Looking to Contact?

Town Administrator

#### **Questions, Comments, Concerns**

To the Fairhaven Town Administrator, Selectboard, and to the Fairhaven Public Body And Other Representatives.

We once had a public comment page on our Fairhaven website. Contact page is different than making a public comment, which includes the public. Who came up with the idea to remove the public comment page on the new Fairhaven website and why?

#### Report & Concerns-

The new "inexperienced" planning board member, Mr. Sullivan, is on the bike/ Livable community committee.

This Livable community concept leads to a crowded overpopulation problem-. Which is already happening on certain streets in Fairhaven and just getting noticeably worse. Add that to 3 years of unmanaged short term rentals in our town, which are over the bylaw cap amount and have been for two years, and what do you get?

- —The Massachusetts zoning law specifically states that there should be protections against overpopulating. Why have we disregarded our zoning law and bylaw protections as if they don't exist? We are not even following the bylaws for short term rentals in this town, and haven't been for 3 years. It appears that planning for this town is a mess, short handed and biased. Not to mention an upfront obvious lack in town planning skills.
- —You're digging up our main streets and yet neighbors don't really know the full details or what's next, or how it will affect them and their properties? How about giving tax paying residents timelines and full details of all this construction going on right in front of their homes. Notices with full details and timelines should have been supplied in advance. Notices of construction are the Law in Massachusetts.

The planning board is riddled with newcomers who have only lived in this town for a few months and who mentioned at their election post that they support lgbtq, which has absolutely nothing to do with town planning. Now we recently have another newbie on our planning board with absolutely no planning skills by his own admittance from last Monday's meeting. But he is newly on the Livable community committee(a left agenda)- Is that why Miss Mello motioned for an inexperienced planner? Simply because he meets the criteria to be a primary PB voter on her behalf? How is this decision helping this town? Its Not-

- President Trump made a statement that he does not believe that small, already dense urban towns should build more dense apartment buildings and housing. I totally agree- Instead he wants to use Federal land space to build more

affordable housing. Now that sounds reasonable. Besides, we don't really have a housing supply problem in this town. What we have is too many short term rentals and housing being used exclusively in our family neighborhoods for profit making. And we have become overpopulated nationwide, because of illegal border crossing by the millions. This is Fact-

- -Just recently a couple have moved into a single family home, making it a two family home, across from me on Mulberry. And we now have parking issues along the street. When neighbors have guests there is literally no place for them to park on the weekends. I have 6 cars lined up daily alongside my property line everyday and my landscaper had no place to park his truck and trailer. God forbid we need an ambulance or fire truck.
- -This type of situation will get worse if you don't pull in the reins and hire intelligent experienced people on the planning board. I have seen it happen in Florida when I worked for the USDA Rural Development, where today, Ocala still suffers the dire consequences of overpopulation in dense community living. It is called putting the cart before the horse, which is due to a lack of planning skills and intelligent foresight.
- Is the Town Hall planning on keeping the DEI Belonging committee? and are they moving forward with plans to appropriate funds for the Igbtq festival celebration? Myself and the signatures of other residents do not want our tax dollars to be spent on such nonsense, nor do we want to be branded as residents of Fairhaven in the Igbtq Iogo "Fairhaven's got Pride" Will someone from the Selectboard please get back to me on this. I sent you letters about this over a month ago and was told by the TA 3 weeks ago that he would get back to me in a couple of days. Have not heard back from him.

Between the push for overpopulating livable communities and Igbtq festival celebrations and closing down our streets(which make no sense), I see nothing but a purely warped democratic agenda coming through our Town Hall.

Don't forget Fairhaven is not blue. It is Purple. 3 precincts out of 6 in Fairhaven, had a majority vote for President Trumpand for adhering to the New President's Sane Executive Orders and policies. And I am not a Republican either. Many
Independents, who once were democrats, in this town, have come to recognize that the democratic party has flipped its lid
and has moved towards insanity with some of their misguided and ungodly agendas. And I say ungodly because one of the
planning board members told me she is an atheist. And yet we are a nation that pledges its Allegiance to the flag Under
God. The God we Trust. God's laws are the foundation of all laws and of our constitution. Without God we are left lawless.
Without God, we are creating our own destruction. And did you know that even God has borders. You can't enter Heaven
without following His laws. You cannot enter Heaven illegally.

I will be sharing this report with true Statesman and Representatives I trust, and who believe in God. I have great concern for the direction that the Fairhaven Town Hall is moving in. And it is wrong to ignore public comments and concerns.

This is my public comment.

Michelle Costen
Advocate for Justice and Sanity
Fairhaven Mass

Tracy A. Travers Union Street Fairhaven, MA 02719

May 22, 2025

To the Interim Town Administrator & Chair of the Selectboard 40 Center Street Fairhaven, MA 02719

Dear Mr. Samia & Mr. Murphy,

My name is Tracy Travers, and I have been a citizen of Fairhaven for approximately 40 years. I am writing to express my serious concerns regarding the Select Board meeting on May 12th. During the Appointments and Community Items section of the meeting, the Select Board interviewed three candidates for the full voting member position on the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). Select Board Clerk, Natalie Mello asked Zoning Board of Appeals candidate, Mrs. Cathy Melanson the following question, "I'm just curious, last time I heard you speak publicly, you said you were looking forward to spending time with your grandchildren, which I can relate to, so what prompted you to put your name forward at this time? I thought you were looking forward to that, so why are you putting your name in for this now? You have a well-deserved rest." The position being interviewed for has to do with detailed knowledge and experience within the town's zoning bylaws. Ms. Mello did not ask one question regarding her experience or knowledge but focused her questioning /comments solely on why she wanted to apply now, instead of spending time with her grandchildren. What does this questioning have to do with the position? This is completely out of line and not reflective of how a Select Board member should decide on appointments.

Personal questions referring to a candidate's family obligations are generally illegal as they can be used to infer lack of reliability. Further, neither male ZBA candidate was asked any questions referring to their family or time commitment. It is inappropriate to solicit information about protected characteristics like race, religion, age, sex, disability or family/marital status. This line of questioning reflects poorly on all women, especially those in town government, and those who choose to serve our community in the future.

In researching the board's appointee, Mr. Geofrey Sullivan, it was discovered he was a financial contributor to Ms. Mello's campaign when she recently ran for and won a seat on the Select Board. He was also pictured as a supporter holding her campaign signs. That night, Ms. Mello first nominated Mr. Sullivan to serve on the ZBA, then voted for him. Prior to the vote, Ms. Mello made no verbal mention nor disclosure of these issues to the entire Select Board nor the public. Further, the two other candidates had substantially more experience and training. The ZBA's goal is to uphold the *integrity* of Fairhaven's zoning laws. I fear this is a clear case of quid pro quo and has resulted in influence over this decision by Ms. Mello.

I kindly request that this letter be read into record, the Select Board investigates this matter, and takes appropriate corrective action such as, but not limited to, rescinding the vote for the ZBA full voting member candidate, making Mr. Sullivan an associate member. This action will allow time for fair and proper reconsideration and vetting of the current four associate members, as well as Mrs. Melanson & Mr. Kendall. I also ask that Ms. Mello recuse herself during the vote due to her clear conflict in this matter.

Thank you for your attention in this matter and I look forward to your response. I can be reached at

Tracy A. Travers, BS, MEd