



## FAIRHAVEN SELECT BOARD AGENDA

*July 14, 2025 6:30 p.m.*

**Town Hall – 40 Center Street – Fairhaven**

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

FAIRHAVEN TOWN CLERK  
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### A. JOINT WITH FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. Approval of Year-end Transfers

### B. PUBLIC COMMENT

### C. APPOINTMENTS AND COMMUNITY ITEMS

1. Special One-Day Beer and Wine License: Lion's Club Day of Portugal, Saturday, August 23, 2025 5-9pm
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7. Term Correction: Cultural Council: Alexandra Mitchell

### D. ACTION / DISCUSSION

1. Ratify Town Administrator Contract
2. Economic Development Committee Mission Statement Update
3. Zoning Board of Appeals Promotion Process
4. Request to Work Remotely During Fulbright Scholarship Abroad: Alyssa Botelho
5. Opioid Settlement Participation: Purdue Plan
6. Rescind Liquor License Transfer: Southcoast Wine & Spirits
7. Request to use Rogers School Parking Lot: Huttleston Harborfest Events

### E. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

1. Staffing Update
2. Public Works, Select Board and Eversource Process Flow: Right of Way and Public Hearing Process

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

### G. MINUTES

1. Accept the Select Board Open Session minutes of June 23, 2025 and July 7, 2025
2. Accept the Select Board Executive Session minutes of June 23, 2025 and July 7, 2025

### H. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Contact Forms: Michelle Costen

### I. NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled Select Board meeting: **Monday, July 28, 2025** at 6:30pm

### J. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(2) To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel. (Fire Chief) AND; Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(6) To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body (121 Main St.)

### K. ADJOURN

*Subject matter listed in the agenda consists of items reasonably anticipated (by the Chair) to be discussed. Not all items listed may be discussed and other items not listed (i.e. urgent business not available at the time of posting) may also be brought up for discussion in accordance with applicable law.*



**Monday, July 14, 2025**  
**Joint with Finance Committee**

**Year-end transfers**

**TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN**  
**Request for Appropriation Transfers**  
**Between or Within Departments**

**Date: July 10, 2025**

Select Board & Finance Committee  
Town of Fairhaven

Members:

Request is hereby made for the following transfer between departmental appropriations in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 33B, of the Massachusetts General Laws. (If your budget does not have sufficient funds within other categories to cover this deficit, please fill in amount requested and #2-To be transferred to (account number). Please provide in the comment section below your explanation for lack of funding for review by the Town Administrator).

Amount requested:      **Dept:** Town Clerk/Election & Registration      **Amount: \$23,158.00**  
**be transferred from (account name & number):** 001-122-21-5201-17-1227 (Wind Turbines)

**To be transferred to (account name & number):**


001-161-00-5390-00-0529	\$10,065.00
001-163-00-5390-00-0145	\$2,910.00
001-161-01-5111-00-0531	\$10,183.00

**Reason for Transfer:**

A fund transfer is necessary due to several unanticipated or under-budgeted expenses that have impacted departmental finances. These include:

- A retroactive clerical buyout was not budgeted due to unknown election results.
- A mandated, unreimbursed mass-inactivation process (two-part mailing to individuals who had not responded to the census and were marked "inactive" on the voting list) that was not budgeted.

Although a refund of **\$14,598.35** was received from the Division of Local Mandates for Early Voting costs, the funds were deposited into the General Fund and are not available to offset these department-level deficits. Therefore, a transfer is required to cover the shortfalls and maintain proper budget compliance.

  
Request submitted by (signature required): **Officer or Department Head**

**APPROVALS**

**Select Board:**

**Date of Meeting:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Transfer disapproved (checkmark): \_\_\_\_\_

**Finance Committee:**

**Date of Meeting:** \_\_\_\_\_

Number Present and Voting: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by Majority, list vote: \_\_\_\_\_

Transfer disapproved (checkmark): \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, Finance Committee

Please Note:

1. This alternative year-end transfer procedure applies for the last two months of the fiscal year (May and June) and the first 15 days of July (for that same fiscal year) and requires a majority vote of the Select Board and the Finance Committee.
2. This procedure **cannot** be used to transfer from a Municipal Light or School Department.
3. Signed originals of this request (required in quadruplicate) will be distributed to the Select Board, the Finance Committee, the Town Accountant, and the requesting department.

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Town of Fairhaven

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Amount requested:      **Dept:** Treasurer

**Amount:** \$7,559.00

1. To be transferred from (account name & number): 001-122-21-5201-17-1227 (wind turbine)
2. To be transferred to (account name & number): 001-710-00-5925-00-0121 (G/F Debt)

Reason for Transfer: Interest paid (MGL Ch 59 sec 69) out for RE abatements was more than budgeted

Request submitted by (signature required):

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Officer or Department Head

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**APPROVALS**

**Select Board:**

**Date of Meeting:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Finance Committee:**

**Date of Meeting:** \_\_\_\_\_

Number Present and Voting: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by Majority, list vote: \_\_\_\_\_

Transfer disapproved (checkmark): \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, Finance Committee

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4. Appointment Request: Atlas Tack Working Group: Jason Lanagan, Patrick Carr, Patricia Estrella (*no limit*)
5. Appointment Request: Commission on Disability: Kerri Cummins (*1 vacancy*)
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**SELECT BOARD'S MEETING**  
**Action Item**

**Monday July 14, 2025**

**One Day, Beer and Wine, Liquor License  
For A Dinner Hosted by the Lion's Club  
To be held at**

**Fairhaven Counsel on Aging  
299 Huttleston Ave Fairhaven**

**Application submitted by:  
Elizabeth Gallagher,  
President of the Lions' Club**

**Date and Times to be held:**

**Saturday August 23, 2025  
From 5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**



# TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN

## APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL LICENSE

General Law Chapter 138, Section 14

Date: 7/3/2025

To the Licensing Board:

The undersigned hereby applies for a SPECIAL LICENSE under provisions of Chapter 138, Section 14

to sell

Beer and Wine

(Beer and Wine)

or

(All Alcoholic Beverages)

For a Dinner to be held at

Fairhaven Council On Aging

229 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven, MA 02719

by Fairhaven Lion's Club

date Saturday, August 23, 2025

from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Name of Applicant: Elizabeth Galagher (President of Fairhaven Lions Club)

Address of Applicant: PO Box 827

Fairhaven, MA 02719

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 \$50.00

All Alcoholic \$75.00

# **SELECT BOARD'S MEETING**

## **Action Item**

**Monday July 14, 2025**

**One Day, ALL Alcohol, Liquor License  
For the Our Lady of Angels 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Feast  
location  
7 Jesse St Fairhaven, MA**

**Application submitted by:  
John Barboza**

### **Date and Times to be held:**

Saturday Aug 30, 2025 from 5:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m.  
Sunday Aug 31, 2025 from 12:00 p.m.- 12:00 a.m.  
Monday Sept 1, 2025 from 12:00 p.m.- 10:00 pm.





# TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN

## APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL LICENSE

General Law Chapter 138, Section 14

Date: JULY 3, 2025

To the Licensing Board:

The undersigned hereby applies for a SPECIAL LICENSE under provisions of Chapter 138, Section 14  
to sell

ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

(Beer and Wine)

or

(All Alcoholic Beverages)

For a 95th ANNUAL OLOA FEAST to be held at

7 JESSE ST, FAIRHAVEN, MA

by OUR LADY OF ANGELS CATHOLIC ASSN

date SAT AUG 30 SUNDAY AUG 31 MON SEPT 1  
from (5PM-12 AM) (12 PM-12 AM) (12 PM-10 PM)  
to

Name of Applicant: JOHN BARBOZA

Address of Applicant: 7 JESSE ST  
FAIRHAVEN, MA

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PLEASE SEE ATTACHED SECURITY PLAN DEVELOPED  
IN CONSULTATION WITH FAIRHAVEN P.D.

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 \$50.00

All Alcoholic \$75.00

# **OUR LADY OF ANGELS CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION**

## **95<sup>th</sup> OLOA FEAST**

### **PROPOSED SECURITY PLAN**



**President: John Barbosa**

**Vice President: Manny Mello**

**Treasurer: Charles Murphy**

**Secretary: Gary Souza**

**Financial Secretary: Diane Costa**

## **INTRODUCTION**

It is the goal of the Fairhaven-based Our Lady of Angels Catholic Association (OLOA) to conduct a successful Annual Feast on Labor Day weekend.

The term “successful” means to us the following:

1. To provide a safe and secure environment for people to celebrate the Feast on the Labor Day weekend in a family friendly environment.
2. To generate funding to sustain the many non-profit agencies and charities that receive the funds generate by the Feast such as several food banks, Shriners Children’s Hospital, Veteran’s Transition network, Fairhaven Fire Gift account religious organizations and churches.

It should be cited that there have been no serious incidents on Feast grounds in its 95 years of existence but we realize times change. So to facilitate continuing to conduct the Feast in a safe and family friendly manner, we have had meetings with the command staff of the Fairhaven Police Department and have developed the following Security Plan.

### **Entrance and Exits to Feast Grounds**

There are currently three (3) gates that can be used for entrance and exit from Feast grounds. They are the main gate on Jesse St (Gate A), the gate on the east end of the Feast grounds on Jesse St (Gate B) and the Daniel St gate (Gate C). Gates B and C will be exit only enforced by a police officer assigned to those posts. The only exception is band members bringing their equipment through Gate C to the stage adjacent to that gate.

Gate A will be the only entrance to the Feast grounds and will have a police officer assigned to that post. Security will be provided at Gate as described later in this document.

### **Security Functions at Entrance**

Back packs and bags will be checked at the entrance for weapons and outside alcoholic beverages. Purses and smaller pocketbooks will not be checked. A table will be set up adjacent to the entrance gate staffed by OLOA personnel who will check appropriate bags and backpacks. Any issues will be referred to the police officer posted adjacent to the table at that gate.

## **ID Checks**

Anyone wanting to buy alcoholic beverage or play games must be 21 years or older. Those persons must possess a government issued identification document verifying they are 21 years or older at which time they will be given a wrist band verifying their age. Only those wearing a wristband will be allowed to possess alcoholic beverages on Feast Grounds to be enforced by the Police. OLOA has purchased two (2) Tokenworks ID scanners. Anyone who appears under the age of 40 must have their ID's scanned by those devices which verify age as well as detecting false IDs. Those scanners will be operated at a table near the entrance by responsible members of the club trained by a club officer who has extensive experience with those devices in private employment.

## **Security on Jesse and Daniel Streets**

OLOA has agreed to hire two detail officers to work off Feast grounds, one for each street, patrolling them from Main St to Alden Rd. The two officers will be using police off road vehicle to expedite traveling along both Jesse and Daniel Sts and be responsible to prevent disturbances to neighbors, prevent loitering and prevent trespassing on private property.

### **Detail Officers** ( see attached map )

Will hire 10 police officers on Saturday 6pm to 12:30 am, Sunday 4pm to midnight and Monday Noon to 10:30 pm. 6 will be hired for the traditionally slow time during Sunday Noon to 4pm.

After consultation with Fairhaven PD management, it has been determined that the following are to be the posts assigned to be staffed by officers. The police supervisor can alternate officers as he/she deems fit.

2 Officers. One each for patrolling Jesse St and Daniel St on ATVs. Their function is to prevent and/or react to loitering, disturbances and trespassing on private property

2 Officers. They will be assigned to assisting feast goers crossing Main St and patrolling the St Mary's Church parking lot to prevent disturbances, etc.

2 Officers. One each to be posted at the Daniel St gate and the Jesse St (east) gate to ensure those gates remain exit only. Provided, however, band members may bring equipment through the Daniel St gate to the adjacent stage.

1 Officer. Assigned to the entrance gate (west) on Jesse St

3 Officers (includes supervisor) to patrol Feast grounds

## **OLOA Security**

OLOA officers and board members will be responsible for being the “eyes and ears” of the officers. They will be responsible for reporting consumption of alcohol without a wristband, intoxicated persons or any other issues to a police officer. They are NOT to take any enforcement action themselves. Further, OLOA members will be responsible for searching bags and staffing the ID check table.

## **Conclusion**

It bears repeating that there have been no significant issues on Feast grounds in 95 years but we are willing to take added precautions to maintain that record of safety.

We also want to thank Chief Dorgan, Capt Gordon and Lt Swain in assisting us in developing this Plan.

← ★ 1 P.O. on street

★ 1 P.O. at Gate

↓ North

DANIEL STREET



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**New submission from Volunteer Opportunities**

1 message

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**Patrick Carr** Patrick Carr <no-reply@jgpr.net>

Fri, Jun 20, 2025 at 10:58 AM

Patrick Carr

**Address****Email****Phone****How long have you been a Fairhaven resident?**

47 years

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

Historical Commission One Member, 2-year term

**Have you attended a meeting of this Board or Committee?**

Yes

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

ZBA, Planning Board, Economic Development Committee, Rogers Reuse Committee, 40R Work Study Group, Harbor Master Plan Committee. 2020 - Present

**Interstes and Qualifications (tell us about yourself)**

I am interested in volunteering to actively participate in the preservation, discussions, and actions necessary to care for the historic and beautiful buildings that were gifted by the late great Henry Huttleston Rogers and his family to the Town of Fairhaven. These monuments bestowed to the Town will never ever be duplicated and thus far have stood strong to the testament of time. Our historic structures have been well cared by many volunteers for many years for future enjoyment of the citizens of Fairhaven and surrounding communities. I would like to do my part in any way possible to help preserve and protect these timeless gems and pay it forward to the next generation.

**Consent**

 I agree to the privacy policy.

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## New submission from Volunteer Opportunities

1 message

Alexander Kuechler Alexander Kuechler <no-reply@jgpr.net>

Fri, Jun 20, 2025 at 7:16 PM

Reply-To:

To: Selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov

### Full Name

Alexander Kuechler

### Address

### How long have you been a Fairhaven resident?

30 years

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

I am interested in joining the Historical Commission because I have always been interested in our town's history and wish to help more with taking care of and preserving our town's historic properties.

### Have you attended a meeting of this Board or Committee?

Yes

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

I served on the Bicentennial Committee for about two years from when I was 15 until I was 17, when the town's Bicentennial celebration occurred. I am also a member of the Fairhaven Protecting Society, which I can honestly say I've been involved with almost my whole life.

### Interstes and Qualifications (tell us about yourself)

I bring with me knowledge of our fire department's history, having been a member of the Protecting Society since I was a kid. This entails maintaining and preserving the town's antique fire trucks and firehouses, and is something my grandfather got me involved in and is a very important part of my life. Aside from that I'm interested in our town's overall history, an interest that was especially strong when I was a kid.

### Consent

 I agree to the privacy policy.



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## New submission from Volunteer Opportunities

1 message

**Benjamin Hevey Benjamin Hevey** <no-reply@jgpr.net>

Wed, Jul 9, 2025 at 8:20 PM

Reply-To:

To: Selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov

**Full Name**

Benjamin Hevey

**Address**

**Email**

**Phone**

**How long have you been a Fairhaven resident?**

45 years

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

I would like to serve on the Town Historical Commission. As a history teacher at Fairhaven High School for the past 23 years, and currently starting my second year of teaching an elective on local history, I feel it will be a great way for me to gain more knowledge of the town, while at the same time being able to contribute an local history that I have accumulated doing my research.

**Have you attended a meeting of this Board or Committee?**

No

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

I am currently not on any boards.

**Interests and Qualifications.**

As stated above, being a lifelong resident, and current history teacher, introducing a class on local history, I feel it would be a great way for me to gain more knowledge of the town, while at the same time being able to contribute any expertise that I may have.

My wife is from out of state and she frequently remarks about how much we take for granted, as a town, all the history that we have and how lucky we are to live here, and I would love to have the opportunity to do whatever I can to make sure that the town, especially the students understand how much history we have here in Fairhaven.

**Consent**

 I agree to the privacy policy.

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## New submission from Volunteer Opportunities

1 message

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Jason Lanagan Jason Lanagan <no-reply@jgpr.net>

Thu, Jun 26, 2025 at 2:20 PM

Jason Lanagan

**Address**

**Email**

**Phone**

**How long have you been a Fairhaven resident?**

5 years

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

Atlas Tack Working Group

Historical Commission

**Have you attended a meeting of this Board or Committee?**

No

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

NO

**Interests and Qualifications.**

Municipal permitting, licensing, land use, development, Receiver for the Attorney General's abandoned property initiative, Mass Development House Doctor, Historic Adaptive Re-Use Developer.

**Consent**

 I agree to the privacy policy.

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## New submission from Volunteer Opportunities

1 message

Patrick Carr Patrick Carr <no-reply@jgpr.net>

Fri, Jun 27, 2025 at 2:55 PM

Reply-To:

To: Selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov

### Full Name

Patrick Carr A

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

Atlas Tack Working Group

**Have you attended a meeting of this Board or Committee?**

Yes

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

Planning, ZBA, EDC, Rogers Reuse, 40R Work Study

**Interests and Qualifications.**

I have interest in helping out with this work study group by gathering the information that I have sought out and received in the past 2 years. This could expedite the timeframe to hopefully find funding and possible uses for this beautiful and historic property.

**Consent**

 I agree to the privacy policy.

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## New submission from Volunteer Opportunities

1 message

Patricia Estrella Patricia Estrella <no-reply@jgpr.net>

Tue, Jul 1, 2025 at 2:34 PM

Reply-To:

To: Selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov

**Full Name** Patricia Estrella

**How long have you been a Fairhaven resident?** 63

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

Atlas Tack working group

Having worked to pursue the Atlas Tack Epa Superfund site to be re addressed by the fed and state govt after being tagged and left behind - creating community resident groups to lobby our govt officials local state and fed to address this epa abandoned site. Utilizing media, residential education meetings & more aka shaking the trees - to address the blight of our community from this site yo bring activity towards a positive clean up I do have historic knowledge of the site prior to during and after remediation. Continuing to be informed with State & Epa activities.

My knowledge and history of the Tack Project could be vital to the working group.

Over twenty years of involvement and being an actual abutter of the Tack pre and post remediation I would like you to share that experience and knowledge

Owner of 2 properties on Church St. One abuts the Tack and one by the end of Church st, by the Hathaway Braley & Church St dump - referenced in the Atlas Tack Superfund project.

My time is spent now in Fairhaven & FI

I would be happy to join as a working group member & also be available for consultation of the history of the Superfund site - pre and post Epa

Also share the visions of past residents involved in the fight to eradicate our community of Atlas Tacks blight & someday see the property as a positive vital part of our community again. My own goal to see the property - and its view from East to West become inhabited with fauna and wildlife. Its estuaries filled with the natural beauty it so deserved.

**Have you attended a meeting of this Board or Committee?** No

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

no current boards

past boards committees

Fairhaven School Committee Appointed seat 1976-1977 (?)

Fairhaven Town Hall 199? Anniversary Dedication

**Interests and Qualifications.**

Conservation , wildlife, community, local govt, Fairhaven History, community building , economics , restoration

35 yr plus Telecom Industry

Retired - National Manager - Program Mgr of the Sprint Nextel National E911/ Emergency Management Team

Retired - Verizon / Nynex / New England Tel Rated central office Tech Eng. & landline 911/E911

**Consent**

 I agree to the privacy policy.

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## New submission from Volunteer Opportunities

1 message

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Kerri L Cummins Kerri L Cummins <no-reply@jgpr.net>

Thu, Jun 26, 2025 at 11:14 AM

Kerri L Cummins

**Address**

**Email**

**Phone**

**How long have you been a Fairhaven resident?**

5 years

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

I am interested in joining the Commission on Disability. I am the parent of two young adults with disabilities and a special education teacher. I would like to be involved in and supportive of any opportunities to ensure that Fairhaven is not only inclusive of but celebrates people of diverse abilities.

**Have you attended a meeting of this Board or Committee?**

No

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

I recently became a town meeting member, and attended my first town meeting this year.

**Interests and Qualifications (tell us about yourself)**

I am the parent of two young adults with disabilities and a special education teacher.

**Consent**

 I agree to the privacy policy.


**Town of Fairhaven**

40 Center Street

Fairhaven, MA 02719

Tel: (508) 979-4023

selectboard@Fairhaven-MA.gov

**VOLUNTEER APPLICATION**

Residents interested in serving on a Town Board, Committee or Commission are requested to complete this form and send it to the Select Board Office at the Town Hall.

(Please print or type)

 Date: June 22, 2024

Title: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr.	First Name: <u>Nancy</u>	Last Name: <u>Sintoro</u>
Street Address: <u>209</u>		
Email Address: <u>y</u>		Preferred Phone Number: .
How long have you been a Fairhaven resident? <u>20 years</u>		

What Board(s) or Committee(s) are you interested in joining?

COA

 Have you attended a meeting of this Board of Committee? YES ☐ NO ☒

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

Fairhaven Dog Park Committee

Interests and Qualifications (tell us about yourself) -- use additional paper if needed

School teacher, caretaker, military. I have served on Board DAV and am a life time member.

Thank you for your interest in volunteering! If you have questions, please contact the office of the Select Board at (508) 979-4023 ext. 2 or e-mail [selectboard@Fairhaven-MA.gov](mailto:selectboard@Fairhaven-MA.gov).

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## New submission from Volunteer Opportunities

1 message

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**Sheila Dolan** Sheila Dolan <no-reply@jgpr.net>

Tue, Jul 8, 2025 at 7:11 AM

Reply-To:

To: Selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov

**Full Name**

Sheila Dolan

**Address**

**Email**

**Phone**

**How long have you been a Fairhaven resident?**

75 years

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

Council on Aging

**Have you attended a meeting of this Board or Committee?**

No

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

Planning Board approx 8  
Conservation Commission 8  
Animal Building Committee until done  
Town Meeting member

**Interests and Qualifications.**

Age  
Retired Police Officer  
Enjoy working and helping people

**Consent**

 I agree to the privacy policy.



**Town of Fairhaven**  
**Massachusetts**  
40 Center Street · Fairhaven, MA · 02719

**MEMORANDUM**

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*Re: Appointment Term Correction*

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After reviewing the link provided by the Cultural Council Chair, the section of MGL referred to does indicate that a successor's term would be three years. Alexandra Mitchell was appointed in 2024 after a resignation and her appointment term was to fill that vacancy.

In light of the MGL and what it indicates for a successor's term, this item is to correct Ms. Mitchell's term to expire in 2027.



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## Checking in about Alexandra Mitchell's Length of Term

1 message

Fairhaven Cultural Council <culturalcouncil@fairhaven-ma.gov>

Mon, Mar 17, 2025 at 10:23 AM

Hello Amy!

We have a Fairhaven Cultural Council meeting on Wednesday, and I just wanted to check in with you about Alexandra Mitchell's length of term.

I know it's tradition for the Town of Fairhaven created boards and committees to have replacements finish resigned members' terms, so Alexandra was given a two-year term.

Now the Fairhaven Cultural Council is part of the state's Local Cultural Council program. The program was created through Mass General Law. In having a Cultural Council, the town is participating in a state program. The FCC reports both to the state (through the Mass Cultural Council) and to the town (through our liaison Alyssa Botelho to the Select Board).

I've been reading up on documentation to recover information about LCC operations that stopped being passed on. One thing I noticed is that Mass General Law dictates the terms of Cultural Council members as being 3 years.

MGL Chapter 10 in Section 58 in paragraph 4 states: "Upon a vacancy, for any reason, the member's successor, if any, shall be appointed for a term of three years, and shall serve until the qualification of such member's successor."

<https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleII/Chapter10/Section58>

That makes me concerned we're not following MGL if Alexandra serves only 2 years for her first term. If she's due 3 years because of MGL, I do not want her to lose a year because she joined after a member (Lisa Breese) left.

In her case in particular, her attendance is currently impacted by her graduate school schedule, so that extra year could be vital for her getting her participation rate up for her first term.

I am open to what you advise! I am checking in out of concern. I want to make sure we are doing right by the town, state, and Alexandra.

Hope you had a great weekend!

*Regards,*



**Beth Ann Gallagher**

Chair, Fairhaven Cultural Council

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40 Center St, Fairhaven, MA 02719



<b>Part I</b>	ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT
<b>Title II</b>	EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH
<b>Chapter 10</b>	DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE TREASURER
<b>Section 58</b>	LOCAL AND REGIONAL CULTURAL COUNCILS

Section 58. Any city or town may establish a local cultural council and any consortium of cities and towns, with the approval of the council, may establish a regional cultural council. Local cultural councils shall consist of at least five and not more than twenty-two members to be appointed by the mayor of a city, the city manager in a city having a Plan D or E form of government, the board of selectmen of a town or the executive officer in a town having a town council form of government.

Regional cultural councils shall consist of an equal number of members to be appointed from each city or town within the consortium in the manner herein described. The regional cultural council may adopt, at its option, a proportional membership consistent with the population of each municipality; provided, however, that each municipality shall have at least one member; and provided, further, that the adoption of such option shall be by a two-thirds vote of the regional cultural council.

Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary, if the council deems it necessary or desirable in order to carry out the purposes of this section

and sections fifty-six and fifty-seven, the council may certify for payment in accordance with the provisions of section fifty-six those applications for funds received from any local or regional cultural councils whose composition is determined by the council as not complying with the provisions of this section, provided that upon notice of such noncompliance, such local or regional cultural council, or its appointing authority, as the case may be, either cures such noncompliance or provides certification satisfactory to the council of how and by when such compliance will be achieved.

Members of the local and regional cultural council shall be appointed for staggered terms of three years and any such member shall not be appointed to more than two consecutive terms. Members shall have demonstrated scholarship or creativity in, or distinguished service to, the arts, humanities, or interpretive sciences.

Upon a vacancy, for any reason, the member's successor, if any, shall be appointed for a term of three years, and shall serve until the qualification of such member's successor. The mayor of a city, the city manager in a city having a Plan D or E form of government, the board of selectmen of a town or the executive officer in a town having a town council form of government shall not serve as members. Members shall be considered to be special municipal employees for the purposes of chapter two hundred and sixty-eight A. For purposes of chapter two hundred and sixty-eight A, any local or regional cultural council member who is authorized thereby to make disclosure to such member's city or town clerk or appointing authority, or to request a determination from such member's appointing authority, or to seek approval from the local legislative body may in lieu thereof, disclose to, or seek such approval from the council, and the council is authorized to receive such disclosure and approve such



## **Monday, July 14, 2025**

### **Action / Discussion**

1. Ratify Town Administrator Contract
2. Economic Development Committee Mission Statement Update
3. Zoning Board of Appeals Promotion Process
4. Request to Work Remotely During Fulbright Scholarship Abroad: Alyssa Botelho
5. Opioid Settlement Participation: Purdue Plan
6. Rescind Liquor License Transfer: Southcoast Wine & Spirits
7. Request to use Rogers School Parking Lot: Huttleston Harborfest Events

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**Re: EDC mission statement**

1 message

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**Charles K Murphy Sr** <cmurphy@fairhaven-ma.gov>

Wed, Jun 18, 2025 at 10:48 AM

To: Cathy Melanson <cathymelanson@yahoo.com>

Cc: Samia George <townadmin@fairhaven-ma.gov>, Amy Hart <ahart@fairhaven-ma.gov>

Thank you,  
Charlie  
Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 18, 2025, at 10:24 AM, Cathy Melanson <[cathymelanson@yahoo.com](mailto:cathymelanson@yahoo.com)> wrote:

Good Morning Mr. Murphy,

As you are aware that back about year ago the offices were change around. The Planning Department is no long over Economic Development Committee. It use to be Planning and Economic Development that department no long exist, it is know Land Use and Planning. The EDC is now under Community Development/Discover Fairhaven. Because of its prior affiliation with the Planning Department there has been a member of the Planning Board appointment. Now that EDC is no long under Land Use and Planning it is not necessary to have a member from the Planning Board appointed. At our meeting on June 11th the members of the EDC unanimously voted to approve this new mission statement. I am asking the Selectboard to approve the new mission statement. As of now the wrong mission statement is on the town's website and the one that was last approved is obsolete.

Thank You,  
Cathy Melanson, Chair  
Economic Development Committee



**EDC Letter to revise mission statement and membership 060425.pdf**

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# Economic Development Committee

Town Hall, 40 Center Street Fairhaven, MA 02719

June 4, 2025

Mr. Charles Murphy  
Chair- Select Board  
Mr. Goerge Samia  
Town Administrator

Hello Chair Murphy and TA Samia:

The EDC mission statement/ Charge needs to be updated.

**FROM:** The mission of the Fairhaven Economic Development Committee is to provide the Select Board with guidance on the enhancement of the existing business community, ways to attract new business and encourage development. The result of programs, from this guidance, will have a goal to enhance overall economic impact. These programs will result in a growth in business activity, jobs and revenue. The Select Board acknowledges that a strong business community is essential to the financial well-being of the Town. The membership shall consist of five (5) at-large members with ties and experience in Fairhaven, to be appointed by the Select Board; one (1) voting representative member from the Select Board; and one voting representative from the Planning Board, to be appointed by the Planning Board. Two (2) Alternate Non- Voting members, appointed by the Select Board.

**TO:** The mission of the Fairhaven Economic Development Committee is to provide the Select Board with guidance on the enhancement of the existing business community, ways to attract new business and encourage development. The result of programs, from this guidance, will have a goal to enhance overall economic impact. These programs will result in a growth in business activity, jobs and revenue. The Select Board acknowledges that a strong business community is essential to the financial well-being of the Town. The membership shall consist of shall consist of five (5) at-large members. The breakdown of the membership shall consist of five (5) at-large voting members with ties and experience in Fairhaven, to be appointed by the Select Board; (1) Select Board non-voting ex-officio member to be appointed by the Select Board. The (1) Select Board ex-officio member will serve as a resource, providing insights, expertise and guidance based on their official capacity and role. All terms are for one (1) year.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [cathymelanson@yahoo.com](mailto:cathymelanson@yahoo.com)

Sincerely,

Cathy Melanson  
Chair



DISCOVER FAIRHAVEN  
(COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE)  
Town of Fairhaven  
40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, MA 02719



To the Fairhaven Select Board:

I am writing to share some exciting news and respectfully request your support.

I have been selected for the Fulbright U.S. Research Program, one of the most prestigious international exchange programs in the world. As a Fulbright Research Fellow, I will serve as a cultural ambassador of the United States to Portugal from October 1, 2025, through May 1, 2026, while living in the Azores. I've attached my official acceptance letter for your reference.

During this period, I will be conducting historical research and writing a screenplay inspired by the cultural and military connections between the Azores and the United States, in collaboration with local historians, museum staff, and municipal leaders. Importantly, I will be residing just minutes from Fairhaven's Sister City, Lagoa, presenting a unique opportunity to directly deepen our international relationship.

The Fulbright Program recognizes individuals not only for their academic and creative pursuits but for their capacity to represent their home communities on a global stage. I truly believe this is a meaningful opportunity not just for me, but for Fairhaven—to foster international ties, cultural exchange, and even future municipal collaboration.

With this in mind, I respectfully request the Board's approval to continue working remotely in my current role as Fairhaven's Community Development Coordinator for 20 hours per week during my time abroad. The Fulbright Program takes outside work seriously, but has indicated support for this arrangement due to the public service nature of my position.

While abroad, I remain committed to my core responsibilities and will:

- Oversee long-term initiatives
- Manage Fairhaven's municipal social media accounts
- Prepare and submit relevant grant applications
- Maintain email correspondence
- Finalize the Discover Fairhaven website
- Assist in event planning—including the Olde-Tyme Holiday and other seasonal efforts—in collaboration with local partners
- Cultivate a stronger relationship with Lagoa, with the potential for future cultural and tourism exchanges through our Lagoa Friendship Pact Committee





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(COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE)  
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To support my hands-on daily tasks and most importantly, the on-the-ground execution of local events while I'm gone, I will be coordinating with cable access staff member Todd Migliacci. He has a proven record of success planning and executing Fairhaven TV's Halloween celebration among others in various surrounding communities. We have a strong working relationship and I have full confidence in Todd's ability to help maintain Discover Fairhaven's continuity and success during this period.

With your approval, I look forward to continuing to serve the Town of Fairhaven from abroad, furthering our development, tourism, and community efforts while proudly representing the Town of Fairhaven on the international stage.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I am honored to be part of the Fairhaven team and grateful for your support as I take on this exciting opportunity of a lifetime.

Respectfully,  
Alyssa Botelho  
Your Community Development Coordinator  
Town of Fairhaven



FULBRIGHT FOREIGN SCHOLARSHIP BOARD



May 7, 2025

Alyssa Botelho  
Fairhaven, MA 02719-1803

Dear Alyssa Botelho,

On behalf of the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, I am pleased to congratulate you on your selection for a Fulbright award to Portugal for academic year 2025-2026. Our presidentially appointed 12-member Board is responsible for supervising the Fulbright Program worldwide and approving the selection of all Fulbright recipients. Your grant is a reflection of your leadership and contributions to society. It is made possible through funds appropriated annually by the U.S. Congress and, in many cases, by contributions from partner countries and private parties.

The Fulbright Program is devoted to increasing mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. Fulbright is the world's largest and most diverse international educational exchange program. As a Fulbrighter, you will join the ranks of many distinguished program participants. Fulbright alumni have become heads of state, judges, ambassadors, cabinet ministers, CEOs, and university presidents, as well as leading journalists, artists, scientists, and teachers. They include 62 Nobel Laureates, 95 Pulitzer Prize winners, 82 MacArthur Fellows, and thousands of leaders across the private, public and non-profit sectors. Since its inception in 1946, more than 400,000 Fulbrighters have participated in the Program.

Your award remains contingent upon several factors. Among these are availability of funding, a suitable placement at an institution in your host country, official research clearance from the host country (where applicable), satisfactory medical clearance, and a visa, if required. You will receive additional information on your award from the Fulbright Commission or the Institute of International Education (IIE). After you receive your grant documents, you must sign and return them as instructed. If you have any questions, please contact your program representative at IIE.

The Fulbright Program's goal of developing international understanding depends on you and your commitment to establishing open communication and long-term cooperative relationships. As a Fulbright participant and a representative of your country, you will have the opportunity to work collaboratively with international partners in educational, political, cultural, economic, and scientific fields. We also hope you will engage in your local community while on your Fulbright exchange. In so doing, you will exemplify the qualities of service, leadership, and excellence that have been hallmarks of this Program since it began.

The United States Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, which oversees Fulbright Program operations throughout the world, joins the Board in congratulating you. We hope your Fulbright experience will be deeply rewarding professionally and personally, and that you will share the knowledge and experience you gain with many others throughout your life.

Sincerely,

Jed Katz  
Chair

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Washington, D.C. 20522



Town of Fairhaven  
Massachusetts  
40 Center Street · Fairhaven, MA · 02719

## MEMORANDUM

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*To: Select Board*

*From: Town Administrator Office*

*Date: 07/01/25*

*Re: License Transfer Withdrawal*

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Dear Board Members,

I am writing to notify the board that the liquor license transfer application for Southcoast Wine & Spirits, located at 355 Huttleston Ave, which was approved by the board on April 14th, 2025 and forwarded to the Massachusetts ABCC for final action, has been withdrawn with no further action from the State.

The transfer has been canceled at the state level, and the applicant is no longer proceeding with the transfer.

Sincerely,

Susan Rizzo

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## License Transfer Withdrawal

1 message

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**j.silvainvestments@gmail.com**  
To: srizzo@fairhaven-ma.gov

Tue, Jul 1, 2025 at 3:10 PM

Dear Susan,

I am writing to notify the board that I have formally withdrawn my liquor license transfer application for Southcoast Wine & Spirits, located at 355 Huttleston Ave, which was approved by the board on April 14th, 2025 and forwarded to the Massachusetts ABCC for final action.

The transfer has been canceled at the state level, and I am no longer proceeding with the purchase of the business. I respectfully request that your office update your records to reflect that the transfer will not be completed, and that no license will be issued to me.

Please confirm in writing that the application has been closed at the local level.

Sincerely,

Jason Silva

***Mathieu & Mathieu***  
**Attorneys and Counsellors At Law**

168 Eighth Street  
Corner of Eighth and Elm Streets  
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Paul J. Mathieu Of Counsel  
Hon. John A. Markey (1934-2024)

July 1, 2025

Town of Fairhaven  
Board of Selectmen  
40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts 02719  
Attn: Susan Rizzo

RE: JCIR Fairhaven Corp. to JPTS Wine & Spirits, Inc.  
SouthCoast Wine & Spirits  
License No. 00038-PK-0384  
355 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven, MA 02719  
Petition for Transfer of Package Store Liquor License

Dear Susan:

This office represents JCIR Fairhaven Corp. in regarding the above-captioned matter.

We have been informed by the Buyer (JPTS Wine & Spirits, Inc.) that they have decided not to proceed with the license transfer.

We are hereby requesting that the Town of Fairhaven, Board of Selectmen and the Massachusetts ABCC reverse the transfer to the proposed Buyer and return the license to JCIR Fairhaven Corp. d/b/a Southcoast Wine & Spirits.

If you should have any questions or require any further information, please feel free to contact this office.

Very truly yours,  
MATHIEU & MATHIEU

THOMAS J. MATHIEU

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ff:7/3/25

cc. Mark E. Riley

Kevin Medeiros, Esq.

AGREED:

**SELLER:**

JCIR Fairhaven Corp.

By:

  
Sonia L. Riley, President

**BUYER:**

JPTS Wine & Spirits, Inc.

By:

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Jason O. Silva, President and  
Treasurer and individually

If you should have any questions or require any further information, please feel free to contact this office.

Very truly yours,  
MATHIEU & MATHIEU

THOMAS J. MATHIEU

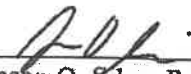
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cc. Mark E. Riley  
Kevin Medeiros, Esq.

**AGREED:**

**SELLER:**  
JCIR Fairhaven Corp.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sonia L. Riley, President

**BUYER:**  
JPTS Wine & Spirits, Inc.

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Jason O. Silva, President and  
Treasurer and individually

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## Select Board Agenda Request-Roger's School parking lot

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**Martha Reed** <mreed@fairhaven-ma.gov>

Wed, Jul 9, 2025 at 1:22 PM

To: Amy Hart <ahart@fairhaven-ma.gov>

Cc: George Samia <gsamia@fairhaven-ma.gov>, Charles K Murphy Sr <cmurphy@fairhaven-ma.gov>, Anne Carreiro <acarreiro@fairhaven-ma.gov>, Alyssa Botelho <abotelho@fairhaven-ma.gov>

Hi Amy,

Just wanted to confirm an agenda item for Monday's Select Board meeting to use the Roger's School Parking Lot and COA Van for the upcoming Huttleston Harborfests. Alyssa and I will forward you a formal request letter later today.

Thanks,

Martha

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*Martha Reed*

*Executive Director*

*Fairhaven Council on Aging*

*Interim ADA Coordinator*

*Town of Fairhaven*

*229 Huttleston Ave.*

*Fairhaven, MA 02719*

*E-mail: mreed@fairhaven-ma.gov*

*Phone: 508-979-4029 Fax: 508-979-4116*

I sometimes send emails outside of normal working hours; I do not expect others to do so and your immediate response is not expected.

*Please be advised that the Massachusetts Secretary of State considers e-mail to be a public record, and therefore subject to public access under the Massachusetts Public Records Law, M.G.L. c.66.s.10  
Confidentiality should not be expected.*



## **Monday, July 14, 2025**

### **Action / Discussion**

1. Staffing Update
2. Public Works, Select Board and Eversource Process Flow: Right of Way and Public Hearing Process





## **Monday, July 14, 2025**

### **Minutes**

1. Accept the Select Board Open Session minutes of June 23, 2025 and July 7, 2025
2. Accept the Select Board Executive Session minutes of June 23, 2025 and July 7, 2025



**FAIRHAVEN SELECT BOARD**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
***June 23, 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 6:30pm

**PUBLIC HEARING**

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

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

No public comment received.

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **APPOINTMENTS AND COMMUNITY ITEMS**

### **Town Administrator Search Committee Update**

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

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

### **Proclamation: Deputy Chief Joy Nichols**

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

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

### **Proclamation: 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act**

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

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

### **Appointment Request: Conservation Commission: Stephen F Theberge Jr**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Select Board Liaison to Atlas Tack Working Group**

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

#### **Parking Request: Hoppy's Landing: Inclusive and Adaptive Fishing Derby, August 1, 2025 from 1-5pm** The request was reviewed for the second annual event.

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

#### **Reappoint Interim Town Administrator: George Samia**

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

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

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

#### **ACTION/DISCUSSION**

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

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

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

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

#### **Building Department Permit Fees**

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

#### **Deputy Fire Chief Appointment Process Update**

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

*Mr. Samia had no additional updates to report on.*

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

*Ms. Mello reported:*

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

*Mr. Murphy reported:*

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

*Mr. Romano reported:*

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

*Mr. Silvia reported:*

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

#### **MINUTES**

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

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#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

### **NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

### **ATTACHMENTS**

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

***Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:13pm***

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

Accepted on \_\_\_\_\_



# **Monday, July 14, 2025**

## **Correspondence**

1. Contact Forms: Michelle Costen

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## Fwd: Fairhaven Cultural Council Community

1 message

**michelle costen**

To: selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov

Wed, Jun 25, 2025 at 7:13 AM

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From: **michelle costen**

Date: Wed, Jun 25, 2025 at 7:08 AM

Subject: Fairhaven Cultural Council Community

To: Charlie Murphy <[cmurphy@molifeinc.com](mailto:cmurphy@molifeinc.com)>, <[TownAdmin@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:TownAdmin@fairhaven-ma.gov)>, <[ksilvia2@yahoo.com](mailto:ksilvia2@yahoo.com)>, [stevebouley](#) <[stevebouley@comcast.net](mailto:stevebouley@comcast.net)>, <[elabrie6@comcast.net](mailto:elabrie6@comcast.net)>

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Very Truly and Sincerely Yours,

Michelle Costen  
Advocate for Justice  
Fairhaven, Mass

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## For Public Record-Fairhaven Cultural Council Community

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To: [selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov)

Wed, Jun 25, 2025 at 8:43 AM

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*Advocate for Justice*  
*Fairhaven Mass*

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## For Public Record

1 message

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## UU Church Entanglement with Town Hall officials- For Public Record

1 message

Michelle Costen

Wed, Jun 25, 2025 at 10:51 AM

To: TownAdmin@fairhaven-ma.gov, selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov, Charlie Murphy

Dear George this needs to be addressed in our Selectboard meeting. For the Public Record-

An Entanglement with an active church's beliefs and doctrines is both visually obvious, and obvious in the meeting minutes of over the past 4 years, especially. Namely with the UU church-

Our Tax Dollars are being used for this private active UU church that is not publicly owned. A church whose affiliates are making over a Billion. The CPC regulations are that there can be no other financial resources available, in order for entities to apply for taxpayer CPC funds. These UU churches receive endowments, make investments and have assets to draw from, in the millions of dollars. The UU church is a member of the UUA where reports of wealth increases have been noted to be over a Billion, especially in the last few years. They should be borrowing from their own UU entities. Instead many UU entities are all applying for CPC taxpayer dollars.

I am very concerned, this will lead to a rightful class action lawsuit in this town, if this entanglement with the UU church and our town hall officials and taxpayer funds, and its flags on our town hall, persist.

The pride flag is a belief system that has become obviously exclusive on a large scale, with the UU church, as they too have gay ministers who teach to embrace lesbianism, etc. The Governor is also gay and she has spoken at a specific UU church, which we have a record of also.

See photo below-

The same flags running down this UU church are on our town hall.

Conflict of Interest laws, Separation of church and state, abuse with our tax dollars, and transparency laws, appear greatly to be in violation, not just to me, but with other concerned residents as well, who actually made me, aware of what was going on.

Do you know that there are town meeting members(our legislative body) and residents too, who don't even know that the UU Church is not publically owned?

It was in a legal notice listed for CPC funds **BPW/Unitarian Universalist Church**, listed just like this, giving the subliminal impression that the church was a public entity, because it is side by side with the Board of Public works on a legal notice, of who was applying for CPC funds. ( Not to mention that the person who worked for the UU Church was also on the BPW, and the CPC boards. This same person was in the local paper who was also having his reputation questioned by the town's people)

There was a time that I, too, thought the church was publicly owned and was under that impression for many years. Also to note, historically, the church and its teachings/culture have changed greatly from the days of H.H.R. There are residents who don't consider the UU church as part of their historic culture, myself included. I do however consider St Joseph's church as part of my historic culture as I attended that church as a young child here in Fairhaven over 60 years ago. **The St Joseph church was first built in 1905 and then a new one built in 1925 here in Fairhaven. To be classified as historic would be 50 years or more. Saint Mary's too, qualifies as historic and as part of the Fairhaven culture. The Unitarian church was built in 1904. There are many churches that are historic, taxpayers can't pay for all of them to stay a float.**

We need to discuss this all out and be done with this show of church favoritism, and enforced pride doctrine upon our town, no matter the guise in which some appointed officials continue to try and justify it as being lawful. It is not. A terrible wrong needs to be made right in this town, or made fair and square to all taxpayers and residents who consider other churches as part of their culture.

And Please Review Anti Aid Amendment laws. It is a LAW that directly reflects our First Amendment Rights. Conflict of Interest Laws, and Separation of Church and State Laws, all need to be reviewed for the Health and Wellbeing of this town.

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## Public Comment - CPA Funds granted to Unitarians.

1 message

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**michelle costen** >

Fri, Jun 27, 2025 at 9:54 AM

To: TownAdmin@fairhaven-ma.gov, selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov, Charlie Murphy <cmurphy@molifeinc.com>, ksilvia2@yahoo.com, stevebouley <stevebouley@comcast.net>, elabrie6@comcast.net, cwowi@aol.com

I have attached a public comment recording to this email in reference to the information that was sent to me from the town clerk on fiscal year 22 CPA project, funding appropriation \$193,439 1st phase- and grant agreement.

sent the recording so as to not have tedious reading, and to make it easier For you to understand . .

I will be following up with another recording in reference to the fundamental laws of the anti-aid amendment. And will explain that the town council's caveat in the letter that was sent to me which was not officially stamped, does not take precedence, and cannot overrule the anti-aid amendment and the true scrutiny of a three part test process with the public, which was never actually performed at the neighborhood level.

Recording is attached to this email.

Michelle Costen  
Advocate for justice  
Fairhaven Mass



**New Recording 154.m4a**

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## CPC- Taxpayers funding the Unitarians

1 message

**michelle costen**

Mon, Jun 30, 2025 at 8:47 AM

To: TownAdmin@fairhaven-ma.gov, selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov

Dear George Samia, Select board, Town Meetings Members & Public at Large.

I send this recording in reference to the Anti Aid Amendment Law, and reasons why the caveat of non-religious purposes allowing fun distributions to go to the Unitarians, is not holding weight against the Anti Aid Amendment Law, and the three part test known as the Helms test. There has been an obvious entanglement with Unitarians and Townhall officials who were appointed to the CPC and other committees and boards, and the definite appearances of conflict of interest.

The Acceptance letter to the president of the Unitarian church for CPC funds had some standout discrepancies in it, which I have tried to point out some of them to you in these last two recordings.

I was going to follow up with a third recording, but I won't be doing that at this time.

I think I've offered enough insight to the situation that there should be considerations and responses to me and the public that make legal sense and common sense.

The fact that some of these people are no longer involved, does not matter, because appropriations could continue, with some of the town hall officials who are still involved with the Unitarians and our town hall.

As it appears this funding to the Unitarians has enabled them to continue on with activities in this town, that many taxpayers are not in agreement with and feel that their Will of Moral Conscience has been infringed upon, and that their tax pay in dollars, are not going to those causes(housing for example) that are deemed more pertinent as priority, and directly useful to the people of Fairhaven.

There are many discrepancies to the law that have unfolded, in these appropriations of public funds given to a private (very active) political church entity.

Michelle Costen  
Advocate for Justice  
Fairhaven, Mass



**New Recording 155.m4a**

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## **Monday, July 14, 2025**

### **Executive Session**

Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(2) To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel. (Fire Chief)

*AND*; Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(6) To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body (121 Main St.)

***AND NOT TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION***