

### Monday, September 8, 2025 Proclamations

1. Proclamation: Terry Cripps

2. Proclamation: 175th Anniversary of the Consecration of Riverside Cemetery

3. Proclamation: 100th Anniversary of the First Mass at St Mary's Parish



### Town of Fairhaven Massachusetts Office of the Select Board

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### **Proclamation Honoring the Retirement of Terry Cripps**

- Whereas: Terry Cripps, a proud veteran who honorably served his country in the United States Air Force, has devoted nearly a decade of dedicated service to the Town of Fairhaven as its Animal Control Officer; and
- Whereas: during his tenure, Terry has been a true voice for the voiceless, advocating tirelessly for the well-being, safety, and dignity of animals in our community; and
- Whereas: over the span of almost 10 years, Terry has compassionately cared for and rehomed an average of 125 or more animals each year, improving the lives of thousands of pets and their families in Fairhaven—many of whom proudly say they have been "Cripped", meaning Terry helped match them with an animal in need; and
- Whereas: Terry has generously given countless volunteer hours back to the community through education sessions, fundraisers, and local events, always striving to strengthen the bond between people and their pets; and
- Whereas: when the Town's shelter overflowed with supplies, Terry ensured that nothing went to waste, delivering surplus donations to the Fairhaven Council on Aging and to the Shepherd's Pantry so that residents in need could continue caring for their beloved animals; and
- Whereas: Terry's compassion, dedication, and unwavering sense of duty have left a lasting mark on Fairhaven, both in the wagging tails and gentle purrs of those he has saved, and in the grateful hearts of the people he has served;

*Now, therefore*, we, the Select Board of the Town of Fairhaven, on behalf of the residents of our community, do hereby recognize and commend Terry Cripps for his nearly ten years of service, his devotion to animals and people alike, and his lasting legacy as a guardian, advocate, and friend. We extend to him our deepest gratitude and warmest wishes for health, happiness, and well-deserved relaxation in his retirement.

Given under our hands and seal on this day, the  $8^{\text{th}}$  of September, 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	



### Town of Fairhaven Massachusetts Office of the Select Board

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### Proclamation

### Honoring the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Riverside Cemetery

Whereas: Riverside Cemetery, consecrated in 1850, has for 175 years served as a place of dignity, remembrance, and reflection for generations of families, veterans, and community members whose lives have shaped the history of the Town of Fairhaven, Massachusetts; and

Whereas: this milestone anniversary honors not only the lives memorialized within its grounds, but also the dedication of those who have preserved its beauty and heritage so that future generations may continue to find peace, comfort, and connection in this sacred place; and

Whereas: the Riverside Cemetery is an asset to the community as the final resting place of several individuals and families that have made far reaching contributions to the community's development;

*Now, therefore*, we, the Select Board of Fairhaven, do hereby proclaim 2025 as the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the consecration of Riverside Cemetery, and invite all citizens to join in celebrating this historic occasion with gratitude and respect for its founding and the service of all who have worked to support its heritage.

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### **Proclamation**

### Honoring the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First Mass at Saint Mary's Parish Church

Whereas: Saint. Mary's Parish was founded as a mission of St. Joseph's in Fairhaven in 1924 and had its First Mass celebrated by Fr. Charles De Baetselier in 1925; and

Whereas: Saint Mary's Parish has served as a cornerstone of faith, fellowship and community in Fairhaven since its founding; and

Whereas: for the past 100 years, the clergy, parishioners, and community members of Saint Mary's Parish have come together to celebrate their faith, support one another and contribute to the wellbeing of the community through education, evangelization and action for social justice and worship;

*Now, therefore*, we, the Select Board of Fairhaven, do hereby recognize and honor the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First Mass at Saint Mary's Parish and extend our congratulations and gratitude for a century of devotion, service and faith that continues to inspire generations.

Given under our hands and seal on this day, the  $8^{\text{th}}$  day of September, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Five

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### Monday, September 8, 2025 Executive Session

Meeting with Town Counsel in Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c.30A, § 21(a)(3) and Suffolk Construction v. DCAM, 449 Mass. 444 (2007) to discuss New England Preservation and Development, LLC, et al. vs. Town of Fairhaven, Bristol County Superior Court Action No. 2073CV00650, and pursuant to G.L. c.30A, § 21(a)(7) "[t]o comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements," specifically the Public Records Law, G.L. c.4, § 7(26) (discuss privileged communications from Town Counsel re: litigation).

AND TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION



### Monday, September 8, 2025 Appointments and Community Items

- 1. Special One-Day All Alcohol License: Harborfest, September 20, 2025, extension to time approved
- 2. Special One-Day All Alcohol License: Gath-Bosco Wedding, September 26, 2026



40 Center Street · Fairhaven, MA · 02719

### **MEMORANDUM**

To: Select Board

From: Town Administrator Office

Date: 09/08/25

Re: Approval of One-Day ALL Alcohol License (additional time)

Dear Board Members,

On May 12, 2025, the Select Board approved a special one-day ALL liquor license for the Huttleston HarborFest: Medieval Faire from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday September 20, 2025.

An additional one-day ALL liquor license is being requested for September 20, 2025 for the screening of an outdoor movie from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Susan Rizzo



### TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN

### APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL LICENSE

General Law Chapter 138, Section 14

Date:	8-2	6-2	5
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To the Licensing Board:

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

		X	
(Beer and Wine)	or	(All Alcoholic Beverages)	
For a Outdoor Movie	to be held at	• ,	
Grimshaw Park, F		enix	
(an extension of t	he Huttles	ston HarborFest: Medieval Faire)	
<sub>by</sub> Discover Fairha	ven		
Saturday, Sept	ember 20	Oth, 2025	
5:30PM	8:	3:30PM	
	Name of .	Alyssa Botelho	
	Address o	of Applicant: 40 Center Street	
		naven, MA 02719	
	Telephone	ne: (508) 979-4085	

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



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### **MEMORANDUM**

To: Select Board

From: Town Administrator Office

Date: 09/08/25

Re: Approval of One-Day ALL Alcohol License

Dear Board Members.

This is to request your approval for a One-Day All Alcohol License for Rachel Gath and Xavier Bosco's wedding.

On Aug 25, 2025, the Select Board approved the use of the Town Hall Auditorium for their wedding reception on September 26, 2026 from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The Bartending Service of N.E will be the vendor serving alcohol. Attached you will find the vendor's liability insurance, commercial auto insurance and their TIPS certification card.

If approved, all fees will be paid in full.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Susan Rizzo

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### CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY) 8/29/2025

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must have ADDITIONAL INSURED provisions or be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

PRODUCER	CONTACT NAME:		
World Insurance Associates, LLC	PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): (508) 947-1818	FAX (A/C, No):	
64 E Grove St Middleboro, MA 02346	E-MAIL ADDRESS: tonyalavigne@worldinsura	nce.com	
	INSURER(S) AFFORDING COV	'ERAGE	NAIC#
	INSURER A: Hospitality Mutual Insural	nce Company	13163
INSURED	INSURER B: Commerce Insurance Cor	npany	34754
The Bartending Service of N.E.	INSURER C: Technology Insurance Co	mpany	42376
P.O. Box 425	INSURER D :	0	
Middleboro, MA 02346	INSURER E :		
	INSURER F:		

COVERAGES CERTIFICATE NUMBER:

**REVISION NUMBER:** 

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

NSR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADDL S	UBR POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP	LIMIT	\$
A	X COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY	nive v	***			EACH OCCURRENCE	\$ 1,000,00
	CLAIMS-MADE X OCCUR	х	CPP2002463	1/1/2025	1/1/2026	DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence)	\$ 100,00
		^				MED EXP (Any one person)	s 5,00
						PERSONAL & ADV INJURY	s 1,000,00
	GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER:					GENERAL AGGREGATE	s 2,000,00
	X POLICY PRO-					PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG	\$ 2,000,00
В	OTHER: AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY					COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident)	\$ 1,000,00
	ANY AUTO	x	BHLQJJ	1/1/2025	1/1/2026	BODILY INJURY (Per person)	\$
	OWNED X SCHEDULED AUTOS ONLY					BODILY INJURY (Per accident)	\$
	X HIRED AUTOS ONLY					PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident)	\$
							\$
Α	UMBRELLA LIAB X OCCUR					EACH OCCURRENCE	\$ 5,000,00
	X EXCESS LIAB CLAIMS-MADE		ELP2002462	1/1/2025	1/1/2026	AGGREGATE	\$ 5,000,00
	DED RETENTION\$						\$
С	WORKERS COMPENSATION					X PER OTH-	
	AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY  ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE  AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY		TWC4544695	1/1/2025	1/1/2026	E.L. EACH ACCIDENT	1,000,00
	OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH)	N/A	<			E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE	s 1,000,00
	If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below					E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT	s 1,000,00
Α	Liquor Liability	Х	CPP2002463	1/1/2025	1/1/2026	See Below	

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)
Liquor Liability- Per Person Occurrence Limit: \$1,000,000, Per Occurrence Limit: \$1,000,000, Aggregate Limit: \$2,000,000.

Wedding Reception on 9/26/2026 from 5:00-9:00pm

Town of Fairhaven is additional insured with respect to general liability if this has been agreed to in writing in a contract or agreement by the insured and each

party for ongoing operations only. SEE ATTACHED ACORD 101

CERTIFICATE HOLDER	CANCELLATION
Fairhaven Town Hall 40 Center St.	SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.
Fairhaven, MA 02719	AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE
	Jam 2 White

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### THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

### **ENHANCER PLUS ENDORSEMENT**

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

### **BUSINESS AUTO COVERAGE FORM**

With respect to coverage provided by this endorsement, the provisions of the BUSINESS AUTO COVERAGE FORM and the ENHANCED COVERAGE ENDORSEMENT (CIC 957) apply unless modified by this endorsement.

For any coverage listed below, this endorsement supersedes the **BUSINESS AUTO COVERAGE FORM** and/or the **ENHANCED COVERAGE ENDORSEMENT (CIC 957)**. Coverages are <u>not</u> cumulative.

### A. EMPLOYEE HIRED AUTO

Under **SECTION II** – **LIABILITY COVERAGE**, **A.1.**, **Who is An insured**, is amended by adding the following paragraph:

g. When hired "autos" are covered for Liability Coverages under the Business Auto Coverage Form, an "employee" of yours is an "insured" while operating an "auto" hired or rented under a contract or agreement in that "employee's" name, with your permission, while performing duties related to the conduct of your business.

### B. COVERAGE EXTENSIONS - SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENTS

Under SECTION II – LIABILITY COVERAGE, A.2., Coverage Extensions, a. Supplementary Payments, paragraphs (2) and (4) are replaced by the following:

- (2) Up to \$3,000 for cost of bail bonds (including bonds for related traffic law violations) required because of an "accident" we cover. We do not have to furnish these bonds.
- (4) All reasonable expenses incurred by the "Insured" at our request, including actual loss of earning up to \$500 a day because of time off from work.

### C. AMENDED FELLOW EMPLOYEE EXCLUSION

Under SECTION II - LIABILITY COVERAGE, B.5., Fellow Employee, is amended by adding the following:

This exclusion does not apply if the "bodily injury" arises from the use of a covered "auto" you own or hire.

This coverage is excess over any other collectible insurance.

### D. TOWING AND LABOR

Under SECTION III - PHYSICAL DAMAGE COVERAGE, A.2., Towing is amended to the following:

We will pay towing and labor costs incurred, up to the limit shown below, each time a covered "auto" of the private passenger type or truck with a gross vehicle weight of 20,000 pounds or less is disabled by a cause other than Collision. However, the labor must be performed at the place of disablement.

The most we will pay is \$100 per disablement.

### E. PHYSICAL DAMAGE - EXTENDED TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES

Under SECTION III - PHYSICAL DAMAGE COVERAGE, A.4., Coverage Extensions, a., Transportation Expenses is replaced by the following:

- 1. This coverage does not apply unless:
  - a. Hired "autos" are covered for Liability Coverages under the Business Auto Coverage Form,
  - **b.** Comprehensive and Collision coverages are provided under the Business Auto Coverage Form for an "auto" you own or lease,
  - c. The leased, hired, or rented "auto" is the subject of a written contract in the name of the insured for a period of 30 days or less and requires that you provide Comprehensive and/or Collision coverage; and
  - d. The weight of the leased, hired, or rented, "auto" does not exceed 26,000 pound gross combined vehicle weight.
- 2. The most we will pay for "loss" to any leased, hired, or rented "auto" in any one "accident" is the lesser of:
  - a. The actual cash value of the damaged or stolen property as of the time of "loss";
  - **b.** The cost of repairing or replacing the damaged or stolen property with other property of like kind and quality; or
  - **c.** \$75,000 per vehicle.
- Our obligation to pay for repairing or replacing the damaged or stolen property will be reduced by a \$500 deductible.
- **4.** The most we will pay is \$100,000 annual aggregate for losses within the applicable policy period as shown in the Declarations.
- 5. An adjustment for depreciation and physical condition will be made in determining actual cash value in the event of a total "loss".
- If a repair or replacement results in better than like kind or quality, we will not pay for the amount of the betterment.

### I. AUTO LOAN/LEASE GAP COVERAGE

Under SECTION III - PHYSICAL DAMAGE COVERAGE, Paragraph A.4., Coverage Extensions, the following is added:

### d. Auto Loan/Lease Gap Coverage

In the event of a total "loss" to a covered "auto" you own or lease, we will pay any unpaid amount due on the loan or lease for a covered "auto." less:

- 1. The amount paid under the Physical Damage Coverage Section of the policy;
- 2. The applicable deductible; and
- **3.** Any:
  - **a.** Overdue loan/lease payments, penalties, taxes, interest or charges resulting from overdue payments or lease termination fees at the time of the "loss";
  - **b.** Financial penalties imposed under a lease for excessive use, abnormal wear and tear or high mileage;
  - c. Security deposits not returned by the lessor;
  - d. Costs for extended warranties, Credit Life Insurance or any other insurance purchased with the loan or lease;
  - e. Carry-over balances from previous loans or leases or increases to your loan balance occurring after the date of purchase, and
  - f. Amount by which your original loan balance exceeded the overall purchase or lease price of your covered "auto".

Coverage is limited to "new vehicles" of the private passenger type and "new trucks" with a gross vehicle weight of 20,000 pounds or less. We will pay only for those covered "autos" for which you carry Comprehensive and Collision Coverages.

"New vehicles" and "new trucks" mean one which is 5 model years old or less.

### M. AMENDED DEFINITION OF BODILY INJURY

Under SECTION V – DEFINITIONS, C., Bodily Injury is amended to include the following:

"Bodily Injury" means bodily injury, sickness or disease sustained by a person, including mental anguish or death resulting from any of these. Mental anguish damages are considered the direct result of and payable only to the person who sustains the physical injury.

### N. ADDITIONAL INSURED - PRIMARY AND NONCONTRIBUTORY WITH OTHER INSURANCE The following is added to Paragraph B.5. Other Insurance of SECTION IV – BUSINESS AUTO CONDITIONS and supersedes any provision to the contrary:

### **Primary And Noncontributory Insurance**

This insurance is primary to and will not seek contribution from any other insurance available to an additional insured under your policy provided that:

- a. The additional insured is a Named Insured under such other insurance;
- **b.** You have agreed in writing in a contract or agreement that this insurance would be primary and would not seek contribution from any other insurance up to our limit of coverage available to the additional insured for liability arising out of your operations; and
- **c.** The written contract or agreement is executed prior to an "accident" that causes "bodily injury" or "property damage" and is in effect during the policy period.

### This is your official TIPS certification card. Carry it with you as proof of your TIPS certification.

### Congratulations!

This card certifies that you have successfully completed the TIPS (Training for Intervention ProcedureS) program. We value your participation and dedication to the responsible sale, service, and consumption of alcohol.

By using the techniques you have learned, you will help to provide a safer environment for your patrons, peers, and colleagues and reduce the tragedies resulting from intoxication, underage drinking, and drunk driving.

If you have any information you think would enhance the TIPS program, or if we can assist you in any way, please contact us at 800-438-8477.





ID#: 29254471

Name: BRIANNA FULLER

Exam Date: 06/25/2023 Expiration Date: 06/24/2026





CERTIFIED

TIPS On-Premise

Issued: 06/25/2023 Expires: 06/24/2026

ID #: 29254471

### **BRIANNA FULLER**

29 VINE ST MIDDLEBORO, MA 02346

For service visit us online at www.gettips.com TIPS Trainer: Michael Marcantonio, 64



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ID #: 29254522

Name: NOAH MILES

Exam Date: 06/25/2023 Expiration Date: 06/24/2026





TIPS On-Premise

Issued: 06/25/2023 Expires: 06/24/2026

ID#: 29254522

**NOAH MILES** 

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MIDDLEBORO, MA 02346

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### Monday, September 8, 2025 Action / Discussion

- 1. Police: Ratify Body Worn Camera Agreement
- 2. Approve Municipal Note Sale: Various Projects
- 3. Historical Commission: Nimrod Canon Assessment of Condition Discussion
- 4. Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Access and Consent to Enter Property Agreement: USEPA Site ID: MAD980731335
- 5. Declare Additional Items Surplus for Town Auction: Elliptical, two, 8-foot plows, desk, partition walls
- 6. Letter of Support Request: House Bill 2432, An Act to Reduce Incidence and Death from Pancreatic Cancer
- 7. Select Board Support Letters for Local Aid Increases

### THE TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN AND

### NEW ENGLAND POLICE BENEVOLENT

### ASSOCIATION, LOCAL 64 SIDE LETTER OF AGREEMENT

This Side Letter of Agreement is entered into between the Town of Fairhaven ("the Town") and the New England Police Benevolent Association, Local 64 (the "Union"), (collectively, the "Parties") on this day of August 2025.

WHEREAS, the Parties are signatories to a Collective Bargaining Agreement with a term of July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2028. Notwithstanding any provisions or terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, the Parties agree as set forth below with the understanding that all remaining terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

WHEREAS, the Parties have successfully negotiated terms relative the implementation of a body worn camera policy subject to the agreements set forth herein;

- As set forth more fully below, in exchange for the agreement of the Union to the
  implementation of the body worn camera policy, the parties agree to amend Article XV,
  Holidays, Birthday by deleting the language in strikethrough and by adding the
  underscored, emboldened language as follows:
  - Each employee shall be entitled to three (3) four (4) paid personal days per year which may be taken on short notice. Except on those Holidays covered by this agreement in Article XV, Section 1.
- 2. As set forth more fully below, in exchange for the agreement of the Union to the implementation of the body worn camera policy, wages shall be increased as follows:
  - a. Upon ratification, the wage table shall be increased by 0.5%.
  - b. On July 1, 2026 the wage table shall be increased by 1.0%
  - c. On July 1, 2027 the wage table shall be increased by 1.0%
- 3. The parties agree that the Town has fulfilled its obligations to impact bargain the implementation of a body worn camera policy, the maintenance, wearing and use of said cameras by police officers.
- 4. The parties agree to add a new section to the CBA, creating a body worn cameras policy as follows:

The Town may, at its discretion, require officers to wear body cameras, which footage may be used for the purposes of supplementing imposing discipline as warranted by the just cause standard.

### TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN

### NEW ENGLAND POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, LOCAL 64

Charles K. Murphy, Sr., Chair	South Com
Andrew Romano, Vice Chair	C 4
Natalie A. Mello, Clerk	
Keith Silvia, Member	
Andrew B. Saunders, Member	
Date:	Date: 5/21/25
Approved as to legal form:	
Kate Feodoroff, Labor Counsel	

### VOTE OF THE SELECT BOARD

I, the Clerk of the Select Board of the Town of Fairhaven, Massachusetts, certify that at a meeting of the board held September 8, 2025 of which meeting all members of the board were duly notified and at which a quorum was present, the following votes were unanimously passed, all of which appear upon the official record of the board in my custody:

<u>Voted</u>: to approve the sale of a \$10,725,000 4.00 percent General Obligation Bond Anticipation Note (the "Note") of the Town dated September 17, 2025, and payable September 17, 2026, to Jefferies LLC at par and accrued interest plus a premium of \$153,689.25.

<u>Further Voted</u>: that in connection with the marketing and sale of the Notes, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated August 27, 2025, and a final Official Statement dated September 3, 2025, each in such form as may be approved by the Town Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.

<u>Further Voted</u>: that the Town Treasurer and the Select Board be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver a significant events disclosure undertaking in compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 in such form as may be approved by bond counsel to the Town, which undertaking shall be incorporated by reference in the Notes for the benefit of the holders of the Notes from time to time.

<u>Further Voted</u>: that we authorize and direct the Town Treasurer to establish post issuance federal tax compliance procedures and continuing disclosure procedures in such forms as the Town Treasurer and bond counsel deem sufficient, or if such procedures are currently in place, to review and update said procedures, in order to monitor and maintain the tax-exempt status of the Bonds and to comply with relevant securities laws.

<u>Further Voted</u>: that any certificates or documents relating to the Notes (collectively, the "Documents"), may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be regarded as an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same document; delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page to a Document by electronic mail in a ".pdf" file or by other electronic transmission shall be as effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart signature page to such Document; and electronic signatures on any of the Documents shall be deemed original signatures for the purposes of the Documents and all matters relating thereto, having the same legal effect as original signatures.

<u>Further Voted</u>: that each member of the Select Board, the Town Clerk and the Town Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing votes.

I further certify that the votes were taken at a meeting open to the public, that no vote was taken by secret ballot, that a notice stating the place, date, time and agenda for the meeting (which agenda included the adoption of the above votes) was filed with the Town Clerk and a copy thereof posted in a manner conspicuously visible to the public at all hours in or on the municipal building that the office of the Town Clerk is located or, if applicable, in accordance with an alternative method of notice prescribed or approved by the Attorney General as set forth in 940 CMR 29.03(2)(b), at least 48 hours, not including Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the time of the meeting and remained so posted at the time of the meeting, that no deliberations or decision in connection with the sale of the Notes were taken in executive session, all in accordance with G.L. c.30A, §§18-25 as amended.

Dated: September 8, 2025		
-	Clerk of the Select Board	



### MUNICIPAL NOTE SALE INFORMATION

Town of Fairhaven, MA Issuer:

\$10,725,000.00 Amount:

9/17/2025 Dated: 9/17/2026 Due: **Contact Name:** Kerri King

**Interim Treasurer** Title:

Email or I-Deal: kking@fairhaven-ma.gov

Time: Type:

BAN

**Bank Qualified:** 

Sale Information

Day:

Date:

NEW: \$4,525,000.00 No

September 03, 2025

Wednesday

11:30 AM

Paying Agent:

U.S. Bank Trust Company, National

Association

Certification:

None

RENEWAL: \$6,200,000.00

Disclosure: Yes 8/27/2025

Award Basis:

Lowest NIC

Yes

CUSIP:

Optional

Tax Status:

TAX-EXEMPT

Troutman Pepper Locke

**Project Description:** 

Municipal Purpose

Legal Opinion:

**Interest Basis:** 

Right to Prepay: 30/360

No. Of Days: 360

**Bid Basis:** Rating:

Par/Premium X Note: Pending Minimum Premium: \$40,218,75

Current Bond: AA+

Additional Info:

**Bid Limits:** 

Split X All or none

Minimum Amount: \$1,000,000.00

**Bid Specifics:** 

Registered or DTC Book-Entry\*

Minimum premium of \$3.75 per \$1,000 principal amount (\$40,218.75 if the entire issue is

### **RESULTS**

BIDDER	AMOUNT	RATE	DATE/TIME	PREMIUM	NIC	AWARD	REOFFER
Jefferies LLC*	ALL	4.000%	9/3/2025 11:09 AM	\$153,689.25	2.567000	\$10,725,000.00	2.500%
Janney Montgomery Scott LLC*	ALL	3.750%	9/3/2025 11:17 AM	\$122,490.22	2.607900		
Fidelity Capital Markets*	ALL	4.000%	9/3/2025 10:42 AM	\$148,755.75	2.613000		
Truist Securities, Inc.*	ALL	3.750%	9/3/2025 11:27 AM	\$120,656.25	2.625000		
TD Securities LLC*	ALL	4.000%	9/3/2025 11:27 AM	\$146,181.75	2.637000		
Oppenheimer & Co.*	ALL	4.000%	9/3/2025 11:04 AM	\$146,074.50	2.638000		
BNY Mellon Capital Markets, LLC*	ALL	4.000%	9/3/2025 10:42 AM	\$138,356.79	2.709960		

\*=Underwriter

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For further information, please refer to the Preliminary Official Statement and Notice of Sale dated 8/27/2025

<sup>\*</sup> If winning bidder selects DTC Book-Entry, minimum denominations of \$100,000 will apply.

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## Project Summary

Part 1 of 6

Dated 09/17/2025 | Delivered 09/17/2025

	Sewer		Sewer	High School	Sunset
	Treatment	Water Meters	Upgrades	Repair	Beach
Sources Of Funds					
Par Amount of Bonds	\$1,200,000.00	\$600,000.00	\$2,500,000.00	\$2,175,000.00	\$800,000.00
Reoffering Premium	17,556.00	8,778.00	36,575.00	31,820.25	11,704.00
Total Sources	\$1,217,556.00	\$608,778.00	\$2,536,575.00	\$2,206,820.25	\$811,704.00
Uses Of Funds					
Total Underwriter's Discount (0.030%)	360.00	180.00	750.00	652.50	240.00
Costs of Issuance	3,737.05	1,868.53	7,785.55	6,773.43	2,491.38
Maturing Bond Anticipation Notes	1,200,000.00	600,000.00	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	
Deposit to Project Construction Fund		ı	1,500,000.00	1,175,000.00	800,000.00
Rounding Amount	13,458.95	6,729.47	28,039.45	24,394.32	8,972.62
Total Uses	\$1,217,556.00	\$608,778.00	\$2,536,575.00	\$2,206,820.25	\$811,704.00

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\$10,725,000 Bond Anticipation Notes September 17, 2025 Issue Summary

## Project Summary

Part 2 of 6

Dated 09/17/2025 | Delivered 09/17/2025

×	Water Tank Maintenance	Water Main Replacement	Pump Station Improvement	Glenhaven Water Main	Issue Summary
Sources Of Funds					
Par Amount of Bonds	\$550,000.00	\$1,100,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$800.000.00	\$10 725 000 00
Reoffering Premium	8,046.50	16,093.00	14,630.00	11,704.00	156,906.75
Total Sources	\$558,046.50	\$1,116,093.00	\$1,014,630.00	\$811,704.00	\$10,881,906.75
Uses Of Funds					
Total Underwriter's Discount (0.030%)	165.00	330.00	300.00	240.00	3.217.50
Costs of Issuance	1,712.82	3,425.64	3,114.22	2,491.38	33,400.00
Maturing Bond Anticipation Notes	250,000.00	350,000.00	1,000,000.00	•	5,400,000.00
Deposit to Project Construction Fund	300,000.00	750,000.00		800,000.00	5,325,000.00
Rounding Amount	6,168.68	12,337.36	11,215.78	8,972.62	120,289.25
Total Uses	\$558,046.50	\$1,116,093.00	\$1,014,630.00	\$811,704.00	\$10,881,906.75

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## **Project Summary**

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	Sunset Beach
High School	Repair
Sewer	Upgrades
	Water Meters
Sewer	Treatment

Part 3 of 6

### Flow of Funds Detail

Date of OMP Candidates					
Primary Purpose Fund Solution Method	Net Funded	Net Funded	Net Funded	Net Funded	Net Funded
Total Cost of Investments	\$1,200,000.00	\$600,000.00	\$2,500,000.00	\$2,175,000.00	\$800,000.00
Total Draws	\$1,200,000.00	\$600,000.00	\$2,500,000.00	\$2,175,000.00	\$800,000.00

## PV Analysis Summary (Net to Net)

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## **Project Summary**

Part 4 of 6

Dated 09/17/2025 | Delivered 09/17/2025

			Pump Station		
	Water lank Maintenance	Water Main Replacement	Improvement	Glenhaven Water Main	Summary
Flow of Funds Detail					
State and Local Government Series (SLGS) rates for					
Date of OMP Candidates					
Primary Purpose Fund Solution Method	Net Funded	Net Funded	Net Funded	Net Funded	Net Funded
Total Cost of Investments	\$550,000.00	\$1,100,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$800,000.00	\$10,725,000.00
Total Draws	\$550,000.00	\$1,100,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$800,000.00	\$10,725,000.00
PV Analysis Summary (Net to Net)					
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Total New Net D/S	11,154,000.00	11,154,000.00	11,154,000.00	11,154,000.00	11,154,000.00

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## **Project Summary**

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Dated 09/17/2025 | Delivered 09/17/2025

	Sewer	Water Meters	Sewer	High School Repair	Sinset Beach
Bond Statistics					
Average Life	One V One	1 000 V	1 000 V	12000	
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Average Coupon	4.0000000%	4.0000000%	4.0000000%	4.0000000%	4.0000000%
Net Interest Cost (NIC)	2.5670000%	2.5670000%	2.5670000%	2.5670000%	%00000295 C
Bond Yield for Arbitrage Purposes	2.4849810%	2.4849810%	2.4849810%	2.4849810%	2 4849810%
True Interest Cost (TIC)	2.5149225%	2.5149225%	2.5149225%	2.5149225%	2.5149225%
All Inclusive Cost (AIC)	2.8265221%	2.8265229%	2.8265232%	2.8265233%	2.8265237%

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## Project Summary

Part 6 of 6

Dated 09/17/2025 | Delivered 09/17/2025

	Water Tank	Water Main	Pump Station Improvement	Glenhaven	9133
	Maintenance	Replacement	S	Water Main	Summary
Bond Statistics					
Average Life	1.000 Years	1.000 Years	1.000 Years	1.000 Years	1.000 Years
Average Coupon	4.0000000%	4.0000000%	4.0000000%	4.0000000%	4.0000000%
Net Interest Cost (NIC)	2.5670000%	2.5670000%	2.5670000%	2.5670000%	2.5670000%
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40 Center Street · Fairhaven, MA · 02719

Re: Historical Commission: Nimrod Canon Assessment of Condition Discussion

The Historical Commission presented a request for the Town to accept the 1814 'Nimrod Cannon' gift in perpetuity from the New Bedford Whaling Museum at the Select Board's June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Commission has asked to discuss the condition of the cannon and potential professional assessment of the cannon.



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### **MEMORANDUM**

From: Michael Kelly, Chair, Fairhaven Historical Commission

Date: May 20, 2025

Re: proposed gift in perpetuity of the 1814 'Nimrod Cannon'

I'm writing to request 10 minutes on the next available Select Board meeting agenda, to present the details behind a proposed gift in perpetuity of the 1814 'Nimrod Cannon' by the New Bedford Whaling Museum to the Town of Fairhaven.

Please let me know if you need additional details, etc.

Best, Michael Chair, Fairhaven Historical Commission

### Archaeological Interlude: 1996 Recovery of the Nimrod's (?) Cannons

In 1988 a reconnaissance permit was granted by the Massachusetts Board of Underwater Archaeology for the Kendall Whaling Museum for the purpose of documenting the presence of several cannons in the water off Round Hill. This reconnaissance survey led to the creation of a site map showing the locations of the cannons and other iron objects encountered during their metal detector survey of the project area. Surveying indicated the presence of four visible cannons that were eroded and covered by concretion that was 2"+ thick (Reid 1990). These cannons were all located within 60' of each other and spread in a linear pattern northwest to southeast. Also identified with the cannons were several other iron objects. These included the following:

- 1 cannonball approximately 4" in diameter
- 12 unidentified metal objects that were either totally or partially buried in the sand and not investigated
- 1 possible small mortar
- 2 three-foot-long "cylinders" with a thin concretion layer, possibly indicating more recent deposition not associated with the cannons
- 1 sash weight possibly from a marker buoy used in an earlier identification of the site

In 1996 an excavation permit was obtained by the Kendall Whaling Museum to raise the cannons discovered on the sea bed to the east of Round Hill. These cannons were believed to have been thrown overboard by the Nimrod when she was grounded. Eventually several cannons were raised including on very early style carronade dated 1778 (the possible small mortar identified during the survey) and four three pounder cannons. One additional cannon may have been recovered but this has not been confirmed. When the Kendall Museum went out of business in 199x, the cannons were distributed to several local historical societies with ties to the Nimrod. These are the Stonington, Connecticut Historical Society, the Wareham Historical Commission, the New Bedford Whaling Museum and the Falmouth Historical Society. All the cannons that were recovered measure 54" long and the bore of the Wareham example is just under 3". These are the same measurements for three pounder cannons in the late eighteenth century.

Unfortunately, no independent verification that these cannons were or were not from the Nimrod was conducted at the time that the site was identified and the cannons raised. This, compounded with the confusion caused by two separate groundings of the Nimrod in 1814 makes it difficult to say with certainty that these cannons actually came from the ship. In order to determine the likelihood that they were from Nimrod, the cannons themselves must be consulted to determine what they can tell us. Analysis of the cannons focused on the sizes of cannons present and their popularity of use during the War of 1812 as well as any markings that have been observed on the cannons themselves. Regarding the second line of investigation first, only the Wareham cannon and the carronade in the possession of the Whaling Museum have any markings visible at the present time. The Wareham cannon has a "6" stamped on the barrel just forward of the touchhole. This number is a founder's mark indicating the weight of the cannon itself. The 6 means that the cannon weighed 6 hundredweight (one hundred weight being 112 pounds) or 672 pounds. The Whaling Museum carronade has the date 1778 stamped on the right trunnion and a xx on the left trunnion face. This date is the date of manufacture, corresponding to the earliest production of this type of cannon. The other mark is unidentified at this time. The type of cannon recovered all appear to be 3 or less likely 4 pounders.





### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

### ACCESS AND CONSENT TO ENTER PROPERTY AGREEMENT

### USEPA Site ID: MAD980731335 MassDEP Release Tracking Number 4-0000122

Background: The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection ("MassDEP") seeks, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 9601 et seq. and M.G.L. c. 21E, access to certain parcels of land (as further described below, the "Property") for the purpose of monitoring and maintaining restored natural resources located on or adjacent to the Property. Such natural resources, which may include shoreline, wetlands and upland vegetation, were disturbed and subsequently restored in connection with remedial actions authorized by the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") at the New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site ("NBH Superfund Site"). The NBH Superfund Site is further identified as MAD980731335 on EPA's National Priorities List and as MassDEP Release Tracking Number 4-0000122

Access Authorization. By executing this Access and Consent to Enter Property Agreement ("Agreement"), **Town of Fairhaven** ("Owner") consents to MassDEP and its employees, agents and contractors entering the Property, and grants access to the same, for the purpose of monitoring and maintaining restored natural resources on and adjacent to the Property in accordance with the terms of this Agreement (such monitoring and maintenance activities, as further described below, referred to in this Agreement as the "Work").

<u>Property Description</u>: The Property is identified by the Town of Fairhaven Assessor as Map 17, Lot 5, 6, and 7 and is also known as Beach Street and Rear Beach Street; and Map 20, Lots 1 to 4, 24 to 26, and 323 to 326 and is also known as Rear Sycamore Street, see attached figures. All or a portion of the Properties are part of the New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site.

### Scope of Work: Work may include:

- monitoring restored saltmarsh and other vegetation;
- repair of eroded areas;
- removal and/or control of invasive plant species; and
- taking photographs or videos of restored areas.

Term of Agreement: The initial term of this Agreement shall be ten (10) years, beginning on the date this Agreement is signed by the Owner. At any time prior to the end of the initial term, MassDEP may renew this Agreement for an additional term of five (5) years by sending written notice to the Owner that MassDEP requires continued access to the Property to perform the Work and is renewing the Agreement. MassDEP's renewal notice shall be effective thirty (30) days from receipt, unless the Owner notifies MassDEP in writing that it does not consent to the renewal prior to that time. This Agreement may repeatedly be renewed in this manner, provided that the initial term of this Agreement plus all renewal terms shall not exceed a period

of 25 years. After 25 years, if MassDEP requires continued access, MassDEP will provide to the Owner a new access agreement. MassDEP may terminate this Agreement at any time by sending written notice to the Owner.

No Interference: The Owner will not, and will not permit any person to, interfere with MassDEP's performance of the Work at the Property. MassDEP shall reasonably coordinate its Work on the Property as to not interfere with the Owner's use and enjoyment of the Property.

Site Responsibility: To the extent that MassDEP disturbs the Property in a manner inconsistent with the objectives of the above-referenced restoration, MassDEP will make reasonable efforts to restore the Property to its prior condition. Upon execution of this Agreement, the Owner may obtain upon request a Certificate of Insurance from each MassDEP contractor who will be performing work on the Site. The Owner will otherwise continue to be responsible for all other liability, insurance and other obligations related to the Property.

Notice to Owner of Work: MassDEP hereby notifies the Owner that it may currently be monitoring and maintaining certain restored natural resources on the Property.

Contact Information: For purposes of	this Agreement, notices to the Owner shall be
emailed to	or to such other electronic or physical address as
Owner may provide in writing to MassDEP.	

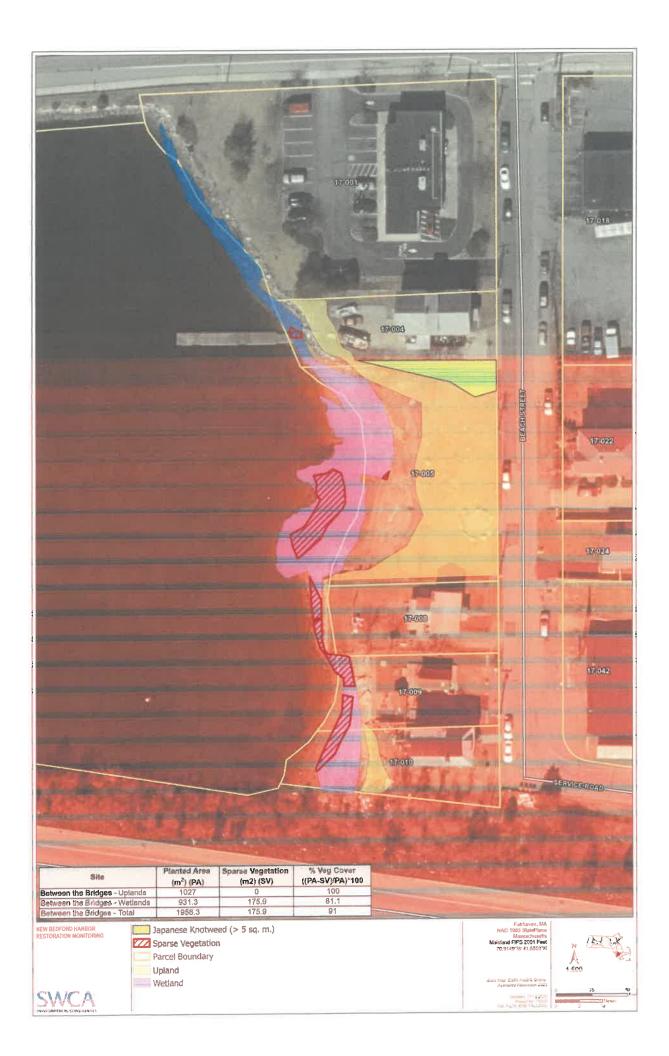
No Conveyance of Property Interest: The Owner acknowledges and agrees that this Agreement does not convey to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts an interest in the Property.

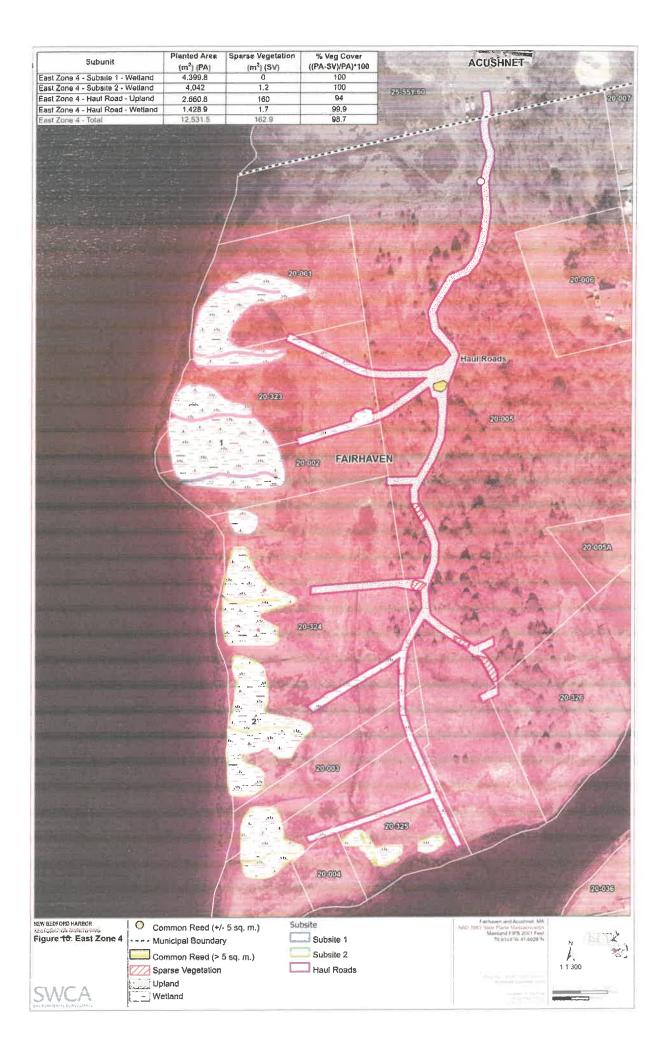
<u>Requirement of Written Revocation of Access</u>: In the event that the Owner seeks to revoke this Agreement, the Owner shall provide MassDEP with 14 days prior written notice.

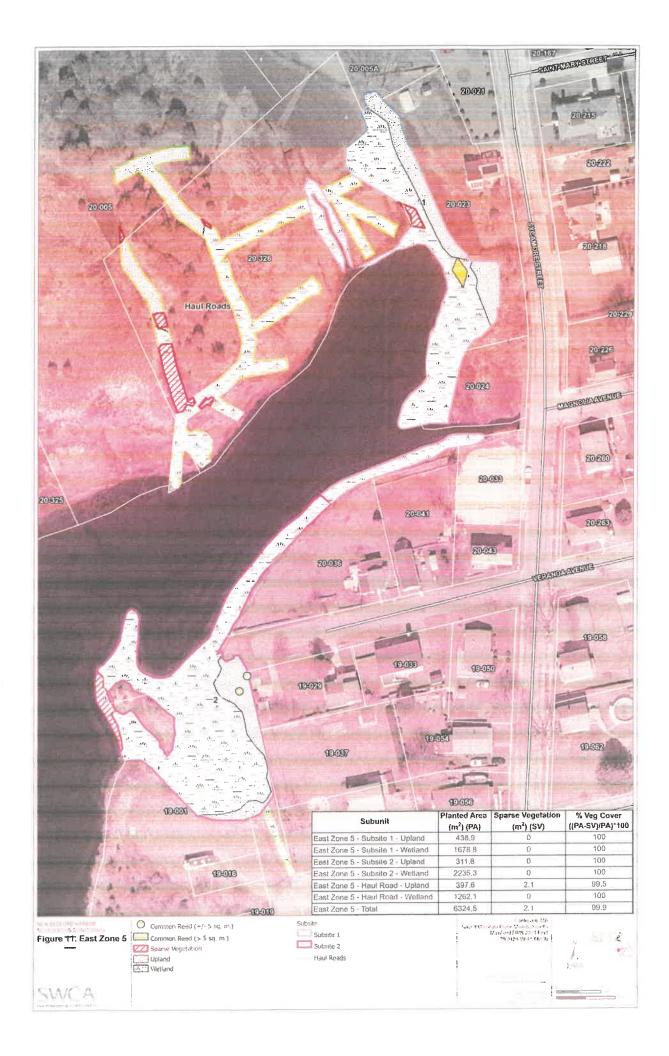
Reservation of Rights: MassDEP reserves all rights under Chapter 21E, 310 CMR 40.0000 and other applicable law to obtain access to the Property.

Availability of Reports: The Owner may receive a copy of all reports generated as a result of the Work within 60 days of the date these are issued to or by MassDEP. Please indicate below if you would like to receive such reports.

		Signature Line
	nt Name:	
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	The Town of Fairhaven would like to receive reports generated as a res	sult of the Work.
	The Town of Fairhaven would not like to receive reports generated as	a result of the Work.









ITEM	DESCRIPTION (if applicable)	Department	QUANTITY	
Office Supplies	assorted office supplies	Town Hall	assorted	
Large Display Sign with Letter Inventory	Old Fire Department message board (Approx 4ft x 8ft)	Fire		1
Large Wooden Pamphlet Display	old tourism wooden pamphlet display (cream & brick re-	d) Tourism/Comm. Dev		2
29 - assorted bicycles (BMX, Mountain Bikes, kid's bil	kes)	Police		29
Peace Sports Scooter (unknown if its running)		Police		1
Scooter (parts only)		Police		1
Electric Hoverboard		Police		1
Mercury outboard engines w/ stands (9-15hp)		Police		5
Pool stick with case		Police		1
2009 Ford Utility truck body only	utility body only	Water		1
aerator / seeder for 3 point tractor	tractor powered aerator / seeder	Parks		1
miscellaneous tractor / mower parts (entire pallet)	assortment of belts, wheels, spindals, etc.	Parks		1
Oak Tree Trunks - approximately 20 feet long - x2	approx. 20 feet long by 30 inch diameter	Parks		2
File Cabinets	Metal	Town Hall		6
table	8ft wooden	Town Hall		1
Office Chairs	Misc size and color	Town Hall		7
End table	Wooden	Town Hall		1
Computer table		Town Hall		1
Metal Cabinets	Misc diffrent size	Town Hall		3
Pamphlet or book holders	large wooden	Town Hall		2
Teachers desk	metal teachers desk	Town Hall		1
Piano	Small	Council of Aging		1
Student desk and chairs		Town Hall		75
Eliptical Machine		Police		1
8-foot plow	8-foot plow	Public Works		2
desk		Fire		1
partition walls		Fire		

# ADDITIONAL ITEMS HIGHLIGHTED Department from added for all

# Municipal Support for H.2432, An Act to reduce incidence and death from pancreatic cancer

1 message

#### Brock N. Cordeiro <br/> <br/>

Thu, Aug 28, 2025 at 9:11 PM

I write to ask that your municipality please join with Mayor Jon Mitchell of New Bedford and the Dartmouth Select Board in supporting House Bill 2432, *An Act to reduce incidence and death from pancreatic cancer* (https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/H2432), by sending a letter to the Chairs of the Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (Representative John Lawn & Senator Cindy Friedman). I have attached the copies of the official letters from New Bedford and Dartmouth for your reference.

H.2432 has 90 bipartisan & bicameral cosponsors with 113 members of the current legislature having been cosponsors (including with its companion bill in the Senate, S.1484) from across the Commonwealth, in either this or previous legislative sessions. *An Act to reduce incidence and death from pancreatic cancer* is a priority for both the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network of Massachusetts and the Massachusetts of Women Legislators. H.2432 is strongly supported by the volunteers of the Boston affiliate of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. I coauthored the legislation as the Chair of the Special Legislative Commission to Study Pancreatic Cancer (https://www.mass.gov/orgs/the-special-commission-to-study-pancreatic-cancer). Our state legislators all have personal ties to pancreatic cancer, be it family, friends, or themselves. Rep. Ann-Margaret Ferrante of Gloucester currently battles pancreatic cancer while we lost Rep. Carol Doherty of Taunton to it in February 2025.

An Act to reduce incidence and death from pancreatic cancer will implement the recommendations of the final report of the Special Legislative Commission to Study Pancreatic Cancer by accomplishing four goals with minimal impact upon the state budget but maximum impact upon the fight against the disease. There may ultimately be a benefit of cost savings to the patient, insurance providers, and state government.

#### The bill would do the following:

- 1. Provide coordinated pancreatic cancer prevention, screening, education, and support programs
- 2. Establish a 13-member Pancreatic Cancer Advisory Council
- 3. Shall have the commissioner of insurance survey health insurers to ascertain coverage benefits of genetic testing for pancreatic cancer across health insurance plans
- 4. Shall have the center for health information and analysis shall conduct a review and update of its mandated benefit review of pancreatic cancer screenings

Pancreatic cancer is the second deadliest cancer in Massachusetts, behind only lung cancer, while being the third deadliest in America, behind only lung & colorectal cancers. Pancreatic cancer is projected to rise to number two by 2030. It is estimated by the American Cancer Society that in Massachusetts, in 2025, there will be 1,490 new cases of pancreatic cancer and 1,170 deaths. Pancreatic cancer has only a 13% survival rate over 5-years, the lowest of any major cancer and a rate that stagnated since last year. The most common form of pancreatic cancer, adenocarcinoma, has a survival rate of only 8%. Furthermore, over 70% of pancreatic cancer patients will die within the first year of their diagnosis and 88% of patients die within five years.

This cause is of supreme importance to me as my father, Norman Cordeiro of Dartmouth died on March 30, 2014, at St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford, six months and twelve days following his failed Whipple Procedure at Boston's Mass General Hospital. More recently, I have been scanned on multiple occasions at Dartmouth's Hawthorn Medical Associates over the past year due to my concerns for family history and my recent diagnosis of adult-onset diabetes.

On August 18, 2025, I spoke before the Dartmouth Select Board on this matter. You may view the video at https://www.youtube.com/live/f5of7qHFqP8?si=2apGc\_S\_WqlMwBel&t=417. My appearance begins at approximately at the 6 minutes and 57 seconds mark through about the 19 minutes and 30 seconds mark.

On June 11, 2025, I testified at a public hearing held by the Joint Committee on Public Health. I have included the link to the hearing, and the relevant section begins at the 6 minute & 11 second mark and ends approximately at 14 minutes & 2 seconds. You may access the recording at <a href="https://malegislature.gov/Events/Hearings/Detail/5222">https://malegislature.gov/Events/Hearings/Detail/5222</a>. I am the first speaker on behalf of the bill (0:6:11-0:10:00) and I deeply appreciate being joined in support by Mr. Lou Ekus of Montague, Massachusetts (0:10:15-0:14:02), A Stage 4 pancreatic cancer patient with adenocarcinoma, the most common form of pancreatic cancer. Mr. Ekus, who I have yet to have the honor of meeting, was diagnosed in July 2024 and is a patient at Massachusetts General Hospital and he speaks to the need for early detection of pancreatic cancer. The Public Health Committee voted to favorably recommend H.2432 and referred it to Health Care Financing.

Finally, I have included a link to Senator Jo Comerford's recording of a virtual legislative briefing on *An Act to reduce incidence and death from pancreatic cancer* that we held on November 20, 2024 - https://youtu.be/8as4dp6FQn0. Sen. Comerford is the lead sponsor of S.1484 while Rep. Carmine Gentile & Rep. Hannah Kane are the co-lead sponsors of H.2432. That briefing was covered by State House News Service (https://www.statehousenews.com/news/healthcare/pancreatic-cancer-bill-falters-despite-long-list-of-sponsors/article\_2dce8162-a778-11ef-bbe2-2ff2729b367c.html) and the Daily Hampshire Gazette (https://www.gazettenet.com/Lawmakers-push-bill-to-combat-deadly-pancreatic-cancer-58122652).

Please join your colleagues in New Bedford and Dartmouth in leading the way for pancreatic cancer awareness with your advocacy! With H.2432, Massachusetts, as is only proper considering our world-class medical and research institutions, will be a champion for better treatments, longer and greater quality lives, and eventually a cancer cure!

Sincerely,

Brock N. Cordeiro
15 Sagamore Drive
Dartmouth, MA 02748-1261
508-264-1600
BNCordeiro@comcast.net

3 attachments

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#### Committee on Public Health Bill Summary

Bill No.

H2432

Title:

An Act to reduce incidence and death from pancreatic cancer

Sponsor:

Representatives Carmine Gentile and Hannah Kane

Committee:

Public Health

Hearing Date:

June 11, 2025

Similar Matters:

S1484

Prior History:

Refile of H2182 of 23-24; referred to Public Health; accompanied

by \$1330; reported favorably and referred to Health Care

Financing: accompanied a study order.

Reporting Deadline:

August 10, 2025

Current Law:

M.G.L. Chapter 111 pertains to public health.

#### Summary:

This bill adds a new section to Chapter 111 that would require DPH to administer a comprehensive pancreatic cancer initiative to provide coordinated pancreatic cancer prevention, screening, education and support programs in the Commonwealth.

SECTION 1 would add a new section, Section 245, to M.G.L. Chapter 111.

#### Section 245:

- (a) DPH would implement a pancreatic cancer initiative to provide coordinated pancreatic cancer prevention, screening, education, and support programs.
- (b) Establishes a 13-member pancreatic cancer advisory council within DPH, representing interdisciplinary fields including oncology, palliative care, medicine, nursing, social work, pharmacy, spirituality and the area of patient and family caregiver advocacy. This subsection also outlines tasks of the council:
  - Investigate and make recommendations for a system to certify hospitals that meet
     National Pancreatic Cancer Foundation criteria
  - Investigate and make recommendations for establishing a multi-provider consortium that would develop and share best practices for improving care for patients with pancreatic cancer
  - Disseminate targeted communications to primary care providers to connect them with consortium members and local resources



August 27, 2025

Senator Cindy Friedman Co-Chair, Joint Committee on Health Care Financing 24 Beacon Street, Room 313 Boston, MA 02133

Representative John J. Lawn Jr. Co-Chair, Joint Committee on Health Care Financing 24 Beacon Street, Room 236 Boston, MA 02133

Dear Senator Friedman and Representative Lawn,

I write to express my strong support for House Bill 2432, "An Act To Reduce Incidence And Death From Pancreatic Cancer." Pancreatic cancer is currently the third leading cause of cancer-related death in the United States, and the prevalence of the disease is increasing. As you may know, pancreatic cancer is also one of the most lethal forms of cancer, with a five-year survival rate of only thirteen percent.

Regrettably, current federal and state investments in research and prevention are inadequate. House Bill 2432 is a critical step forward in addressing this public health crisis in Massachusetts. By establishing a comprehensive pancreatic cancer education, awareness, and early detection program within the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the bill aims to improve outcomes through better access to diagnostic tools, increased provider education, and support for high-risk populations.

Passing H.2432 will help bring hope to families, improve early diagnosis, and ultimately save lives. I urge the House Committee on Health Care Financing to report out H.2432 favorably. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

Jon Mitchell

cc:

New Bedford Legislative Delegation
New Bedford Health Department

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August 18, 2025

Representative John J. Lawn, Jr. Chair, House Committee on Health Care Financing 24 Beacon Street, Room 236 Boston, MA 02133

Dear Representative Lawn,

The Dartmouth Select Board is writing to express our strong support for House Bill 2432, An Act to reduce incidence and death from pancreatic cancer.

Pancreatic cancer remains one of the most lethal forms of cancer, with a five-year survival rate of just 13% and limited early detection options. It is currently the third leading cause of cancer-related death in the United States, and projections indicate it may soon rise even higher. Despite these sobering statistics, federal and state investments in research and public health initiatives aimed at prevention and early detection remain disproportionately low.

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The Dartmouth community, like many others across the Commonwealth, has been affected by the devastating impact of pancreatic cancer. We believe that passing H.2432 will help bring hope to families, improve early diagnosis, and ultimately save lives.

We respectfully urge you and your colleagues on the House Committee on Health Care Financing to report favorably on H.2432 and advance it to the full House for consideration.

Thank you for your leadership and your commitment to improving health outcomes for all Massachusetts residents.

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Sincerely,

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Christopher O'Neil

CC: Representative Christopher Markey



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### Town of Fairhaven Massachusetts

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September 8, 2025

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# Town of Fairhaven Massachusetts

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August 21, 2025

The Honorable Senator Mark C. Montigny Massachusetts State Senate State House Room 312-C Boston, MA 02133 The Honorable Representative Mark Sylvia Massachusetts House of Representative State House Room 134 Boston, MA 02133

Dear Senator Montigny and Representative Sylvia,

The Select Board writes to bring up the topic of local aid and express our collective and unified concern about how the amount allocated by the Legislature for this item has fallen as each year passes. This topic has become critical for the Town of Fairhaven - and for almost every other city and town in the Commonwealth - as Fairhaven is presently struggling to financially balance our municipal budget. Despite our best efforts to craft a responsible budget which addresses the basic needs of our community, the historical cap on property tax collections as a result of Proposition 2 ½ have left us with very few options to address this revenue shortfall. Local aid is such a revenue source and an increase in these receipts would go a long way to help close our budget deficit.

The mechanisms which cities and towns are permitted to utilize in raising revenues to fund their respective budgets are well known and we do not need to go into that topic in detail except that one aspect must be highlighted as we have seen first-hand how it wreaks havoc on the ability of a municipality to balance its budget. That aspect is that the foundational mechanisms of proposition 2 ½ (which were developed some 40 years ago) are such that the revenues cities and towns are statutorily able to generate do not allow these same cities and towns to keep pace with inflation. This dynamic is a self-perpetuating cycle of revenue constraint which is no longer sustainable. For example, although the reported inflation rate of 1.2% in 2020 was relatively low, 2021 and 2022 we saw a sharp increase of 4.1% and 8% respectively. The years of 2023 and 2024 did show a downward trend (4.1% and 2.9%) but they nonetheless still exceeded the Proposition 2 ½ ceiling on revenue generation through an increase in property tax levy. Plainly put, our expenses are increasing based upon inflationary pressures, yet we are not able to raise revenue proportionally to level fund our expenses. This is unsustainable and we ask for your help in securing a material increase in the amount of local aid.

A solution is to urge your colleagues to allocate a portion of the interest earned from the state's Stabilization Fund (Rainy Day Fund) directly to municipalities, which as the unofficial title of this fund indicates, is designed to help close budget shortfall when it is fiscally raining. According to the Office of the Comptroller, the balance of this fund at the close of Fiscal year 2025 increased by \$111,350,000.00 to \$8,634 billion and interest generated during this same fiscal year totaled \$405,930,000.00. See <a href="https://cthru.data.socrata.com/stories/s/eqrd-tdvi">https://cthru.data.socrata.com/stories/s/eqrd-tdvi</a>.

We (unfortunately) report that it is fiscally raining in Fairhaven and the interest earned on this Rainy-Day Fund would significantly help close our deficit. As cities and towns struggle to meet basic obligations and deliver critical services, even a modest share of this Rainy-Day Fund earnings could provide meaningful relief and a measure of financial stability. This would represent a responsible reinvestment of state-held wealth into the communities that generate the fund's balance. These earnings

represent a potential source of relief that could have a meaningful impact at the local level without compromising the integrity of the stabilization fund itself.

Massachusetts communities take great pride in managing their budgets prudently. However, without increased support, they will continue to face mounting deficits and difficult choices that undermine the quality of life for residents.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. We appreciate your commitment to serving the people of Massachusetts and respectfully ask for your leadership in addressing the long-term fiscal health of our local governments. We would be glad to speak further or help coordinate input from other local leaders who are dealing with these issues also.

Sincerely,

Select Board Members Town of Fairhaven

Charles K. Murphy, Sr., Chair

Andrew Romano, Vice Chair

Natalie A. Mello, Clerk

Keith Silvia, Member

Andrew B. Saunders, Member



### Monday, September 8, 2025 Town Administrator

- 1. Temporary Street Closure: Laurel Street Block Party: September 27, 2025, rain date September 28, 2025
- 2. Other



#### TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE POLICY

#### General

It is the policy of the Town of Fairhaven to encourage activities by neighborhood and civic groups that promote the welfare, safety, and harmony of its citizens. The Town shall allow temporary street closures for such activities when those closures will not cause harm to or be a significant disruption to the general public.

#### **Purpose**

It is the purpose of this policy to define parameters under which local or civic groups may request temporary road closures for community events. Except as otherwise provided by law, it shall be unlawful to close any public street or block traffic therefrom unless a Street Closure Permit has been issued by the Town of Fairhaven in accordance with this policy.

#### Scope

This policy applies to all roads and streets in the Fairhaven road system.

- A. <u>Administrative Approval:</u> Community events that occur on an annual or routine basis, may be approved administratively by the Town Administrator. Town sponsored events may be approved administratively by the Town Administrator.
- B. <u>Select Board Approval</u>: Events of a non-routine nature lasting longer than ten (10) hours, must be approved by the Select Board.

#### **Policy**

- A. No permit shall be issued for road closures on state-controlled, numbered highways without prior approval from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. No permit shall be issued for road closures in the Business District as defined by the Zoning Bylaws of Fairhaven\* unless sponsored by the Town or the local chamber of commerce or its equivalent.
- B. Disposition of Street Closure Requests is administrative in nature under the authority of the Town Administrator and the Select Board.
- C. The applicant shall submit a letter of request for street closure to the Fairhaven Town Administrator's office at least 30 days prior to the date of the proposed street closure. Applications submitted less than 30 days cannot be guaranteed a response for approval. The letter shall include all the relevant information requested in the application and any additional information requested by the Town Administrator.
- D. The Town Administrator shall notify the Police Chief of the proposed closure, and the Police Chief, or designee, shall determine whether a Police detail shall be required. Such detail shall be paid by the applicant.
- E. The applicant shall be responsible for notifying the owners and abutters as outlined in the public notification process.
- F. The temporary street closure shall be for a period less than ten (10) hours as stipulated by the Town Administrator, unless approved by the Select Board.
- G. Regardless of street closure, travel lane must be kept clear to accommodate emergency vehicles.
- H. Pedestrian access to all residences or businesses shall not be obstructed as well as an unobstructed path must be maintained for emergency vehicle access to the street.

- I. The applicant shall conduct all activities in such a manner that the health and safety of the public are not negatively impacted.
- J. Promptly following the conclusion of the event, the applicant shall ensure that the street is free of debris and rubbish.
- K. Approval of the request is subject to other conditions that may be specified by the Fairhaven Town Administrator or the Select Board.
- L. The Town of Fairhaven will not be responsible for any costs for establishing, running or maintaining the closure.
- M. The Town of Fairhaven maintains the right to cancel approval of the road closure at any time.
  - \* Waivers may be requested and can only be approved by the Select Board.

#### **Barricade Equipment**

Barricade equipment, in the form of saw horses, is required and is provided by the Town at a fee of fifty dollars (\$50). The applicant shall be responsible to pay the fee at least two (2) weeks prior to the event. Department of Public Works will be notified and coordinate the placement and timing of barricades with the Police and Fire Departments.

#### **Public Notification**

The applicant is required to notify by certified mailing to all abutters and post notices in visible locations within the area to be closed. The notification and postings to those who will be affected by the notice may contact the Town Administrator's office if they have any questions or concerns. The applicant shall attest that this requirement has been met. The applicant may obtain abutter addresses from the Assessor's office.

#### **Additional Event Requirements**

- · A. No stakes or penetrations may be made through the asphalt.
  - B. No disposal of anything in storm sewers.
- C. Any marking on the street can be done in chalk or washable material. No paint or permanent markings can be used.
- D. No loud speaker system shall be used which is audible beyond the designated event location. Event organizers and guests shall be in compliance with state laws and local bylaws.
- E. If alcoholic beverages are dispensed, event organizers may be subject to criminal penalties if under-aged persons are consuming or possessing such beverages and products. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited from Town streets or public right of way unless the applicant has obtained a one-day permit from the Town. Marijuana products shall not be dispensed.

#### **Damages: Insurance**

Any person or persons to whom a Street Closing Permit has been issued shall be liable for any loss or damage to any Town of Fairhaven property arising out of the issuance use of the permit.

As a condition to the issuance of any Street Closing Permit, the permittee may be required to provide insurance to indemnify the Town from any and all damages and costs of litigation arising out of the issuance and use of such permit.



### Town of Fairhaven Massachusetts

40 Center Street Fairhaven, MA 02719

### TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE/BLOCK PARTY APPLICATION

(9/28 rain date)	Today's Date: Aug . 25 2025			
Date of event: 90+,27, 2025	Time of event: 12N-5 PM			
Road (s) to be blocked: Lawrel from :	South to Church			
Estimated number of attendees: 40	Age group: all ages			
Have all residents been notified Y/N 4e5 =				
Call houses facility Lower ! between South + Church)	Please provide of copy of notification with application			
Name, address and telephone number of 2 residents a	is point of contact in addition to the applicant.			
Name: Eric & Heather Anderson				
Address: 73 Laural St.	Address: 79 Lowred St.			
Phone: 978-430-1487	Phone: 781-690-3450			
By signing, I attest to having read, understand and will comply with the Temporary Street Closing Policy if this application is approved including conditions for public safety provided by Police, Fire and DPW.				
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Print Name: Lawery E. DeSalate Tr	Phone: \$57-929-8782			
Address: 75 Laurel St.				
Email: I desalvatore@ concast	. net			
OFFICE USE: Review by Police, Fire and DPW for approval, any public safety conditions will be noted.				
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### Monday, September 8, 2025 Minutes

- 1. Accept the Select Board Open Session minutes of August 25, 2025
- 2. Accept the Select Board Executive Session minutes of August 25, 2025



# FAIRHAVEN SELECT BOARD Meeting Minutes August 25, 2025

H1

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

Mr. Murphy opened the Select Board meeting at 6:30pm

#### **APPOINTMENTS AND COMMUNITY ITEMS**

#### **Proclamation: Lieutenant Chauncy Burr**

Chief Todd Correia addressed the Board, reviewed Lt. Burr's accomplishments and thanked him for his service. Ms. Mello read the proclamation. The Board and Ms. Carreiro thanked Lt. Burr for his service, shared a personal story and congratulated him on his retirement.

**Motion**: Mr. Saunders motioned to approve the proclamation for Lt. Chauncy Burr. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

<u>Use of Town Hall Auditorium: October 17, 2025: Fairhaven Department of Fine Arts and Historical Society</u> Mark Badwey addressed the Board, explained the event details and author Nathaniel Philbrick. The event is sponsored by the Town's Fine Arts Department and Mr. Badwey asked the Board to waive the fees. Ms. Carreiro confirmed Mr. Badwey's role on Fine Arts.

**Motion**: Mr. Saunders motioned to approve the application for the Use of Town Hall Auditorium on October 17, 2025 from the Fairhaven Department of Fine Arts and Historical Society waiving the rental fee. Ms. Mello seconded.

**Motion**: Mr. Saunders amended his motion, to approve the application for the Use of Town Hall Auditorium on October 17, 2025 from the Fairhaven Department of Fine Arts and Historical Society waiving the rental and custodian fees. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

#### Use of Town Hall Auditorium: September 26, 2026: Gath-Bosco Wedding

Rachel Gath and Xavier Bosco addressed the Board about their application for the use of the Town Hall Auditorium for a wedding and reception on September 26, 2026. Mr. Romano asked about tables and chairs. The applicants have worked with staff on their needs and equipment.

**Motion**: Mr. Saunders motioned to approve the application for the Use of Town Hall Auditorium on September 26, 2026 for the Gath-Bosco Wedding. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

#### Event Request: Podkowa 5K Race Fundraiser, Sunday, October 5, 2025, 7am-1pm

Adriann Corazzini addressed the Board via zoom and reviewed the event details. Lt. Kevin Swain addressed the Board regarding his call with the organizers to address safety issues and the letters to residents on the route. Mr. Romano advised the Board he is abstaining because he is on the race route.

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to approve the application for the Podkowa 5K Race Fundraiser on Sunday, October 5, 2025 from 7am-1pm contingent on Police, Fire and Public Works requirements. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed (4-0-1) Mr. Romano abstained.

#### **Cultural Council Update: 2026 Grant opportunities**

Beth Ann Gallagher addressed the Board, described what the Cultural Council does and the funding for grants that will be available. The applications can be submitted from September 2, 2025 to October 16, 2025. Education sessions by the Massachusetts Cultural Council will be held to review the process and eligibility. Details will be posted on the Cultural Council's page on the Town website and social media.

Ms. Gallagher added that there are two openings for the Cultural Council if residents are interested.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Despina Longinidis of Washington Street addressed the Board. She stated she wanted to ask about an ethics issue and no updates from a couple of years ago. She also stated to the Board that there is an issue with a property that had a status change to a one-family and it is advertised for rental and runs as a two-family with a business. There is an application for an ADU (accessory dwelling unit) and it is six to ten inches from neighbors; it is in litigation and work has started. She continued that all Town employees that knew about it have gone and the building inspector issued a permit and said he could not enter to check the one-family or two-family status. Ms. Longinidis said this needs to be checked.

#### **ACTION/DISCUSSION**

#### **Conflict of Interest Disclosure: Brian Messier**

Brian Messier addressed the Board via zoom about his disclosure. The Board asked about the amount of work left and Mr. Silvia said the working group has a lot more to gather before submitting a final report to the Board.

**Motion**: Mr. Saunders motioned to accept the Conflict of Interest Disclosure submitted by Brian Messier, outlining his role as a member of the Atlas Tack Working Group, and disclosing that he is a direct abutter to the Atlas Tack site, with no financial interest, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A, Section 19. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed (4-1-0) Mr. Romano opposed.

## <u>Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Access and Consent to Enter Property Agreement:</u> <u>USEPA Site ID: MAD980731335</u>

This item was tabled.

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to table item C2. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

<u>Declare Surplus Items for Town Auction, September 20, 2025 at Department of Public Works (attached)</u>
Mr. Murphy read the list of items for surplus.

**Motion**: Mr. Saunders motioned to accept and declare the items submitted as surplus for the Town Auction to be held on September 20, 2025 at Public Works. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

#### **Select Board Support Letters for Local Aid Increases**

Mr. Saunders reminded the Board that this would be to support tapping into the interest earned on the state's "rainy-day fund" for struggling municipalities. Mr. Samia, Ms. Carreiro, Mr. Romano and Mr. Saunders met the discuss and updates are needed for some numbers within the letter.

Mr. Romano thanked Ms. Carreiro for her work on the draft letter and added that the Board should consider tailoring for other audiences like the Massachusetts Municipal Association, other legislators and other municipalities. MS. Carreiro added that the letter can be sent out as a template for other towns to use.

**Motion**: Mr. Saunders motioned to approve the draft letter of support for local aid increases and send to state officials on behalf of the Select Board for the Town of Fairhaven with any necessary adjustments. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

### Open Meeting Law Complaint Received August 11, 2025: Patrick Higgins and Draft Response

Mr. Murphy asked the Board for any questions or updates on the draft response letter.

**Motion**: Mr. Saunders motioned to accept the draft and issue the response to the Open Meeting Law Complaint. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

#### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Ms. Carreiro reported:

• The litigation is ongoing, the Superior Court held a hearing July 8<sup>th</sup> on the Town's motion for summary judgment, which was denied based on the court's finding that there are factual issues that must be resolved

through trial. A jury trial has been scheduled for January 26, 2026. All public documents related to the case can be viewed by searching on mass.gov (search court documents and follow the links, the matter is with The Superior Court, Bristol County).

• Harborfest on Saturday, August 23 was very successful. The next Harborfest is on Saturday, September 20 and has a medieval theme with a special guest and a movie at 7pm.

The Board thanked Ms. Botelho as well as Mr. Silvia and Ms. Carreiro for their hard work at the events. Ms. Mello added that the neighbors have appreciated the flawless organization.

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

#### Mr. Saunders reported:

• Livable Streets met and their focus is on the Route 6 Planning and Redesign. There will be a walk-through on September 16 at 5pm starting from Noah's Playground and walking towards Fairhaven High School. SRPEDD and other Town Departments will be present.

#### Ms. Mello reported:

- Future meetings: Library on September 16; Bristol County Advisory on September 18.
- She attended a SRPEDD Hazard Mitigation review, great learning opportunity.
- She attended the Young Hero Fire Award ceremony recently at the Fire Station; a brother and sister were recognized for saving a two-year old from drowning in a pool.

#### Mr. Murphy reported

- He attended the Young Hero Fire Award ceremony, great recognition and speakers.
- Lagoa met, they had a table at Harborfest and tiles that could be decorated
- The Our Lady of Angels Feast starts this weekend
- The Friendship Society shared sad news that Deb Almeida's mother passed away.

#### Mr. Romano reported:

- SRPEDD's Annual Meeting is coming up
- Sustainability met
- He thanked Public Works, Fire, Police and Animal Control for the "Touch-a-Truck" event

#### Mr. Silvia reported:

- Commission on Disability met, they had a booth at Harborfest with art for everyone to try and accessible set up. They are planning a newsletter of events.
- Economic Development (EDC) met and are planning another after-hours business event at Nasketucket Vineyard
- Josh Crabb updated on the Route 6 to Alden Road project
- Mr. Romano gave a shout-out to John Hinds from EDC who called his real estate office and did not know who he was speaking to and gave a great pitch about Fairhaven.

#### **MINUTES**

**Motion**: Mr. Saunders motioned to accept the Open Session minutes of August 11, 2025. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

**Motion**: Mr. Saunders motioned to accept the Select Board Executive Session minutes of August 11, 2025. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Massachusetts Historical Commission Meeting, September 10, 2025: National Register of Historic Places – Rogers Grammar School, Fairhaven; Contact Forms: Lee Baumgartner, Christina Lopes (*Attachment A*)

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to enter the Select Board correspondence as listed into the record. Ms. Mello

seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

#### **NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

• The next regularly scheduled Select Board meeting: Monday, September 8, 2025 at 6:30pm

#### Quote:

"We build too many walls and not enough bridges." Isaac Newton

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to enter into Executive Session Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(2) To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel. (Fire Chief) and not to return to Open Session. Ms. Mello seconded. Roll Call Vote, Mr. Saunders, Ms. Mello, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Romano and Mr. Silvia in favor. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:40pm

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

A. Correspondence: Massachusetts Historical Commission Meeting, September 10, 2025: National Register of Historic Places – Rogers Grammar School, Fairhaven; and Contact Forms: Lee Baumgartner, Christina Lopes

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

Accepted on \_\_\_



## Monday, September 8, 2025 Correspondence

1. Contact Forms: Michelle Costen

#### **Preservationists Funds-Historical buildings**

1 message

michelle costen <michcosten@gmail.com>

Wed, Aug 27, 2025 at 11:17 AM

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

Dear Town Administrator & Select Board Members.

Public Question and comment.

Could you tell me why the select board meeting from this past week, 8/25/25-has not been posted on fairhaven TV? It is supposed to post following the meeting, and is always posted by the next day.

I had noticed that Roger school is/was being considered to be put on the list of historic places. Do I understand this correctly?

I think it's important that the Anti-Aid Amendment be Recognized and part of the agenda meeting minutes when considering preservation funds, especially for any buildings, the town does not own. It is my understanding that the town does own Roger school. Is that correct?

There is supposed to be a public process at the neighborhood level when considering preservation funds/ taxpayer dollars, especially for any buildings that we do not own.

Preservation funds should be prioritized to be helping the town buildings that we own, and to be helping the people in the town, as first priority. And we need plenty of outreach and public process, which is part of the CPA fund requirements.

Preservation funds come from the people's tax dollars. Liberty of conscience should be considered as the mandate, so as to not enforce people to have to pay their tax dollars towards something that they think is harmful or inappropriate for the community.

The anti-aid amendment law protects liberty of conscience, Which should always be considered first, before fixing/maintaing/repurposing an ex external building, considered historic with its activities made clear. Maintaining of building historic or not, Is also maintaining the activities that will be in that building.

The health/well-being and moral conscience of the people, should always be considered as first regard. Which is why the Anti- Aid Amendment law came into existence in the first place.

When activity ensues in a building that we do not own, that may be considered harmful or immoral activity towards the public at large, in a building that is considered historical or on a historical list, scrutiny, and a genuine public process must first come into place with the public at large, before allocating any preservation funds to maintain that building and its uses/activities.

Before any funds are Approved by Town Meeting, TM should have a clear understanding Of recorded minutes of the public process that took place and of the comments made from the public at large.

Please reply in a correspondence to the questions I have asked in this letter

I work evenings and will not be able to attend meetings.

And at the current time, I have not been able to view the most recent SB meeting that was held on the 25th.

Thank You,

Michelle Costen



### Monday, September 8, 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 contract negotiations with nonunion personnel. (Fire Chief)

AND NOT TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION