



FAIRHAVEN SELECT BOARD AGENDA

December 1, 2025 6:00 p.m.

Town Hall – 40 Center Street – Fairhaven

Log on or call 1-929-205-6099, Meeting ID: 894 8599 3911, Passcode: 330130

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FAIRHAVEN TOWN CLERK
RCUD 2025 NOV 25 AM 8:44

FAIRHAVEN TOWN CLERK
RCUD 2025 NOV 25 PM 12:01

A. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(7) to comply with or act under the authority of ~~the Public Records Law, G.L. c. 4, s. 7(26) and Suffolk Construction v. DCAM, 449 Mass. 444 (2007) (discuss privileged written legal advice regarding the Open Meeting Law, OML 2025-201)~~ **G.L. c. 30A, s. 22, to review the minutes of Executive Session on March 17, 2025, and to comply with, or act under the authority of, the Public Records Law, G.L. c. 4, s. 7(26)(discuss privileged written legal opinion regarding November 18, 2025 Open Meeting Law Determination 2025-201 and release of executive session minutes)**

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. 6:30PM

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2. 6:35PM

The purpose of this hearing is to consider an application submitted for a license to operate a CAR DEALER and a CAR REPAIR business at 37 Alden Road, Fairhaven, MA. Applicant is TAG FAIRHAVEN HOLDINGS LLC, dba TASCA HYUNDAI FAIRHAVEN. Robert F Tasca, Jr. President.

C. APPOINTMENTS AND COMMUNITY ITEMS

1. Consider Appointment: Dog Park Study Committee: Molly Turner, Carolina Martinez
2. Consider Appointment: Historical Commission: Brian Messier, Doug Brady
3. Consider Appointment: Sustainability Committee: Wendy Drumm

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

E. ACTION / DISCUSSION

1. Consider Proposal for the Establishment of a Full-Time, Embedded Mental Health Clinician
2. Review Recommendations for 2026 Select Board Meetings
3. Consider a Policy for Select Board Agenda Deadlines

F. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

G. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS / COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

H. MINUTES

1. Accept the Select Board Open Session minutes of November 24, 2025
2. Accept the Select Board Executive Session minutes of November 24, 2025
3. Amend the Select Board Open Session minutes of September 30, 2025
4. **Determination regarding the release of Executive Session minutes of March 17, 2025**

I. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Email: Michelle Costen: Ref-11/24-25 SB meeting

J. NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled Select Board meeting: **Monday, December 15, 2025** at 6:30pm

K. ADJOURN

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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.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

On March 28th, 2025, the bill to extend Open Meeting Law regulations governing remote participation has passed MA legislation and been signed by the Governor. This bill will allow remote and hybrid meeting options for public bodies through June 30, 2027.

Pursuant to an amendment to Town By-Law Chapter 50-13, all government meetings are available through web/video conference and are recorded.

This meeting is being recorded by the Government Access Channel. It will be replayed on Channel 18 and posted on FairhavenTV.com. Anyone intending to make an audio or video recording of this meeting should notify the Chair at this time.

Due to recent security breaches, Fairhaven TV has implemented a new protocol: Zoom camera video for all participants is disabled. If participants would like to speak or be recognized, click “raise hand” under “reactions”, and change your name to a full name to be unmuted. Thank you for your cooperation in protecting the integrity of Fairhaven government meetings.

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Suggested Motion:

“Move to (approve/not approve) the application for a Farmers Distillery Pouring License Permit in the name of the establishment, Fairhaven Meadows, LLC DBA Nasketucket Bay Vineyard, located at 237 New Boston Road, Fairhaven, MA 02719”

Moved by __, Seconded by __, Any discussion on the motion. Vote

2. 6:35PM – Application for a License to operate a Car Dealer and Car Repair Business: TAG Fairhaven Holdings, LLC, DBA Tasca Hyundai Fairhaven

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Suggested Motion:

“Move to (approve/not approve) the application submitted for a license to operate a Car Dealer and a Car

Repair business at 37 Alden Road, Fairhaven, MA. Applicant is TAG FAIRHAVEN HOLDINGS LLC, dba TASCA HYUNDAI FAIRHAVEN. Robert F Tasca, Jr. President”

Moved by __, Seconded by __, Any discussion on the motion. Vote

C. APPOINTMENTS AND COMMUNITY ITEMS

1. **Consider Appointment: Dog Park Study Committee: Molly Turner, Carolina Martinez** - The Dog Park Study Committee reformed in recent years and has not had enough members to begin meeting; currently there are three open seats.

Suggested Motion:

“Move to appoint ____ to the Dog Park Study Committee for a term through May, 2026”

Moved by __, Seconded by __. Any discussion on the motion. Vote.

2. **Consider Appointment: Historical Commission: Brian Messier, Doug Brady** - The Historical Commission has one open seat for a term through May, 2028.

Suggested Motion:

“Move to appoint ____ to the Historical Commission for a term through May, 2028”

Moved by __, Seconded by __. Any discussion on the motion. Vote

3. **Consider Appointment: Sustainability Committee: Wendy Drumm** - The Sustainability Committee has one open seat for a term through May, 2026.

Suggested Motion:

“Move to appoint ____ to the Sustainability Committee for a term through May, 2026”

Moved by __, Seconded by __. Any discussion on the motion. Vote

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

E. ACTION / DISCUSSION

1. **Consider Proposal for the Establishment of a Full-Time, Embedded Mental Health Clinician** – This agenda item has been moved at the request of Police Chief Dorgan to the December 15th Select Board meeting. Please pass over this item.

Suggested Motion:

No motion necessary.

Review Recommendations for 2026 Select Board Meeting Schedule - The Select Board is being asked to review and consider voting on their meeting schedule for 2026. It is in line with the current cadence of meeting on the second and fourth Mondays, when Monday is a holiday, the meeting is on the Tuesday. The calendar will be posted as it has been on the Select Board’s page.

Suggested Motion:

“Move to (accept/amend) the proposed 2026 Select Board meeting schedule.”

Moved by __, Seconded by __. Any discussion on the motion. Vote

2. **Consider a Policy for Select Board Agenda Deadlines** - The Select Board Office is requesting the Select Board consider approving a deadline to submit meeting agenda requests and supporting documentation for upcoming Select Board meetings. This request is being made to ensure staff has sufficient time to prepare the Select Board packets. The deadline recommendation is the Monday prior to the meeting an agenda item is being requested.

Suggested Motion:

“Move to”

Moved by __, Seconded by __. Any discussion on the motion. Vote

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H. MINUTES

1. **Accept the Select Board Open Session minutes of November 24, 2025.**

Suggested Motion:

“Move to (accept/not accept) the open session minutes of November 24, 2025 (as presented/as amended)”

Moved by, seconded by. Any discussion on the motion. Vote.

2. **Accept the Select Board Executive Session minutes of November 24, 2025**

Suggested Motion:

“Move to (accept/not accept) the executive session minutes of November 24, 2025 (as presented/as amended)”

Moved by, seconded by. Any discussion on the motion. Vote.

3. **Amend the Select Board Open Session minutes of September 30, 2025** - An error was found in the motion at the end of the minutes of September 30, 2025. An amended copy is in the packet and the Board is asked to accept the amended minutes.

Suggested Motion:

“Move to (accept/not accept) the amended open session minutes of September 30, 2025”

Moved by, seconded by. Any discussion on the motion. Vote.

I. CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Email: Michelle Costen: Ref-11/24-25 SB meeting.**

Suggested Motion:

“Move to (enter/not enter) the Select Board correspondence as listed into the record.”

Moved by, seconded by. Any discussion on the motion. Vote.

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Legal Notice Fairhaven Select Board

NOVEMBER 20, 2025 BY STAFF WRITER

Fairhaven Select Board

Public Hearings

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Select Board will hold two Public Hearings on Monday, December 1, at the Town Hall, Banquet Room, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA.

- 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the proposed application for a Farmers Distillery Pouring License Permit. The name of the establishment is Fairhaven Meadows, LLC DBA Nasketucket Bay Vineyard, located at 237 New Boston Road, Fairhaven, MA 02719. Application submitted by: Nicholas Christy/Owner, 6 Terry Lane, East Wareham, MA 02571
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Fairhaven Select Board:

Charles Murphy, Andrew Romano, Natalie Mello, Andrew Saunders, Keith Silvia



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

MEMORANDUM

To: Select Board

From: Town Administrator Office

Date: 12/01/25

Re: Approval of new ALL Alcohol License

Dear Board Members,

This is to request your approval for two public hearings:

Public hearing at 6:30 is for the approval submitted for a Farmers Distillery Pouring License for Fairhaven Meadows LLC DBA Nasketucket Bay Vineyards located at 237 New Boston Road, Fairhaven, MA 0279. Application submitted by Nicholas Christy/Owner.

Public Hearing at 6:35 is for the approval of an application submitted for a license to operate a CAR DEALER and a CAR REPAIR business located at 37 Alden Road Fairhaven, MA 02719. Application submitted by TAG FAIRHAVEN HOLDINGS LLC, DBA TASCA HYUNDAI FAIRHAVEN, Robert F. TASCA Jr., President.

*Abutters have been notified and advertisement has been placed in the
NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Susan Rizzo



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission
95 Fourth Street, Suite 3, Chelsea, MA 02150-2358
www.mass.gov/abcc

**RETAIL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE APPLICATION
MONETARY TRANSMITTAL FORM**

APPLICATION FOR A NEW LICENSE

**APPLICATION SHOULD BE COMPLETED ON-LINE, PRINTED, SIGNED, AND SUBMITTED TO THE LOCAL
LICENSING AUTHORITY.**

ECRT CODE: RETA

Please make \$200.00 payment here: ABCC PAYMENT WEBSITE

**PAYMENT MUST DENOTE THE NAME OF THE LICENSEE CORPORATION, LLC, PARTNERSHIP, OR INDIVIDUAL AND INCLUDE THE
PAYMENT RECEIPT**

ABCC LICENSE NUMBER (IF AN EXISTING LICENSEE, CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE CITY)

FD-LIC-000087

ENTITY/ LICENSEE NAME

Nasketucket Bay Vineyard, Inc.

ADDRESS

237 New Boston Rd.

CITY/TOWN

Fairhaven

STATE

MA

ZIP CODE

02719

For the following transactions (Check all that apply):

- | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New License | <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Location | <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Class (i.e. Annual / Seasonal) | <input type="checkbox"/> Change Corporate Structure (i.e. Corp / LLC) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer of License | <input type="checkbox"/> Alteration of Licensed Premises | <input type="checkbox"/> Change of License Type (i.e. club / restaurant) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pledge of Collateral (i.e. License/Stock) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Manager | <input type="checkbox"/> Change Corporate Name | <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Category (i.e. All Alcohol/Wine, Malt) | <input type="checkbox"/> Management/Operating Agreement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Officers/
Directors/LLC Managers | <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Ownership Interest
(LLC Members/ LLP Partners,
Trustees) | <input type="checkbox"/> Issuance/Transfer of Stock/New Stockholder | <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Hours |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | <input type="checkbox"/> Change of DBA |

**THE LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY MUST SUBMIT THIS
APPLICATION ONCE APPROVED VIA THE ePLACE PORTAL:**

Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission
95 Fourth Street, Suite 3
Chelsea, MA 02150-2358

Payment Confirmation

YOUR PAYMENT HAS PROCESSED AND THIS IS YOUR RECEIPT

Your account has been billed for the following transaction. You will receive a receipt via email.



Transaction Processed Successfully.

INVOICE #: 0f76f0c7-f4fa-435f-8397-46c7b06c2c54

Description	Applicant, License or Registration Number	Amount
FILING FEES-RETAIL	Nasketucket Bay Vineyard Inc.	\$200.00
		\$200.00

Total Convenience Fee: \$4.18

Date Paid: 11/3/2025 1:33:09 PM EDT

Total Amount Paid: \$204.18

Payment On Behalf Of

License Number or Business Name:
Nasketucket Bay Vineyard, Inc.

Fee Type:
FILING FEES-RETAIL

Billing Information

First Name:
Nasketucket Bay Vineyard Inc Nicholas

Last Name:
Christy

Address:
237 New Boston Rd.

City:
Fairhaven

State:
MA

Zip Code:
02719

Email Address:
nick@peacelovevino.net

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

-----OF-----

APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE TO BUY, SELL, EXCHANGE OR ASSEMBLE SECOND HAND MOTOR
VEHICLES OR PARTS THEREOF

I, the undersigned, duly authorized by the concern herein mentioned, hereby apply for a 1 + 1 class license, to Buy, Sell,
Exchange or Assemble second hand motor vehicles or parts thereof, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 140 of the General
Laws.

1. What is the name of the concern? TAG FAIRHAVEN HOLDINGS LLC dba TASCA HYUNDAI FAIRHAVEN

.....Business address of
concern. No. 37 ALDEN RD.....St.,
FAIRHAVEN..... City - Town.

2. Is the above concern an individual, co-partnership, an association or a corporation? LLC

3. If an individual, state full name and residential address.

.....4. If a co-partnership, state full names and
residential addresses of the persons composing it.

5. If an association or a corporation, state full names and residential addresses of the principal officers.

President. Robert F Tasca Jr 46 Highland Dr Jamestown RI 02835

Vice President David J Tasca 155 Preservation Way S.Kingstown RI 02879

~~Secretary~~
Treasurer. Carl A Tasca 62 West Cove Dr N. Kingstown RI 02852

6. Are you engaged principally in the business of buying, selling or exchanging motor vehicles? yes

If so, is your principal business the sale of new motor vehicles? yes

Is your principal business the buying and selling of second hand motor vehicles..... NO

Is your principal business that of a motor vehicle junk dealer..... NO

7. Give a complete description of all the premises to be used for the purpose of carrying on the business.

Property comprised at 37 Alden Rd Fairhaven MA 02719 which is presently an auto dealership

8. Are you a recognized agent of a motor vehicle manufacturer? yes

(Yes or No)

If so, state name of manufacturer HYUNDAI

9. Have you a signed contract as required by Section 58, Class 1? YES

(Yes or No)

10. Have you ever applied for a license to deal in second hand motor vehicles or parts thereof? YES

(Yes or No)

If so, in what city - town DORCHESTER, SEEKONK

Did you receive a license? YES

For what year? 2025

11. Has any license issued to you in Massachusetts or any other state to deal in motor vehicles or parts thereof ever been suspended or revoked? NO

(Yes or No)

Sign your name in full

David J Tasca Jr (Duly authorized to represent the concern herein mentioned)

Residence 7 POMONA ST N. SMITHFIELD RI 02856

IMPORTANT

EVERY QUESTION MUST BE ANSWERED WITH
FULL INFORMATION, AND FALSE STATEMENTS
HEREIN MAY RESULT IN THE REJECTION OF
YOUR APPLICATION OR THE SUBSEQUENT
REVOCATION OF YOUR LICENSE IF ISSUED.

NOTE: If the applicant has not held a license in the year prior to this application, he must file a duplicate of the application with the registrar. (See Sec. 59)

APPLICANT WILL NOT FILL THE FOLLOWING BLANKS

Application after investigation.....
(Approved or Disapproved)

License No.granted.....20..... Fee \$.....

Signed.....
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CHAPTER 140 OF THE GENERAL LAWS, TER. ED., WITH AMENDMENTS THERETO (EXTRACT)

Section 57. No person, except one whose principal business is the manufacture and sale of new motor vehicles but who incidentally acquires and sells second hand vehicles, or a person whose principal business is financing the purchase of or insuring motor vehicles but who incidentally acquires and sells second hand vehicles, shall engage in the business of buying, selling, exchanging or assembling second hand motor vehicles or parts thereof without securing a license as providing in section fifty-nine. This section shall apply to any person engaged in the business of conducting auctions for the sale of motor vehicles.

Section 58. Licenses granted under the following sections shall be classified as follows:

Class 1. Any person who is a recognized agent of a motor vehicle manufacturer or a seller of motor vehicles made by such manufacturer whose authority to sell the same is created by a written contract with such manufacturer or with some person authorized in writing by such manufacturer to enter into such contract, and whose principal business is the sale of new motor vehicles, the purchase and sale of second hand motor vehicles being incidental or secondary thereto, may be granted an agent's or a seller's license; provided, that with respect to second hand motor vehicles purchased for the purpose of sale or exchange and not taken in trade for new motor vehicles, such dealer shall be subject to all provisions of this chapter and of rules and regulations made in accordance therewith applicable to holders of licenses of Class 2

Class 2. A person whose principal business is the buying or selling of second hand motor vehicles may be granted a used dealer's license.

Class 3. A person whose principal business is the buying of second hand motor vehicles for the purpose of remodeling, taking apart or rebuilding and selling the same, or the buying or selling of parts of second hand motor vehicles or tires, or the assembling of second hand motor vehicle parts may be granted a motor vehicle junk license.

Section 59. The police commissioner in Boston and the licensing authorities in other cities and towns may grant licenses under this section which shall expire on January first following the date of issue unless sooner revoked. The fees for the licenses shall be fixed by the licensing board or officer, but in no event shall any such fee be greater than \$200. Application for license shall be made in such form as shall be approved by the registrar of motor vehicles, in sections fifty-nine to sixty-six, inclusive, called the registrar, and if the applicant has not held a license in the year prior to such application, such application shall be made in duplicate, which duplicate shall be filed with the registrar. No such license shall be granted unless the licensing board or officer is satisfied from an investigation of the facts stated in the application and any other information which they may require of the applicant, that he is a proper person to engage in the business specified in section fifty-eight in the classifications for which he has applied, that said business is or will be his principal business, and that he has available a place of business suitable for the purpose. The license shall specify all the premises to be occupied by the licensee for the purpose of carrying on the licensed business. Permits for a change of situation of the licensed premises or for additions thereto may be granted at any time by the licensing board or officer in writing, a copy of which shall be attached to the license. Cities and towns by ordinance or by-law may regulate the situation of the premises of licensees within class 3 as defined in section fifty-eight, and all licenses and permits issued hereunder to persons within said class 3 shall be subject to the provisions of ordinances and by-laws which are hereby authorized to be made. No original license or permit shall be issued hereunder to a person within said class 3 until after a hearing, of which seven days' notice shall have been given to the owners of the property abutting on the premises where such license or permit is proposed to be exercised. All licenses granted under this section shall be revoked by the licensing board or officer if it appears, after hearing, that the licensee is not complying with sections fifty-seven to sixty-nine, inclusive, or the rules and regulations made thereunder; and no new license shall be granted to such person thereafter, nor to any person for use on the same premises, without the approval of the registrar. The hearing may be dispensed with if the registrar notifies the licensing board or officer that a licensee is not so complying. Any person aggrieved by any action of the licensing board or officer refusing to grant, or revoking a license for any cause may, within ten days after such action, appeal therefrom to any justice of the superior court in the county in which the premises sought to be occupied under the license or permit applied for are located. The justice shall, after such notice to the parties as he deems reasonable, give a summary hearing on such appeal, and shall have jurisdiction in equity to review all questions of fact or law and may affirm or reverse the decision of the board or officer and may make any appropriate decree. The decision of the justice shall be final.



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN

APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE TO
REPAIR MOTOR VEHICLES

I, the undersigned, duly authorized by the concern herein mentioned, hereby apply for a license to repair motor vehicles or parts thereof in accordance with the Town of Fairhaven By-Law, Article 10, 1988, effective May 7, 1988.

Business Name: TAG FAIRHAVEN HOLDINGS LLC dba TASCA HYUNDAI FAIRHAVEN

Business address: 37 ALDEN RD FAIRHAVEN MA 02719

Business phone: 401-681-1300

Hours of business: 7-5

Manager: David J Tasca Jr

Requested number of "repair" vehicles:

Emergency Contact Person: David J Tasca Jr Phone: 401-523-7666

Complete appropriate section below:

****If an individual, state full name and residential address: include legal or mailing if either is different:**

Full name:

Residential address:

Mailing address:

****If a co-partnership, state full names and residential address (also legal and/or mailing addresses if appropriate) of the persons composing it:**

Full name: Full name:

Residential address: Residential address:

Mailing address: Mailing address:

****If an association or corporation, state full names and residential (also legal and/or mailing) addresses of principal officers:**

President: Robert F Tasca Jr 46 Highland Ave Jamestown RI 02835

Full name

Residence

Mailing

Vice Pres ~~Secretary~~ David J Tasca 155 Preservation Way S.Kingstown RI 02879 40 Sharpe Dr Cranston RI 02920

Treasurer Carl A Tasca 62 West Cove Dr N Kingstown RI 02852 40 Sharpe Dr Cranston RI 02920

Will you be engaging principally in the business of repairing motor vehicles? YES _____ NO ☒
If no, what is your principal business? Sale of new Hyundais
Do you hold any other relevant licenses issued by the Town of Fairhaven? YES _____ NO ☒
If yes, please describe what type of license(s)? _____

Has location been approved by: (answer yes/no/not applicable)

Building Department: _____

Fire Department: yes

Planning Board: _____

Board of Health: _____

Conservation Commission: _____

Do you plan to do any painting or body work on premises? YES _____ NO ☒

If yes, describe the area set aside for such activities and include provisions made for catching any fumes resulting from such activity and special fireproofing precautions: _____

Are you intending to service any unregistered vehicles? YES ☒ NO _____
If so, how many? 100-200

Have you ever had a motor vehicle repair license suspended or revoked by this board?
YES _____ NO ☒ If so, when? _____

For what reason? _____

Have you complied with MGL Chapter 152, Section 25A Workers Compensation Insurance as required?

YES ☒ NOT APPLICABLE _____

(Attach copy of Workers Compensation Policy Declaration Page)

Are all local real estate taxes and/or personal property taxes paid up to date?

YES ☒ NO _____ Reason: _____

Applicant(s) Signature(s) Chas

Applicant(s) Signature(s) Robert F. Tasca

Full name: ROBERT F TASCA JR

Full name: CARL A TASCA

Residential address: 46 HIGHLAND DR JAMESTOWN RI 02835

Residential address: 62 WEST COVE DR N KINGSTOWN RI 02852

Mailing address: 40 SHARPE DR CRANSTON RI 02920

Mailing address: 40 SHARPE DR CRANSTON RI 02920

Date of Birth: 10/16/51

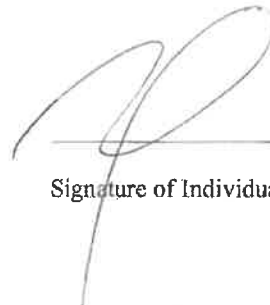
Date of Birth: 01/31/53

Are all local real estate taxes, excise taxes and/or personal property taxes paid up to date?
Yes, x No _____ Reason: _____

Pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 62C, sec. 49A, I certify under the penalties of perjury that I, to my best knowledge and belief, have filled all state tax returns and paid all state taxes required under law.

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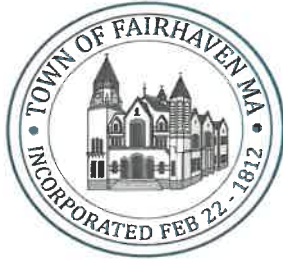
Social Security Number or Federal
Identification number.



Signature of Individual or Corporate Name

David J Tasca Jr, Vice President

Corporate Officer (if applicable)



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Sustainability Committee: Wendy Drumm

New submission from Volunteer Opportunities

1 message

Molly Turner Molly Turner <no-reply@jgpr.net>

Mon, Nov 10, 2025 at 10:08 PM

Reply-To: mollyturner13@yahoo.com

To: Selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov

Full Name

Molly Turner

Address

31 Manhattan Ave, Fairhaven

Email

mollyturner13@yahoo.com

Phone

(508) 942-8102

How long have you been a Fairhaven resident?

4 years

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

I am open to any boards or committees, but my main interest is the dog park study committee. I am a lifelong dog owner, and want to be able to have a dedicated safe space for dogs to get out and play.

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 have not

Interests and Qualifications.

I have been a dog owner (1 to 4 dogs at a time) for my entire life. I want to give back to my very dog-friendly neighborhood and to the rest of the townspeople to find a suitable location for a dog park.

Consent

 I agree to the privacy policy.

New submission from Volunteer Opportunities

1 message

Carolina Silva Martinez Carolina Silva Martinez <no-reply@jgpr.net>

Wed, Nov 19, 2025 at 9:32 PM

Reply-To: carolina.si.mez@gmail.com

To: Selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov

Full Name

Carolina Silva Martinez

Address

127 Sycamore Street Fairhaven, MA

Email

carolina.si.mez@gmail.com

Phone

(978) 879-3822

How long have you been a Fairhaven resident?

4 years

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

I am interested in joining the Dog Park Study Committee. Since the moment me and my husband moved to Fairhaven we have not stopped talking about the idea of having a dog park in our city. This project would serve the amazing group of dog owners that we have met in the area.

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.

- I am a Clinical Project Manager and have the experience and skillset to oversee different types of projects.
- I am currently enrolled in an MBA program and am gaining the knowledge necessary to understand the financial complexities of projects.
- I am a dog lover! :)

Consent

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New submission from Volunteer Opportunities

1 message

Brian Messier Brian Messier <no-reply@jgpr.net>

Mon, Nov 17, 2025 at 4:34 PM

Reply-To: firebpm@gmail.com

To: Selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov

Full Name

Brian Messier

Address

82 Pleasant St

Email

firebpm@gmail.com

Phone

(508) 889-4026

How long have you been a Fairhaven resident?

53 years

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

I am interested in taking the vacant Historical Commission spot. I have been watching Historical Commission meetings for several years now and I believe that I can bring some more to the table. I am particularly interested in ensuring that Fairhaven's military history and that of its veterans is documented and displayed appropriately for residents and visitors.

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

no boards, but the Atlas Tack Working Group.

Interests and Qualifications.

I have a deep interest in military history. I read books and research information on every military subject from the American Revolution to the most current conflicts around the world. I also am a "fire buff" and have been most of my adult life. I enjoy the history of fire apparatus and firefighting. I have a Bachelors degree in Fire Science from Perdue University Global.

Consent

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Douglas Brady

97 Pleasant Street
Fairhaven, MA 02719
(H) 508-991-8673
(C) 508-951-1379
(E-Mail) bradydoug@aol.com

November 18, 2025

Chair of the Select Board
Charles Murphy
Town Hall
40 Center Street
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Dear Mr. Murphy:

Please accept this as a letter of interest in requesting appointment as a full-time voting member to the Historical Commission. I have included the town form as well. This is an exciting opportunity for me to continue volunteering and give back to town.

I'm fully aware and able to commit the necessary time required to serve on this commission.

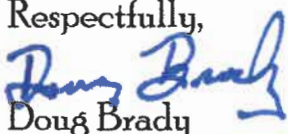
I am currently serving on the Rogers Reuse Committee, the Fairhaven Bell Committee, which will be concluding its task and charge soon, and the Atlas Tack Working Group, which is also expected to be completing the task and charge in a foreseeable future.

At your earliest convenience, I look forward to an opportunity discuss my application with the Select Board. I believe my qualifications, relative work experience and attendance will be an attribute to the team of the Historical Commission.

I can be reached thru the above contact information.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,


Doug Brady

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Full Name

Douglas Brady

Address

97 Pleasant Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719

Email

Bradydoug@aol.com

Phone

508-951-1379

How long have you been a Fairhaven resident?

27 years

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

Historical Commission- full time voting member.

This is an exciting opportunity for myself to volunteer and give back to the town. Dedication to our towns history and being part of a team to assist in ensuring the goals of the commission.

Have you attended a meeting of this Board or Committee?

Yes, in providing updates on the 1796 Paul Revere Bell, Rogers National Registry listing and many other various meetings in person and via zoom.

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

Rogers- Reuse Committee – Vice Chair 11 years, Fairhaven Bell Committee – Chair 7 Years, Atlas Tack Working Group. Attendance is one of my top factors and priorities.

Interests and Qualifications (tell us about yourself)

The Rogers Grammar School property: assisted working on the writing of the application for the process in listing the property on the National Registry of Historic Places, thus saving over \$13,000 to the town in application costs. The Rogers Grammar School was accepted for listing on the federal historic registry. Responsible for the fact-finding research into the history of the (then) Oxford School Bell and confirming thru historical timeline, papers and correspondence the bell was indeed a genuine 1796 Paul Revere Bell a town historic treasure. Worked with an extremely talented and dedicated team of town volunteers for removal of the bell from the Oxford cupola before the sale of the Oxford school to ensure this historic treasure remained in the possession of the town for future generations to enjoy viewing. (Placement pending due to retaining wall repair) Graduate of Northeastern University, Boston, Bachelor of Science. Over 35 years of executive and financial operations management. Focus on creating a teamwork environment to reach the goals of the commission.

Consent

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New submission from Volunteer Opportunities

1 message

wendy drumm wendy drumm <no-reply@jgpr.net>

Mon, Nov 24, 2025 at 12:24 PM

Reply-To: wdrumm75@gmail.com

To: Selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov

Full Name

wendy drumm

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Email

wdrumm75@gmail.com

Phone

(401) 787-3530

How long have you been a Fairhaven resident?

10 years

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

"Returning" as Vice Chairman of Sustainability . I have been a long time member—and have led and participated in Sustainability projects that range from Save Our Shore Birds to Halloween event for kids to plastic ban, etc....great for Fairhaven

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

Sustainability Vice Chairman (7 years)
Conservation Vice Chairman (starting on 2 years)
Cultural (2 years)

PS Former President of the Millicent Library Friends: raised funds to create new technology wing for public use

Interests and Qualifications.

I long to participate in ways that that reflect my deep interest in cohabiting with our natural environment. I have completed the Mass Conservation Commission courses. My former corporate life points me to look for a win-win for town and nature. For example (using a Cornell Study) we know where a house being built vs wetlands , or in a risky coastal area, will in result in loss of property and seriously negatively affect the property tax income to Fairhaven in years ahead. Today's bylaws are designed not just for the here and now, but for the future. Thank you for your attention. Wendy Drumm

Consent

 I agree to the privacy policy.



Monday, December 1, 2025

ACTION / DISCUSSION

1. Consider Proposal for the Establishment of a Full-Time, Embedded Mental Health Clinician
2. Review Recommendations for 2026 Select Board Meetings
3. Consider a Policy for Select Board Agenda Deadlines

Calendar for Year 2026 (United States)

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Jan 1 • New Year's Day
Jan 19 • Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Feb 14 • Valentine's Day
Feb 16 • Presidents' Day
Mar 17 • St. Patrick's Day
Apr 5 • Easter Sunday
Apr 6 • Easter Monday

Apr 15 • Tax Day
May 5 • Cinco de Mayo
May 10 • Mother's Day
May 25 • Memorial Day
Jun 14 • Flag Day
Jun 19 • Juneteenth
Jun 21 • Father's Day

Jul 3 • 'Independence Day' day off
Jul 4 • Independence Day
Sep 7 • Labor Day
Oct 12 • Columbus Day
Oct 31 • Halloween
Nov 3 • Election Day
Nov 11 • Veterans Day

Nov 26 • Thanksgiving Day
Nov 27 • Black Friday
Dec 24 • Christmas Eve
Dec 25 • Christmas Day
Dec 31 • New Year's Eve



Fairhaven Select Board 2026 Meeting Schedule with deadlines

MEETING DATE	REQUEST AND SUPPORTING MATERIALS TO THE EXEC. ASST. (the Monday prior to the meeting*) *if holiday-the business day prior)	AGENDA POSTING DATE
January 12, 2026	January 5, 2026	January 8, 2026
January 26, 2026	January 16, 2026	January 22, 2026
February 9, 2026	February 2, 2026	February 5, 2026
February 23, 2026	February 13, 2026	February 19, 2026
March 9, 2026	March 2, 2026	March 5, 2026
March 23, 2026	March 16, 2026	March 19, 2026
April 13, 2026	April 6, 2026	April 9, 2026
April 27, 2026	April 17, 2026	April 23, 2026
May 11, 2026	May 4, 2026	May 7, 2026
May 26, 2026	May 18, 2026	May 21, 2026
June 8, 2026	June 1, 2026	June 4, 2026
June 22, 2026	June 15, 2026	June 17, 2026
July 13, 2026	July 6, 2026	July 9, 2026
July 27, 2026	July 20, 2026	July 23, 2026
August 10, 2026	August 3, 2026	August 6, 2026
August 24, 2026	August 17, 2026	August 20, 2026
September 14, 2026	September 4, 2026	September 10, 2026
September 28, 2026	September 21, 2026	September 24, 2026
October 13, 2026	October 5, 2026	October 8, 2026
October 26, 2026	October 19, 2026	October 22, 2026
November 9, 2026	November 2, 2026	November 5, 2026
November 23, 2026	November 16, 2026	November 19, 2026
December 7, 2026	November 30, 2026	December 3, 2026
December 21, 2026	December 14, 2026	December 17, 2026
		proposed 12/1/2025

*Select Board meetings are the 2nd and 4th Monday monthly (Tuesday if Monday is a holiday)

*Agenda item requests should be sent to the Town Administrator and Exec. Asst. for review and approval the Monday prior to the meeting date (if the deadline is a holiday, due the business day prior)

Complete packet document(s) for approved items should be sent with the request for the agenda item

--Dates are subject to change or items moved to alternate meeting dates at the discretion of the TA / Chair

--Any exceptions should be approved through the Town Administrator and Select Board Chair



Monday, December 1, 2025

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT



Monday, December 1, 2025

MINUTES

1. Accept the Select Board Open Session minutes of November 24, 2025
2. Accept the Select Board Executive Session minutes of November 24, 2025
3. Amend the Select Board Executive Session minutes of September 30, 2025



FAIRHAVEN SELECT BOARD

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Meeting Minutes November 24, 2025

Present: Charles Murphy Sr., Andrew Romano, Natalie A. Mello, Keith Silvia, Andrew B. Saunders and Keith R. Hickey

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

A moment of silence was observed to reflect on Thanksgiving blessings, remember those lost or who may be facing hardships and to give thanks for the community.

Mr. Murphy congratulated the Fairhaven High School Blue Devils on going to the Super Bowl for a third year in a row.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tara Dwelly of John Street addressed the Board with a statement about the constructive approval, failure of elected officials, the importance of being involved in Town affairs and asked for an external investigation regarding the constructive approval of the Timothy/Hiller subdivision.

Kevin Grant of Fort Street addressed the Board as a resident and not as a Planning Board member. He asked for an external, third-party investigation of the Timothy/Hiller subdivision and said the cost to investigate is dwarfed by the potential cost of litigation and people deserve answers.

Jennifer Carter of Paul Street addressed the Board; she is a direct abutter and has many questions on the matter. She is very proud of her neighborhood and asked the Board to vote for an external investigation. Never in the Town's history has a constructive approval happened and it should be investigated.

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to take item C3 out of order. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

ACTION/DISCUSSION

Consider Conducting an Investigation for the Failure of the Town to Act on the Timothy-Hiller Subdivision Plans Resulting in a "Constructive Approval"

Mr. Hickey addressed the Board regarding the constructive approval of the Timothy-Hiller Subdivision and apologized for Town staff not bringing this project forward. He has met and spoken with abutters and residents to understand the concerns. Processes have been put in place to prevent something like this from happening in the future. In meeting with the developer, their attorney and Town Counsel, the developer has agreed to additional terms and compliance with as many bylaws as possible.

Mr. Hickey said the Public Works Superintendent has also reviewed concerns about smells from the Wastewater Treatment facility and advised that the smells are due, in part, to the plant upgrade and anticipates a significant decrease by July of 2026 as the work progresses.

Discussion ensued as to how to proceed on the matter, potential outcomes and how the results would be handled, releasing a redacted report, whether action could be taken with elected officials, transparency in any investigation, concerns on future budget deficits of one and a half to four million dollars, Mr. Hickey's time will be focused on the budget and concerns on the overall cost and timeline of an investigation. The Board's consensus was for an external investigation, estimated costs are between six and ten thousand dollars. Mr. Hickey recommended Town Counsel not be involved in selecting an investigator and will report back an estimated timeline.

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to request the Town Administrator contract to have an external investigation conducted with different outside counsel to determine the sequence of events that occurred from the date the Timothy-Hiller subdivision plans were accepted by the Town of Fairhaven to the date when the plans received

constructive approval due to a Planning Board decision not being made. Ms. Mello seconded.

Bob Espindola of John Street asked the Board to consider not limiting the start date in their motion. Mr. Hickey suggested a revision to the motion. Mr. Saunders rescinded his motion and Ms. Mello rescinded her second.

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to request the Town Administrator contract to have an external investigation conducted with different outside counsel to determine the sequence of events that occurred from on or before the date the Timothy-Hiller subdivision plans were accepted by the Town of Fairhaven to the date when the plans received constructive approval due to a Planning Board decision not being made. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

APPOINTMENTS AND COMMUNITY ITEMS

Assessors: Tax Rate Presentation and Set Rate

Mr. Hickey reviewed the 2026 Tax Rate Presentation prepared by former Assessor Joanne Correia (*Attachment A*). The Board asked clarifying questions about the rate, calculation, proposition two-and-a-half constraints, the average increase residents would see, comparison to the 2025 rate (*Attachment B*), how the Board has voted in the past on the residential exemption and small business exemption.

Discussion ensued about the residential tax shift and that “savings” (slide 3 of *Attachment A*) means a portion is shifted to the commercial rate. Massachusetts’ towns’ revenue sources like the Cherry sheets are not being given to municipalities at the same proportion and asking the state to use the rainy-day fund interest to help towns because shortfalls will result in cuts to staff, teachers and services.

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to adopt the shift of 1.75 resulting in a residential factor of 88.38 for 2026. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Mr. Murphy confirmed the Board would not adopt a residential exemption or small business exemption and no votes were taken on them.

ACTION/DISCUSSION

Consider Member Removal Request: Sustainability Committee: Susan Spooner

Mr. Romano explained the request to remove a member from the Sustainability Committee.

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to remove Susan Spooner from the Sustainability Committee. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Consider Appointing a Select Board Representative for a Hiring Panel for Principal Assessor and Planner

Mr. Hickey advised the Board that he is seeking a member or two members to participate in an interview committee for the positions of Principal Assessor and Planner. He clarified it can be one member for both or one for each depending on the Board. Brief discussion ensued about interest.

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to appoint Andrew Romano as Select Board Representative to the interview committee for Principal Assessor. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to appoint Natalie Mello as Select Board Representative to the interview committee for Planner. Mr. Romano seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Mr. Romano asked if both positions had been advertised and if Land Use Director was changing back to a Planner and Conservation Agent. Mr. Hickey will confirm the job postings and said the Conservation Coordinator is looking at budget impacts of completing training to step into the Conservation Agent role. Mr. Hickey will send the Board the salary and job description changes.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Hickey reviewed his report (*Attachment C*). The department deadline for submitting Capital Improvement

Plan requests was extended to allow departments to include additional details.

Mr. Romano reminded the Board that he had asked for a follow-up on solar at a previous meeting as a alternative to the wind turbines and advised the Board he would like to attend future Kearsarge Solar meetings with the Town Administrator. Mr. Murphy said the Board did not appear to object but could not vote on this tonight.

Mr. Hickey added that he has asked the Building Commissioner to review his report on the decision and justification of the request from Fairhaven Wind with Town Counsel and confirm next steps.

Mr. Hickey read a memo from Discover Fairhaven about the upcoming Olde-Tyme Holiday on December 13, 2025 (*Attachment D*). He added that he will be in Foxboro to see the Fairhaven Football Team in the Super Bowl.

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS / COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Saunders had no meetings to report on

Ms. Mello had no meetings to report on.

- Shout-out to all those who participated in the recent Veterans Day events, activities, the parade and for the opportunity to speak.

Mr. Murphy reported:

- Thank you to Ms. Mello for her heartfelt words on Veterans Day and gave Mr. Hickey a proclamation from the governor for Veterans Day.
- Lagoa Friendship Pact Committee met at the same time as the Board, no report
- The Sister City Committee met to debrief about the Manjiro Festival and protocol for future events.
- He reminded everyone that there are many events for Thanksgiving like the Turkey Trot and Fairhaven vs. Dartmouth football game. There are also meals available for free and a place to go, check resources if you need a place to go for a meal.

Mr. Romano reported:

- Thank you to Chief Correia and Harbormaster Cox for the blessing of the new boat today and thanks to the County Commissioners.
- Sustainability met, anyone with a pumpkin to get rid of can take it to any of the community gardens at the schools to be composted. They are looking into an “adopt-a-drain” program to help with unclogging the sewer drains.
- SRPEDD will meet in December
- The Friends of Jack Foundation raises money for Children’s Hospitals and has an annual red tutu challenge and asked the Board and TA to participate at the next meeting.

Mr. Silvia reported:

- The Commission on Disability met and volunteer Christin Ritz offered to create a native garden that is accessible.

MINUTES

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to accept the Open Session minutes of November 10 and 19, 2025. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Ms. Mello asked for an additional correction to the September 30, 2025 minutes as she was not in attendance. The office will review the minutes and this item was tabled until the December 1, 2025 meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Blog Post: Frank Haggerty: Massachusetts Wind Turbines: Harbingers of Death

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 meeting will be on Monday, December 1, 2025 at 6:00pm.
- Mr. Murphy thanked residents, volunteers, and staff who work every day to strengthen the community and for their engagement, kindness, and commitment to the Town. He wished everyone a safe, peaceful, and happy Thanksgiving.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to enter Executive Session pursuant to Open Meeting Law (Chapter 30A Section 21 (a)(3)) - To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares – Police Union; AND pursuant to Open Meeting Law (Chapter 30A Section 21 (a)(3)) - To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares – American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) 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 7:42pm

ATTACHMENTS

- A. 2026 Tax Rate Presentation
- B. Tax Rate Comparison Grid
- C. Town Administrator Report
- D. Discover Fairhaven Olde-Tyme Holiday Memo
- E. Correspondence: Blog Post: Frank Haggerty: Massachusetts Wind Turbines: Harbingers of Death

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

Accepted on __, 2025



FAIRHAVEN SELECT BOARD

Meeting Minutes September 30, 2025

Present: Charles Murphy Sr., Andrew Romano, Andrew B. Saunders, Keith R. Hickey and Anne Carreiro

Not Present: Natalie A. Mello and Keith Silvia

Mr. Murphy opened the Select Board meeting at 11:03am

Mr. Murphy explained that this emergency meeting was called due to the expiration of the current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the interim positions of Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer/Collector today. This will ensure continuity for the Town by authorizing the Town Administrator (TA) as Temporary Treasurer until further extension of the two interim positions can be negotiated.

ACTION/DISCUSSION

Authorize Town Administrator as Temporary Treasurer for the Town

Mr. Hickey addressed the Board about the existing MOU between the Town and American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) for an Interim Treasurer and Interim Assistant Treasurer/Collector. Labor Counsel recommended the Select Board appoint the TA as the Temporary Treasurer to ensure that business continues until a meeting with AFSCME can be held to extend the MOU beyond September 30, 2025.

Mr. Hickey added that the emergency meeting was needed because not all parties are available to discuss the agreement and appointing the TA as the Temporary Treasurer ensures that there is someone authorized to sign paychecks and bills payable for the Town until a new agreement is signed. The existing agreement was entered into from July 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025 until a new Town Administrator was in place to review and negotiate with AFSCME. Mr. Hickey's first day was yesterday.

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned Pursuant to G.L. c. 41, § 40, which authorizes the Select Board to appoint a temporary Town Treasurer in the event of a vacancy, and pursuant to Section 2 (aa) of the Town Administrator Act, which authorizes the Town Administrator to perform any other duties or tasks assigned by the Select Board, the Board hereby appoints Town Administrator Keith Hickey to the position of Temporary Treasurer, to serve until a successor temporary or permanent Treasurer is appointed by the Select Board. Mr. Romano seconded. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to enter into Executive Session Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(3) To discuss strategy with respect to litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares (Civil Service) and Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to potential litigation where the chair declares that an open session would have a detrimental effect on the Town's litigating position (Atlas Taek) 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 (AFSCME) and not to return to open session. Ms. Mello Mr. Romano seconded. Roll Call Vote. Mr. Saunders, Ms. Mello, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Romano and Mr. Silvia in favor. Mr. Saunders, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Romano in favor. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 11:10am

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

Accepted on October 14, 2025

Amended (as shown in strikethrough and highlighted portion); Accepted on _



Monday, December 1, 2025

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Email: Michelle Costen: Ref-11/24-25 SB meeting

Ref-11/24/25 SB meeting

Michelle Costen <michcosten@gmail.com>

Tue, Nov 25, 2025 at 12:15 AM

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

To The Selectboard,

I was not able to attend the SB meeting on 11/24/25

But I fully supported an investigation into what exactly happened, behind Timothy Street. And I truly appreciate that the SB voted yes to an investigation.

I have a very dear friend who lives on Timothy Street, and I know firsthand what this has done to her and her family. It devastated them.

The 11 acres including a 2 acre wet drainage area that was dug up and chopped down, took all the people on Timothy Street by surprise. None of the people on Timothy Street received a notice in the mail, which is a Massachusetts law that we used to respect and follow.

Truth be told, There are a number of laws that have been broken in this situation, and in many other situations here in Fairhaven, over the last few years, especially.

It appears that breaking the law or ignoring them has become the new normal. And public trust has been lost.

But hopefully with the new TA and TH officials stepping up to do the right thing, will help turn things around here in Fairhaven. And get us back in the right direction.

We are in a deficit, high heating & water bills, the highest we've ever seen. And endless tax increases. Not to mention our community preservation funds being misappropriated, and the highest percentages being sent off to private entities, instead of being used for our community & modest housing needs over the past 8 years.

I was told by a town official that the state of Massachusetts is behind all this over development in dense inappropriate areas. And if that's true, then I think we need to get the Federal government involved, too.

I was also told that we're doing all this developing in the name of housing, but are we really?

When we are developing and bulldozing property that is not prime for housing development, while causing an absolute nightmare for our long standing residents, all in the name of providing homes that will be sold for \$750,000 and up, you can bet you're not doing our community any real favors, because most of the people here in Fairhaven can't afford a house at that price.

So we wreck the lives of the people who have been here for many years, steal their peace, while bringing a new people that can afford those kind of homes, instead of providing 'Affordable homes' in the appropriate areas, for the modest income earners, who offer vital services to our community, and who make up the majority of Fairhaven residents.

Sometimes aiming for profit rather than a healthy cash flow can become a terrible detriment, and end up backfiring as it has, as we see in our town's financial shortages. Robbing Peter to pay Paul.

Residents have witnessed this livable community idea being pushed onto us by the state, but all we have seen is high priced homes and the highest rents we've ever witnessed in our lifetime. Who do they think they're kidding?

Someone needs to step up, a few of our town officials need to step up, and say enough is enough.

There was a \$5 billion dollar housing plan that was passed in August 2024, but no one has witnessed any modest affordable homes being built with that money.

There were supposed to be incentives given to developers to build affordable modest homes, has anyone looked into it?

And what about the USDA, from what it appears now, we don't qualify for rural development modest home building, but we could, we just need to approach them.

CPA funds, they can also be used to help our modest housing needs.

And we need to get a real cap on our housing inventory that we already have in stock, and make sure that all these ADU's are not being used strictly for STR profits, because that would be against the bylaws. We have not been following STR bylaws, and we are over our cap amount of 120- That alone has used up much of our housing inventory, and grossly de-stabilized our housing prices. And priced out our hard working modest income earners from buying a home and having a chance to grow their own equity.

We need to keep doing the right thing, and we need to move forward and get on the right track, we can do it if we stay honest and don't get greedy.

Putting people before profit can create unexpected miracles. Fairhaven has always been a gem of a town. It was never meant to be an overpopulated city, and we still have rural areas/land that we can look into for more home building opportunities.

Thank you again so much, for voting yes at tonight's meeting about having an investigation, and making sure that these people on Timothy Street, who have been so violated, have a fair recompense for their suffering.

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