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TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN, MASSACHUSETTS
PLANNING BOARD

Town Hall - 40 Center Street - Fairhaven, MA 02719

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at

6:30 PM Held both at Town Hall &

Remotely via Zoom

1. GENERAL BUSINESS:

a. Welcome and Media Notification:

Chair, Ms. Jessica Fidalgo, opened the meeting at 6:32pm and welcomed all. Ms. Fidalgo read the open meeting law protocols and procedures.

b. Pledge of Allegiance:

The Board stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

c. Quorum/Attendance:

Present: Jessica Fidalgo, Miles Grant, Sharon Simmons, Patrick Carr, Kevin Grant, & Sean Powers.

Absent: Ruy DaSilva

Ms. Hailey Hemingway, the Recording Secretary, was present at the Town Hall.

d. Correspondence:

Ms. Fidalgo noted there was no correspondence received.

e. Thank you to past Board Member:

Ms. Fidalgo noted Ms. Diane Tomassetti resigned from the Board.

The Board thanked Ms. Tomassetti for her time on the Planning Board.

f. Board Reorganization:

The Board discussed concerns with holding the Board Reorganization at this meeting when Mr. DaSilva is not present and a Board member position being open.

Motion to continue the Board Reorganization item to the next Board meeting on November 10, 2025 made by Ms. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Carr. Motion passed (5-1).

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

a. Meeting with Town Counsel 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)(discuss priviledged written legal opinion regarding Hiller Timothy Subdivision):

Motion to enter executive session made by Mr. Kevin Grant, seconded by Ms. Simmons. Motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Motion to adjourn executive session made by Mr. Kevin Grant, seconded by Ms. Fidalgo. Motion passed unanimously (6-0).

3. PUBLIC HEARING:

a. SD25-02 at 0 Duchaine Street- Potential Properties, LLC. Proposes to subdivide the property to create 2 building lots by creating the legal frontage along the street with a construction of

a 20-foot-wide gravel roadway and hammerhead turn around. The property is located at 0 Duchaine Street Map 34A Lot #38:

Ms. Fidalgo opened the public hearing at 8:23pm.

Mr. Dave Davignon, Engineer from Schneider, Davignon, and Leone, was present at the meeting to speak to the Board and discuss the plans.

Mr. Davignon noted Duchaine Street is a paper street.

Mr. Davignon confirmed that he received the staff report from Mr. Bruce Webb today. Mr. Davignon noted there were no concerns from the Fire Department and from the Board of Public Works.

The Board raised concerns with the apron size, bringing gravel onto Route 6, snow plowing, and drainage issues.

Mr. Davignon mentioned the street opening permit with Mass DEP has been applied for.

Mr. Powers questioned if one side of the street can be sidewalk. Mr. Davignon confirmed that it can be added. The Board spoke favorably about sidewalk being added.

Mr. Jake Fleurent, from 4 Jeannette Street, spoke to the Board to address concerns regarding gravel being used on this property. Mr. Fleurent noted in the past gravel was not accepted on this road. The Board requested documentation noting that gravel was not allowed. Mr. Fleurent confirmed he would send in that information.

Mr. Jaymeson Landreville, from 376 Huttleston Avenue, spoke to the Board regarding concerns with drainage issues in that area and possible run off onto his property.

Mr. Davignon noted that the leeching and drainage proposed will help the area. Ms. Fidalgo noted that when the Stormwater Authority does the review, the Town will look to confirm that everything proposed will help the drainage for the area.

Ms. Fidalgo suggested continuing this agenda item for after the Stormwater Authority conducts a stormwater review.

Motion to continue this Public hearing for SD25-02 at 0 Duchaine Street to the next Board meeting on November 18, 2025 made by Mr. Carr, seconded by Mr. Kevin Grant. Motion passed unanimously (6-0).

4. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Updates to draft planning zoning bylaw from Ted Brovitz:

Ms. Fidalgo noted Mr. Bruce Webb received an email from Mr. Brovitz with updated plans.

b. Updates from Committee Liaisons:

Mr. Carr noted Rogers School Committee had a meeting but there is no info to be shared at this time.

Ms. Simmons noted there has been no meeting for the Town Meeting Committee.

Ms. Fidalgo noted at the SRPEDD meeting there was information shared she will present at a following meeting.

Mr. Powers noted at the Community Preservation Committee meeting they reviewed applications.

Mr. Miles Grant noted at the Economic Development Committee meeting there was discussion about making a report of Town Owned Vacant Lots.

Mr. Miles Grant noted at the Livable Streets Committee meeting there was discussion regarding funds received to pave the bike path and improvements to the crossings.

5. LONG RANGE PLANNING:

a. Update from Planner:

Mr. Bruce Webb was not present at this meeting.

Ms. Fidalgo noted Mr. Webb's last day is on Friday, October 31, 2025.

Ms. Fidalgo mentioned she has a meeting with Mr. Webb on Thursday, October 30, 2025 to get the status on plans and projects before Mr. Webb leaves. Ms. Fidalgo noted Mr. Keith Hickey, the Town Administrator, will be assisting.

Ms. Fidalgo noted at the Select Board meeting Mr. Keith Hickey noted he is going to create a Committee for hiring the Town Planner.

- b. Any other business that may properly come before the Board, not reasonably anticipated when posting 48 hours prior to this meeting:

Ms. Fidalgo noted the Select Board scheduled a meeting to appoint a member for the Planning Board on November 10, 2025.

6. **NEXT MEETING:**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 18, 2025.

7. **ADJOURN:**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting is adjourned.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Kevin Grant, seconded by Ms. Simmons. Motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Hailey Anne Hemingway

Minutes approved at Board Meeting on November 18, 2025