



## FAIRHAVEN PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX AGENDA

*Tuesday - July 29, 2025 - 3:00 P.M.*

*Town Hall – 40 Center Street – Fairhaven*

FAIRHAVEN TOWN CLERK

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### **Fairhaven Public Safety Complex Committee – Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** June 29, 2025

**Location:** Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA  
Virtual/Zoom & Government Access Channel Recording

**Time:** 3:00 – 4:28 PM

**Attendance:** Todd Correia (Fire Chief), Daniel Dorgan (Police Chief), Kevin Gonsalves (Fire Union), Jerome Penha (Police Union), Steve Riley (Finance Committee), Andrew Saunders (Selectboard), Bob Grindrod (Finance Committee), Kenny Paulino (At Large), Richard Forand (Building Commissioner), Bruce Webb (Planning/Conservation), Keith Silvia (Selectboard), Marc Jodoin (At Large)

**Absent:** Seth Baumgartner (At Large)

### **Call to Order at 15:00 - Chief Todd Correia**

#### **1. Committee Reorganization**

- **Chairperson Nomination:** Chief Todd Correia, nominated by Steve Riley, seconded by Marc Jodoin; elected unanimously.
- **Vice Chairperson Nomination:** Chief Dorgan, nominated by Marc Jodoin, seconded by Kevin Gonsalves; elected unanimously.

**Recording Secretary/Clerk:** Chief Correia will temporarily assume responsibilities until additional members step up.

- Discussion on whether

#### **2. Action and Discussion**

##### **a. Purpose of Meeting - Chief Correia**

- i. The chair explains that the purpose of the meeting is to bring the committee up to speed on the progress and information obtained over the past seven years. The information is the same that has been presented to both the finance committee and selectboard over the past 8 years.
- ii. The chair also explains that a shared Google Drive is available for members to review, including the HKT report. Additionally, the website is now live, and documents will be uploaded shortly.

##### **b. HKT Architects Report (2018) Chief Correia/Chief Dorgan**

- i. Explained that Mark Rees hired HKT arketics to review all town buildings. HKT's recommendation is as follows:
  1. Public Safety Complex
  2. School Administration Center
  3. Senior Recreational Center
  4. Town Hall Exterior
  5. Leroy Wood / East Fairhaven
  6. School Administration Center
  7. Senior & Recreation Center

8. Town Hall exterior renovations
9. Leroy Wood & East Fairhaven Schools
10. BPW projects
11. Middle School
12. Fairhaven High School
13. Millicent Libarry

Mr Sauders questions how this list was prioritized. Chief Correia explains does not know that HKT should be brought back to explain any questions that are related to the report.

Mr Riley asks if any other projects have been completed on this list. It is explained that we do not know.

Mr. Paulino asks about the increased staffing currently in the building.

- ii. Chief Correia and Chief Dorgan go over the PowerPoint regarding the HKT report. They explain that both are in need of space and infrastructure to meet future needs.

iii. **Facility Needs & Historical Context**

1. Prior Expansion/Renovation Attempts:
2. Discussion on the existing site and issues. In-depth discussion on fire and police needs and issues. Additionally, a discussion on the EM building and its needs.
3. Discussion on regionalization and how that impacts my needs.
4. Discussion on leasing property versus buying property.
5. Discussion on facility needs, including a 47000 sqft area.
6. Discussion on a joint center and preference to stay together. However, both the Chiefs agree that whatever the committee decides would be accepted.
7. Discussion on new location and needs to be within 1 mile of Rte 6 and Sconticut Neck Rd.
8. Discussion on grants and solely being used for public safety.
9. Discussion on GB Knowles' site and failure of negotiations back in 2019. Discussion on Other sites explored: Landfill property (\$5–10M mitigation), commercial/industrial lots (\$1M buyouts). area around wind turbines. Discussion on the existing site and the need for more land in order to modernize. Discussion on the drive-in property and previous negotiations, and tie into the Seaport Inn property.
10. Discussion on conceptual layouts.
11. Discussion on finances and the Sewer Plant, and how this will tie into taxpayers.
12. Steve Riley discusses 2023 numbers on public safety, Dedham 84000 sq/ft - \$55 million, Ashland 42000 sq/ft - \$31 million, Hingham 49000 sq/ft - \$47000 million. Steve Riley states that if our building were built in 2023, it would be estimated to be 35 million. Estimating a 30% increase for today's number. Discussed his history in building and electrical, and how the specialties drive the cost.
13. Discussion on the Drive-in property. Talk about how a realtor has contacted the Fire Chief and is looking to negotiate with the Town.

**3. Meeting Frequency:**

- a. Talked about starting monthly on the second Tuesday of September. Around 4:30 in the afternoon

**4. Future Meeting Agendas:**

- i. Mr. Silvia talked about inviting the Harbormaster to the meeting. Chief Dorgan talked about how the Harbormaster may fall under the police department.
- ii. Mr. Saunders wants to invite the Town Accountant to the meeting to see if the Town can afford it. Discussion regarding affording the building.
- iii. HKT will be invited to the meeting to explain to HKT.
- iv. Another discussion on leasing property.
- v. Mr. Grindrod wants to ensure that we are not tied to HKT architecture and leave options open.

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