

PROJECT APPLICATION FORM – FY27

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Applicant's Address, Phone Number and Email **Purpose: (Please select all that apply)**

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Open Space

Community Housing

Historic Preservation

Recreation

Town Committee (if applicable) or other sponsoring organization: Fairhaven Improvement Association

Project Name: Millicent Library Sidewalk Lighting Enhancement Project

Project Location/Address: Public sidewalks adjacent to Millicent Library 45 Center Street

Amount Requested: \$ 25,000

Project Summary: In the space below, or attached sheets if necessary, provide a detailed summary of the project citing the elements of the Guidelines for Submission and Review and Recommendation Criteria found in the Application Guidelines.

The Fairhaven Improvement Association respectfully submits this proposal for funding to install architecturally appropriate, energy-efficient street lamps along the public sidewalks that surround the Millicent Library. These sidewalks are among the most heavily used pedestrian corridors in Fairhaven's historic center, particularly during the Summer Concert Series and other community gatherings on the library lawn. At present, the lack of adequate evening lighting creates safety concerns, discourages use of these public ways after dark, and diminishes accessibility for older residents and individuals with limited mobility.

This project directly advances the Community Preservation Act's Open Space/Recreation goals by enhancing safe and year-round access to public ways and complements the architectural integrity of the Millicent Library and the surrounding historic district. It is fully consistent with the CPC's Guidelines for Submission, providing a clear project description, timeline, budget, and maintenance plan, as well as demonstrated support from municipal boards and community stakeholders. In alignment with the CPC's Review and Recommendation Criteria, the proposal is (1) eligible and feasible, (2) ripe in timing with design and community support in place, (3) sustainable through the use of energy-efficient fixtures and a defined maintenance partnership with the Town, and (4) highly beneficial to the community, improving pedestrian safety, accessibility, and enjoyment of a central cultural space.

***See Attachment for additional project information, scope and estimated cost.

Estimated Date for Commencement of Project: Spring 2026

Estimated Date for Completion of Project: Late Fall 2026

General Criteria for All Projects – Check off and Address each criterion as it applies:

- Is the project consistent with the goals of the Town of Fairhaven *Community Preservation Plan*?
Yes
- Does the project have other sources of funding? If so, indicate percentage. *Yes, we have collected private donations. Private donations will fund >50% of the project.*
- Does the project leverage additional or multiple sources of public and/or private funding? *Private. We have collected private donations from multiple individuals in town wishing to support the project.*
- Does the project preserve a threatened resource? *No*
- Is the project consistent with existing Planning Documents such as the Master Plan and Open Space Plan? *No*
- Does the project comply with the zoning regulations? *Yes*
- Does the project have a means of support for maintenance and upkeep, such as a defined maintenance plan? *The lamp poles would become property of the Town of Fairhaven and maintained by the Town.*
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- Does the project involve currently owned municipal assets? *Yes. The street lamps would be installed on public walkways. Town would assume responsibility of electrify to run the lamps.*
- Does the project serve underserved populations or address more than one focus area of the CPA? *Yes. This project addresses both open space & recreation.*
- Does the project reclaim abandoned or previously developed lands? *No*
- Does the project require a Special Permit, NOI, Building Permit or other permitting? Please list all local and State permits you are aware of that the project will need? *Yes, electrical permit*
- Does the project have community support? *Yes. We have successfully completed a project that mirrors this around the sidewalks adjacent to Town Hall.*
- Does the project have sufficient supporting documentation? *Yes*
- Does the project provide a positive impact to the community? *The Millicent Library lawn is a central gathering space in Fairhaven, especially during the summer concert series which attracts hundreds of attendees. Improved lighting will allow for safer and more welcoming use of the*

grounds during evening programs, while also enhancing the appearance of the downtown village area. The project aligns with CPC goals of supporting recreation, open space, and preservation of community character.

- Has the applicant/ team demonstrated the ability and competency to implement the project as proposed? *The team has successfully planned and implemented a project that mirrors this proposal around the Town Hall.*
- Does the applicant have site control, or the written consent by the property owner to submit an application? *Yes, SelectBoard, DPW, Millicent Library Board of Trustees and FIA.*

Historic Preservation Selection Criteria - Check off and Address each criterion as it applies:

- Is the building on the National or State Register of Historic Places?
- Is the property eligible for listing on the National or State Register of Historic Places?
- Has the property been included in the local Survey of Historic Properties (MACRIS)?
- Is the property in danger of being demolished?
- Are there potential archeological artifacts at the site?
- Did the property ever play a documented role in the history or is it noted in published histories of the Town?
- Are there any particularly important historic aspects about the property?
- Are there other potential uses for the property, which could benefit the Town?
- Could the building be converted for affordable housing use while still retaining its historic character?
- Is the owner interested in preserving the historic integrity of the property?
- Does the proposal conform to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties? Has previous work on the building conformed to the Standards?
- Was the structure built before 1921? Has it otherwise been identified as being historic or have cultural value?

Recreation Criteria - Check off and Address each criterion as it applies:

- Will more than one age group use the project? *Yes, outdoor space can be enjoyed by all.*
- Can the project be used by more than one activity (multi-use)? *Yes, the area around Millicent Library is open space for all to use.*
- How many participants will normally use the project at once? *Public lighting assess is for all at all times*

- Is this project the first of its kind in the Town or County? *No*
- Are grants available to help pay for the construction? If so, has application been made for the grant? *We are exploring possible grants but have been unsuccessful so far.*
- Does the project include considerations for additional parking? *N/A*
- Can the project be used more than 1 of the 4 seasons per year? *Yes*
- Does the project match the character of the surrounding area? *Yes. We have put a considerable amount of time and planning into selecting architecturally pleasing light fixtures.*
- Does the project include all normal safety considerations? *Yes*
- Does the project meet all building and safety codes? *Yes*
- Is the project accessible by pedestrians, bicycles, transit? *Yes, this project will improve public safety.*

Open Space Criteria for Parcel Selection - Check off and Address each criterion as it applies:

- Is the project within the Nasketucket Watershed Area? *No*
- Is the project with 100 feet of wetlands? Is the project with 200 feet of a river? *No*
- Is stream and bank protection an issue? Is vernal pool protection a consideration? *No*
- Would this proposal enhance protection of any FEMA designated floodway? *No*
- Does the project include any Area of Critical Environmental Concern? *No*
- Would this proposal contribute to preservation and/or creation of forested land? *No*
- Will this proposal protect other parcels? Will this proposal impact other parcels? *No*
- Does this parcel abut protected land? Does this parcel support a significant wildlife habitat? *No*
- Is this parcel at risk for development? Did this parcel have a past proposal for development? Is it for sale? *No*
- Are grants available? If so, has application been made? *We are exploring possible grants, nothing yet.*
- Does the property or structures have historic significance? *Yes*

- Are there and stonewalls, old foundations, roads, trails, cart paths or scenic vistas? *Yes, brick sidewalks.*
- Are there any active or passive recreation possibilities associated with this parcel? *Yes, it is used for multiple outdoor activities. The project in general will improve public safety.*
- Is this parcel suitable for a community garden or farm? *No*
- Is this parcel suitable for nature observation and educational programs? *N/A*

Affordable Housing Selection Criteria - Check off and Address each criterion as it applies:

- Will this involve the renovation of an existing building? If so,
 - Is the building structurally sound?
 - Is it free of lead paint? Is it free of asbestos, pollutants, and other hazards?
 - Is there Town sewerage? Or is the septic system in compliance with Title 5?
 - Does the building comply with building, sanitary and handicap accessibility codes?
 - Is this a conversion of market rate to affordable housing?
 - Is this a tax title property?
- Does this project involve the building of a new structure? If so,
 - Will the structure be built on tax title property, on Town owned land or donated land?
 - Will the building be free of environmental hazards?
 - Are there programs such as Habitat for Humanity involved?
 - Will the project be built on a previously developed site?
- Does the project provide housing that is similar in design and scale with the surrounding community?
- Does this serve the 60% income level population? Does this serve the 80% income level population?
- Is long-term affordability assured? Will this be geared to one age group?

- Will there be more than two bedrooms? Will there be multiple units?
- Will it be located near services (grocery, mass transit, etc.)?
- Will priority be given to local residents or employees of local businesses?