

**Town of Fairhaven**  
Town Hall - 40 Center Street - Fairhaven, MA 02719



**Belonging Committee Meeting Minutes - Final, as approved on  
5/21/26**

**Date, Time, and Location:**

May 18, 2026, 7 PM

Town Hall (40 Center St.)

Remote via ZOOM: 1-929-205-6099; Meeting ID: 892 1866 8394; Passcode: 686316

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89218668394?pwd=RUpUOWR1HOEJwbVp4OW9yL05sZz09>

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<https://www.mass.gov/the-open-meeting-law>

**Present:**

Alliea Group, Chair

Kelly Ochoa, Vice Chair

Rachel Medeiros, Clerk

Laura Barillaro

- I. **Review of Open Meeting Notice:** *Alliea Group reviewed the Open Meeting Law notice.*
- II. **Welcome & Quorum:** As a quorum was met, the meeting continued as scheduled.
- III. **New Business:**
  - a. **Approval of Prior Minutes from April 1, 2026**

A motion to approve the minutes from April 1, 2026, with update to correct the year from 2025 to 2026 was made by Kelly Ochoa and seconded by Alliea Group. A roll call vote was held; the minutes have been accepted with an update to correct the year.

**b. 2026 Fairhaven's Got Pride Budget & Expenditure Approval**

**Belonging Committee Budget:**

**Fairhaven Public Works for street closure barriers: \$250**

Kelly asked if the cost can be split with the town event happening the day before pride. Alliea reported that she was told they are not closing the streets for that event.

**Fairhaven Police Department detail officer: \$300**

**Nicole Lopes – DJ: \$255**

**Belonging Committee Gift Fund**

**Nicole Lopes-DJ: \$95**

**Discretionary Entertainment Funds: up to \$200**

Alliea discusses the funds available, and how the gift fund works. Alliea recommends using \$95 from the gift fund to make up the difference for DJ, as the true cost is \$350.

Alliea reports that a private donor donated pride flags to replace old ones that had weather damage, so we do not have that expense to cover.

A motion was made to expend the following funds on Fairhaven's Got Pride event, from our regular FY26 Budget, \$250 to DPW for street closures, \$300 to the Fairhaven Police Department for police details, and remaining \$255 for a DJ was made by Kelly Ochoa and seconded by Laura Barilla. A roll call vote was held; the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made to expend the following funds on Fairhaven's Got Pride event, from our gift fund, \$95 to complete payment to DJ, and \$250 to the pride committee for entertainment was made by Kelly Ochoa, and seconded by Rachel Medeiros. A roll call vote was held; the motion passed unanimously.

**Items Not Previously Anticipated/Board Member Comments**

**IV. Public Comments**

No public comments were received.

**V. Next Meeting: Thursday, May 21st at 7 PM**

**VI. Adjourn**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Alliea Group, and seconded by Kelly Ochoa. A roll call vote was held; the motion passed unanimously.