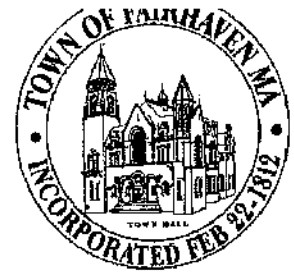


Town of Fairhaven
Town Hall - 40 Center Street - Fairhaven, MA 02719



Belonging Committee 5/27 Meeting Minutes

Final, as approved on 6/17

Date, Time, and Location:

Wednesday, May 27, 2026, 7 PM

Town Hall (40 Center St.)

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

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On March 28, 2025, Governor Healey signed a bill extending the Open Meeting Law provisions that allow public bodies to hold remote and hybrid meetings through June 30, 2027. Pursuant to an amendment to Town Bylaw, Chapter 50 § 13, all government meetings are available through web/video conference and are recorded. <https://www.mass.gov/the-open-meeting-law>

Call to Order and Review of Open Meeting Notice

II. Welcome & Quorum

Alliea Group reviewed the Open Meeting Law notice. As a quorum was met, the meeting continued as scheduled.

III. New Business:

a. Approval of Prior Minutes from May 21, 2026

A motion to approve the minutes from Thursday May 21, 2026 was made by Suzanne Bellanger and seconded by Alliea Group. A roll call vote was held; the minutes have been accepted as written.

b. Fairhaven's Got Pride Planning

Updates:

- Belonging Committee has approval for liquor license, to have bathrooms open at town hall, to close streets as recommended by FHPD.
- Working on getting access to Belonging Committee social media to advertise event.
- Event Budget Breakdown
 - Police Detail - \$300
 - Barriers from DPW - \$250
 - Event DJ - \$350 (partially from committee funds and partially from gift fund)
 - Discretionary Entertainment - \$250

Recommendations:

- Consider shift entertainment plans, little late to find an MC.
 - \$250 from entertainment to go towards town hall bathrooms being available. Total cost of town hall bathrooms \$300.
 - Switch from paid entertainment to Open Mic
 - Worked well last year, positive experiences all around

Discussion:

Agreement that the funds are better allocated to bathrooms.

A motion was made to reallocate the following funds on Fairhaven's Got Pride event, \$250 from discretionary entertainment, plus \$50 from the Belonging Committee Gift Fund to go to pay the Town of Fairhaven for the use of Town Hall for the event, was made by Rachel Medeiros and seconded by Suzanne Bellanger. A roll call vote was held; the motion passed unanimously. the Belonging Committee Gift Fund to go to pay the Town of Fairhaven for the use of Town Hall for the event

Planning

- Event Date: Friday June 28th, 11am-4pm
- Volunteers:
 - Event Committee & Belonging Committee Volunteers to be present for all of event, 9-5
 - Event committee meets for planning, cannot have more than 2 Belonging Committee Members, so as to avoid a quorum of Belonging Committee members.
 - Need volunteers to
 - Support Open Mic, between speakers/performers.
 - 2 people staffing the bar area to prevent drinks leaving cordoned-off, 21+ area, as requested by town to protect town legally.
 - Keep an eye on the street perimeter to ensure no one drives through or moves barriers, to protect pedestrians.
 - Make & post flyers to residents impacted by street closure.
- Vendors Needed:
 - Anyone can ask, send them the application once it's ready.
 - Goal to have all vendors secured by mid-June to ensure participation.
 - The event committee will use a Google Sheet to list and update as vendors are confirmed.
 - Types of vendors: food, artisans, organizations who want to table for outreach, groups who want to support the community and be part of the event.
 - Vendor Fee - \$75 for food trucks(standard), \$25 for vendors,
 - Sliding scale for vendors? Possibility
 - No vendors last year, with lots of local events cancelled we want to make sure to support the community of artisans, services and other vendors.

Items Not Previously Anticipated/Board Member Comments

IV. Public Comments

No public comments were received.

V. Next Meeting

TBD, poll going out to committee.

VI. Adjourn

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