

Fairhaven Historical Commission

Minutes

June 2, 2026

Present: Members: Rick Martin (chair), Beth Luey (vice-chair), Eleanor Chew (secretary), Alex Kuechler and Doug Brady. Alternates: Nils Isaksen, Matt Paulson and Brian Messier. Nils joined the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

ZOOM: Noone

Absent: Nick, Jones, Shayna Jones and Natalie Mello

Guests at Town Hall: No one

1. Meeting called to order: by Rick Martin, Chair with the Pledge of Allegiance and attendance at 6:31 p.m.

2. Minutes: A motion was made and seconded that we approve the minutes for May. The motion passed unanimously. (B. Luey/ A. Kuechler)

3. Financial Report: A motion was made and seconded that we approve payment of invoices totaling \$418.73. The motion passed unanimously. (E.Chew/ B. Luey).

A motion was made and seconded that we appoint Brian and Matt as voting members for tonight. It passed unanimously. (E. C hew/A. Kuechler)

4. Chair's Report: Rick reported that the Photo Angel Project is June 13, the budget for next year is \$10,000.00, he sent out requests for quotes for the Historic Survey and has heard from one person. He also said the Academy Building and possibly the School House would be open June 28th during the Homecoming Fair. He asked for help cleaning the Academy Building. He asked Alex if the firehouse on Washington St. would be open but Alex was not sure.

5. Properties Updates:

a. Academy Building: Beth said the work is completed and she signed off on the CPC paperwork. The Historical Society will provide a cabinet, and the dispensers for the bathroom. The town has not decided how they want to use the building and Kevin needs to look at the ceiling

b. Fort Phoenix: Eleanor said Brian painted the 2 small cannons but he is going to repaint them with the same paint on the other cannons. We need to get new keys for the bunker. We need to keep an eye on the cannon as it maybe shifting and starting to lean.

c. School House: Rick said it needs to be cleaned before we can open it. The gutter needs to be looked at and Eleanor offered to call Keith S. again so he could look at it and advise us. She asked if we could reach out to the grant writer for funding for this.

d. Firehouses/ Trucks: Alex said they are still there. The truck at Washington Street is missing a piece of the tire so the tire needs to be replaced at a cost of \$300-400.00. Brian said he reached out to Natalie's father and he looked at the foundation.

e. Nimrod Cannon: Doug said this was on hold

f. John Paul Jones Cannon: Eleanor said it may be leaning more and we need to keep an eye on it

6. House Plaque Applications: None received.

7. Discussion/Action Items:

- a. Delano Cemetery: Doug said the sign has been installed and he thanked Keith Silvia for his assistance.
- b. Rogers School Bell: Eleanor said discussions were progressing and they wanted to meet with BPW as they had some questions for them.
- c. Purchase of Items: Rick said we have \$4,400.00 left in our account and we made a list of the items and costs that we needed that could be purchased prior to the end of the FY. Items: Tire for fire truck,(250.00 from us and the rest from the Protecting Society). 2 padlocks,(\$177.00) 1 light (\$75.00), 2 flags (\$300.00) and paint for the fort (\$550.00). Roof and ceiling repairs, paint, bulkhead repair, foundation repair, work on outside staircase, window repair at the Academy Building. Gutter repair, (\$4,000.00) paint, shutter repair at the Stone School House. Window glazing, door repair, sidewall repair at Spring St. Foundation work, door hinge repair/replacement,(\$150.00), tire repair (\$250.00), stone for around the foundation for now (\$250.00) at Washington St. A motion was made and seconded that we fund the padlocks, flags, paint and light for the fort, the paint for the Academy Building, fire truck tire, stone and the rest to go to the gutter repairs. It passed unanimously. (B. Luey/ B. Messier)

8. Committee Liaison Reports:

- a. CPC: Eleanor said they are not meeting until August.
- b. Lagoa Society: Rick said they are looking for members for a quorum.

9 Commission Member Items: Eleanor asked about the money for the Manjiro House in our budget asking if they have money in our budget for next year. She said we need to redo the line items. Doug said he went to the TA for the plaques and he is sending this to Beth for her approval

10. Public Comment: No public comment provided

11. Next regularly scheduled meeting: Tuesday, July 7 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

12.Motion to adjourn: A motion was made to adjourn at 7:57 p.m. It passed unanimously. (A. Kuechler/M. Paulson)

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Chew
Clerk