



Town of Fairhaven

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Town of Fairhaven Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes, 17 March 2026

Members Present – Pat Elliott, Bob Grindrod, Ken Blanchard, Patty Pacella, Steve Riley, Steve Levesque, Linda Gallant, David Patterson (late), James Souza, Chris Fidalgo, and Peter Gardner.

Meeting called to order at 6:36pm

- a. Approval of prior minutes
 - i. Motion made by James Souza
 - ii. Seconded by Patty Pacella
 - iii. Approved (10-0) David arrived late

Article	Name	Decision	Motion	Second	Vote	Note
Article 1	Measurer of Wood & Bark	YTP	James	Patty	10 - 0	David late, Regular Warrant
Article 2	Town Report	YTP	James	Patty	10 - 0	David late, Regular Warrant
Article 3	Report of Committees	YTP	James	Patty	10 - 0	David late, Regular Warrant
Article 22	Citizens Petition	YTP	James	Bob	10 - 0	David late, Regular Warrant
Article 23	Citizens Petition	YTP	James	Bob	10 - 0	David late, Regular Warrant
Article 4	Recreation Dept Salary	Recommend	Steve R	Bob	10 - 0	David late
Article 4	Recreation Dept OpEx	Recommend	Steve R	Bob	11 - 0	
Article 4	Fine Arts OpEx	Recommend	Steve R	Bob	11 - 0	
Article 4	Historical Comm OpEX	Recommend	Steve R	Bob	11 - 0	
Article 4	Veterans Parades OpEx	Recommend	Steve R	Bob	11 - 0	
Article 4	Cultural Council OpEx	Recommend	Steve R	Bob	11 - 0	
Article 4	Comm on Disability OpEx	Recommend	Steve R	Bob	11 - 0	
Article 4	Belonging Comm OpEx	Recommend	Steve R	Bob	11 - 0	\$300
Article 4	Contributory Retirement	Recommend	Steve R	Bob	11 - 0	
Article 4	Town General Insurance	Recommend	Steve R	Bob	11 - 0	

- a. Discussion of Additional Budget Adjustments
- b. Discussion of FY27 Free Cash
- c. Discussion of using “Westport” model for Prop 2 & ½ Warrant Article Language
- d. Discussion of New Development

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Article 4	Selectboard Salary	Recommend	Steve R	Bob	11 - 0	
Article 4	Selectboard OpEx	Recommend	Steve R	Bob	11 - 0	
Article 4	Town Meeting / Fin Comm OpEx	Recommend	Steve R	Bob	11 - 0	

Article 4	Facility Mgmt OpEx	Recommend	Steve R	Bob	11 - 0	
Article 4	Treasurer / Collector OpEx	Recommend	Steve R	Bob	11 - 0	
Article 4	Buzzards Bay Action Comm	Recommend	Steve R	Bob	11 - 0	
Article 4	Police Dept / Animal Control Salary & OpEx	Recommend	Steve R	Bob	11 - 0	
Article 4	Fire Dept / Fire Alarms / EMA Salary & OpEx	Recommend	Steve R	Bob	11 - 0	
Article 4	Group Insurance	Recommend	Steve R	Bob	11 - 0	
Article 4	MA Employment Security	Recommend	Steve R	Bob	11 - 0	
Article 4	Medicare Taxes	Recommend	Steve R	Bob	11 - 0	
Article 4	Wind Turbine Elec Exp	Recommend	Steve R	Bob	11 - 0	
Article 4	Salary Reserve	Recommend	Steve R	Bob	11 - 0	
Article 4	BPW Admin Salary & OpEx	Recommend	Steve R	Bob	11 - 0	
Article 4	Hwy Dept Salary & OpEx	Recommend	Steve R	Bob	11 - 0	
Article 4	Parks Dept Salary & OpEx	Recommend	Steve R	Bob	11 - 0	
Article 4	Tree Dept Salary & OpEx	Recommend	Steve R	Bob	11 - 0	
Article 4	Sanitation Dept OpEx	Recommend	Steve R	Bob	11 - 0	
Article 4	Reconsider Wind Turbine Elec Exp	Recommend	Steve R	Bob	11 - 0	
Article 4	Wind Turbine Elec Exp	Recommend	Steve R	Bob	11 - 0	
Article 5	Water Enterprise Fund	Recommend	Steve R	Bob	11 - 0	
Article 6	Sewer Enterprise Fund	Recommend	Steve R	Bob	11 - 0	
Article 3	Snow & Ice Removal Appropriation	Recommend	Steve R	Bob	11 - 0	Special Warrant

- e. Discussion of Hazard Waste Day
- f. Discussion of Sanitation Issues
- g. Discussion of Beach Permits
- h. Discussion of Special Town Meeting Article 3 Snow & Ice Removal
- i. Discussion of BPW Capital Projects
- j. Discussion of BPW CPC Trash Can Article
- k. Discussion of Water Capital Projects
- l. Discussion of Millicent Library Funding
- m. Discussion of School Dept Budget
- n. Discussion of Joint Committee Budget meeting

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Article 4	Tourism Salary & OpEx	Recommend	Steve R	Patty	10 - 0	Bob abstaining

Meeting adjourned at 9:39pm

Submitted by Peter Gardner