



Town of Fairhaven

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Town Hall- 40 Centre Street- Fairhaven, MA 02719

Town of Fairhaven Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes, 26 March 2026

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

Meeting called to order at 6:33pm

- a. Discussion of letter from town resident regarding Tourism Budget
- b. Acceptance of letter into the record
 - i. Motion made by Patty Pacella
 - ii. Seconded by David Patterson
 - iii. Approved (10-0) David arrived late
- c. Discussion of School Budget
- d. Discussion of Water & Sewer Revenues
- e. Discussion of Fin Comm Minority Report
- f. Discussion of Police Contract & Salary Reserve
- g. Discussion of Town Hall Repairs
- h. Discussion of Hero's Act (Articles 20 & 21)
- i. Discussion of Fire Chief Civil Service (Article 22)
- j. Discussion of Housing Trust (Article 23)

Article	Name	Decision	Motion	Second	Vote	Note
5	Town Officers Salary	Recommend	Claire	Bob	12 - 0	
7	Union Wharf Repairs	Recommend	Claire	Bob	12 - 0	
11	Town Cable Enterprise Fund	Recommend	Claire	Bob	12 - 0	
12	School Cable Enterprise Fund	Recommend	Claire	Bob	12 - 0	
13	General Fund Capital					
13-1	Town Gas Pump Repair	Recommend	Claire	Bob	12 - 0	
13-2	Road Work	Recommend	Claire	Bob	12 - 0	
13-3	Street Sweeper	Recommend	Claire	Bob	12 - 0	
13-4	Light Towers	Recommend	Claire	Bob	11 - 1	Ken against
13-5	PFAS Free Gear	Recommend	Claire	Bob	12 - 0	
13-6	Brush Truck	Recommend	Claire	Bob	11 - 0 - 1	Steve R against
13-7	IT Replace Equip	Recommend	Claire	Bob	12 - 0	
13-8	COA Chairs & Tables	Recommend	Claire	Bob	12 - 0	
13-9	COA Ceiling Tiles	Recommend	Claire	Bob	12 - 0	
13-10	Bldg Dept Vehicle	Recommend	Claire	Bob	11 - 1	

13-11	Cruiser Replacements	Recommend	Claire	Bob	8 - 4	Patty, David, Peter & Steve R against
13-12	Body Camera & Tasers	Recommend	Claire	Bob	12 - 0	
13-13	Harbormaster Truck	Recommend	Claire	Bob	11 - 0 - 1	Ken recused
13-16	Town Hall Wall Repairs	Recommend	Claire	Bob	12 - 0	
14	Water Dept Capital	Recommend	Claire	Bob	12 - 0	
15	Water Ent Fund Borrowing	Recommend	Claire	Bob	12 - 0	
16	Sewer Dept Capital	Recommend	Claire	Bob	12 - 0	
17	Other Appropriations					
17-1	Paramedic Training	Recommend	Claire	Bob	12 - 0	
17-2	Ambulance Stabilization Fund	Recommend	Claire	Bob	12 - 0	
17-3	Propagation of Shellfish	Recommend	Claire	Bob	11 - 0 - 1	Steve R recused
17-4	Rogers School	Recommend	Claire	Bob	11 - 0 - 1	Steve R recused
17-5	Town Bldg Emergency Repairs	Recommend	Claire	Bob	12 - 0	
17-6	OPEB Trust Fund	Recommend	Claire	Bob	12 - 0	
17-7	Rec Center Repairs	Recommend	Claire	Bob	12 - 0	
17-8	Compensated Absences	Recommend	Claire	Bob	12 - 0	
17B	Retiree COLA Increase	Recommend	Claire	Bob	12 - 0	
18	CPC Appropriations (A-P)	Recommend	Claire	Bob	12 - 0	
19	Revolving Funds	Recommend	Claire	Bob	11 - 0	Patty absent
20	Heros Act Clause 22I	Recommend	Claire	Bob	12 - 0	
21	Heros Act Clause 22J	Recommend	Claire	Bob	12 - 0	
24	Amend Bylaw Snow & Ice	Recommend	Claire	Bob	9 - 2	David absent, Ken & James against
26	Citizens Petition Bylaw 56-13	Recommend	Claire	Bob	11 - 0	David absent
27	Citizens Petition Bylaw 56-14	Recommend	Claire	Bob	11 - 0	David absent

Meeting adjourned at 9:16pm

Submitted by Peter Gardner