

Fairhaven Cultural Council
May 20, 2026

Call to Order & Chairperson's Welcome

A motion to start the FCC meeting at 6:38 PM was unanimously accepted.

Roll Call

Present at Town Hall: John Walker (vice chair), Katharine MacPhail (secretary), Beth Ann Gallagher (chair), Serina Gundersen (member), Jen Frasier (Treasurer)

Present on zoom: Nicole Aruda

Absent: Alex Mitchell

Minutes review and approval

An additional heading in the middle of the Chair report was confusing. Katharine will remove that heading and clean up the chair's report.

The minutes of April 18 were accepted with the alteration of the chair's report

Chair's report

Beth Ann, John and Jen will need to be reappointed at the June 15 Select Board meeting, then be sworn in before our Wednesday meeting if we meet on Wednesday that week.

Beth Ann has been in contact with a Fairhaven resident, Jen Paulino, who would like to join the Cultural Council.

Beth Ann has looked into printing banners- mallard printing, Monahan Printing and Brewer Banner, three estimates have come out of the inquiries. A 2x4 banner could be produced for the FCC budget of \$75 but Beth Ann hasn't gotten enough information to present a recommendation.

Beth Ann spoke with Alexandra Mitchell via email about the attendance policy. She would like to be a member but right now she really can't make a Wednesday night meeting. The FCC will need to make a decision about Alex being on the FCC next meeting. Right now, the FCC is 7 members with a quorum of 4. According to state by-laws the FCC can have up to 22 members but the final amount is up to each town. Fairhaven decided the limit was 9 members.

Ann Richard of the Green Lanterns has set the date on their event.
MCC would like local members to take the training video every year.

Treasurer's Report

Historical Society, of the grantees, pushed their event up to the fall.

A grantee requested a sign that says "this event sponsored by Fairhaven Cultural Council" for use during their event. The FCC could make a couple of signs for use of the grantees.

Jen will double check about the possibility of donating to the FCC fund for administrative costs such as banner and signs.

Fundraising

At another groups it seems that Cana would like to donate to local businesses, John will check in with them.

Fairhaven and friends will have a mixer again at SOCO Tavern on June 4. State Rep Mark Sylvia will be present at the meeting.

Grant Reception (as a future fundraiser & community outreach)

The fundraiser didn't work out for this May, but the FCC would plan to put on a fundraising gala in January. The details will be worked out at next month's meeting.

Community Survey for FY27 could come out by June 1. Beth Ann updated and presented last year's survey.

A motion to accept the survey as presented by Beth Ann making it live on June 1 with two changes discussed was unanimously accepted.

Additional Community Outreach

Full Bloom Music and Arts Festival is looking for non profits to table at their event which will take place at Cushman Park on June 28th from 10 to 4. The FCC will determine availability through email.

The FCC will not be at the 4th of July parade this year.

The North Fairhaven Open Air Market is taking applications and Katharine will send out an availability poll to see who is available when.

Other Business (not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of the meeting)

Nicole suggested a fundraiser in October, FCC will discuss next month.

To dos

Beth Ann follow up on the newsletter, survey goes live on June 1

Katharine will come next month with possibilities for a party.

John will be contacting Cana about giving the FCC a donation to the fund.

Katharine will send out a poll about North Fairhaven Open Air Market

Next meeting date

A motion to meet on Wednesday June 17 2026 was unanimously accepted.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm was unanimously accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

Katharine MacPhail, Secretary