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AGENDA - MEETING MINUTES

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Meeting Minutes

Date: June 2, 2026

Members Present

- Todd Correia, Chairperson
- Daniel Dorgan, Vice Chair
- Timothy Cox, Harbormaster
- Marc Jodoin, Citizen-at-Large
- Kenny Paulino, Citizen-at-Large
- Richard Forand, Building Commissioner
- Jerome Pena, Police Union

Call to Order

Chairperson Todd Correia called the meeting to order.

Discussion – Future Police Station Location

The committee continued its review of potential locations for a future Fairhaven Police Department facility, focusing on the property located at **4 Plaza Way**, formerly occupied by Citizens Bank.

Committee members discussed the suitability of the existing building and site. Members generally agreed that the structure is well-built and offers adequate space for police administrative offices, conference rooms, and operational needs. The committee noted that adapting the existing shell would likely be more economical than new construction.

Discussion also included several site considerations:

- Secure police vehicle parking and garage accommodations.
- Traffic access to and from Route 6.

- Potential traffic improvements near the property.
- Future expansion opportunities.
- Overall, the benefit to taxpayers compared to constructing an entirely new facility.

The committee acknowledged that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation indicated a full traffic signal would likely not be approved, although a blinking traffic control device could be considered.

Overall, committee members agreed the location warrants further investigation through negotiations with the property owner.

Request for Proposal (RFP)

The committee discussed authorizing the Town Administrator to begin preparing a Request for Proposal (RFP) to retain architectural and engineering services.

The RFP would include:

- Design and engineering services for a proposed police station at **4 Plaza Way**.
- Design and engineering for modifications to the existing Fire Headquarters located at **146 Washington Street** to accommodate future Fire Department needs once the Police Department relocates.

Members clarified that the requested funding would only cover legal review, negotiations, and development of the RFP and **would not authorize construction**.

Discussion noted that construction costs are anticipated to be approximately **\$3.5 million**, which would require future authorization by Town Meeting.

Motions

Motion 1

Motion: Recommend to the Select Board that the Town Administrator begin negotiations to explore the acquisition of the property located at **4 Plaza Way** through purchase, lease, or lease-to-own arrangements for the purpose of a future police station.

Vote: Unanimously Approved (7-0).

Motion 2

Motion: Recommend to the Select Board authorizing the Town Administrator to expend up to **\$50,000** from funds appropriated at the **November 19, 2025 Special Town Meeting** for:

- Legal review associated with negotiations for the acquisition of **4 Plaza Way**;
- Development of a Request for Proposal (RFP);
- Procurement of architectural and engineering services for the design of a police station at **4 Plaza Way**; and
- Engineering and design services for modifications to the existing Fire Station located at **146 Washington Street**.

Vote: Unanimously Approved (7-0).

Next Steps

- Evaluate purchase, lease, and lease-to-own options.
- Prepare and issue an RFP for architectural and engineering services.
- Continue evaluating long-term needs for both the Police Department and Fire Department facilities.
- Report progress and recommendations back to the Select Board and the Public Safety Complex Committee.

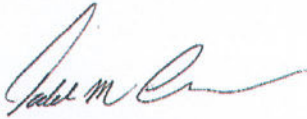
Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Correia
Chairperson
Public Safety Complex Committee

Regards,



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