



Town of Fairhaven

Town Hall- 40 Centre Street- Fairhaven, MA 02719

Town of Fairhaven Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes, 5 Feb 2026

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

Meeting called to order at 6:31pm

- a. Approval of prior minutes
 - i. Motion made by Steve Riley
 - ii. Seconded by Bob Grindrod
 - iii. Approved (10-0)
- b. Discussion of FY27 Budget Review Process
- c. FY27 Budget as presented calls for a \$1.2M prop 2&1/2 override.
- d. Discussion of Town Clerk & Elections Budgets
- e. Discussion of Veterans Affairs Budget
 - i. Discussion of Article related to Heroes Act
- f. Discussion of Health Dept Budget
- g. Discussion of Facilities Mgmt Budget
 - i. Discussion of Rogers School Fund Article
 - ii. Discussion of Preventive Bldg Repairs Article
- h. Presentation of overall FY27 budget & cuts by TA Keith Hickey
 - i. Question related to privatizing EMS services & Fire Dept staffing
 - j. Review of Fin Comm meeting scheduel

Meeting adjourned at 9:23pm

Submitted by Peter Gardner