



FAIRHAVEN SELECT BOARD AGENDA

February 9, 2026 6:00 p.m.

Town Hall – 40 Center Street – Fairhaven

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FAIRHAVEN TOWN CLERK
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A. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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J. ADJOURN

Log on or call 1-929-205-6099, Meeting ID: 894 8599 3911, Passcode: 330130

Subject matter listed in the agenda consists of items reasonably anticipated (by the Chair) to be discussed. Not all items listed may be discussed and other items not listed (i.e. urgent business not available at the time of posting) may also be brought up for discussion in accordance with applicable law.



FAIRHAVEN SELECT BOARD AGENDA ADDENDUM

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

On March 28th, 2025, the bill to extend Open Meeting Law regulations governing remote participation has passed MA legislation and been signed by the Governor. This bill will allow remote and hybrid meeting options for public bodies through June 30, 2027.

Pursuant to an amendment to Town By-Law Chapter 50-13, all government meetings are available through web/video conference and are recorded.

This meeting is being recorded by the Government Access Channel. It will be replayed on Channel 97 and posted on FairhavenTV.com. Anyone intending to make an audio or video recording of this meeting should notify the Chair at this time.

Due to recent security breaches, Fairhaven TV has implemented a new protocol: Zoom camera video for all participants is disabled. If participants would like to speak or be recognized, click “raise hand” under “reactions”, and change your name to a full name to be unmuted. Thank you for your cooperation in protecting the integrity of Fairhaven government meetings.

- For anyone interested in volunteering, there are several vacancies on various boards committees and commissions. To see a complete list of the openings, please visit our website at www.fairhaven-ma.gov

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Suggested Motion:

“Move to (approve/not approve) amendments to the Town of Fairhaven Personnel Policy (as presented/as amended).”

Moved by, seconded by. Any discussion on the motion. Vote.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

D. APPOINTMENTS / COMMUNITY ITEMS

1. **Childcare Service at the Recreation Center for Town Meeting, Saturday, May 2, 2026** – Recreation Center Director Bernadette Barreira will provide childcare services in support of Town Meeting members on the day of Town Meeting at the Recreation Center. The services will be free for active Town Meeting members and \$35 per child for non-voting, Town Meeting attendants. If interested, registration is online at fairhavenrecreation.activityreg.com or in-person at the Recreation Center during normal business hours. This service had been discussed by the Town Meeting Advisory Committee as a way to make Town Meeting more accessible for parents without means of a childcare option during Town Meeting.

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Suggested Motion:

“No motion necessary.”

2. **Event and Parking Fee Waiver Request: 13TH Annual West Island 5K on Sunday, April 26, 2026** – Race Director Lyle Drew requested the no-fee use of Hoppy’s Landing for parking on race day. This is the 13th Annual event, the money raised goes to the Fairhaven High School cross country program and to the West Island Improvement Association. To date, they have provided \$98,000 in support of 72 graduating seniors for scholarships and other support to the FHS cross country program as well as the West Island Improvement Association’s scholarship fund.

Suggested Motion:

“Move to (approve/not approve) the West Island 5k Run/Walk, contingent upon police, fire and emergency management coordination, and the no-fee use of Hoppy’s Landing for parking during the West Island 5k Run/Walk on April 26, 2026.”

Moved by, seconded by. Any discussion on the motion. Vote.

3. **Special One-Day Beer and Wine License, Buzzards Bay Coalition, Saturday, June 20, 2026, 7:00-11:00am** – The Buzzards Bay Coalition applied for a Special One-Day Beer and Wine License on Saturday, June 20, 2026 as part of their 33rd Annual Buzzards Bay Swim at Fort Phoenix.

Suggested Motion:

“Move to (approve/not approve) the Special One-Day Beer and Wine License on Saturday, June 20, 2026 from 7:00-11:00am for the Buzzards Bay Coalition’s 33rd Annual Buzzards Bay Swim at Fort Phoenix.”

Moved by, seconded by. Any discussion on the motion. Vote.

4. **Appointment Request: Belonging Committee: Suzanne Bellanger** - There are currently three openings on the Belonging Committee for a term through May, 2026.

Suggested Motion:

“Move to (appoint/not appoint) Suzanne Bellanger to the Belonging Committee for a term through May, 2026.”

Moved by, seconded by. Any discussion on the motion. Vote.

5. **Appointment Request: Associate Zoning Board of Appeals: Cathy Melanson** – There is one opening for an Associate Member on the Zoning Board of Appeals, the term would be through May, 2026 to complete the term of an Associate Member that resigned. Ms. Melanson resubmitted a volunteer application with additional information.

Suggested Motion:

“Move to (appoint/not appoint) Cathy Melanson as an Associate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term through May, 2026.”

Moved by, seconded by. Any discussion on the motion. Vote.

6. **Appointment Request: Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee: Bob Espindola** – The Select Board reactivated the Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee in 2024 to work on an updated seven-year Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP). The appointment term would be through the completion of the OSRPC’s work and is currently being coordinated by Conservation & Sustainability Coordinator Kelly Camara.

Suggested Motion:

“Move to (appoint/not appoint) Bob Espindola to the Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee.”

Moved by, seconded by. Any discussion on the motion. Vote.

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JANUARY 14, 2026 BY STAFF WRITER

PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSED CHANGES TO PERSONNEL

POLICY – PUBLIC HEARING

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FNN: 1/15/26, 1/22/26

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Office of the Selectmen
40 Center Street
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Tel: (508) 979-4023

Fax: (508) 979-4079

January 6, 2025

TO: Select Board

FROM: Human Resources/Susan Roderiques

CC: Keith Hickey

Re: Consideration of Aligning benefits for Non-Union Employees

Dear Select Board:

The purpose of this memo is to request the Select Board's consideration of adjusting certain benefits for non-union employees to be in line with those negotiated for employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement effective July 1, 2025.

One recommendation is to increase the number of personal days provided to non-union employees from three (3) to four (4). The second consideration is under Section 27.0 Vacation;. add another tier to "time employed" and "length of vacation." The addition would be "After twenty years, length of vacation 30 days each year."

Historically, the Town has sought to maintain reasonable consistency between union and non-union benefits where feasible, particularly when changes are modest and support organizational equity. Mirroring this provision would help ensure fairness, reduce potential morale concerns, and reinforce the Town's commitment to being a competitive and supportive employer. The proposed alignment would have minimal fiscal impact, as personal days are limited in number and do not result in additional wage costs. However, the benefit to employee engagement and retention may be significant, particularly in the current competitive labor market.

I respectfully request that the Select Board consider approving the adjustment to the non-union personnel policy to reflect updates recently negotiated for clerical employees.

ARTICLE V, DISCRIMINATION

Effective July 1, 2025, amend Article V by deleting the language in strikethrough and by adding the underscored, emboldened language as follows:

Neither the EMPLOYER nor the UNION will discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of ~~race, color, creed, sex or national origin~~ **of their status in a class protected by federal or state law.**

ARTICLE XIV, VACATION

Effective July 1, 2025, the parties agree to amend the table in Article XVI, Vacation as follows, with the deletions in strikethrough and the additions in underlined, emboldened text:

| Time Employed | Length of Vacation |
|----------------------------|--|
| 0-6 months | 0 days |
| 6 months to year | 10 days (for the entire 18 months covered) |
| After 2 nd year | 10 days each year |
| After five years | 15 days each year |
| After ten years | 20 days each year |
| After fifteen years | 25 days each year |
| After twenty years | 30 days each year |

ARTICLE XVII, PERSONAL DAYS

Effective July 1, 2025, the parties agree to amend Article XVII, Personal Days by deleting the language in strikethrough and by adding the underscored, emboldened language as follows:

An employee will be entitled to ~~three (3)~~ **four (4)** free personal days. These days will be taken during the year from July 1 to June 30. If an employee has not worked a full year their personal days will be determined by how many months they have worked. New employees will be entitled to **two (2)** personal days after six (6) months of employment.

~~Personal day requests must be given 48 hours' notice to the department head unless it is an emergency. Personal days will count a sick day when not requested 48 hours in advance and approved.~~

A person will not be paid for any personal days upon resignation.

TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN, MASSACHUSETTS



PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

The policies and procedures outlined herein are subject to change without notice provided that the changes are made in accordance with federal and state laws and town bylaws. The Town of Fairhaven, Massachusetts reserves the right to layoff any employee whenever such action becomes necessary by reason of shortage of funds, lack of work, the abolition of a position, a material change in duties or organization or for any other appropriate reasons. These policies are a guide only, and it is not the intent of the Town to grant any employee any contractual commitment, expressed or implied, by its adoption. The employment relationship between the employee and

27.0 Vacation

27-1. *Coverage.* Vacation pay is granted to all regular full-time and regular part-time employees regularly working twenty or more hours per week. Part-time employees shall accrue vacation on a pro-rated basis. Seasonal full-time, temporary full-time, seasonal part-time, and temporary part-time are not eligible for vacation pay. Regular, Part-Time employees who work less than 20 hours per week who were hired prior to the adoption of these policies and are receiving benefits may continue to receive those benefits.27-2. *Vacation Policy.* Vacation pay is granted to all full-time employees for each vacation year (12 months) completed in accordance with the following plan:

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|----------------------------|--|
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29.0 Personal Days

29.1. *Policy.* A regular, full-time employee and regular part-time employees regularly working 20 or more hours per week in continuous employment who has completed six (6) months of service, shall be entitled to ~~three~~ four (3)(4) personal days each fiscal year. Personal days may be taken in one (1) hour increments (~~21-28~~ hours for employees typically working 35 hours a week; 24-32 hours for employees typically working 40 hours a week). Unused personal time cannot be carried over into the next fiscal year. Employees must give their supervisor 48 hours' notice, when requesting personal time, unless an emergency requires less than 48 hours' notice in which case the employee will provide notice as soon as reasonably possible. Seasonal full-time, temporary full-time, seasonal part-time, and temporary part-time are not eligible for personal days. Regular, Part-Time employees who work less than 20 hours per week who were hired prior to the adoption of these policies and are receiving benefits may continue to receive those benefits.



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TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN RECREATION DEPARTMENT

227 Huttleston Ave. Fairhaven, MA 02719

Phone 508-993-9269

e-mail bbarreja@fairhaven-ma.gov

www.fairhaven-ma.gov



January 14, 2026

Town Administrator
Fairhaven Select Board
Town of Fairhaven
40 Center Street
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Re: Childcare Services for Town Meeting – May 2, 2026

Dear Town Administrator and Members of the Select Board,

On behalf of the Fairhaven Recreation Department, I am pleased to share that the Fairhaven Recreation Center will provide childcare services in support of Town Meeting participation on May 2, 2026.

Childcare will be available one (1) hour prior to the scheduled start of Town Meeting and for thirty (30) minutes after the meeting adjourns.

- **Free childcare** will be offered to **any active Town Meeting Members**.
- Childcare will also be available to **non-voting members** for **\$35.00 per child**.

During childcare hours, Recreation staff will provide a safe, supervised environment featuring structured play, crafts, and organized games.

To help us meet all needs and accommodate each child appropriately, all participants must bring their own lunch and snack.

Registration is required and can be completed online at fairhavenrecreation.activityreg.com or in person at the **Fairhaven Recreation Center during regular business hours**.

We are happy to support the Town in making public participation more accessible for families, and we appreciate the continued partnership between the Recreation Department, the Town Administrator's Office, and the Select Board.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if you would like additional details included in the Town Meeting materials or public communications.

Sincerely,

Bernadette Barreira
Director of Recreation
Fairhaven Recreation Department

13th Annual West Island 5K Run/Walk & Kids Mile Fun Run

West Island 5K
193 Cottonwood St.
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Dear Select Board,

I am writing to obtain approval for the 13th Annual West Island 5K Run/Walk & Kids Mile Fun Run from the Select Board. My request is for the date of April 26, 2026 and the no-fee use of Hoppy's Landing for parking on race day.

After 13 years, we have raised \$98,000 for the Fairhaven High School cross country program and the West Island Improvement Association. To date we have provided 72 graduating seniors scholarships and other support to the FHS Cross Country program. Furthermore, we support of the West Island Improvement Association scholarship fund.

I have cleared the race date with the West Island Improvement Association and will again work with the Fairhaven Police Department, Fairhaven Emergency Medical Services, and Fairhaven Emergency Management team to ensure we conduct a well-organized and safe event. We are excited to organize this event for our community and look forward to your support of the 13th Annual West Island 5K Run/Walk & Kids Mile Fun Run and the no-fee use of Hoppy's Landing on April 26, 2026.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (571) 765-0910 or westisland5k@yahoo.com.

Lyle K. Drew

LYLE K. DREW

Race Director, West Island 5K
FHS Class of 1990



January 9, 2026

Fairhaven Select Board
Fairhaven Town Hall
40 Center Street
Fairhaven, MA 02719

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Neil Kamal Ganju, Ph.D.
Peter Grauer
Emma Green-Beach
Kendra Medina
Chris Neill, Ph.D.
Christine Parks
Skylah Reis
Scott Zeien

Dear Fairhaven Select Board,

The Buzzards Bay Coalition is planning the 33rd Annual Buzzards Bay Swim, scheduled for Saturday, June 20, 2026, with the finish line celebration to be held at DCR's Fort Phoenix State Reservation in Fairhaven, MA.

For the past several years, we have requested and received a one-day liquor license for this event, along with permission from DCR to distribute no more than one beer per 21-and-over swimmer between the hours of 7:00–11:00 a.m. Our beer partner is Buzzards Bay Brewing of Westport, and distribution at previous events has been conducted safely and smoothly, with no issues reported.

We respectfully request approval again this year. Beer will be made available only to registered swimmers who are age 21 or older, and the quantity will be limited to one beer per eligible swimmer. Service will take place from a separate 10' x 10' pop-up tent, roped off from the general public, and staffed by a TIPS-certified bartender serving canned beer. Recycling containers will be provided, and all empties will be collected and removed by the Buzzards Bay Coalition following the event. Signage will be minimal and located only within the beer tent.

DCR is willing to issue an alcohol waiver for the event contingent upon our:

1. securing a one-day special liquor license from the Town of Fairhaven,
2. providing a certificate of insurance including liquor liability coverage, and
3. securing a police detail for the beer tent during service from 7:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

Please let us know if you have any questions or require additional information. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

Kate Reilly
Events Manager
reilly@savebuzzardsbay.org
508-999-6363 x208

www.savebuzzardsbay.org





TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN

APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL LICENSE

General Law Chapter 138, Section 14

Date: 1/9/26

To the Licensing Board:

The undersigned hereby applies for a SPECIAL LICENSE under provisions of Chapter 138, Section 14 to sell

Beer and Wine

(Beer and Wine)

or

(All Alcoholic Beverages)

For a **fundraiser** to be held at

Fort Phoenix Reservation

by **Buzzards Bay Coalition**

date **6/20/26**

from **7:00 am** to **11:00 am**

Name of Applicant: **Kate Reilly**

Address of Applicant: **114 Front Street**

New Bedford, MA 02740

Telephone: **508-999-6363 x208**

For a banquet or public dinner, the applicant should be responsible, manager of the banquet or public dinner.

For a picnic, field day or outing, applicant should be a representative of responsible organization or individual.

FEE:

Beer & Wine \$50.00
All Alcoholic \$75.00

Re: New submission from Volunteer Opportunities

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1 message

Suzanne Bellanger <sbellanger12@gmail.com>
To: Amy Hart <ahart@fairhaven-ma.gov>
Cc: Charles K Murphy Sr <cmurphy@fairhaven-ma.gov>

Wed, Feb 4, 2026 at 3:26 PM

Hi Amy,

I am most interested in the Belonging Group to start. I would also potentially be interested in the other two, depending on the time commitment for each, but if I were going to just join one, it would be Belonging, followed by the Buzzards Bay working group.

Thank you!

Suzanne

On Wed, Feb 4, 2026 at 1:26 PM Amy Hart <ahart@fairhaven-ma.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your patience in our reply, are you seeking to be appointed to all three of the boards you listed? If not, please indicate which and we will add to a future Select Board agenda and confirm the date with you at that time.

We appreciate your interest in serving the Town!

Warmest regards,

Amy Hart

Executive Assistant to the Town Administrator
(508) 979-4023, Ext. 8101

On Thu, Jan 29, 2026 at 8:26 AM Suzanne Bellanger <no-reply@jgpr.net> wrote:

Full Name Suzanne Bellanger

Address 51 William Street

Email sbellanger12@gmail.com

Phone (617) 821-8639

How long have you been a Fairhaven resident? 9 months

What Board(s) or Committee(s) are you interested in joining? What is your reason for joining?

Buzzards Bay Water Quality Working Group, Cultural Council or Belonging Group

I believe it's important to be an engaged and active member of the community and would like to offer my experience as a way to be better connected to Fairhaven, get to know my neighbors and foster health and wellbeing for all. I recently moved from Marion where I was on the board of the Marion Art Center. In years past I also served on the Marion Cultural Council. I am committed to sustainable living and concerned about the effects of global warming. All three of the groups I've listed are interesting to me and I'd love to participate in one of them, if the committee feels I could be a helpful addition to the existing group!

Have you attended a meeting of this Board or Committee? No

Have you served or are you currently on any Town of Fairhaven Boards? If so, please indicate what Board and number of years. As a new resident, I have not had the opportunity to serve, but I welcome it! As mentioned above I served on the Marion Cultural Committee in years past.

Interests and Qualifications. I have decades of experience in non profit marketing and fundraising, have served on cultural councils and the board of an art center and another local community focused wellness organization (Girls on the Run). I believe it's every citizen's obligation to serve their community in a way that promotes health and wellbeing and I am committed to preserving our natural resources and combating climate grief. I can provide a resume upon request. Thank you!

New submission from Volunteer Opportunities

1 message

Cathy Melanson Cathy Melanson <no-reply@jgpr.net>
Reply-To: cathymelanson@yahoo.com
To: Selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov

Sun, Feb 1, 2026 at 12:56 PM

Full Name

Cathy Melanson

Address

110 Adams Street

Emailcathymelanson@yahoo.com**Phone**

(508) 989-2289

How long have you been a Fairhaven resident?

66

What Board(s) or Committee(s) are you interested in joining? What is your reason for joining?

Associate member of the ZBA

Have you attended a meeting of this Board or Committee?

Yes

Have you served or are you currently on any Town of Fairhaven Boards? If so, please indicate what Board and number of years

I served on the Planning Board for 10 years, 4 years as chair. I am currently serving on the EDC and I am the chair. I sever on the Capital Planning Committee and Rogers reuse.

Interests and Qualifications.

My interest is to serve my town and continue to work for the betterment of Fairhaven. My qualifications is my years of experience on the planning board, also, the my times I ran the planning dept. due to resignations of Planning Directors. In addition I was the point person for 4OR, which passed town meeting.

Consent

 I agree to the privacy policy.

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1 message

Robert J Espindola Robert J Espindola <no-reply@jgpr.net>
Reply-To: bobespindola02719@gmail.com
To: Selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov

Tue, Jan 20, 2026 at 1:59 PM

Full Name

Robert J Espindola

Address

14 John St

Email

bobespindola02719@gmail.com

Phone

(774) 263

How long have you been a Fairhaven resident?

56 years in total

What Board(s) or Committee(s) are you interested in joining? What is your reason for joining?

I am interested in joining the Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee. I did not see it listed in the "Open Volunteer positions" list but when I looked at the committee web page, there is only one person from the community listed on the committee.

I attended a meeting of the South Coast Bikeway Alliance recently where we were informed by someone from SRPEDD, that the Town of Fairhaven was going to be updating their Open Space and Recreation Plan soon. I would like to help with that plan update.

I would also like to request that the Select Board to consider promoting the opportunity for more members of the Community to step forward to serve on this committee, especially as the Plan is being updated.

Have you attended a meeting of this Board or Committee?

No

Have you served or are you currently on any Town of Fairhaven Boards? If so, please indicate what Board and number of years

I am currently serving on the Liveable Streets Committee and am appointed as the Fairhaven representative to the South Coast Bikeway Alliance.

Interests and Qualifications.

I believe my experience as a former member of the Select Board and the Livable Streets Committee will help on the committee. While a member of the Select Board I advocated for the Town to reform the committee I believe the Open Space and Recreation plan should provide valuable input for those making important long term decisions about valuable assets for the Town, whether the decision makers are the Select Board, Board of Public Works (Parks Department), CPC or Town Meeting members.

If appointed, I would look forward to advocating for a good balance between preservation and recreation and to ensuring that open space and recreation assets are accessible to as many people as possible.

Thank you for your consideration

Consent

 I agree to the privacy policy.



Monday, February 2, 2026

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT



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Agenda item comment

1 message

Wayne Hayward <stillsendit@comcast.net>

Fri, Jan 30, 2026 at 9:06 AM

To: Amy Hart <ahart@fairhaven-ma.gov>, Fairhaven Select Board <selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov>

To the Select Board,

You have a third-party petition on behalf of Dianne Tomassetti on your Feb. 02, 2026 agenda, and I offer these comments.

Some of the citizen-group are themselves being investigated in the Timothy-Hiller-Subdivision-Investigation and are conflicted. The citizen-group complaining of critique of a town official on social media posts, while simultaneously elected officials at the national, state, and local levels are bombarded with cruel accusations daily by the news press and protest sign-holders, will not easily be judged by a hired consultant. I believe, if anything, this is a private civil matter, if the former official feels monetarily damaged. Sitting public officials cannot be constrained by the use of a perpetual gag order concerning the public's business and which seeks to veil individual behavior over the public's benefit. It is unwarranted to try to regulate clear First Amendment rights at a future Fairhaven Select Board meeting. If Diane Tomassetti wishes to communicate to Fairhaven voters of an injustice, those should be her words directly to the voters, not by petition. I don't feel the elected Select Board meeting should air private, personal grievances during a live broadcast again. You unnecessarily expose the taxpayers to further legal challenge. I also feel it is not proper for the town to expend legal funds, voted for the sole task of a Timothy-Hiller-Subdivision-Investigation, for analysis of unrelated private citizen and former Planning Board Chair Dianne Tomassetti's resignation of her seat. Public monies are prohibited for an individual's benefit and only her (regretted) free-will decision is the obvious legal conclusion. Whatever comments made regarding a former Planning Board member, for or against, are irrelevant to the investigation, and Dianne Tomassetti has publicly stated that she was unaware of the Windmill Acres application. The Town of Fairhaven's position should be not to have a position in this unrelated private matter.

Wayne Hayward

[48 Gellette Road](#)

[w@yneh@yw@rd](#)

Sidewalk Bylaw

1 message

Anne Morton Smith <anne.morton.smith@gmail.com>

Fri, Jan 30, 2026 at 12:29 PM

To: khickey@fairhaven-ma.gov, selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov, Vincent Furtado <vfurtado@fairhaven-ma.gov>, Daniel Dorgan <Daniel.dorgan@fairhavenpolice.org>

Dear Mr. Hickey, members of the Selectboard, Mr. Furtado, and Chief Dorgan,

By now, I don't think there is a single person in town who hasn't noticed that many of our sidewalks remain uncleared. Many of us are deeply concerned about the safety of those who are forced to walk in the streets.

While this past week's storm brought significant snowfall, the problem with sidewalk clearing is not new. It happens after nearly every storm, leaving people who travel by foot—far more residents than we tend to realize—in danger. Parents are terrified, and drivers are anxious about what might happen when visibility is low and pedestrians are in the roadway. I know I am.

I'm not sure when our current bylaw was written, but it seems to have been designed as a lenient, last-resort attempt to encourage compliance. Requiring neighbors to call the police on one another, having officers dispatched to inspect, then involving the BPW to clear the sidewalk, and finally billing the homeowner is not only impractical—it's unworkable at nearly every step.

There is also widespread confusion about what the bylaw actually requires. Does it apply only to paved sidewalks, or must residents with grassy frontage clear a path as well? And does it apply to the large commercial properties on Route 6? It certainly should—just as it should apply to the COA and any other town-owned property along that corridor.

I've lived in places where the rule was far simpler: clear your sidewalk or receive a ticket. That's it. People can complain about their backs or their elderly relatives but the reality is that when you purchase a home or business, you take on responsibility for its upkeep—including clearing the sidewalk, just as you are responsible for managing your trash.

I paid a fine once, many years ago, when I was young and less responsible. That was all it took. Neighbors help neighbors, and families support their elderly relatives—either by showing up or by arranging for help. Many of us already do this. Unfortunately, some of the loudest voices on social media seem uninterested in being part of the solution, which is a sad commentary on where we are as a community.

The fact remains: it is unsafe. And financial consequences are effective motivators.

It's also important to acknowledge that during any snowfall—large or small—our police and DPW staff are already stretched thin. They are enforcing parking bans (which we truly need to enforce consistently, as other towns do) and plowing roads, all while managing their regular workload.

I don't claim to have the perfect solution, but I would suggest considering a bylaw change that implements a straightforward ticketing system, with escalating penalties for continued noncompliance. This could also generate revenue for the town. I can't estimate how much, but ideally it would be enough to hire per-diem inspectors or ticket issuers—perhaps retired or off-duty officers seeking extra hours, or other trained staff.

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I don't believe it's appropriate for me to file a citizen's petition for Town Meeting, given the budget implications of enforcing a ticketing program. However, it is abundantly clear to the community that the current system is not working, and something must change.

Thank you for your consideration.

Anne Morton Smith
Main Street

Re: Sidewalk Bylaw

1 message

Anne Morton Smith <anne.morton.smith@gmail.com>

Wed, Feb 4, 2026 at 9:23 AM

To: khickey@fairhaven-ma.gov, selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov, Vincent Furtado <vfurtado@fairhaven-ma.gov>, Daniel Dorgan <Daniel.dorgan@fairhavenpolice.org>

Dear All -

Just circling back since I have not received a reply to my initial message regarding snow removal on sidewalks and the extreme danger it presents to our residents. This is a longstanding problem and many residents recognize that the bylaw is nonfunctional as written. Though I appreciate the mention at the end of the Selectboard meeting on Monday evening that there exists a bylaw that requires sidewalk clearing we need much more than that - especially as every resident and business owner is well aware that it is not enforced. Sadly, asking people to do the right thing is ineffectual. This has been proven not just with the most recent snowstorm, but with every snowstorm over at least the past decade, no matter the size.

I might suggest that the department heads could get together to figure out how the bylaw could be revised such that it would actually benefit the residents and keep us safe.

Thank you so much for your consideration and response.

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Main Street

CPC info on Housing projects- FYI

1 message

Ann Richard <ann.richard@gmail.com>

Mon, Feb 2, 2026 at 8:33 AM

To: khickey@fairhaven-ma.gov, Selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov

Here are some **facts** about Fairhaven CPC grants given to housing in town since 2005.

Total in Grants for Housing given: \$1,499,371.

New Units: 126.

Supported Units: 444

Total Units: 570.

We have a representative from the Fairhaven Housing Authority on the Fairhaven CPC as required by the regulations of the CPA. There has always been a representative on the Fairhaven CPC from the local HA. Over the years we have worked with a few different Directors of the Housing Authority.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Ann Richard-*she/her*
Chair-CPC

Municipal Affordable Housing Trust- Proposal in the Making

1 message

michelle costen <michcosten@gmail.com>

Tue, Feb 3, 2026 at 2:10 PM

To: Keith Hickey <khickey@fairhaven-ma.gov>, selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov, planningsecretary@fairhaven-ma.gov, buildingcommissioner@fairhaven-ma.gov, Jessica Fidalgo <jessica.wilder13@yahoo.com>, pj carr@a1crane.com, Charlie Murphy <cmurphy@molifeinc.com>, ksylvia2@yahoo.com, Mark Sylvia <msylvia11@comcast.net>

Let's Get Started !

To the Town Administrator, Select Board, Planning Board, And Fairhaven Town Hall committee Members.

I want to think those of you who have shown a sincere interest in helping solve our housing stock shortages and housing affordability And Home ownership crisis, here in Fairhaven.

We have no time or money to waste.

I am very willing to help in any way I can, but I do believe wholeheartedly, that preparing a proposal for a **Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund**, to be as one of the articles on the warrant for this Spring's Town Meeting, should be a Collaborative Work.

I will help as much as I can, and wear the scope of my skills could be of service, but I am limited to take on this entire project by myself, and need the help of all of you whom I am addressing and have shown interest in helping solve our housing crisis here in Fairhaven.

I have attached two documents to get things started. As draft only using very simple language. Take a Look. And more importantly, LETS TAKE ACTION. Together, to really help keep our town of Fairhaven and our precious families, thriving.

Thank you,

Michelle Costen
Fairhaven Advocate

2 attachments

 **Creating A Housing Trust.pages**
179K

 **Structuring Article for warrant.pages**
335K

Ref: Request for full investigative disclosures, -1/2/26 meeting

1 message

Michelle Costen <michcosten@gmail.com>

Tue, Feb 3, 2026 at 5:44 PM

To: selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov, planningsecretary@fairhaven-ma.gov, pj carr@a1crane.com, Jessica Fidalgo <jessica.wilder13@yahoo.com>, Keith Hickey <khickey@fairhaven-ma.gov>

To the Select Board,

I apologize that I had to leave the meeting last night before I could make a public comment in reference to full investigative disclosure, involving Timothy Street. I had made commitments with my daughter, that I had to keep.

I just wanted to say when you speak as Town Hall officials on social media, in ways that shows political divisiveness, and condemnation towards another, especially before all the facts are known- what it does to the public, is create further distrust towards our local governing body, and undermines your great efforts to want to work for the community in healthy and positive ways.

So I do feel that the Social media policy, especially for Town Hall officials, (as we consider you leaders in our town), should be regarded as a sacred standard, in order to protect the residents from further divide and mistrust.

This doesn't mean that we should not be transparent in our meetings. And that is not what I'm saying. Transparency is very important, but how we deliver transparency is also important.

None of us are perfect, and I think we should work on just trying to start all over again with a clean fresh slate.

I know that we see this kind of bashing and rhetoric everywhere on social media, and in government in general. But that still doesn't mean that we can't choose to be of better character. Especially if we really want to do good for our community.

It is a challenge, a daily challenge, to really work on polishing our characters. But it is one challenge that I sincerely work on every day.

I hope this public comment helps in some good way.

Warmest Regards,

Michelle Costen

Petition to Extend the External Investigation through October 19, 2025

Dear Members of the Fairhaven Select Board and Town Administrator Hickey,

As you well know, our elected and appointed officials dedicate their time, energy, and oftentimes other resources into the town on a voluntary basis. Running for and accepting public office means investing one's own resources during the election process and exposing oneself to public scrutiny and criticism, both as a candidate and as a public official. This alone likely deters many people from stepping up to volunteer. However, there are special individuals that are passionate and enthusiastic enough about this town that choose to make these sacrifices and take the risk of entering the public spotlight for the good of the community.

A number of our public officials are self-employed. They are the innovative, motivated, dedicated individuals within our community that have the flexibility to schedule their work responsibilities around their volunteer commitments. As self-employed people, their reputation is paramount to their ability to support themselves and their families.

When these individuals become political targets by other public officials, it puts their livelihood at stake. At no time should a public official that has dedicated copious amounts of time, energy, money, and their own personal vulnerability for the betterment of the town be subjected to unsubstantiated accusations and harassment from fellow public officials.

We believe that Diane Tomassetti was the target of such harassment from September 23, 2025 through October 19, 2025. During that time, there was at least one, if not numerous public officials, that engaged in public criticism and manipulation of facts that led the public to believe Ms. Tomassetti to be untrustworthy and corrupt. Subsequently, damaging remarks and unfounded accusations were printed and publicized in the local newspaper, were shared on Social Media, and were directed at her during a televised public meeting.

As you've indicated in your public statement that was dated July 28, 2025:

"The tone of public discourse is shaped by the behavior of those who serve, and it is our responsibility to demonstrate integrity and professionalism. This standard applies not only during official meetings but also at public events and in all forms of communication, including social media."

The defamation of character and the public humiliation that Ms. Tomassetti faced was spearheaded by fellow public officials and resulted in her abrupt resignation on Sunday, October 19, 2025. We are petitioning you to extend the timeline of the external investigation that was approved on 11/24/25 through the date of her official resignation.

Upholding the integrity of our public officials is of the utmost importance. It is these individuals who dedicate themselves on multiple fronts to the betterment of our town, making key decisions that affect the community as a whole. If Ms. Tomassetti was the victim of internal harassment, it should be recognized and those responsible should be held accountable for their actions. If

nothing is done to investigate this matter, not only would that be a terrible injustice for Ms. Tomassetti, but also a grave message to others considering volunteering for public office. We hope that you recognize that the future of Fairhaven relies heavily on attracting motivated, innovative, enthusiastic, committed individuals to serve the town. We believe in order to do that, it is imperative that those considering volunteerism are confident that they will be protected by yourselves, the leaders of Fairhaven, from any unjustified harassment and public humiliation from other public officials.

Furthermore, and equally important, is the distinction that Ms. Tomassetti was an *elected* public official. If internal harassment by fellow public officials was in fact the catalyst for her resignation, the constituents of Fairhaven deserve to know who was responsible.

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| 5. | Guido Coucci | Guido Coucci | 10 Oliver St. |
| 6. | Lacey Freitas | Lacey Freitas | 101 Long Rd. |
| 7. | Tracy Manzoni | Tracy Manzoni | 1 Manzone Rd |
| 8. | Gene Manzoni | Gene Manzoni | 1 Manzone Rd |
| 9. | Justin Methia | Justin Methia | 3 Shawmut St |
| 10. | Susan Adao | Susan Adao | 49 Alder St Fairhaven |
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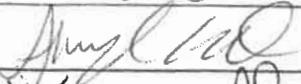
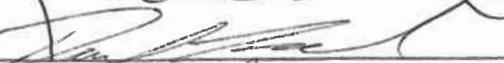
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Monday, February 2, 2026

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(7) To comply with, or act under the authority of, G.L. c. 30A, s. 22, and G.L. c. 4, s. 7(26), to review the minutes of Executive Sessions of the Planning Board dated 6/14/2022, 12/13/2022, 2/19/2025, 9/9/2025, 10/14/2025, 10/28/2025, 11/18/2025 and 12/16/2025 in response to a request for release and discuss whether to waive attorney-client privilege.