



FAIRHAVEN SELECT BOARD AGENDA

April 13, 2026 6:30 p.m.

Town Hall – 40 Center Street – Fairhaven

The meeting can also be viewed on Channel 97 or on FairhavenTV.com

A. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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B. PUBLIC COMMENT

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E. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

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5. Email: M. Hayes: HHR
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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.

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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.

Anyone interested in volunteering for Town boards committees and commissions, you can view a list of current openings by visiting the Town’s website at www.fairhaven-ma.gov Go to Boards and Committees then select Volunteer Opportunities.

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1. **Appointment Request: Dog Park Study Committee: Hailey Hemingway, one-year term – Ms. Hemingway** has provided a letter of interest to be appointed to the Dog Park Study Committee.

Suggested Motion:

“Move to (appoint/not appoint) Hailey Hemingway to a one year term on the Dog Park Study Committee expiring May, 2027.”

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

2. **Appointment Request: Open Space and Recreation Planning Committee: Melanie Jansky, ad-hoc – Melanie Jansky** has submitted a letter of interest to be appointed to the Open Space and Recreation Planning Committee.

Suggested Motion:

“Move to (appoint/not appoint) Melanie Jansky as an ad hoc member of the Opens Space and Recreation Planning Committee.”

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

- 3. Appointment Request: Commission on Disability: Noah Brine, three-year term** – Noah Brine has submitted a letter of interest to be appointed to the Commission on Disability.

Suggested Motion:

“Move to (appoint/not appoint) Noah Brine to the Commission on Disability to a three-year term expiring May, 2029.”

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

- 4. Proclamation: John Rotundi, Katie Brienzo Lifetime Achievement Award** – M.O., L.I.F.E., Inc. submitted a request for a Proclamation for John Rotundi in honor of being awarded the Katie Brienzo Lifetime Achievement Award.

Suggested Motion:

“No Motion Needed”

- 5. Event Request: Conrad’s Law 5K: Saturday, September 12, 2026** – The organizers of the Conrad’s Law 5K are seeking the Board’s approval to hold the 5th Annual Conrad’s Law 5K on Saturday, September 12, 2026, route information and details are in the Board’s packet materials. Police, Fire and Public Works have been forwarded details and organizer contact information for their review and assistance.

Suggested Motion:

“Move to approve the Conrad’s Law 5K to be held Saturday, September 12, 2026.”

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

- 6. Event Request: Nemasket Group 13th Annual 5K Walk/Run: Saturday, May 2, 2026** – The Nemasket Group is seeking the Board’s approval to hold their 13th Annual 5K Walk/Run on Saturday, May 2, 2026, route information and details are in the Board’s packet materials. Police, Fire and Public Works have been forwarded details and organizer contact information for their review and assistance.

Suggested Motion:

“Move to approve the Nemasket Group 13th Annual 5K Walk/Run to be held on Saturday, May 2, 2026.”

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

- 7. Event Request and Temporary Street Closure: Cherry Blossom Festival: Sunday, May 3, 2026** – The Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society is seeking the Board’s approval for a temporary street

closure around the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship House at 11 Cherry Street on Sunday, May 3, 2026. Organizers have been in contact Police, Fire and Public Works to coordinate additional support for the event.

Suggested Motion:

“Move to approve the temporary street closure for the Cherry Blossom Festival to be held on Sunday, May 3, 2026 contingent upon review and requirements of Police, Fire and Public Works.”

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

8. **Select Board Representative Request: Hastings Middle School Softball Field Renaming Selection Committee: Charles Murphy** – The Superintendent of Schools is forming a Selection Committee to consider renaming the softball field at the Elizabeth Hastings Middle School. Per Policy 1339, *Naming/Renaming School Facilities*, the Superintendent has requested Mr. Murphy as a member of the Select Board. Associated meetings would be completed by June when Mr. Murphy’s tenure on the Board concludes.

Suggested Motion:

“Move to (appoint/not appoint) Charles Murphy as Select Board Representative on the Hastings Middle School Softball Field Renaming Selection Committee.”

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

D. ACTION / DISCUSSION

1. **Project Eligibility Letter Application Support Presentation on Proposed Friendly 40-B on the former G. Bourne Knowles Site** - Lynne Sweet, a consultant for the interested developer, will present their proposed Friendly 40B development to obtain feedback from the Select Board for their consideration. Included in your Board materials is a presentation that Ms. Sweet will present at the Board meeting.

Suggested Motion:

“Move to (support/not support) LDS Consulting Group, LLC’s Project Eligibility Letter application to the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities for the development of a friendly 40B and to authorize the Town Administrator to sign a letter of support on behalf of the Select Board when the EOHLC documents are available.”

2. **Consider Proposed Recreation Center Membership Rate Adjustment for FY2027** – Recreation Center Director Bernadette Barreira is seeking approval for annual membership rates effective July 1, 2026. The Board’s packet contains a memo outlining the details.

Suggested Motion:

“Move to (adopt/not adopt) the proposed Recreation Center Membership Fees (as amended/as presented) effective July 1, 2026.”

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

- 3. Authorize the Town Clerk to Request Election Workers from the Democratic and Republican Town Committees** - In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 54, § 12, each political party town committee is entitled annually to submit to the Board of Registrars of Voters a list of enrolled party members who are interested in serving as election officers. Such lists must be filed **no later than June 1** of the same year and may be submitted to the Board of Registrars of Voters, care of the Town Clerk, for review and certification.

Pursuant to **MGL Chapter 54, § 12**, the Board of Registrars shall review the submitted names and provide the certified lists to the Select Board **no later than June 30** for appointment.

Suggested Motion:

“Move to authorize the Select Board to send a letter to each political party town committee seeking individuals for inclusion on the list of election officers.”

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

- 4. Discussion with Public Works Superintendent: Beach and Trash Fees** – Public Works Superintendent Vinnie Furtado will provide the Board an update on discussion from the Public Works meeting being held Monday, April 13th and any potential amendment to present to Town Meeting Members at the Annual Town Meeting on Saturday, May 2, 2026.

Suggested Motion:

“No Motion needed”

E. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

F. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS / COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

G. MINUTES

1. Accept the Open Session minutes of March 30 and 31, 2026

Suggested Motion:

“Move to (accept/not accept) the open session minutes of March 30 and 31, 2026 (as presented/as amended)”

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

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“Move to (enter/not enter) the Select Board correspondence as listed into the record”

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New submission from Volunteer Opportunities

1 message

Hailey Anne Hemingway Hailey Anne Hemingway <no-reply@jgpr.net>
Reply-To: haileycabral2@gmail.com
To: Selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov

Tue, Mar 31, 2026 at 12:35 PM

Full Name

Hailey Anne Hemingway

Address

9 Woodside Avenue

Email

haileycabral2@gmail.com

Phone

(508) 742-5943

How long have you been a Fairhaven resident?

29 Years

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

Dog Park Study Committee

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 have not served on any boards.

Interests and Qualifications.

I am a Dog Mom to my Golden Retriever Alfred. I would like to see a dog park in the Town. There are a lot of positives for dog parks for socialization and health of the dogs.

Consent

I agree to the privacy policy.

New submission from Volunteer Opportunities

1 message

Melanie Jansky **Melanie Jansky** <no-reply@jgpr.net>
Reply-To: mellie6246@gmail.com
To: Selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov

Wed, Mar 18, 2026 at 4:24 PM

Full Name

Melanie Jansky

Address

77 Raymond Street

Email

mellie6246@gmail.com

Phone

(781) 492-1125

How long have you been a Fairhaven resident?

10 years

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

I'm interested in being appointed to the Open Space & Recreation Planning Committee. I am a member of the Sustainability Committee and have been participating in the Open Space & Recreation Planning process since May of 2025. I am familiar with the existing plan and would like to continue my work.

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 am a member of the Sustainability Committee. I have served since February of 2025.

Interests and Qualifications.

I have a Graduate Certificate in Public Health which included studies in environmental health issues. My interest is in seeing Fairhaven's natural resources contribute to the health and well being of the community.

Consent

I agree to the privacy policy.

New submission from Volunteer Opportunities

1 message

Noah Brine Noah Brine <no-reply@jgpr.net>
Reply-To: Brinenoah1@gmail.com
To: Selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov

Fri, Mar 27, 2026 at 12:32 PM

Full Name

Noah Brine

Address

185 Adam street unit #A25

Email

Brinenoah1@gmail.com

Phone

(508) 901-7577

How long have you been a Fairhaven resident?

1 year

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

Commission on Disability

I am a person living on the autism spectrum and have previously been invited to speak with the Commission and my goal is to improve accessibility for those with autism spectrum disorder in town matters communication issues noted myself through contact

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 am not

Interests and Qualifications.

My interest is as a documented disability advocate who always seeks to improve and contribute to the autism spectrum community and other disability related interests

I have lived experience with various disabilities

I have deep passion of researching and finding solutions and improvements for entities to improve for disability improvement and advocacy

I have seen the need for passionate members who will go above and beyond to support and help the disability community of fairhaven ma grow

Consent

I agree to the privacy policy.



John Rotundi – Nominee for the Katie Brienzo Lifetime Achievement Award:

John Rotundi began attending M.O.L.I.F.E. in June 2022, and since that time, he has built many meaningful and lasting friendships with his peers. He maintains close relationships with his siblings, Jean and Bill, as well as a strong and positive connection with his care provider.

John has also developed a long-standing and dedicated working relationship with his employer, Mr. Rooney, at the Whitfield Manjiro House and Museum. He works independently and takes responsibility for arranging his own transportation, demonstrating both reliability and initiative. John consistently arrives at work ready and willing, always with a smile on his face.

In his free time, John actively participates in Special Olympics events, including volleyball, bowling, and basketball. More recently, he has become a member of Spirit of Grace Church, where he continues to expand his social circle and deepen his community involvement.

John is always willing to lend a helping hand and is known for his caring nature and generous spirit. He gets along well with everyone he meets and is truly a pleasure to know. We are proud and honored to have John as a participant of M.O.L.I.F.E., and we wholeheartedly believe he is a deserving recipient of the Katie Brienzo Lifetime Achievement Award.





Town of Fairhaven
Massachusetts
Office of the Select Board
Proclamation

Whereas: John Rotundi began attending M.O.L.I.F.E. in June 2022 and, in that time, has formed many meaningful and lasting friendships with his peers; and

Whereas: John maintains close and supportive relationships with his siblings, Jean and Bill, as well as a strong and positive connection with his care provider; and

Whereas: John has demonstrated dedication and responsibility through his long-standing employment with Mr. Rooney at the Whitfield Manjiro House and Museum, where he works independently and takes initiative in arranging his own transportation and consistently arrives at work with enthusiasm, reliability, and a welcoming smile, reflecting his strong work ethic and positive attitude; and

Whereas: John actively participates in Special Olympics programs, including volleyball, bowling, and basketball, and has recently expanded his community involvement as a member of Spirit of Grace Church; and

Whereas: John is known for his kindness, generosity, and willingness to help others, making a lasting impact on all who have the pleasure of knowing him. The M.O.L.I.F.E. community is proud and honored to have John as a participant and recognizes him as a truly deserving recipient of the Katie Brienzo Lifetime Achievement Award.

Now, therefore, We, the undersigned members of the Select Board of the Town of Fairhaven, recognize and celebrate the achievements and contributions of John Rotundi, congratulating him on receiving the 2026 Katie Brienzo Personal Achievement Award, and wishing him continued success in all his endeavors

Given under our hands and seal on the 13th of April in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Six

Charles K. Murphy, Sr., Chair

Andrew Romano, Vice-Chair

Natalie A. Mello, Clerk

Keith Silvia

Andrew B. Saunders

Conrad's Law 5k

1 message

Kim Bozzi <kimbozzi45@gmail.com>

Mon, Mar 16, 2026 at 10:29 AM

To: Amy Hart <ahart@fairhaven-ma.gov>, Amy Almeida <aalmeida@fairhaven-ma.gov>

Dear Board of Selectmen,

I am writing to request permission to host a memorial/awareness walk/run 5k for the late Conrad Henri Roy III on Saturday, September 12 of this year in the town of Fairhaven. This will be our fifth time hosting this event. Our previous events have gone on wonderfully without incident and were very successful!

The event will begin and end at Fort Phoenix. It will begin at 9am and end at 11am. The following route has been identified:

Fort Phoenix

Start on Green St
Right on Rodman St
Left on Adams St
Left on Bridge St
Left on Main St
Left on South St
Right on Fort St
Left on Old Fort St
Fort Phoenix

Please contact me if additional information is needed. Thank you for your attention!

Kim Bozzi
774.319.7347

March 23, 2026

Mr. Charles K. Murphy, Sr.
Chair of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Fairhaven
40 Center St.
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Dear Mr. Murphy Sr. & Board of Selectmen,

I am writing to you regarding The Nemasket Group's 13th Annual 5K Walk/Run that is scheduled to take place on Saturday, May 2nd, 2026. The event will start and end at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven, MA. The Nemasket Group has supported thousands of individuals with disabilities for decades. We are proud that our South Coast roots were our original supportive community. With our former location in Fairhaven and now being based in Mattapoisett, we have been surrounded by people who share our vision within this wonderful community base.

Here at the Nemasket Group, our mission is to empower individuals and families of all abilities to live self-directed lives through innovative services, meaningful opportunities, and inclusive community connections. We find this event to be more inclusive because it allows people from all walks of life to join us in supporting our mission.

We ask you to please consider our Walk/Run event itinerary will start at 9:00 AM and be completed by 11:00 AM. The route is the same course that we have used for the past several years. The Walk/Run route that we have identified is:

Start at Fort Phoenix
Right on Old Fort
Left on Green St.
Right on Rodman St.
Left on Bridge St.
Left on Main St.
Left on South St.
Right on Fort St.
Left on Old Fort St.
End at Fort Phoenix

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or for more information. Please email me at OliviaPimental@NemasketGoup.org or call the office at 508-999-4436.

Sincerely,



Olivia Pimental
Administrative Assistant

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The Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society

warmly invites you to our

Cherry Blossom Festival

Schedule and more details to follow!

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Ohanami

Sunday May 3

10am-3pm

FREE admission

optional:

\$20 Japanese

Bento Box:

lunch

drink

dessert

- Open house at the museum (Captain Whitfield's house)
- Kamishibai (paper theater)
- folk music
- Bento box lunch (no raw items) with drink and dessert .
- Shin Daiko (Japanese taiko drumming)
- Martial Arts Demo

- Ikebana (Japanese flower arranging)
- Ongoing: name-writing in Japanese
- Origami (paperfolding)
- Kimono display, Japanese items for sale
- JAPANESE KIMONO and theme baskets raffles



scan here

must reserve lunch in advance



**Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship House
11 Cherry Street, Fairhaven, MA**



NAMING/RENAMING SCHOOL FACILITIES

1:0 POLICY PURPOSE

1:1 This policy serves to provide the Fairhaven School Committee with a formal mechanism to name schools, grounds, and rooms in school buildings.

2:0 CONDITIONS

2:1 The School Committee may exercise its discretion in naming new schools constructed by the Town and, as well as renaming existing schools, rooms, or grounds.

3:0 PROCEDURES

The Superintendent of Schools will form a Selection Committee composed of a School Committee member, the Superintendent, a system administrator, a representative of the Teachers Association, a student, a community member, and a member of the Board of Selectmen. The Selection Committee will receive testimony from nominating groups and make a recommendation to the School Committee based upon established criteria.

Three criteria for selection include: (1) having Town residency or former residency (2) making a significant contribution to education in Fairhaven, (3) having tangible connection with the contribution of the individual to the facility.

Adopted: September 24, 2003

Revised: October 8, 2003

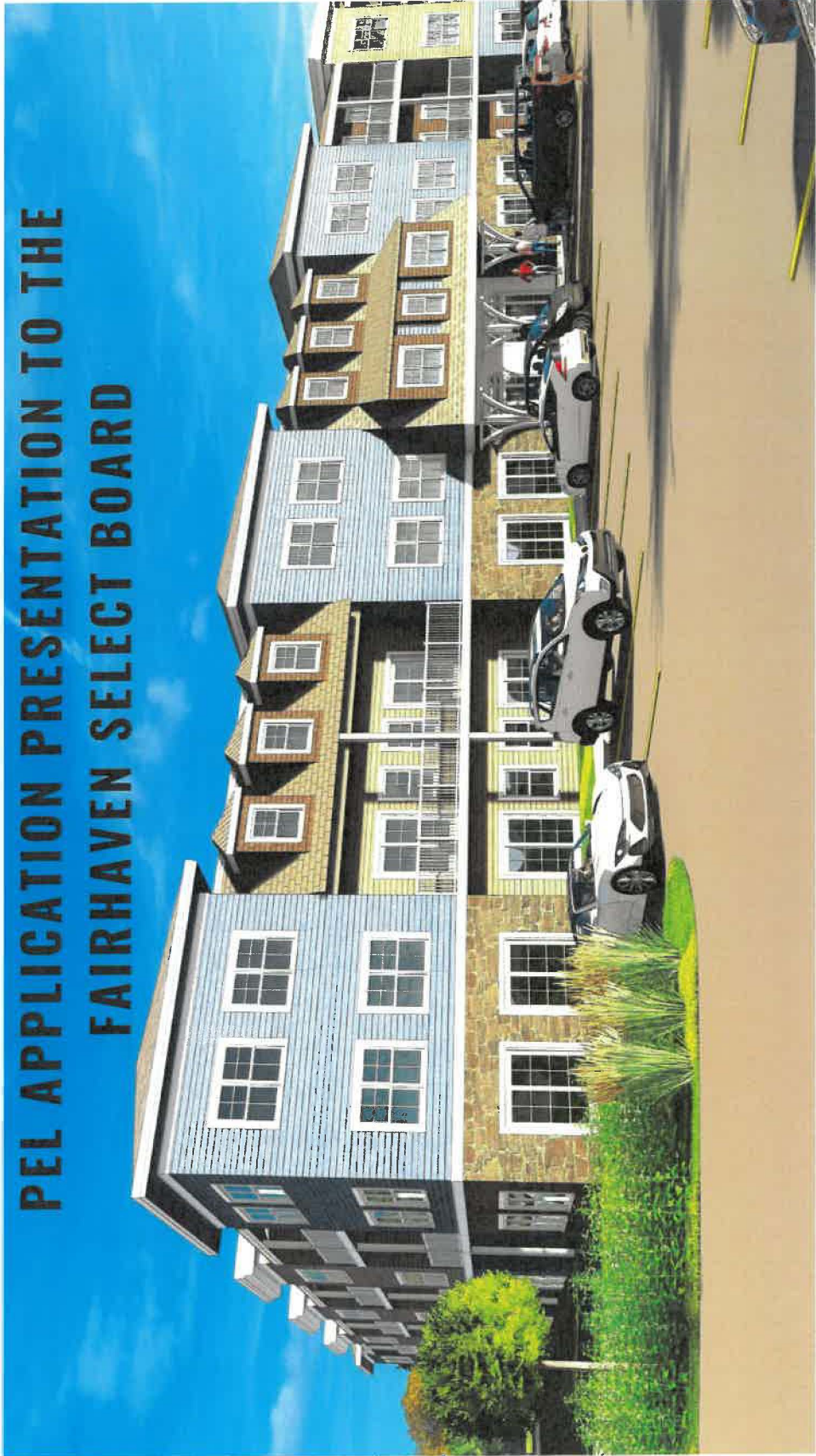


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**PEL APPLICATION PRESENTATION TO THE
FAIRHAVEN SELECT BOARD**



**NASKETUCKET RESIDENCES
267-271 HUTTLESTONE AVENUE
APRIL 13, 2026**



DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Developer

Ricardo Raposo – Raposo Legacy Development

Civil/Stormwater

Richard Rheume– Prime Engineering

Building Architect

Dan Herchenroether – Herchenroether Architecture

Traffic Engineer

Jeffrey S. Dirk , PE, PTOE, FITE – Vanasse & Associates Inc.

M.G.L. Chapter 40B Consultant

Lynne D. Sweet, Management Member

LDS Consulting Group, LLC

PEL PROCESS

Request to the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities for a Project Eligibility Letter ("PEL") Process:

- **Requesting the town to sign the PEL application and sign a letter of support**
- Once the PEL application has been submitted to the state:**
- **The Town will be provided with a 30 day comment period**
 - **The state will schedule a site walk with Town Officials and Boards.**
 - **The state will order an as is appraisal at the applicants expense.**
 - **The state has to make 7 findings.**
 - **In 60-90 days, the state will made its findings and issue a PEL.**



ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PROCESS

The Applicant can then file for a Comprehensive Permit with the Zoning Board of Appeals

The subsidized Housing Inventory (“SHI”) was 6.91%* per the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (“HLC”) on 9/30/2025.

- **Town can request MHP Grant for board training and technical assistance**
- **Distribute Application - 7 Days**
- **Notice of Public Hearing - 14 days**
- **Open public hearing within 30 days**
 - **Peer reviews can commence**
 - **Discuss waivers and conditions**
- **Close Public Hearing - 180 days**
- **Vote on decision - 40 days**

Back to state for final closing and regulatory agreement before obtaining a building permit

DEVELOPMENT OVERVIEW

- **12.29 Acres site, dilapidated greenhouses on site will be raised**
- **Proposing 224 Units, majority two bedrooms**
- **3-4 Buildings - Central Courtyard with fire pit**
- **On site amenities: fitness center, business center, dog run, tot lot, many acres of open space for passive recreation**
- **Adjacent to Bike (“rail”) trail**
- **Meets all underlying dimensional set backs**
- **Front buildings 3 Stories**
- **Rear buildings - drive under parking and 4 stories residential**
- **Approximately 1.7 spaces per unit**
- **Dark sky compliant**
- **Guest parking scattered throughout the site**
- **EV Charging stations,**

AFFORDABILITY

- **25% of all units will be affordable to households earning at or below 80% of the Area Median Income. Therefore, all 224 will count on the SHI.**
- **70% of the affordable units may have a local preference if approved by the state.**
- **All the units will be affordable in perpetuity.**
- **Affordable and market rate units will have the same basic level of finishes**
- **The initial leases for the affordable units will be based on a state approved marketing plan.**
- **Income for a two person household at 80% at AMI is \$86,100.**
- **Affordable rents today \$1,623-\$1,806**

NEED FOR AGE RESTRICTED AND AFFORDABLE HOME OWNERSHIP

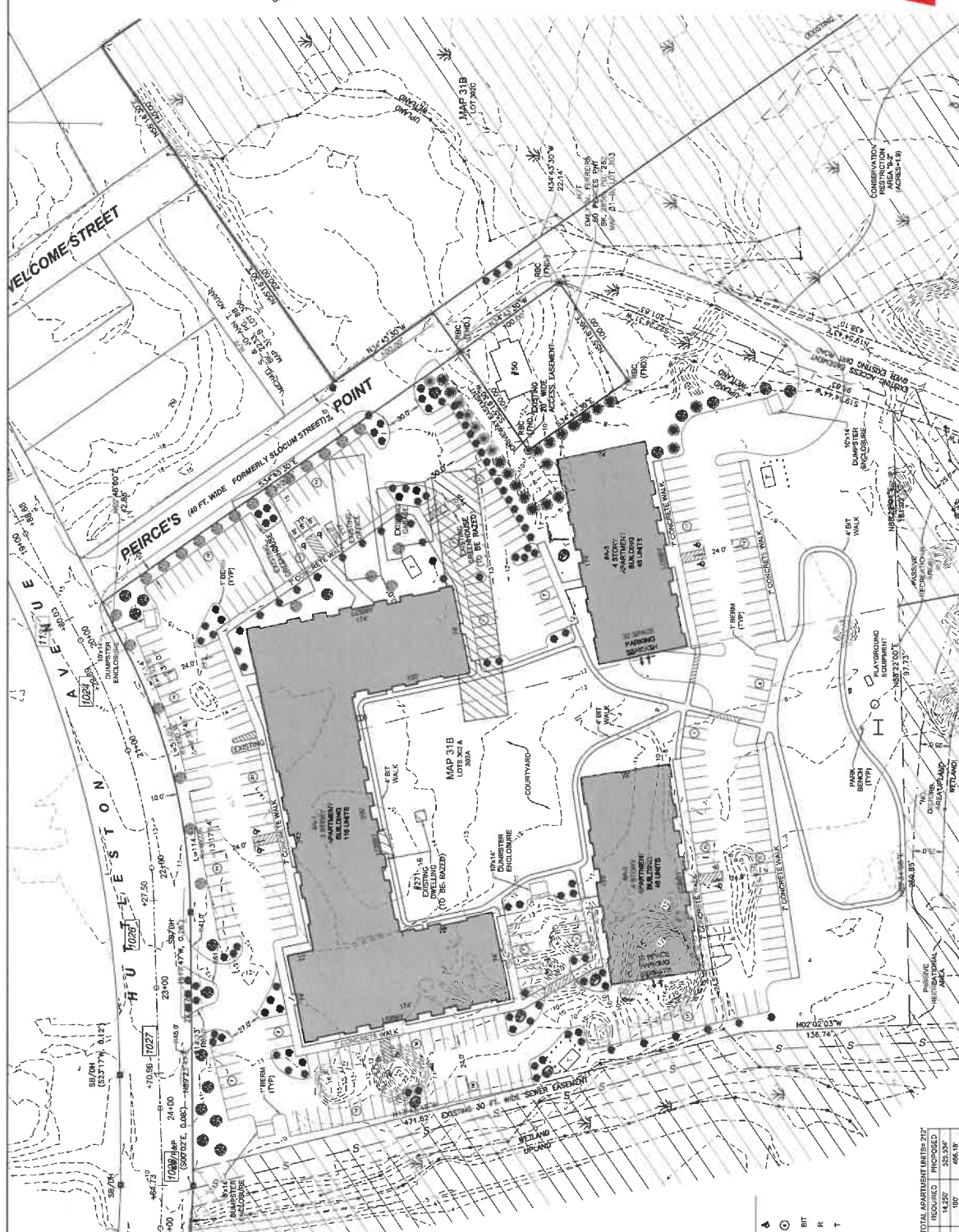
- **According to the 2020-2024 Census ACS, 48.9% of renters or 893 households in Fairhaven are rent burdened, meaning they are paying more than 30% of their income on housing costs.**
- **According to the 2020-2024 Census ACS, 20.6% of renters or 377 of the 893 households in Fairhaven are severely rent burdened, meaning they are paying more than 50% of their income on housing costs**

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DEED REFERENCES:
 MAP 31B, LOT 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.



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SCALE: 1" = 40'	
DRAWN BY: [Name]	CHECKED BY: [Name]
DATE: [Date]	DATE: [Date]
PROJECT NO. [Number]	PROJECT NO. [Number]
SHEET NO. 1 OF 1	

CONCEPT SITE LAYOUT-D	
NASKETUCKET RESIDENCES	
FAIRHAVEN, MASSACHUSETTS	
PROJECT NO.	PROJECT NO.
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DATE	DATE
DESCRIPTION	DESCRIPTION
BY: [Name]	BY: [Name]
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GENERAL NOTES:

- EXISTING TOPOGRAPHY AND SURFACE FEATURES ARE FROM AERIAL MAPS, DATED DECEMBER 15, 2004.
- PROPERTY LINE INFORMATION IS FROM A SURVEY BY [Name], ENGINEERING, INC., LAKEVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS.
- TOPOGRAPHIC ELEVATIONS REFER TO NAVD83.

LEGEND

- HANDICAP PARKING SPACE
- PARKING SPACE COUNT
- RETAINMENT
- WAMP
- TRANSFORMER PAD

ZONING SUMMARY

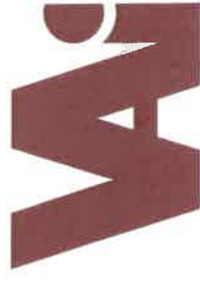
CRITERIA	REQUIRED	PROVIDED
MIN. LOT AREA (S.F.)	14,250	525,254
MIN. FRONTAGE (F.T.)	100	496.19
MIN. FRONT YARD SETBACK (F.T.)	20	18
MIN. SIDE & REAR YARD SETBACK (F.T.)	10	18
MAX. LOT COVERAGE %	70%	<50%
PARKING SPACES**	372	372
WALK-ACCESSIBLE HANDICAP SPACES**	3	10
REPARTMENTS	0	0

PROVIDED: 28 STANDARD SPACES (R-27)
 28 WALK-ACCESSIBLE SPACES
 322 TOTAL PARKING SPACES

CONCEPT SITE LAYOUT-D
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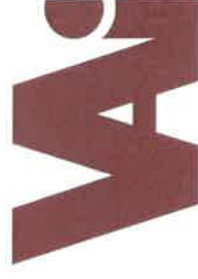
Transportation Impact Evaluation Summary

- ▶ The Project is expected to generate 1,256 vehicle trips on an average weekday (two way, 24-hour volume), with 92 vehicle trips expected during the weekday morning peak-hour and 105 vehicle trips expected during the weekday evening peak-hour;
- ▶ With consideration of the dispersal of Project-generated trips over the respective peak hours and to Route 6, the predicted peak-hour traffic volumes that are expected to be associated with the Project will not result in a significant increase in motorist delays or vehicle queuing over existing conditions;
- ▶ A review of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) high crash location database indicates that there are no (0) high crash locations along Route 6 in the vicinity of the Project site;
- ▶ The available lines of sight at the Project site driveway intersection with Route 6 and at the Route 6/Peirce's Point intersection are sufficient to allow the intersections to operate in a safe and efficient manner; and
- ▶ The Project does not generate sufficient traffic on a continuous basis in and of itself to justify (warrant) the installation of a traffic control signal at the Route 6/Peirce's Point intersection or to the extent that a full access driveway were to be developed along Route 6 to support the Project.



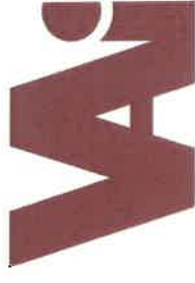
Recommendations – Site Access and Circulation

- The full access Project site driveways along Peirce’s Point should be 24-feet in width and designed to accommodate the turning and maneuvering requirements of the largest anticipated responding emergency vehicle.
- The right-in/right-out driveway that will intersect the south side of Route 6 should provide 20-foot wide entering and exiting travel lanes, unless a reduced width is approved by the Fire Chief, separated by a raised island that channelizes entering and exiting traffic to right-turn movements only.
- Where perpendicular parking is proposed, the drive aisle behind the parking should be a minimum of 23 feet wide in order to facilitate parking maneuvers.
- Vehicles exiting the Project should be placed under STOP-sign control with marked STOP-lines provided.
- “No Left-Turn” signs (graphic symbol) should be installed on Route 6 at the Project site driveway facing westbound traffic and for motorists exiting the Project site. In addition, a “Right Turn Only” sign (graphic symbol) should be installed facing motorists exiting the Project site.



Recommendations – Site Access and Circulation

- All signs and pavement markings to be installed within the Project site should conform to the applicable standards of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).
- Marked crosswalks and ADA-compliant wheelchair ramps will be provided at all pedestrian crossings to be constructed or modified as a part of the Project.
- Signs and landscaping located within sight triangle areas should be designed and maintained so as not to restrict lines of sight.
- Snow accumulations (windrows) within sight triangle areas should be promptly removed where such accumulations would impede sightlines.



Transportation Demand Management Measures

- A Transportation Coordinator (TC), who may also have other duties and responsibilities, should be assigned for the Project to coordinate the TDM program;
- The TC will facilitate a rideshare matching program for residents to encourage carpooling;
- A “welcome packet” will be provided to new residents that will include the contact information for the TC and detailing available public transportation services, bicycle and walking alternatives, and other commuter options;
- Short-term parking spaces should be located proximate to the residential building entrances for use by ride-hailing and delivery service providers;
- A central mailroom and package delivery station should be provided within both buildings;
- Pedestrian accommodations should be incorporated within the Project site and should extend to Route 6 to encourage walking; and
- Secure bicycle parking should be provided to include weather protected bicycle parking for residents and exterior bicycle parking located proximate to the building entrances.



Front Building



Front Building View- Note there will be two buildings in the back



Front Building View- Note there will be two buildings in the back





NEXT STEPS

- **Feedback from BOS on Concept**
- **If positive, the Development team will put together all the paperwork necessary to file a Project Eligibility Letter with the State.**
- **The Development Team will meet with the State for feedback**
- **Finalize application and submit to BOS for review**
- **Request BOS to sign the application and provide a letter of support.**

THANK YOU

**Lynne Sweet
Principal**

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MEMORANDUM

Proposed Fairhaven Recreation Membership Rate Adjustment for FY2027

To: Fairhaven Select Board

From: Bernadette Barreira, Director, Fairhaven Recreation Department

Date: March 24, 2026

Subject: Recommendation to Increase Annual Membership Rates Effective July 1, 2026

Action Requested: Approve a \$10 increase to annual membership rates in each membership category, effective July 1, 2026.

I respectfully submit this proposal to increase Fairhaven Recreation membership rates by \$10 in each category, effective July 1, 2026. Our membership rates have not been adjusted since 2019. During that time, activity in the Recreation Center has grown substantially, our building is seeing heavier daily use, and the cost of maintaining a clean, safe, welcoming, and high-quality facility has continued to rise.

This modest adjustment is a practical and necessary step that will help the department keep pace with demand while continuing to protect the quality of service our residents value. Even with this increase, the Recreation Center will remain an affordable community resource that offers exceptional value to Fairhaven residents and neighboring users.

I am working diligently to strengthen departmental revenue while also making responsible budgeting decisions. My goal is not simply to generate more income, but to ensure that the Fairhaven Recreation Department can

continue delivering the level of programs, service, and care that our town and our neighboring communities have come to expect. This recommendation reflects that balance.

Membership data supporting this proposal

Total active memberships	601
Resident memberships	489
Non-resident memberships	112
Current annual membership revenue	\$43,010
Projected annual revenue with proposed rates	\$49,000
Estimated annual revenue increase	\$5,990

Why this increase matters

The additional revenue generated by this adjustment will help offset the growing demands placed on the facility and support the ongoing maintenance that comes with increased building use. It will also help us preserve and expand program opportunities for children, families, adults, and seniors. Recreation is not a luxury service; it is an important part of community wellness, youth development, social connection, and quality of life.

Why this proposal is reasonable

This is a measured increase. In many categories, the proposed adjustment represents less than one dollar per month in added cost to the member. For example, a resident child playcard would move from approximately \$2.92 per month to \$3.75 per month, while a resident full adult membership would move from \$10.00 per month to approximately \$10.83 per month. The value remains strong, while the small increase creates meaningful support for the department.

Fiscal responsibility

As Director, I am committed to pursuing revenue growth thoughtfully and responsibly. That includes evaluating program performance, managing

expenses carefully, and making sound budget decisions while still maintaining the highest standards of programming, customer service, and facility operations. This recommendation is one part of a broader effort to keep the department financially healthy without compromising the experience our patrons receive.

Recommendation

For these reasons, I respectfully ask the Select Board to approve the proposed \$10 increase to membership rates, effective July 1, 2026. This adjustment will provide needed support for facility maintenance, help sustain and grow program offerings, and position the Fairhaven Recreation Department to continue serving the community with the excellence, accessibility, and responsiveness that residents deserve.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support of recreation services in the Town of Fairhaven.

Respectfully submitted,



Bernadette Barreira
Director
Fairhaven Recreation Center

Fairhaven Recreation Membership Increase Proposal for FY27								
Membership Type			Ave month cost		Proposed new rate		Ave month cost	
	Resident	Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident
Child Playcard	\$ 35.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 2.92	\$ 5.84	\$ 45.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 3.75	\$ 6.67
Senior Playcard	\$ 35.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 2.92	\$ 5.84	\$ 45.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 3.75	\$ 6.67
Veteran Play card	\$ 35.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 2.92	\$ 5.84	\$ 45.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 3.75	\$ 6.67
Adult Playcard	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 4.17	\$ 8.33	\$ 60.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 9.17
Student Full	\$ 80.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 6.67	\$ 13.33	\$ 90.00	\$ 170.00	\$ 7.50	\$ 14.67
Senior Full	\$ 80.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 6.67	\$ 13.33	\$ 90.00	\$ 170.00	\$ 7.50	\$ 14.67
Veteran Membership	\$ 80.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 6.67	\$ 13.33	\$ 90.00	\$ 170.00	\$ 7.50	\$ 14.67
Adult FULL	\$ 120.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 250.00		
Organization	\$ 300.00		\$ 25.00		\$ 400.00	\$ 33.33		
Town Employee Family (up to 5 ppl)	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 12.50		\$ 160.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 13.33	

Current Membership Counts			Revenue			Total	Potention w/ increase		total
	#		Revenue						
Child Playcard	172	33	\$ 6,020.00	\$ 2,310.00	\$ 8,330.00	\$ 7,740.00	\$ 2,640.00	\$ 10,380.00	
Senior Playcard	29	40	\$ 1,015.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,015.00	\$ 1,305.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 4,505.00	
Veteran Play card	1	1	\$ 35.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 125.00	
Adult Playcard	35	13	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 3,050.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 1,430.00	\$ 3,530.00	
Student Full	13	1	\$ 1,040.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,170.00	\$ 170.00	\$ 1,340.00	
Senior Full	166	20	\$ 13,280.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 16,480.00	\$ 14,940.00	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 18,340.00	
Veteran Full	7	0	\$ 560.00	\$ -	\$ 560.00	\$ 630.00	\$ -	\$ 630.00	
Adult Full	60	3	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 720.00	\$ 7,920.00	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 8,550.00	
Organization Full	2	0	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ 800.00		\$ 800.00	
Town Employee Family (up to 5 ppl)	4	1	\$ 600.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 640.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 800.00	
					Grand Total	\$ 43,010.00		Grand Total	\$ 49,000.00
							Potential increase	\$ 5,990.00	



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MEMO

To: Select Board
From: Elisabeth E. Horan, Town Clerk
Date: April 13, 2026
Re: Annual Letter from Select Board to Town Committees

Honorable Select Board:

In accordance with MGL Chapter 54, § 12, the Select Board is required to notify, in writing, the chair of the Democratic and Republican Town Committees to submit a list of individuals who wish to be appointed as Election Officers.

Such lists must be filed no later than June 1 of the same year and may be submitted to the Board of Registrars of Voters, care of the Town Clerk, for review and certification.

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 54, § 12, the Board of Registrars shall review the submitted names and provide the certified lists to the Select Board no later than June 30 for appointment.

The current committee chairs are as follows:

Ms. Ann Richard
Democratic Town Committee
46 Hedge Street
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Mr. Robert McConnell
Republican Town Committee
32 Abbey Street
Fairhaven, MA 02719

A letter for the Board's signatures is attached.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

cc: Board of Registrars of Voters



Monday, April 13, 2026

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT



Monday, April 13, 2026

MINUTES

1. Accept the Select Board Open Session minutes of March 30 and 31, 2026



FAIRHAVEN SELECT BOARD

Meeting Minutes

March 30, 2026

Present: Charles Murphy Sr., Andrew Romano, Natalie A. Mello, Keith Silvia, Andrew Saunders, Keith R. Hickey and Anne Carreiro

Mr. Murphy opened the Select Board meeting at 6:30pm

Mr. Murphy made a statement about Public Comment not being included on the agenda for tonight's meeting—it is consistent with the Board's practice for meetings outside of regularly scheduled sessions, there will be an opportunity for comments for items on the agenda tonight.

ACTION / DISCUSSION

FY27 Budget Discussion / Proposition 2 ½ Override Discussion

Mr. Hickey summarized the Finance Committee's work to date and asked the Board to consider voting on the other budget categories and holding on the School budget until the joint meeting March 31st. He distributed budget sheets (*Attachment A*) and a proposed override warrant article listing the proposed department, line item and amount with a total proposed override of \$760,149 (*Attachment B*).

Discussion ensued about the process, Town Meeting, the override article, whether to review each line item on the budget, changes in budget lines, Net School Spending (NSS) calculation, clarification on department notes, future considerations for joint budget meetings, consideration of collateral consequences to bylaws (for example, potential litigation costs), feedback to the Board about an override, educating on the impacts of an override, how much and gaining the public trust. Ms. Mello referred to the idea in an email from Bob Espindola of a two-tier approach (*Attachment C*).

Public Comment:

Zach Aubut of Mill Road (Precinct 6) spoke in support of the proposed override to restore the Animal Control Officer position, allowing voters to decide, also creating a bylaw to dedicate funds directly to the animal shelter rather than the general fund. He discussed increasing school spending with declining enrollment, calling for a broader review of the school budget. Additionally, he questioned the impact of eliminating Tourism, recommended a similar analysis for the Animal Shelter, and asked about the status of a reported gift intended for the shelter.

Jim Anderson of Precinct 1, Green Street addressed the Board, he said his questions were answered and asked how to convince voters. He said the wind mills have an expense and there will be a looming cost for the turf fields at Fairhaven High School, they have a limited life and will need to be replaced soon.

Michelle Costen of Spring Street spoke about fiscal responsibility at both the local and state levels, noting housing challenges and the financial impact of short-term rentals. She expressed concern that the Town is not addressing the root causes of the deficit and raised allegations of potential mismanagement. She urged the Board to advocate for the state to use its rainy-day fund, questioned the lack of state response, and asked why the Town has not pursued federal assistance or intervention to secure state funding.

Mr. Murphy encouraged everyone to write to the governor to increase local aid to Fairhaven.

Mark Alves of Beach Street, a 100% disabled veteran, acknowledged that while tax increases are unpopular, they can be necessary. He noted Fairhaven's relatively low tax rate compared to neighboring New Bedford and described the proposed increase as minimal. He emphasized that certain costs, like trash services, are unavoidable and that supporting social services requires accepting higher taxes.

Donna Bernardo addressed the Board, she said she volunteers at the Animal Shelter and the problem will still exist with wild animals like injured coyotes and rabid raccoons, if animals are not cared for people will suffer and it is unfair to pass it on to another town.

Patrick Carr of Pleasant Street addressed the Board and asked for clarification about statements heard about the lowest tax bracket in the area and comparisons to other towns, if the cost of the water and sewer increasing, it makes it equal to or more than other towns. He cited examples of variables using assessed taxes and property values and mentioned business assessments and tax rates. Mr. Carr mentioned other considerations like seniors on fixed incomes, fuel costs, trash fees, revenue from trash fees, whether the trash fee can be reversed, should the trash fee be raised to get past this deficit and reverted back, impacts on businesses, the Tripp School roof repairs and building use. The cost of living adjustments for school employees and any consideration of freezing raises. He suggested looking into what is not needed at the schools and other departments. He questioned the need for school transportation and the costs associated.

Mr. Hickey cautioned on further discussion and that a calculator was being put on the website to enter assessed value and calculate the budget impact on a property. Mr. Romano pointed out that property sale prices are not what tax rates are determined by. Ms. Carreiro added that net school spending (NSS) would still a problem if the school budget is reduced.

Review and Consider Voting Recommendations for Articles for the Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Mr. Hickey asked the Board to consider their recommendation per article and to hold on three articles: General Fund Operating Budget FY27, General Fund Operating Budget Override and the General Fund Capital Plan. Mr. Hickey provided context to articles the Board needed clarification on.

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to recommend Adoption for the article titled, Measurer of Wood and Bark. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to recommend Adoption for the article titled, Town Report. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to recommend Adoption for the article titled, Report of Committees. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to recommend Adoption for the article titled, Transfer Budget Funds for FY26. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to recommend Adoption for the article titled, Setting Salaries of Town Officers for FY26. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to recommend Adoption for the article titled, Supplemental FY26 Snow and Ice Appropriation. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to recommend Adoption for the article titled, Union Wharf Construction Appropriation. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to recommend Adoption for the article titled, Water Enterprise Fund Operating Budget. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to recommend Adoption for the article titled, Sewer Enterprise Fund Operating Budget. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to recommend Adoption for the article titled, Town Cable Enterprise Fund Operating Budget. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to recommend Adoption for the article titled, School Cable Enterprise Fund Operating Budget. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to recommend Adoption for the article titled, Water Enterprise Fund Capital Plan. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to recommend Adoption for the article titled, Water Enterprise Fund Borrowing. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to recommend Adoption for the article titled, Sewer Enterprise Fund Capital Plan. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to recommend Adoption for the article titled, Other Appropriations, Funding of Articles. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to recommend Adoption for the article titled, Other Appropriations, Increase and Fund COLA base for Retirees. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to recommend Adoption for the article titled, Community Preservation Committee Appropriations FY27. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to recommend Adoption for the article titled, Revolving Funds. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to recommend Adoption for the article titled, Adopt Chapter 22I of the Hero Act. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to recommend Adoption for the article titled, Adopt Chapter 22J of the Hero Act. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to recommend Adoption for the article titled, Civil Service Revocation-Fire Chief. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Discussion ensued on the article titled *Fairhaven Affordable Housing Trust*, the Board discussed the language in Section 4, Composition. Bob Grindrod addressed the Board and suggested more analysis before implementing and asked for more information to be presented at Town Meeting. Mr. Hickey confirmed Town Counsel has reviewed and provided examples of boiler-plate language that was used in the bylaw.

Motion: Mr. Romano motioned to remove the article titled, Fairhaven Affordable Housing Trust from the warrant until it is vetted. Ms. Mello seconded.

Discussion on the motion ensued, concerns raised regarding waiting and leaving out median income range people, the cap of \$15M in the article cannot be exceeded without a Town Meeting vote and there is a check-and-balance due to needing Select Board approval.

On the Motion: Mr. Romano motioned to remove the article titled, Fairhaven Affordable Housing Trust from the warrant until it is vetted. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion failed (2-3-0) Mr. Saunders, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Silvia opposed.

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to recommend Adoption for the article titled, Fairhaven Affordable Housing Trust. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed (3-2-0) Ms. Mello and Mr. Romano opposed.

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to recommend Adoption for the article titled, Amend Bylaws c. 169 § 13 Removal of Snow and Ice. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to recommend Yield to Petitioner for the article titled, Citizen's Petition-Municipal Housing Trust Fund. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to recommend Yield to Petitioner for the article titled, Citizen's Petition-Amend Bylaws c. 56 § 13. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to recommend Yield to Petitioner for the article titled, Citizen’s Petition-Amend Bylaws c. 56 § 14. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

MINUTES

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to accept the open session minutes of March 19 and 23, 2026 as presented. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is a joint meeting with the Finance and School Committee tomorrow, March 31st starting at 6:30pm, the School Committee will join at 7pm. The next regularly scheduled Select Board meeting will be on **Monday, April 13, 2026** at 6:30pm.

Mr. Murphy asked for a moment of silence to remember the brave men and women of our military who have been killed or wounded in action, we also hold in our thoughts their families, who also carry the weight of their sacrifice.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51pm

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Summary Budget dated 3/30/26
- B. Proposed Override Warrant Article
- C. Bob Espindola email: Two-Tiered approach to Proposition 2-1/2 Override Question on the ballot
- D. Michelle Costen handout: A lovely home built on a Housing Trust in Falmouth; Falmouth Housing Trust; Fwd.: SRPEDD-Housing Grants & Law Breaking; 16 Powers-MAHT petitions on the warrant

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Select Board Clerk (ah)

Accepted on __



Monday, April 13, 2026

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Copy of Letter to the Finance Committee in support of Tourism: Eleanor Chew
2. Memorial Day Parade invitation
3. Fairhaven Village Militia-Harbor of Courage Encampment invitation
4. Emails regarding the Animal Shelter
5. Email: M. Hayes: HHR
6. Email: Michelle Costen: Shortfall-Override-Rain Ref: SB 3/23/26
7. Open Meeting Law Appeal: Patrick Higgins: Re. Emergency Meeting: September 30, 2025 Executive Session

180 Main St.
Fairhaven, MA. 02719
March 30, 2026

Mr. Charles Murphy
Chair, Fairhaven Select Board
40 Center St.
Fairhaven, MA. 02719

Mr. Murphy and Members of the Select Board,

I am providing you with a copy of the letter that I sent to the Finance Committee on March 26, 2026 expressing my concerns with the potential elimination of the position of Tourism Director and the entire department.

I hope you will take the time to read this letter and to think about the overall costs and impacts of the elimination of this department as expressed in the attached letter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,



Eleanor Chew

Cc: Copy of letter to Finance Committee Dated 3/26/2026

180 Main St.
Fairhaven, MA. 02719
March 26, 2026

Mr. Padraic Elliott, Chair Fairhaven Finance Committee
40 Center St.
Fairhaven, MA. 02719

Mr. Elliott and the Members of the Finance Committee,

Although I realize the decision was made to eliminate the Tourism Director and department I still feel as though I needed to speak about this as I feel this is ultimately not in the best interests of the town. I was unable to call Tuesday night thus the reason for the letter.

1. Tuesday night it was said by a member of the Fin Com that if the position became part-time and Ms. Botelho did not want it someone would take it. Why would we want just anyone to take it? That person (if we could hire someone) would have to recreate the wheel and how much time, and money is that going to cost us? We have someone in this position who is passionate, creative, experienced, and dedicated as evidenced by how much was implemented last summer.

2. Events have been planned, announced broadly, and vendors have begun to sign up and I would guess they have paid their fee for a booth. How do we refund their money which is going to take time to do. What is the long-term impact when we reinstate this position. I would doubt that any of those vendors would return to anything in Fairhaven as our trust with them was broken, and they have found new places to go. Vendors also provide publicity as many have social media pages sharing their activities, locations and talk about their experiences after the event. How much positive impact does this have on the town?

3. What is the negative impact of people not coming and residents not going out on those days or not shopping in town as there was nothing to keep residents here?

4. There is no method to quantify the positive impacts of this nor the intrinsic values of the Tourism Director and her position. Were other department heads asked to quantify the benefits they brought to town and how much of their positions were covered by fees etc.? If not, why not?

5. If my understanding is correct, didn't the Recreation Department leave an administrative position open when that individual resigned? If so, then where is that funding and can it be used for the Tourism Director along with what was mentioned Tuesday for funding?

6. What is the potential cost of paying unemployment for Ms. Botelho? Wouldn't that funding in tight budget times be more effectively utilized paying someone who is working and benefitting the town rather than paying someone who is not working? I didn't hear this discussed Tuesday night.

My hope is that you as a committee will reconsider your decision and reinstate this position fully for FY 2027 while having a discussion about how this position can bring in more funding. My hope is that you can look at the LONG-TERM benefits and not use this position as a short-term, short-sighted decision to balance a budget.

Sincerely yours,

Eleanor Chew



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Office of Veterans Services
229 Huttleston Avenue
Fairhaven, MA 02719
508-202-4603 (Mike) or 508-658-3719 (Jane)
FAX: 508-979-4116
Mjenney@fairhaven-ma.gov
jbettencourt@fairhaven-ma.gov

SELECT BOARD
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March 24, 2026

Fairhaven Select Board
40 Center Street
Fairhaven MA 02719

Dear Members,

You are cordially invited to participate in Fairhaven's Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 25, 2026.

Parade participants will assemble behind Fairhaven High School on Larch Avenue at 8:30 AM. The parade will commence at 9:00 AM.

The parade route will travel north down Main Street to Riverside Cemetery. Our traditional ceremony will take place there.

Afterwards there will be a gathering at the Fairhaven Senior Center located at 229 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven MA.

Please join us to commemorate the day.

If you are interested (and we hope you are!), please reply by Friday, May 8, 2026 by contacting Mike or Jane in the Veterans Office.

Should we experience inclement weather, there will be a Memorial Service at 11:00 AM with a gathering afterwards at the Fairhaven Senior Center.

Sincerely,

Mike Jenney, VSO and Parade Committee Members

Harbor of Courage Encampment- Fairhaven Village Militia

1 message

Fairhaven Militia <fairhavenvillagemilitia@gmail.com>

Mon, Apr 6, 2026 at 9:23 PM

To: Charles K Murphy Sr <cmurphy@fairhaven-ma.gov>, Andrew Romano <aromano@fairhaven-ma.gov>, Keith Silvia <ksilvia@fairhaven-ma.gov>, "Natalie A. Mello" <namello@fairhaven-ma.gov>, Andrew Saunders <asaunders@fairhaven-ma.gov>

Cc: ahart@fairhaven-ma.gov, khickey@fairhaven-ma.gov

Dear Members of the Select Board,

On behalf of the Fairhaven Village Militia, we are writing to invite you to our upcoming "Harbor of Courage" Spring Encampment, taking place at Fort Phoenix on Saturday, May 16, and Sunday, May 17, 2026.

This year's encampment holds particular significance as we commemorate the 250th Birthday of the United States and the 251st Anniversary of the First Naval Engagement of the Revolution, which took place right here in our own waters. Our goal is to provide an immersive educational experience for residents and visitors alike, featuring:

- Period-accurate military drills and musket demonstrations during the day.
- Colonial craft displays leather working, sewing, camp cooking and more.
- A battle reenactment between the Tories and the Patriot militia is scheduled for Saturday at 2:00 PM.
- A commemorative cannon firing at dusk on Saturday evening.

Co-hosted by the Fairhaven Village Militia and Discover Fairhaven with support from SRPEDD and BayCoast Bank, this event invites you to see history in action at the very spot where courage met the sea.

We are also proud to announce that this event has been made possible through the generous support of the Fairhaven Cultural Council. Their recent grant award to the Militia ensures that we can keep this event free and accessible to the public, fostering a deeper appreciation for Fairhaven's pivotal role in American history.

We would be honored to have the Select Board members in attendance at this historic celebration. We remain committed to working closely with Discover Fairhaven to ensure a fun, safe, educational, and memorable weekend for all.

Thank you for your continued support of our local heritage.

Sincerely,

Wayne Oliveira
Commander

Matt McDonald
Lt. Commander

Oppose Animal Shelter Closure and Reduction of Animal Control Position

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Leanne Mannina <leannemanninamac@gmail.com>

Fri, Mar 20, 2026 at 7:31 PM

To: selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov, cmurphy@fairhaven-ma.gov, aromano@fairhaven-ma.gov, namello@fairhaven-ma.gov, ksilvia@fairhaven-ma.gov, asaunders@fairhaven-ma.gov, khickey@fairhaven-ma.gov

Dear Members of the Select Board and Town Administration,

I am a Fairhaven resident writing in strong opposition to the proposal discussed in the recent Finance Committee meeting to close the animal shelter and reduce the animal control position to part-time.

Hearing this proposal, along with the suggestion that the shelter could instead operate through donations and volunteers, is deeply concerning. The idea that the care of living, vulnerable animals could be dependent on inconsistent donations is not realistic or responsible. Anyone with even a basic understanding of budgeting should recognize that donations are unpredictable and cannot be relied upon to sustain ongoing, essential care such as food, medical treatment, emergency services, and facility upkeep.

Beyond that, shifting the responsibility onto volunteers is not a viable or safe solution. Volunteers play an important role, but they are not a substitute for trained, accountable, full-time professionals. Running an animal shelter requires consistent oversight, experience, and the ability to respond to complex and often urgent situations. Expecting volunteers to take on that level of responsibility without proper structure, staffing, and support is setting the entire system up to fail.

Closing the shelter would also place an unfair and dangerous burden on surrounding towns and their already limited resources. Local shelters are not equipped to absorb an influx of animals from Fairhaven without consequence. This will inevitably result in overcrowding, reduced care capacity, and, ultimately, more animals being put at risk. We do not need fewer animal shelters we need to maintain and strengthen the ones we have.

Additionally, the suggestion that surrounding towns or nonprofit shelters could absorb Fairhaven's animals is not grounded in reality. Facilities like Dartmouth's are already operating at or near capacity and are actively working to manage overflow within their own systems, including assisting other municipalities. Shifting Fairhaven's responsibilities onto already strained resources will not solve the problem it will intensify it, placing more animals at risk and overwhelming neighboring communities.

Animal control is not a part-time responsibility. It is a critical public safety role that extends far beyond standard hours. Animal control officers handle lost and found animals, cruelty and abuse cases, dangerous situations, public safety concerns, inspections of kennels and facilities, and emergency responses at all hours. This is not a job that can be effectively performed on a limited, part-time schedule.

Reducing this position sends a clear message that the work is undervalued, despite the reality that it is demanding, essential, and often emotionally taxing. It also raises serious concerns about the town's ability to retain qualified individuals. Fairhaven already offers some of the lowest pay in the surrounding area for this role. Further reducing the position will make it nearly impossible to attract or keep someone with the experience, dedication, and compassion required to do this job properly.

Animals in this community rely on these services for protection, advocacy, and care. They do not have a voice, and it is the responsibility of the town to ensure they are not neglected or put at risk due to budget decisions. At the same time, residents rely on animal control for safety, support, and intervention in urgent situations. Eliminating or weakening these services affects the entire community.

It is extremely concerning that a decision of this magnitude is even being considered as a solution to budget constraints. Essential services should not be dismantled and replaced with uncertain, unsustainable alternatives. This is not a responsible or ethical approach.

Rather than eliminating these services, the town should be exploring ways to support and strengthen them. Other communities have implemented programs such as educational initiatives, community events, and seasonal programs that both engage residents and generate supplemental funding. With the level of community support this shelter has, there are clearly opportunities to build sustainable support systems without dismantling essential services.

I strongly urge the town to reconsider this proposal and to prioritize maintaining a fully staffed animal control position and a properly supported municipal shelter. This is not an area where corners can be cut without serious and lasting consequences.

I ask that you consider this decision not just as officials, but as people, and truly sit with the full weight of it because the consequences will not be numbers on a page, but real lives that cannot be undone, especially for those who have no ability to advocate for themselves.

Respectfully,
Leanne Manning
Fairhaven Resident

Animal Shelter Closure

1 message

kylie serpa <kylieaserpa@gmail.com>

Fri, Mar 20, 2026 at 8:19 PM

To: selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov, cmurphy@fairhaven-ma.gov, aromano@fairhaven-ma.gov, namello@fairhaven-ma.gov, ksilvia@fairhaven-ma.gov, asaunders@fairhaven-ma.gov, khickey@fairhaven-ma.gov

My name is Kylie Serpa. I am a Fairhaven resident and long time volunteer at the Fairhaven animal shelter. I **STRONGLY OPPOSE** the proposal to close the animal shelter and reduce the animal control position to part-time. This is irresponsible and poor long-term planning for our town. The shelter and the position of ACO is a public safety service that protects everyone including animals and residents - including everyone in this email chain and your family and pets too. It is not sustainable to merely rely on donations and volunteers as the town has been for so long. I am strongly urging the town to reconsider the proposal and find a way to maintain proper funding and staffing. For the first time in my life, I will be extremely ashamed and disappointed in my hometown if this proposal goes through. Please don't do this, as this will go down in history as a very very big mistake.

Oppose Animal Shelter Closure

1 message

Caitlin Reed <creed5793@gmail.com>

Sat, Mar 21, 2026 at 7:13 AM

To: selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov, cmurphy@fairhaven-ma.gov, aromano@fairhaven-ma.gov, namello@fairhaven-ma.gov, ksilvia@fairhaven-ma.gov, asaunders@fairhaven-ma.gov, khickey@fairhaven-ma.gov

I am a Fairhaven resident and I strongly oppose the proposal to close the animal shelter and reduce the animal control position to part-time. This is an essential public safety service that protects both animals and residents. Relying on donations and volunteers is not a reliable or sustainable solution. I urge the town to reconsider this proposal and maintain proper funding and staffing.

Sincerely, Caitlin Reed

Oppose Animal Shelter Closure

1 message

KEVIN LUCIDI <lucidi@comcast.net>

Sat, Mar 21, 2026 at 7:22 AM

To: "selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov" <selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov>, "cmurphy@fairhaven-ma.gov" <cmurphy@fairhaven-ma.gov>, "aromano@fairhaven-ma.gov" <aromano@fairhaven-ma.gov>, "namello@fairhaven-ma.gov" <namello@fairhaven-ma.gov>, "ksilvia@fairhaven-ma.gov" <ksilvia@fairhaven-ma.gov>, "asaunders@fairhaven-ma.gov" <asaunders@fairhaven-ma.gov>, "khickey@fairhaven-ma.gov" <khickey@fairhaven-ma.gov>

I am a Fairhaven resident and I strongly oppose the proposal to close the animal shelter and reduce the animal control position to part-time. This is an essential public safety service that protects both animals and residents. Relying on donations and volunteers is not a reliable or sustainable solution. I urge the town to reconsider this proposal and maintain proper funding and staffing.

Sincerely,
Jane Lucidi

Oppose Animal Shelter Closure

1 message

Carol Sawicki <csaw13@live.com>

Sat, Mar 21, 2026 at 11:17 AM

To: "aromano@fairhaven-ma.gov" <aromano@fairhaven-ma.gov>, "namello@fairhaven-ma.gov" <namello@fairhaven-ma.gov>, "cmurphy@fairhaven-ma.gov" <cmurphy@fairhaven-ma.gov>, "selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov" <selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov>, "ksilvia@fairhaven-ma.gov" <ksilvia@fairhaven-ma.gov>, "khickey@fairhaven-ma.gov" <khickey@fairhaven-ma.gov>, "asaunders@fairhaven-ma.gov" <asaunders@fairhaven-ma.gov>

I am a Fairhaven resident and I strongly oppose the proposal to close the animal shelter and reduce the animal control position to part-time. This is an essential public safety service that protects both animals and residents. Relying on donations and volunteers is not a reliable or sustainable solution. I urge the town to reconsider this proposal and maintain proper funding and staffing.

Sincerely,
Carol Sawicki
Resident for 71 years

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Oppose Animal shelter Closure

1 message

MADLINE SULLIVAN <maddypaul@verizon.net>

Sun, Mar 22, 2026 at 8:24 AM

To: "selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov" <selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov>

To A;; the members of the Selectboard,

I am a Fairhaven resident and I strongly oppose the proposal to close the animal shelter and reduce the animal control position to part-time. This is an essential public safety service that protects both animals and residents. Relying on donations and volunteers is not a reliable or sustainable solution. I urge the town to reconsider this proposal and maintain proper funding and staffing. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Madeline & Paul Sullivan

[121 Washington St.](#)

[Fairhaven, Ma 02719](#)

Proposed closure of Fairhaven Animal Shelter

1 message

Jennifer Botelho <crssnguard97@comcast.net>
To: "selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov" <selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov>

Mon, Mar 23, 2026 at 2:05 PM

To the Fairhaven selectboard,

I am a Fairhaven resident, and I strongly oppose the proposal to close the animal shelter and reduce the ACO position to part-time. This is an essential public safety service that protects both animals and residents. Relying solely on donations and volunteers is not a reliable or sustainable solution. I urge the town to reconsider this proposal and maintain proper funding and staffing. While I realize that this topic may or may not be under the purview of the selectboard, my hope is that you will entertain discussion of this matter with the appropriate department heads and decision makers. I believe that this is a decision that should not be taken lightly.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Botelho

Oppose Animal Shelter Closure

1 message

Sam DeFrias <samanthadefrias@gmail.com>

Mon, Mar 23, 2026 at 7:44 PM

To: selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov, cmurphy@fairhaven-ma.gov, aromano@fairhaven-ma.gov, namello@fairhaven-ma.gov, ksilvia@fairhaven-ma.gov, asaunders@fairhaven-ma.gov, khickey@fairhaven-ma.gov

I am a Fairhaven resident and I strongly oppose the proposal to close the animal shelter and reduce the animal control position to part-time. This is an essential public safety service that protects both animals and residents. Relying on donations and volunteers is not a reliable or sustainable solution. I urge the town to reconsider this proposal and maintain proper funding and staffing.

Sincerely,
Samantha DeFrias

Follow Up: Animal Shelter & Animal Control Discussion

1 message

Leanne Manning <leannemanningmac@gmail.com>

Mon, Mar 23, 2026 at 9:34 PM

To: selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov, cmurphy@fairhaven-ma.gov, aromano@fairhaven-ma.gov, namello@fairhaven-ma.gov, ksilvia@fairhaven-ma.gov, asaunders@fairhaven-ma.gov, khickey@fairhaven-ma.gov

Dear Members of the Select Board and Town Administration,

After listening to the recent meeting, I wanted to follow up with additional concerns. It was very clear that there is a misunderstanding of how animal shelters and animal control actually operate day to day. I personally have worked with animals for nearly two decades, including over ten years in the veterinary field, and have worked closely alongside both shelters and animal control officers. From that experience, I can say with certainty that the idea of replacing a municipal shelter with donations, volunteers, or reliance on outside facilities is not realistic or sustainable.

It was especially concerning to hear references to other shelters, such as Dartmouth, as a potential solution. Facilities like the Humane Society in Dartmouth are already operating at or near capacity and are actively supporting multiple surrounding towns. Adding Fairhaven's animals into that system would not solve the problem, it would overwhelm it further. When shelters reach capacity, difficult decisions are made. Euthanasia in these cases is not about funding for medical care; it is often about space, time, and the inability to safely house additional animals. Shifting responsibility elsewhere only increases the likelihood that more animals will be put at risk. Additionally, any reliance on outside shelters would require formal agreements or contracts, assuming those facilities are even able or willing to take on additional volume. This has not been clearly addressed, and it raises serious concerns about the feasibility of the proposal. The suggestion that a shelter could operate primarily through volunteers or donations also overlooks the reality that these facilities require consistent leadership, trained staff, and structured oversight. Volunteers are an important support system, but they cannot replace the responsibility and accountability of a properly staffed municipal service.

Reducing the animal control position to part-time is equally concerning. This is not a 9–5 role.... emergencies involving animals happen at all hours. Animal control officers respond to situations involving injured, loose, aggressive, and abused animals, often in coordination with public safety efforts. Limiting this position will not reduce the need; it will shift the burden elsewhere, including onto the police department and members of the public who are not trained to handle these situations safely. Without adequate coverage, we will continue to see situations where residents are left trying to intervene on their own, which creates unnecessary risk for both people and animals. This is not a theoretical concern, it is already happening. The animal control position is not taken as seriously as it should be, yet it is just as essential to public safety. We would never expect a town to operate with only one police officer or one firefighter. so it is unreasonable to expect a single, under-supported animal control officer to carry that same level of responsibility alone. Reducing and underfunding this role is not only impractical, it is insulting to the profession and to anyone considering applying in the future, especially when Fairhaven already offers some of the lowest pay for this position compared to surrounding cities and towns, it sends a clear message that this work is not valued.

There are also alternative approaches that appear to have not been fully explored. Other towns have implemented educational programs, community events, and structured fundraising initiatives that both support shelter operations and generate revenue. Given how much this community values the shelter, it is hard to understand why those options are not being prioritized before considering complete closure or reduction of services. Before eliminating an essential public safety service, the town should be exploring realistic alternatives such as relocating non essential spending, modest revenue adjustments, regional cost sharing agreements and structured programs that allow the shelter to generate supplemental income not defaulting to dismantling a critical resource that protects both animals and residents.

These decisions carry real consequences not just for the town, but for the animals who will be directly affected. The outcome of this proposal will not remain contained within a budget; it will result in increased strain on surrounding communities, decreased public safety, and ultimately, more animals losing their lives. I strongly urge the town to reconsider this approach and to seek guidance from professionals actively working in animal care, sheltering, and animal control before moving forward with decisions of this magnitude.

Respectfully,

Leanne Manning
Fairhaven Resident

Fairhaven Animal Control

1 message

Bridget O'Donnell Szymczuk <bodonnell38@aol.com>

Mon, Mar 23, 2026 at 10:48 PM

To: selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov, cmurphy@fairhaven-ma.gov, aromano@fairhaven-ma.gov, namello@fairhaven-ma.gov, ksilvia@fairhaven-ma.gov, asaunders@fairhaven-ma.gov, khickey@fairhaven-ma.gov, townadministrator@fairhaven-ma.gov

Hello,

My name is Bridget O'Donnell, and I am writing to you in regard to the Fairhaven Animal Shelter and Animal Control Officer position. Although I am not a resident of Fairhaven, I have worked closely with FACO for many years as a veterinarian at New England Animal Hospital in Fairhaven, and Dagenais Veterinary Clinic in Dartmouth. I can tell you first hand, the role of the shelter and the ACO are crucial to helping animals in this town.

Closing the Fairhaven animal shelter will not eliminate the need for it- it will simply push the burden onto already overwhelmed surrounding shelters and lead to worse outcomes for animals. It is all too often that animals are euthanized due to lack of space and length of stay when shelters are full. This will only get worse if the Fairhaven shelter is closed. The Dartmouth shelter is already contracting with several cities and towns, and adding Fairhaven to that list is only going to further overwhelm them and put more animals at risk.

Furthermore, reducing the ACO position to part-time is not realistic. It is a 24/7 public safety role, and emergencies do not follow a schedule. These decisions also impact public safety situations involving loose, injured, or aggressive animals and now will fall on the public or already stretched police, who are not specifically trained to handle dangerous animal situations.

We need people with real, hands-on experience in animal care, sheltering, and animal control involved in these conversations before decisions like this are made. Caring for animals- especially those that are sick, abandoned, or abused- is not an easy job, and should be taken seriously.

I hope you take the time to reflect and reconsider closing the Fairhaven Animal Shelter and changing the Animal Control Officer position. Thank you for your time!

Bridget O'Donnell

Animal Shelter - grave concerns

1 message

Nicole Heath <nmg.heath@gmail.com>

Tue, Mar 24, 2026 at 7:49 AM

To: "selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov" <selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov>

To the esteemed Members of the Select Board,

I am writing to express my profound concern regarding the insufficient allocation of taxpayer funds to the town's animal shelter. The proposed measure to transfer our homeless and neglected animals to shelters in other municipalities is unacceptable. Such a decision would inevitably overburden those facilities, potentially leading to increased euthanasia rates for our town's animals. I question the rationale behind this consideration. Is this decision being contemplated because the animals lack a voice and the ability to vote against this neglectful, inhumane, and frankly, cowardly proposal?

As a devoted taxpayer and homeowner in Fairhaven, I intend to utilize every appropriate measure at my disposal to prevent this closure. Furthermore, the proposal for a part-time Animal Control Officer is highly problematic. This change risks placing an undue burden on our police department, potentially necessitating overtime pay to manage the expected increase in emergency calls now falling under their purview. A part-time role cannot adequately anticipate or respond to the unpredictable nature of animal emergencies. This represents a serious misallocation of our taxpayer resources, especially if the town must ultimately pay another municipality to house our animals.

I urge you to reconsider this proposal and work collaboratively to identify the necessary funding to keep the animal shelter operational. It is also unclear to me if an override would even definitively guarantee the shelter's continued operation. I implore you to demonstrate compassion and act decisively to support the welfare of these animals.

Sincerely,

Nicole Heath
10 Plymouth Ave

Concerns Regarding the Fairhaven Animal Control and Shelter

1 message

Corrine Camara <c.victoriamae07@gmail.com>

Tue, Mar 24, 2026 at 2:34 PM

To: selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov, cmurphy@fairhaven-ma.gov, aromano@fairhaven-ma.gov, namello@fairhaven-ma.gov, ksilvia@fairhaven-ma.gov, townadministrator@fairhaven-ma.gov, asaunders@fairhaven-ma.gov, khickey@fairhaven-ma.gov

Dear Town Officials,

I am writing with great compassion to express serious concern about the proposal to close the Fairhaven animal shelter and reduce animal control services.

Eliminating the town's shelter will not remove the need for these services. This will shift the responsibility onto our neighboring shelters that are already operating at or beyond capacity. Not only will this inevitably lead to poorer outcomes for animals and the community as a whole, it will affect law enforcement and first responders. When there is no one to call or go to for the safety and well-being of animals, there will be countless calls to those who are not trained, nor have the time for, animal operations, care, safety, or control.

Overcrowding in shelters is a very real issue that surrounding towns already face. Fairhaven Animal Shelter is a no-kill shelter. Though not all facilities around us are. When those are full, animals are often euthanized due to limited space and extended lengths of stay. Increasing the burden on surrounding shelters will only intensify this problem and put more animals at risk.

Reducing animal control services to part-time is also not a practical solution. Animal control is a 24/7 public safety responsibility. Emergencies involving injured, loose, or aggressive animals can happen at any time, and delayed response can create dangerous situations for both residents and animals. Again, putting this onto law enforcement and other first responders is not ideal, as there is enough for them to handle as it is.

Nonprofit organizations, while incredibly valuable, are not equipped to take on the full responsibility of an entire town's animal services. Many are already stretched thin, especially in nearby communities.

Relying primarily on donations and volunteers to manage essential services is not a sustainable or responsible approach in any way. The municipal shelters are intended to work in partnership with nonprofit organizations—not replace them entirely. I am sure there are multiple foundations that would likely help support the Fairhaven Animal Control and Shelter as well.

To reiterate one last time, these changes you are trying to impose will have direct public safety implications. Without adequate animal control staffing, situations involving dangerous or distressed animals may fall to the public or to law enforcement officers who are not specifically trained for these types of incidents as I previously mentioned.

It is critical that individuals with hands-on experience in animal care, shelter operations, and animal control are included in these discussions before any decisions are made.

Before removing an essential service, I strongly urge the town to carefully consider the long-term impact on animal welfare, public safety, and surrounding communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Corrine C

A concerned individual advocating for the town, public safety, and animals' well-being.

Urgent Concern: Fairhaven Animal Shelter & Animal Control Services

1 message

jessica.lynne.tyler@gmail.com <jessica.lynne.tyler@gmail.com>

Tue, Mar 24, 2026 at 8:05 PM

To: selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov, cmurphy@fairhaven-ma.gov, aromano@fairhaven-ma.gov, namello@fairhaven-ma.gov, ksilvia@fairhaven-ma.gov, asaunders@fairhaven-ma.gov, khickey@fairhaven-ma.gov, townadministrator@fairhaven-ma.gov

Dear Members of the Selectboard and Town Administration,

I am writing to express serious concern regarding the discussion of closing the Fairhaven Animal Shelter and reducing Animal Control services.

These decisions reflect a lack of understanding of how animal sheltering and animal control operate in practice. Eliminating the municipal shelter will not remove the need..it will shift the burden onto already overcrowded surrounding facilities, leading to worse outcomes, including increased euthanasia due to lack of space.

Reducing Animal Control to part-time is not realistic. This is a 24/7 public safety role, and emergencies involving injured, loose, or dangerous animals do not follow a schedule. Expecting nonprofits to absorb the town's needs is equally unrealistic, as they are already at capacity and cannot sustainably replace municipal services.

These changes will also directly impact public safety, placing additional strain on residents and police officers who are not specifically trained to manage animal-related emergencies.

Before eliminating an essential service, I urge you to involve professionals with real, hands-on experience in animal care and control. The town should instead explore responsible alternatives such as budget adjustments, regional partnerships, and revenue-generating solutions.

Please reconsider these proposals and ensure informed, practical decision-making moving forward.

Sincerely,
Jessica Tyler

Concern Regarding Fairhaven Animal Shelter & Animal Control

1 message

Morgan Lariviere <mlariviere98@gmail.com>

Wed, Mar 25, 2026 at 1:00 PM

To: "selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov" <selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov>

To Whom It May Concern,

I'm writing as a local pet care provider who works with animals daily, and I'm very concerned about the proposal to close the Fairhaven animal shelter and reduce animal control services.

These are essential services. Closing the shelter will not remove the need—it will shift the burden to already overwhelmed surrounding facilities, increasing the risk of overcrowding and poor outcomes for animals.

Reducing animal control to part-time is also unrealistic. Emergencies involving loose, injured, or aggressive animals require consistent, trained response for public safety.

Nonprofits and nearby shelters are already at capacity and cannot absorb the needs of an entire town.

I strongly urge you to reconsider these decisions and explore alternatives that maintain these critical services. Please include professionals with hands-on animal care experience in these discussions.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Morgan Lariviere

Animal Shelter

1 message

Jerilyn Skolis <jerilynskolis@comcast.net>

Wed, Mar 25, 2026 at 2:22 PM

To: "selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov" <selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov>, "cmurphy@fairhaven-ma.gov" <cmurphy@fairhaven-ma.gov>, "aromano@fairhaven-ma.gov" <aromano@fairhaven-ma.gov>, "namello@fairhaven-ma.gov" <namello@fairhaven-ma.gov>, "ksilvia@fairhaven-ma.gov" <ksilvia@fairhaven-ma.gov>, "asaunders@fairhaven-ma.gov" <asaunders@fairhaven-ma.gov>, "khickey@fairhaven-ma.gov" <khickey@fairhaven-ma.gov>, "townadministrator@fairhaven-ma.gov" <townadministrator@fairhaven-ma.gov>

Please think of the animals! Please remove nonessential spending and adjust budgets. Instead of paying 6 workers to drive around town flushing hydrants together, something one person can do, focus on spending money on actual programs that need it ! I have lived in Fairhaven my entire life, I am appalled by the way this town handles things. It gets worse every year!
DO BETTER!

HHR

1 message

Maddie Hayes <bynightagency1985@yahoo.com>

Mon, Mar 23, 2026 at 3:29 PM

To: "selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov" <selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov>, townadministrator@fairhaven-ma.gov

After watching the joint meeting from last week I must say, good ole Henry is probably rolling over in his grave at the way some expressed their entitlement to whatever they want without compromise!

It's 2026, I'm pretty sure a "google search" can get you most research material without leaving the house. In other words, reducing the library could be done creatively.

And the schools ultra blind loyalty to their queen! I smell something fishy going all the way back to calling the question on that field of dreams under her predecessor.

No new taxes, yeah, we get it but, whose household budget never fluctuates? Costs increase for everyone, towns and businesses alike. I'm sure Mr. Sousa will be more than happy to cash those checks from the governor for the "killing" he made off the blizzard.

All kidding aside, you can tell the true burden will be on staff in the end, cuts will continue, burn out will happen and good ole HHR will be shaking his head at the mess that this entitlement mentality has created because residents can't see past the \$1-2 per day an override would cost to keep the services and staff that do the work they expect, demand and "pay taxes for" cmon

Good luck to you.

M. Hayes

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Shortfall-Override-Rain Ref: SB 3/23/26

1 message

michelle costen <michcosten@gmail.com>

Tue, Mar 24, 2026 at 9:20 AM

To: selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov, Charlie Murphy <cmurphy@molifeinc.com>, Keith Hickey <khickey@fairhaven-ma.gov>, Mark Sylvia <msylvia11@comcast.net>, Elizabeth Warren <Elizabeth_Warren@warren.senate.gov>

To The Select Officials of Fairhaven,

It's Spring time, and we need some Rain.

The conversation that took place at the meeting last night, especially in reference to the proposition, 2 1/2 override, and the "Realizations" made by Mr. Saunders about the Rainy Day fund, was actually profound.

Talk about transparency-Kudos to you, Mr. Saunders!

This has been a conversation in the public sector as well.
Here is what some of us are realizing out here in the public.

—The time is approaching for re-elections. One of the things that we have noticed is that there's been some conversations made by our State leaders that the federal government is causing a financial strain on Massachusetts by holding back funding. —Yet we are also being investigated for fraud as per the media. —We all watch the news and we all know what the bickering conversations are.

The big question you have to ask here is why would people want to approve a 21/2 override when the public continues to see how our taxes are being misappropriated time and time again. -Our most fundamental economical needs continue to linger and grow, year after year. And you keep asking us for more money?

—All the while, the majority of hard working people can't even afford a home anymore. And are struggling to pay rent as well. There's no wealth building opportunities for them anymore, and they just keep getting bled to death.

We need Rain! It's a Matter of Urgency!

—It appears that Governor Healey would love nothing more than to blame all of our financial woes in our local towns, on the federal government. —This of course, helps her campaign, she may think.

—However, we the people, Are wising up- which is why here in Massachusetts, so many Democrats and Republicans have become Independents- This being a fact also right here in Fairhaven.

Turning away from the parties and the color Codes of blue and red, Is turning our Massachusetts Into the color purple.

—Did you know the tones of purple is the highest vibrational frequency of energetic color in the atmosphere? Isn't that interesting? and it's a fact, a scientific fact. The color Violet carries the highest frequency of energy.

Will Governor Healy take responsibility for the lack of appropriate distributions to help our local towns and for ignoring us? Or will she just blame it on the President of the United States in her campaign, while she professes to help us, If we re-elect her?

—Let's be honest with each other, When it's time for reelection, candidates have to make people believe that we need them, and they do this by Promising that they're going to fix our economic and housing problems, while instead, they make it worse, through misappropriations of our tax dollars & extreme lack of priority management. —Which has NOW, become clearly evident, to many of the people of Massachusetts.

—Mr. Saunders made a good example of irresponsible spending, last night, when he spoke of 10 million being distributed for frivolous activities. —While local towns are struggling.

— This very Topic of great concern, should be on the headline news. And reported to the television news stations, as well-

—Mark Sylvia, please help us!

—I also believe that if the State will continue to ignore us, then we should write a letter about this Urgent matter directly to the Federal dept Of Justice!

—Insisting a release of those rainy day funds be brought into our local towns, to help us out, immediately. —Our housing crisis alone, is an urgent matter that has been far too long ignored, and a huge culprit of our financial instability in our local towns.

—We have reached a time where our next message about the rainy day fund and our local financial needs, be sent as a matter of Urgency- Put a letter together and have as many people in the community sign it, as you possibly can.

—It's a sorry thing to have to say this, but politicians are not getting the job done. I think of the millions and billions of dollars that they're getting and how poor the people are getting.

—And on a local level , we also have to re-examine how we have misappropriated funds.

—The local towns I do believe have also been guilty of lack of priority financial management. Often times putting our funds and tax dollars towards things that do not bring us a Prosperous return, both financially, and to the people within the communities. I believe this is the fault of uneducated volunteers. I'm not directly blaming them, and I give them credit for volunteering, but again, I stress the importance of understanding the positions you volunteer for, and the knowledge you need to have In order to be a successful servant for the community.

For goodness sake, people are struggling to keep up with heating bills, taxes, inflation of groceries. Medical bills, excise tax, inspection, stickers, water, bills, garbage Pick up bills, the list goes on and on. How much more does the state of Massachusetts want to bleed the people? And then keep asking us for more money, and on top of that, you ask us to reelect you.

I don't think so- The people of Massachusetts are wising up!

Again, I would like to thank Mr. Saunders and all of our Select, for last night's meeting!

Best Regards,

Michelle Costen

From: Jane Friedman <jane@mtclawyers.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2026 3:53 PM
To: khickey@fairhaven-ma.gov
Cc: Alex Castro <alex@mtclawyers.com>
Subject: FW: Open Meeting Law complaint - Fairhaven

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Hi Keith,

An appeal has been filed by Patrick Higgins regarding the response he received on 10/20/25. Please provide us with the Executive Session minutes from the 9/30/25 Select Board meeting. Thanks.

Jane



Jane Medeiros Friedman

[she/her/hers]

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From: Kilcoyne, Kerry (AGO) <kerry.kilcoyne@mass.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2026 10:53 AM
To: Jane Friedman <jane@mtclawyers.com>
Subject: Open Meeting Law complaint - Fairhaven

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Good Morning Attorney Friedman,

I write with respect to an Open Meeting Law complaint that this office received from Patrick Higgins alleging that the Fairhaven Select Board (the "Board") violated the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §§ 18-25. You responded to the complaint, on behalf of the Board, by letter dated October 20, 2025. The complaint challenges the propriety of the Board's September 30, 2025, executive session.

Under the Open Meeting Law, the Attorney General has responsibility for investigating this matter. In order for us to assess the merits of the complaint we received, I request that you provide this office with the information and materials below, in writing *via email*, on or before **April 17, 2026**:

- A copy of the executive session minutes, whether approved or in draft form, of the Board meeting that was held on September 30, 2025

We note that you are not required to reveal any privileged matters in response to this request. We will maintain the confidentiality of all executive session minutes and materials provided to our office, and will review them for the purpose of resolving this complaint. We may, however, describe the nature of the topics discussed in executive session in general terms.

In addition, please provide this office with any other information that you believe may be helpful to the resolution of this matter. If you have any questions regarding the complaint, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for helping to resolve this complaint.

Sincerely,

Kerry Kilcoyne (she/her/hers)

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Monday, April 13, 2026

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(1) and 21(a)(7) to comply with or act under authority of the Public Records Law to discuss sharing the Timothy-Hiller Subdivision Investigative Report with members of the Planning Board.