



# FAIRHAVEN SELECT BOARD AGENDA

*April 27, 2026 6:30 p.m.*

*Town Hall – 40 Center Street – Fairhaven*

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

FAIRHAVEN TOWN CLERK  
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### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

On March 28th, 2025, the bill to extend Open Meeting Law regulations governing remote participation has passed the MA legislature 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](http://www.fairhaven-ma.gov) Go to Boards and Committees then select Volunteer Opportunities.

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#### **Suggested Motion:**

“Move to (approve/not approve) the application to expand the number of vehicles at Artistic Auto Body, Inc. from 2 to 40 as outlined in the submitted plans.”

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

### B. APPOINTMENTS / COMMUNITY ITEMS

1. **Public Safety Complex Committee Update** – Police Chief Dorgan and Fire Chief Correia will provide the Board an update from the Committee.

#### **Suggested Motion:**

“No motion needed.”

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2. **Bike Path Fund Presentation: Erin Carr** – Ms. Carr will review a presentation regarding funding snow removal and maintenance on the Phoenix Bike Trail and Cushman Park Track. Ms. Carr presented to the Board of Public Works on March 2, 2026 and discussion included the processes and priorities with snow removal. Ms. Carr is seeking a Revolving Fund be established for maintenance. A Town Meeting vote is required to establish a new Revolving Fund. If approved, an article will be included on the Fall Town Meeting warrant.

**Suggested Motion:**

“I move to include a warrant article to establish a Phoenix Bike Trail and Cushman Park Track Revolving Fund for maintenance of the facilities on the 2026 Fall Town Meeting Warrant.”

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

3. **Request to use Rogers School: Susan Darwin: Summer Art Museum: June 19-August 2, 2026** – Ms. Darwin is seeking the Board’s approval to hold a 7-week “Summer Art Museum-Rogers School” starting June 19, 2026. The request is to use a portion of the original Rogers School. An outline with details is in the Board’s materials. Ms. Darwin met with The Town Administrator, Facilities Manager and Building Commissioner at Rogers School to discuss various potential issues within the space being requested that would need to be addressed, contingent to the Board’s review and consideration. Those issues include testing for and removal of lead paint, if lead paint is found, repainting, installing an ADA complaint ramp, providing temporary restrooms. All modifications would need to be reviewed and approved by the Building Commissioner. Counsel is drafting a lease between the Town and Ms. Darwin. An insurance policy naming the Town as additional insured will be provided. The Town Administrator is requesting the period of the lease be June 12<sup>th</sup> to August 9<sup>th</sup> to allow a week prior to and after the use to allow the building to be staged and property removed.

**Suggested Motion:**

“Move to (approve/not approve) leasing a portion of the Rogers School to hold a “Summer Art Museum-Rogers School” from June 12, 2026 to August 9, 2026. Further, prior to allowing entrance into the Rogers School to stage the art event, all improvements must be made to the satisfaction of Town staff, a lease prepared by Town Counsel is signed by both parties and a certificate of insurance naming the Town of Fairhaven be provided. Lastly, the Select Board authorizes the Town Administrator to sign the lease on behalf of the Select Board.”

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

4. **Appointment Request: Registrar of Voters, 3-Year Term: Joan Kilroe** – The Town Clerk has a vacancy for a registered Democrat on the Board of Registrars of Voters.

**Suggested Motion:**

“Move to (appoint/not appoint) Joan Kilroe, a registered Democrat, to the Board of Registrars of Voters for a term expiring May, 2029.”

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

5. **Special One-Day All Alcohol License and Temporary Street Closure: Discover Fairhaven: Harbor of Courage event, May 16, 2026 (rain date May 17, 2026)** – Community and Economic Development Coordinator Alyssa Botelho is seeking a Special 1-Day All Alcohol License to be used during the Harbor of Courage event that will take place at Grimshaw Park. The Board’s packet materials include details of the event.

**Suggested Motion:**

“Move to (approve/not approve) a Special One-Day All Alcohol License for Discover Fairhaven at the Harbor of Courage event on May 16, 2026 with a rain date of May 17, 2026.”

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

6. **Special One-Day All Alcohol License: Annual Full Bloom Festival at Cushman Park: June 28, 2026** – Samantha Dungca and Alexis Costa of Soul Flower Yoga have applied for a Special 1-day All Alcohol License to be used during the Annual Full Bloom Festival on June 28, 2026.

**Suggested Motion:**

“Move to (approve/not approve) a Special One-Day All Alcohol License for Soul Flower Yoga at the Annual Full Bloom Festival on June 28, 2026.”

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

7. **Use of Town Hall and Temporary Street Closure: Fairhaven Improvement Association: Home Coming Fair: June 27, 2026 from 10am-4pm** – The Fairhaven Improvement Association is seeking the Board’s approval for the use of Town Hall, Town Hall grounds and a temporary street closure to hold the Annual Home Coming Fair on June 27, 2026 from 10am to 4pm. Police, Fire and Public Works are in support of the event and have been working with the FIA on the details. Custodian fees will be billed.

**Suggested Motion:**

“Move to (approve/not approve) the use of Town Hall and Temporary Street Closure on June 27, 2026 as requested contingent upon any conditions required by Police, Fire and Public Works.”

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

8. **Use of Rogers School for Vendor Parking: Fairhaven Improvement Association: Home Coming Fair: June 27, 2026** – The Fairhaven Improvement Association is seeking the Board’s approval for the use of the parking lot at the Rogers School on Saturday, June 27, 2026

**Suggested Motion:**

“Move to (approve/not approve) the use of the Rogers School parking lot for vendor parking for the Home Coming Fair on June 27, 2026.”

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

9. **Use of Town Hall: Fairhaven Improvement Association: Concerts Under the Stars: Thursdays from July 9, 2026 through August 6, 2026 from 6:00-9:00pm** – the Fairhaven Improvement Association is seeking the Board’s approval to use the Town Hall grounds for their annual Concerts Under the Stars events that are scheduled on five consecutive Thursdays starting July 9, 2026 through August 6, 2026 from 6-9pm. Custodian fees will be billed as the concerts are held “weather permitting.”

**Suggested Motion:**

“Move to (approve/not approve) the use of the Town Hall grounds for the annual Concerts Under the Stars events scheduled on five consecutive Thursdays starting July 9, 2026 through August 6, 2026 from 6-9pm”

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

10. **Event Request: Tour de Crème Bike Ride: May 31, 2026** – the organizers of the ride are seeking the Board’s approval to hold their eighth Tour de Crème Bike Ride on May 31, 2026. The Board’s packet materials contain details and the three route options that cross into Fairhaven with stops at various Fairhaven businesses or “pop-ups.” The Tour de Crème is a major fundraiser for the Mattapoissett Land Trust and the Friends of the Mattapoissett Bike Path. Police and Fire support the event, Public Works will review at an upcoming meeting

**Suggested Motion:**

“Move to (approve/not approve) the event request for the Tour de Crème Bike Ride on May 31, 2026 as requested contingent upon any conditions required by Police, Fire and Public Works.”

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

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**D. ACTION / DISCUSSION**

1. **Consider Designating the Harbormaster and Building Commissioner as Authorized Signatories for Chapter 91** - MassDEP administers the regulatory provisions of the Massachusetts Public Waterfront Act, commonly called Chapter 91. The act regulates the use of coastal and inland waterways to protect access, fishing, fowling, and navigation rights. Municipalities use it to review waterfront projects, enforce public access, and to permit projects such as docks and waterfront structures.

**Suggested Motion:**

“Move to (designate/not designate) the Harbormaster and Building Commissioner as the Authorized Signatories for Chapter 91 for the Town of Fairhaven.”

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

2. **Consider Acceptance of Deed for Parcel ID 27-334, Washburn Ave. for Conservation Purposes and Sign Deed** - In early 2025, the Select Board and Conservation Commission each voted to approve the anticipated transfer of the above-referenced property to the Town, to be held under the care, custody, and control of the Conservation Commission. I have reviewed the title information provided

by the current property owner’s attorney, Jim Marsh, and am satisfied that the owner has sufficient title to convey to the Town.

The owner has executed the attached deed and will deliver it to Town Hall on Monday for the Select Board and Conservation Commission to sign.

**Suggested Motion:**

“Move to accept a deed from Rachel Beth Feldman, Personal Representative of the Estate of Frieda Feldman, to property located on Washburn Avenue in Fairhaven (Parcel ID 27-334), which is to be held under the care, custody and control of the Conservation Commission for conservation purposes under the provisions of G.L. c.40, §8C.”

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

3. **Flag/Banner Request: Commission on Disability: July-Disability Pride Month** – The Commission on Disability has applied to hang their banner at Town Hall in July in celebration of Disability Pride month in honor of the history, achievements, and experiences of the disabled community. It commemorates the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) on July 26, 1990, a landmark civil rights law. The month promotes a positive view of disability as a natural part of human diversity rather than a deficiency. The Commission will arrange to have the banner hung and removed.

**Suggested Motion:**

“Move to (approve/not approve) the flag/banner request for the month of July for Disability Pride Month.”

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

4. **Discussion of Police Details at Polling Location for Elections** – An email was received from a resident questioning the need for three police detail officers at the Town elections. After consultation with the Police Chief and Town Clerk, the number of detailed officers can be reduced to two. An on-duty officer can shuttle ballots received at the Town Hall to the polling place when needed. Staffing for State and Federal elections will be reviewed at a later date. The anticipated saving for reducing election detail officers from three to two is \$900.

**Suggested Motion:**

“Move to (approve/not approve) the use of two detail officers at the Town elections in May.”

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

5. **Annual Town Election Ballot Question to Revoke Acceptance of Section 47 of Chapter 31 of the General Laws, Civil Service (Police Officers and Firefighters)** – The process to remove police officers and firefighters from Civil Service includes including a ballot question on a Town ballot. Acceptance of this ballot question would remove the rules and requirements of Civil Service in the hiring and administration of future police officers and firefighters. Existing firefighters and police officers will retain Civil Service protection as long as they occupy their current positions. Both the Administration and the Police and Fire Unions support leaving Civil Service. Labor Counsel and Town Counsel have reviewed the question that would be included on the ballot

The Select Board needs to review and approve the inclusion of the following question on the June 9<sup>th</sup> ballot:

“Shall the acceptance by the Town of Fairhaven of section 47 of Chapter 31 of the General Laws, placing the members of both the official and labor service of the Town of Fairhaven within the classified civil service be revoked?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_”.

**Suggested Motion:**

“Move to (approve/not approve) move to approve the language of the ballot question to remove police officers and firefighters from civil service and to request that the Town Clerk place said question on the ballot for the June 9, 2026 election.”

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

- 6. **Discussion on Possible Town Sponsored Amendments at Annual Town Meeting** - The proposed House budget has increased total State revenues from the proposed Governor’s budget by \$94,000. The Senate and then a Conference Committee still need to propose their estimated revenues. I am comfortable with recommending a Town Meeting amendment to fund the Animal Control budget by \$90,000, reinstating the Animal Control Officer from part to full time in the amount of \$30,861, which includes \$3,000 in overtime and \$24,700 for expenses. I propose the remaining \$34,439 restore \$25,000 in Police Department overtime and \$9,439 in Fire Department Overtime. Below is the revised override article. The reduction to the override totals \$110,971. The \$20,971 difference (\$110,971- \$90,000) represents funding a full time Animal Control Officer but not a part time Animal Control Officer and reducing Animal Control expenses based on prior year expenditure history.

**Suggested Motion:**

“Move to (approve/not approve) an increase of \$90,000 in the FY27 Town General Fund budget with the funds being utilized in the following manner:

Animal Control Wages	\$30,861
Animal Control Expenses	24,700
Police Wages (Overtime)	25,000
Fire Wage (Overtime)	<u>9,439</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$90,000</u></b>

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

- 7. **Discussion on Five-Year Capital Plan** – Included in your Board materials is the FY27-31 Capital Improvement Plan. This proposed plan has been approved by the Capital Planning Committee and the projects recommended for funding in FY27 have been included in Article 14 of the Annual Town Meeting warrant.

**Suggested Motion:**

“Move to (approve/amend) the FY27-FY31 Capital Improvement Plan.

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

**E. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

**F. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS / COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS**

**G. MINUTES**

1. Accept the Open Session minutes of April 13 and 15, 2026

**Suggested Motion:**

“Move to (accept/not accept) the open session minutes of April 13 and 15, 2026 (as presented/as amended)”

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

2. Accept the Executive Session minutes of April 13, 2026

**Suggested Motion:**

“Move to (accept/not accept) the executive session minutes of April 13, 2026 (as presented/as amended)”

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

**H. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. 2026 July 4th Parade invitation
2. Public Works: Proposed One Way Traffic Alterations: Public Informational Meeting Notice

**Suggested Motion:**

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

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

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Town of Fairhaven  
Massachusetts  
40 Center Street · Fairhaven, MA · 02719

MEMORANDUM

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*To: The Select Board*

*From: Town Administrator Office*

*Date: April 27, 2026*

*Re: Expansion of Car Dealer/Repair*

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Dear Board Members,

This Public Hearing is to consider your approval for expanding the number of vehicles at car dealer/repair Artistic Auto Body, Inc. located at 98 Middle St., submitted by Mr. Rui Da Silva. He is requesting to increase the number of vehicles from 2 to 40. Building Commissioner, Richard Forand, has inspected the property and reviewed plans for compliance. This has been advertised and abutters have been notified.

Application submitted by Rui DaSilva, owner of Artistic Auto Body.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Susan Rizzo



# Fairhaven

Massachusetts

March 24, 2026

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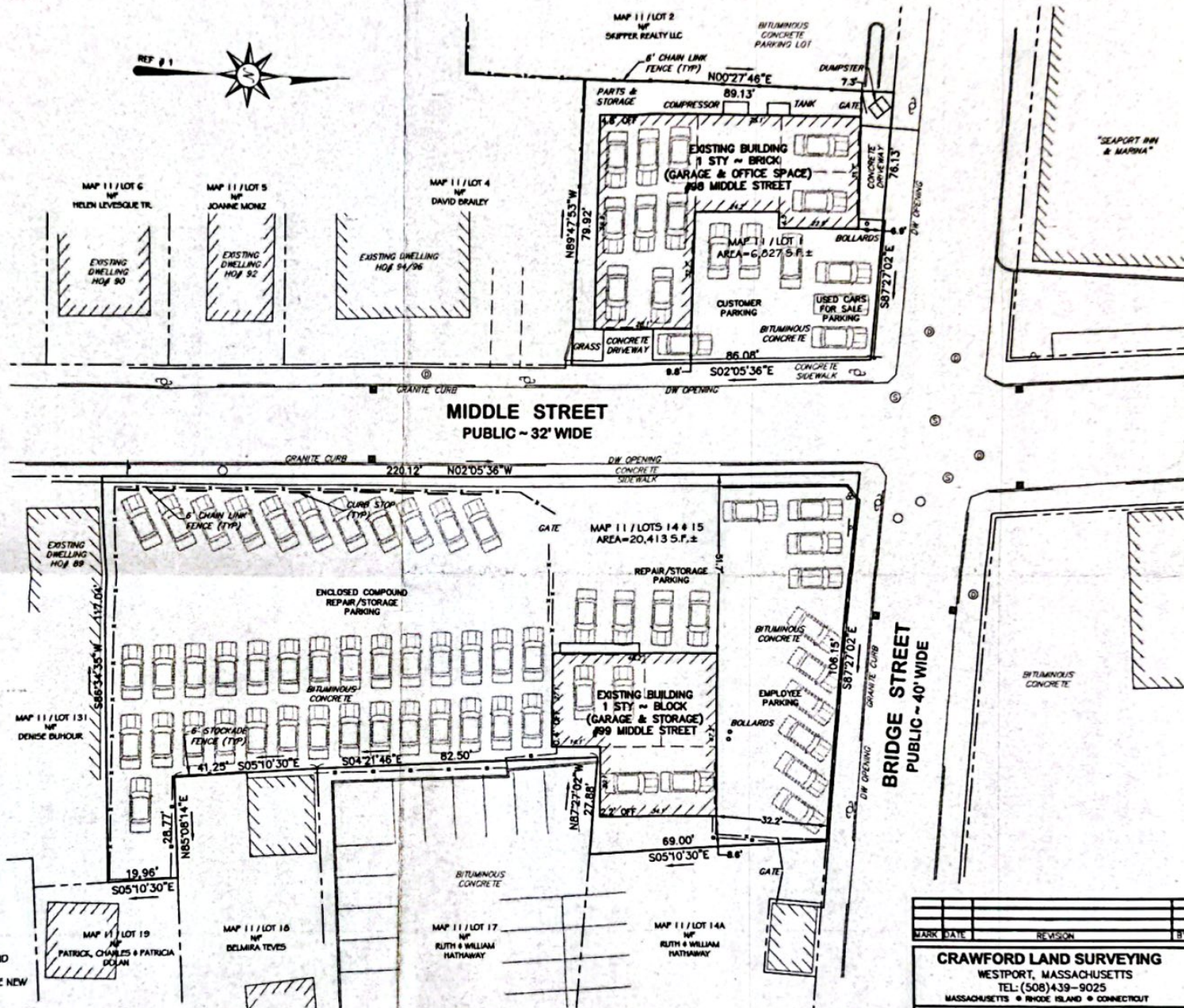
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98 MIDDLE STREET REALTY TRUST  
DEED BK. 7248 / PG. 233  
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98 & 99 MIDDLE STREET

**NOTES:**

- THE PURPOSE OF THIS PLAN IS DOCUMENT THE LOCATION AND NUMBER OF VEHICLES THE LOCUS SITE CAN STORE AS OUTLINED IN THE 2016 CLASS I, CLASS II AND REPAIR GARAGE LICENSE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN. NUMBERS ARE APPROXIMATE AND ARE BASED ON REASONABLE SPACING AND PARKING PATTERNS WITHOUT BLOCKING THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC.
  - NUMBER OF CARS WITHIN THE GARAGE SPACE - 14
  - NUMBER OF CARS FOR CUSTOMERS - 5
  - NUMBER OF CARS FOR STORAGE AND REPAIR - 10
  - NUMBER OF CARS FOR EMPLOYEES - 6
  - NUMBER OF CARS FOR SALE - 40
 ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CARS IS APPROXIMATELY 75
- CARS SHOWN REPRESENT POSSIBLE PARKING CONFIGURATION AND NOT ACTUAL CARS ON THE LOT AT THE TIME OF SURVEY.
- DIMENSIONS SHOWN TO BUILDING CORNERS ARE NOT TO BE USED TO REESTABLISH PROPERTY LINES.

**REFERENCES:**

- PLAN OF LAND IN FAIRHAVEN, MASS SURVEYED FOR EDMUND DINIS, DATED OCTOBER 19, 1963, PREPARED BY ARTHUR THOMPSON, INC ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS, RECORDED IN PLAN BOOK 109 PAGE 66.
- PLAN AND PROFILE OF PROPOSED PRIVILEGE STREET BRIDGE STREET TO THE NEW BRIDGE STREET DATED APRIL 1899, RECORDED IN PLAN BOOK 3 PAGE 49.
- PLAN OF LAND OWNED BY WILLIAM DWELLEY JR. FAIRHAVEN MASS, DATED DECEMBER 11 1916, PREPARED BY FRANK METCALF C.E., RECORDED IN PLAN BOOK 12 PAGE 71.
- PLAN OF LAND OWNED BY JAMES N. GIFFORD, FAIRHAVEN, MASS, DATED NOVEMBER 1, 1915 RECORDED IN PLAN BOOK 14 PAGE 53.
- PLAN OF ROAD IN THE TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN ALTERED AND LAID OUT AS THE STATE HIGHWAY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, JANUARY 25, 1973, RECORDED IN PLAN BOOK 89 PAGE 94.
- PLAN OF ROAD IN THE TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN ALTERED AND LAID OUT AS THE STATE HIGHWAY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, HIGHWAY DIVISION, AUGUST 31, 2013, RECORDED IN PLAN BOOK 160 PAGE 27.

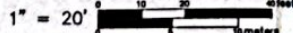


**CERTIFICATION**

I CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAN AND SURVEY CONFORMS TO THE ETHICAL, PROCEDURAL AND TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR THE PRACTICE OF LAND SURVEYING IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.



*Shawn J. Crawford*  
REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR  
DATE: 1/25/26



MARK	DATE	REVISION	BY

**CRAWFORD LAND SURVEYING**  
WESTPORT, MASSACHUSETTS  
TEL: (508) 439-9025  
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**EXISTING CONDITIONS SURVEY**  
PREPARED FOR  
**ARTISTIC AUTO BODY**  
98 MIDDLE STREET  
FAIRHAVEN, MASSACHUSETTS

SCALE: 1"=20'  
DATE: January 27, 2026  
SHEET 1 OF 1



# Town of Fairhaven Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Building Department  
Town Hall  
40 Centre Street  
Fairhaven, MA 02719  
Phone 508 979 4019

**To:** Fairhaven Select Board members

**From:** Richard Forand, Director of Inspectional Services/ Building Commissioner

**Date:** March, 18<sup>th</sup> 2026

**RE: Used cars additional amount**

**Mr. Rui DaSilva  
98 Middle Street  
Fairhaven MA, 02719**

Mr. DaSilva is asking for an additional amount of vehicles for sale from his original license of 2 to be increased to 40. There are other vehicles listed on the plot plan as this is two existing lots with office and body shop space. I have inspected the property and reviewed the attached plans for parking of exterior and interior spaces and have found the plan to be accurate

If the board so chooses to approve the additional vehicle count I believe that the property does comply with the proposed parking as per the civil drawing attached.

**Richard Forand  
Building Commissioner / Zoning Enforcement Officer  
Town of Fairhaven**



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**APPOINTMENTS AND COMMUNITY ITEMS**

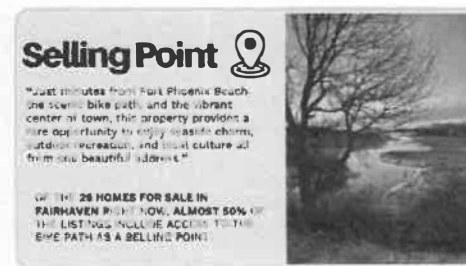
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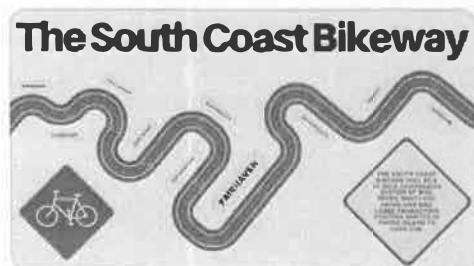
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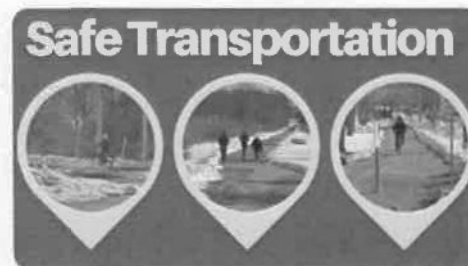
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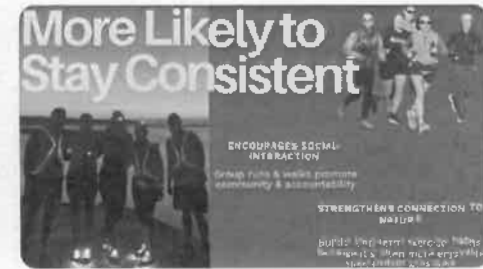
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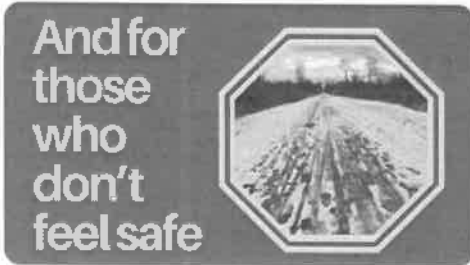
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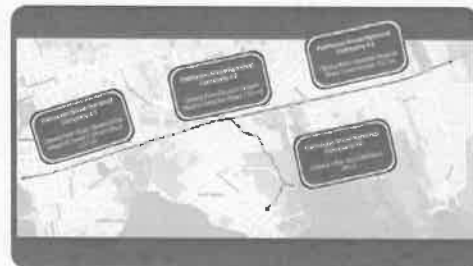
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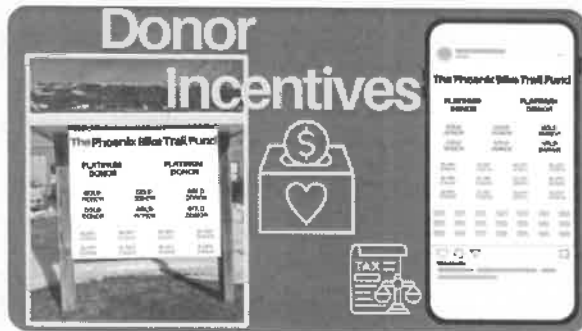
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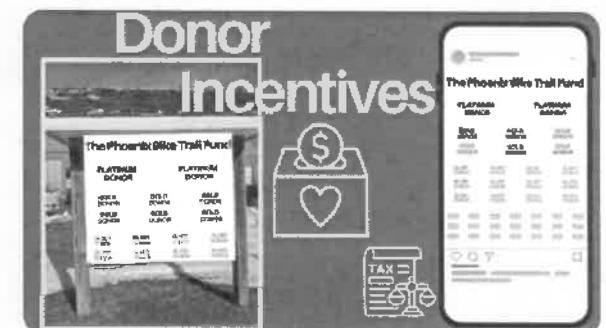
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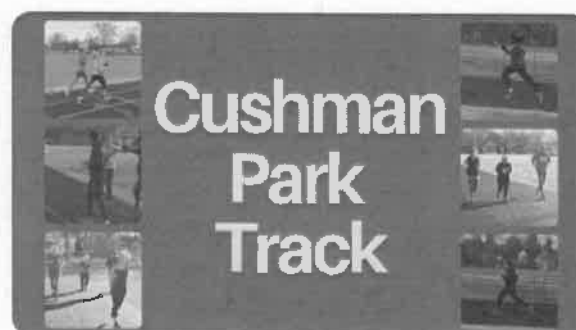
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**Town of Fairhaven  
Board of Public Works Meeting  
March 2, 2026**

**IV. Executive Session A**

- A. Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(1) to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual. (Highway Department Employee)
- B. Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(3) To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares (14 Cherrystone Road)

**V. Appointments**

**A. Erin Carr, Bike Path Snow Removal**

Ms. Carr – I would like to speak with the Board about clearing the snow from the bike path. I had this scheduled prior to the storm, and I do not expect the bike path to be cleared right away. I understand that it would be the last thing to get done.

Mr. Carr shared a presentation (Attachment A).

Mr. Hobson – You need special equipment to clear the bike path because the pavement is thin, maybe only 2–3 inches.

Mr. Wotton – Like Mr. Hobson mentioned, the bike path is thin and there is a sewer line that runs under it. We are in the process of overlaying the bike path, which will make it thicker. When we cleared the bike path after the last storm, we used the skid steer, and it was only done because many of the sidewalks on Route 6 had not been cleared and people were walking in the street. Also, there are just as many people in favor of not clearing the bike path, who use it for cross-country skiing, as there are people who want it plowed for walkers and runners.

Ms. Smith – I appreciate you bringing this forward to the Board. In this area, there are many places where people can cross-country ski. A lot of people would like to see the bike path cleared, but we would need the right machinery so the path is not damaged.

Mr. Wotton – Once all the roads are clear and we have the right equipment and personnel, we would be able to clear the path.

Mr. Crabb – We have purchased a piece of equipment that would be able to clear the bike path.

Mr. Furtado – Mr. Crabb, once the bike path is overlaid, how do you feel about clearing the path?

Mr. Crabb – I don't see an issue once the staff is trained on the equipment.

**Town of Fairhaven  
Board of Public Works Meeting  
March 2, 2026**

Mr. Lopes – If the Board is in favor of doing this, I think we should mention to the public that the department would focus on roads and throughways first, and the bike path would be last.

Ms. Carr – Do you know if the track at Cushman Park can be cleared?

Mr. Wotton – The track is maintained by the School Department; you would have to speak with them.

**VI. Item for Action**

**A. Water & Sewer Rates**

Mr. Furtado – Mr. Furtado reviewed the Water and Sewer budgets with the Board. I am recommending that the Board raise the water rate by 10% and the sewer rate by \$2.00 effective immediately.

Mr. Lopes motioned to raise the water rate by 10% and the sewer rate by \$2.00 effective immediately. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

**B. FY27 Article - Amendment to Removal of Snow and Ice**

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the Amendment to Removal of Snow and Ice Bylaw Chapter 169-13 as presented. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

**C. Dig-It Construction, Spring Street Water Main Replacement**

**1. Payment #7 \$87,716.10**

Ms. Smith motioned to approve Dig-It Construction, Spring Street Water Main Replacement, Payment #7 in the amount of \$87,716.10. Mr. Lopes seconded. Vote unanimous.

**2. Certificate of Substantial Completion**

Mr. Lopes motioned to sign the Certificate of Substantial Completion with Dig-It Construction for Spring Street Water Main Replacement. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote unanimous.

**D. FTI Consulting, WPCF Upgrades, Payment #1 \$27,202.26**

Mr. Hobson motioned to approve FTI Consulting, WPCF Upgrades Payment #1 in the amount of \$27,202.26. Ms. Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

**E. North Fairhaven Improvement Association, North Fairhaven Open Air Market at Livesey Park May 2026 to September 2026**

Mr. Furtado – This is a request from the North Fairhaven Improvement Association to hold their Open Air Market again this year at Livesey Park. They are requesting that the \$25 per week fee be waived.

Presentation Outline  
**Temporary Summer Art Museum – Rogers School**  
The Fairhaven Summer Art Gallery

**Proposed Dates of Use**

June 19 – August 2, with defined access for setup and breakdown.

**Project Overview and Public Benefit**

A temporary, privately funded art museum operated by Susan Darwin Artwork to activate Rogers School in a controlled, low-risk manner. The exhibition will feature museum-level artist installations designed for visitors to walk through and experience directly. The work will be immersive, visually engaging, and accessible to a broad audience. This project offers the community an opportunity to experience the building in a new and positive way—through access to engaging, museum-quality artwork presented in a setting that highlights the character of the space. The exhibition is designed to be welcoming, accessible, and enjoyable for visitors of all ages.

**Use of Space & Access Control**

- First floor of original building only (two East classrooms and central hallway)
- All other areas restricted
- Physical and visual barriers
- On-site supervision and clear visitor guidelines

**Building Preparation**

- Coordination with a certified contractor regarding deleading and repainting
- Scope limited to areas used for the exhibition

**Accessibility Plan**

- Temporary ADA-compliant ramp at main entrance
- Accessible pathways within exhibition areas
- ADA-compliant temporary restroom

**Temporary Facilities**

- Portable restroom units in designated exterior location
- Drinking water available on-site

**Operations & Staffing**

- Defined public hours
- Staffed by Fairhaven High School students trained and supervised to act as guards and docents
- On-site supervision during all open hours

**Insurance & Liability**

- General liability insurance carried by operator
- Town of Fairhaven named as additionally insured
- Artwork insured by lenders

**Financial Responsibility**

- All project costs privately funded
- Project proceeds only when fully funded and ready for safe execution

**Summary**

This proposal is designed as a temporary, clearly defined pilot that activates the building and provides a unique public experience, while allowing the Town to evaluate future possibilities — without long-term obligation or financial burden.

# Temporary Summer Art Museum Rogers School, Fairhaven

(June 19 – August 2)

## **Overview and Public Benefit**

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## **Artwork & Curation**

Exhibition includes two contemporary artists with museum experience and a historic local artist. No artwork will be offered for sale.

## **Insurance & Liability**

Artwork insured by lenders. General liability insurance carried by operator, with the Town named as additionally insured.

## **Funding**

Privately funded. The project will proceed only when fully funded and ready for safe execution.

## **Historic Preservation**

No permanent alterations. All installations are temporary and fully reversible. Consultation with State Historic Preservation Office.

## **Use of Space & Security**

Limited to first floor (two East classrooms and central hallway). Other areas restricted with barriers, supervision, and clear signage.

## **Facilities**

Temporary ADA-compliant restroom and drinking water provided on-site.

## **Accessibility**

Temporary ADA ramp, accessible restroom, and inclusive exhibit design.

## **Safety & Compliance**

Any necessary work handled by certified contractors in accordance with state regulations.

## **Use Agreement**

Open to a short-term agreement structured in a way that meets Town requirements.  
From May 18th - August 8th to accommodate set up and take down.

## **Admissions**

Admission helps support the operational costs of the exhibition. A portion of tickets will be offered free of charge through the Millicent Library to ensure the experience remains accessible to the community.

## **Conclusion**

A temporary, low-risk pilot that activates the building and provides the Town with valuable insight — without long-term obligation.



# TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE FAIRHAVEN, MASSACHUSETTS

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## MEMO

To: Select Board  
From: Elisabeth E. Horan, Town Clerk  
Date: April 22, 2026  
Re: Registrar Appointment

Joan Kilroe has submitted an application to serve as a Registrar for the Town of Fairhaven. Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 51 Section 15, the Select Board is responsible for appointing Registrars of Voters and ensuring, insofar as practicable, that the Board of Registrars reflects political party representation.

The Chair of the Democratic Town Committee, Ann Richard, was contacted regarding the Town's need to appoint a Registrar enrolled in the Democratic Party and recommended Joan Kilroe for the position. This recommendation is consistent with the Board's obligation under M.G.L. c. 51, §15 to maintain, insofar as practicable, representation of the major political parties.

Ms. Kilroe previously assisted the Town during the 2025 Annual Town Election. She currently serves on the Marion Institute's Southcoast Food Policy Council and the Advisory Council for Coastline Elderly Services.

**Recommendation:**

The Select Board may wish to consider the appointment of Joan Kilroe as Registrar of Voters to fill the current vacancy for a term to expire on May 31, 2029.



# TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN

## APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL LICENSE

General Law Chapter 138, Section 14

Date: 4-15-26

To the Licensing Board:

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

\_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_  
(Beer and Wine) or (All Alcoholic Beverages)

For a festival to be held at  
Grimshaw Park, Fort Phoenix

by Discover Fairhaven

date May 16, 2026 (rain date: May 17, 2026)

from 11:30AM to 6:00PM

Name of Applicant: Alyssa Botelho

Address of Applicant: 40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Telephone: (508) 979-4085

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

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

**FEE:**

Beer & Wine \$50.00  
All Alcoholic \$75.00



**Town of Fairhaven**  
**Massachusetts**  
 40 Center Street  
 Fairhaven, MA 02719

**TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE/BLOCK PARTY APPLICATION**

Date of event: Saturday, May 16, 2026 (Sunday rain date) Today's Date: 4-15-2025  
 Time of event: 11:30am - 6:30pm

Road (s) to be blocked: Green Street from Doane intersection to Beacon St

Estimated number of attendees: 2000 Age group: All ages

Have all residents been notified  Y /  N How notified: abutter's notice

*Please provide of copy of notification with application*

**Name, address and telephone number of 2 residents as point of contact in addition to the applicant.**

Name: Cathy Melanson Name: Keith Silvia

Address: 110 Adams St Address: 21 Holiday Dr

Phone: 508-989-2289 Phone: 774-263-2249

***By signing, I attest to having read, understand and will comply with the Temporary Street Closing Policy if this application is approved including conditions for public safety provided by Police, Fire and DPW.***

Signature of applicant: *Alyssa Botelho*

Print Name: Alyssa Botelho Phone: 508-979-4085

Address: 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719

Email: abotelho@fairhaven-ma.gov

**OFFICE USE: Review by Police, Fire and DPW for approval, any public safety conditions will be noted.**

DPW:

Comments:

Police:

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Fire:

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Town Administrator:

Comments:



DISCOVER FAIRHAVEN  
(COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE)  
Town of Fairhaven  
40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, MA 02719



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Dear Neighbor,

We're pleased to share that *Harbor of Courage* will be taking place at Grimshaw Park, the Council on Aging–owned green space located behind the tennis courts at Fort Phoenix.

The event will feature local vendors, food trucks, live entertainment, and interactive activities. Event hours are **11:30 AM–6:30 PM**, with setup beginning as early as **9:00 AM** and cleanup concluding by **7:30 PM**. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be rescheduled to the following day, Sunday.

This event is part of the larger country-wide celebration of America250. Fairhaven plays a special part in this commemoration with the first naval engagement of the American Revolution—one of Massachusetts' defining historical moments. Set along our waterfront, the event will bring history to life through:

- A Revolutionary War encampment showcasing period life
- Food trucks with a variety of offerings
- Cannon fire and a 10-gun salute recreating the sounds of the era
- Hands-on history experiences, demonstrations, and more

Co-hosted by the Fairhaven Village Militia and Discover Fairhaven, with support from SRPEDD and BayCoast Bank, this event brings history to life in the very place where courage met the sea.

For more information, visit: [www.discoverfairhaven.org/2026events](http://www.discoverfairhaven.org/2026events)

We sincerely appreciate your support and understanding as we host this community celebration. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Warm regards,  
Alyssa Botelho



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Massachusetts  
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## MEMORANDUM

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*To: Select Board*

*From: Town Administrator Office*

*Date: April 27, 2026*

*Re: Approval of One-Day ALL Alcohol License*

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Dear Board Members,

This is to request your approval for a One-Day All Alcohol License for the Annual Full Bloom Festival located at Cushman Park 154 Green St.

On June 28, 2026 Samantha Dungca of Soul Flower Yoga will host their annual Full Bloom Festival from the hours of 10 a.m.-8 P.M.

Application submitted by Samantha Dungca and Alexis Costa.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Susan Rizzo



# TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN

## APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL LICENSE

General Law Chapter 138, Section 14

Date: 3/30/20

To the Licensing Board:

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

All Alcohol Beverages

(Beer and Wine)

or

(All Alcoholic Beverages)

For a festival to be held at

Cushman Park

154 Green St. Fairhaven, MA

by Samantha Dungca of Soul Flower Yoga

date June 28, 2020 & Alexis Costa

from 10 am to 8 pm

Name of Applicant: Samantha Dungca

Address of Applicant: 203 Clifford St.

New Bedford, MA

Telephone: 407-222-1382

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

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

### FEE:

Beer & Wine \$50.00

All Alcoholic \$75.00



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MEMORANDUM

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*To: Select Board*

*From: Town Administrator Office*

*Date: April 27, 2026*

*Re: Use of Town Hall/Town Hall Grounds*

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Dear Board Members,

Fairhaven Improvement Association is seeking permission to use The Town Hall Grounds and Restrooms for the following dates.

Home Coming Fair on June 27, 2026 from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Concerts Under the Stars July 9, 16, 23, 30 and Aug 6 from 6 p.m.- 9 p.m.

A second request is for permission to use Roger's School parking lot for vendor parking.

Application submitted by Frank Fostin, President of The Fairhaven Improvement Association.

\*invoice for custodian fees will be mailed after the events, pending any cancellations due to inclement weather. Town Hall rental fees are asked to be waived.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Susan Rizzo

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Fairhaven Improvement Association  
P.O. 404  
Fairhaven Mass. 02719

Good evening Selectboard Members , my name is Frank Fostin and I am the President of the Fairhaven Improvement Association. I have completed the required application several weeks ago and have provided a copy of our liability insurance. I also will have a meeting on March 30th to coordinate with the police department and the BPW . However there is a couple of things I need to address . We have in past several years requested the use of the Rogers School for vendor parking, and wish to use it again this year . We find it helps with traffic and allows more parking for our residents and visitors. We also would like to use the auditorium for the art show only if the weather does not cooperate with us . Since we cannot predict the weather could we leave this situation open at this time. If we do in fact need to use the auditorium, we need the charges to be added to our bill . If there are any other questions concerns feel free to contact me .

Thank you

Frank Fostin  
President Fairhaven Improvement Association

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FAX: (508) 979-4079  
Selectboard@Fairhaven-MA.gov

Today's Date  
time stamped

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SELECT BOARD

APPLICATION FOR THE USE OF TOWN HALL

Name of Organization FAIRHAVEN IMPROVEMENT ASSC.

Responsible Officer FRANK FOSTIN Tel. No. 774930 1496

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose of Use HOME COMING FAIR

Space Requested Town Hall Grounds, Restrooms

Date Requested JUNE 27, 2026 Begin Time 10:00AM End Time 4:00 PM

\* Number of attendees \_\_\_\_\_ (occupancy to be reviewed by Building Commissioner, not to exceed 299)

REQUEST FOR AUDIO / VISUAL TECHNICIAN: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

Fee will be \$100.00 (up to three hours). Each additional hour will be charged \$25.00.

Additional fee will be charged once additional hour begins. Cash or Check made out to The Town of Fairhaven.

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Select Board / Town Administrator

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Police Chief / Representative

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Board of Health

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Fire Department / Inspection

*Must have full review from applicable departments  
prior to Select Board approval*

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Building Department Inspection

FEES (To be completed by the Office of the Select Board)

Office Use only

Rental Fee x _____ hrs. at \$ 150.00 / hr.	=	\$ _____	(minimum 3 hours)
Plus refundable security deposit in the amount of the rental fee	=	\$ _____	
_____ Audio \$100.00 plus _____ hrs. at \$25.00 /hr.	=	\$ _____	
_____ Custodian x _____ hrs. at \$ 50.00 /hr.	=	\$ _____	
_____ Police x _____ hrs. at \$ _____ hr.	=	\$ _____	
<b>TOTAL FEES</b>	=	\$ _____	

I have received \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in fees and security deposit for the use of Town Hall Facilities on behalf of Town of Fairhaven from

\_\_\_\_\_  
Organization

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Select Board Office

(Security Deposit will be returned after inspection of the premises by the Select Board or its deignee, less any charge for clean up or repair.)



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**Release and Indemnification Agreement**

In consideration of the rental from the Town of Fairhaven ("Town") of the Town Hall and or Town Hall Auditorium, the undersigned hereby releases and forever discharges the Town and its officers, agents and employees from all suits, claims and demands of any nature whatsoever, including for negligence, which he or she or his or her heirs or assigns may ever have for any personal or bodily injury, death or property damage arising out of, related to or resulting from, in whole or in part, the use of the premises as described above.

The undersigned further agrees, for him or herself and his or her heirs and assigns, to defend and indemnify the Town and its officers, agents and employees against all such suits, claims and demands by any third party, including invitees and others, and to save them forever harmless therefrom.

If any damage to the Town Hall and or Town Hall Auditorium or any equipment or appurtenance therein, results from any act or neglect of the undersigned, its agents, guests, licensees or invitees, the undersigned shall be liable therefore and shall upon demand, reimburse the Town for all costs and expenses of such repairs and damages.

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that he or she has read and understands this release and Indemnification, and that if he or she is signing on behalf of another person or entity, he or she is authorized to do so and that such other person or entity intends to be fully bound hereby.

Signature:

*Frank Foster*

Printed Name:

FRANK FOSTER

Date:

3/17/26

Before me:

*[Signature]*

Witness Signature

*To be signed in the presence of Town Hall staff*



Town of Fairhaven  
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Fairhaven, MA 02719

### TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE/BLOCK PARTY APPLICATION

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of event: JUNE 07, 2026 Time of event: 10:00 AM

Road (s) to be blocked: WASHINGTON - N WALNUT, WASHINGTON - WILLIAMS, CENTER - GREEN, N. WALNUT - UNION, WILLIAMS - UNION, CENTER - MAIN

Estimated number of attendees: \_\_\_\_\_ Age group: ALL

Have all residents been notified  Y /  N How notified: LETTER OR VISIT

*Please provide of copy of notification with application*

Name, address and telephone number of 2 residents as point of contact in addition to the applicant.

Name: NILS ISAKSEN Name: MARY BOUCHER

Address: 40 SUMMERS Address: 21 Chenystone Rd

Phone: 508 525 0438 Phone: 508 999 2346

**By signing, I attest to having read, understand and will comply with the Temporary Street Closing Policy if this application is approved including conditions for public safety provided by Police, Fire and DPW.**

Signature of applicant: Frank Foster

Print Name: FRANK FOSTIN Phone: 774 930 1496

Address: 1093 Rockdale Ave N.B. 02740

Email: ffostin52@gmail.com

**OFFICE USE: Review by Police, Fire and DPW for approval, any public safety conditions will be noted.**

DPW: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Police: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Fire: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Town Administrator: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_



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Today's Date
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SELECT BOARD
2026 APR 15 10:04:10 AM

APPLICATION FOR THE USE OF TOWN HALL

Name of Organization FAIRHAVEN IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
Responsible Officer FRANKI FOSTIN Tel. No. 774-930-1496
Address 1893 Rockdale Ave N.B. MASS 02740
Purpose of Use Summer Concerts
Space Requested FRONT OF TOWN Hall - use of Restrooms
Date Requested -> Begin Time 6:00 PM End Time 8:30 - 9:00 PM
Number of attendees (occupancy to be reviewed by Building Commissioner, not to exceed 299)

REQUEST FOR AUDIO / VISUAL TECHNICIAN: YES NO [checked]
Fee will be \$100.00 (up to three hours). Each additional hour will be charged \$25.00.
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Select Board / Town Administrator

Police Chief / Representative

Board of Health

Fire Department / Inspection

Must have full review from applicable departments
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Building Department Inspection

Table with columns for item, quantity, rate, and total. Includes rows for Rental Fee, security deposit, Audio, Custodian, Police, and TOTAL FEES.

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Organization

Date: Signed: Select Board Office

(Security Deposit will be returned after inspection of the premises by the Select Board or its deignee, less any charge for clean up or repair.)

Ask to Waive Rental fee
will pay for Custodian



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The undersigned hereby acknowledges that he or she has read and understands this release and Indemnification, and that if he or she is signing on behalf of another person or entity, he or she is authorized to do so and that such other person or entity intends to be fully bound hereby.

Signature:

Printed Name:

FRANK FOSTINI

Date:

4/15/26

Before me:

Witness Signature

*To be signed in the presence of Town Hall staff*



# CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)  
12/18/2025

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

**IMPORTANT:** If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must have ADDITIONAL INSURED provisions or be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

<b>PRODUCER</b> Peter P. Briggs Insurance Agency Inc. 19 County Road P. O. Box 96 Mattapoisett MA 02739	<b>CONTACT NAME:</b> Peter Briggs Insurance <b>PHONE (A/C, No. Ext):</b> (508) 758-6929 <b>FAX (A/C, No):</b> (508) 758-9604 <b>E-MAIL ADDRESS:</b>																				
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DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)

<b>CERTIFICATE HOLDER</b> TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN 40 CENTER STREET FAIRHAVEN MA 02719	<b>CANCELLATION</b> SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE <i>Julie Driscoll</i>
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Via email

Select Board, Town Administrator, Police Chief, Fire Chief  
Town of Fairhaven  
40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, MA. 02719

Subject: Tour de Crème Bike Ride, May 31, 2026

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I write to provide information about the Tour de Crème (TdC) bike ride to be held on Sunday May 31, 2026. Consistent with Massachusetts law Chapter 85, section 11B we expect approximately 200 (number accounts for two rides arriving separately on different routes) bicyclists to utilize public highways in Fairhaven along the route shown on the attached maps. The rides will leave at 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM and 12:00 PM and our Ride Captain will review timing of the riders arrival with the PD's Safety Officer, as he has done in previous years. The tours will stop at three Fairhaven small businesses: McGraw's Back Porch Ice Cream (pop up at Nasketucket Vineyard, West Island Creamery and Dorothy Cox (pop up at Little Bay – Bike Path). All cyclists will be required to wear a helmet and to obey all traffic laws. This is a casual ride to enjoy Fairhaven's beautiful scenery and ice creameries, and it is not a race.

This is the eighth year for the Tour de Crème which is the major fundraiser for the Mattapoisett Land Trust and the Friends of the Mattapoisett Bike Path, both non-profit charitable organizations. We work hard to promote the local creameries who participate in the TdC by introducing new customers and highlighting them on our website and social media. Thank you for your support of the Tour de Crème in past years. Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jane Finnerty". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jane Finnerty

Chair

Jane.mattrail@gmail.com

# 2026 Tour de Creme 47-mile route



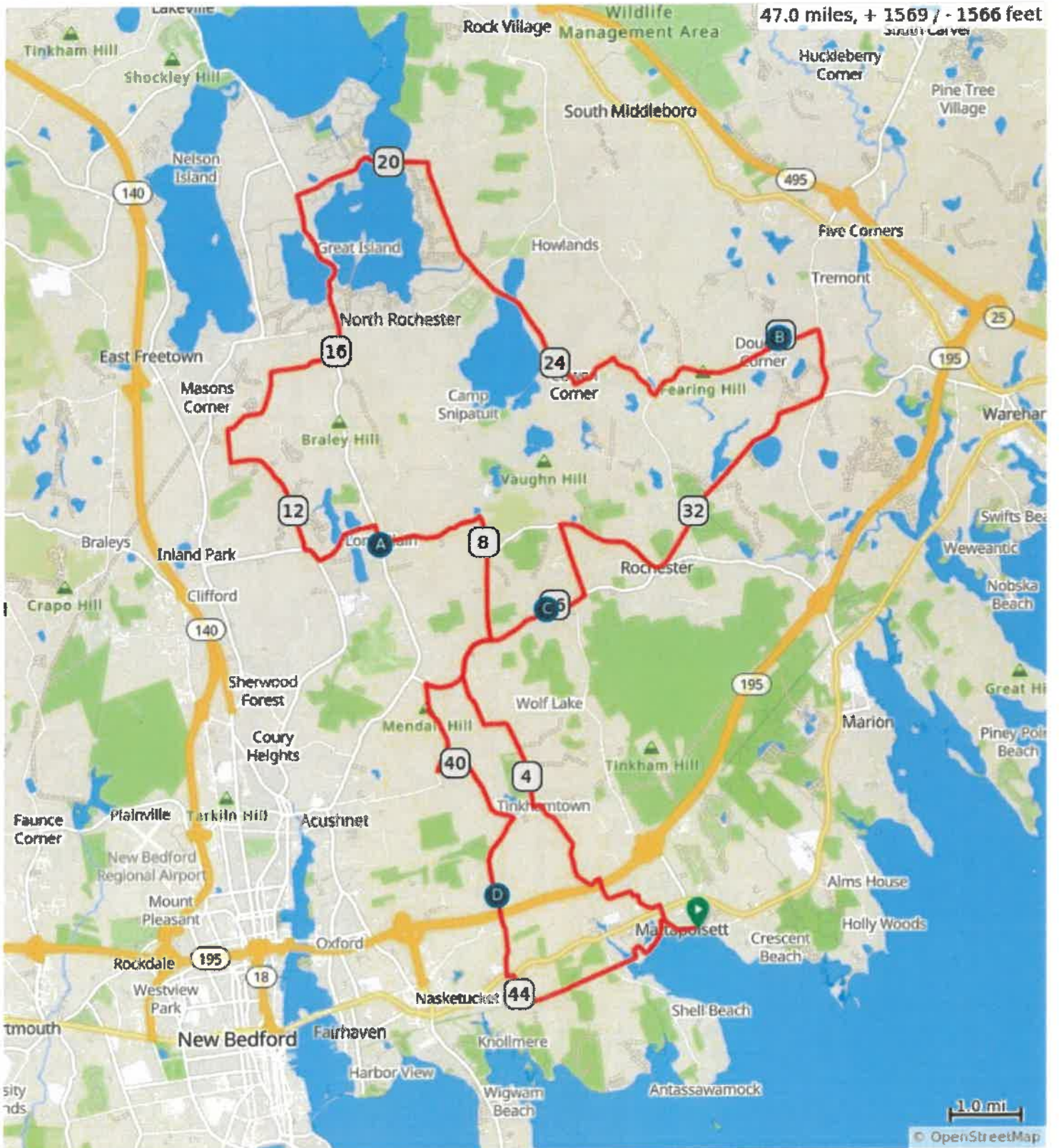
A 47 mile ride to Country Whip, Robins Nest, Captain Bonneys and a pop-up stop at Nasketucket Bay Vineyard serving McGraw's Back Porch Ice Cream.

A. Country Whip

B. Robins Nest

C. Captain Bonneys

D. Nasketucket Bay Vineyard



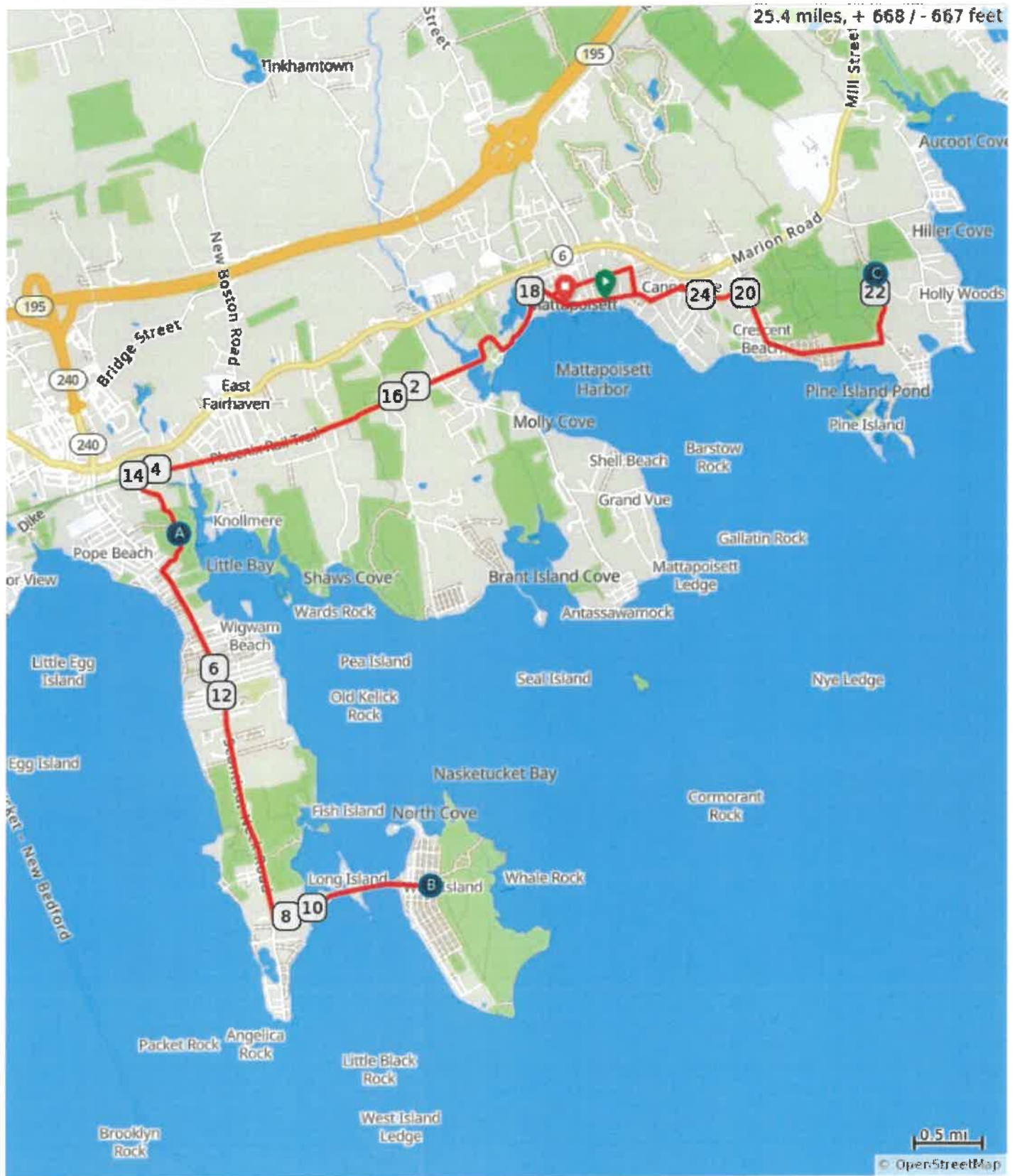
# 2026 Tour de Creme 25-Mile Ride



A. Pop up ice cream stop

B. West Island Creamery

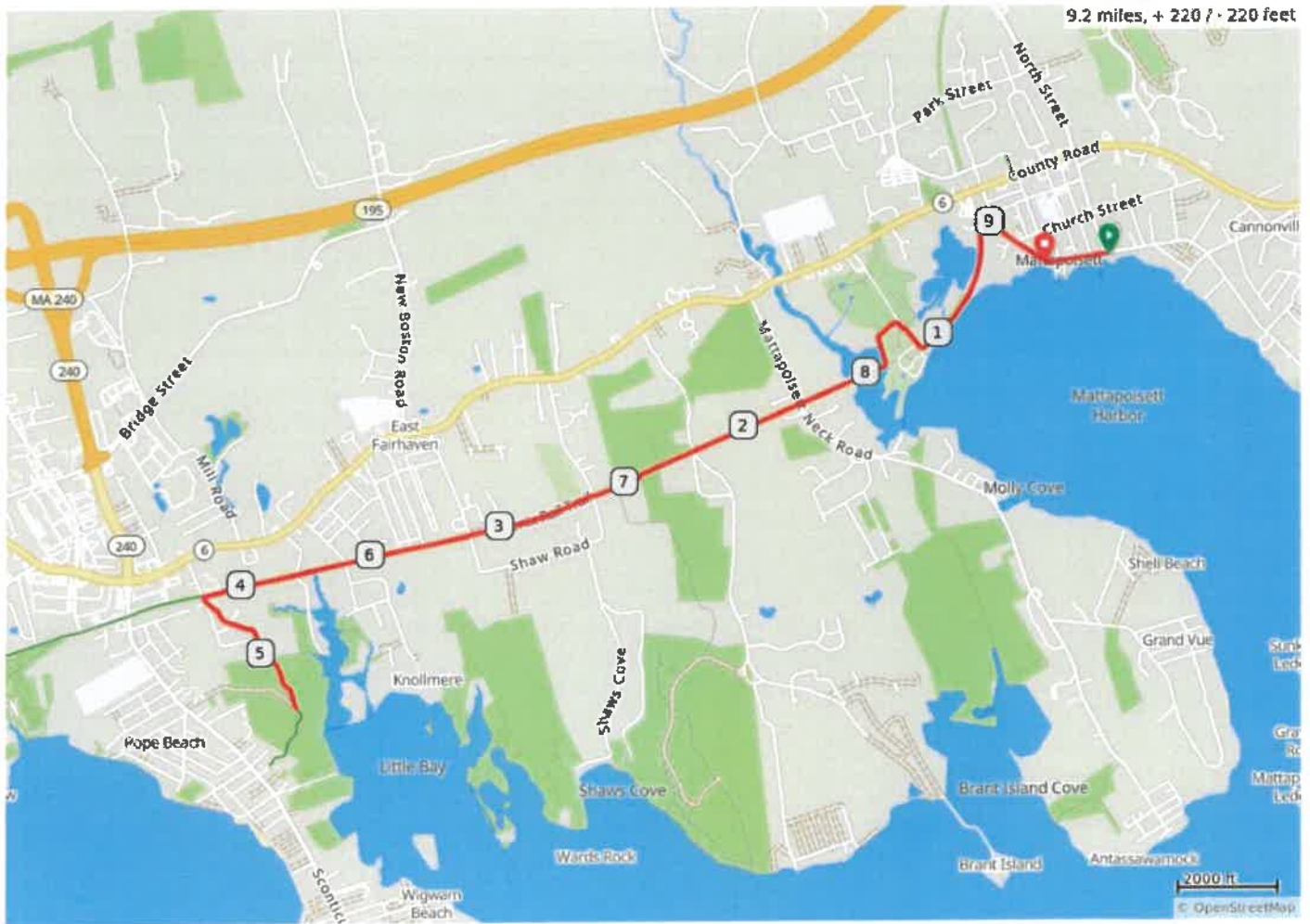
C. Pop up ice cream stop



# Tour de Creme 9-mile ride



9.2 miles, + 220 / - 220 feet





**Monday, April 27, 2026**

**ACTION / DISCUSSION**

1. Consider Designating the Harbormaster and Building Commissioner as Authorized Signatories for Chapter 91
2. Consider Acceptance of Deed for Parcel ID 27-334, Washburn Ave. for Conservation Purposes and Sign Deed
3. Flag/Banner Request: Commission on Disability: July-Disability Pride Month
4. Discussion on Police Details at Polling Location for Elections
5. Annual Town Election Ballot Question
6. Discussion on Possible Town Sponsored Amendments at Annual Town Meeting
7. Discussion on Five-Year Capital Plan

# SELECT BOARD'S MEETING

**Monday, April 27, 2026**

**Request to appoint the Building Commissioner and the Harbormaster as joint sign offs for Fairhaven Chapter 91 License approvals.**

MassDEP administers the regulatory provisions of the Massachusetts Public Waterfront Act, commonly called Chapter 91. The act regulates the use of coastal and inland waterways to protect access, fishing, fowling, and navigation rights. Municipalities use it to review waterfront projects, enforce public access, and to permit projects such as docks and waterfront structures.



Town of Fairhaven  
Massachusetts  
40 Center Street · Fairhaven, MA · 02719

MEMORANDUM

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*To: Select Board*

*Date: April 21, 2026*

*Re: Parcel ID 27-334, Washburn Ave. next steps*

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The attorney for the owner of Parcel ID 27-334, Washburn Avenue, James Marsh, addressed the Select Board on December 16, 2024 regarding donating this parcel to the Town. The Town owns surrounding parcels and accepting it would be to hold it under the care, custody, and control of the Conservation Commission. The Select Board motioned to accept the offer of donation by the estate of Sidney Feldman for the parcel of land identified as 27-334 for the sum of one dollar on the provision that the seller prepares the deed, prepares a title search, provides the Town with a plot plan and pays the back-property taxes.

Atty Marsh addressed the Conservation Commission on March 24, 2025 and April 7, 2025 and motioned to accept the parcel pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, s. 8C.

The property owner's attorney has worked through some title/probate issues and has presented the executed deed to the Select Board and Conservation Commission for final consideration of acceptance and to sign the deed.

Additional documentation and the highlighted minutes from the meetings referenced follow this memo.

Property Address: Assessor Plot 27, Lot 334, Washburn Avenue, Fairhaven, MA

**QUITCLAIM DEED**

**Rachel Beth Feldman, Personal Representative of Estate of Frieda Feldman**, with an address of 507 W. 111<sup>th</sup> Street, Apt. #63, New York, NY 10025-1915,

grants to the **Town of Fairhaven**, a municipal corporation of Bristol County, with an address of 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, Massachusetts 02719, under the care, custody, and control of the Conservation Commission for conservation purposes pursuant to G.L. c. 40, §8C, for full consideration paid and for consideration of less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00),

**WITH QUITCLAIM COVENANTS**

That certain parcel of land situated in Fairhaven, Bristol County, Massachusetts lying Assessor's Plot 27, Lot 334 of Washburn Avenue and shown as Lot 41 on the plan entitled "Harborview Extension J.N. Gifford Subdivision Fairhaven Mass.", dated January 31, 1918, which plan is recorded with the Bristol County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 18, Page 14.

For Grantor's title see Quitclaim Deed recorded in the Bristol County Registry of Deeds at Book 909, Page 267 and Decree of Sale of Real Property by Foreign Fiduciary entered in the Bristol. Division of Massachusetts Probate and Family Court on March 13, 2026, in the matter docketed as BR26P0486.

**No deed stamps are due pursuant to G.L. c.64D, §1.**

The Grantor certifies compliance with the provisions of G.L. c.59, §72A.

The address in the margin is not a part of this conveyance. Its accuracy has not been verified.

The Acceptance of Deed signed by the Town of Fairhaven and certified copy of the Select Board authorizing said acceptance are recorded of even date herewith.

EXECUTED as a sealed instrument this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

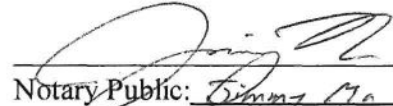
ESTATE OF FRIEDA FELDMAN

By: Rachel Beth Feldman  
Rachel Beth Feldman, Personal Representative

STATE OF NEW YORK

County of New York, ss.

On this 12 day of April 2026, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Rachel Beth Feldman, as aforesaid, proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which was a New York State Identification Card to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding or attached document, and acknowledged to me that she signed it voluntarily for its stated purposes as Personal Representative on behalf of the Estate of Frieda Feldman,

  
Notary Public: Jimmy Ma  
My Commission Expires: September 20, 2028

JIMMY MA  
Notary Public, State of New York  
No. 01MA6116017  
Qualified in New York County  
Commission Expires Sept. 20, 2028

ACCEPTANCE OF DEED

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, the Town of Fairhaven, acting by and through its Select Board, hereby accepts the foregoing deed from Rachel Beth Feldman, Personal Representative of the Estate of Frieda Feldman to property located on Washburn Avenue in Fairhaven, which is to be under the care, custody and control of the Conservation Commission for conservation purposes under the provisions of G.L. c.40, §8C.

TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN,  
By its Select Board

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

\_\_\_\_\_, ss.

On this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, as Members of the Town of Fairhaven Select Board, proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which was a \_\_\_\_\_, to be the people whose names are signed on the preceding or attached document, and acknowledged to me that they signed it voluntarily for its stated purposes as member of the Town of Fairhaven Select Board.

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Notary Public: \_\_\_\_\_  
My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

ACCEPTANCE BY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

On this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, the Town of Fairhaven, acting by and through its Conservation Commission pursuant to the authority granted by G.L. c.40, §8C and the vote taken by the Town of Fairhaven Select Board on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, hereby accepts the care, custody and control of the property located on Washburn Avenue, Fairhaven, Massachusetts for conservation purposes under the provisions of G.L. c.40, §8C.

TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN,  
By its Conservation Commission

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My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_



## FAIRHAVEN SELECT BOARD

### Meeting Minutes December 16, 2024

FAIRHAVEN TOWN CLERK  
RCUD 2025 JAN 14 AM 9:27

**Present:** Vice-Chair Charles Murphy Sr., Clerk Andrew B. Saunders, members Keith Silvia and Andrew Romano

**Present via zoom:** Chair Stasia Powers, Assistant Town Administrator of Finance/Town Accountant Anne Carreiro

Mr. Murphy opened the meeting at 6:30p.m.

#### APPOINTMENTS AND COMMUNITY ITEMS

##### Appointment: Conservation Commission: Brandon Estrella

Mr. Estrella addressed the Board about his application, his background and interest in the Commission. The Board asked about availability due to lengthy meetings, remote meetings versus in-person, training availability.

**Motion:** Mr. Romano motioned to appoint Brandon Estrella to the Conservation Commission for a term through May, 2027. Mr. Saunders seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ms. Powers, Mr. Romano, Mr. Saunders, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Silvia in favor. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

##### Acting Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator Appointment

Mr. Murphy described and opened discussion on potential candidates.

**Motion:** Mr. Romano motioned to appoint Martha Reed as Acting ADA Coordinator. Mr. Saunders seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ms. Powers, Mr. Romano, Mr. Saunders, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Silvia in favor. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

#### MINUTES

**Motion:** Mr. Romano motioned to accept the November 25, 2024 open session minutes. Mr. Saunders seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ms. Powers, Mr. Romano, Mr. Saunders, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Silvia in favor. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

**Motion:** Mr. Romano motioned to accept the November 25, 2024 executive session minutes. Mr. Saunders seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ms. Powers, Mr. Romano, Mr. Saunders, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Silvia in favor. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

**Motion:** Mr. Romano motioned to accept the December 2, 2024 open session minutes. Mr. Saunders seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ms. Powers, Mr. Romano, Mr. Saunders, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Silvia in favor. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

#### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

*Ms. Carreiro reported:*

- Staffing Update: Grant Writer candidate has been hired, Rebecca Roughley, Roughley Municipal Consulting. She will attend the Department Head meeting on December 17, 2024, she has staff and will present to the Board periodically.
- FY26 Budget Calendar: revised calendar provided (*Attachment A*). Ms. Carreiro will review with Department Heads to begin the Budget and Capital Improvement Project (CIP) process.
- Interim Town Administrator (TA) Finalists: Jeffrey Osuch addressed the Board. He thanked the Board and recapped the Interim TA Search Committee process and said the finalists in alphabetical order are: Leilani Dalpe, Gregory M. Hanley and George Samia. Mr. Saunders confirmed his conflict has been resolved. The Board thanked the Interim TA Search Committee for their work.

- Other: Ms. Carreiro advised the Board that funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) are wrapping up and she will be reviewing this with the department heads on December 17, 2024 to ensure all funds are used by the deadline according to the process.

### **ACTION / DISCUSSION**

#### **Palmer Capital Presentation, Energy Options: Sumul Shah and Gordon Deane**

Mr. Shah addressed the Board and reviewed the presentation on Fairhaven Repower financials (*Attachment B*). The acronym TDD stands for Transmission, Transition and Distribution. If the Board approves modifying the contract and moving forward the next step is to seek approval from Eversource. If Eversource says no, the contract stays as is. The repower plan calls for the use of new technology and would replace the top head and blades and would use the existing towers.

The Board asked questions about noise specifications, comparison of the current specifications to proposed specifications, battery storage option, comparison of data reports, challenge of obtaining billing from Eversource due to a billing issue with Eversource, how battery storage works to offset the grid and not to provide benefit to the Town.

#### **Public Comment:**

Bob Espindola of John Street addressed the Board, he said for battery storage, consider a generator on-site that is not in use and see if that can be incorporated. Mr. Espindola asked about the 7.8% over the life of the existing system and if that was compounded annually or a total of 7.8% over the course of the term. Mr. Shah said 7.6% annually. Mr. Espindola asked how the numbers on the term sheet apply. He also asked about noise concerns and the current turbines mitigation plan to shut down if the noise would exceed the permitted values and if Mr. Shah could provide reports of when this has happened over the last twelve years. Mr. Shah said he could provide that to the Board.

Mr. Murphy asked if this could be put to the January 13, 2025 meeting. Mr. Shah recapped what the Board asked for: reports when the mitigation was in effect, production over time and locations where the new type of turbine is installed. Ms. Carreiro added that if the Board allows the application to Eversource the process can take about two years.

#### **Building Department Review of Requests for Permit Fee Waivers: Town Buildings**

Tabled to January 13, 2025

#### **Building Department: Rate for Local Inspectors**

Tabled to January 13, 2025

#### **Review Parcel Donation: Parcel ID 27-334 Washburn Avenue**

Attorney James Marsh addressed the Board and distributed a packet (*Attachment C*). Discussion ensued about the property details, taxes owed, preference of the prior Town Administrator to not accept these types of donations because it takes from the tax roll, reviewing parcels on a case by case basis and not setting a precedent, this parcel acceptance would protect the marsh, the Town owns surrounding parcels, this parcel is an unbuidable lot, the Board is the gatekeeper and should consider requests on a case-by-case basis moving forward.

**Motion:** Mr. Saunders motioned to accept the offer of donation by the estate of Sidney Feldman for the parcel of land identified as 27-334 for the sum of one dollar on the provision that the seller prepare the deed, the seller prepare a title search, the seller provide the Town with a plot plan and the payment of the back-property taxes. Mr. Romano seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ms. Powers, Mr. Romano, Mr. Saunders, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Silvia in favor. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

#### **Reactivate the Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) Committee**

Recreation Center Director Kelley Ramirez addressed the Board via zoom regarding reactivating the OSRP Committee. Ms. Ramirez said the timeline for the work would be eighteen to twenty-four months.

**Conservation Commission**

**March 24, 2025**

1. **Chairman's Welcome and Media Notification:** Brandon Estrella opened the meeting at 6:00p.m. Mr. Estrella read the protocol for Zoom meetings and open Public Meeting Law.

Mr. Estrella advised that the meeting was being conducted remotely, pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting will be conducted in person and via remote means, in accordance with applicable law. This means that members of the public body as well as members of the public may access this meeting in person, or via virtual means. It is possible that any or all members of the public body may attend remotely, with in-person attendance consisting of members of the public. MGL, Ch. 30a, § 20(f) requires anyone that intends to record any portions of a public meeting, either by audio or video, or both, to notify the Chair at the beginning of the meeting.

2. **Mission statement:** Wendy Drumm read the new mission statement.  
*Conservation by definition is the careful maintenance and upkeep of our natural resources to prevent them from disappearing. A natural resource being the physical supply of something that exists in nature, such as soil, water, air, plant and animal. Any perceived or plausible endangerments to these areas and sites shall fall before The Conservation Commission under the laws of Fairhaven and The State. We as a Committee will strive to make mindful and educated decisions with the assistance of our appointed conservation agents.*

3. **Quorum/Attendance:** Wendy Drumm, Jake Galary, Karyn Ferreira, Diane Tomassetti, Brandon Estrella. Karen Goodhue joined a few minutes after rollcall.  
**Zoom-** Anthony Couto

Conservation and Sustainability Coordinator, Kelly Camara and Recording Secretary, Barbara Paczosa were present in Town Hall.

4. **Appoint a Commission member as the liaison for the Community Preservation Committee:** Brandon Estrella discussed with the board the need to appoint a member liaison. The vote was tabled to the April 7, 2025 meeting.

5. **Approval of the February 24, 2025 meeting minutes:** Brandon Estrella made a motion to approve the minutes from February 24, 2025. The motion was seconded by Jake Galary and passed unanimously (7-0).

6. **Josh Crabb – Highways Department**

- a) Discuss the permitting process for pavement repair, resurfacing, and reclamation of existing roadways within the right-of-way identified in 310 CMR § 10.02(2)(2)(p)

Josh Crabb, Highway Superintendent provided packets with information on how to move forward with resurfacing existing roadways located within the buffer zone. Mr. Crabb requested feedback

from the Commission in terms of a NOI versus an RDA. The Commission felt these decisions could be made between Mr. Crabb and Ms. Camara.

- b) Request for ditch maintenance and pipe clearing work on Cottonwood Street (between Misty Bay and Bass Creek Road).

Josh Crabb stated stormwater is not draining out with the tidal influence and he is having trouble keeping the road sound and passable. Mr. Crabb thinks the next step is drainage ditch maintenance. Mr. Crabb explained he would like to reshape the drainage ditch for better flow, which will protect the roads with less maintenance in the long term. Mr. Crabb also stated he would like permission to find the failed collapsed cross pipes and then proceed with permitting to re-establish the culverts.

The Commission is in agreement with Ms. Camara making decisions for minor or exploratory activity and collaborating with Mr. Crabb.

**7. Consider acceptance of care, custody, and control of Parcel ID 27-334, Washburn Avenue, Fairhaven, MA pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, Section 8C.**

Attorney Marsh stated this parcel was approved for the town to accept through the Select Board. Attorney Marsh disseminated information to all the board members to show where the parcel is located and explained that the owner purchased the parcel in 1946. This land is marshland and not buildable.

Ms. Drumm inquired about the size of the lot and if there is public access. Mr. Estrella responded that the parcel is 0.6 acres with a private footpath.

Attorney Marsh stated the owner will be giving a quitclaim deed to the town conveying interest in the property.

Ms. Tomassetti inquired about the taxes on the property. Attorney Marsh responded that all taxes have been paid up to date and totaled \$3000 to \$3500, since 1997. Attorney Marsh added that it fits in perfectly with the surrounding conservation land that's already in the town's name.

Attorney Marsh will be back on the April 7, 2025 meeting to present the boundary lines and address any additional concerns.

**8. Camel Street Conservation Restriction:**

Allen Decker, Director of Land Protection with the Buzzards Bay Coalition (BBC) requested the Commission's approval to hold the Conservation Restriction (CR) at Camel Street, which adjoins the Wide Marsh Farm. A letter of support for the holding of the CR was signed and approved by Bruce Webb dated July 8, 2024.

Mr. Decker discussed the matter with the Commission and distributed information and maps for review. Mr. Decker explained he is seeking the Commission's vote to approve the CR and hold it in partnership with the BBC when they acquire the property.

Conservation Commission

Minutes

April 7, 2025

**Conservation Commission**

**April 7, 2025**

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**2. Mission statement:** Wendy Drumm read the mission statement.  
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**3. Quorum/Attendance:** Brandon Estrella, Wendy Drumm, Anthony Couto, Jake Galary, Karen Goodhue, Diane Tomassetti, Karyn Ferreira

Conservation and Sustainability Coordinator, Kelly Camara and Recording Secretary, Barbara Paczosa were present in Town Hall. Zoom-Land Use and Planning Director, Bruce Webb

**4. Continuances requested in advance:**  
a. **CON 023-484: 2 Oxford Street, Map 13, Lot 001**

**5. Appoint Commission member as the liaison for the Community Preservation Committee**

Mr. Estrella made a motion to appoint Diane Tomassetti as the liaison to the Community Preservation Committee. The motion was seconded by Ms. Drumm and passed unanimously (7-0).

**6. Attorney James Marsh to provide additional documentation for the acceptance of care, custody, and control of Parcel ID 27-334, Washburn Avenue, Fairhaven, MA pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, Section 8C.**

Attorney Marsh gave an update to the Commission and provided the additional documentation requested during the March 24, 2025 meeting.

Mr. Estrella made a motion to accept Parcel ID 27-334, Washburn Avenue, pursuant to M.G.L. c 40, Section 8C. The motion was seconded by Ms. Drumm and passed (7-0).

**7. Requests for Certificates of Compliance**

a. **SE 023-1333, CON 023-181: 18 Point Street, Map 28B, Lot 207**

Bruce Webb updated the Commission with a history and background of the property. Mr. Webb stated he is pleased with the restoration but has an issue with where some of the rocks will be sourced. Mr. Webb explained the most recent restoration plan shows some of the rocks to be

General Release and Indemnity  
Flag/Banner Policy

I/we, Commission on Disability in consideration of the approval of my/our request to the Town of Fairhaven to be allowed to display a flag or banner on public property, do hereby agree to release the Town, and its officers, agents, and employees, from any and all liability for damage or injury suffered by me/us including but not limited to personal injury or property damage resulting from, or related to, the placement, display or removal by me/us or by any other person, of the flag or banner; and further I/we agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Town, and its officers, agents, and employees, from any and all claims for damage or injury, including but not limited to personal injury or property damage resulting from, or related to, the placement, display or removal by me/us or by any other person, of the flag or banner.

4/17/20  
Date:


Krystal Lunn  
Name (print)

Chair  
Title (if signed on behalf of an organization):

Krystal Lunn  
Signed:

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## MEMO

To: Select Board

From: Elisabeth E. Horan, Town Clerk

Date: April 23, 2026

Re: Election Day Police Staffing and Local Election Polling Hours – Cost Considerations

### **Election Day Police Staffing**

A reduction in the number of police officers assigned to election day details has been suggested as a potential cost-saving measure. The determination of the number of officers assigned to a polling location is ultimately at the discretion of the Select Board pursuant to M.G.L. c. 54, § 72, which requires the Board to detail a sufficient number of police officers or constables to preserve order at polling places.

For context, typical staffing levels have been as follows:

- Local elections and primaries: 3 officers
- State elections: 4 officers
- Presidential elections: 5–6 officers

The general deployment and responsibilities are outlined below. The numbers in parentheses are based on typical staffing levels for local elections and may be increased as warranted for state elections.

Parking Lot / Exterior Officer (typically 1):

- Enforces the 150-foot rule in accordance with M.G.L. c. 54, § 65 and 950 CMR 54.04(22)(d), prohibiting electioneering within the restricted zone.
- Ensures candidates and supporters remain outside the 150-foot boundary.
- Manages traffic flow and parking lot safety.

Interior Officers (typically 2):

- Maintain custody of keys for voting machines and ballot boxes.
- Assist the Warden with opening ballot boxes in the event of jams or capacity issues.
- Must remain within the building and in proximity to the Warden; however, one officer may be temporarily assigned to transport vote-by-mail and absentee ballots between the Town Clerk's Office and the polling location.
- Protect voter rights and respond to any disturbances in accordance with M.G.L. c. 54, § 65.

Ballot Transport Duties:

- Throughout the day, one interior officer transports vote-by-mail and absentee ballots from the Town Clerk's Office to the polling location.

### Opening Duties:

- Officers assigned to the first shift are responsible for the secure delivery of ballots, voting machines, and election materials.
  - State elections: report at 6:00 AM
  - Local elections: report at 9:00 AM

### Closing Duties:

- Officers assigned to the second shift oversee the secure return of all election materials after polls close.
- They remain on site until tabulation is complete (typically 1–2 hours after closing).

### Emergency Procedures:

- In the event of an evacuation, officers shall follow the Election Emergency Evacuation Guidelines and work with the Warden to secure all election materials to the extent practicable, prioritizing the safety of voters and election workers.

From a financial perspective, reducing the number of officers by one results in an approximate savings of \$744 (based on an approximate \$62/hr for a 12 hour shift).

While staffing levels are ultimately a policy decision of the Select Board, safety remains a primary consideration. Based on operational experience, I would typically recommend three officers for local elections, recognizing the importance of maintaining a secure and orderly polling environment; however, I defer to the judgement of Chief Dorgan and the Select Board. Closer to each election, a formal request regarding officer staffing will be submitted to the Select Board for consideration and vote.

### **Local Election Polling Hours**

Another potential cost-saving measure is adjusting polling hours for local elections. State election hours are fixed (7:00 AM to 8:00 PM) pursuant to M.G.L. c.54, § 64 and cannot be modified locally.

However, for local elections, M.G.L. c. 54, § 64A provides that:

- Polls must be open for at least four (4) hours,
- Must open no later than noon, and
- Must close no earlier than 8:00 PM.

Based on current estimates:

- Traditional hours (10:00 AM – 8:00 PM) with 33 election workers (\$15/hr) and 3 officers: approximately \$8,172
- Reduced hours (12:00 PM – 8:00 PM): approximately \$6,810
- These figures are estimates and may vary depending on ballot volume, including hand-counted and write-in ballots.

Please let me know if the Board would like additional information or a more detailed cost analysis.

cc: Chief Dorgan

**From:** Frank Crowell <[frank727@yahoo.com](mailto:frank727@yahoo.com)>

**Date:** April 20, 2026 at 2:13:05 PM EDT

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**Cc:** [NeighbNews@comcast.net](mailto:NeighbNews@comcast.net)

**Subject:** Police details at the polling station

4/20/2026

Dear Select Board members,

I continue to read about the budget shortfalls facing Fairhaven. I would like to offer an opportunity to chip away at this shortfall (as I attempted to do 2 years ago). We have been staffing the voting polls with 3 detailed police officers. This is almost certainly by accident. Two years ago, at the very end of his term, SB member Espindola held an on-line Q&A session and I asked him about this. His speculation was that when the town had 3 polling locations, each had an officer detailed there and when they consolidated from 3 polling locations to 1, this was overlooked. This was almost certainly the case.

At that point I attempted to bring this oversight to the town's attention for what I thought would be an easy correction. This was not to be the case.

I first contacted the (former) Town Administrator. I was initially told that the town was bound by laws as to how many police officers must be there but after I followed up, the TA conceded that Mass. General Laws c.54 § 72 was the only controlling law. That law does not mandate a minimum number of police but rather a "sufficient number". Out of curiosity, I contacted the town of Gosnold, the smallest town in the state. They do not have police details at their elections. So a sufficient number may be zero.

The TA then advised me that this was really a Select Board issue and referred me to SB Chair Powers. She told me how important it was that police details direct traffic in the parking lot and again stated that the number was dictated by law. I told her that there were not any police in the parking lot and that they were all inside. And I again cited the MGL. She apologized for the misinformation and referred me to SB member Romano, who she said was more knowledgeable about the subject.

SB Romano and I exchanged a few emails. He explained some of the duties performed by the police details, which largely consisted of witnessing ballot delivery, inspecting ballot boxes being empty before voting and witnessing the opening of machines in the event of a malfunction. His contention was that these functions had to be done by the police. Logic would dictate otherwise. If a town can conduct an election without any police present, and Gosnold is proof that this is possible, then someone other than a police officer can perform these duties. There appear to be dozens of poll workers present when I go to the polls. They should perform these duties. We are currently assigning polling worker tasks to police officers and doing so at a significant extra cost. There is also a question of how a police officer is more qualified to perform these duties than a poll worker anyway? Mr. Romano never provided me a reference for the necessity of police performing these duties at the polls. I believe this is a case of..."this is the way we have always done it" and it is a self imposed, unwritten requirement.

A single police officer on detail in the name of law and order makes sense. That's actually what they are there for. (The MGL says that. It's short and sweet and I've included it below.) Having 3 available to watch a jammed ballot machine be opened or to look inside an empty box is a foolish waste of money.

I would also like to add my experience with early voting. Fall of 2024 I voted early at the Town Hall. When I entered the room I found a woman sitting alone at a table with a stack of ballots and ballot envelopes in front of her. No one else was in sight, let alone a police officer. She was joined by a man a short time later but she was alone in the room with the ballots, envelopes and ballot machine. My son had requested a ballot by mail. I dropped it off through the mail slot at the Town Clerk's office for him. It was the weekend and everything was closed. I know a police officer wasn't there then and I'm fairly certain a police officer was not there when the ballots were collected Monday morning. So why the difference in the police requirement? I think it's simple, police are meant to maintain law and order during voting. They are not meant to be part of the voting process.

I'm all for law and order and a police presence when it makes sense. But turning police officers into poll workers is wasteful. If we're faced with a budget shortfall, we should be looking to save money everywhere we can. This should be easy.

I would like to hear from each of you individually with your position on this please (Mr. Romano excepted...your position is clear to me already).

Regards,  
Frank Crowell  
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Mass. General Laws c.54 § 72

The select board, board of selectmen, town council or city council of each city and town, in consultation with its election officers and registrars, shall detail a sufficient number of police officers or constables for each building that contains the polling place for 1 or more precincts at every election therein to preserve order and to protect the election officers and supervisors from any interference with their duties and to aid in enforcing the laws relating to elections.

***Ballot Question Summary:***

Pursuant to a ballot vote on February 2, 1953, Fairhaven police officers and Fairhaven firefighters are subject to civil service – Chapter 31 of Massachusetts General Laws. Acceptance of this ballot question would remove the rules and requirements of Civil Service in the hiring and administration of future police officers and firefighters. Existing officers will retain Civil Service protection as long as they occupy their current positions. Both the Administration and the Police and Fire Unions support leaving Civil Service.

***Ballot Question:***

“Shall the acceptance by the Town of Fairhaven of section 47 of Chapter 31 of the General Laws, placing the members of both the official and labor service of the Town of Fairhaven within the classified civil service be revoked?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_”.



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# MEMO

**DATE:** April 23, 2026  
**TO:** Select Board  
**FROM:** Keith R. Hickey, Town Administrator

**RE:** Proposed Amendment to FY27 General Fund Budget

1. The proposed House budget has increased total State revenues from the proposed Governor's budget by \$94,000. The Senate and then a Conference Committee still need to propose their estimated revenues. I am comfortable with recommending a Town Meeting amendment to fund the Animal Control budget by \$90,000, reinstating the Animal Control Officer from part to full time in the amount of \$30,861, which includes \$3,000 in overtime and \$24,700 for expenses. I propose the remaining \$34,439 restore \$25,000 in Police Department overtime and \$9,439 in Fire Department Overtime. Below is the revised override article. The reduction to the override totals \$110,971. The \$20,971 difference (\$110,971-\$90,000) represents funding a full time Animal Control Officer but not a part time Animal Control Officer and reducing Animal Control expenses based on prior year expenditure history.

Department	Line Item	Amount of Override	Revised Override Amount
Public Safety Salaries and Wages	Animal Control Wages	\$67,532	\$0
Public Safety Operating Expenses	Animal Control Operating Expenses	\$9,000	\$0
Public Safety Salaries and Wages	Police Overtime	\$25,000	\$0
Public Safety Salaries and Wages	Fire Overtime	\$25,000	\$15,561
Community Services Salaries and Wages	Tourism Department Wages	\$76,532	\$76,532

Community Services Operating Expenses	Tourism Department Operating Expenses	\$25,709	\$25,709
Public Works Highway	Wages	\$50,000	\$50,000
Fairhaven School Department		<u>\$481,376</u>	<u>\$481,376</u>
Total Override Recommended		<u>\$760,149</u>	<u>649,178</u>

I have shared my recommended use of the additional review with the School Superintendent who understands my recommendation and will work collaboratively with me to support the revised override article.




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# MEMO

**DATE:** April 23, 2026  
**TO:** Finance Committee  
**FROM:** Keith R. Hickey, Town Administrator  
  
**RE:** Update on FY27 Budget

Please accept the following and attached information as updates to the FY27 budget documents.

1. As requested by the Finance Committee, a summary of all full-time and part-time Town employees for FY20 and FY25 is provided on Page 3 of this memorandum.
2. The Board of Public Works voted at its April 13 meeting to fund West Island lifeguards from Monday, June 29 through Saturday, August 22 within its recommended FY27 budget. Beach permit fees were also increased; Public Works anticipates generating approximately \$12,500 in additional revenue.
3. The table below summarizes Fiscal Years 2021-2025 Required Net School Spending compared to annual eligible expenditures, as well as the annual appropriation turnback from the school budget. The turnback reflects a combination of unexpended appropriated funds and prior-year encumbrances that were not spent.

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Net School Spending Information</u>				<u>Annual School Turnback</u>
	<u>Required NSS</u>	<u>Fairhaven Reported NSS</u>	<u>Amt Over or Under Req'd</u>	<u>Actual as % of Req'd</u>	
FY21	\$ 20,980,114	\$ 22,025,294	\$ 1,045,180	105.0%	\$ 50,163
FY22	\$ 20,975,457	\$ 23,535,014	\$ 2,559,557	112.2%	\$ 75,056
FY23	\$ 22,300,571	\$ 23,409,914	\$ 1,109,343	105.0%	\$ 182,752
FY24	\$ 23,768,493	\$ 24,346,238	\$ 577,745	102.4%	\$ 136,726
FY25	\$ 24,687,013	\$ 25,649,365	\$ 962,352	103.9%	\$ 17,343

Note: The FY25 School Turnback may increase if any of the amount encumbered is not expended during FY26.

4. Article 24 seeks to create an Affordable Housing Trust to provide affordable housing in Fairhaven. If the Trust borrowed funds for any allowable reason, revenues generated by the Trust from rental income, sale of Trust property etc. would be used to pay the debt. Similar to the Water and Sewer Departments, if the debt could not be paid by the Water or Sewer Department, the General Fund would be obligated to pay the debt.
5. The proposed House budget has increased total State revenues from the proposed Governor's budget by \$94,000. The Senate and then a Conference Committee still need to propose their estimated revenues. I am comfortable with recommending a Town Meeting amendment to fund the Animal Control budget by \$90,000, reinstating the Animal Control Officer from part to full time in the amount of \$30,861, which includes \$3,000 in overtime and \$24,700 for expenses. I propose the remaining \$34,439 restore \$25,000 in Police Department overtime and \$9,439 in Fire Department Overtime. Below is the revised override article. The reduction to the override totals \$110,971. The \$20,971 difference (\$110,971-\$90,000) represents funding a full time Animal Control Officer but not a part time Animal Control Officer and reducing Animal Control expenses based on prior year expenditure history.

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I will be presenting my recommended use of the additional \$90,000 in revenue and proposed uses to the Select Board for their consideration at their April 27<sup>th</sup> Board meeting for their approval. I have shared my recommended use of the additional review with the School Superintendent who understands my recommendation and will work collaboratively with me to support the revised override article.

**Comparison of the Number of Full and Part Time Employees FY20 vs FY25**

	FY20		FY25		
	Full Time	Part Time	Full Time	Part Time	
Treasurer/Collector	5	0	4	0	
Information Tech.	6	0	5	0	
Fire	28	16	32	13	Chief/Deputy/Captain/Admin Assistant, 4 Lieutenants, 24 Firefighter Paramedics, 7 per shift)
Board of Health	2	1	2	1	
Select Board Office	3	0	3	0	
Town Clerk	2	1	2	1	
Accounting	1	2	1	2	
Assessing	3	0	2	0	
Planning	1	1	1	0	Part time admin shared Conservation/Planning
Facilities	3	0	3	1	FY20 Facilities were budgeted for in department they worked in. Were removed for comparative purposes
Conservation	1	0	1	1	Part time admin shared Conservation/Planning
Police	35	0	38	0	
Dispatch	5	0	3	5	Per diem part time dispatchers cover open shifts
Animal Control	1	1	1	0	
Veterans	1	1	1	1	
COA	3	4	2	1	Town Funded Positions Only
Recreation	2	53	3	17	The higher part-time staffing level in FY20 was due to the Recreation Department operating the after-school program at the elementary .
Harbormaster	2	5	2	5	
Tourism	1	0	1	4	Funding shifted to wages from advertising
Building	1	4	2	4	
Human Resources	2	0	3	1	Floater position is proposed to be eliminated in FY27
Highway	18	0	18	0	
Parks	1	16	1	15	PT includes beach staff
BPW Admin.	3	0	3	0	
Fairhaven Public Schools	278		271.5		
<b>Total Employees</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>405.5</b>	<b>72</b>	

General Fund Summary

Department Capital Requests

FY27-31

Dept	Project	Dept Priority	FY 2027	FY27 TA Recommended	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	Total Est Cost
<b>BPW</b>									
BPW Admin.	Window Replacement	1			\$ 75,000				\$ 75,000
	Town Wide Gas Pump System Replacement	1	\$ 500,000	\$ 100,000					\$ 500,000
BPW Highway	Roadwork	1	\$ 300,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 325,000	\$ 325,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 1,600,000
	Street Sweeper Replacement	3	\$ 300,000	\$ 200,000					\$ 300,000
	Vehicle Replacement/New Light Duty Dump Truck	2	\$ 120,000						\$ 120,000
	Replace 2021 Chevrolet Dump to Loader Body	3				\$ 50,000			\$ 50,000
	Replace Foreman Utility Trucks (2)	3				\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000		\$ 240,000
	Replace 2002 Grader with Skid Steer	2			\$ 90,000				\$ 90,000
BPW Parks	Beach Trailer Bathroom Replacement	1	\$ 350,000						\$ 350,000
	Cushman and Livesey Park Drainage Improve. & Walkway Resurfacing	1			\$ 250,000				\$ 250,000
<b>BPW Total</b>			<b>\$ 1,570,000</b>	<b>\$ 400,000</b>	<b>\$ 715,000</b>	<b>\$ 495,000</b>	<b>\$ 445,000</b>	<b>\$ 350,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,575,000</b>
	Free Cash 12/20/25 (\$2,823,249)		\$ 1,570,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 715,000	\$ 495,000	\$ 445,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 3,575,000
	Borrowing 03/27/24 (FY25 \$1,088,115.84) (Total \$7,337,565.86)		\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	Capital Stabilization 12/20/25 (\$3,558,384)		\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	Ambulance Fund 12/20/25 (\$941417)		\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Emergency Management</b>									
	Light Tower	2	\$ 16,895	\$ 16,895	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,895
	Replace Unit 51 Pickup Truck	1	\$ 98,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 98,000
<b>Emergency Management Total</b>			<b>\$ 114,895</b>	<b>\$ 16,895</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 114,895</b>
	Free Cash 03/27/24 (\$2,769,553.00)		\$ 114,895	\$ 16,895	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 114,895
	Borrowing 03/27/24 (FY25 \$1,088,115.84) (Total \$7,337,565.86)		\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	Capital Stabilization 03/27/24 (\$5,411,050.68)		\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	Ambulance Fund 03/27/24 (865,486.00)		\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Fire</b>									
	PFAS Free Firefighting Gear	1	\$ 133,285	\$ 133,285	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 133,285
	Life Pak Replacement	4	\$ 70,000		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70,000
	Brush Truck Replacement (Unit 5)	2	\$ 85,000	\$ 85,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 170,000
	Car 3 Replacement	3	\$ 85,000		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 85,000
	Fire Engine Replacement	8				\$ 850,000			\$ 850,000
	Ambulance Replacement	5					\$ 500,000		\$ 500,000
<b>Fire Total</b>			<b>\$ 373,285</b>	<b>\$ 218,285</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 850,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 500,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,723,285</b>
	Free Cash 03/27/24 (\$2,769,553.00)		\$ 373,285	\$ 218,285	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 373,285
	Borrowing 03/27/24 (FY25 \$1,088,115.84) (Total \$7,337,565.86)		\$ -		\$ -	\$ 850,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 850,000



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**Department Capital Requests**

**FY27-31**

Dept	Project	Dept Priority	FY 2027	FY27 TA Recommended	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	Total Est Cost
<b>Council on Aging</b>									
	Replace COA Tables and Chairs	1	\$ 43,000	\$ 43,000					\$ 43,000
	Replace Ceiling tiles	1	\$ 33,505	\$ 33,505					\$ 33,505
	<b>Council on Aging Total</b>		<b>\$ 76,505</b>	<b>\$ 76,505</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 76,505</b>
	Free Cash 03/27/24 (\$2,769,553.00)		\$ 76,505	\$ 76,505	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 76,505
	Borrowing 03/27/24 (FY25 \$1,088,115.84) (Total \$7,337,565.86)								
	Capital Stabilization 03/27/24 (\$5,411,050.68)								
	Ambulance Fund 03/27/24 (865,486.00)								
<b>Building Commissioner</b>									
	Replace SUV		\$ 48,000	\$ 48,000					\$ 48,000
	Free Cash 03/27/24 (\$2,769,553.00)		\$ 48,000	\$ 48,000					
	Borrowing 03/27/24 (FY25 \$1,088,115.84) (Total \$7,337,565.86)								
	Capital Stabilization 03/27/24 (\$5,411,050.68)								
	Ambulance Fund 03/27/24 (865,486.00)								
<b>Police</b>									
	Cruiser Replacements (Revised Amount Based on Ford Explorers)	1	\$ 194,851	\$ 172,066	\$ 204,593	\$ 214,823	\$ 225,564	\$ 233,843	\$ 1,073,674
	Body Worn Camera and Taser Project	2	\$ 24,748	\$ 24,748	\$ 36,420	\$ 36,420	\$ 25,678	\$ 25,678	\$ 148,944
	<b>Police Total</b>		<b>\$ 219,599</b>	<b>\$ 196,814</b>	<b>\$ 241,013</b>	<b>\$ 251,243</b>	<b>\$ 251,242</b>	<b>\$ 259,521</b>	<b>\$ 1,222,618</b>
	Free Cash 03/27/24 (\$2,769,553.00)		\$ 219,599	\$ 196,814	\$ 241,013	\$ 251,243	\$ 251,242	\$ 259,521	\$ 1,222,618
	Borrowing 03/27/24 (FY25 \$1,088,115.84) (Total \$7,337,565.86)		\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
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	Ambulance Fund 03/27/24 (865,486.00)		\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Harbormaster</b>									
	Harbormaster/Shellfish Warden Truck (replacement)	1	\$ 68,477	\$ 59,539					\$ 68,477
	Repair Seawall at Bridge Street	1	\$ 9,290,225						\$ 9,290,225
	<b>Harbormaster Total</b>		<b>\$ 9,358,702</b>	<b>\$ 59,539</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 9,358,702</b>
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	Capital Stabilization 03/27/24 (\$5,411,050.68)								
	Ambulance Fund 03/27/24 (865,486.00)								
<b>School</b>									
	Tripp School HVAC Replacement	1			\$ 811,000				\$ 811,000
	Ad Center Updated Feasibility Study	2					\$ 50,000		\$ 50,000

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	High School 1906 Roof Replacement	1				\$ 3,500,000	\$ 1,700,000		\$ 5,200,000
	High School Roof Retrofit-1999 Addition	1			\$ 1,600,000				\$ 1,600,000
	High School Football Field Bathroom Project		\$ 75,000	\$ 250,000					
	Elizabeth Hastings Middle School Tennis Court Resurface	2				\$ 34,850			\$ 34,850
	Tripp School Roof Replacement	2	\$ 700,000	\$ 700,000					\$ 700,000
	<b>School Total</b>		<b>\$ 775,000</b>	<b>\$ 950,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,411,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,534,850</b>	<b>\$ 1,700,000</b>	<b>\$ 50,000</b>	<b>\$ 8,395,850</b>
	Free Cash 03/27/24 (\$2,769,553.00)		\$ 775,000	\$ 950,000	\$ -	\$ 34,850	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 8,470,850
	Borrowing 03/27/24 (FY25 \$1,088,115.84) (Total \$7,337,565.86)				\$ 2,411,000	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 1,700,000		
	Capital Stabilization 03/27/24 (\$5,411,050.68)		\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	Ambulance Fund 03/27/24 (865,486.00)		\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Town Hall</b>									
	Auditorium Air Conditioning	5	\$ 50,000		\$ 700,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750,000
	Replace Generator	3	\$ 140,000		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 140,000
	Replace Pickup Truck	3	\$ 47,944		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 47,944
	Replace West Wooden Doors	2	\$ 49,000		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 49,000
	Repair West Retaining Wall	1	\$ 350,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 350,000
	<b>Town Hall Total</b>		<b>\$ 636,944</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 700,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,336,944</b>
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<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 21,794,930</b>	<b>\$ 1,996,038</b>	<b>\$ 44,136,013</b>	<b>\$ 5,161,093</b>	<b>\$ 2,426,242</b>	<b>\$ 1,189,521</b>	<b>\$ 74,632,799</b>
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**Monday, April 27, 2026**

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**



## **Town of Fairhaven**

### **Report of the Town Administrator**

**April 27, 2026**

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#### **Financial Updates**

- There are no financial updates this week.

#### **Project Updates**

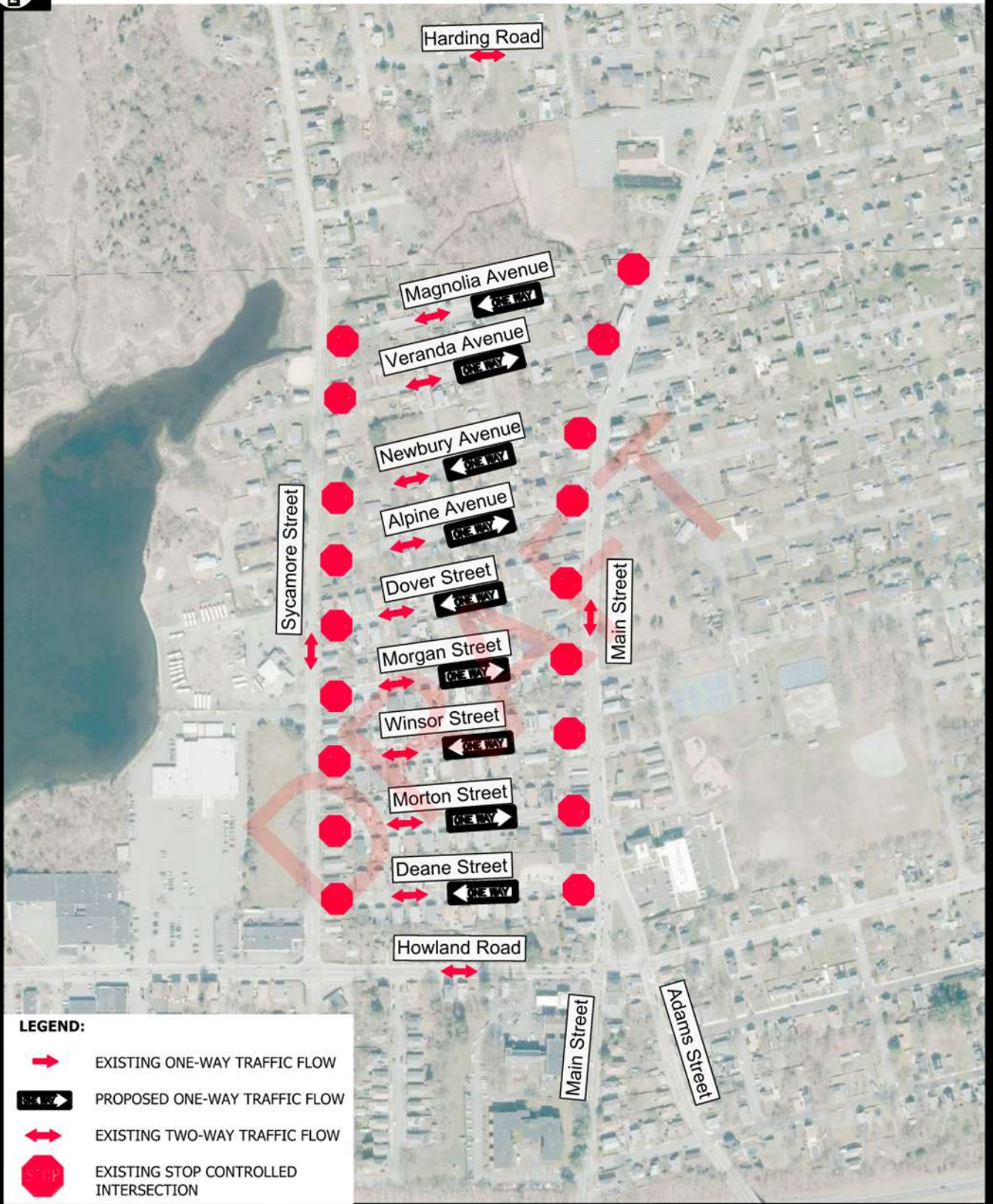
- The Public Works Department will be holding a public informational session to present the recommendations of a traffic/one-way study. The meeting will be held at the Town Hall on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. A meeting notice has been sent out to abutters on roads being considered for changes in traffic patterns. Three maps on the following pages depict the recommended traffic changes. The Board packet contains a copy of the notice under "Correspondence." Additional information is available on the Town website at <https://fairhaven-ma.gov/document/highway-dept-traffic-reports/>.

#### **Personnel Update**





- The Planner position has been advertised. The deadline to submit a resume and letter of interest in May 9<sup>th</sup>. Select Board member Mello was chosen a while ago to represent the Select Board in the resume review and first interview. I have contacted Planning Board Chair Jessica Fidalgo requesting a Planning Board member participate as well.

#### **Miscellaneous Updates**

- Department Heads and I met with Moderator Mark Sylvia last week to review the Town Meeting warrant and identify who may present at Town Meeting. Department Heads and I will also attend the precinct meetings on Thursday evening, April 30<sup>th</sup>.



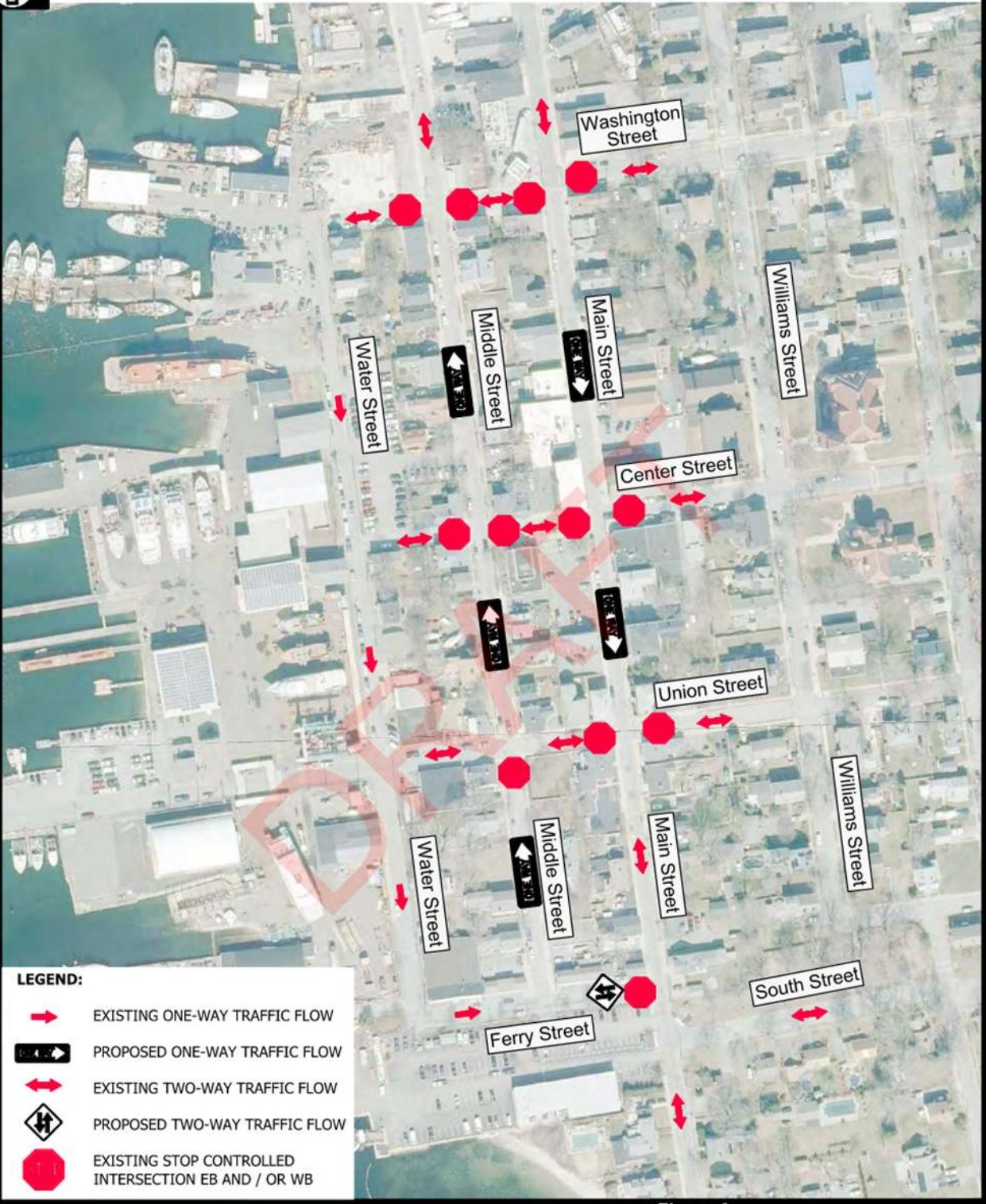
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-  PROPOSED ONE-WAY TRAFFIC FLOW
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**Figure 5**  
**Proposed One-Way Traffic Flow Conditions**

Main Street & Middle Street - Fairhaven, MA  
 One-Way Flow Assessment

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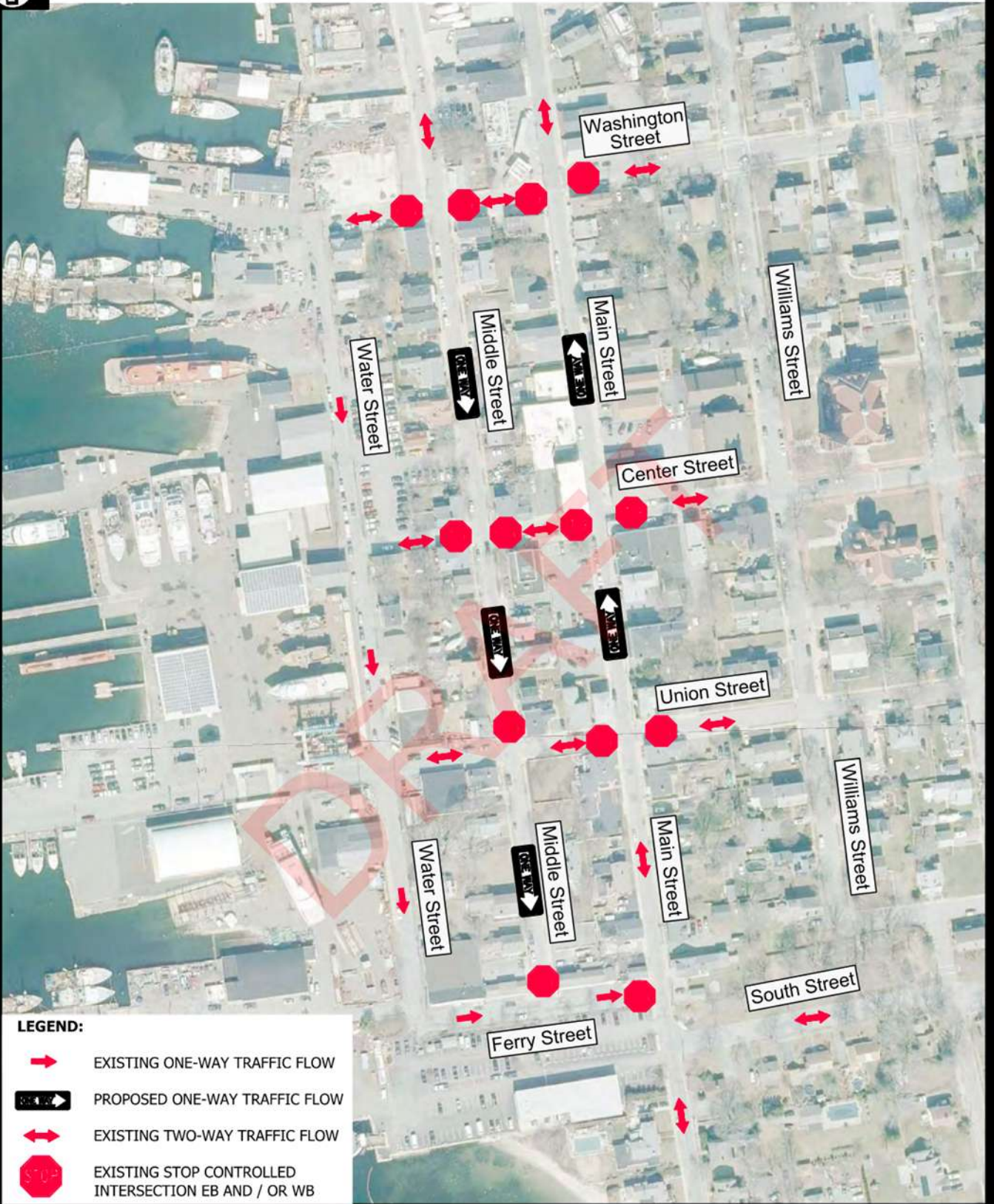
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Figure 6  
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**Monday, April 27, 2026**

**MINUTES**

1. Accept the Select Board Open Session minutes of April 13 and 15, 2026
2. Accept the Select Board Executive Session minutes of April 13, 2026



# FAIRHAVEN SELECT BOARD

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## Meeting Minutes

*April 13, 2026*

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

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

A moment of silence was observed for Holocaust Remembrance Day to honor the memory of the six million Jewish men, women, and children, and the millions of other innocent victims who perished during the Holocaust.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion:** Mr. Saunders motioned to enter Executive Session Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(6) to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property where the chair declares that an open session would have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Select Board (Atlas Tack conservation restriction) **and to return to Open Session.** Ms. Mello seconded. Roll Call Vote. Mr. Saunders, Ms. Mello, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Romano and Mr. Silvia in favor. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

*The Select Board adjourned to Executive Session from 6:33pm to 6:46pm*

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - *No Public Comment*

### **APPOINTMENTS / COMMUNITY ITEMS**

**Appointment Request: Dog Park Study Committee: Hailey Hemingway, one-year term**

The Board reviewed the application.

**Motion:** Mr. Saunders motioned to appoint Hailey Hemingway to a one-year term on the Dog Park Study Committee expiring May, 2027. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

**Appointment Request: Open Space and Recreation Planning Committee: Melanie Jansky, ad-hoc**

Ms. Jansky addressed the Board about her application and interest.

**Motion:** Mr. Saunders motioned to appoint Melanie Jansky as an ad hoc member of the Open Space and Recreation Planning Committee. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

**Appointment Request: Commission on Disability: Noah Brine**

Mr. Murphy recused himself on this item and exited the Banquet Room from 6:51-6:52pm. The Board reviewed the application.

**Motion:** Mr. Saunders motioned to appoint Noah Brine to the Commission on Disability to a three-year term expiring May, 2029. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed (4-0-1) Mr. Murphy recused himself.

**Proclamation: John Rotundi, Katie Brienza Lifetime Achievement Award**

Ms. Mello read the proclamation.

**Event Request: Conrad's Law 5K: Saturday, September 12, 2026**

The Board reviewed the application.

**Motion:** Mr. Saunders motioned to approve the Conrad's Law 5K to be held Saturday, September 12, 2026. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

**Event Request: Nemasket Group 13th Annual 5K Walk/Run: Saturday, May 2, 2026**

The Board reviewed the application.

**Motion:** Mr. Saunders motioned to approve the Nemasket Group 13th Annual 5K Walk/Run to be held on Saturday, May 2, 2026. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

**Event Request and Temporary Street Closure: Cherry Blossom Festival: Sunday, May 3, 2026**

The Board reviewed the application received and clarified the streets for the temporary street closure. Mr. Murphy

advised the Board they are invited to attend including a bento box lunch.

**Motion:** Mr. Saunders motioned 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. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

**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, a request was made to the Superintendent for Mr. Murphy to represent the Select Board. Associated meetings would be completed by June when Mr. Murphy's tenure on the Board concludes.

**Motion:** Mr. Saunders motioned to appoint Charles Murphy as Select Board Representative on the Hastings Middle School Softball Field Renaming Selection Committee. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

**ACTION / DISCUSSION**

Mr. Hickey asked the Board to consider taking the Recreation Center rates out of order.

**Motion:** Mr. Saunders motioned to take item D2 out of order. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

**Consider Proposed Recreation Center Membership Rate Adjustment for FY2027**

Recreation Center Director Bernadette Barreira addressed the Board about the proposed adjustment to fees.

**Motion:** Mr. Saunders motioned to adopt the proposed Recreation Center Membership Fees as presented, effective July 1, 2026. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Ms. Barreira reminded Town Meeting members that the Recreation Center will be providing free childcare for children K-8<sup>th</sup> grade the day of Town Meeting on Saturday, May 2, 2026 and to reach out to register.

**Project Eligibility Letter Application Support Presentation on Proposed Friendly 40-B on the former G. Bourne Knowles Site**

Mr. Hickey introduced Lynne Sweet of LDS Consulting Group, LLC., Developer Ricardo Raposo and Richard Rheume of Prime Engineering to present a 224-unit Friendly 40B project to the Board. The term "Friendly 40B" means that the developer and local officials collaborate on design and approval for the development of the housing units.

Ms. Sweet addressed the Board and reviewed the details of the proposal (*Attachment A*). She advised that this is in very preliminary stages. Discussion ensued on the proposal, details, floor-plan design, shovel-ready date, move-in dates, Planning Board involvement, maximum number of units if not a 40B, purchase and sales agreement, if there are closing dates, who is the enforcer of "affordable in perpetuity," regulatory agreement enforcer, tax rate and impact, staffing impacts and capacity for Police, Fire, Schools and other departments.

Ms. Sweet advised the Board that the developer is committed to working with the Town and appropriate departments and would be back to see the Board's support on their application to the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC). She will provide a revised presentation to address grammatical corrections to a typo on slide 5 and "age restriction" references on slide 7.

*No vote taken.*

**Authorize 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.

**Motion:** Mr. Saunders motioned 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. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

### **Discussion with Public Works Superintendent: Beach and Trash Fees**

Brief discussion ensued as to whether Mr. Furtado would join after the Board of Public Works (BPW) meeting or if the Board would schedule a separate joint meeting with BPW to discuss the beach and trash fee. Mr. Hickey advised the Board he would like people to have as much time as possible to consider options.

Mr. Hickey explained the conversations with Mr. Furtado about the BPW considering an increase to the trash fee to fund some or all the expenses proposed in the override article (Article 9) at Town Meeting. BPW would propose an amount of money to increase the operating budget by and then what departments to fund with the offsetting revenue. Additionally, a suggestion was made to consider increasing the beach permit fee to potentially fund the lifeguards. If BPW votes to increase the trash fee, Mr. Hickey asked BPW to bring forward a motion at Town Meeting; if the motion passes he would recommend Town Meeting pass over Article 9 (the override article).

Discussion continued regarding the difference in an override impact and the trash fee increase and the strain on some where the trash fee increase is more than the override impact. Mr. Hickey suggested continuing the meeting tonight and not adjourning tonight's meeting. The Board discussed their availability if the meeting was continued.

### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

Mr. Hickey reviewed his report (*Attachment*) and added,

- The Fire Department received a grant through the Commonwealth for \$14,618 to replace equipment.
- Senator Montigny's office notified the Town of \$100,000 in funding to address sidewalks that are not ADA compliant.
- Mr. Romano asked if there is a target date for posting the Planning Director position. Mr. Hickey advised the Board that the Town is using a consultant at this time to support the Planning Board and based on conversations with the Chair, they seem satisfied with the support. Miles Grant addressed Mr. Hickey via zoom and said that he was not speaking for the whole Planning Board and that an applicant and their lawyer spoke at the last meeting and Mr. Grant said not having staff felt like the Planning Board was not on equal ground and a full-time Planner would be welcomed. Mr. Silvia asked about the cost and Mr. Hickey will get the amount paid to the consultant to date and send to the Board.

### **BOARD MEMBER ITEMS / COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS**

*Mr. Saunders reported:*

- Marine Resources met and discussed a delay in the West Island dredging and reviewing the rules and regulations format to make a more user-friendly version.

*Ms. Mello reported:*

- Historical Commission met, the Academy Building re-shingle project has started. There was a discussion about the Rogers Bell and how to display it.
- She mentioned Lagoa needs members. Mr. Romano said check with previous applicants for interest.

*Mr. Murphy reported:*

- The Sister City Committee met about the upcoming Cherry Blossom Festival on May 3, 2026

*Mr. Romano reported:*

- SRPEDD met and discussed the Municipal Vulnerability Plan (MVP).
- The Belonging Committee met, he could not attend and said they are planning for Fairhaven's Got Pride.
- He attended the Eagle Scout Ceremony and there are four upcoming Eagle Scouts, he congratulated Mr. Dorgan (Chief Dorgan's father).
- Mr. Romano congratulated Mr. Murphy on the recent M.O.L.I.F.E. Gala

*Mr. Silvia reported:*

- Commission on Disability met and discussed handicap parking and the need for Police enforcement.
- Mr. Silvia asked what the procedure is to have an audit on the School operating budget and that the Finance Committee has been waiting for information. Mr. Hickey advised that there is an annual audit and questions should be referred to the Superintendent or a School Committee member. Mr. Hickey said he would make the Superintendent aware that the Finance Committee is waiting for information.

Mr. Saunders added that he met with Senator Montigny and discussed increasing local aid. Senator Montigny will be scheduling a meeting with Anne Carreiro and School Business Manager Nikki Potter to discuss issues. Mr. Saunders said the city of Boston is asking for relief and all other cities and towns should too. Mr. Murphy said he also spoke with Senator Montigny.

### **MINUTES**

**Motion:** Mr. Saunders motioned to accept the open session minutes of March 30 and 31, 2026 as presented. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**Motion:** Mr. Saunders motioned to enter the Select Board correspondence as listed into the record. Mr. Romano seconded. The motion passed (5-0-0).

### **NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regularly scheduled Select Board meeting will be on ***Monday, April 27, 2026*** at 6:30pm. Precinct Meetings followed by the Annual Town Meeting Preview will be on Thursday, April 30, 2026 starting at 6:30p.m. at the Elizabeth Hastings Middle School, 30 School Street and the Annual Town Meeting will be on Saturday, May 2, 2026 at 9:00a.m. in the Walter Silveira Auditorium at the Elizabeth Hastings Middle School, 30 School Street

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion:** Mr. Saunders motioned to enter 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, NOT to return to Open Session and to continue the open session to Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 5:30pm. Ms. Mello seconded. Roll Call Vote. Mr. Saunders, Ms. Mello, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Romano and Mr. Silvia in favor. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

***The Select Board motioned to enter Executive Session, not to return to Open Session, at 8:33pm***

***The Select Board recessed Open Session at 8:33pm to Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 5:30pm***

### **ATTACHMENTS**

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

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

Accepted on \_\_



**FAIRHAVEN SELECT BOARD**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
***April 15, 2026***

**Present:** Natalie A. Mello, Keith Silvia, Andrew Saunders and Keith R. Hickey

**Present via Zoom:** Charles Murphy Sr., Andrew Romano,

Ms. Mello re-opened the continued session from Monday, April 13, 2026 at 5:30pm

**ACTION / DISCUSSION**

**Discussion with Public Works Superintendent: Beach and Trash Fees**

Ms. Mello summarized that the Select Board continued Open Session from Monday, April 13th to this evening at 5:30pm for Action Item D4, Discussion with Public Works Superintendent: Beach and Trash Fees. This was done in order to give everyone time to receive the update from Public Works and ask questions ahead of Town Meeting.

Public Works Superintendent Vinnie Furtado thanked the Board for reconvening. He said that he and the Board of Public Works (BPW) Chair had developed an agenda item to proactively discuss the potential for an increase in the trash fee and the E.L. Harvey contract that expires June, 2027.

At their April 13, 2026 meeting, the BPW discussed raising the trash fee and the override article as outlined and did not have a consensus to collectively support an increase in the trash fee. No vote was taken by the BPW.

**Motion:** Mr. Saunders motioned to adjourn. Mr. Silvia seconded. Roll Call vote. Mr. Murphy, Mr. Romano, Mr. Saunders, Mr. Silvia and Ms. Mello in favor. The motion passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

***Meeting adjourned at 5:39pm***

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

Accepted on \_\_



**Monday, April 27, 2026**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. 2026 July 4th Parade invitation
2. Public Works: Proposed One Way Traffic Alterations: Public Informational Meeting

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## 2026 July 4th Parade invitation

1 message

**July 4th Parade** <july4thparade@fairhaven-ma.gov>

Wed, Apr 15, 2026 at 7:00 PM

To: Charles K Murphy Sr <cmurphy@fairhaven-ma.gov>, Keith Silvia <ksilvia@fairhaven-ma.gov>, "Natalie A. Mello" <namello@fairhaven-ma.gov>, Keith Hickey <gsamia@fairhaven-ma.gov>, Andrew Romano <aromano@fairhaven-ma.gov>, Andrew Saunders <asaunders@fairhaven-ma.gov>, Select Board <selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov>  
Cc: Amy Hart <ahart@fairhaven-ma.gov>



To the Honorable Select Board and the Town Administrator,

As we celebrate MA250, marking 250 years since the American Revolution, this year's Fourth of July holds special significance for our community. Fairhaven's historic role as the site of the first naval battle of the American Revolution makes this commemoration especially meaningful.

The day's celebration will begin with the traditional raising of the big American flag at Fairhaven High School, followed by an antique car cruise through town, which will make its way to join the parade lineup at the corner of Washington and Green Streets.

The parade will step off promptly at 9:00 AM proceeding down Green Street to Fort Phoenix. The parade will be followed by a commemorative ceremony at the Fort, featuring the Independence Day Program and the traditional cannon firing by the Fairhaven Village Militia.

We would be honored to have the Select Board and the Town Administrator march with us as we celebrate our nation's independence and reflect on Fairhaven's proud and courageous history during this special MA250 commemoration.

Please RSVP by July 1, 2026 to:

[July4thparade@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:July4thparade@fairhaven-ma.gov)

We look forward to celebrating our nation's birthday together.

Respectfully,

***The Fairhaven July 4th Celebration Team***

*Wayne and Vicki Oliveira (parade and ceremony coordinators)*

*John Medeiros (car cruise coordinator)*

*Alyssa Botelho (Discover Fairhaven)*

*Town of Fairhaven  
Board of Public Works*

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*Fairhaven, Massachusetts 02719*

*TEL. 508-979-4030*

*FAX. 508-979-4086*

*bpw@fairhaven-ma.gov*



April 17, 2026

Re: Proposed One Way Traffic Alterations

Dear Resident / Property Owner:

Enclosed please find a copy of proposed traffic flow alterations that are being considered to help mitigate ongoing safety concerns for your narrow streets. We have been working with a design engineering consultant to evaluate the feasibility of converting several roads in Town to one way flow to ease the risk of conflict for two-way travel while maintaining the existing desired on-street parking demands.

Attached you will find an aerial graphic showing the options being considered for your review. We invite you to join us in discussing these changes under consideration at a Public Informational Meeting being held on Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 6:00PM at the Fairhaven Town Hall Auditorium. In addition to the one-way flow considerations, our consultant will be presenting their findings and recommendations for speed studies that have been conducted along various roads throughout Town. Copies of all the traffic reports, and one-way studies can be found on the Town's website.

<https://fairhaven-ma.gov/document/highway-dept-traffic-reports/>

Additionally, please see the Town's website for zoom link information to join the Public Information Meeting remotely if you cannot attend in person.

We look forward to seeing and hearing from you at our presentation!

Very truly yours

Joshua Crabb  
Highway Superintendent

cc: DPW Superintendent  
DPW Board Members  
Town Administrator  
Select Board  
Police Chief  
Fire Chief  
Planning Board  
enclosure(s)



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**LEGEND:**





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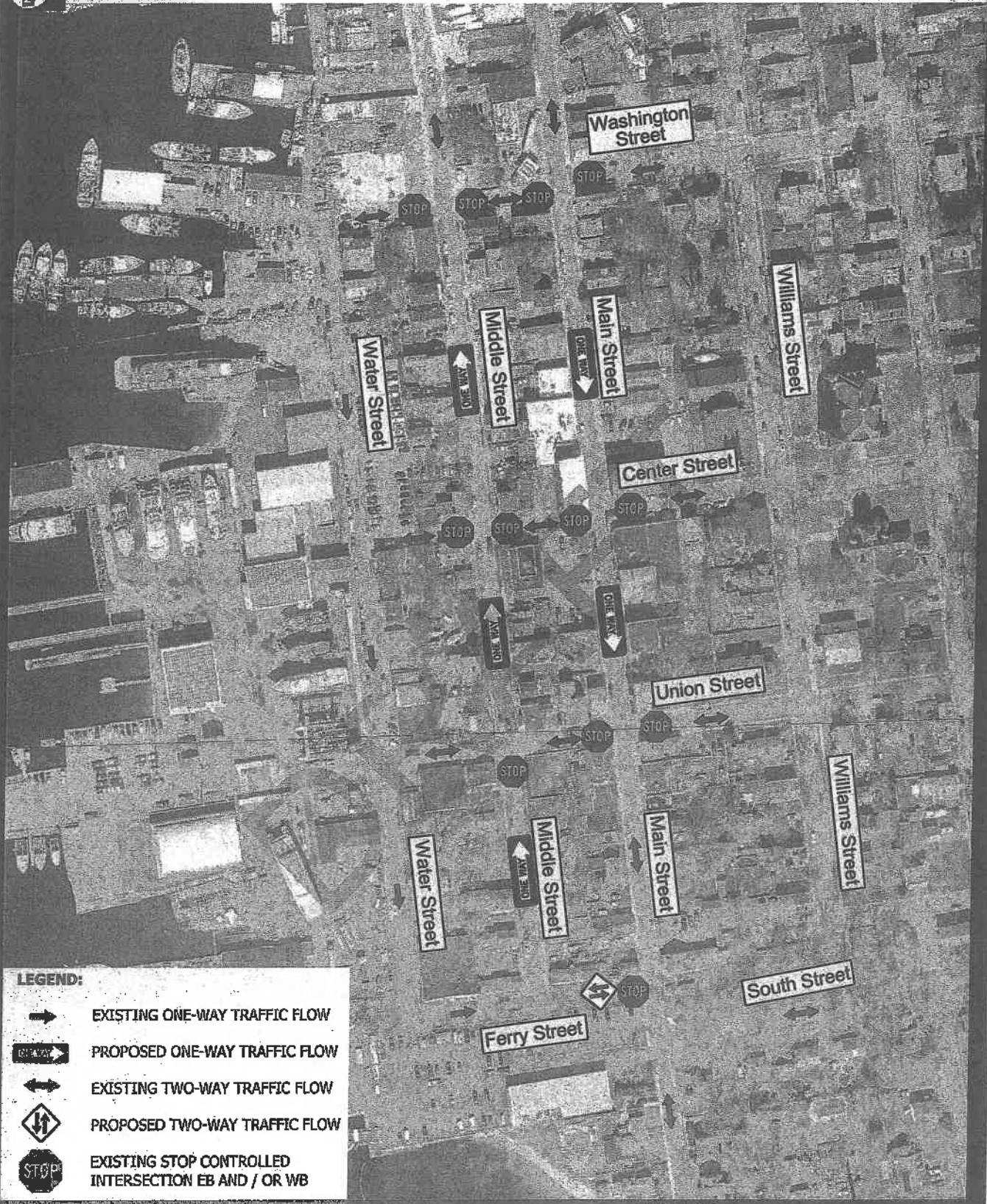


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