



FAIRHAVEN SELECT BOARD AGENDA

June 15, 2026 6:30 p.m.

Town Hall – 40 Center Street – Fairhaven

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FAIRHAVEN TOWN CLERK
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A. PUBLIC HEARING 6:30PM

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B. PUBLIC COMMENT

C. APPOINTMENTS / COMMUNITY ITEMS

1. Public Safety Complex Update on Recommendations Regarding Lease Negotiation and Request to Authorize the Town Administrator to Spend Funds Allocated for Said Purpose
2. Appointment Request: ADA Coordinator: Martha Reed
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D. ACTION / DISCUSSION

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2. Discussion on Funding Tourism Department Through Donations

E. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

F. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS / COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

G. MINUTES

1. Accept the Open Session minutes of June 8 and 9, 2026

H. NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The next scheduled Select Board meeting will be on *Monday, June 22, 2026* at 6:30pm

I. ADJOURN

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

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



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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.

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The Public hearing with the Select Board to be held on June 15, 2026 at 6:30 PM. The applicants presented their request to the Marine Resources Committee on March 12, 2026 and the Committee voted unanimously to support the transfer. The Board's packet contains a letter from the Chair of the Marine Resources Committee, Michael McNamara.

Suggested Motion:

“Move to (approve/not approve) approve the Aquaculture License transfer from Stephen Doonan to Matthew Loo as outlined in the application for a period of five years.”

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

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

C. APPOINTMENTS / COMMUNITY ITEMS

1. **Public Safety Complex Update on Recommendations Regarding Lease Negotiation and Request to Authorize the Town Administrator to Spend Funds Allocated for Said Purpose.** Fire Chief Todd Correia submitted a letter included in the Board's packet outlining the Public Safety Complex Committee's recommendation to relocate the Fairhaven Police Department to 4 Plaza Way (the former Citizens Bank building) and renovate the existing Public Safety Complex. The Committee is requesting authorization for

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the Town Administrator to negotiate a lease for 4 Plaza Way and expend up to \$50,000 from funds appropriated under Article 5 of the November 19, 2025 Special Town Meeting. The funds would be used for legal services and the development of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the design and engineering of both facilities.

Suggested Motion:

“Move to (authorize/not authorize) the Town Administrator to expend up to \$50,000 for legal and design and engineering services for the existing police/fire building and the building located at 4 Plaza Way.”

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

2. **Appointment Request: ADA Coordinator: Martha Reed.** Council on Aging Director Martha Reed is requesting formal appointment as the Town’s ADA Coordinator after serving in the interim role since 2024. Her letter of interest and qualifications is included in the Board’s packet.

Suggested Motion:

“Move to (appoint/not appoint) Martha Reed as the Town’s ADA Coordinator.”

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

3. **Event Procession Request: Our Lady of Angels, September 5, 2026 and September 7, 2026.** The Our Lady of Angels Catholic Association (OLOA) is seeking the Board’s support to apply for state approval through MassDOT to hold their annual procession during the OLOA Feast on September 5th and 7th. A portion of the procession route is under state jurisdiction and requires Town approval first. The Board’s packet contains a letter from Secretary Gary Souza outlining the request, procession route and details.

This request is not related to the OLOA Feast itself or for vending or alcohol sales. OLOA will submit applications in July to review their security plan and to seek additional Town approvals.

Suggested Motion:

“Move to (approve/not approve) the Our Lady of Angels application to the MassDOT to hold their event procession on September 5, 2026 and September 7, 2026 as presented.”

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

D. ACTION / DISCUSSION

1. **Consider Opting-In to a Temporary Pilot to Extend Hours of Liquor Licenses and to Allow for Public Consumption in Designated Districts in Summer 2026 as outlined by the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC).** The ABCC sent notice to all Local Licensing Authority’s (LLA’s) regarding the Governor’s signing of “An Act Authorizing Municipalities to Opt-In to a Temporary Pilot to Extend the Hours of Liquor Licenses and to Allow for Public Consumption in Designated Districts in Summer 2026.” Police Chief Dorgan is not in support of this temporary pilot due to public safety concerns and also citing that the City of New Bedford is not opting in for similar reasons.

Suggested Motion:

“Move to (opt-in/not opt in) to “An Act Authorizing Municipalities to Opt-In to a Temporary Pilot to Extend the Hours of Liquor Licenses and to Allow for Public Consumption in Designated Districts in Summer 2026” as outlined in the notice from the ABCC.”

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

2. **Discussion on Funding Tourism Department Through Donations.** The Town Administrator received an email requesting the Select Board consider accepting donations to fund the Tourism Department in FY27. The proposed override would have restored FY27 funding in the total amount of \$102,241.

The Town Administrator spoke to Discover Fairhaven Director Alyssa Botelho about remaining in the position of the department was funded through grants. Ms. Botelho indicated she appreciates the offer but would not be interested.

The Select Board should discuss whether they would be willing to accept donations that would support the funding of tourism events during the upcoming fiscal year. If there is an interest, the Town Administrator has created a draft Donation Acceptance and Expenditure Policy. The draft policy outlines what the donations can be used for.

Suggested Motion:

“Move to accept donations to fund the operation of the Tourism Department. Further, move to accept the Tourism Donation Acceptance and Expenditure Policy (as presented/as amended).”

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 June 8 and 9, 2026

Suggested Motion:

“Move to (accept/not accept) the open session minutes of June 8 and 9, 2026 (as presented/as amended)”

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

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SELECT BOARD'S MEETING

Monday June 15, 2026

**Request submitted by,
Stephen Doonan**

**The Marine Resource Committee unanimously voted to recommend
transferring Aquaculture License to Matthew Loo.**



Town of Fairhaven
Marine Resources Department
40 Center St., Fairhaven, MA 02719

June 3, 2026

From:
Michael McNamara
Chairman - Fairhaven Marine Resources Committee

To:
Fairhaven Select Board
Charles K. Murphy, Keith Silvia, Andrew Romano, Andrew B. Saunders
40 Center St.
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Subject: Marine Resources Committee – Aquaculture permit transfer

Dear Select Board members,

At the request of Harbor Master Tim Cox, I am writing to recommend a transfer of an existing aquaculture lease from Stephen Doonan to Matt Loo. Both parties presented this request of transfer at the Marine Resource Committee meeting held March 12, 2026. A motion to allow the transfer was approved by unanimous vote. For your reference, a map of the lease areas are shown on the following page.

As always, please reach out if you have any questions.

Respectfully yours,
Michael McNamara
Chairman - Fairhaven Marine Resources Committee
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Town of Fairhaven
Marine Resources Department
40 Center St., Fairhaven, MA 02719





June 15, 2026

APPOINTMENTS AND COMMUNITY ITEMS

1. Public Safety Complex Update on Recommendations Regarding Lease Negotiation and Request to Authorize the Town Administrator to Spend Funds Allocated for Said Purpose Appointment Request:
Cultural Council: Jennifer Paulino
2. Appointment Request: ADA Coordinator: Martha Reed
3. Event Procession Request: Our Lady of Angels, September 5, 2026 and September 7, 2026



**FAIRHAVEN PUBLIC SAFETY
COMPLEX COMMITTEE
40 Center Street
Fairhaven, MA 02719**

June 10, 2026

Fairhaven Selectboard
Attention: Chairperson
40 Center Street
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Re: Public Safety Complex Committee Recommendation Regarding 4 Plaza Way and Authorization of Preliminary Project Activities

Dear Chairperson and Members of the Select Board:

On behalf of the Fairhaven Public Safety Complex Committee, I am writing to advise the Select Board that, at its most recent meeting, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend relocating the Fairhaven Police Department to 4 Plaza Way, the former Citizens Bank building, and renovating the existing public safety complex to create a modernized fire station for the Fairhaven Fire Department.

To advance this initiative, the Committee respectfully requests that the Select Board take the following actions:

Requested Actions

1. Authorize the Town Administrator to negotiate the terms of a lease, lease-to-own agreement, or purchase of the property located at 4 Plaza Way for the purpose of establishing a new police station for the Fairhaven Police Department.
2. Authorize the Town Administrator to expend up to \$50,000 from funds appropriated at the November 19, 2025, Special Town Meeting for the purposes of:
 - Obtaining legal review and assistance related to negotiations involving the lease, lease-to-own, or purchase of 4 Plaza Way;
 - Developing and issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for architectural and engineering services for the purpose of designing and engineering a new police station at 4 Plaza Way for the Fairhaven Police Department; and designing and engineering modifications and renovations to the existing fire station located at 146 Washington Street for the Fairhaven Fire Department.

Background

In early 2026, the Fairhaven Public Safety Complex Committee voted to separate the police and fire department facility planning efforts. This decision was made to modernize both facilities and provide the infrastructure necessary to comply with current regulations, laws, and operational requirements while preparing both departments for future growth and service demands, while keeping costs under control.

Throughout its review process, the Committee explored options for a single combined public

safety facility. However, no viable property or location was identified that could adequately accommodate both departments. As a result, the Committee determined that pursuing separate facilities represented the most practical and cost-effective path forward.

The Committee toured both the Westport Police Station and the Westport Fire Station and compared those facilities to the Town's existing public safety buildings located at 1 Bryant Lane and 146 Washington Street. Following those evaluations, the Committee unanimously concluded that significant modernization of both departments' facilities is necessary.

Subsequently, the Committee learned that the owner of 4 Plaza Way was interested in leasing the property to the Town of Fairhaven. The Committee toured the building and determined that the facility appears large enough to accommodate the operational and administrative needs of the Fairhaven Police Department. A meeting was then held with the owner, who expressed a willingness to lease, enter into a lease-to-own arrangement, or sell the property to the Town.

At its meeting on June 2, 2026, the Committee again voted unanimously to move forward with relocating the Fairhaven Police Department to 4 Plaza Way and redeveloping the existing fire station to better serve the Fairhaven Fire Department.

During discussions, several questions were identified regarding prevailing wage requirements and how those requirements may apply differently under lease, lease-to-own, and purchase scenarios. We believe these matters warrant further legal review and analysis. Our goal is to provide the Town Administrator with the authority necessary to negotiate the best possible agreement on behalf of the Town while ensuring compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

Should negotiations prove successful, the Committee recommends initiating an RFP process for architectural and engineering services to develop conceptual and final designs for:

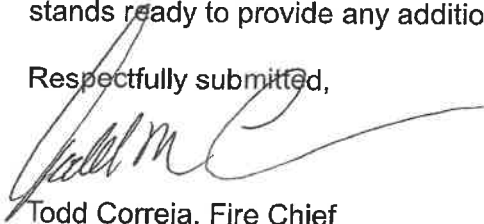
1. A new Fairhaven Police Department facility at 4 Plaza Way; and
2. The modernization and renovation of the existing Fairhaven Fire Department facility at 146 Washington Street.

Completion of these designs and associated cost estimates will provide the Town with accurate project costs and planning information necessary for future decision-making and funding discussions.

The Committee notes that Town Meeting previously appropriated \$50,000 for legal, engineering, and related project expenses. In addition, the Town currently maintains approximately \$2.5 million within the Public Safety Capital Stabilization Fund, which may be available for future design and engineering costs associated with these projects.

The Committee respectfully requests favorable consideration of these recommendations and stands ready to provide any additional information the Selectboard may require.

Respectfully submitted,



Todd Correia, Fire Chief
Chairperson

Daniel Dorgan, Police Chief
Vice Chairperson



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

MEMORANDUM

To: Select Board

From: Martha Reed

Date: June 10, 2026

Re: ADA Coordinator Appointment Request

I would like to be considered for formal appointment as the Town's ADA Coordinator. I have served as Interim ADA Coordinator since 2024 and currently serve as staff liaison to the Fairhaven Commission on Disability.

As a person with a disability, I also serve as a Commissioner on the New Bedford Commission for Citizens with Disabilities. I hold NAHMA (National Affordable Housing Management Association) certifications in Section 504 and Fair Housing Compliance and am currently pursuing my Certified ADA Coordinator designation through the National ADA Network.

This work is closely connected to my role as Executive Director of the Council on Aging, where accessibility, inclusion, and advocacy are central to the services we provide.

Thank you for your consideration.

Our Lady of Angels Catholic Association

7 Jesse St

Fairhaven, MA, USA 02719



June 10, 2026

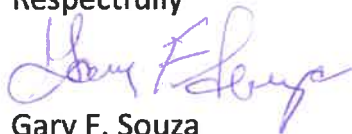
Honorable Members of the Fairhaven Select Board

Please find attached the Mass. Highway Event Notification Form for your signature as well as the Narrative and Traffic Safety Plan mandated by the state in relation to O.L.O.A./St Mary's Church Processions on Labor Day Weekend. As you are aware, Main Street north of Howland Rd is a state road under their jurisdiction.

This is NOT approval for the OLOA Feast nor related to any vending or alcohol sales. Those requests will be submitted to you later on in July.

The Traffic Plan, detours and signage locations listed have been directed by Mass Highway for this event

Respectfully



Gary F. Souza
Secretary

P.S.
PLEASE NOTE THE SIGNATURES OF FAIRHAVEN
POLICE AND FIRE/EMS AS WELL AS THE MASS. STATE
POLICE.

NARRATIVE AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN

PERMIT APP. 5-2026-0572

Our Lady of Angels Catholic Association Religious Procession

Fairhaven, MA

Sept 5, 2026 between 6pm and 6:30pm and

Sept 7, 2026 between 1pm and 2:30pm

Contact: Gary Souza, 508-431-3966

Chieffpd51@yahoo.com

Summary

Our Lady of Angels Catholic Association (OLOA) is a non-profit club associated with St Mary's Church in Fairhaven. We hold an annual Portuguese Feast on Labor Day weekend every year, except 2020 due to covid, for the past 95 years. In conjunction with the Feast we hold 2 religious processions on Main St in North Fairhaven and have for the past 95 years but only became aware 7 years ago that a permit from Mass Highway was required.

The Town of Fairhaven have been very supportive of this annual Labor Day weekend event throughout it's 96 year existence.

Location

Main Street is a 2 lane road controlled by the state but has no route number. Parking is allowed on both sides of the street and the road is lined with small businesses and homes. The area is patrolled by the Fairhaven Police Department.

Sept 5 Procession 6:00 pm to 6:30pm

This is a small procession encompassing no more than 35 people at the opening of the Feast. Participants gather on Main Street at Deane Street at the Direction of the Fairhaven Police Department. There will be no more than 35 participants who walk at a quick clip north on Main St to Main and Jesse St. Main St between Deane and Jesse (approx.. 2500 feet) will be closed for no more than ½ hour.

Traffic management and escort will be provided by 4 police officers with cruisers working the Feast detail as well as 4 officers with cruiser assisting from the patrol shift making a total of 8 Fairhaven police officers. Pedestrian and bicycle traffic will continue as normal on Main Street.

Sept 7 Procession 1pm to 2:30 pm

The Sept 6 procession will have approx.. 100 participants included club members, state and local elected officials, clergy, 2 bands and parishioners carrying religious statues. The pace will be slower due to the difficulty of carrying heavy religious statues.

Participants will gather on Main Street at Jesse St in front of St Mary's Church with the one block area of Main Street blocked off by police officers and cruisers.

There will be at a minimum 8 police officers assisting with traffic control and ensuring the safety of participants during the entire procession.

Participants will walk south on Main Street to Howland Rd, turn left (east) on Howland Rd for approx. 50 feet then go left (north) on Adams St for approx. 100 feet before rejoining Main Street. The procession will then head north on Main St to the parking lot of St Mary's Church at the corner of Main and Jesse Street.

Traffic on the 50 feet of Howland Rd will be blocked for no more than 5 minutes.

Signage and Police

Message Boards:

Message Boards will be placed at least 1 week prior to events to warn motorists of the closure of Main St. Locations will be at the following approaches:

1. Main St NB
2. Main St SB
3. Adams St NB

Message Boards will read in 2 frames the week before the procession 1. Main Street Closed; 2. 9/2 & 9/4

Message Boards will read in 2 frames during the procession 1. Main St Closed & 2. Follow Detour

The Fairhaven Police Department has arranged with the Fairhaven Public Works department for Detour signs with arrows to be placed:

Traffic Southbound on Main St:

1. Main St and Howland Rd
2. Howland Rd and Sycamore St
3. Sycamore St and Howland Rd

Traffic Northbound on Main or Adams Sts:

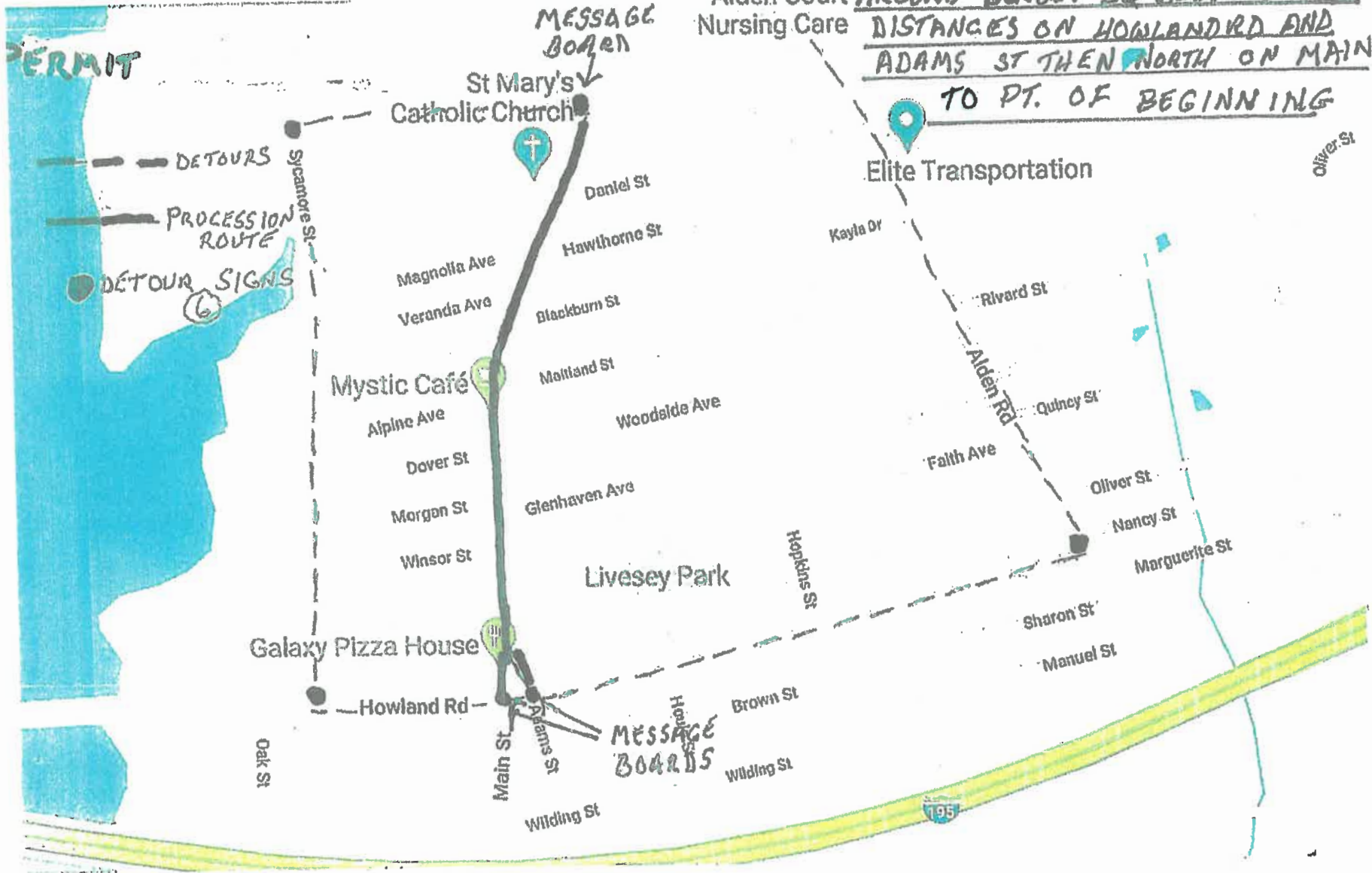
1. Main and Adams at Howland Rd
2. Howland Rd at Alden Rd

We will provide END DETOUR signs on Alden Rd NB in advance of Main Stand on Howland Rd in advance of Main Street

Police

One police officer and cruiser will be posted at Main and Harding Rd and two with cruisers at Main and at Adams sts at Howland Rd. Their job will be to block the roadway, back up Detour signage and answer motorists questions. One each officer with cruiser will be at the front of the procession and one in the rear. Two other officers with cruisers will scout ahead of the procession to ensure no vehicles have entered the locked off roadway. Areas of Main St will be reopened as the procession passes.

fic and nearby places



PERMIT

DETOURS

PROCESSION ROUTE

DETOUR SIGNS

MESSAGE BOARD

MESSAGE BOARDS

SEPT 7 PROCESSION

SO. ON MAIN ST FROM JESSE ST
AROUND BENNET SQ BEING SHORT
DISTANCES ON HOWLANDRD AND
ADAMS ST THEN NORTH ON MAIN
TO PT. OF BEGINNING

Galaxy Pizza House

Mystic Café

St Mary's Catholic Church

Seafood Hut

Atria Fairhaven

Alden Court Nursing Care

Elite Transportation

Livesey Park

Sharon St

Manuel St

Oliver St

Nancy St

Marguerite St

Falth Ave

Alden Rd

Rivard St

Quincey St

Kayla Dr

Hopkins St

Brown St

Wilding St

Howland St

Wilding St

Glenhaven Ave

Woodside Ave

Maitland St

Blackburn St

Hawthorne St

Daniel St

Magnolia Ave

Veranda Ave

Alpine Ave

Dover St

Morgan St

Winsor St

Howland Rd

Oak St

Sycamore St

Burr Ave

Bernard St

Toole Ln

195

EVENT NOTIFICATION FORM

Date: 6/5/2026

Mary-Joe Perry, District Five Highway Director
MassDOT, Highway Division
1000 County Street, Taunton, MA 02780

SELECT BOARD
2026JUN1013:2113:21

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that the Grantee(s) of this Event Our Lady of Angels has notified the Board of Selectmen/City Council, Local Police Department, Local Fire Department and if applicable the State Police of its intention to conduct **road work/parade/race/ride** or other events impacting State Highways on Route(s) Main St no Rt # in or through the City/Town(s) of Fairhaven benefiting Religious Procession 96th year St Mary's Church

The Grantee(s) of this Event understands that it must give the Police and Fire Departments at least 48 hours notice before the commencement of the proposed event.

The Grantee(s) must supply a Traffic Management Plan when the roadway is occupied and for all detours associated with said events to this Department and to all officials listed below. The Grantee(s) must notify the local and/or state police to set up a detour of this area with appropriate signs and barricades. The local Fire Department must be notified of the detour to ensure that measures will be taken to minimize disruption to the Fire Department's emergency service during the event. The Grantee(s) must also notify local media (newspapers, radio) of this proposed event.

The following signatures are required prior to the issuance of the Permit.

LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Signed: [Signature]
Title: Lieutenant
City/Town: Fairhaven

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Signed: [Signature]
Title: Chief
City/Town: Fairhaven

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/CITY COUNCIL

Signed: _____
Title: _____
City/Town: _____

STATE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Signed: [Signature]
Title: LIEUTENANT
City/Town: MSP D-3 DARTMOUTH



June 15, 2026

ACTION / DISCUSSION

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Jean M. Lorizio, Esq.
Chairman

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission
95 Fourth Street, Suite 3
Chelsea, MA 02150

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION (“ABCC”) ADVISORY
REGARDING LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY’S (“LLA’s”) OPTION TO
TEMPORARILY ALLOW ITS ON-PREMISES LICENSEES TO SELL ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGES FOR ONE ADDITIONAL HOUR NOT TO EXCEED 3:00 AM AS WELL
AS THE ABILITY FOR ON-PREMISES LICENSEES LOCATED WITHIN PUBLIC
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONSUMPTION AREAS DETERMINED BY THE LLA
TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION**

On June 8, 2026, Governor Maura Healey signed “An Act Authorizing Municipalities to Opt-In to a Temporary Pilot to Extend the Hours of Liquor Licenses and to Allow for Public Consumption in Designated Districts in Summer 2026” which permits Local Licensing Authorities the option to temporarily allow its on-premises licensees to sell alcoholic beverages for one additional hour not to exceed 3:00 AM as well as the ability for on-premises licensees located within public alcoholic beverages consumption areas determined by the LLA the authority to sell alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption. The law took effect immediately. The text of the law is attached.

LLAs may designate one or more areas in their municipality where alcoholic beverages will be permitted to be consumed in public spaces, subject to restrictions that the city or town may deem appropriate, through July 31, 2026. LLAs may authorize its on-premises licensees within the designated public alcoholic beverages consumption area(s) the ability to sell alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption. Alcoholic beverages consumed within a designated public consumption district are limited to alcoholic beverages sold by participating on-premises licensed establishments located within the designated district.

The law also authorizes LLAs to temporarily allow any of its on-premises licensees to sell alcoholic beverages for one additional hour, not to exceed 3:00 AM, subject to any applicable local rules or regulations and any conditions placed upon its license. On-premises licensees do not need to be within a designated public alcoholic beverages consumption area in order to be eligible for the extra hour of alcoholic beverage service not to exceed 3:00 AM.

Each LLA must inform the ABCC if it decides to opt-in to this new law, which parts of the law it has opted into, what area(s) the LLA has designated for public alcoholic beverages consumption, and what on-premises licensees have extended their operating hours by one hour not to exceed 3:00 AM by uploading a letter to the ABCC’s eLicensing Portal.

Nothing in the law permits a licensed establishment to sell any type or category of alcoholic beverage beyond the type or category of alcoholic beverages that the licensed establishment is permitted to sell under its currently issued license.

The provisions of the law pertaining to public alcoholic beverages consumption areas, on-premises licensees selling alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption, and **the option for on-premises licensees to sell alcoholic beverages for one additional hour not to exceed 3:00 AM expire Friday, July 31, 2026.**

As always, all licensees must ensure that they comply with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and that sales of alcoholic beverages take place only as authorized by federal, state, and local law.

Questions concerning this Advisory may be directed to Ralph Sacramone, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission at (617) 727- 3040 x 731.

(Issued 6/9/2026)

HOUSE No. 5482

Text of a further amendment, offered by Mr. Walsh of Peabody, to the Senate amendment of the House Bill authorizing municipalities to opt-in to a temporary pilot to extend the hours of liquor licenses and to allow for public consumption in designated districts in summer 2026 (House, No. 5478, amended). June 8, 2026.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)

By striking out all after the enacting clause (inserted by amendment by the Senate) and inserting in place thereof the following:–

1 SECTION 1. For purposes of this act, “licensed establishment” shall mean an
2 establishment holding a license for the sale of alcoholic beverages, whether all alcoholic or
3 wines and malt only, to be drunk on the premises pursuant to chapter 138 of the General Laws.

4 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, and subject to
5 sections 4 and 5, a local licensing authority in a city or town may, on a temporary basis, allow a
6 licensed establishment to sell alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption in districts
7 designated pursuant to section 4. Only licensed establishments located within a district
8 designated pursuant to said section 4 may sell alcoholic beverages to be consumed off premises
9 within the district.

10 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, and subject to
11 section 5, a licensed establishment may, subject to approval of the local licensing authority, sell
12 alcoholic beverages on-premises for 1 additional hour beyond the time set forth in the

13 establishment's license, but not to exceed 3:00 a.m. until July 31, 2026, subject to any
14 applicable local rules or regulations and any conditions placed upon its license.

15 SECTION 4. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, and subject to
16 section 5, a local licensing authority may designate 1 or more districts in the city or town in
17 which alcoholic beverages are permitted to be consumed off premises, in public spaces, subject
18 to such restrictions as the city or town may deem appropriate and only through July 31, 2026.
19 Alcohol consumed within a district designated pursuant to this section, shall be limited to
20 alcoholic beverages sold by participating licensed establishments located within such designated
21 district.

22 SECTION 5. Nothing in this act shall be construed to permit a licensed establishment to
23 sell any type or category of alcohol beyond the type or category of alcohol that the licensed
24 establishment is permitted to sell under the license issued to it by the local licensing authority
25 pursuant to chapter 138 of the General Laws.

26 SECTION 6. The executive office of economic development, in consultation with the
27 alcoholic beverages control commission, the executive office of public safety and security and
28 the department of revenue, shall report on the implementation and outcomes of the pilot program
29 established by this act. The report shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the number and location
30 of districts designated by municipalities; (ii) the number of communities authorizing
31 establishments to sell alcoholic beverages for off premises consumption in approved districts;
32 (iii) the number of communities authorizing establishments for extended hours of on premises
33 sales; and (iv) any evidence of increased public safety incidents as a result of extended hours of
34 on premise sales. The report shall evaluate any notable changes or observations relative to the

35 pilot and economic development, public safety, and revenue and sales during the pilot, and may
36 make any recommendations to improve outcomes. The executive office of economic
37 development shall file a report not later than December 31, 2026 containing its findings and
38 recommendations with the clerks of the senate and house of representatives.

39 SECTION 7. Sections 1 to 5, inclusive, shall expire on July 31, 2026.

khickey@fairhaven-ma.gov

From: Erin Carr <ecarr0825@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 8:40 AM
To: Keith Hickey; Anne Carreiro; selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov
Subject: Potential Fundraiser for Discover Fairhaven

Dear Mr. Hickey, Mrs. Carreiro, and Members of the Select Board,

I am writing to request the Town's consideration and guidance regarding a community fundraising effort to support Discover Fairhaven and its ongoing operations for FY27.

I think most would agree that Discover Fairhaven has played an important role in promoting the town, supporting local businesses, and encouraging community involvement over the last couple of years. The department's programs and initiatives have provided tremendous value to residents, businesses, and visitors and its success can largely be attributed to Ms. Botelho's talent, leadership, and creative vision.

Members of the community have expressed interest in establishing a public fundraiser, such as a GoFundMe, to raise donations from supporters who'd like to contribute to the continued operation of Discover Fairhaven.

I respectfully request the town's guidance on the following:

- 1/ Whether the Town of Fairhaven would be willing to accept private donations earmarked for Discover Fairhaven.
- 2/ Any legal or procedural requirements that would need to be considered and addressed before launching this type of fundraiser.
- 3/ The appropriate process for ensuring transparency and compliance with municipal gift policies.
- 4/ To determine whether or not donations solicited through GoFundMe (or a comparable crowdfunding campaign) are tax deductible.

My goal is to ensure that the fundraising effort is conducted transparently and responsibly, but also quickly and efficiently in an effort to retain Ms. Botelho and prevent any lapse in her programming before July 1.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Any guidance you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Erin Carr

508.991.951:



TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN

TOURISM DONATION ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE POLICY

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the acceptance, management, and expenditure of gifts, grants, sponsorships, and donations received in support of tourism activities within the Town of Fairhaven. The policy is intended to ensure transparency, accountability, and compliance with applicable laws while providing resources to promote Fairhaven's historic, cultural, maritime, recreational, and economic assets.

The Town recognizes tourism as an important contributor to the local economy and quality of life. Donations received for tourism purposes shall be used to support activities, programs, personnel, facilities, events, and services that enhance Fairhaven's attractiveness as a destination for residents and visitors.

Section 1. Authority

This policy is adopted pursuant to applicable provisions of Massachusetts General Laws and local bylaws governing the acceptance and expenditure of gifts, grants, and donations by municipalities.

The Town may accept donations for tourism purposes subject to applicable legal requirements and municipal financial procedures.

Section 2. Fairhaven Tourism Mission

Donations shall be used to support initiatives that promote and enhance tourism within the Town of Fairhaven, including activities that highlight:

- Historic sites, cultural resources, museums, and educational programs.
- Fort Phoenix and other historic and recreational destinations.
- West Island, Nasketucket Bay, beaches, trails, parks, and waterfront attractions.
- Community events, festivals, and programs that attract visitors.
- Regional tourism partnerships and cooperative marketing initiatives within the South Coast region.



Section 3. Tourism Donation Fund

All donations accepted for tourism purposes shall be deposited into a dedicated Tourism Donation Fund or other account established and maintained by the Town Treasurer in accordance with applicable law.

Funds may accumulate from year to year and need not be expended during the fiscal year in which they are received.

The Town may reserve donated funds for future tourism initiatives, capital projects, staffing needs, marketing campaigns, special events, or other tourism-related purposes consistent with this policy and any donor restrictions.

Section 4. Authorized Uses of Donations

Tourism donations may be expended for any lawful purpose that supports the Town's tourism mission, including but not limited to the following:

Tourism Marketing and Promotion

- Print, digital, radio, television, and online advertising.
- Tourism websites and social media initiatives.
- Visitor guides, brochures, maps, and promotional materials.
- Branding and destination marketing campaigns.
- Photography, videography, and graphic design services.
- Public relations and media outreach.

Personnel and Administrative Support

Donated funds may be used to support personnel and administrative expenses directly related to tourism activities, including:

- Salaries and wages of Tourism Department personnel.
- Seasonal, temporary, part-time, or contractual employees.
- Employee benefits associated with tourism-funded positions.
- Overtime expenses incurred in support of tourism programs and events.
- Administrative support services.
- Professional consulting services.
- Tourism planning and destination development services.
- Staff training, conferences, certifications, and professional development related to tourism, hospitality, event management, and destination marketing.



Visitor Experience and Tourism Infrastructure

- Tourism signage and wayfinding systems.
- Visitor information kiosks and displays.
- Public art and interpretive exhibits.
- Beautification projects and streetscape enhancements.
- Visitor amenities and tourism-related infrastructure.
- Equipment and technology used to support tourism activities.

Events and Programs

- Harbor Days and other tourism-related events.
- Festivals, concerts, cultural celebrations, and heritage programs.
- Educational programs promoting Fairhaven's history and attractions.
- Event entertainment and programming.
- Event security, sanitation, traffic control, and logistical support.
- Event equipment, rentals, and supplies.
- Marketing and promotion of tourism-related events.
- Tourism sponsorships and cooperative promotional activities.

Historic and Cultural Preservation

- Historic interpretation projects.
- Heritage tourism initiatives.
- Educational materials and exhibits.
- Preservation projects that support tourism objectives.
- Development of historical and cultural programming.

Economic Development and Research

- Visitor surveys and tourism research.
- Regional tourism partnerships.
- Grant matching requirements and tourism development initiatives.

Capital Improvements

- Tourism-related capital projects.
- Permanent installations and public improvements.
- Facility improvements intended to enhance visitor experiences.
- Acquisition of equipment and assets supporting tourism operations.



Section 5. Restricted and Unrestricted Donations

Unrestricted Donations

Unrestricted donations may be used for any lawful tourism purpose consistent with this policy.

Restricted Donations

Restricted donations shall be used solely for the purpose specified by the donor and accepted by the Town.

Prior to acceptance, the Town shall determine that:

- The restriction is lawful.
- The restriction is consistent with municipal objectives.
- The Town can reasonably administer the restriction.

If a restricted purpose becomes impossible, impractical, or inconsistent with municipal needs, the Town may seek legal guidance regarding the appropriate use or disposition of the funds.

Section 6. Acceptance of Donations

All donations shall:

- Be accepted in accordance with applicable law and Town policy.
- Be deposited into the appropriate municipal account.
- Be recorded and tracked by the Treasurer and Finance Department.

The Town reserves the right to decline any donation that:

- Creates a conflict of interest.
 - Imposes unreasonable obligations on the Town.
 - Is inconsistent with Town policies or objectives.
 - Could create the appearance of undue influence over municipal decision-making.
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Section 7. Approval of Expenditures

Expenditures from the Tourism Donation Fund shall comply with all municipal financial controls, procurement requirements, and applicable laws.



The Town Administrator may authorize expenditures from the Tourism Donation Fund within available balances and consistent with donor restrictions and this policy.

Expenditures shall be subject to any additional approvals required by Town bylaws, procurement policies, or state law.

Capital projects and permanent improvements shall receive all approvals otherwise required for municipal projects.

Section 8. Procurement Requirements

The expenditure of donated funds shall comply with:

- Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30B.
- Applicable public construction laws.
- Town procurement policies.
- Massachusetts conflict of interest laws.
- Any accepted donor restrictions.

The source of funding shall not exempt any purchase or contract from applicable procurement requirements.

Section 9. Financial Reporting

The Tourism Department shall maintain records documenting:

- Donations received.
- Donor restrictions.
- Expenditures made.
- Remaining fund balances.
- Projects and activities funded through donations.

An annual report shall be provided to the Select Board summarizing the status and use of tourism donations.

Section 10. Recognition of Donors

The Town may recognize donors through:



- Event programs.
- Tourism publications.
- Municipal websites.
- Promotional materials.
- Plaques, signage, or acknowledgements associated with funded projects.

Recognition shall not imply endorsement, preferential treatment, or special consideration by the Town.

Naming rights for municipal facilities, programs, or assets shall require approval by the Select Board.

Section 11. Conflict of Interest

No donation shall be accepted or expended in a manner that violates Massachusetts conflict of interest laws or creates an actual or perceived conflict of interest.

Municipal officials and employees shall comply with all applicable ethics requirements when participating in decisions involving donations or expenditures.

Section 12. Expenditure Priorities

When practical, Tourism Donation Fund expenditures should prioritize projects and activities that:

1. Increase visitation and economic activity within Fairhaven.
2. Promote Fairhaven's maritime, historical, cultural, and recreational resources.
3. Support tourism staffing and operational capacity.
4. Enhance visitor experiences and public amenities.
5. Support community events that attract visitors and benefit local businesses.
6. Leverage additional public and private funding opportunities.

Section 13. Annual Review

This policy shall be reviewed periodically by the Town Administrator, Tourism Department, Treasurer, and Select Board and may be amended as necessary to ensure compliance with applicable laws and municipal best practices.



June 15, 2026

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT



June 15, 2026

MINUTES

1. Accept the Select Board Open Session minutes of June 8 and 9, 2026



FAIRHAVEN SELECT BOARD

Meeting Minutes

June 8, 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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Grindrod of Center Street addressed the Board thanking Mr. Murphy and Mr. Silvia as long-term members and extended his appreciation to them.

Eleanor Chew of Main Street addressed the Board via zoom, she thanked Mr. Silvia and Mr. Murphy for all they have done and shared her hope that they continue to be involved. Ms. Chew wanted to speak about the name change for the wharf saying Mr. MacLean had a lot of good things and also some things not so stellar and she would be uncomfortable with a name change unless it was someone with a stellar reputation and no major slips. She said she was also concerned about renaming a wharf because it could be confusing to people and why this item was brought up tonight with the Board changing tomorrow.

APPOINTMENTS / COMMUNITY ITEMS

Sidewalk Street Lamp Project Update and Request for Approval: Phase II at Millicent Library

Nils Isaksen addressed the Board with an update on Phase II of the Sidewalk Street Light Project outside the Millicent Library. Mr. Isaksen asked the Board for approval to install a total of six decorative street lights, two each on Center, Walnut and William Streets. He advised the Board that four were funded through private donations and the other two through CPC funds (Community Preservation Act). The cost per light currently is five thousand dollars and they are made in the United States.

Mr. Hickey said the office will assist Mr. Isaksen with the Eversource application.

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to approve the installation of six street lights in the town right of way around the Millicent Library as presented this evening. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Appointment Request: Cultural Council: Jennifer Paulino

Ms. Paulino addressed the Board about her application and interest in joining the Cultural Council. The Board thanked Ms. Paulino for stepping up

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to appoint Jennifer Paulino to the Cultural Council for a 3-year term. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Appointment Request: Lagoa Friendship Pact Committee: Charles Murphy Sr.

Mr. Murphy addressed the Board about his application and interest in joining Lagoa as well as continuing to represent the Sister-City relationship and Portuguese population. The Board thanked him for his willingness to continue to serve the Town and Ms. Mello added that her grandfather is from Lagoa.

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to appoint Charles Murphy Sr. to the Lagoa Friendship Pact Committee for a 1-year term. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed (4-0-1) Mr. Murphy abstained.

Event Request: Run to Remember, 5k walk/run: October 25, 2026

The Board reviewed the request. Mr. Saunders added that LCpl. Matthew Rodriguez is remembered as “the smiling warrior” and this is a good event for a good cause.

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to approve the event request for the Run to Remember 5K on October 25, 2026 contingent upon any conditions from Police, Fire and Public Works. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Event Request: Fairhaven Turkey Trot, 5k walk/run: November 26, 2026

Greater New Bedford Track Club President Meg Rogers addressed the Board about the event request, a brief history of how the event has grown to about 1,200 participants and the agencies that donations are contributed to.

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to approve the event request for the Fairhaven Turkey Trot, 5k walk/run on November 26, 2026 contingent upon any conditions from Police, Fire and Public Works. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

ACTION / DISCUSSION

Consider Release of Agreement and Voluntary Covenants on Former G. Borne Knowles Site

Mr. Murphy summarized the request. Mr. Hickey advised the Board that he met with the developer and their engineer to review the concerns raised at the May 26, 2026 meeting by Conservation. The developer has agreed to work with the Conservation Commission and Agent on the plans. Conservation Commission Chair Brandon Estrella is in support of moving the project forward based on the discussions with Mr. Hickey.

Mr. Saunders added that his question had been to understand the background. Mr. Hickey said the covenant was put in place based on the prior plans for condos, removing the covenant allows the opportunity to develop the property as a friendly 40B. Rich Rheaume from Prime Engineering Inc. advised the Board that the plans will make it better than it is today.

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to determine that release of the Agreement and Voluntary Covenant for Development recorded at Book 8257, Page 132 is in the best interests of the Town and to approve the Release of Agreement and Voluntary Covenant for Development recorded through the Registry of Deeds. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Consider Renaming Union Wharf in Honor of Senator William Q. “Biff” MacLean Jr.

Mr. Saunders addressed the Board about the request and the impact Senator MacLean had on him, on the Town and on those he helped. Sen. MacLean’s distinguished record of public service and community involvement reflect his legacy in Town starting on the School Committee and then to the Massachusetts House of Representatives and the Massachusetts Senate. The family’s business, MacLean’s Seafood, had been located at the site on Union Wharf. Mr. Romano asked Harbormaster Tim Cox for his opinion on any logistical issues as mentioned in public comment.

Mr. Cox advised the Board that renaming would not be an issue. He added that Sen. MacLean helped many people including those he did not know. Mr. Cox added that the rebuild of Union Wharf can include a sitting area in his honor at the end if the Board passes this tonight. Mr. Murphy shared an experience with Sen. MacLean involving a client of M.O.L.I.F.E.

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to rename Union Wharf to MacLean’s Wharf. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Consider Designating the Harbormaster and Building Commissioner as Authorized Signatories for Chapter 91

Mr. Cox informed the Board of the state’s recommendation to establish authorized signatories under Chapter 91, following concerns raised regarding a recent Seaport project that proceeded without Town approvals and is currently under review by the appropriate departments. Mr. Hickey noted that department heads have discussed the matter and that IT will incorporate a form into the permitting system to ensure all applicable departmental approvals are captured moving forward. Mr. Saunders added that his concerns had been on whether the process would add a layer of bureaucracy if it was not needed.

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to designate the Harbormaster and Building Commissioner as the Authorized Signatories for Chapter 91 for the Town of Fairhaven. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Hickey reviewed his report (*Attachment A*). He asked for the Board's guidance on the suggestion to schedule the annual reappointments on the June 22, 2026 meeting agenda to allow the new Board more time to do their due diligence on the candidates. Mr. Romano said he did not know the status of the new bylaws and will be following the will of Town Meeting. Mr. Hickey advised the Board the state's review can take a few months and the Board can act under the existing bylaws currently in place or what was approved at Town Meeting.

Mr. Hickey thanked Mr. Silvia and Mr. Murphy for their help, support and guidance.

MINUTES

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to accept the open session minutes of May 26, 2026 as presented. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed (4-0-1) Ms. Mello abstained.

Mr. Hickey confirmed that the Board will review for the release of minutes (executive sessions) quarterly and Ms. Mello will assist with bringing them forward.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Murphy read the list of correspondence in the Board's packet: Emails: Michelle Costen: 2-40 cars; Drug Treatment Center, Fairhaven's Got Pride; and Fairhaven Contributory Retirement Board: Cost-of-Living-Adjustment Public Hearing notice. (*Attachment B*).

Mr. Romano asked the Board to consider two motions and the email as it pertains to Fairhaven's Got Pride should not be placed on record. In his opinion, it contains some extremely hateful and damaging language and asked for a motion to take the email Fairhaven's Got Pride out of the list of correspondence in the motion.

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to remove the email *Fairhaven's Got Pride* from the list of correspondence and not place it online. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Mr. Murphy reread the revised list to enter the following into the Select Board's correspondence: Emails: Michelle Costen: 2-40 cars; Drug Treatment Center; and Fairhaven Contributory Retirement Board: Cost-of-Living-Adjustment Public Hearing notice.

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

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Select Board will meet for election results and candidate statements on **Tuesday, June 9, 2026** at 8pm and the next regularly scheduled Select Board meeting will be on **Monday, June 15, 2026** at 6:30pm

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS / COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Saunders:

- Thank you to Mr. Murphy and Mr. Silvia for their work for the Town of Fairhaven. Mr. Murphy has about the longest tenure with twenty-six years and Mr. Silvia who served the Board of Public Works from 2017-2020, the Select Board from 2020-2026 and an extremely good advocate when on boards. Mr. Saunders thanked them for helping him understand the process when he was new to the Select Board.

Ms. Mello:

- Thank you to Mr. Murphy and Mr. Silvia; she appreciates the time taken away from family and their personal lives to give to the Town and wished them well in the future.

Mr. Romano:

- Fairhaven's Got Pride is at the end of the month.
- Thank you to Mr. Silvia for forcing him to think outside of the box
- Thank you to Mr. Murphy for knowing how to guide people through by using his therapist skills

Mr. Silvia:

- The Economic Development Committee held their after-hours event at SoCo
- He said his time on the Board has been fun and interesting and the biggest take-a-way has been the friendships across the Town.

Mr. Murphy:

- Mr. Murphy gave thanks to those he has been fortunate to work with over the past twenty-six years and read his prepared remarks (*Attachment C*).

The Select Board adjourned at 7:31pm

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Town Administrator Report
- B. Correspondence: Emails: Michelle Costen: 2-40 cars; Drug Treatment Center; and Fairhaven Contributory Retirement Board: Cost-of-Living-Adjustment Public Hearing notice
- C. Charlie Murphy statement

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

Accepted on ___



FAIRHAVEN SELECT BOARD

Meeting Minutes

June 9, 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 8:58pm

ELECTION RESULTS

Election Results and Candidate Statements

Town Clerk Elisabeth Horan addressed the Board with the unofficial election results as follows:

Total votes cast before the hand count is 3,308 (approximately 24%).

- **SELECT BOARD 3-YEAR TERM (2)**
 - Miles Grant – 1,544 votes
 - **Pamela Kuechler – 1,757 votes**
 - **Richard Trapilo – 1,725 votes**

- **PLANNING BOARD 3-YEAR TERM (2)**
 - **Kevin Grant – 1,713 votes**
 - Sharon Simmons – 1,223 votes
 - **Mona Phillips – 1,326 votes**

- **PLANNING BOARD 2-YEAR TERM (1)**
 - **Jennifer Cardoza – 1,630 votes**
 - Andrew Panek – 1,133 votes

- **SCHOOL COMMITTEE 3-YEAR TERM (2)**
 - **Erik Baumann – 1,595 votes**
 - **Donna McKenna – 1,929 votes**

- **SCHOOL COMMITTEE 1-YEAR TERM (1)**
 - **Michael Sherman – 1,845 votes**

- **BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS 3-YEAR TERM (2)**
 - **Brian Wotton – 1,822 votes**
 - **Marcus Ferro – 1,627 votes**

- **BOARD OF HEALTH 3-YEAR TERM (1)**
 - **Justine Frezza – 2,013 votes**

- **COMMISSIONER OF TRUST FUNDS 3-YEAR TERM (1)**
 - **Louise Ponte – 1,941 votes**

- **HOUSING AUTHORITY 5-YEAR TERM (1)**
 - **Jacob Galarv – 2,010 votes**

- **BALLOT QUESTION 1 (Revoke Civil Service) – Yes – 1,273 votes / No – 1,911 votes**

- **BALLOT QUESTION 2 (Override \$649,178) – Yes – 1,399 votes / No – 1,882 votes**

- **BALLOT QUESTION 3 (Accept the Town Charter) – Yes – 1,826 votes / No – 1,223 votes**

Ms. Horan advised that the hand counts should be completed and swearing in can take place starting on Thursday.

Each candidate present was given the opportunity to make a statement. Donna McKenna, Andrew Panek, Jennifer Cardoza, Mona Phillips, Kevin Grant, Miles Grant, Rick Trapilo and Pam Kuechler addressed the Board and residents with brief remarks.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled Select Board meeting will be on **Monday, June 15, 2026** at 6:30pm

The Select Board adjourned at 9:17pm

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

Accepted on __