



FAIRHAVEN SELECT BOARD AGENDA

July 27, 2026 6:00 p.m.

Town Hall – 40 Center Street – Fairhaven

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

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, can view a list of current openings by visiting the Town’s website at www.fairhaven-ma.gov. Go to Boards and Committees then select Volunteer Opportunities. Please note, the Board is currently reviewing the Town's Committee Handbook and appointment processes to better align with recent Town Meeting votes that established limits on the number of board and committee appointments an individual may hold. The Board intends to consider and present its proposed revisions in conjunction with the annual reappointment process this fall.

Until the review is complete and any revisions to processes are communicated, the Board will only make appointments necessary to fill essential vacancies. Other applications received will be held and considered at a later date. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

B. APPOINTMENTS / COMMUNITY ITEMS

1. **Consider Retention or Sale of Real Property After Tax Foreclosure per MGL c. 60 §64A: French Avenue, Assessor’s Parcel 27-230, 231; Harding Road - Parcel 20-161; and 5 Newbury Ave - Parcels 19-135 through 139.** The Treasurer has worked with counsel on properties in tax foreclosure and is seeking the Board’s review of three sets of parcels and whether to sell or retain. Associated costs to the Town for legal fees, real estate and appraisals would be taken from any profit with the remainder going to the owner. A memo and supporting information have been included in your Board materials.

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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.

French Avenue

Suggested Motions:

If Selling Property:

“As provided under M.G.L. c 60, s. 64A(c), I (Board Member Name) hereby move for the Town of Fairhaven to sell the property located on French Avenue, Assessors’ Parcel 27-230 & 231, to be acquired by the Town upon the issuance of a foreclosure judgment by the Land Court in docket no. 17 TL 001535.”

If Retaining Property:

“As provided under M.G.L. c 60, s. 64A(b), I (Board Member Name) hereby move for the Town of Fairhaven to retain the property located on French Avenue, Assessors’ Parcel 27-230 & 231, to be acquired by the Town upon the issuance of a foreclosure judgment by the Land Court in docket no. 17 TL 001535.””

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

Harding Road

Suggested Motions:

If Selling Property:

“As provided under M.G.L. c 60, s. 64A(c), I (Board Member Name) hereby move for the Town of Fairhaven to sell the property located on Harding Road, Assessors’ Parcel 20-161, acquired by the Town as a result of a foreclosure judgment by the Land Court on June 5, 2026 in docket no. 18 TL 000173.”

If Retaining Property:

“As provided under M.G.L. c 60, s. 64A(b), I (Board Member Name) hereby move for the Town of Fairhaven to retain the property located on Harding Road, Assessors’ Parcel 20-161, acquired by the Town as a result of a foreclosure judgment by the Land Court on June 5, 2026 in docket no. 18 TL 000173.”

5 Newbury Avenue

Suggested Motions:

If Selling Property:

“As provided under M.G.L. c 60, s. 64A(c), I (Board Chairperson) hereby move for the Town of Fairhaven to sell the property located on 5 Newbury Avenue, Assessors’ Parcel 19-135 through 139, to be acquired by the Town upon the issuance of a foreclosure judgment by the Land Court in docket no. 18 TL 000174.”

If Retaining Property:

“As provided under M.G.L. c 60, s. 64A(b), I (Board Chairperson) hereby move for the Town of Fairhaven to retain the property located on 5 Newbury Avenue, Assessors’ Parcel 19-135 through 139, to be acquired by the Town upon the issuance of a foreclosure judgment by the Land Court in docket no. 18 TL 000174.”

2. **Presentation of Revised Five-Year Financial Forecast.** Assistant Town Administrator of Finance and Town Accountant Anne Carreiro and Town Administrator Keith Hickey will present a revised five-year financial forecast. Included in your Board materials is the supporting information for this agenda item.

Suggested Motion:

“No motion needed”

3. **Presentation of Revisions to the Atlas Tack Working Group Charge.** Ken Blanchard will present a proposed revision to the charge for the Atlas Tack Working Group based on discussion at the Select Board’s July 13, 2026 meeting.

The Town Administrator spoke to an EPA representative regarding the interest expressed at the July 13th Board meeting to have the EPA conduct additional testing within the remaining building on the Atlas Tack property.

The representative from the EPA explained that the results of the most recent testing showed lower levels of contamination than some had anticipated. When considered alongside previous testing, the EPA believes the data demonstrates there is no evidence of significant sources of contamination that could be released from the building, such as stored drums or other concentrated hazardous materials. According to Mr. Shaheen, no such materials remain on the property.

Based on these findings, the EPA indicated they does not believe there is sufficient justification to conduct additional testing at this time.

Suggested Motion:

“Move to (amend/not amend) the Atlas Tack Working Group (as presented/with the following additional amendments _____).”

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

4. **Appointment Request: Board of Assessors: Diane Tomassetti.** The Board of Assessors has one vacancy due to the resignation of Dan Lane. The term would be through May, 2028 to complete Mr. Lane’s term. Included in your Board materials is the letter of interest submitted by Ms. Tomassetti.

Suggested Motion:

“Move to (appoint/not appoint) Diane Tomassetti to the Board of Assessors for a term through May, 2028”

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

5. **Appointment Request: Public Safety Complex Committee: Patrick Carr.** The Public Safety Complex Committee has a vacancy due to the resignation of Select Board appointee Seth Baumgartner. When established the Select Board set the term as the completion of the work.

Suggested Motion:

“Move to (appoint/not appoint) Patrick Carr to the Public Safety Complex Committee”

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

6. **Appointment Request: Election Officers 2026-2027 Annual Term.** The Town Clerk has submitted the annual election officers list for appointment. The list appears on page 2 of the posted agenda and immediately follows this addendum.

Suggested Motion:

“Move to (appoint/not appoint) _____ as election officers for an annual term from 2026-2027”

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

7. **Special One-Day Beer and Wine License: The Lions Club: August 29, 2026, 5:00-9:00pm.** The Lions Club is seeking the Board’s approval of a Special One-Day Beer and Wine only license for a fundraising event on August 29, 2026. They held a similar event last year.

Suggested Motion:

“Move to approve a special one-day beer and wine only license for The Lions Club event on August 29, 2026 from 5:00-9:00pm”

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

C. ACTION / DISCUSSION

1. **Consider Adoption of MissionSquare Retirement Deferred Compensation Plan and Trust Option as a 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan Option for Town Employees.** The Board is asked to adopt the MissionSquare Retirement and Deferred Compensation Plan and Trust to offer Town employees an additional voluntary 457(b) deferred compensation savings option. The plan provides employees with another opportunity to save for retirement through payroll deductions. Participation is entirely voluntary, and the plan will be administered by MissionSquare. There is no cost or financial obligation to the Town associated with adopting or offering this plan.

Suggested Motion:

“Move to (adopt/not adopt) MissionSquare Retirement Deferred Compensation Plan and Trust Option as a 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan Option for Town Employees”

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

2. **Call Special Town Meeting for November 17, 2026 and Open the Warrant.** The Board is asked to set the date for Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2026 and open the warrant. The date was confirmed with the Town Moderator, Town Clerk and Town Counsel. A proposed calendar of dates and deadlines is included in the Board’s packet and will be posted online for reference on the Town Moderator’s page. The deadline for citizen’s petitions will be noon on August 12, 2026, anyone looking to submit a citizen’s petition should obtain the form from the Town Clerk; a citizen’s petition for Special Town Meeting requires 100 signatures of registered Town voters to be submitted for the warrant.

Suggested Motions:

“Move to call a Special Town Meeting on November 17, 2026”

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

and:

“Move to open the warrant for Special Town Meeting on November 17, 2026”

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

3. **Consider Draft Letter to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding New Bedford Harbor Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Discharge.** Member Rick Trapilo re-drafted a letter to the EPA regarding CSO discharges into the New Bedford Harbor and the impacts to the environment and the Town of Fairhaven. Member Trapilo is seeking the Board to approve the letter to be sent to the EPA from the Select Board collectively and will address the Board's questions. The draft letter is in the Board's packet for review.

Suggested Motion:

"Move to ___ the draft letter (as presented/as amended) and send via email to the EPA representatives."

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

D. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

E. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS / COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

F. MINUTES

1. Accept the Open Session minutes of July 13, 2026

Suggested Motion:

"Move to accept the Open Session minutes of July 13, 2026 (as presented/as amended)."

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

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

Suggested Motion:

"Move to accept the Executive Session minutes of July 13, 2026 (as presented/as amended)."

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

G. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Emails: Michelle Costen: Ref: Select Board Meeting 7/13-Public Response; Appropriation Process of CPA funds-Ref 7/13 SB meeting; No More Debt, a Public Comment; New Homes and Housing law targets affordability-

Suggested Motion:

"Move to accept the correspondence listed on the agenda."

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

H. NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The next scheduled Select Board meeting will be on *Monday, August 10, 2026* at 6:00pm

I. ADJOURN

Item B 6. Appointment Request: Election Officers 2026-2027 Annual Term**DEMOCRATIC**

Brian G. Billiter	28 Babbitt Street	Fairhaven, MA
Lisa R. Billiter	28 Babbitt Street	Fairhaven, MA
Kenneth Charros	46 Lucy Little Road	Dartmouth, MA
Patricia Charros	46 Lucy Little Road	Dartmouth, MA
Linda M. Chevalier	31 Phoenix Street	Fairhaven, MA
Dennis D. Gallant, Sr.	3 Jeannette Street	Fairhaven, MA
Mark Medeiros	10 Shirley Street, #C3	New Bedford, MA
Patricia S. Miner	56 Cheshire Avenue	Acushnet, MA
Kathryn J. Silvia	25 Harvard Street	Fairhaven, MA
Robin A. Simpkin	39 Ward Street	New Bedford, MA
Michael W. Thomas	1 Teal Circle	Fairhaven, MA

REPUBLICAN

Linda Donnelly	22 Cherrystone Road	Fairhaven, MA
Pasquale Lamarra, Jr.	2 Pine Avenue	Fairhaven, MA

UNENROLLED

Cathleen Barker	126 Russells Mills Road	Dartmouth, MA
Darleen S. Berg	496 Elm Street	Dartmouth, MA
Maria I. Branco	13 Reservation Road	Fairhaven, MA
Bernadette Costa	19 Huttleston Avenue	Fairhaven, MA
Joseph A. Desrosiers	59 Wilding Street	Fairhaven, MA
George R. Diggle	21 Summer Street	Fairhaven, MA
Jacqueline M. Duval	46 Wilding Street	Fairhaven, MA
Jodi L. Duval	46 Wilding Street	Fairhaven, MA
Anne J. Ellis	310 Mill Road	Fairhaven, MA
Janet L. Ferreira	300 Carroll Street SF	New Bedford, MA
Gwendolyn Fernandes	6 West Bliss Street 2 nd Flr	Dartmouth, MA
Deborah J. Gabriel	3 Peirces Point	Fairhaven, MA
Beth B. Kilanowich	220 Appleton Street	New Bedford, MA
Louise P. Lecomte	15 Garfield Street	Dartmouth, MA
Caden H. Lisa	22 Merrymount Drive	Dartmouth, MA
Dennis Mattos	14 Newton Street	Fairhaven, MA
Angelica A. Medeiros	455 Main Street	Fairhaven, MA
Cathy J. Melanson	110 Adams Street	Fairhaven, MA
Claire M. Millette	138 Main Street 1	Fairhaven, MA
Kimberly A. Mimoso	59 Oliver St	Fairhaven, MA
Lisa L. Moniz	23 Harvard Street	Fairhaven, MA
Katherine K. Monroe	17 Coe Street	Fairhaven, MA
Janye A. Morrison	12 Charity Stevens Lane	Fairhaven, MA
Sara M. Neto-Kalife	66 Winsegansett Avenue	Fairhaven, MA
Pauline J. Parker	38 Blackburn Street	Fairhaven, MA
Susan E. Roderiques	21 Oliver Street	Fairhaven, MA
Donna M. Ross	18 Cedar St	Fairhaven, MA
Theresa Sparling	102 Laurel Street 1Flr	Fairhaven, MA
Nanette Spoor	79 Raymond Street	Fairhaven, MA
Joanne L. St. Amand	7 Suzanne Way	Fairhaven, MA
Genevieve V. Suman	16 Harborview Avenue	Fairhaven, MA
Rebecca H. Surprenant	10 Nonquitt Ave	Fairhaven, MA
Joseph L. Sylvia	326 Huttleston Ave	Fairhaven, MA
Linda L. Therrien	287 Huttleston Avenue	Fairhaven, MA



July 27, 2026

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Town of Fairhaven, Massachusetts

40 Center Street · Fairhaven, MA · 02719

MEMORANDUM

To: Fairhaven Selectboard Members

From: Carla Mourao, Treasurer/Collector 

Date: July 22, 2026

Re: Foreclosure Properties - BOS Vote Required

FRENCH AVENUE:

Motion Filed: 6/6/2026

Foreclosure Judgement: TBA

Deadline to Notify Parties: TBA

READ FOR THE RECORD:

"Per MGL c.60 s.64A: To consider the retention or sale of real property after tax foreclosure:
French Avenue, Assessors' Parcel 27-230 & 231."

Discussion/Questions?

T/C Notes - Lot 230 may be buildable - 231 is mostly wetlands. Will need a wetland delineation (\$3000-4000) to determine if we would have enough property to put a house on it. Estimated Value if Buildable: \$150,000 Taxes Owed: \$4,600 plus fees

Please proceed to vote to sell or retain by using the following language:

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MEMORANDUM

HARDING ROAD

Motion Filed: 3/16/26

Foreclosure Judgement Issued: 6/5/26

Deadline to Notify Parties: 8/4/26

READ FOR THE RECORD:

"Per MGL c.60 s.64A: To consider the retention or sale of real property after tax foreclosure:
Harding Road, Assessors' Parcel 20-161."

Discussion/Questions?

T/C Notes: Estimated Value: approximately \$1,000. Taxes Owed: \$2,100 plus fees. Abutter may want it but will need to hire a realtor and pay all the legal and redemption fees out of pocket.

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MEMORANDUM

5 NEWBURY AVENUE:

Motion Filed: 06/29/2026

Foreclosure Judgement: TBA

Deadline to Notify Parties: TBA

READ FOR THE RECORD:

"Per MGL c.60 s.64A: To consider the retention or sale of real property after tax foreclosure:
5 Newbury Avenue, Assessors' Parcel 19-135 through 139."

Discussion/Questions?

T/C Notes: Very valuable parcel. Several lots and close to water. Will need a contamination test first. Estimated Value: \$250,000+ (and possibly more if we can break it out into two lots)

Taxes Owed: \$103,000 plus fees

Please proceed to vote to sell or retain by using the following language:

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MEMORANDUM

**** FUN FACTS ****

The new law requires the Town to take specific steps after the judgment enters. Once the judgment enters and becomes final, the Town has 30 days to notify the former owner(s) and former interest holder(s) (mortgagees, etc.) that the Town will either be retaining the property for municipal purposes or selling the property. Unless an appeal of the judgment is ongoing, the judgment becomes final 30 days after its issuance. The 30 day period is for the parties to file an appeal of the judgment. Once the 30 days have expired and there is no appeal filed, the Town has 30 days from that point to notify the former owner and interest holders of how they will be disposing of the property. Essentially the Town has 60 days from the issuance of the judgment (30 day appeal period and 30 day decision period). For example, if the judgment was issued on August 5th, the Town has a deadline of October 4th to issue notice to the former interest holders of the Town's decision on retaining or selling the property. An overview of the process of each is as follows:

Retaining the Property for Municipal Purpose:

If the Town decides to retain the property for municipal purposes, it must pay the former owners and interest holders their percentage of the surplus, if any is determined after an appraisal is obtained. Within 120 days from the judgment becoming final, the Town must have the property appraised for its highest and best use at the time of the foreclosure. The property must be appraised by a licensed appraiser independent from the Town. The appraiser must not be an employee of the Town or hold elected office within the Town;

Once the appraised value is determined, then the Town has 30 days to prepare a written report with an accounting of the amounts owed to the Town and the amount of surplus that will go back to the former owners. In determining the surplus, the Town should subtract the amount owed in taxes and interest at the time of foreclosure along with court costs, legal fees, the cost to obtain the appraisal, and any other costs incurred by the Town from the appraised value. If any surplus does exist, then the town must pay the former owners from the Town's funds that amount.

Selling the Property after Foreclosure:

If the Town decides to sell the property, then it must pay the former owners and interest holders their percentage of the surplus if one is generated from a sale. The surplus paid is from the proceeds of the sale. Within 180 days from the judgment becoming final, the Town must list the property for sale with a licensed realtor or broker for its highest and best use at the time of the foreclosure. The Town must hire a licensed realtor or broker independent from the Town. The realtor/broker must not be an employee of the Town or hold elected office within the Town;

The Property must be listed for sale for a period of 12 months. If it is not sold in the 12 month period, then the Town must hire an auctioneer to sell the property. The sale price at auction must be no less than 2/3 of its appraised value at the time of foreclosure and cannot be sold to a town employee;

Once the sale of the property becomes final, the Town has 30 days to prepare a written report with an accounting of the amounts owed to the Town and the amount of surplus that will go back to the former owners. In determining the surplus, the Town should subtract the amount owed in taxes and interest at the time of foreclosure along with court costs, legal fees, the cost to hire a realtor/broker, and any other costs incurred by the Town in the sale of the property from the sale price. If any surplus does exist, then the town must pay the former owners from the Town's funds that amount. In this scenario the Town does not pay any surplus from the Town's funds.

Because the properties are now town-owned, the decision as to whether to retain or sell should be made through a vote of the Select Board/Board of Selectmen. Once the Town has officially decided whether it will be retaining or selling the property, our tax title attorney will issue the notice on behalf of the town by the deadlines.

FRENCH AVENUE

PARCEL # 27-230 & 231

TAX TITLE #1483363

SINCE 2014

OWNERSHIP: KANTER, MANUEL E

C/O W W TROLAND

104 FLORENCE LANE

FAIRFIELD, CT 06430

History Summary As Of 7/22/2026

Fairhaven

Account: 1483363
Levy: 2014
Parcel: 27-230
Record Owner: KANTER E MANUEL
Location: FRENCH AVENUE
Balance: \$4,638.28

Debits

Name	Levy	Date of Cert.	Billed	Credits	Remainder	Interest	TotalDue	PerDiem
Cert of Redemption	2015	2/5/2015	\$78.00	\$0.00	\$78.00	\$0.00	\$78.00	\$.00
Tax Title Transfer	2014	2/5/2015	\$216.27	\$0.00	\$216.27	\$396.75	\$613.02	\$.10
Tax Title Certification	2015	7/31/2015	\$134.13	\$0.00	\$134.13	\$235.72	\$369.85	\$.06
Tax Title Certification	2016	6/29/2016	\$133.40	\$0.00	\$133.40	\$214.90	\$348.30	\$.06
Legal Fees	2017	4/26/2017	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$.00
Land Court Costs	2017	4/26/2017	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$.00
Tax Title Certification	2017	6/28/2017	\$103.47	\$0.00	\$103.47	\$150.18	\$253.65	\$.05
Tax Title Certification	2018	6/29/2018	\$138.44	\$0.00	\$138.44	\$178.72	\$317.16	\$.06
Tax Title Certification	2019	6/28/2019	\$142.71	\$0.00	\$142.71	\$161.46	\$304.17	\$.06
Cert of Redemption	2020	12/31/2019	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$.00
Tax Title Certification	2020	6/30/2020	\$136.93	\$0.00	\$136.93	\$132.83	\$269.76	\$.06
Tax Title Certification	2021	6/30/2021	\$144.99	\$0.00	\$144.99	\$117.45	\$262.44	\$.06
Tax Title Certification	2022	6/30/2022	\$146.41	\$0.00	\$146.41	\$95.18	\$241.59	\$.06
Tax Title Certification	2023	6/27/2024	\$169.91	\$0.00	\$169.91	\$56.23	\$226.14	\$.07
Tax Title Certification	2024	6/27/2024	\$165.44	\$0.00	\$165.44	\$54.75	\$220.19	\$.07
Tax Title Certification	2025	6/25/2026	\$184.83	\$0.00	\$184.83	\$2.19	\$187.02	\$.08
Tax Title Certification	2026	6/29/2026	\$165.32	\$0.00	\$165.32	\$1.67	\$166.99	\$.07
Grand Total			\$2,840.25	\$0.00	\$2,840.25	\$1,798.03	\$4,638.28	\$ 0.86

Transactions



Fairhaven, MA

27-230

Search results

Parcel #: 27-230



Get directions

CAI Property Value

Pattern Final FY: Property Class

Assessment

IR: 528

Property Address: FRENCH AVE

Property Street: FRENCH AVE

Map Sheet

Owner Name: KANTER E MANUEL

Owner Name: CLOUW TROLAND

Owner Address: 104 FLORENCE LANE

Owner Address

Owner City: FAIRFIELD

Owner State: CT

Owner ZIP: 06424

Phone Number: 781-335

CAI Full Number: M 250685

CAMA Full Number: 27-230

CAI

CAI Full Number: 2025-1-1

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EASEMENT ON NEW BEDFORD

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BOYS

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26
4 ACRES - 26410

0 100 ft

APPR	13,700 f	13,700
USE + IMP	13,700 f	13,700
USE LAND	0 f	0
ASSESSED	13,700 f	13,700

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

LOTS 230 - 231

	Lot Size
	Total Land
55	Land Unit Type

PREVIOUS ASSESSMENTS

Occ	Type
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Property ID: 3555

Tx Yr	Cat	Use	Bld Value	Yard Items	Land Size	Land Val	Total Appr	Assessed Notes	Date
2026	FV	132	0	0	5,950	13,700	13,700	13,700 Final Values FY 2026	11/06/2025
2025	FV	132	0	0	5,950	13,700	13,700	13,700 11/18/2024 - System Roll	11/18/2024
2024	FV	132	0	0	5,950	13,700	13,700	13,700 2024/LDS 12/12/23 10:27:45	12/12/2023
2023	FV	132	0	0	5,950	11,600	11,600	11,600 YEAR END	12/02/2022
2022	FV	132	0	0	5,950	10,600	10,600	10,600	12/14/2021
2021	FV	132	0	0	5,950	9,500	9,500	9,500 Year End Roll	12/14/2020
2020	FV	132	0	0	5,950	9,000	9,000	9,000 Year End Roll	12/16/2019
2019	FV	132	0	0	5,950	9,000	9,000	9,000 Year End Roll	11/08/2018
2018	FV	132	0	0	5,950	8,600	8,600	8,600 Year End Roll	11/03/2017

SALES INFORMATION

This parcel contains 5,950 SF of land mainly classified as UNDEV with a building, having primarily Exterior.

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BUILDING PERMITS

<u>Code</u>	<u>Desc</u>	<u>Amt</u>	<u>Comm Int Amt</u>

PROPERTY FACTORS

ACTIVITIES

Item Code	Item	Code	%
Util 1	Dis 1		
Util 2	Dis 2		
Util 3	Dis 3		
Census	Zone 1	RA	100
F. haz	Zone 2		
Topo	Zone 3		
Street	HX		
Traffic			
Exempt			

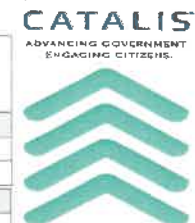
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LAND SECTION (132)

LUC	LUC Desc	Air %	Ft.	# Units	Depth	U. Type	L. Type	Ft.	Base V.	Unit Pct	Adj Pct	NBC	Ft.	Mod.	Inf 1	%	Inf 2	%	Inf 3	%		Appr	Air 2 LUC	%	Spec L.V.	Juris	L. Ft.	Assessed	Notes
132	UNDEV		1	5,950		SF	SITE	f		5.2		2.3	03	1	WRP	Y	-90					13,700			0.00000		1	13,700	
Total AC/Ha				6.14		Total SF/SM		5,950.00		Parcel LUC 132 - UNDEV					P. NBC Desc 003						Tot	13,700		Spf Credit	0.00		Tot	13,700	

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Property: 3555 | Bld: 3610 | Seq: 1 | Year: 2026 | Data As Of Date: 03/13/2026 | User: bcabra | DB: Assess50



User Account

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GIS Coord 2

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Prior/D1a

Prior D2a

PriorD3a

Original 1b

Bridges 1991b

Print Date

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Assessor Map

Exterior Information

FTY 2026 RE PRELIM RETURNED USPS

Type	
Story Hght	
(Liv) Units	0 Tot 0
Found	
Frame	
P. Wall	
Sec Wall	0
Roof Str	
Roof Cvr	
Color	
View	
Shape	
Bld Name	

Location	
Tot Units	
Floor	
% Own	
Name	

Full Bath	0	Ring
Add Full	0	Ring
3/4 Bath	0	Ring
Add. 3/4	0	Ring
1/2 Bath	0	Ring
Add. 1/2	0	Ring
Other Fix	0	Ring

Floor	No. Unit	Rooms	Bdrms
Bid Total			
Prel Total			

Exterior	
Interior	
Add	
Kitchen	
Bath	
Plumb	
Electric	
Heating	
General	

Grade	
Year Bt	Eff Yr
Alt LUC	
Juris	
Con Mod	

Kitchens	0	Rtng
Add Kit.	0	Rtng
Fireplaces	0	Rtng
WS Flues	0	Rtng

Base Rate	0.00	Depr	0
Size Adj	1.00000	Depr'd Total	0
Con Adj	1.00000	Juris Ft.	1.0000
Adj Prc	\$0.00	Spec. Features	\$0
Grade Ft.	1.00000	Lump Sum	
Other Feat	\$0	Final Total	\$0
NBH Mod	1.0000	Override Val	
NBC Infl	1.0000	Assmnt FL	1.0000
LUC Ft.	1.0000	Assessed Val	\$0
Adj Tot (rate)	0	Total \$/SF	
Depr %	0%	Undepr \$/SF	0.00000

Avg Ht / Fl			
P. Int Wall			
Sec Int Wall			
Partition			
P. Floor			
Sec Floor			
Bmt Floors			
Sub Floors			
Bmt Garage	0		
Electric			
Insulation			
Int Vs Ext			
Heat Fuel			
Heat			
# Heat Sys	0		
Heated %		AC %	
Sol HW %		Ctrl Vac %	
Con Wall %		Sprink %	

Phys Con	AV - Average	0
Functional		
Economic		
Special		
Override		
	Total	0%

Ring	Parcel ID	Type	Sale Date	Price
Avg Ring			Ind Val	

Code	Desc	Net Area	Gross A.	F. Area	Sz Adj A.	Rate A/V	Undepr Va
Building Totals							
Parcel Totals							

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Property: 3555 | Bid: 3610 | Seq: 1 | Year: 2026 | Data As Of Date: 03/13/2026 | User: boabral | DB: Assess50

HARDING ROAD

PARCEL # 20-161

TAX TITLE #1595756

SINCE 2015

OWNERSHIP: HENRIQUES, JOAO &

ADELIA & AMELIA ROBICHAUD

3 GROVE STREET

NEW BEDFORD, MA 02740

History Summary As Of 7/22/2026

Fairhaven

Account: 1595756
Levy: 2015
Parcel: 20-161
Record Owner: HENRIQUES JOAO ADELIA ROB
Location: HARDING ROAD
Balance: \$2,118.40

Debits

Name	Levy	Date of Cert.	Billed	Credits	Remainder	Interest	TotalDue	PerDiem
Tax Title Certification	2016	6/29/2016	\$43.09	\$0.00	\$43.09	\$69.42	\$112.51	\$0.02
Cert of Redemption	2016	6/29/2016	\$78.00	\$0.00	\$78.00	\$0.00	\$78.00	\$0.00
Tax Title Transfer	2015	6/29/2016	\$179.73	\$0.00	\$179.73	\$289.54	\$469.27	\$0.08
Tax Title Certification	2017	6/28/2017	\$12.95	\$0.00	\$12.95	\$18.80	\$31.75	\$0.01
Legal Fees	2018	1/9/2018	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
Land Court Costs	2018	2/5/2018	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Tax Title Certification	2018	6/29/2018	\$42.63	\$0.00	\$42.63	\$55.03	\$97.66	\$0.02
Tax Title Certification	2019	6/28/2019	\$42.53	\$0.00	\$42.53	\$48.12	\$90.65	\$0.02
Cert of Redemption	2020	12/31/2019	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$0.00
Tax Title Certification	2020	6/30/2020	\$45.31	\$0.00	\$45.31	\$43.95	\$89.26	\$0.02
Tax Title Certification	2021	6/30/2021	\$45.76	\$0.00	\$45.76	\$37.07	\$82.83	\$0.02
Tax Title Certification	2022	6/30/2022	\$45.40	\$0.00	\$45.40	\$29.51	\$74.91	\$0.02
Tax Title Certification	2023	6/27/2024	\$46.94	\$0.00	\$46.94	\$15.54	\$62.48	\$0.02
Tax Title Certification	2024	6/27/2024	\$43.91	\$0.00	\$43.91	\$14.53	\$58.44	\$0.02
Tax Title Certification	2025	6/25/2026	\$45.82	\$0.00	\$45.82	\$0.54	\$46.36	\$0.02
Tax Title Certification	2026	6/29/2026	\$43.84	\$0.00	\$43.84	\$0.44	\$44.28	\$0.02
Grand Total			\$1,495.91	\$0.00	\$1,495.91	\$622.49	\$2,118.40	\$ 0.29

Transactions



Fairhaven, MA

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Payable - 20-11-1



Map Data

Map Data: FY 2020-21

Map Data

Property Address: HARDING RD
Property Street: HARDING RD
Map Sheet: 20-11-1
Owner Name: HENRIQUES, ROBERT & AMELIA A
Owner Address: 100 VESTRY ST
Owner City: FAIRHAVEN
Owner State: MA
Owner Zip: 01906
Owner Phone: 508-249-0211
CAMAC Number: 20-11-1
Last Run Date: 2026-7-1
Last Run Filtered: 7854
Account Number: 70-11-1
User Account: 70-11-1
Site Name: HARDING RD
Site City: Fairhaven
Site State: MA
Site Zip: 01906
Owner 1: HENRIQUES, ROBERT & AMELIA A
Owner 2: HENRIQUES, ROBERT & AMELIA A



Exterior Information

Type		
Story Hght		
(Liv) Units	0	Tot 0
Found		
Frame		
P. Wall		
Sec Wall		0
Roof Str		
Roof Cvr		
Color		
View		
Shape		
Bld Name		

General Information

Grade		
Year Bkt	Eff Yr	
Alt LUC		
Juris		
Con Mod		

Interior Information

Avg Ht / Fl		
P. Int Wall		
Sec Int Wall		
Partition		
P. Floor		
Sec Floor		
Bmt Floors		
Sub Floors		
Bmt Garage	0	
Electric		
Insulation		
Int Vs Ext		
Heat Fuel		
Heat		
# Heat Sys	0	
Heated %		AC %
Sol HW %		Ctr Vac %
Com Wall %		Sprink %

Special Features / Yard Items

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Condo Information

Location	
Tot Units	
Floor	
% Own	
Name	

Bath Features

Full Bath	0	Rtng
Add Full	0	Rtng
3/4 Bath	0	Rtng
Add 3/4	0	Rtng
1/2 Bath	0	Rtng
Add 1/2	0	Rtng
Other Fix	0	Rtng

Other Features

Kitchens	0	Rtnq	
Add Kit	0	Rtnq	
Fireplaces	0	Rtnq	
WS Flues	0	Rtnq	

Depreciation

Phys Con		
Functional		
Economic		
Special		
Override		
	Total	0%

Comparable Sales

Rtng	Parcel ID	Type	Sale Date	Price
Avg Rtng			Ind Val	

Comments

Res Breakdown

Floor	No. Unit	Rooms	Bdrms
Bld Total			
Prol Total			

Calc Ladder

Base Rate	0.00	Depr	0
Size Adj	1.00000	Depr'd Total	0
Con Adj	1.00000	Juris Ft.	1.0000
Adj Prc	\$0.00	Spec. Features	\$0
Grade Ft.	1.00000	Lump Sum	
Other Feat	\$0	Final Total	\$0
NBH Mod	1.0000	Override Val	
NBC Inlt	1.0000	Assmnt Ft.	1.0000
LUG Ft.	1.0000	Assessed Val	\$0
Adj Tot (P&M)	0	Total \$/SF	
Depr %	0%	Undepr \$/SF	0.00000

Sub Areas

Code	Desc	Net Area	Gross A.	F. Area	Sz Adj A.	Rate AV	Undepr V
Building Totals							
Parcel Totals							

Sketch

Remodeling

Exterior	
Interior	
Add.	
Kitchen	
Bath	
Plumb	
Electric	
Heating	
General	

Mobile Home

Make	Model	Serial	Year	Color
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Alt Areas

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5 NEWBURY AVENUE

PARCEL # 19-135 THROUGH 139

TAX TITLE #1266020

SINCE 2012

OWNERSHIP:

MICHAEL, BRIAN W.

5 NEWBURY AVENUE

FAIRHAVEN, MA 02719

History Summary As Of 7/22/2026

Fairhaven

Account: 1266020
 Levy: 2012
 Parcel: 19-135
 Record Owner: MICHAEL BRIAN W
 Location: 5 NEWBURY AVENUE
 Balance: **\$103,077.42**

Debits

Name	Levy	Date of Cert.	Billed	Credits	Remainder	Interest	TotalDue	PerDiem
Tax Title Transfer	2012	6/25/2013	\$3,746.16	\$3,039.12	\$3,746.16	\$4,802.16	\$8,548.32	\$1.64
Tax Title Certification	2013	6/28/2013	\$3,239.03	\$1,049.83	\$3,239.03	\$5,725.68	\$8,964.71	\$1.42
Cert of Redemption	2014	7/1/2013	\$78.00	\$0.00	\$78.00	\$0.00	\$78.00	\$0.00
Tax Title Certification	2014	6/11/2014	\$3,399.54	\$359.90	\$3,399.54	\$6,232.79	\$9,632.33	\$1.49
Tax Title Certification	2016	6/29/2016	\$2,308.95	\$23.37	\$2,308.95	\$3,696.25	\$6,005.20	\$1.01
Tax Title Certification	2017	6/28/2017	\$6,909.86	\$1,398.04	\$6,909.86	\$8,630.92	\$15,540.78	\$3.03
Legal Fees	2018	1/9/2018	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
Land Court Costs	2018	2/5/2018	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Tax Title Certification	2018	6/29/2018	\$3,703.34	\$69.03	\$3,703.34	\$4,711.83	\$8,415.17	\$1.62
Tax Title Certification	2019	6/28/2019	\$3,678.28	\$20.87	\$3,678.28	\$4,140.74	\$7,819.02	\$1.61
Cert of Redemption	2020	12/31/2019	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$0.00
Tax Title Certification	2020	6/30/2020	\$3,469.02	\$0.00	\$3,469.02	\$3,365.24	\$6,834.26	\$1.52
Tax Title Certification	2021	6/30/2021	\$3,386.49	\$0.00	\$3,386.49	\$2,743.33	\$6,129.82	\$1.49
Tax Title Certification	2022	6/30/2022	\$3,491.91	\$0.00	\$3,491.91	\$2,270.03	\$5,761.94	\$1.53
Tax Title Certification	2023	6/27/2024	\$4,039.98	\$0.00	\$4,039.98	\$1,337.07	\$5,377.05	\$1.77
Tax Title Certification	2024	6/27/2024	\$3,706.00	\$0.00	\$3,706.00	\$1,226.54	\$4,932.54	\$1.63
Tax Title Certification	2025	6/25/2026	\$4,283.37	\$0.00	\$4,283.37	\$50.70	\$4,334.07	\$1.88
Tax Title Certification	2026	6/29/2026	\$3,886.15	\$0.00	\$3,886.15	\$38.06	\$3,924.21	\$1.66
Grand Total			\$54,106.08	\$5,960.16	\$54,106.08	\$48,971.34	\$103,077.42	\$ 23.30

History Summary As Of 7/22/2026

Fairhaven

Account: 1266020
Levy: 2012
Parcel: 19-135
Record Owner: MICHAEL BRIAN W
Location: 5 NEWBURY AVENUE
Balance: \$103,077.42

Transactions

Name	Effective Date	Post Date	Batch	Total	Tax	Fees	Interest	Comments
Payment	7/16/2015	7/17/2015	Michael	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	
Payment	8/12/2015	8/18/2015	Michael	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	
Payment	9/14/2015	9/16/2015	Michael	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	
Payment	10/15/2015	10/16/2015	Michael	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	
Payment	5/13/2016	5/23/2016	Michael	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	
Payment	6/1/2016	6/9/2016	Michael	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	
Payment	7/7/2016	7/15/2016	Michael	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	
Payment	9/20/2016	9/22/2016	Michael	\$1,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,400.00	
Payment	12/2/2019	12/3/2019	Michael	\$3,160.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,160.16	
Grand Total				\$5,960.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,960.16	

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Exterior Information

Type	78S - SERVICE SHOP	
Story Hght	1 - ONE STORY	
(Liv) Units	0	Tot 1
Found	6 - SLAB	
Frame		
P. Wall	01 - WOOD SHING	
Sec Wall		0
Roof Str	7 - SHED	
Roof Cvr	1 - ASPHALT SH	
Color		
View		
Shape		
Bld Name		

General Information

Grade	D - FAIR		
Year Bt	1900	Eff Yr	
Alt LUC			
Juris			
Con Mod			

Interior Information

Avg Ht / Fl	8.00		
P. Int Wall	5 - MINIMUM		
Sec Int Wall			
Partition			
P. Floor	12 - CONCRETE		
Sec Floor			
Bmt Floors			
Sub Floors			
Bmt Garage	0		
Electric	3 - TYPICAL		
Insulation	1 - NONE		
Int Vs Ext			
Heat Fuel	6 - WOOD		
Heat	12 - FLOOR FURN		
# Heat Sys	0		
Heated %	100	AC %	
Sol HW %		Ctrl Vac %	
Com Wall %		Sprink %	

Special Features / Yard Items

Code	Desc	A	Y/S	Qty	Size	Qual	Con	Year	Unit Prc	D/S	Depr %	LUC	Ft.	NBC	Ft.	Juris	Ft.	Appt Val	Assessed
2	SHED/FR	D	Y	1	160.00	AV	AV	1900	10.00	T	75%	330	1	CF	1		1	400	400
Building Totals:					Yard Item Appr				400			Special Feature Appr						400	400
Parcel Totals					Yard Item Appr				400			Special Feature Appr						400	400

Condo Information

Location	
Tot Units	
Floor	
% Own	
Name	

Bath Features

Full Bath	0	Ring	
Add Full	0	Ring	
3/4 Bath	0	Ring	
Add, 3/4	0	Ring	
1/2 Bath	1	Ring	FR - FAIR
Add, 1/2	0	Ring	
Other Fix	0	Ring	

Other Features

Kitchens	0	Ring	
Add Kit	0	Ring	
Fireplaces	0	Ring	
WS Flues	0	Ring	

Depreciation

Phys Con	PR - Poor	66.8
Functional		
Economic		
Special		
Override		
Total		66.83%

Comparable Sales

Rng	Parcel ID	Type	Sale Date	Price
Avg Rng			Ind Val	

Comments

FTY 26 PRELIM BILL RETURNED USPS

Res Breakdown

Floor	No. Unit	Rooms	Bdrms
Bld Total			
Prcd Total			

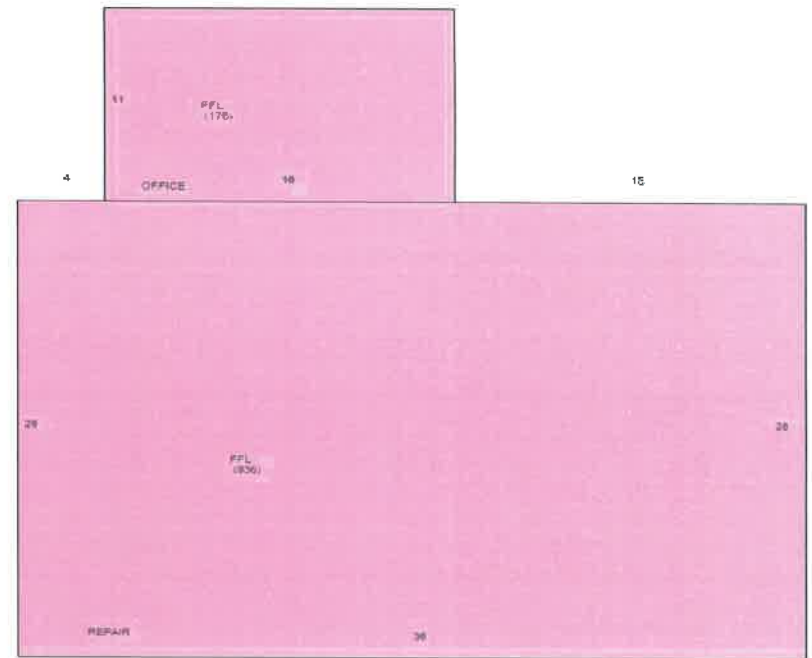
Calc Ladder

Base Rate	68.25	Depr	51,168
Size Adj	1.50000	Depr'd Total	25,397
Con Adj	0.85800	Juris Ft.	1.0000
Adj Prc	\$87.84	Spec. Features	\$0
Grade Ft.	0.77200	Lump Sum	
Other Feat	\$1,158	Final Total	\$25,400
NBH Mod	1.0000	Override Val	
NBC Infl	1.0000	Assmnt Ft.	1.0000
LUC FL	1.0000	Assessed Val	\$25,400
Adj Tot (RCN)	76,565	Total \$/SF	\$22.84
Depr %	66.83%	Undepr \$/SF	67.81248

Sub Areas

Code	Desc	Net Area	Gross A.	F. Area	Sz Adj. A.	Rate AV	Undepr Val
FFL	1ST FLOOR	1,112	1,112	1,112	1,112	87.84	97,678
	Building Totals	1,112	1,112	1,112	1,112		97,678
	Parcel Totals	1,112	1,112	1,112	1,112		97,678

Sketch



Mobile Home

Make	Model	Serial	Year	Color
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Alt Areas

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Property: 2135 | Bid: 2188 | Seq: 1 | Year: 2026 | Data As Of Date: 03/13/2026 | User: bcabral | DB: Assess50



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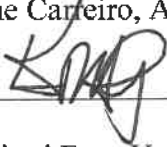
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Keith R. Hickey*

MEMO

DATE: July 23, 2026

TO: Select Board

FROM: Keith R. Hickey, Town Administrator
Anne Carneiro, Asst. Town Administrator/Finance Director



RE: Revised Four Year Financial Forecast for FY28-FY31

Attached to this cover memorandum are two long-range financial forecasts. The purpose of the attached forecasts is to illustrate the Town's long-term financial outlook under two potential tuition revenue scenarios involving the Town of Acushnet. The first forecast assumes the continued enrollment of Acushnet students at Fairhaven High School and the corresponding receipt of approximately \$2.0 million in annual tuition revenue. The second forecast assumes the current tuition agreement with the Town of Acushnet expires after Fiscal Year 2028. Under this scenario, no additional freshman students from Acushnet would enroll at Fairhaven High School beginning in FY29. As the remaining Acushnet students graduate, tuition revenue is projected to decline by approximately \$500,000 annually until it is fully eliminated.

Also attached to the memo are:

- A budget comparison for Fiscal Years 2024-2027 that reflects the School Town and Non-Departmental budgets. The Non-Departmental budget includes Contributory Retirement, the employer's share of the cost of Group Health Insurance, Unemployment, Property/Liability Insurance, Medicare Taxes, Salary Reserve and Wind Turbine Electric Expenses.
- A comparison of Cherry Sheet Revenues and Charges for Fiscal Years 2022-2027.

Both forecasts presented this evening include the following assumptions:

Revenues

- A conservative increase in new property growth from new construction and anticipated increases in overall property values in the amount of \$350,000.
- Ambulance billing revenues increase by 2.5% annually.
- Net State Cherry Sheet revenues is projected to increase 1.37% annually from FY25-FY27. The state revenue growth was averaging an annual increase from FY22-FY27 of

2.98%. An additional \$94,000 would have been received if FY26 Cherry Sheet revenues had increased by 2.98% in FY27.

- Included in Local Receipts is \$100,000 rental income from the wind turbines. The additional revenues received from energy generation have historically been estimated at \$250,000 annually.

Expenditures

- Annual expenditures for FY28-FY31 have been increased by 3.0% based on the annual budget increases from FY24-FY27. The annual percentage increase has been reduced from a 4.93% annual increase reflected in the past forecasts presented in early 2025 and 2026. This reduction is, in part, due to smaller cost of living increases given to staff and reductions in staff.
- An amount of \$200,000 has been included annually beginning in FY28 to fund future compensation adjustments related to collective bargaining agreements and nonunion wage adjustments. In prior years, a lump sum of \$500,000 was included in budgets every three years in anticipation of collective bargaining agreements expiring. Including one third of the anticipated cost annually eliminates significant budget increases every three years.
- The Non-Departmental Expenses have increased an average of 3.49% from Fiscal Year 2024 to 2027. The average increase appears artificially low. An additional \$500,000 has been added annually for Non-Departmental expenses in both of the scenarios.

We will continue to work with Department Heads to explore for opportunities to implement efficiencies and any other cost saving measures. In addition, publicizing the development opportunities to develop the properties located in the 40R District, and collecting Rooms Tax on short term rentals.

**Town of Fairhaven
Comparison of Annual Budgets
For Fiscal Years 24-27**

	<u>FY24</u>	<u>FY25</u>	<u>FY26</u>	<u>FY27</u>	<u>Total Increase FY24-FY27</u>	<u>Average Annual Increase</u>	<u>Average Percentage Increase</u>
Salaries and Wages							
Town	\$ 12,965,226	\$ 13,510,071	\$ 13,616,506	\$ 13,400,132	\$ 434,906	\$ 108,727	0.81%
School	\$ 18,500,245	\$ 19,702,183	\$ 19,840,064	\$ 20,320,034	\$ 1,819,789	\$ 454,947	2.24%
Total Salaries and Wages	\$ 31,465,471	\$ 33,212,254	\$ 33,456,570	\$ 33,720,166	\$ 2,254,695	\$ 563,674	1.67%
Operating Costs							
Town	\$7,674,474	\$7,678,852	\$7,285,368	\$7,455,845	\$ (218,629)	\$ (54,657)	-0.73%
School	\$7,885,396	\$8,054,130	\$8,780,064	\$9,430,077	\$ 1,544,681	\$ 386,170	4.10%
Non Departmental	\$10,911,560	\$11,669,792	\$12,240,672	\$12,679,638	\$ 1,768,078	\$ 442,020	3.49%
Total Operating Costs	\$26,471,430	\$27,402,774	\$28,306,104	\$29,565,560	\$ 3,094,130	\$ 773,533	2.62%
Town	\$ 31,551,260	\$ 32,858,715	\$32,442,546	\$ 33,535,615	\$ 1,984,355	\$ 496,089	1.48%
School	\$ 26,385,641	\$ 27,756,313	\$28,620,128	\$ 29,750,111	\$ 3,364,470	\$ 841,118	2.83%
Total Budget	\$ 57,936,901	\$ 60,615,028	\$61,762,374	\$ 63,285,726	\$ 5,348,825	\$ 1,337,206	2.11%
Increase from FY26 to FY27						\$ 1,523,352	2.47%

Note:

The Non-Departmental budget includes Contributory Retirement, the employer's share of the cost of Group Health Insurance, Unemployment,

Town of Fairhaven
Comparison of Cherry Sheet Revenues and Charges
For Fiscal Years 22-27

	<u>FY22</u>	<u>FY23</u>	<u>FY24</u>	<u>FY25</u>	<u>FY26</u>	<u>FY27</u>
Revenues	\$ 11,561,598	\$ 12,449,277	\$ 13,116,113	\$ 13,361,545	\$ 13,739,358	\$ 14,064,341
Charges	\$ (677,042)	\$ (724,907)	\$ (711,421)	\$ (708,876)	\$ (821,990)	\$ (870,177)
Net	<u>\$ 10,884,556</u>	<u>\$ 11,724,370</u>	<u>\$ 12,404,692</u>	<u>\$ 12,652,669</u>	<u>\$ 12,903,718</u>	<u>\$ 13,194,164</u>

Total Increase FY22-FY27	\$ 2,309,608
Average Annual Increase FY22-FY27	\$ 384,935
Average Percentage Increase FY22-FY27	2.98%

Total Increase FY25-FY27	\$ 541,495
Average Annual Increase FY25-FY27	\$ 180,498
Average Percentage Increase FY25-FY27	1.37%

**REVENUE & EXPENDITURE PROJECTION
FOR FISCAL YEARS FY27-FY31
REVISED JULY 2026
\$100K RENT FROM TURBINE REVENUE**

PROJECTION REFLECTS LOSS OF \$150K IN TURBINE REVENUES IN FY28 20 & 30, ALL OTHER LOCAL RECEIPTS REMAIN CONSTANT
CURRENT TRASH FEES ARE PROJECTED AT CURRENT RATES

	ACTUAL		PROJECTIONS			
	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
REVENUE:						
Annual Tax Levy Calculation						
Prior Year Levy Limit	\$34,476,372	\$35,760,042	\$37,056,511	\$38,332,923	\$39,641,246	\$40,982,278
Amended FY Growth	\$1,440	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Add FY - 2.5%	\$861,945	\$894,001	\$926,413	\$958,323	\$991,031	\$1,024,557
Add FY New Growth	\$420,285	\$402,468	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000
Add FY Override	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY Levy Limit	\$35,760,042	\$37,056,511	\$38,332,923	\$39,641,246	\$40,982,278	\$42,356,835
Add FY Debt Excl.	\$715,775	\$693,239	\$492,845	\$475,064	\$461,615	\$447,269
FY Maximum Allowable Annual Tax Levy	\$36,475,816	\$37,749,749	\$38,825,768	\$40,116,311	\$41,443,893	\$42,804,104
State Aid						
Cherry Sheet Increase Based on 1.37% Historical Increase (FY25-FY27)						
Cherry Sheet Receipts	\$12,903,718	\$13,194,164	\$13,374,924	\$13,558,161	\$13,743,907	\$13,932,199
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Annual Local Receipts/Income						
Annual Revenue increase of .07427% less \$150,000 revenue loss from wind turbines						
Total Annual Local Receipts/Income	\$9,209,233	\$9,277,630	\$9,196,535	\$9,264,838	\$9,333,648	\$9,402,969
Indirect Charges-Enterprise Funds						
Annual Increase of 3%						
Indirect Charges-Enterprise Funds	\$1,434,607	\$1,481,498	\$1,525,943	\$1,571,721	\$1,618,873	\$1,667,439
Other Available Funds:						
Gift-Animal Shelter	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Waterways Fund	\$52,000	\$53,000	\$53,000	\$53,000	\$53,000	\$53,000
Ambulance RR for Appropriation	\$1,625,000	\$1,683,580	\$1,725,670	\$1,768,811	\$1,813,032	\$1,858,357
Subdivision Mgt Fees	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
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Wetlands Conservation	\$7,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
Other Available Funds	\$1,739,000	\$1,799,580	\$1,841,670	\$1,884,811	\$1,929,032	\$1,974,357
TOTAL REVENUE SOURCES	\$61,762,374	\$63,502,621	\$64,764,840	\$66,395,841	\$68,069,352	\$69,781,068
EXPENDITURES:						
Annual Increase of 3%						
General Fund Budget Expense	\$61,462,374	\$62,935,726	\$64,823,798	\$66,768,512	\$68,771,567	\$70,834,714
Anticipated Additional Non Departmental			\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Wage & Salary Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
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TOTAL EXCESS (DEFICIT)	\$0	\$216,895	(\$1,158,958)	(\$972,671)	(\$1,302,215)	(\$1,653,646)

REVENUE & EXPENDITURE PROJECTION

FOR FISCAL YEARS FY27-FY31

REVISED JULY 2026

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BOARD OF ASSESSORS VOLUNTEER VACANCY

WHAT BOARD OR COMMITTEE ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING:

Board of Assessors - Assessors are required by Massachusetts Law to value all real and personal property within their community. From single-family residences to the largest commercial and industrial enterprises. I have been a realtor for 27 years in various states and a large part of my professional career is providing Comparative Market Analysis (CMA) off various properties which is the ability to value all real and personal property, to review property record cards, Assessor's Maps and South County Bristol Deed searches. Assessors have a fiduciary responsibility to each entity.

Massachusetts General Laws-chapter 80, Section #1 thru Section #17 delineate the specific requirements for all Board of Assessors to follow.

Site inspections by the board is the most reliable way of obtaining data. I am in a position to be able to provide to the town of Fairhaven and the Board of Assessors my time to comply with all necessary responsibilities of said board.

I am also in a position to support and cooperate with the Real Estate Research Consultants, Inc., (RRC) that have been contracted by the Board of Assessors to perform a revaluation for the town of Fairhaven for Fiscal Year 2027.

I am familiar with the Fiscal Year Tax Rates (2026 Residential \$9.19/\$1000, Commercial \$18.20/\$1000) and have the ability to provide information of the necessary forms as required.

I will educate myself about the role of the board and my role as a board member; The scope of the board; Board operations; the board's role with respect to the public organization.

I will uphold fiduciary principles and act in the best interests of the public;

I have previously completed training on the conflict-of-interest law and will continue to do so and comply with Massachusetts open meeting law constraints.

With my significant 27 year background in assessment and fiduciary responsibility standards I feel that I would be an asset to the Board of Assessors as a Part Time Assessor for the open one-year term with the option of being re-appointed at the end of that period.

HAVE YOU SERVED OR ARE YOU CURRENTLY ON ANY TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN BOARDS:

- Appointed by the Select Board to the Conservation Commission (ConCom) to fill an open position.
 - Appointed by the Select Board to fill the remaining term on the Planning Board (PB) and then was elected by the Town of Fairhaven to a four-year term of the the Planning Board.
 - Chosen as liaison to the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) for a one year term
- Currently I am not serving on any other town boards

INTERESTS AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Please see the attached resume highlighting my level of experience, expertise and knowledge specifically as a Realtor for 27 years providing property valuation / assessments to single-family residences, commercial and personal properties.

I appreciate your time and thoughtful consideration of my skills, knowledge and background for this volunteer position. Respectfully Submitted

Diane G. Tomassetti – dianekauai@yahoo.com

Board of Assessors	One Member	Submit resume to HR@fairhaven-ma.gov open until filled
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DIANE G. TOMASSETTI

Professional Profile

Senior position utilizing my skills in Sales / Real Estate; Sales and Marketing; Interior Design Acumen; Product Consultation; Leadership and Organization; Natural Stone Sales/Design Applications; Leadership Training / Mentoring; Real Estate Assessment & Evaluations

Qualifications

- | | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| ■Project Management | ■Community Relations | ■Financial Acumen |
| ■Customer/Client Relations | ■Interior Design Acumen | ■Compliance |
| ■Leadership/Motivation | ■Organizational Skills | ■Problem Solving |

Professional Experience

Licensed Sales Associate / Realtor - #1001907 Mattapoissett, MA 2026
JACK CONWAY (Previously 1999 – 2015)
Comparative Market Analysis – Evaluations & Assessments of properties

Licensed Sales Associate / Realtor – #1001907 Fairhaven, MA 2022-2026
ANNE WHITING REAL ESTATE / SEAPORT REALTY INC Dartmouth, MA
Comparative Market Analysis – Evaluations & Assesment of properties

Broker Associate – IA100079870 Glenwood Springs, CO 2018- 2023
ENGEL & VOELKERS CARBONDALE Carbondale,
ROARING FORK SOTHEBY'S INTERNATIONAL REALTY Glenwood Springs, CO
Comparative Market Analysis – Evaluations & Assessment of properties

Licensed Sales Associate/Realtor - RS-76405 Kapaa, HI 2014-Current
KAUAI PACIFIC REAL ESTATE, LLC
Comparative Market Analysis – Evaluations & Assessment of properties

Licensed Sales Associate/Property Manager Kapaa, HI 2014-2016
KAUAI PACIFIC REAL ESTATE, LLC RS-76405

- Management of 75 Long Term Rental Properties Island Wide
- Fiduciary Responsibility to Property Owners / Mainland / Comparative Market Analysis – Evaluations & Assessment of properties

Owner / Innkeeper
BAGGINS END GUEST HOUSE & EVENT SITE Fairhaven, MA 2009 - 2014

- Developed Business Plan for Waterfront Guest House and Event Site – Corporate & Social Venues
- Identified & complied with all MA State and Local permitting & regulatory aspects
- Instituted Marketing Plan – Internet, select hard copy venues, tourism bureaus
- Incorporated exclusive coordination with event providers / Boat Taxi / Food Vendors
- Southcoast networking and marketing for site recognition
- Wedding & Corporate Waterfront Event Venue, maximum 200 guests

DIANE G. TOMASSETTI

Sales Manager – Dimension Stone

Westford, MA

2007 - 2008

FLETCHER GRANITE COMPANY, LLC. (MA receivership 2008 closed) Reported to CEO

- Determined and followed up on new areas for business development and expansion
- Seminar presentations on “Specifying Granite” for Architects; Trade Shows; Conferences
- Development of new leads, service on-going customers
- Project management dimension stone with Architects; General Contractors; Subcontractors and Masons;
- Led Quarry tours and Fabrication plant tours – Chelmsford, MA
- Provided technical information: ten (10) quarries and eleven (11) granites for project specification
- Incorporated team decision making (management; estimators; draftsmen; quarry manager; block sales; curb)
- Organized and led stone industry convention exhibit booths – such as: AIA Convention / Build Boston
- Maintained project files; read architectural plans; recommendations of granite for project types: veneers, Stair treads; bollards; cap stones; granite finishes and more; Interior Design configuration

Licensed Sales Associate /Realtor

San Francisco, CA

2005 - 2007

ZEPHYR REAL ESTATE

- Real Estate sales, Marketing, Generating new sales – maintaining existing sales clients
- Overcoming objections, effectively turning negatives into positives
- Contract negotiation; Financial review; Multi-client focus C
- Comparative Market Analysis – Evaluations & Assessment of properties

Licensed Sales Associate/Realtor

Dartmouth, MA

1999 - 2015

JACK CONWAY & COMPANY REAL ESTATE

- Real Estate sales, Marketing, Generating new sales – maintaining existing sales clients
- Overcoming objections, effectively turning negatives into positives
- Contract negotiation; Financial review; Multi-client focus; Comparative Market Analysis – Evaluations of properties
- Market Analysis – Evaluations & Assessment of properties

Project Management / Sales / Design

San Francisco, CA

2004 – 2007

ASN NATURAL STONE, INC.

Northampton, MA

- Proficient in International natural stone acquisitions
- Managed all phases of natural stone projects; Quarry specification; Logistics; Shipping; Freight and delivery
- Responsible for multiple projects simultaneously
- Coordinated available resources against business project aims, planning, cost and value management
- Researched and resolved outstanding customer issues with follow-through
- Specified finishes of natural stone for interior and exterior applications; Interior Design applications
- Identified natural stone characteristics and respective qualities for project applications
- Analyzed (ASTM, ANSI, TCA) results for appropriate application (Durability, Slip resistance)
- Controlled and monitored project costs and accountable for meeting stringent time lines
- Developed detailed project files; Created a communications management plan

Design and Sales Manager

Seekonk, MA

2003 – 2004

ETHAN ALLEN HOME FURNISHINGS

- Structured market advertising for volume goals, designer trends
- Developed, maintained and championed customer service excellence among staff
- Accountable for developing sales focus and building a strong design team
- Responsible for maintaining visual merchandising standards and optimum inventory levels
- Accountable for recruiting, staffing and training
- Managed homeowner's expectations
- Managed customer complaints to positive solutions

DIANE G. TOMASSETTI

Principal Designer

1999 - Present

ECCO DOLCE DESIGNS / TALLICAT DESIGNS

- Construction of 1800 square foot residence; Reconstruction 2904 square foot residence
- Initiated Architectural and Interior Design plans
- Negotiation with architect, contractor, surveyors, appraisers and qualified specialists for detailed outcome
- Monitored and controlled project schedule and costs
- Established compliance of Federal, State, local, FEMA and local regulatory permit process
- Developed interior design clients in MA and CA and HI
- Construct two docks in New Bedford/Fairhaven Harbo

Divisional Corporate Director

Burlington, MA

1995 – 2003

LIFE CARE CENTERS OF AMERICA

- Accountable for administration of Rehabilitation departments in long-term and sub-acute settings
- Increased New England divisional Medicare/Managed Care revenue by 12%
- Guaranteed fiscal and regulatory compliance for Medicare management
- Defined, developed, and regulated standards to meet clinical guidelines
- Recruited, hired, trained and supervised fifteen department heads
- Evaluated, assessed and analyzed clinical services within five states
- Compliance of various insurance payor sources for reimbursement capitalization

Regional Director; Corporate Trainer

Mystic, CT

1995

MARINER HEALTH CARE, INC.*

Agency Director

Newington, CT

1989

CONNECTICUT THERAPIES, INC.* (Purchased by Mariner 1992)

Director of Rehabilitation Services

Lenox, MA

1987

HILLCREST EDUCATIONAL CENTERS, INC.*

**Hired by Board of Directors beginning in 1987 through company purchase combining years 1987-1995*

Financial Planner / IDS-American Express

1984 -1987

Corporate office Springfield, MA / Personal client office Westfield, MA

Speech & Language Pathologist/Early Childhood Developmental Specialist

Palmer, MA; Agawam, MA Public Schools; Hillcrest Educational Center Berkshires 1977 – 1984

Education

Interior / Architectural Design
Drafting; Architectural Plans, AutoCAD

Rhode Island School of Design / RISD
Graduate

Doctoral Program
Leadership & Administration

University of Massachusetts / Amherst
Partial completion

M. ED
Developmental Psychology

University of Massachusetts / Amherst
Graduate

B. S.
Communication Disorders

University of Massachusetts / Amherst
Graduate

Certifications / Memberships

Planning Board Fairhaven, MA elected board member / Chairperson	2023 – 2025
Conservation Commission Liaison member, ConCom Fairhaven, MA	2024 – 2025
Community Preservation Committee Liaison member – CPC Fairhaven, MA	2023 - 2024
Elk Springs Development Glenwood Springs, CO HOA Board President	2019-2021
Architectural Review Committee Elk Springs Liaison	2019-2021
Aspen Glenwood Association of Realtors MLS Board Member	2018 – 2021
Roaring Fork Colorado Conservancy Member	2019 - 2021
Fairhaven Business Association / FBA – Secretary & Treasurer	2011 – 2014
Massachusetts Lodging Association / MLA – Member	2009 - 2014
New Bedford Convention & Tourist Bureau – Member	2009 – 2014
Buzzards Bay Rowing Club / Board of Directors – Member	2007 - 2014
Southcoast Business Women’s Association – Member	Past Member
New Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce – Member	2008 - 2011
International Interior Design Association IIDA Associate	Past Member
Greater New Bedford Association of Realtors / GRNBAR - Member	1999 – 2021
National Association of Realtors / NAR – Member	1999 – Present
Hawaii Association of Realtors Member	2014 – Present
Roaring Fork Colorado Real Estate Association Member	2018 - 2022
Kauai Board of Realtors Member - KBR Lihue, HI	2014 - Present
Massachusetts Board Realtor Member	1999 – 2015/Present
Massachusetts Realtor Member - RASEM	2022 - Present
San Francisco / CA Association of Realtors	2006 – 2008
FAA Pilot - Commercial Pilot License / Hot-Air Balloons	1992 – Present

References Upon Request

July 21, 2026

SelectBoard
Town of Fairhaven
40 Center St.
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Dear SelectBoard Members,

I am writing to you to recommend the appointment of Diane Tomasetti for the open position on the Board of Assessors. Shortly after I took on the role of Assessor in Fairhaven, I was faced with the resignation of all 3 long-serving board members over the period of a just a few months. I found there wasn't a large interest from the community to serve on the Board of Assessors.

Although anyone can serve on the Board of Assessors after completing Course 101 through DLS, I find it only benefits the Board if an individual has a Real Estate background and is familiar with the Real Estate market. I believe Diane's experience as a Real Estate Agent, along with her time and dedication serving on the Planning and Conservation Boards, will make her a great candidate to serve on the Board of Assessors.

Sincerely,

Joanne Correia
Former Assessor
32 Year Resident of Fairhaven

New submission from Volunteer Opportunities

1 message

Patrick J Carr Patrick J Carr <no-reply@jgpr.net>

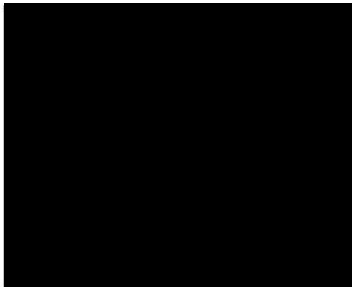
Tue, Jul 21, 2026 at 10:48 AM

Reply-To: pj carr@a1crane.com

To: ahart@fairhaven-ma.gov, selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov

Full Name

Patrick J Carr

**How long have you been a Fairhaven resident?**

45 years

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

Public Safety Complex Committee

Have you attended a meeting of this Board or Committee?

Yes

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

Zoning Board of Appeals - 07/22 to present

Planning Board - 04/23 to present

Capital Planning - 02/26 to present

Interests and Qualifications.

I originally applied for a position on the Public Safety Complex Committee when the committee was first formed. I was not chosen because all the positions were filled and was told by the Select Board to re-apply when or if there was an future opening due to a resignation. There is now an opening and I wish to be recognized to fill that position. I have previously served on the Economic Development Committee for three years and have extensive knowledge in building and construction. I own and operate a crane company which operates and associates directly with all construction trades on a daily basis. I have first hand experience negotiating prevailing wage public jobs and overseeing safety procurement for this type of public work. I hope the Select Board uses my experience and knowledge to assist the Public Safety Complex Committee reach their goal of build a much needed Public Safety Complex.

Consent☒ I agree to the privacy policy.



TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE FAIRHAVEN, MASSACHUSETTS

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ELISABETH E. HORAN
TOWN CLERK

MEMORANDUM

To: Select Board
From: Elisabeth E. Horan, Town Clerk
Date: July 22, 2026
Re: Annual Appointment of Election Officers

Honorable Select Board,

Pursuant to G.L. c. 54, § 12, I recommend the annual appointment of the Election Officers listed in the attached roster for the 2026–2027 term.

Please place this matter on the agenda for your next available meeting. Following the Board's action, please return the signed original to my office for processing.

Thank you for your consideration.

Attachment: Election Officer Roster



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ELISABETH E. HORAN
TOWN CLERK

Election Officer Roster

Annual Appointment Pursuant to G.L. c. 54, § 12

2026-2027 Annual Term

DEMOCRATIC

Brian G. Billiter	28 Babbitt Street	Fairhaven, MA
Lisa R. Billiter	28 Babbitt Street	Fairhaven, MA
Kenneth Charros	46 Lucy Little Road	Dartmouth, MA
Patricia Charros	46 Lucy Little Road	Dartmouth, MA
Linda M. Chevalier	31 Phoenix Street	Fairhaven, MA
Dennis D. Gallant, Sr.	3 Jeannette Street	Fairhaven, MA
Mark Medeiros	10 Shirley Street, #C3	New Bedford, MA
Patricia S. Miner	56 Cheshire Avenue	Acushnet, MA
Kathryn J. Silvia	25 Harvard Street	Fairhaven, MA
Robin A. Simpkin	39 Ward Street	New Bedford, MA
Michael W. Thomas	1 Teal Circle	Fairhaven, MA

REPUBLICAN

Linda Donnelly	22 Cherrystone Road	Fairhaven, MA
Pasquale Lamarra, Jr.	2 Pine Avenue	Fairhaven, MA

UNENROLLED

Cathleen Barker	126 Russells Mills Road	Dartmouth, MA
Darleen S. Berg	496 Elm Street	Dartmouth, MA
Maria I. Branco	13 Reservation Road	Fairhaven, MA
Bernadette Costa	19 Huttleston Avenue	Fairhaven, MA
Joseph A. Desrosiers	59 Wilding Street	Fairhaven, MA
George R. Diggle	21 Summer Street	Fairhaven, MA
Jacqueline M. Duval	46 Wilding Street	Fairhaven, MA
Jodi L. Duval	46 Wilding Street	Fairhaven, MA
Anne J. Ellis	310 Mill Road	Fairhaven, MA
Janet L. Ferreira	300 Carroll Street SF	New Bedford, MA
Gwendolyn Fernandes	6 West Bliss Street 2 nd Flr	Dartmouth, MA

Deborah J. Gabriel	3 Peirces Point	Fairhaven, MA
Beth B. Kilanowich	220 Appleton Street	New Bedford, MA
Louise P. Lecomte	15 Garfield Street	Dartmouth, MA
Caden H. Lisa	22 Merrymount Drive	Dartmouth, MA
Dennis Mattos	14 Newton Street	Fairhaven, MA
Angelica A. Medeiros	455 Main Street	Fairhaven, MA
Cathy J. Melanson	110 Adams Street	Fairhaven, MA
Claire M. Millette	138 Main Street 1	Fairhaven, MA
Kimberly A. Mimoso	59 Oliver St	Fairhaven, MA
Lisa L. Moniz	23 Harvard Street	Fairhaven, MA
Katherine K. Monroe	17 Coe Street	Fairhaven, MA
Janye A. Morrison	12 Charity Stevens Lane	Fairhaven, MA
Sara M. Neto-Kalife	66 Winsegansett Avenue	Fairhaven, MA
Pauline J. Parker	38 Blackburn Street	Fairhaven, MA
Susan E. Roderiques	21 Oliver Street	Fairhaven, MA
Donna M. Ross	18 Cedar St	Fairhaven, MA
Theresa Sparling	102 Laurel Street 1Flr	Fairhaven, MA
Nanette Spoor	79 Raymond Street	Fairhaven, MA
Joanne L. St. Amand	7 Suzanne Way	Fairhaven, MA
Genevieve V. Suman	16 Harborview Avenue	Fairhaven, MA
Rebecca H. Surprenant	10 Nonquitt Ave	Fairhaven, MA
Joseph L. Sylvia	326 Huttleston Ave	Fairhaven, MA
Linda L. Therrien	287 Huttleston Avenue	Fairhaven, MA

Approved by the Select Board of the Town of Fairhaven

on this _____ day of _____, 2026

Andrew Romano, Chair

Natalie A. Mello, Vice Chair

Pamela R. Kuechler, Clerk

Andrew B. Saunders, Member

Richard F. Trapilo, Member



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

MEMORANDUM

To: Select Board

From: Town Administrator Office

Date: July 27, 2026

Re: Approval of One-Day ALL Alcohol License

Dear Board Members,

This is to request your approval for a One-Day Beer and Wine Only License for The Lions Club.

On August 29, 2026 The Lions Club will be hosting a fundraiser to be held at The Council on Aging Building 229 Huttleston Ave, Fairhaven.

Application submitted by Elizabeth Gallagher of 5 Edgeworth St, Dartmouth.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Susan Rizzo



TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN

APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL LICENSE

General Law Chapter 138, Section 14

Date: 6/9/2020

To the Licensing Board:

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

to sell

Beer and Wine

(Beer and Wine)

or

(All Alcoholic Beverages)

For a Fundraiser to be held at

Council on Aging

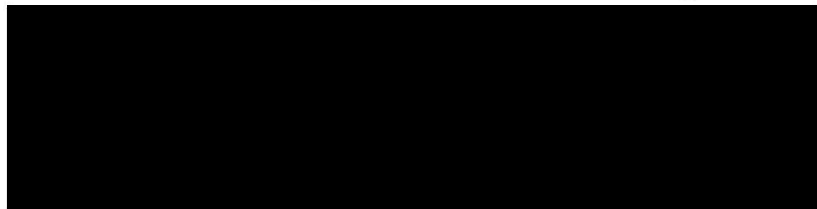
229 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven, MA 02719

by Fairhaven Lions Club

date August 29, 2020

from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Name of Applicant: Elizabeth Gallagher



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



July 27, 2026

ACTION / DISCUSSION

1. Consider Adoption of MissionSquare Retirement Deferred Compensation Plan and Trust Option as a 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan Option for Town Employees
2. Call Special Town Meeting for November 17, 2026 and Open the Warrant
3. Consider Draft Letter to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding New Bedford Harbor Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Discharge

457(b) Deferred Compensation Retirement Plans

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A 457(b) plan allows you to save and invest money for retirement with tax benefits.

Assets in a 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan typically become available for withdrawal once an employee leaves employment.

What Is a 457(b) Plan?

A 457(b) plan is a tax-deferred retirement savings plan. Funds are withdrawn from an employee's income without being taxed and are only taxed upon withdrawal, which is typically at retirement, after the funds have had several years to grow.

Employees make contributions as part of their paycheck and, if the employer offers a company match, the employer will make contributions as well. Contributions are made to an account in the employee's name for the exclusive benefit of the employee and their beneficiaries. The value of the account is based on the contributions made and the investment performance over time.

**SUGGESTED RESOLUTION
FOR A LEGISLATIVE BODY RELATING TO A 457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN**

Plan Number 30 _____

Name of Employer: Town of Fairhaven

State: Massachusetts

Title of Program Coordinator: Town Treasurer
(see definition below for duties of Program Coordinator)

Resolution of the above named Employer ("Employer")

WHEREAS, the Employer has employees rendering valuable services; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a deferred compensation plan for such employees serves the interests of the Employer by enabling it to provide reasonable retirement security for its employees, by providing increased flexibility in its personnel management system, and by assisting in the attraction and retention of competent personnel; and

WHEREAS, the Employer has determined that the establishment of a deferred compensation plan to be administered by MissionSquare Retirement serves the above objectives; and

WHEREAS, the Employer desires that its deferred compensation plan be administered by MissionSquare Retirement, and that some or all of the funds held under such plan be invested in VantageTrust, a trust established by public employers for the collective investment of funds held under their retirement and deferred compensation plans;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Employer hereby adopts the deferred compensation plan (the "Plan") in the form of: (Select one)

- ☒ The MissionSquare Retirement Deferred Compensation Plan and Trust
☐ The plan provided by the Employer (executed copy attached hereto).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Employer hereby adopts the Declaration of Trust of VantageTrust Company dated May 2001, intending this adoption to be operative with respect to any retirement or deferred compensation plan subsequently established by the Employer, if the assets of the plan are to be invested in the trust created by such Declaration of Trust (the "VantageTrust") that provides for the commingled investment of retirement funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the assets of the Plan shall be held in trust, with the Employer serving as trustee, for the exclusive benefit of the Plan participants and their beneficiaries, and the assets shall not be diverted to any other purpose.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Employer hereby agrees to serve as trustee under the Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Treasurer (use title of official, not name) shall be the coordinator for this program; shall receive necessary reports, notices, etc. from MissionSquare Retirement or VantageTrust; shall cast, on behalf of the Employer, any required votes under VantageTrust; Administrative duties to carry out the plan may be assigned to the appropriate departments, and is authorized to execute all necessary agreements with MissionSquare Retirement incidental to the administration of the Plan.

I, Elisabeth E. Horan Clerk of the (City, County, etc.) of Town of Fairhaven

, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, proposed by Andrew Romano, in the (Council Member, Trustee, etc.) of Fairhaven Select Board was duly passed and adopted in the (Council, Board, etc.) of the (City, County, etc.) of Town Fairhaven Select Board at regular meeting thereof assembled this 27th day of July, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:

{Seal}

Clerk of the (City, County, etc.)

Tuesday, November 17, 2026 Special Town Meeting

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7:00 p.m. Hastings Middle School

Proposed Calendar

Monday, July 27, 2026: Select Board calls Special Town Meeting (STM) for Tues., Nov. 17, 2026 at 7p and opens the warrant.

Wednesday, August 12, 2026 at noon: Last day for citizen petition articles, *must have 100 signatures*

Monday, August 31, 2026: Boards/Commissions/Departments submit to the Town Administrator articles they would like included in the warrant. *Accompanying the article(s) must be a statement as to why the article cannot wait until the May 2027 Annual Town Meeting and all supporting documentation. No Placeholders.*

Tuesday, September 8, 2026: Send draft STM warrant to the Select Board and Finance Committee (FinCom)

Monday, September 14 – Thursday, October 1, 2026: Joint meetings of the Select Board and FinCom scheduled to review articles and vote recommendations. (dates TBD based on any financial articles to review and availability).
If possible, warrant can be closed and signed once recommendations are voted.

Tuesday, October 13, 2026: If needed, final review of articles and recommendations, close and sign the STM warrant

Wednesday, October 14, 2026: Send the STM warrant to the printer

October 29 – November 3, 2026: STM warrant is mailed to Town Meeting Members

Tuesday, November 3, 2026: Last day for the Town Clerk to post the STM warrant (*minimum of 14 days prior to STM*).

Tuesday, November 10, 2026: Special Town Meeting Preview (*TBD with Town Moderator*)

Tuesday, November 17, 2026: Special Town Meeting, 7:00p, Hastings Middle School Auditorium

Thursday, November 19, 2026: Second night of Special Town Meeting (*if necessary*)

July 2026							August 2026							September 2026							October 2026							November 2026							
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July 28, 2026

Aaron Shaheen and Matthew Audet

Via email: S Shaheen.Aaron@epa.gov Audet.Matthew@epa.gov

Dear Mr. Shaheen and Mr. Audet,

We, the Fairhaven Select Board, request your support regarding another significant environmental issue that directly impacts the residents of Fairhaven, the greater New Bedford Harbor region, and Buzzards Bay.

The City of New Bedford's antiquated Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) system continues to discharge an estimated 600 to 800 million gallons of untreated wastewater annually into the inner and outer harbor and the waters we share throughout Buzzards Bay. During significant rainfall events, millions of gallons of raw sewage and stormwater are released into our coastal waters, resulting in recurring shellfish bed closures and raising serious concerns regarding public health, environmental protection, and the long-term sustainability of our marine resources.

New Bedford's continued failure to develop and aggressively pursue a comprehensive plan and funding strategy to address this issue deeply concerning. It is particularly frustrating as a Fairhaven resident and taxpayer, given that our community is investing approximately \$72 million to comply with EPA-mandated nitrogen reduction requirements. Fairhaven's taxpayers are making a substantial financial commitment to environmental responsibility, and I believe all communities sharing these waters should be held to a similar standard.

The potential solution is one that has been successfully implemented by the Narragansett Bay Commission facilities in Providence and Pawtucket and Fall River have implemented large-scale CSO mitigation systems, including underground storage facilities designed to capture excess flows during storm events. These projects demonstrate that effective and proven solutions exist. Furthermore, the remarkable recovery of Boston Harbor serves as a national example of what can be accomplished when communities commit to long-term environmental investment and accountability.

In contrast, we have seen little evidence of the urgency necessary to address this ongoing environmental challenge from the City of New Bedford. While the complexity and cost of such projects are understood, continued delay only prolongs the environmental damage and economic impacts borne by neighboring communities.

Accordingly, we respectfully request your guidance on the following questions:

1. Does the EPA possess the authority to require the City of New Bedford to develop and implement a comprehensive plan to significantly reduce or eliminate CSO discharges into New Bedford – Fairhaven Harbor and Buzzards Bay?
2. Can the EPA require New Bedford to pursue available federal and state funding opportunities to support such infrastructure improvements?
3. If a direct EPA mandate is not feasible, what course of action would you recommend for affected municipalities, elected officials, and citizens seeking a meaningful solution on this issue?

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter further and would be pleased to provide additional information or meet personally at your convenience.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and continued commitment to protecting the environmental health of our region.

Respectfully,

Fairhaven Select Board,
Andrew Romano, Chair
Natalie A. Mello, Vice-Chair
Pam Kuechler, Clerk
Andrew B. Saunders
Richard F. Trapilo

PS: effective July 7th second shellfish closure, 63 million gallons of untreated waste, dumped in just 5 weeks from New Bedford CSO design



July 27, 2026

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT



Town of Fairhaven Report of the Town Administrator July 27, 2026

Financial Updates

- After changing auditing firms, the final FY25 audit has been received in time for bonding agencies to review the document and update Fairhaven's bond rating. Currently, Moody's rates Fairhaven at Aa2 and Standard & Poor's rates Fairhaven at AA+. Below are the rating charts for Moody's and Standard & Poor's so you can see where Fairhaven rating stands. A Aa (Aa1, Aa2, Aa3): High quality, very low credit risk.

Credit Ratings			Credit Risk ↓
	S&P	Moody's	
Investment Grade	AAA	Aaa	
	AA	Aa	
	A	A	
	BBB	Baa	
Speculative Grade	BB	Ba	
	B	B	
	CCC	Caa	
	CC	Ca	
	C	C	
	D	D	

Project Updates

- Members of the Public Works Department, Select Board member Trapilo and residents of West Island met recently to continue their discussion on mitigating speed on and around the island. The group agreed to have the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEED) to complete a traffic study, at no cost to the Town, to determine the most effective location to place speed cushions aimed to reduce speeds. The cushions are expected to be placed in April or May of 2027.

Personnel Update

- Members of the Planning, Building and Conservation Offices requested the to allow some staff to relocate to the former Tourism Department on the second floor. After consideration, moving the Conservation and Planning Departments upstairs to share the vacant office and have the Building Department remain in their current office was deemed to be the most prudent use of the space.

Miscellaneous Updates

- Letters are currently being drafted to send to property owners who own property in the Waterfront and Plaza Districts. The letters are being provided to remind property owners that their property is located in the Smart Growth Overlay District, which is designed to promote sustainable development and smart growth principles by allowing higher density, a streamlined permitting process and offers financial incentives. There is a link in the front apge of the Town's website that brings visitors to a webpage filled with information about the 40R districts. A copy of the image to the link is below.



Thanks to Assistant Town Administrator/Finance Director Anne Carreiro, Conservation Administrative Assistant Danielle Kirkwood, Assessor Bruce Cabral, IT Director Steve Rosa, and Erick Sa from Fairhaven TV for all of their efforts to in organizing and promoting this available economic development opportunity.

- Board members Kuechler, Romano and I met with New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell on July 21st to reestablish a relationship between the communities and begin discussions on opportunities to collaborate on projects and services that will benefit both communities. I look forward to working with Mayor Mitchell and his staff to explore new opportunities to provide more cost-effective ways to provide regional municipal services.



July 27, 2026

MINUTES

1. Accept the Select Board Open Session minutes of July 13, 2026
2. Accept the Select Board Executive Session minutes of July 13, 2026



FAIRHAVEN SELECT BOARD

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Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2026

Select Board Members Present: Andrew Romano, Natalie A. Mello, Pam Kuechler, Andrew Saunders, Richard F. Trapilo, Assistant Town Administrator of Finance/Town Accountant Anne Carreiro and Keith R. Hickey

Mr. Romano opened the Select Board meeting at 6:00pm

Finance Committee Members Present: Pat Elliott, Claire Millette, Bob Grindrod, Steve Riley, Peter Gardner, Ken Blanchard, Linda Gallant, James Souza and David Patterson

Finance Committee Members Not Present: Pattie Pacella, Stephen Levesque and Chris Fidalgo

Mr. Elliott opened the Finance Committee meeting at 6:02pm

Ms. Kuechler entered at 6:03pm

JOINT WITH THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Year-end transfers: Request to transfer \$34,000 from Community Services Salaries and Wages-Recreation Department to General Government Salaries and Wages-Treasurer/Collector

Mr. Romano reviewed the details of the transfer request. Mr. Hickey advised the boards that the need for the salary was due to the delay in hiring a Treasurer/Collector which kept Collector Pam Bettencourt past her retirement date; the Recreation budget had unused salary due to a position not filled.

Select Board Motion: Ms. Kuechler motioned to authorize a transfer in the amount of \$34,000 from Community Services Salaries and Wages-Recreation Department to General Government Salaries and Wages-Treasurer/Collector. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0) Mr. Saunders not present at time of the vote.

Finance Committee Motion: Ms. Millette motioned to authorize a transfer in the amount of \$34,000 from Community Services Salaries and Wages-Recreation Department to General Government Salaries and Wages-Treasurer/Collector. Mr. Grindrod seconded. The motion passed unanimously (8-0-0) Mr. Patterson not present at the time of the vote.

Mr. Patterson entered at 6:07pm; Mr. Saunders entered at 6:08pm

Presentation by Millicent Library Trustees Reviewing Their Request of the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) to Fund Debt Repayment for Climate Control under Historic Preservation

Millicent Library Trustee Bob Kenworthy and Library Director Kyle DeCicco-Carey addressed the boards and referred to their inquiry letter about using Community Preservation to fund a bond for climate control project at the library (*Attachment A*). CPC Chair Ann Richards addressed the boards to answer questions about CPC processes. Mr. Hickey distributed a handout with projections for a bond based at today's rate (*Attachment B*).

Discussion ensued about the library project, CPC bond use in other cities and towns, whether the project has been reviewed by Town Counsel, contingency plans for unexpected expenses above the bond total and the availability of training materials online about the use of CPC bonds. Some members of the boards were concerned about process, legal review and potential impacts to the Town's bond rating or future borrowing.

The Finance Committee meeting adjourned at 6:34pm; the Board recessed until 6:38pm to reorganize the room.

Mr. Romano announced an opening for the At-Large Finance Committee, applications will be accepted until August 5th and posted on the volunteer opportunity page.

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to take agenda items C1 and C2 out of order. Ms. Kuechler seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

APPOINTMENTS / COMMUNITY ITEMS

Proclamation for Retiring Fire Lieutenant Brian Riggs

Ms. Kuechler read the proclamation. Chief Correia introduced Lt. Riggs who was accompanied by his wife and daughter. Lt. Riggs thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve the Town.

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to accept the proclamation for Fire Lieutenant Brian Riggs as presented. Ms. Kuechler seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

The Board recessed from 6:45-6:50pm to clear the room

Consider Appointment of Dawn Quirk as Town Planner

Mr. Hickey introduced Dawn Quirk to the Board. Ms. Quirk addressed the Board about her background and experience. The Board asked clarifying questions about her experience, education and the position. Members of the Board encouraged Ms. Quirk to use the Town Administrator, Town Clerk and all resources to help answer questions. Mr. Hickey advised the Board that training and resources will be provided including access to Planner membership lists and peers for support and guidance.

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to appoint Dawn Quirk as Town Planner with a start date of Monday, July 20, 2026. Ms. Kuechler seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Patrick Carr of Pleasant Street addressed the Board and said he was speaking on his own behalf as a Planning Board member. He said there are proposed zoning bylaw amendments that have been under discussion since September 2023. He explained that the changes brought forth in March, 2026 are focused on reducing minimum lot sizes in residential and mixed-use districts and he missed the 2026 Town Meeting deadlines to be on the warrant.

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to allow Mr. Carr an additional two minutes. Mr. Trapilo seconded. The motion passed (3-2-0) Mr. Romano and Ms. Mello opposed.

Citing new state information for more flexible zoning, Mr. Carr requested the Select Board and Town Administrator support advancing the proposed amendments for consideration at the Fall Town Meeting. He stated that the changes could encourage additional development, increase the tax base, and support school enrollment.

The Board was reminded of the protocol regarding not engaging during public comment.

Request for Special All Alcohol Licenses: Our Lady of Angels (OLOA): September 5, 2026 from 5:00pm-12:00am, September 6, 2026 from 12:00pm-12:00am and September 7, 2026 from 12:00-10:00pm
and

Review Our Lady of Angels Proposed Security Plan

Police Chief Dan Dorgan addressed the Board about both OLOA agenda items. He advised the Board that the department met with the OLOA committee in 2025 and the 2026 plan is the same with 7 officers during the day and 11 at night. Brief discussion ensued due to concerns about issues at the Whaling City Festival (Festival) this past weekend. Chief Dorgan said the OLOA event is on private property and with more police officers than at the Festival. He clarified the reference in Lt. Swain's letter to the number of officers recommended; Chief Dorgan will provide the feedback to the OLOA organizers.

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to approve the Special All Alcohol License for and annual feast of Our Lady of Angels on September 5, 2026 from 5:00pm-12:00am, September 6, 2026 from 12:00pm-12:00am and September 7, 2026 from 12:00-10:00pm. Ms. Kuechler seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to adopt the security plan for the annual feast sponsored by Our Lady of Angels as presented by Lt. Swain on July 9, 2026. Ms. Kuechler seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Appointment Requests to the Special Bylaw Review Committee

Ms. Melanson addressed the Board about her application, interests and qualifications and suggested that the Board increase the size of the committee from five to six and appoint all six applicants.

Mr. Hickey clarified that the committee would follow Open Meeting Law, post agendas, vote and need a quorum to meet.

Mr. Romano advised the Board that applicant Brendalee Smith notified the office earlier that she was unable to attend to refer to her resume. Mr. Espindola was also not able to attend and notified the Board via email.

Lilia Cabral-Bernard addressed the Board about her application, interests and qualifications. She said six members would work.

Bob Grindrod addressed the Board about his application, interests and qualifications. He said he had no preference on five or six members.

Morgan Dawicki addressed the Board via zoom about his application, interests and qualifications. He summarized the approach that the Charter Committee took when drafting the Town Charter. He said he could work with six members.

Discussion ensued about the number of members.

Motion: Ms. Mello motioned to appoint Robert Espindola to the Special Bylaw Review Committee. Ms. Kuechler seconded.

Discussion continued about whether there would be consultants, the budget for the committee and legal counsel involvement. Mr. Hickey said that there was approximately four thousand dollars of the ten thousand that was appropriated for the Charter left that the Special Committee could expend. Some on the Board wanted to first vote on the number of members and then on appointing members with a suggestion to have an odd number to avoid tie votes.

Amended Motion: Mr. Trapilo motioned to amend the motion on the floor (to appoint Robert Espindola) and motioned to expand the committee to six members. Mr. Saunders seconded. The motion failed (2-3-0) Ms. Kuechler, Mr. Romano and Ms. Mello opposed.

Motion: Mr. Trapilo motioned to amend the committee membership to seven members. Mr. Saunders seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Ms. Mello rescinded her earlier motion to appoint Robert Espindola to the Special Bylaw Review Committee, Ms. Kuechler rescinded her earlier second

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to appoint Cathy Melanson, Brendalee Smith, Robert Espindola, Lilia Cabral-Bernard, Robert Grindrod and Morgan Dawicki to the Special Bylaw Review Committee for a term to end June, 2027. Ms. Kuechler seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Mr. Romano advised that the additional spot would be advertised with a deadline of July 22, 2026.

Appointment Requests to the Cultural Council: Donna Criscione, Catherine Teves, Denise Barr, Brian Cass

The Board reviewed a memo about membership and terms for Cultural Councils (*Attachment C*). Ms. Barr was in attendance and did not have anything to add to her application.

Motion: Ms. Mello motioned to appoint the four applicants through September 30, 2026 as outlined on the agenda. Ms. Kuechler seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Appointment Requests: Belonging Committee: Denise Barr

The Board reviewed the request. Mr. Romano advised Ms. Barr no meetings are planned until September.

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to appoint Denise Barr to the Belonging Committee for a term expiring September 30, 2026. Ms. Kuechler seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Appointment Request: Economic Development Committee: Keith Silvia

The Board reviewed the request and Mr. Hickey confirmed that Nils Isaksen did submit a written resignation. Mr. Silvia addressed the Board about his application and interest in joining the Economic Development Committee.

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to appoint Keith Silvia to the Economic Development Committee for a term expiring September 30, 2026. Mr. Trapilo seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Appointment Request: Millicent Library Board of Trustees: Lilia Cabral-Bernard

Ms. Cabral-Bernard addressed the Board about her application, interests and qualifications for the position.

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to appoint Lilia Cabral-Bernard to the Millicent Library Board of Trustees for a term expiring September 30, 2026. Ms. Kuechler seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to enter Executive Session Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel, Fire Chief Todd Correia and return to open session. Ms. Kuechler seconded. Roll Call Vote, Mr. Saunders, Ms. Kuechler, Ms. Mello, Mr. Trapilo and Mr. Romano all in favor. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

The Board adjourned to Executive Session from 7:43pm to 7:56pm

ACTION / DISCUSSION

Consider Cost-of-Living Adjustment for Fire Chief Todd Correia

Chief Correia's employment contract contains a provision for a cost-of living adjustment (COLA) stating "*and subject to annual COLA increases at the discretion of the Select Board and assuming satisfactory performance.*" The Select Board awarded a COLA consistent with the non-union employees consisting of a 1.0 % COLA effective on July 1, 2026 and a 1.0% COLA effective on January 1, 2027.

Motion: Ms. Kuechler motioned to approve a cost-of-living adjustment of 2% (1% effective July 1, 2026 and 1% effective January 1, 2027) in FY27. Ms. Mello seconded. The motion passed (3-2-0) Mr. Saunders and Mr. Romano opposed.

Discuss Atlas Tack Working Group Status and Liaison

Mr. Hickey referred to the original charge of the Atlas Tack Working Group (ATWG) from June of 2025 and the updated charge from October of 2025 (*Attachment D*). Based on updates to the Board in previous meetings and the ATWG charge, a final report to the Board would be their next step. After discussion in Executive Session earlier this year, ATWG was to pause for the EPA's report with the Select Board determining any next steps.

Discussion ensued about the Board's role to set policy and discuss next steps and/or litigation in a future executive session. Some on the Board felt the ATWG should cease based on the charge and reactivate if needed while others felt a new ATWG would be advertised for applications based on the spirit of town meeting. The Board discussed the hazardous conditions at the site, one goal being the removal of the designation as a "superfund site" in the Town and the level of work to be done. Mr. Trapilo asked the Board to allow the ATWG to continue. Mr. Saunders pointed out there are three government entities involved: The Town, State and EPA; the ATWG can be the voice to continue to advocate for cleanup.

Mr. Saunders recommended the ATWG charge include: *advocate on the part of the Town to develop a policy to convince the EPA and DEP to use their statutory authority to affect remediation of the site.*

Ken Blanchard addressed the Board and summarized the recent steps the ATWG has taken to address matters and said they have a cordial relationship with the EPA and DEP that should continue until the cleanup of the hazardous materials impacting the neighborhood is complete. The ATWG was asked to propose an updated charge to the

Select Board at the July 27, 2026 meeting.

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to allow the ATWG to continue meeting and a representative to be present at the July 27, 2026 meeting to discuss a working charge. Ms. Kuechler seconded. The motion passed (4-1-0) Ms. Mello opposed.

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to appoint Rick Trapilo as Select Board liaison to the Atlas Tack Working Group. Ms. Kuechler seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to take item E4 out of order. Ms. Kuechler seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Reconsider Vote to Authorize the Use of Allocated Funds for the Public Safety Complex Committee

Chief Correia and Chief Dorgan advised the Board that the Public Safety Complex Committee met on July 10, 2026 and rescinded their previous vote in order to move forward with the Town Administrator putting out a request for proposal (RFP) or request for qualifications (RFQ).

Mr. Trapilo referred to his email with Chief Correia about an RFQ versus an RFP and called for an assessment of all Town properties for feasibility due to the significant deficits the Town is facing in future fiscal years (*Attachment E*). Mr. Hickey advised the Board that further discussion would be placed on a future agenda.

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to rescind the vote taken by the Select Board at their June 15, 2026 meeting authorizing the Town Administrator to expend up to \$50,000 for legal, design, engineering and appraisal services for the existing Police/Fire building and the vacant building located at 4 Plaza Way. Ms. Kuechler seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Discuss Proposal to Establish a Budget Working Group

Mr. Trapilo referred to his proposal for a taskforce to review municipal operations and identify cost-saving measures (*Attachment F*) and discussion ensued. Some on the Board raised concerns about potential redundancy with the Finance Committee's role and others would like to see Mr. Hickey's work through a full budget cycle. Mr. Hickey advised the Board he has worked with Department Heads and also private groups in the past and found, at times, certain ideas were better received from a third party. He said he and Department Heads would respect the Board's direction and policy decision. Ms. Mello read from the Finance Committee's homepage (*Attachment G*).

Discussion continued with the Board in support of joint meetings with the Finance Committee, School Committee and other large departments. Some members suggested a budget working group could help influence state and local representatives and be a resource to the Town Administrator and others felt that timely, strategic recommendations to impact the budget process would be difficult at this time. Mr. Hickey said he remains open to suggestions for improvements.

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to establish a Budget Working Group consisting of nine members (seven voting, two non-voting liaisons) to work with the Town Administrator to identify and present cost-saving opportunities to the Select Board for potential implementation. Ms. Kuechler seconded. The motion passed (4-1-0) Mr. Romano opposed.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Hickey reviewed his report (*Attachment H*) and added that the fencing around Town Hall is due to the retaining wall work.

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS / COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Saunders and Ms. Kuechler had no reports

Ms. Mello:

- The Historical Commission met and discussed donations for flags at Fort Phoenix, the cost is about one-hundred and fifty dollars each for the heavy-duty style. A grant from the Pomeroy Foundation was received to place a plaque on the Academy Building. They received correspondence questioning the process regarding the dedication of Union Wharf. Mr. Saunders said he was aware of the concern; the

Select Board is a Town board and can make its own recommendation and the policy also has a provision at the end that addresses the Board's ability to deviate from the policy at its discretion.

- The Commission on Disability met and discussed accessibility to the canons at the fort. The second annual Accessible Beach Day will be on August 7, 2026 and they will be hosting a Family Movie Night on Sunday, August 9, 2026 at 2:00pm at the Council on Aging.

Mr. Trapilo:

- Mr. Trapilo referred to a SRPEDD meeting discussion about frustrations with the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) from New Bedford and a draft letter he would like the Board to vote to support (*Attachment I*).

Mr. Romano:

- Mr. Romano asked Mr. Trapilo to update the letter about the CSO from New Bedford to reflect the Select Board and it can be placed on a future agenda to be voted on.
- Mr. Romano asked Ms. Mello for more information on the accessibility concern from the Commission on Disability and asked if they could come before the Board to advise on the concerns.
- No meetings to report on.
- He spoke with Mr. Hickey about making boards aware of liaison support and also will add the Public Safety Complex Committee Select Board liaison to the July 27, 2026 agenda to officially vote for Mr. Saunders and Ms. Mello.

MINUTES

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to accept the open session minutes of June 22 and July 6, 2026 as presented. Ms. Kuechler seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Motion: Mr. Saunders motioned to accept the executive session minutes of July 6, 2026 as presented. Ms. Kuechler seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

CORRESPONDENCE

Email: Erin Carr: Discussion on Funding the Tourism Department Through Donations; Email: Michelle Costen: Ref SB Meeting 6/8 & 6/9; Email: Maddie Hayes: Be better (*Attachment J*).

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

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled Select Board meeting will be on **Monday, July 27, 2026** at 6:00pm

The Select Board adjourned at 9:30pm

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Millicent Library Trustee Letter
- B. Bond Calculation Example
- C. Memo and MGL regarding Cultural Council
- D. Atlas Tack Working Group Charge and Updated Charge
- E. Email: Rick Trapilo: Alternative recommendation to Public Safety Complex
- F. Budget Working Group Proposal
- G. Finance Committee homepage description
- H. Draft letter regarding Combined Sewer Overflow
- I. Town Administrator Report
- J. Correspondence: Email: Michelle Costen: The Public's Rights- A need for Balance

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

Accepted on July __



July 27, 2026

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Emails: Michelle Costen: Ref Select Board Meeting 7/13-Public Response; Appropriation Process of CPA funds-Ref 7/13 SB meeting; No More Debt, a Public Comment; New Homes and Housing law targets affordability-

Ref: Select Board Meeting 7/13-Public Response

1 message

michelle costen <michcosten@gmail.com>

Tue, Jul 14, 2026 at 8:04 AM

To: selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov, Mark Sylvia <msylvia11@comcast.net>, "Patrick J. Carr" <pjcarr@a1crane.com>, Jessica Fidalgo <jessica.wilder13@yahoo.com>, "kt91054@comcast.net" <kt91054@comcast.net>, stevebouley <stevebouley@comcast.net>, Andrew Romano <aromano@fairhaven-ma.gov>

Dear Select Board, Planning Board, Finance Committee, CPC, Town Meeting Members, and the Public,

Following the discussion regarding the proposal to direct Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds toward the historic preservation of the Millicent Library, I urge the Board to reconsider the town's current financial strategy.

Fairhaven is currently facing a deficit that appears linked to a failure to optimize CPA funds and other resources over the past eight years. While CPA law tasks the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) with studying the town's specific needs, the current process often prioritizes the preservation of objects over the primary needs of taxpayers.

Affordable Homes initiatives are a fundamental requirement for our residents, providing opportunities to build equity and reinvest in the local economy. Of the four CPC funding categories—historic preservation, recreation, open space, and housing—creating affordable home-building initiatives offers the most significant potential for a tangible return on taxpayer dollars. Allocating 20% to 50% or more of CPC funds toward single-family home development would greatly improve the community's financial health and cash flow. Had this been the strategy over the last eight years, I believe we could have avoided our current deficit.

Furthermore, I recommend that the Millicent Library and other historic entities establish independent annual fundraising initiatives to secure necessary resources. This would alleviate the burden on taxpayers, particularly regarding the interest repayments associated with bond funding.

I urge you to pivot our strategy to ensure that CPA funds address Fairhaven's most pressing basic financial needs. It is time to provide a direct financial benefit to the people of Fairhaven through their tax surcharges. Additionally, we must improve public involvement in the CPA process as required by law. Many residents and town meeting members remain unaware of how these funds can be leveraged to provide the greatest financial return.

I hope you will make the necessary decisions this year to lead us toward a sustainable financial future rather than further into debt.

In God We Trust,

Michelle Costen

Appropriation process of CPA funds-Ref 7/13 SB meeting

1 message

Michelle Costen <michcosten@gmail.com>

Tue, Jul 14, 2026 at 9:24 AM

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Dear Andrew Romano, Select board, Finance committee, Planning Board, and To All Involved Committees, Town Meeting Members, Public.

I am writing to clarify the strategic responsibilities of the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) in response to recent comments made by the Chair. During a Finance Committee question, it was stated that the CPC waits for applications to arrive before deciding how to appropriate funds. I believe this approach does not align with our legal mandate.

Per Chapter 44B Section 5(b)(1), the CPC is legally required to "study the needs, possibilities and resources of the city or town regarding community preservation." This mandate necessitates a proactive needs assessment to ensure we are addressing the community's primary requirements with due diligence, rather than simply reacting to submitted applications.

For the past eight years, the Master Plan has identified affordable, moderate-income single-family homes as a critical priority. Residents earning between \$68,000 and \$150,000—including those at our 2026 median income of \$92,000—are currently priced out of the Fairhaven housing market. These individuals provide vital services to our community, yet they lack the opportunity to build equity and achieve financial stability here.

The need is well-documented. We should not wait for applications to address these identified gaps. Instead, we must leverage CPA funds to fulfill this petitioned need for purchasing an affordable home that meets our median income, ensuring the greatest financial impact and return for Fairhaven residents.

I hope this clarifies our collective responsibilities and helps guide our strategy moving forward.

In God We Trust,

Michelle Costen

No More Debt, a Public Comment

1 message

michelle costen <michcosten@gmail.com>

Tue, Jul 14, 2026 at 4:49 PM

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Hi Ken,

We currently have enough debt to be concerned about paying 12 years of interest on a bond funded by our community's surcharged taxes. Instead of draining our resources and increasing our debt obligations, we should use CPA funds to generate revenue and build equity.

To illustrate how we can leverage CPA funds to our greatest advantage, here is a hypothetical but highly doable scenario:

Suppose we purchase a property for \$400,000 using CPA funds. If this property is suitable for building 10 to 15 moderate-sized homes on small lots, we could create a charming small-home village. Residents in need of affordable, steady monthly housing payments could purchase these homes, allowing them to build equity over time. This approach would support residents who provide vital services to our town, help them build wealth, and generate ongoing revenue for the town through property purchases.

This model is highly achievable. We have several lots available throughout Fairhaven where we could implement this, especially if we return to our previous zoning standards of 5,000-square-foot lots. Since this initiative aims to bring revenue to the town and provide affordable housing for moderate-income residents, we could seek a zoning waiver for this lot size at the Town Meeting. It would be a win-win for residents and business owners alike, bringing money into the town rather than draining it on interest payments. This entire process could start with just \$400,000-500,00

It will take a few years to recover from our current financial situation, which has been worsened by not optimizing our resources for the greatest financial impact and return. However, starting with initiatives like this will set us on the right path.

Best regards,

Michelle Costen

It's going to take a few years to get us out of the mess we put ourselves in. By not knowing how to optimize our resources for the greatest financial impact and return.

Michelle Costen

New Homes and Housing law targets affordability-

1 message

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Thu, Jul 16, 2026 at 11:50 AM

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Dear Select Board, Planning board, and all Committees, Public

I wanted to share some recent news regarding housing legislation.

Reports indicate that the 21st century Road to housing act became law on July 11, 2026-

Bipartisan legislation intended to increase the U.S. housing supply and improve affordability is now law.

This legislation combines dozens of housing measures aimed at encouraging home construction, expanding access to financing, and restricting purchases by large institutional investors.

We see here this is a primary need in all local towns across the US.

We need to address it here in Fairhaven as a primary obligation. No more delays or excuses to delay.

We need to utilize all resources and creative abilities that we have, in order to fulfill this obligation.

Where there is a Will of the Good People, there is a Way-

And God We Trust,

Michelle Costen.