PROJECT APPLICATION FORM – FY28

Applicant: Fairhaven Historical Commission **Submission Date: 9/27/2026**

Applicant's Address, Phone Number and Email

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Purpose: (Please select all that apply)

- O Open Space
- O Community Housing
- ☒ Historic Preservation
- O Recreation

Town Committee (if applicable) or other sponsoring organization: Fairhaven Historical Commission

Project Name: Academy Building Masonry Work and Drainage

Project Location/Address: Main St. Fairhaven

Amount Requested: $ Bids pending

Project Summary: In the space below, or attached sheets if necessary, provide a detailed summary of the project citing the elements of the Guidelines for Submission and Review and Recommendation Criteria found in the Application Guidelines.

The Academy Building is an historic building in town and served as a school in the 1700 and 1800's. The building has been maintained by the Historical Commission.

The building currently needs significant foundation work to stabilize and support the building and to stop water from infiltrating the basement and further damaging the foundation walls.

The bulkhead door is damaged and needs to be replaced for the same reasons.

Drainage is also an issue as the water coming off of the building is coming too close to the building undermining the foundation as well. Improved drainage is needed to bring the runoff away from the building.

The work will include:
Removal of the damaged masonry, repair of the masonry and replacement of the original stones.
Removal and replacement of the bulkhead door.
New drainage- possibly french drains to aid in water redirection.

All wok will be done within historic preservation criteria.

Bids: pending

Estimated Date for Commencement of Project: July 2028

Estimated Date for Completion of Project: January 2029

General Criteria for All Projects – Check off and Address each criterion as it applies:

- Is the project consistent with the goals of the Town of Fairhaven *Community Preservation Plan*? Yes
- Does the project have other sources of funding? If so, indicate percentage. No
- Does the project leverage additional or multiple sources of public and/or private funding? No
- Does the project preserve a threatened resource? Yes
- Is the project consistent with existing Planning Documents such as the Master Plan and Open Space Plan? Yes
- Does the project comply with the zoning regulations? Yes
- Does the project have a means of support for maintenance and upkeep, such as a defined maintenance plan? Yes
- Does the project involve currently owned municipal assets? Yes

- Does the project serve underserved populations or address more than one focus area of the CPA? Yes

- Does the project reclaim abandoned or previously developed lands? No

- Does the project require a Special Permit, NOI, Building Permit or other permitting? Please list all local and State permits you are aware of that the project will need? Yes, Building permits will be required

- Does the project have community support? Yes

- Does the project have sufficient supporting documentation? Yes

- Does the project provide a positive impact to the community? Yes

- Has the applicant/ team demonstrated the ability and competency to implement the project as proposed? Yes

- Does the applicant have site control, or the written consent by the property owner to submit an application? Yes

Historic Preservation Selection Criteria - Check off and Address each criterion as it applies:

- Is the building on the National or State Register of Historic Places? Yes

- Is the property eligible for listing on the National or State Register of Historic Places?

- Has the property been included in the local Survey of Historic Properties (MACRIS)? Yes

- Is the property in danger of being demolished? No

- Are there potential archeological artifacts at the site? Unknown

- Did the property ever play a documented role in the history or is it noted in published histories of the Town? Yes

- Are there any particularly important historic aspects about the property? Yes

- Are there other potential uses for the property, which could benefit the Town? Building also serves as a home base for the Historical Society and displays historic items from Fairhaven's history

- Could the building be converted for affordable housing use while still retaining its historic character? No

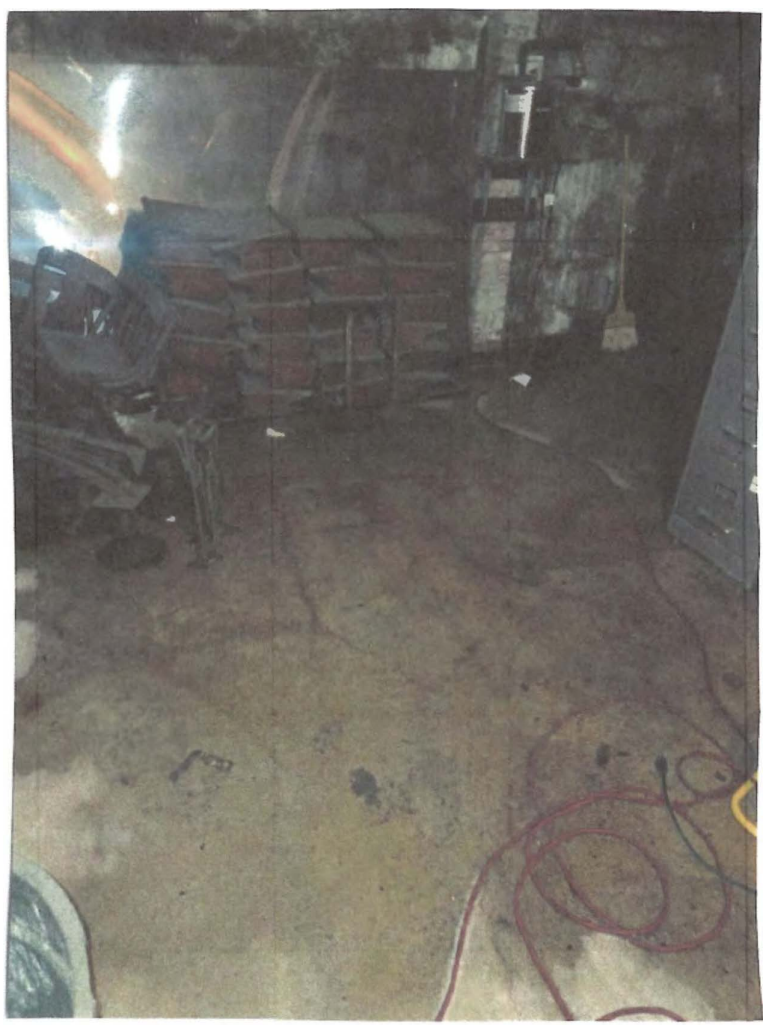
- Is the owner interested in preserving the historic integrity of the property? Yes

- Does the proposal conform to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties? Has previous work on the building conformed to the Standards? yes

- Was the structure built before 1921? Has it otherwise been identified as being historic or have cultural value? Yes

PHOTOS OF THE ACADEMY BUILDING BASEMENT-TAKEN AFTER THE NOR'EASTER, SEPTEMBER 2026. TAKEN BY KEVIN FOURNIER






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