PROJECT APPLICATION FORM – FY28

Applicant: Fairhaven Historical Commission **Submission Date: 9/28/2026**

Applicant's Address, Phone Number and Email

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Purpose: (Please select all that apply)

- ☐ Open Space Community
- ☐ Housing Historic
- ☑ Preservation
- ☐ Recreation

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

Project Name: Washington St. Fire House

Project Location/Address: Washington St., Fairhaven, MA

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 Washington St. Fire House is key to the town of Fairhaven's history. It was originally home to the Fairhaven Protecting Society which was a private group of volunteers that supported the fire department by going into homes and protecting the belongings of families affected by fires.

Engine 6 which is a 1937 Ford is also housed there protecting another piece of our town's artifacts.

This building is currently in need of foundation work as the foundation is completely missing in areas, leaving the entire building unsupported and in danger of collapse. It is also allowing moisture and possible rodents inside the building.

Work will include: Replacing the stones with new stones and proper masonry work to stabilize the stones. This will be done as close to historical parameters as possible.

The boards on the bottom of building where the building meets the foundation will be replaced as indicated. There is also concern about the interior flooring in parts of the building.

This building was looked at by a professional engineer who hesitated to pull up any flooring inside as he did not know what would happen if he did so. This is not included in this request or bid, but is solely informational.

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?

☐ 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 ☐

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

☐ Does the project have community support? Yes

☐ Does the project have sufficient supporting documentation? ☐

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

☐ Is the building on the National or State Register of Historic

☐ Is the property eligible for listing on the National or State Register of HistoricPlaces?

☐ Has the property been included in the local Survey of Historic Properties (MACRIS)? No

☐ 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? No

☐ 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? No

☐ 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









