



# Supplemental Documents for Town Meeting

## Saturday, May 2, 2026

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- Public Safety- Expenses: increase line 34 by \$24,700 (Animal Control Expenses)
- Fairhaven School Department: increase line 43 by \$34,439 (Public Schools)

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- Public Safety - Wages: increase line 33 by \$65,300 (\$30,861 to Animal Control Wages, \$25,000 to Police Overtime and \$9,439 to Fire Overtime)
- Public Safety - Expenses: increase line 34 by \$24,700 (Animal Control Expenses)

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# Town of Fairhaven

## WARRANT

### MOTIONS

Majority Vote needed unless stated otherwise

#### **ARTICLE 1: MEASURER OF WOOD AND BARK**

*Petitioned by: Select Board*

**Motion: To adopt as written in the warrant**

#### **ARTICLE 2: TOWN REPORT**

*Petitioned by: Select Board*

**Motion: To adopt as written in the warrant**

#### **ARTICLE 3: REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

*Petitioned by: Select Board*

**PASS OVER**

#### **ARTICLE 4: TRANSFER BUDGET FUNDS FOR FY26**

*Petitioned by: Town Administrator*

**Motion: To adopt as written in the warrant**

#### **ARTICLE 5: SETTING FY26 SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS**

*Petitioned by: Town Administrator*

**Motion: To adopt as written in the warrant with the funds to be transferred from the Wage Reserve Account**

#### **ARTICLE 6: SUPPLEMENTAL FY26 SNOW AND ICE APPROPRIATION**

*Petitioned by: Select Board*

**Vote Required: Two-thirds (2/3) Vote**

**Motion: To adopt as written in the warrant**

#### **ARTICLE 7: UNION WHARF CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATION**

*Petitioned by: Town Administrator*

**Motion: To adopt as written in the warrant**

#### **ARTICLE 8: GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGETS FY27**

*Petitioned by: Town Administrator*

*See Appendix A, page 40 for full budget description*

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	<b><u>FY26</u></b> <b><u>Budgeted</u></b>	<b><u>FY27</u></b> <b><u>Budget</u></b> <b><u>No Override</u></b>
General Government Salaries & Wages	\$2,034,930	\$2,139,584
General Government Operating Expenses	\$1,028,101	\$984,030
Subtotal General Government	\$3,063,031	\$3,123,614

**Motion: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,123,614 to fund general government departments FY27 budget, which includes salaries and wages for appointed and elected officials and operating expenses and to defray the cost, transfer \$8,000 from the Wetlands Protection Fund.**

<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b><u>FY26</u> <u>Budgeted</u></b>	<b><u>FY27</u> <u>Budget</u> <u>No Override</u></b>
<b>Public Safety Salaries &amp; Wages</b>	\$9,082,703	\$9,078,947
<b>Public Safety Operating Expenses</b>	\$774,938	\$762,043
<b>Subtotal Public Safety</b>	\$9,857,641	\$9,840,990

**Motion:** To amend the Police Department/Animal Control budget by increasing operating expenses in Line Item 34 by \$24,700 for purposes of operating the animal shelter, to a total of \$408,707, said increase to be appropriated from State Revenues; and further to increase salaries and wages in Line Item 33 by \$30,861 for the animal control officer to a total of \$4,990,380, said increase to be appropriated from State Revenues; for a total Public Safety departments FY27 budget of \$9,896,551 and to defray the cost, transfer \$1,683,580 from Ambulance Receipts Reserve Fund and \$15,000 from the Animal Shelter Gift Fund and \$53,000 from Waterways Improvement Fund.

<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b><u>FY26</u> <u>Budgeted</u></b>	<b><u>FY27</u> <u>Budget</u> <u>No Override</u></b>
<b>Subtotal Fairhaven Public Schools</b>	\$25,656,166	\$26,530,067
<b>Subtotal New Bedford Regional Technical HS</b>	\$2,631,268	\$2,928,534
<b>Subtotal Bristol County Agricultural HS</b>	\$332,694	\$291,510
<b>Subtotal Education</b>	\$28,620,128	\$29,750,111

**Motion:** To amend the Fairhaven Public Schools budget by increasing the proposed budget in Line Item 43 by \$34,439, to a total of \$26,564,506, said increase to be appropriated from State Revenues, to fund the Fairhaven Public School district FY27 budget; the sum of \$2,928,534 to fund the New Bedford Regional Technical High School FY27 budget and the sum of \$291,510 to fund the Bristol County Agricultural High School FY27 budget for a total FY27 Education Budget of \$29,784,550

<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>	<b><u>FY26</u> <u>Budgeted</u></b>	<b><u>FY27</u> <u>Budget</u> <u>No Override</u></b>
<b>Public Works Salaries &amp; Wages</b>	\$1,616,297	\$1,481,540
<b>Public Works Operating Expenses</b>	\$2,753,404	\$2,837,007
<b>Subtotal Public Works</b>	\$4,369,701	\$4,318,547

**Motion:** To raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,318,547 to fund Public Works departments FY27 budget, which includes salaries and wages for appointed and elected officials and operating expenses and to defray the cost, transfer \$10,000 from Stormwater Subdivision Fund.

<b>HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT</b>	<b><u>FY26</u> <u>Budgeted</u></b>	<b><u>FY27</u> <u>Budget</u> <u>No Override</u></b>
<b>Board of Health Salaries &amp; Wages</b>	\$172,559	\$172,609
<b>Board of Health Operating Expenses</b>	\$17,500	\$17,450
<b>Subtotal Board of Health</b>	\$190,059	\$190,059

**Motion:** To raise and appropriate the sum of \$190,059 to fund Health and Environmental departments FY27 budget, which includes salaries and wages for appointed and elected officials and operating expenses.

<b>COMMUNITY SERVICES</b>	<b><u>FY26</u> <u>Budgeted</u></b>	<b><u>FY27</u> <u>Budget</u> <u>No Override</u></b>
Community Services Salaries & Wages	\$609,716	\$527,452
Community Services Operating Expenses	\$1,465,606	\$1,487,424
<b>Subtotal Community Services</b>	<b>\$2,075,322</b>	<b>\$2,014,876</b>

**Motion:** To raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,014,876 to fund Community Services departments FY27 budget, which includes salaries and wages for appointed and elected officials and operating expenses and to defray the cost, transfer \$30,000 from the Council on Aging Social Day Program.

<b>NON-DEPARTMENTAL</b>	<b><u>FY26</u> <u>Budgeted</u></b>	<b><u>FY27</u> <u>Budget</u> <u>No Override</u></b>
Non-Departmental Salaries & Wages	\$100,000	\$0
Non-Departmental Operating Expenses	\$12,240,672	\$12,679,638
<b>Subtotal Non-Departmental</b>	<b>\$12,340,672</b>	<b>\$12,679,638</b>

**Motion:** To raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,679,638 to fund the Non-Departmental departments FY27 budget, which includes operating expenses.

<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b><u>FY26</u> <u>Budgeted</u></b>	<b><u>FY27</u> <u>Budget</u> <u>No Override</u></b>
General Fund	\$945,820	\$1,017,891

**Motion:** To raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,017,891 to fund debt services FY27 budget.

	<b><u>FY26</u> <u>Budgeted</u></b>	<b><u>FY27</u> <u>Budget</u> <u>No Override</u></b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$61,462,374</b>	<b>\$62,935,726</b>

**ARTICLE 9 GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET OVERRIDE**

*Petitioned by: Town Administrator*

<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>LINE ITEM</b>	<b>Amount of Override</b>	<b>Amended Override Amounts</b>
Public Safety Salaries and Wages	Animal Control Wages	\$67,532	\$0
Public Safety Operating Expenses	Animal Control Operating Expenses	\$9,000	\$0
Public Safety Salaries and Wages	Police Overtime	\$25,000	\$25,000
Public Safety Salaries and Wages	Fire Overtime	\$25,000	\$25,000
Community Services Salaries and Wages	Tourism Department Wages	\$76,532	\$76,532
Community Services Operating Expenses	Tourism Dept Operating Exp	\$25,709	\$25,709
Public Works Highway	Wages	\$50,000	\$50,000
Education	Fairhaven Public Schools	\$481,376	\$481,376
<b>Total Override Recommended</b>		<b>\$760,149</b>	<b>\$683,617</b>

**Motion:** To amend Article 9 by eliminating the Public Safety Salaries and Wages, Animal Control department, Public Safety Operating Expenses, Animal Control department for a total override amount of \$683,617

**ARTICLE 10 WATER ENTERPRISE FUND OPERATING BUDGET**

*Petitioned by: Town Administrator and Board of Public Works*

**Motion:** To raise and appropriate a sum of \$3,690,246 to fund the Water Enterprise Fund for FY27, and to defray this cost, transfer \$78,282 from Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings.

**ARTICLE 11 SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND OPERATING BUDGET**

*Petitioned by: Town Administrator and Board of Public Works*

**Motion:** To raise and appropriate a sum of \$6,602,279 to fund the Sewer Enterprise Fund for FY27, and to defray this cost, transfer \$896,715 from Sewer Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings

**ARTICLE 12 TOWN CABLE ENTERPRISE FUND OPERATING BUDGET**

*Petitioned by: Town Administrator*

**Motion:** To raise and appropriate a sum of \$225,979 to fund the Town Cable Enterprise Fund for FY27, and to defray this cost, transfer \$111,204 from the Town Cable Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings.

**ARTICLE 13 SCHOOL CABLE ENTERPRISE FUND OPERATING BUDGET**

*Petitioned by: Town Administrator and School Committee*

**Motion:** To raise and appropriate a sum of \$180,455 to fund the School Cable Enterprise Fund for FY27, and to defray this cost, transfer \$76,755 from the School Cable Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings

**ARTICLE 14 GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PLAN**

*Petitioned by: Town Administrator*

**Motion:** To transfer a sum of \$1,996,038 from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash), to fund the capital projects as listed (items 1-16) for fiscal year 2027.

**ARTICLE 15 WATER ENTERPRISE FUND CAPITAL PLAN**

*Petitioned by: Board of Public Works*

**Motion:** To transfer the sum of \$326,000 from Water Retained Earnings to fund the capital equipment and projects listed on lines 1-2 with each amount as specified in the article.

**ARTICLE 16 WATER ENTERPRISE FUND BORROWING**

*Petitioned by: Board of Public Works*

**Vote Required: Two-thirds (2/3) Vote**

**Motion:** Move that the Town appropriates \$756,000 to pay costs of the Wolf Island Well Replacement and for the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §8(4) or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore. While this borrowing shall constitute a pledge of the Town’s full faith and credit, it is expected that it will be repaid, in the first instance, from amounts in the Water Enterprise Fund.

**ARTICLE 17 SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND CAPITAL PLAN**

*Petitioned by: Board of Public Works*

**Motion:** To transfer the sum of \$625,000 from Sewer Retaining Earnings to fund the capital equipment and projects listed on lines 1-3 with each amount as specified in the article.

**ARTICLE 18 OTHER APPROPRIATIONS**

**18A FUNDING OF ARTICLES**

*Petitioned by: Town Administrator*

**Motion:** To transfer the sum of \$413,600 from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash); and the sum of \$95,000 from the Ambulance Reserve Receipts Fund for the amounts as written in the article.

**18B INCREASE AND FUND COLA BASE FOR RETIREES**

*Petitioned by: Retirement Board*

**Motion:** To transfer the sum of \$98,000 from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) to fund the COLA Base for Retirees for the amounts as written in the article.

**ARTICLE 19 FY27 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE APPROPRIATIONS**

*Petitioned by: Community Preservation Committee*

**Motions:**

- A. To Adopt and to Reserve for future appropriations \$70,000 from Estimated Receipts for acquisition, creation, and preservation of Open Space, and its rehabilitation and restoration.**
- B. To Adopt and to Reserve for future appropriations \$70,000 from Estimated Receipts for acquisition, creation, and preservation of Historic Resources.**
- C. To Adopt and to Reserve for future appropriations \$70,000 from Estimated Receipts for acquisition, creation, and preservation of Community Housing.**
- D. To Adopt and to Reserve for future appropriations \$100,000 from Estimated Receipts for the Emergency Reserve Account.**
- E. To Adopt and to appropriate \$100,000 from the existing Community Housing Reserve for the Fairhaven Housing Authority - Oxford Terrace Window Replacement.**
- F. To adopt and to appropriate \$30,000 from the existing Open Space Reserve for the Board of Public Works- Big Belly Trash.**
- G. To adopt and to appropriate \$3,505 from the existing Open Space Reserve for the Macomber/Pimental Park Native Garden.**
- H. To adopt and to appropriate \$35,000 from the existing Open Space Reserve and \$35,000 from Estimated Receipts for the Livesey Park Tennis/Basketball courts.**
- I. To adopt and to appropriate \$25,000 from existing Estimated Receipts for the Fairhaven Improvement Association-Millicent Library Center Street Lighting.**
- J. To adopt and to appropriate \$10,000 from the existing Historic Reserve for the Fairhaven Historical Commission-Historic Property Survey.**
- K. To adopt and to appropriate \$95,000 from the existing Historic Reserve for the Fairhaven Protecting Society - Firetruck #1 Restoration.**
- L. To adopt and to appropriate \$54,000 from the existing Historic Reserve and \$266,000 from Estimated Receipts for the Town Hall Repairs-West Retaining Wall.**
- M. To adopt and to appropriate \$10,000 from the Unreserved Fund and \$15,000 from the Historic Reserve Balance for the Millicent Library Restoration /Preservation Project.**
- N. To adopt and to appropriate \$5,000 from the Historic Reserve for the Riverside Cemetery Project.**
- O. To adopt and to appropriate \$140,000 from the Unreserved Fund for the Fairhaven High School Exterior Masonry /Flashing.**
- P. To adopt and to appropriate \$5,000 from Estimated Receipts to CPC Administrative Spending Appropriation.**

**ARTICLE 20 REVOLVING FUNDS**

*Petitioned by: Town Administrator*

**Motion: To adopt as written in the warrant**

**ARTICLE 21 ADOPT CHAPTER 22I, OF THE HERO ACT**

*Petitioned by: Veterans Service Officer*

**Motion: To adopt as written in the warrant**

**ARTICLE 22 ADOPT CHAPTER 22J, OF THE HERO ACT**

*Petitioned by: Veterans Service Officer*

**Motion: To adopt as written in the warrant**

**ARTICLE 23 CIVIL SERVICE REVOCATION – FIRE CHIEF**

*Petitioned by: Select Board*

**Motion: To adopt as written in the warrant**

**ARTICLE 24 FAIRHAVEN AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST**

*Petitioned by: Town Administrator*

**Motion: To adopt as written in the warrant, except that the words “Subject to Town Meeting authorization,” shall be inserted at the beginning of Section 7(A)(11), and the words “however, the Trust borrowing shall not exceed fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) at any one time without Town Meeting approval” shall be deleted**

**ARTICLE 25 AMEND BYLAWS CHAPTER 169 §13 REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE**

*Petitioned by: Board of Public Works*

**Motion: To adopt as written in the warrant**

**ARTICLE 26 CITIZENS PETITION – Adopt Municipal Housing Trust Fund**

*Petitioned by: Michelle Costen*

**PETITIONER TO PROVIDE MOTION**

**ARTICLE 27 CITIZENS PETITION – Amend Bylaws c. 56-13**

*Petitioned by: Miles Grant*

**PETITIONER TO PROVIDE MOTION**

**ARTICLE 28 CITIZENS PETITION – Amend Bylaws c. 56-14**

*Petitioned by: Miles Grant*

**PETITIONER TO PROVIDE MOTION**

**ARTICLE 29 OTHER BUSINESS**

To act upon any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy thereof on or near the front or main entrance of the polling place for all Precincts at the Fairhaven Recreation Center, 227 Huttleston Avenue, seven days at least prior to the date of the meeting.

**Appendix A:**

**ARTICLE 8: GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGETS FY27**

LINE	Department Name Function Totals	FY26 Budgeted	FY 2027 Budget No Override
	<b>General Government</b>		
1	Moderator Salary	\$1,000	\$1,000
	<b>Select Board/Town Report/Engineering</b>		
2	Salaries & Wages	\$352,693	\$328,644
3	Operating Expenses	\$31,440	\$28,790
	<b>Human Resources</b>		
4	Salaries & Wages	\$151,065	\$141,508
5	Operating Expenses	\$78,695	\$47,925
	<b>Town Meeting/Finance Committee</b>		
6	Salaries & Wages	\$1,000	\$1,000
7	Operating Expenses	\$6,400	\$3,575
8	Reserve Fund	\$75,000	\$75,000
9	<b>Legal</b>	\$300,000	\$275,000
	<b>Facilities Management</b>		
10	Salaries & Wages	\$178,426	\$187,488
11	Operating Expenses	\$79,777	\$66,675
	<b>Consolidated IT</b>		
12	Salaries & Wages	\$371,169	\$413,546
13	Operating Expenses	\$221,760	\$203,260
	<b>Accounting</b>		
14	Salaries & Wages	\$205,498	\$233,911
15	Operating Expenses	\$64,480	\$77,710
	<b>Treasurer/Collector</b>		
16	Salaries & Wages	\$256,307	\$262,390
17	Operating Expenses	\$63,155	\$55,815
	<b>Assessors</b>		
18	Salaries & Wages	\$144,395	\$160,659
19	Operating Expenses	\$43,121	\$71,550
	<b>Town Clerk/Elections</b>	\$168,127	\$209,563
20	Salaries & Wages		
21	Operating Expenses	\$44,652	\$61,655
	<b>Planning Board</b>		
22	Salaries & Wages	\$0	\$0
23	Operating Expenses	\$0	\$0
	<b>Planning and Economic Dev</b>		
24	Salaries & Wages	\$129,567	\$121,157
25	Operating Expenses	\$8,171	\$5,290

	<b>Economic Development Cmte</b>		
26	Salaries & Wages	\$0	\$0
27	Operating Expenses	\$0	\$0
	<b>Board of Appeals</b>		
28	Salaries & Wages	\$0	\$0
29	Operating Expenses	\$3,500	\$3,900
	<b>Conservation Commission</b>		
30	Salaries & Wages	\$75,683	\$78,718
31	Operating Expenses	\$6,150	\$6,015
32	<b>Buzzards Bay Action Cmte</b>	\$1,800	\$1,870
	<b>Salaries &amp; Wages</b>	<b>\$2,034,930</b>	<b>\$2,139,584</b>
	<b>Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,028,101</b>	<b>\$984,030</b>
	<b>General Government</b>	<b>\$3,063,031</b>	<b>\$3,123,614</b>
	<b>Public Safety</b>		
	<b>Police Department/Animal Control</b>		
33	Salaries & Wages	\$5,046,875	\$4,959,519
34	Operating Expenses	\$409,680	\$384,007
	<b>Fire Department/Emergency Management</b>		
35	Salaries & Wages	\$3,613,442	\$3,696,286
36	Operating Expenses	\$322,460	\$336,274
	<b>Building Department</b>		
37	Salaries & Wages	\$237,253	\$238,009
38	Operating Expenses	\$4,481	\$3,575
	<b>Marine Resources</b>		
39	Salaries & Wages	\$177,993	\$177,993
40	Operating Expenses	\$38,017	\$37,787
	<b>Weights &amp; Measures</b>		
41	Salaries & Wages	\$7,140	\$7,140
42	Operating Expenses	\$300	\$400
	<b>Salaries &amp; Wages</b>	<b>\$9,082,703</b>	<b>\$9,078,947</b>
	<b>Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$774,938</b>	<b>\$762,043</b>
	<b>Public Safety</b>	<b>\$9,857,641</b>	<b>\$9,840,990</b>
43	<b>Fairhaven Public Schools</b>	<b>\$25,656,166</b>	<b>\$26,530,067</b>
44	<b>Greater New Bedford Vocational</b>	<b>\$2,631,268</b>	<b>\$2,928,534</b>
45	<b>Bristol Aggie HS</b>	<b>\$332,694</b>	<b>\$291,510</b>
	<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>\$28,620,128</b>	<b>\$29,750,111</b>
	<b>Public Works</b>		
	<b>Administration Division</b>		
46	Salaries & Wages	\$88,732	\$93,748
47	Operating Expenses	\$8,375	\$8,925
	<b>Highways Division</b>		
48	Salaries & Wages	\$1,364,760	\$1,261,771

49	Operating Expenses	\$721,252	\$738,441
50	Snow & Ice	\$60,000	\$60,000
	<b>Parks Department</b>		
51	Salaries & Wages	\$162,805	\$116,821
52	Operating Expenses	\$56,500	\$94,033
	<b>Tree Department</b>		
53	Salaries & Wages	\$0	\$9,200
54	Operating Expenses	\$68,945	\$55,095
55	Sanitation - Operating Expenses	\$1,776,332	\$1,830,513
56	Street Lights	\$62,000	\$50,000
	<b>Salaries &amp; Wages</b>	<b>\$1,616,297</b>	<b>\$1,481,540</b>
	<b>Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,753,404</b>	<b>\$2,837,007</b>
	<b>Public Works</b>	<b>\$4,369,701</b>	<b>\$4,318,547</b>
	<b>HEALTH &amp; ENVIRONMENT</b>		
57	<b>Board of Health Salaries &amp; Wages</b>	<b>\$172,559</b>	<b>\$172,609</b>
58	<b>Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$17,500</b>	<b>\$17,450</b>
	<b>Subtotal Board of Health</b>	<b>\$190,059</b>	<b>\$190,059</b>
	<b>COMMUNITY SERVICES</b>		
	<b>Council on Aging</b>		
59	Salaries & Wages	\$154,338	\$155,829
60	Operating Expenses	\$35,247	\$33,756
	<b>Veterans Services</b>		
61	Salaries & Wages	\$94,302	\$99,606
62	Operating Expenses	\$545,022	\$452,886
63	Millicent Library	\$770,528	\$926,032
	<b>Recreation Department</b>		
64	Salaries & Wages	\$302,971	\$272,017
65	Operating Expenses	\$51,900	\$60,400
	<b>Tourism Department</b>		
66	Salaries & Wages	\$58,105	\$0
67	Operating Expenses	\$41,309	\$0
68	Fine Arts - expenses	\$850	\$200
69	Historical Commission - expenses	\$15,200	\$10,000
70	Memorial/Veterans Day - expenses	\$2,500	\$2,500
71	Cultural Council	\$1,250	\$900
72	Commission on Disability - expenses	\$900	\$450
73	Belonging Committee	\$900	\$300
	<b>Salaries &amp; Wages</b>	<b>\$609,716</b>	<b>\$527,452</b>
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74	<i>Intentionally left blank</i>		
	<b>NON-DEPARTMENTAL</b>		
75	Contributory Retirement	\$4,334,352	\$4,536,937
76	Group Insurance	\$5,445,000	\$5,571,604
77	MA Employment Security	\$100,000	\$150,000

78	Town General Insurance	\$1,234,320	\$1,383,500
79	Medicare Taxes (Employer Share)	\$502,000	\$521,000
80	Wind Turbine Electric Expense	\$625,000	\$516,597
81	Salary Reserve	\$100,000	
	<b>Salary &amp; Wages</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
	<b>Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$12,240,672</b>	<b>\$12,679,638</b>
	<b>Non-Departmental</b>	<b>\$12,340,672</b>	<b>\$12,679,638</b>
82	<b>Debt Service</b>		
	<b>Subtotal Debt Service</b>	<b>\$945,820</b>	<b>\$1,017,891</b>
	<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$61,462,374</b>	<b>\$62,935,726</b>



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*The new General Fund FY27 budget grand total is \$63,025,726*

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- Fairhaven School Department: increase line 43 by \$34,439 (Public Schools)

*The Finance Committee voted on the following recommendations for appropriation of the additional \$90,000:*

- Public Safety- Wages: increase line 33 by \$65,300 (\$30,861 to Animal Control Wages, \$25,000 to Police Overtime and \$9,439 to Fire Overtime)
- Public Safety- Expenses: increase line 34 by \$24,700 (Animal Control Expenses)

Line	Department Name Function Totals	Select Board recommends	Select Board Recommended Appropriation	FinCom recommends	FinCom Recommended Appropriation
33	Public Safety Salaries & Wages	\$30,861	\$4,990,380	\$65,300	\$5,024,819
34	Public Safety Operating Expenses	\$24,700	\$408,707	\$24,700	\$408,707
43	Fairhaven Public School	\$34,439	\$26,561,506	\$0	\$26,527,067
	<b>TOTAL INCREASE</b>	<b>\$90,000</b>		<b>\$90,000</b>	



## Amended Article 9 General Fund Operating Budget Override Appropriations

*Based on the proposed amendments increasing the FY27 budget in Article 8, proposed amendments recommended by the Select Board are shown in the “Amended Override Amounts” Column.*

*The Finance Committee met April 30, 2026 and proposed amendments shown in the “FinCom Override Amounts” column.*

DEPARTMENT	LINE ITEM	Original Override Article	Select Board Recommended Amounts	FinCom Recommended Amounts
Public Safety Salaries and Wages	Animal Control Wages	\$67,532	\$0	\$0
Public Safety Operating Expenses	Animal Control Operating Expenses	\$9,000	\$0	\$0
Public Safety Salaries and Wages	Police Overtime	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
Public Safety Salaries and Wages	Fire Overtime	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$15,561
Community Services Salaries and Wages	Tourism Department Wages	\$76,532	\$76,532	\$76,532
Community Services Operating Expenses	Tourism Dept Operating Exp	\$25,709	\$25,709	\$25,709
Public Works Highway	Wages	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
Education	Fairhaven Public Schools	\$481,376	\$481,376	\$0
<b>Total Override Recommended</b>		<b>\$760,149</b>	<b>\$683,617</b>	<b>\$117,802</b>

## **ARTICLE 24 FAIRHAVEN AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST**

### **Section 7. Powers of Trustees**

The Trustees shall have the following powers, all of which shall be carried on in furtherance of the purposes set forth in General Laws Chapter 44 Section 55C, except that it shall have no ability to borrow money, or mortgage, or pledge Trust assets, purchase, sell, lease, exchange, transfer or convey any interest in real property without prior approval of the Fairhaven Select Board.

- (11) **Subject to Town Meeting authorization** Borrow money on such terms and conditions and from such sources as the board deems advisable, to mortgage and pledge trust assets as collateral.; ~~however, the Trust borrowing shall not exceed fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) at any one time without Town Meeting approval.~~

***Motion:*** To adopt as written in the warrant, except that the words “Subject to Town Meeting authorization,” shall be inserted at the beginning of Section 7(A)(11), and the words “however, the Trust borrowing shall not exceed fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) at any one time without Town Meeting approval” shall be deleted

## GENERAL FUND FREE CASH / WAGE RESERVE

### General Fund - Surplus Revenue (Free Cash):

Certified Free Cash 7/1/25		4,213,249
Less: STM 11/19/25 Article		(70,000)
<b>Balance in Free Cash after STM 11/19/25</b>		<u>4,143,249</u>
	<b>Financial Policy: 2% of FY27 GF Budget for Reserve</b>	
	<b>(Est Bdgt \$63,285,726 as of 3/31/26)</b>	<u>(1,265,715)</u>
		2,877,534
Less: ATM 5/2/26 for <b>FY 2026 Article 7 (Union Wharf)</b> :	(280,000.00)	
Less: ATM 5/2/26 for <b>FY 2027 Articles:</b>		
Art 14           Capital Projects recommended	(1,996,038)	
Art 18a          Various articles	(413,600)	
Art 18b          Retiree COLA base increase	<u>(98,000)</u>	
Less: ATM 5/2/26 Articles:		<u>(2,787,638)</u>
<b>Balance in Free Cash after ATM 5/2/26</b>		<b><u>89,896</u></b>

### Wage Reserve:

Amount budgeted for TM 5/3/25		500,000
Less: Amount transferred to FY26 School Budget @ TM 5/3/25		<u>(400,000)</u>
<b>Balance remaining in Wage Reserve as of 7/1/25</b>		<b>100,000</b>
Less: Amount transferred to Fire Budget @ STM 11/19/25, Art 2		(15,000)
Less: Amount transferred to Highway Budget @ STM 11/19/25, Art 2		(15,500)
Less: Amount transferred to Park Budget @ STM 11/19/25, Art 2		(1,185)
Less: Amount transferred for Clerical Union @ STM 11/19/25, Art 2		(3,300)
Less: Amount transferred for Non-Union @ STM 11/19/25, Art 2		<u>(11,793)</u>
<b>Balance remaining in Wage Reserve before ATM 5/2/26</b>		<b>53,222</b>
Less: Amount transferred to Police Budget @ ATM 5/2/26, Art 4		(22,453)
Less: Amount transferred to Town Clerk Budget @ ATM 5/2/26, Art 5		<u>(421)</u>
	<b>Remaining Balance in Article</b>	<b>30,348</b>

## ENTERPRISE RETAINED EARNINGS

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### Water - Retained Earnings:

Certified Retained Earnings 7/1/25	566,063
Less: STM 11/19/25 Articles	(23,947)
<b>Water Retained Earnings after STM</b>	<b>542,116</b>
Less: ATM 5/2/26 for Operating Budget FY 27:	(78,282)
Less: ATM 5/2/26 for FY 27 Articles:	(326,000)
<b>Water Retained Earnings after STM &amp; ATM 5/2/26</b>	<b>137,834</b>

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### Sewer - Retained Earnings:

Certified Retained Earnings 7/1/25	1,877,232
Less: STM 11/19/25 Articles	(332,391)
<b>Sewer Retained Earnings after STM</b>	<b>1,544,841</b>
Less: ATM 5/2/26 for Operating Budget FY 27:	(896,715)
Less: ATM 5/2/26 for FY 27 Articles:	(625,000)
<b>Sewer Retained Earnings after STM &amp; ATM 5/2/26</b>	<b>23,126</b>

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### Town Cable - Retained Earnings:

Certified Retained Earnings 7/1/25	578,367
Less: STM 11/19/25 Article	(933)
<b>Town Cable Retained Earnings after STM 11/19/25</b>	<b>577,434</b>
Less: ATM 5/2/26 for Operating Budget FY 27:	(111,204)
<b>Town Cable Retained Earnings after STM &amp; ATM 5/2/26</b>	<b>466,230</b>

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### School Cable - Retained Earnings:

Certified Retained Earnings 7/1/25	383,145
Less: STM 11/19/25 Articles for FY2026:	-
<b>School Cable Retained Earnings after STM</b>	<b>383,145</b>
Less: ATM 5/2/26 for Operating Budget FY 27:	(76,755)
<b>School Cable Retained Earnings after ATM 5/2/26</b>	<b>306,390</b>

**TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN  
FISCAL YEAR 2027**

**1.) REVENUE SOURCES :**

**Tax Levy:**

Prior Year Levy Limit	\$34,476,372.00	\$	35,760,042.00
Amended for Growth	\$1,440.00	\$	-
Add: 2.5%	\$861,945.00	\$	894,001.00
Add FY - New Growth	\$420,285.00	\$	402,468.00
Add - Override	\$0.00		\$0.00

FY - Levy Limit	\$	35,760,042.00	\$	37,056,511.00
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Add - Debt Exclusion		\$715,775.00	\$	693,239.00
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<b>FY - Maximum Allowable</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>36,475,816.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>37,749,749.00</b>
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**State Aid:**

Cherry Sheet Receipts (less Charges & Offset Items)	\$12,903,718.00	\$	13,067,269.00
School Construction Aid	\$0.00		\$0.00

<b>Total - State Aid</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>12,903,718.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>13,067,269.00</b>
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<b>Local Receipts</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>9,209,233.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>9,277,630.00</b>
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<b>Indirect Charges - Enterprise Funds</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,434,607.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,481,498.00</b>
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**Other Available Funds:**

Gift-Animal Shelter	\$15,000.00	\$	15,000.00
Waterways Fund	\$52,000.00	\$	53,000.00
Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation	\$1,625,000.00		\$1,683,580.00
Capital Stabilization Fund	\$0.00		\$0.00
Subdivision Mgt Fees	\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00
Social Day-COA RR for Approp	\$30,000.00	\$	30,000.00
Wetlands Conservation	\$7,000.00	\$	8,000.00

<b>Other Available Funds</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,739,000.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,799,580.00</b>
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<b>TOTAL REVENUE SOURCES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>61,762,374.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>63,375,726.00</b>
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**2.) EXPENDITURES/EXEMPTIONS :**

Total General Fund Budget	\$61,462,374.00		\$63,025,726.00
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Abatement / Exemptions	\$300,000.00	\$	350,000.00
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<b>TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$61,762,374.00</b>		<b>\$63,375,726.00</b>
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