

# SPECIMEN BALLOT

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FINE NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS.



OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
FAIRHAVEN, MASSACHUSETTS  
JUNE 9, 2026  
PRECINCT THREE

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name and address on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

<p><b>SELECT BOARD</b> Vote for not more than 2</p> <p>for 3 years</p> <p>MILES F. GRANT <input type="radio"/> 22 Mulberry Street</p> <p>PAMELA ROGERS KUECHLER <input type="radio"/> 78 Cedar Street</p> <p>RICHARD FRANCIS TRAPILO <input type="radio"/> 15 Leeward Way</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE</b> Vote for not more than 2</p> <p>for 3 years</p> <p>ERIK W. BAUMANN <input type="radio"/> 48 Jerusalem Road</p> <p>DONNA LS McKENNA <input type="radio"/> 7 Teal Circle</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b> Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>for 3 years</p> <p>JUSTINE FREZZA <input type="radio"/> 16 Holcomb Street</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p><b>PLANNING BOARD</b> Vote for not more than 2</p> <p>for 3 years</p> <p>KEVIN D. GRANT <input type="radio"/> 63 Fort Street</p> <p>SHARON MARIE SIMMONS CLANCY <input type="radio"/> 5 Billy's Way</p> <p>MONA FREEDMAN PHILLIPS <input type="radio"/> 18 Crescent Drive</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE</b> Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>for 1 year unexpired term</p> <p>MICHAEL JUSTIN SHERMAN <input type="radio"/> 4 Lafayette Street</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>COMMISSIONER OF TRUST FUNDS</b> Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>for 3 years</p> <p>LOUISE M. PONTE <input type="radio"/> 15 Coe Street</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p><b>PLANNING BOARD</b> Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>for 2 years unexpired term</p> <p>JENNIFER ISABEL CARDOZA <input type="radio"/> 386 Main Street, 1 FLR</p> <p>ANDREW C. PANEK <input type="radio"/> 207 Farmfield Court</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS</b> Vote for not more than 2</p> <p>for 3 years</p> <p>BRIAN RUSSELL WOTTON <input type="radio"/> 7 Shaw Road</p> <p>MARCUS DAVID FERRO <input type="radio"/> 22 Laura Lane</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>HOUSING AUTHORITY</b> Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>for 5 years</p> <p>JACOB TYLER GALARY <input type="radio"/> 8 Tanner Lane</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>

BALLOT QUESTIONS

**QUESTION 1:** Shall the acceptance by the Town of Fairhaven of Section 47 of Chapter 31 of the General Laws, placing the members of both the official and labor service of the Town of Fairhaven within the classified Civil Service be revoked?

Summary:

Pursuant to a ballot vote on February 2, 1953, Fairhaven police officers and Fairhaven firefighters are subject to Civil Service – Chapter 31 of Massachusetts General Laws. Acceptance of this ballot question would remove the rules and requirements of Civil Service in the hiring and administration of future police officers and firefighters. Existing officers will retain Civil Service protection as long as they occupy their current positions. Both the Administration and the Police and Fire Unions support leaving Civil Service.

YES

NO

**QUESTION 2:** Shall the Town of Fairhaven be allowed to assess an additional \$649,178 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of Public Safety Salaries and Wages; Fire Overtime; Community Services Salaries and Wages; Tourism Department Wages; Community Services Operating Expenses; Tourism Department Operating Expenses; Public Works Highway Wages and Education; Fairhaven Public Schools for the fiscal year beginning on July 1st, 2026?

YES

NO

**QUESTION 3:** Shall An Act Relative to the Charter of the Town of Fairhaven be accepted?

Summary:

The state legislature has adopted Chapter 71 of the Acts of 2026 "An Act relative to the charter of the town of Fairhaven," which provides that the proposed Charter for the Town of Fairhaven will take effect if approved by a majority of the voters at the election. If accepted, the Charter will consolidate and replace the provisions of various special acts that currently establish the government structure of the Town of Fairhaven. The Charter substantially retains the current government structure with a few exceptions. Significant changes include: roles of the Select Board and Town Administrator are clarified; the number of Planning Board members is changed from 8 to 9; the number of School Committee members is changed from 6 to 5.

YES

NO

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

