

# SPECIMEN BALLOT

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

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

