



TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN, MASSACHUSETTS  
**PLANNING BOARD**  
Town Hall · 40 Center Street · Fairhaven, MA 02719

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Friday, March 29, 2024 at 12:00 pm**

**Held both at Town Hall & Remotely via Zoom**

**1. GENERAL BUSINESS:**

a) **Chair's Welcome and Media Notification:** Madame Chair, Ms. Cathy Melanson, opened the meeting at 12:07 PM and advised who was present. The media notification was written on the agenda for the meeting and thus was not read aloud.

b) **Quorum/Attendance: Present:** Cathy Melanson, Jessica Fidalgo, Sharon Simmons, Patrick Carr, Diane Tomassetti, and Ruy daSilva in the Town Hall Banquet Room.

Paul DiGiuseppe, Director of Planning & Economic Development was present for this meeting in Town Hall, as was Recording Secretary Stephanie Fidalgo via Zoom.

**Absent:** Jeff Lucas and Kevin Grant

c) **Zoning Bylaw Changes: Recommendation for Town Meeting. Proposed changes to Chapters 65, 198, 306, 316, and 322**

**1. Make a correction by a Planning Board member to the vote made on March 26, 2024**

Ms. Melanson explained that a member of the Planning Board had voted in error at the March 26, 2024 and the Board would rescind the vote and then retake it.

Ms. Melanson made a motion to rescind the vote Zoning Bylaw Changes: Recommendation for Town Meeting, proposed changes to Chapters 65, 198, 306, 316, and 322 and was seconded by Diane Tomassetti. The motion passed unanimously with Cathy Melanson, Jessica Fidalgo, Sharon Simmons, Patrick Carr, Diane Tomassetti, and Ruy daSilva in favor. (6-0)

**2. Vote to add "adoption" to the original motion made on March 26, 2024**

Ms. Melanson made a motion to adopt the Zoning Bylaw Changes: Recommendation for Town Meeting, proposed changes to Chapters 65, 198, 306, 316, and 322 and was seconded by Ruy daSilva. The motion passed unanimously with Cathy Melanson, Jessica Fidalgo, Sharon Simmons, Patrick Carr, Diane Tomassetti, and Ruy daSilva in favor. (6-0)

Recording Secretary Fidalgo asked a question regarding the recording of these motions

and votes in the minutes, but then noted that the technical nature of the question was better suited to a discussion with Mr. DiGiuseppe.

**d) Stormwater Bylaw Changes: Recommendation for Town Meeting. Proposed changes to Chapters 194, 198-31.1, and 322-26.**

**1. Vote to add “adoption” to the original motion made on March 26, 2024**

**Ms. Melanson made a motion to adopt the Stormwater Bylaw Changes: Recommendation for Town Meeting, proposed changes to Chapters 194, 198-31.1, and 322-26 and was seconded by Sharon Simmons. The motion passed unanimously with Cathy Melanson, Jessica Fidalgo, Sharon Simmons, Patrick Carr, Diane Tomassetti, and Ruy daSilva in favor. (6-0)**

**2. OTHER BUSINESS:**

- a) Any other business that may properly come before the Board, not reasonably anticipated when posting 48 hours prior to this meeting.**

There was no other business for this meeting.

**3. NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 9, 2024.**

Ms. Melanson adjourned the meeting at 12:11 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephanie A. Fidalgo  
Recording Secretary,  
Planning Board

*Approved, April 9, 2024*