

Selectmen's Meeting -- March 1, 2004

Mr. Eckenreiter, Dr. Bowcock and Mr. Silvia were present.

Also in attendance was Jeffrey Osuch.

Mr. Eckenreiter called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes of February 23, 2004. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2004 executive session. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Andrew Martin discussed revenue projection for FY 2005. (See attached.)

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Members of the Board of Public Works, the BPW Superintendent and BPW Supervisors were in attendance. FY 05 budgets and Annual Town Meeting articles were reviewed.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. Osuch will attend the DEP meeting on March 2nd at 11:00 a.m. to discuss new waste regulations.

District Water Planning Sub-Committee will meet on March 2nd at 3:00 p.m. at the Board of Public Works.

District Water Planning Committee will meet at 4:30 p.m. on March 2nd at the Board of Public Works.

Board of Selectmen will schedule a meeting with the Board of Public Works and the Finance Committee to discuss the formation of a water district. Meeting will be scheduled for March 29th at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting regarding the April 27, 2003 oil spill will be held at the New Bedford Whaling Museum on March 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Osuch and Renee Tavares will meet with Terry Noel from Senator Montigny's office on March 3rd at 10:00 a.m. to discuss recreation issues.

Rubbish/Recycling bids will be opened on March 3rd at 2:00 p.m. at the Board of Public Works.

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Dr. Bowcock and Mr. Osuch will meet with the Board of Assessors on March 4th at 12:30 p.m.

Finance Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m. on March 4th at the Board of Public Works.

ANIMAL SHELTER BUILDING FUND

Donations to the Animal Shelter Building Fund totaling \$50.00 were accepted.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police Chief asked the Board of Selectmen to contact SRPEDD to request a "corridor" study of Route 6 in Fairhaven. The request is to analyze intersections along the corridor due to numerous crashes along Route 6. Dr. Bowcock motioned to request a traffic study from SRPEDD. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

SUMMER CYCLING

Mr. Eckenreiter summarized the request from John Demirjian, a member of the "Summer Cycling" group. (See attached.) The cyclists will travel through Fairhaven this Summer and request a safe place to camp while they are here. The Tourism Director will be ask to contact Mr. Demirjian and discuss possible camping locations.

NSTAR GAS

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition for maintenance to gas main and services at 27-36 Smith Street. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works.)

IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

The Fairhaven Improvement Association and Historical Society submitted an application to rent the Town Hall Auditorium on March 18th for a lecture and slide program. Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the request, to waive the rental fee and to only charge the custodian's fee. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. It was so voted. Mr. Silvia, a past president of the Improvement Association, abstained.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:25 p.m., Dr. Bowcock motioned to go into executive session to discuss Harbormaster/Shellfish Warden issues and not to reconvene in open session. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. Roll call vote 3-0.

2/25/04

TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN

REVENUE PROJECTION F/Y 2005

GENERAL FUND

	F/Y 04 BUDGET	F/Y 05 AVAILABLE	INCREASE
TAX LEVY (exhibit 1)	16,871,974	17,613,250	741,276
STATE AID	10,294,364	10,325,486	31,122
LOCAL RCPTS (Exh.2)	3,100,000	3,200,000	100,000
SURPLUS REVENUE(Exh.3)	1,654,714	1,650,641	(4,073)
OTH AVAIL REV-RECOMMENDED			
Waterway Fd.	20,000	20,000	-
Ambulance Fd.	350,217	343,841	(6,376)
Tourism Fd.	123,363	103,515	(19,848)
Stabilization Fd.			
Transfer	5,000	231,065	226,065
COSTS RAISED IN WATER FD.	207,529	204,582	(2,947)
COSTS RAISED IN SEWER FD.	227,451	253,374	25,923
TOTALS	32,854,612	33,945,754	1,091,142

STATE AID: Gov. Romney's proposed budget

RESTRICTED REVENUE:	Balance 1/1/04	
Waterway Fund		52,728
Ambulance Fund		552,485
Tourism Fund		298,387
SURPLUS REVENUE BAL 7/1/03		1,937,505
LESS: approp stm 2/11/04		236,864
Res.d for STM 5/1/04		50,000
		<u>1,650,641</u>

FISCAL YEAR 2005 TAX LEVY LIMITATION

TO CALCULATE THE F/Y 05 LEVY LIMIT

A. F/Y 04 LEVY LIMIT		16,680,213
B. ADD: (A) X 2.5 %		417,005
C. ADD F/Y 05 NEW GROWTH (1)		107,100
D. ADD F/Y 05 DEBT EXCLUSION (2)		408,932
E. F/Y 05 SUB-TOTAL		17,613,250
F. F/Y 05 FULL AND FAIR CASH VALUE (3)		35,132,221
G. F/Y 05 LEVY LIMIT (Lessor of E or F)		17,613,250
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(1) Estimated growth (new valuations to be multiplied by current tax rate (ave.))		7,500,000
		X14.28
		107,100
(2) High School Project		
Debt Payment	1,563,265	
Less: State Aid	1,154,333	
TOTAL DEBT EXCLUSION:		408,932
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F/Y 04 TOTAL VALUATION		1,397,788,849
ADD: New Growth Estimated		7,500,000
		1,405,288,849
		X 2.5%
TOTAL		35,132,221
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F/Y 05 LEVY LIMIT (Line G)		17,613,250
LESS: F/Y 2004 TAX LEVY		16,871,974
ALLOWABLE F/Y 2005 TAX LEVY INCREASE		741,276

Massachusetts Department of Revenue
 Division of Local Services
 FY2005 Local Aid Proposals

FAIRHAVEN

	FY04 Cherry Sheet Estimate	FY05 Governor's Proposal (House1)	\$ Change	% Change
Education:				
Chapter 70	6,793,464	6,793,464	0	0.00
School Transportation	0	0	0	0.00
School Construction*	1,142,790	1,154,333	11,543	1.01
Retired Teachers' Pensions	0	0	0	0.00
Charter Tuition Assessment Reimbursement	662	412	(250)	(37.76)
Offset Receipts:				
Racial Equality	0	0	0	0.00
School Lunch	18,937	18,981	44	0.23
School Choice Receiving Tuition	0	0	0	0.00
Sub-Total, All Education Items	7,955,853	7,967,190	11,337	0.14
General Government:				
Lottery Aid	1,756,757	1,756,757	0	0.00
Additional Assistance	391,434	391,434	0	0.00
Local Share of Racing Taxes	0	0	0	0.00
Regional Public Libraries	0	0	0	0.00
Police Career Incentive	34,493	41,296	6,803	19.72
Urban Renewal Projects	0	0	0	0.00
Veterans' Benefits	32,972	46,569	13,597	41.24
Exemptions: Vets, Blind & Surviving Spouses	22,410	23,251	841	3.75
Exemptions: Elderly	66,242	63,252	(2,990)	(4.51)
State Owned Land	16,393	16,416	23	0.14
Offset Receipts:				
Public Libraries	17,909	19,321	1,412	7.88
Sub-Total, All General Government	2,338,610	2,358,296	19,686	0.84
Total Estimated Receipts	10,294,463	10,325,486	31,023	0.30

*Additional information regarding Governor Romney's proposal to fund future School Construction projects and the priority waiting list can be found at www.mass.gov/budget/download05/SBAWaitlist.html.

These amounts are provided for analysis only. Official Cherry Sheets will be released on the Internet at www.dls.state.ma.us/CHERRY/index.htm, once the final budget has been approved by the Legislature and signed by the Governor.

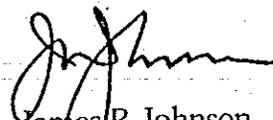


October 24, 2003

TO THE: TOWN MANAGER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
BOARD OF ASSESSORS
FINANCE DIRECTOR
TOWN COMPTROLLER
FINANCE COMMITTEE
TOWN TREASURER/COLLECTOR
SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Based upon the unaudited balance sheet submitted by the community, I hereby certify that the amount of available funds or "free cash" as of July 1, 2003 for the Town of Fairhaven is \$1,937,505. Also, the amount of available funds for Sewer Enterprise Fund is \$ 626,283, the Water Enterprise Fund is \$252,649 and for the Recreation Enterprise Fund is \$84,000.--This certification is in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 23, as amended.

Sincerely,


James R. Johnson
Director of Accounts

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BOARD OF SELECTORS
FAIRHAVEN MASS

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Hello.

My name is John Demisjian. I'm entrusted w/ the task of correspondence for a summer project. I represent a group of 4 cyclists. We are bicycling from South Carolina into Maine, over to Nova Scotia, and back home. We plan to leave in June & return early September. If we can, may we include you?

All of us are from different parts of the USA. Our ages range from early 30s to late 50s. We are all seasoned cyclists. We love it enough to devote a solid 3 months for exploring more of America. You will find us a well-intentioned and focused cross-section of people.

We look toward our Summer 2004 ride as a team effort. Everyone is participating in the preparation and planning. I would like to invite you to also join us in the adventure.

Our route will follow the Atlantic Coast as closely as possible to the ocean. We expect to keep a pace of 60-75 miles daily. At some point, we will be in your area. May we ask permission to camp in a safe place for the short time we would be there.

Enclosed is a post card for your convenience. It would be great to hear back from you.

Thank you for considering our request.

Respectfully,
John D.

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cc: Johnson' Dept 2/26/04