



# Fairhaven Board of Selectmen

March 25, 2014 Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Chairman Charles Murphy, Vice Chairman Robert Espindola, Clerk Geoffrey Haworth, Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch, and Administrative Assistant Anne Kakley.

Chairman Charles Murphy called the meeting to order in the Town Hall Banquet Room at 7:26 p.m. The meeting was audio recorded by Anne Kakley.

## EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

In his report, Mr. Osuch presented the Board with two potential articles to put onto the May 3, 2014 Special Town Meeting warrant:

- Article 1 would seek to appropriate \$20,000 for the demolition/removal of three classroom portables at the Rogers School, one classroom portable at the Oxford School, and demolition/removal of the structure at the Town-owned 89 Main Street (which is dilapidated and a liability to the Town). The Board was supportive to the request. Mr. Espindola motioned to place the article on the Special Town Meeting warrant with the recommended figure of \$20,000. Mr. Haworth seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).
- Article 2 would seek to appropriate \$8,000 for the re-evaluation of 32 non-union positions, their job description and compensation rates. The re-evaluation would be completed by consultant Jeff DuPont of the LaurelRidge Consulting Group. Mr. Haworth asked if the re-evaluation would address the issue of benefits for part-time employees. Mr. Osuch said that it would. The Board expressed support for the article. Mr. Espindola motioned to place the article on the Special Town Meeting warrant with the recommended figure of \$8,000. Mr. Haworth seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

## SURPLUS SCHOOL DESKS AND CHAIRS

Mr. Osuch said that he received an email from School Business Administrator Paul Kitchen regarding a request from the Westport Public Schools to purchase desks/tables and chairs for \$10 and \$5 respectively. The money would go to the General Fund. Mr. Osuch suggested that the Board could post that as the lowest offer they were willing to take and open it up to all towns to bid. The Selectmen's Office will arrange an auction for the School Department furniture sometime in the spring. This item will be discussed at a later meeting.

## POLL WORKERS

The Board voted to approve the Poll Workers listed in Attachment A for the April 7, 2014 Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Espindola motioned. Mr. Haworth seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

### **BIKE RACKS ARTICLE**

Mr. Osuch noted that there was an article on the Special Town Meeting warrant for \$2,500 for bike racks, as a part of a SRPEDD grant that would be eligible for reimbursement. Mr. Osuch said that the Town Accountant had said that she could authorize deficit spending if the Bikeway Committee could present a contract from SRPEDD indicating that the expenditure would be reimbursed. Mr. Espindola said that the grant would cover the cost of the racks, but not the shipping. The shipping will be covered by the Bikeway Committee and the BPW will install the racks. Mr. Espindola said that he would get the contract language to Mr. Osuch.

### **FY15 BUDGET**

The Board discussed the FY15 requests from Town departments. At a previous meeting, the Board voted to assume 80 percent of Local Receipts for creating their budget. After cutting several Town Meeting article requests, the Board still had about \$180,000 to cut to create a balanced budget. The Board discussed potential cuts from the Schools, Police, Fire, BPW and other Town offices.

### **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Board made recommendations for the articles on the May 3, 2014 Special Town Meeting warrant:

- **Article 3 – Funding Labor Contracts 2014**
  - Part 1 – Dispatchers – Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend “Pass Over”. Mr. Haworth seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).
- **Article 7 – Community Preservation Committee**
  - A. Millicent Library Exterior Phase 1 – Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend \$197,000 to come from CPC funds. Mr. Haworth seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).
- **Article 14 – Town Government Study Committee Continuation** – Phil Washko presented more information on the TGSC’s \$5,000 FY15 request as the Board had requested. Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend \$5,000 to come from Surplus Revenue. Mr. Haworth seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).
- **Article 19 – Fire Station Deductible** – This \$10,000 could end up being transferred prior to Town Meeting. However, Mr. Espindola still motioned to recommend \$10,000, to come from Surplus Revenue. Mr. Haworth seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).
- **Article (unnumbered at time of meeting) – Rogers-Oxford/89 Main Street Demolition** – Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend \$20,000 to come from Surplus Revenue. Mr. Haworth seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

- **Article (unnumbered at time of meeting) – Non Union Personnel Review** – Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend \$8,000 to come from Surplus Revenue. Mr. Haworth seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

### **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS**

- **Article 6E – Community Preservation Committee – Sidewalk Restoration** – Mr. Espindola said that there was some concern in the community that the restoration of the brick sidewalks would diminish the aesthetic and historical look of the Town center. The article for the May 3, 2014 Annual would start with the brick sidewalks on William and Center Street sides of the Town Hall and would narrow the brick by one foot. Additionally, the sidewalks would now be ADA compliant. After discussion, Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend \$136,000 for the article, to come from CPC funds. Mr. Haworth seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).
- **Article 21 – Street Lights – Upton Street** – Mr. Espindola motioned to Indefinitely Postpone this article. Mr. Haworth seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).
- **Article 26 – Capital Planning Committee** – Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend Adoption. Mr. Haworth seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).
- **Article 30B – Historical Commission – Academy Building** – Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend \$5,000. Mr. Haworth seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).
- **Article 30D – Historical Commission – Fort Phoenix** – Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend \$1,500. Mr. Haworth seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

### **POSTING OF THE WARRANT**

Mr. Espindola motioned to sign the Annual Town Meeting warrant and approve for posting in precincts. Mr. Haworth seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

The Board set April 1, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. to be a budget meeting.

Mr. Haworth asked that \$750 for Conservation Commission training be included in the departmental requests.

At 9:16 p.m., Mr. Espindola motioned to adjourn. Mr. Haworth seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

Respectfully,

Anne Kakley

Administrative Assistant  
Board of Selectmen  
(Minutes approved 03/31/2014)

# POLL WORKERS

for the

April 7, 2014  
Annual Town Election

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FAIRHAVEN MASS

## PRECINCT 1

Vivian Lewis, 144 Green Street, 992-0649 ----- Warden - U  
 Janice Rose, 44 Jerusalem Road, 993-7219 ----- Clerk - U  
 George Diggle, 21 Summer Street, 996-1976 ----- Worker - U  
 Anne Ellis, 310 Mill Road (PO Box 701), 996-1510 ----- Worker - U

## PRECINCT 2

Amy Ryle, 8 Jarvis Avenue, 992-0451 ----- Warden - U  
 Mary Cunha, 201 Nasketucket Way, 993-9305 ----- Clerk - U  
 Christine Alfonse, 38 Veranda Avenue, 997-1975 ----- Worker - R  
 Elaine Burgo, 147 Merrimac Street, NB, 997-2437 ----- Worker - D

## PRECINCT 3

Elizabeth Monk, 475 Main Street, 992-2004 ----- Warden - R  
 Mary Grace, 89 Spring Street, 994-5636 ----- Clerk - D  
 Janice Sylvia, 326 Huttleston Avenue, 994-2892 ----- Worker - U  
 Terrence Meredith, PO Box 684, 994-4283 ----- Worker - U

## PRECINCT 4

Nancy Perry, 93 Fort Street, 996-0051 ----- Warden - U  
 Lee Bachand, 8 Jeannette Street, 774-206-1600 ----- Clerk - U  
 Arlene Bertoldo, 447 Dana Farms, 993-0607 ----- Worker - U  
 Phyllis Goodwin, 46 William Street, 991-3098 ----- Worker - U

## PRECINCT 5

Diane Rocha, 346 Huttleston Avenue, 774-930-0201 ----- Warden - D  
 Martha A. Berg, PO. Box 148, 997-8517 ----- Clerk - U  
 Elaine L. Rocha, 7 Holiday Drive, 992-2246 ----- Worker - D  
 Vivian Graham, 10 Christian Street, 996-4613 ----- Worker - U

## PRECINCT 6

Norma Markey, 9 Day Street, 993-3745 ----- Warden - U  
 Lillian Horsley, 180 Adams Street #46B, 994-7704 ----- Clerk - D  
 Sandra Melanphy, 37 Evergreen Street, 994-4241 ----- Worker - D  
 Bernadette Costa, 19 Huttleston Avenue, 994-1851 ----- Worker - U

# APPROVED

3/25/2014