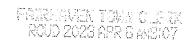


Town of Fairhaven

Town Hall- 40 Centre Street - Fairhaven, MA 02719



Town of Fairhaven Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes, 30 March 2023

Members Present – Pat Elliott, Claire Millette, Bob Grindrod, Linda Gallant, Terry Szala, Steve Levesque, and Peter Gardner

Members Not Present – Lisa Plante

Town of Fairhaven Staff Present – Angie Lopes-Ellison, Ann Carreiro

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

Prior Meeting Minutes with edits approved by unanimous vote (7-0).

Motion to approve made by Claire Millette, seconded by Steve Levesque.

- 1. Discussion of back up to vice chair, the clerk would act as back up.
- 2. Revised draft warrant articles presented.
- 3. Vote on general fund budget approvals.

Dept Name	Item	Decision	Motion	Second	Vote
Select Board / Town Admin	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
General Gov't	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Econ Dev Comm	Salary / Wages	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Econ Dev Comm	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Board of Appeals	Salary / Wages	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Board of Appeals	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Conservation Comm	Salary / Wages	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Conservation Comm	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Buzzards Bay Comm	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Plan & Development	Salary / Wages	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0

willicent Library	Bob Grindro			Steve	10-0	
Millicent Library	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	6-0	
Veterans Services	Wages OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0	
Veterans Services	Salary /	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0	
	Linda, Terry & Bob voting against					
Council on Aging	OPEX -	Yes	Claire	Steve	4-3	
	Wages					
Council on Aging	Salary /	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0	
Board of Health	Wages OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0	
Board of Health	Salary /	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0	
Street Lights	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0	
Sanitation	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0	
	Reduce to \$			-		
Tree Dept	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0	
Tree Dept	Salary / Wages	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0	
	Reduce to \$				1	
Parks Dept	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0	
Parks Dept	Wages					
	Salary /	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0	
Snow & Ice	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0	
BPW Admin	Wages OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0	
BPW Admin	Salary /	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0	
Bristol County Agricultural	OPEX	res	Claire	Jieve	/-0	
GNBRVT High School	OPEX	Yes Yes	Claire Claire	Steve Steve	7- 0 7- 0	
Weights & Measures	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve		
Maighta P. Massure	Wages	Voc	Claira	Stove	7-0	
Weights & Measures	Salary /	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0	
Marine Resources	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0	
	Wages					
Marine Resources	Salary /	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0	
	Peter Gardner abstaining					
Bldg Dept	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	6-0	
	Peter Gardner abstaining					
Bldg Dept	Wages	les	Claire	Steve	0-0	
Police / Animal Control	Salary /	Yes Yes	Claire	Steve	6-0	
	Wages OPEX	Van	Claire	Steve	7-0	
Police / Animal Control	Salary /	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0	
Plan & Development	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0	

Recreation Dept	Salary / Wages	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Recreation Dept	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Tourism Dept	Salary / Wages	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Tourism Dept	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Fine Arts	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Historical Comm	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Memorial / Veterans Day	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Cultural Council	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Comm on Disability	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Belonging Comm	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Rape Crisis Project	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Contributory Retirement	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Group Insurance	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
MA Employ Security	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Town General Insurance	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Medicare Taxes	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0
Wind Turbine	OPEX	Yes	Claire	Steve	7-0

- 4. Discussion of waterways funds to offset Marine Resources expenses.
- 5. Review of Sanitation expenses, brush chipping
 - a. Vinnie Furtado, DPW Superintendent, joined the meeting via Zoom.
 - b. Reviewed Hwy Dept OPEX
 - i. New equipment
 - ii. Sign exp
 - iii. Repaving Hathaway St & Alpine St
 - iv. Resurfacing & Curbing
- 6. Discussion of Council on Aging Dues and Professional Gatherings Exp.
- 7. Discussion of Tourism Dept OPEX, print advertising.
- 8. Salary Reserve discussion
 - a. Cost of contracts.
 - b. Cost to buy out of Civil Service.
 - c. Promotion of Kevin to Facilities Manager for all town bldg.
 - d. Increase town clerk salary once appointed position.
 - e. Increase poll worker salaries.
 - f. Recompensating increases for non-union staff.
 - g. 2% COLA for non-union staff.
- 9. Discussion on Fired Dept budget, need copy of chief's presentation.
- 10. Impact of Fairhaven FF Union press release.
- 11. Discuss status of collective bargaining agreements.
 - a. Police is settled, should be signed shortly.
 - b. Fire is close to settlement, approximately 95% done.

- c. Sewer department is heading to arbitration.
- 12. Planning of agenda for next meeting.
 - a. Vote salary reserve.
 - b. Vote Enterprise accounts.
 - c. Vote and discuss financial articles.
 - d. Plan for non-financial articles.
- 13. Additional meetings maybe required to fully review budget.

Meeting adjourned at 10:04 by unanimous vote (7-0).

Motion to adjourn made by Claire Millette, seconded by Steve Levesque.

Submitted by Peter Gardner