

Town of Fairhaven

Finance Committee

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Minutes of the meeting for <July 24, 2018> at the Jeffery W. Osuch BPW Administration Building, 5 Arsene St., Fairhaven, MA

FAIRHAVEN,
MASS.

Members in attendance:

Robert A. Furtado, Lisa Plante, Bernard F. Roderick, Tracey Diggins, Jessica Dwelly

Members absent:

Padraic Elliott, Kathi Carter, Thomas Alden

Town of Fairhaven:

Mark Rees- Town Administrator

Meeting was covered by government access television.

Vice Chairman Lisa called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM. Announced that the meeting was being recorded by government access TV. Chairman has to be notified if anyone else present is recording the meeting by video or audio.

- Mr. Rees tells committee that the Town's bond rating has been set, by Moody's, at AA2. Mr. Rees states this is 1 step below a triple A rating which might be unattainable for Fairhaven, because of the demographics of the Town.
- Mr. Rees states the agency spoke highly of the Town's budgeting and long term planning.
- Mr. Rees presents a Reserve Fund Transfer request for Town Hall.
 - The Transfer Request seeks \$20,000 for emergency temporary repairs to the Assessor's office ceiling.
 - Mr. Rees passes out information to committee members.
Explains that the ceiling in the Assessor's office has developed large cracks. There is a fear of the ceiling collapsing on workers.
 - Joe Booth, the architect who usually oversees work on Town Hall, has recommended removing the damaged area of plaster and installing drywall as a temporary means of removing the hazard and allowing town workers to continue to use the area.

- Mr. Booth will then specify a permanent repair for the area that will be funded through the fall Special Town Meeting.
 - Lisa asks if this is something that must be done.
Mr. Rees states yes. He states a similar situation happened in his office years ago, and the plaster ended up falling from the ceiling.
 - Bob asks if the blue board that is being installed will be plastered, or if it will be taken down for the permanent repair.
Mr. Rees isn't sure, states the architect will determine the final repair.
 - Bernie motions to transfer \$20,000 to Town Hall-Repair & Maintenance Buildings Acct.# 001-192-00-5244-00-0533. Seconded by Jessica. Vote : Unanimous 5-0
- Mr. Rees states the Fall Special Town Meeting has been set for November 13, 2018.
 - Bernie asks if the Personnel Classification will be handled at the STM.
Mr. Rees states the Selectmen plan to adopt it at the STM.

7:19 PM. Bernie motions to adjourn. Seconded by Jessica. Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted by:

Robert A. Furtado
Finance Committee Secretary

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