



# Town of Fairhaven

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## MEETING NOTES

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### Date, Time, Location:

July 11th, 2019 @ 7:00 P.M., BPW Administration Building, 5 Arsene Street, Fairhaven, MA.

### Meeting Overview:

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Nomination for Open Positions
3. Note from Town Administrator
4. Discussion and Votes of Line Item Shortages
5. Discussion of Next Meeting Dates
6. Closing Remarks

### -Key-

#) = Issue being discussed

\* = Notes

! = Votes (Nom/Second)

-/+ = Change in attendance

### Member Attendance (8):

\* Padraic Elliott, Lisa Plante, Kathy Carter, Bernard F. Roderick, Jennifer Duprees, Tracey Diggins, Jessica Dwelly, Chris Fidalgo

### Town of Fairhaven (2):

\* Mark Rees (Town Administrator), Wendy Graves (Collector/Treasurer/Finance Director)

Meeting called, 7:00PM

### Nominations

1) Chris as Secretary

-Lisa nom/Kathy, 8-0 Unanimous

2) Lisa for Vice

-Kathy nom/Jessica, 8-0 Unanimous

3) Pad for Chair

-Lisa nom/Tracey, 8-0 Unanimous

0) Main Focus - Mark: Address line item shortages

- \* Two procedures to address, additional information provided
- \* Selectmen asked to use Reserve Fund Transfer Method

1) Social Day Special Reserve Fund - Increase cap from \$160k -> \$175k

- \* Were more successful than thought, spent \$175k with additional revenue

! Lisa/Jessica, 8-0 Unanimous

2) \$60K from General Fund Debt Appropriation to Wind Turbines - Transfer Increase appropriation, cover the overage

- \* Net Rev. \$16k, Profit of \$312K
- \* Lisa: Shouldn't we be making more? Generated 4 mil. over the years (ballpark)
- \* Lisa: Money we're short but we'll get more back? Yes
- \* Lisa: What amount is rent? 100K per year (ballpark), Mark will get exact numbers

! Bernard/Jessica, 8-0 Unanimous

3) \$600 from General Fund Debt Appropriation to EMA Utilities - Emergency Mgmt, small department moved to Fire Department

- \* Pad: Total Budget? 6k
- \* Pad: Why over? Under budgeted
- \* Will be better managed under Fire Department

! Jessica/Jennifer, 8-0 Unanimous

4) Covering Tree Warden \$700 shortfall - new trees

- \* Lisa: Which trees? At the discretion of tree warden, he does replace trees
- \* Lisa: Livesey Park trees? Warden has discussed those with Mark, unclear whether it was Livesey trees
- \* Pad discussed Reserve transfer, usually for emergency, Mark goes over definition of Emergency Fund purpose
- \* Pad: Better to use fund for emergency and rather have this go to Town Meeting, Lisa agrees
- \* Mark: Only used 30k of this fund
- \* Chris: What if we don't pay? Vendor doesn't get paid

! Bernard/Jessica, 8-0 Unanimous

5) Fire Dept Operations \$17k - violations of handicapped parking, met with vendors to come into compliance

- \* Needed before voting, seemingly mandatory, next voting in Fall
- \* Lisa: This building is going away. Why are we putting money into this?
- \* Bernard: How long has it been a voting place? Members believe recently
- \* Tracey: Legal risk? Mark confirms, state could come in
- \* Kathy: Can we use Wood School instead? Issue is the building as a voting place
- \* FinCom wants more information, Mark asks for provisional vote

- Mark Rees leaves

- \* Pad wants Wendy to follow up, get more information

! SKIPPED OVER, FinCom wants additional information, plans to meet at another date

6) \$7 Board of Appeals - Secretary was over time after submitting record

! Jessica/Chris, 8-0 Unanimous

(Final notes below)

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Discussion of next meeting date:

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July 25th or August 8th

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Final Notes

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Bernard: Discusses concerns about studies and follow up on the project.

\* Capital Planning Board, Bernard wants representation. Lisa says we can only be on 1 board. Pad says the meeting is open and can go if they feel impassioned to do so.

\* Lisa wants more information from the Town Administrator.

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Close, 8:20, Lisa/Bernard, 8-0 Unanimous