



TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN, MASSACHUSETTS

PLANNING BOARD

Joint Session with the Select Board
Town Hall · 40 Center Street · Fairhaven, MA 02719

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 23, 2023, at 6:30 pm

Held both at Town Hall & Remotely via Zoom

1. ACTION/DISCUSSION:

a) Planning Board Appointment

The joint session with the Select Board began at 6:49 PM.

Planning Board members in attendance were Cathy Melanson, Sharon Simmons, Kevin Grant, Ruy daSilva, Jeff Lucas, and Patrick Carr at Town Hall and Jessica Fidalgo via Zoom.

Applicant Diane Tomasetti introduced herself to the boards and gave a review of her background and qualifications.

The board had questions regarding the potential conflict of interest due to her current employer, her meeting attendance plans, and the term and election process.

Ms. Angie Lopes Ellison outlined that the term for this appointment would be through the April 2024 Town election.

Ms. Tomasetti said that she did not know of any conflicts of interest and shared her plans to run during the April 2024 Town election. Ms. Ellison added that Ms. Tomasetti could contact the state to ask about potential conflicts. Ms. Tomasetti advised both Boards that she could also consider working for another real estate company.

Planning Board Motion: Ms. Melanson motioned to appoint Diane Tomasetti to the Planning Board and was seconded by Mr. Grant. Roll Call Vote: Ms. Melanson in favor, Mr. Grant in favor, Ms. Simmons in favor, Mr. daSilva in favor, Mr. Lucas in favor, Ms. Fidalgo in favor, and Mr. Carr in favor. The motion passed unanimously (7-0-0).

Select Board Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to appoint Diane Tomasetti to the Planning Board for a term to end after the election date of April 2024 and was seconded by Ms. Powers. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Mr. Espindola noted that the process for contacting the State Ethics Commission is voluntary and that Ms. Tomasetti could contact them herself with further questions.

The joint session with the Select Board ended at 6:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie A. Fidalgo
Recording Secretary,
Planning Board

Approved – November 28, 2023