



FAIRHAVEN SELECT BOARD

Agenda

Monday, April 11, 2022

6:30 p.m.

Town Hall – 40 Center Street – Fairhaven 2022 APR - 1 P 4: 08

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A. MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of March 28, 2022 – Open Session
2. Approve the minutes of March 28, 2022 – Executive Session

B. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

1. Personnel policy update
2. Budget process
3. Covid related updates
4. Rogers School update
5. Opioid litigation update
6. Goals and Objectives
7. Other

C. COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

D. APPOINTMENTS

1. 7:00 p.m. – Veterans Services Agent Brad Fish and George Brownell: Memorial Day Parade

E. POSSIBLE ACTION/DISCUSSION

1. Reorganization of the Select Board and seating
2. Reorganization of the Committee Liaison appointment
3. Approval of the Finestkind movie locations
4. Town Clerk: Certificate of appointment/elections
5. FY21 CDBG project- Hedge Street Phase 3
 - a. Award engineering contract
 - b. Award grant administrator
6. Resignation of Wendy Graves, interim Town Administrator, on Committees and Positions
 - a. ADA Coordinator

- b. Affirmative Action Officer
 - c. Procurement Officer
- 7. Appointment of Angie Lopes Ellison, Town Administrator, on Committees and positions
 - a. ADA Coordinator
 - b. Affirmative Action Officer
 - c. Procurement Officer
- 8. Broadband Grant Application – Community Compact Cabinet Grant
- 9. Discuss Flag/Banner policy
- 10. Request to fly Pride Flag
- 11. Event Permit: Fitness in the Park, June 21- August 25, 2022
- 12. Presentation of Town Meeting Articles for June 18, 2022 Annual Town Meeting

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

G. CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. MassTrails Program letter of support
- 2. Fairhaven Police Grant award: Automated External Defibrillator Equipment Program
- 3. Finance Committee members needed
- 4. Resignation of the Measurer of Wood and Bark
- 5. Vacancy on the Housing Authority: Governor's Appointment

H. NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. The next **regularly** scheduled meeting of the Select Board is **Monday, April 25, 2022** at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Banquet Room

ADJOURNMENT

Subject matter listed in the agenda consists of those items that are reasonable anticipated (by the Chair) to be discussed. Not all items listed may be discussed and other items not listed (such as urgent business not available at the time of posting) may also be brought up for discussion in accordance with applicable law.

MGL, Ch. 30A, § 20(f) requires anyone that intends to record any portions of a public meeting, either by audio or video, or both, to notify the Chair at the beginning of the meeting.

I am still finalizing the minutes.

Personnel Policy & Budget Process

To be discussed
at Meeting





Town of Fairhaven Board of Health

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Michael Ristuccia, Chair
Peter DeTerra, Vice-Chair
Kevin Gallagher, Clerk
David D. Flaherty Jr, RS , Health Agent

MEMO

DATE: April 8, 2022
TO: Fairhaven's Select Board
FROM: David D. Flaherty Jr., RS
Health Agent
RE: COVID 19 Update

Dear Chairman Espindola,

Fairhaven's Select Board has maintained a policy of "Strongly Advising" shields or masks for visitors and staff at all Fairhaven municipal buildings. This policy has been an integral aspect to attempting reduction of cases and positivity for COVID-19 virus occurrence in Fairhaven. Since last week the Town of Fairhaven has moved from 2.11% positivity down to 1.35%; our total case count has gone from 16 down to 11. To put this in perspective, two months ago these numbers were at least ten times what they are now. Bristol County's and the Commonwealth's COVID data are trending in a very positive manner as well. In light of this data, I would suggest that your Board continue to maintain the policy of a "Strong Advisory" for mask wearing in municipal buildings. The public seems to be well aware of masking protocols which suit their own comfort level. Many State, County, School and local jurisdictions are suspending mask mandates. I will continue to be involved with Public Service Announcements to help the residents of Fairhaven better understand what these numbers mean and how they can better protect themselves.

Fairhaven is faring better that at the Nationwide level but we need to remain vigilant.

Respectfully,

David D. Flaherty Jr., RS
Health Agent

Cc: BOH

FAIRHAVEN REPORT 4.8.2022

COVID REPORT

Total case count: 4,385

Increase of 7 since 4.1.2022

Total Tests in the last 2 weeks: 816

Total case count in the last 2 weeks: 11

DECREASE OF 5 since 4.1.2022

1.35 % Positivity Rate

DECREASE of 0.76 % since 4.1.2022

VACCINATION DATA

Total vaccinated persons: 11,165

Increase of 17 since 4.1.2022

Fully vaccinated females: 6,021

Increase of 9 since 4.1.2022

73% Per Capita 54% Proportion

Fully vaccinated males: 5,144

Increase of 8 since 4.1.2022

66% Per Capita 46% Proportion

Age Group	Population	Proportion of town population	Individuals with at least one dose	Individuals with at least one dose per capita	Proportion of town individuals with at least one dose	Fully vaccinated individuals	Fully vaccinated individuals per capita	Proportion of town fully vaccinated individuals	Individuals with booster doses
5-11 Years	978	6%	343	35%	3%	304	31%	3%	-
12-15 Years	713	4%	459	64%	4%	423	59%	4%	123
16-19 Years	633	4%	516	82%	4%	477	75%	4%	207
20-29 Years	1,639	10%	1,180	72%	9%	1,026	63%	9%	410
30-49 Years	3,837	24%	2,863	75%	23%	2,568	67%	23%	1,198
50-64 Years	3,729	23%	3,281	88%	26%	2,989	80%	27%	1,787
65-74 Years	2,034	13%	2,103	>95%	17%	1,858	91%	17%	1,346
75+ Years	1,784	11%	1,715	>95%	14%	1,537	86%	14%	1,097
Total	16,013	100%	12,460	78%	100%	11,182	70%	100%	6,168

Rogers School

To be discussed
at Meeting



Massachusetts State-Subdivision Agreement for Statewide Opioid Settlements

A. Statewide Opioid Settlements. As used herein, the term “**Statewide Opioid Settlements**” refers to statewide opioid settlements reached by or before January 1, 2026 between the Massachusetts Attorney General and non-bankrupt opioid industry participants, pursuant to which certain Massachusetts political subdivisions (“**Massachusetts Subdivisions**”) are eligible to participate and share in Global Settlement Abatement Funds (“**Abatement Funds**”), in exchange for releases. For avoidance of doubt, the July 2021 opioid settlements between the Massachusetts Attorney General and opioid distributors McKesson, Cardinal, AmerisourceBergen, and opioid-maker Johnson & Johnson (“**Settlements**”) are Statewide Opioid Settlements. Unless otherwise stated, the capitalized terms herein shall have the same meaning as in the Settlements.

B. Massachusetts Abatement Terms. Abatement Funds shall be used solely to supplement and strengthen, rather than supplant, resources for prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery, in accordance with the purposes and subject to the requirements in the appended Massachusetts Abatement Terms.

C. Allocation of Abatement Funds to Massachusetts Subdivisions. The Massachusetts Subdivisions shall collectively be eligible to receive 40% of each Annual Payment of Abatement Funds that come into the state, allocated among them in the percentages reflected in the Settlements, so long as they timely submit Subdivision Settlement Participation Forms in the form attached to the Statewide Opioid Settlements. Participating Subdivisions may elect to share or pool the funds they receive and collaborate on abatement efforts. Participating Subdivisions may also elect to reallocate to the statewide Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund some or all of their allocation of any Statewide Opioid Settlement with timely notice to the Settlement Administrator.

D. Allocation of Abatement Funds to Statewide Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund. The statewide Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund (“ORRF”) shall receive 60% of each Annual Payment of Abatement Funds as well as: (a) amounts voluntarily reallocated to it by Participating Subdivisions; (b) amounts allocated to Subdivisions that are Non-Participating Subdivisions as of a Payment Date; and (c) any other Abatement Funds not paid out pursuant to Section C. The ORRF is a Statutory Trust, as that term is defined in the Settlements, established by the legislature in 2021 to expand access to opioid use disorder, prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery options throughout Massachusetts. The ORRF is administered by the Executive Office of Health and Human Services in consultation with a 20-member state- and municipal-appointed advisory council with expertise and experience with opioid use disorder.¹

E. Consent Judgments. This Agreement will be appended to proposed Consent Judgments filed in the Massachusetts Superior Court, in an action or actions filed by the Attorney General, consistent with the Statewide Opioid Settlements and any related legislation. In the event of a

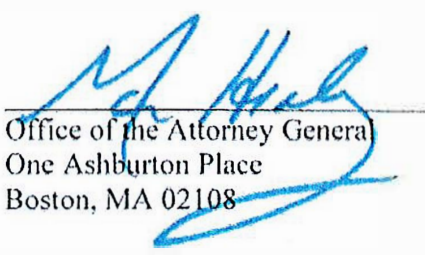

¹ Current appointees include nonprofit leaders, physicians, professors, and public officials from Amherst, Boston, Brockton, Falmouth, Framingham, Lynn, New Bedford, Pittsfield, Springfield, and Worcester. The advisory council holds public meetings every quarter about priorities for addressing the opioid epidemic in Massachusetts.

conflict between this Agreement and the Statewide Opioid Settlements, the Statewide Opioid Settlements will govern.

F. State-Subdivision Agreement. This Agreement is a State-Subdivision Agreement as forth in [Exhibit O](#) to the Settlements and shall take effect subject to the approval requirements therein.

G. Authority. The undersigned officials understand and agree to be bound by this Agreement and represent that their execution of this Agreement is voluntary and authorized.

H. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which constitutes an original and all of which constitute one and the same Agreement.

<p>THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS</p> <p>MAURA HEALEY ATTORNEY GENERAL</p>  <p>Office of the Attorney General One Ashburton Place Boston, MA 02108</p> <p>Date: March 4, 2022</p>	<p>Name of Participating Subdivision:</p> <p>Signature: </p> <p>Name of Signer: Robert J. ESPINDOLA</p> <p>Title: CHAIR, SELECT BOARD</p> <p>Address: 40 CENTER ST. FAIRHAVEN, MA 02719</p> <p>Phone Number: (508) 979-4023</p> <p>Email: S. Getman BOBESPINDOLA@GMAIL.COM</p> <p>Date: 4-5-2022</p>
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MASSACHUSETTS ABATEMENT TERMS

I. STATEWIDE COMMITMENT TO ABATEMENT

The Commonwealth and its municipalities have a shared commitment to using abatement funds recovered from statewide opioid settlements to supplement and strengthen resources available to Massachusetts communities and families for substance use disorder prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery in a manner that:

- ❖ reflects the input of our communities, of people who have personal experience with the opioid crisis, of experts in treatment and prevention, and of staff and organizations that are carrying out the abatement work;
- ❖ addresses disparities in existing services and outcomes and improves equity and the health of individuals and communities disadvantaged by race, wealth, and stigma, including through efforts to increase diversity among service providers;
- ❖ addresses mental health conditions, substance use disorders, and other behavior health needs that occur together with opioid use disorder (“OUD”);
- ❖ leverages programs and services already reimbursed by state agencies and programs, including direct care reimbursed by MassHealth and the state’s Bureau of Substance Addiction Services (“BSAS”); and
- ❖ encourages innovation, fills gaps and fixes shortcomings of existing approaches; supplements rather than supplants resources for prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery; includes evidence-based, evidence-informed, and promising programs; and takes advantage of the flexibility that is allowed for these funds.²

This document sets forth: how abatement funds from these settlements must be used by the state and its municipalities (Sections II and III); how the state will support municipal abatement initiatives (Section IV); and state and municipal reporting requirements (Section V).

II. STATE USE OF ABATEMENT FUNDS

Abatement funds directed to the state shall be deposited into the statewide Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund to supplement prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery programs throughout Massachusetts. The Fund is overseen by the Commonwealth’s Executive Office of Health and Human Services (“EOHHS”) together with a Council comprised of 10 municipal appointees appointed by the Massachusetts Municipal Association and 10 state

² In this document, the words “fund” and “support” are used interchangeably and mean to create, expand, or sustain a program, service, or activity. References to persons with opioid use disorder are intended in a broad practical manner to address the public health crisis, rather than to require a clinical diagnosis, and they include, for example, persons who have suffered an opioid overdose. It is also understood that OUD is often accompanied by co-occurring substance use disorder or mental health conditions, and it is intended that the strategies in this document will support persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD and mental health conditions.

appointees qualified by experience and expertise regarding opioid use disorder. Appointees serve for two years. The Council holds public meetings every quarter to identify priorities for addressing the opioid epidemic in Massachusetts.

III. MUNICIPAL USE OF ABATEMENT FUNDS

Abatement funds allocated to municipalities shall be used to implement the strategies set forth below. Municipalities are encouraged to pool abatement funds to increase their impact, including by utilizing the Office of Local and Regional Health's Shared Service infrastructure. Municipal abatement funds shall not be used to fund care reimbursed by the state, including through MassHealth and BSAS, although local or area agencies or programs that provide state-reimbursed services can be supported financially in other ways that help meet the needs of their participants.

1. Opioid Use Disorder Treatment

Support and promote treatment of persons with OUD, including through programs or strategies that:

- a. Expand mobile intervention, treatment, telehealth treatment, and recovery services offered by qualified providers, including peer recovery coaches.
- b. Support evidence-based withdrawal management services for people with OUD and any co-occurring mental health conditions.
- c. Make capital expenditures to rehabilitate and expand facilities that offer treatment for OUD, in partnership with treatment providers.
- d. Treat trauma for individuals with OUD (e.g., violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, or adverse childhood experiences) and family members (e.g., surviving family members after an overdose).

2. Support People In Treatment And Recovery

Support and promote programs or strategies that:

- a. Provide comprehensive wrap-around services to individuals with OUD, including job placement, job training, or childcare.
- b. Provide access to housing for people with OUD, including supportive housing, recovery housing, housing, rent, move-in deposits, and utilities assistance programs, training for housing providers, or recovery housing programs that integrate FDA-approved medication with other support services.
- c. Rehabilitate properties appropriate for low-threshold and recovery housing, including in partnership with DHCD-funded agencies and OUD-specialized organizations.
- d. Provide peer support specialists that support people in accessing OUD treatment, trauma-informed counseling and recovery support, harm reduction services, primary healthcare,

or other services, including support for long-term recovery encompassing relapse, treatment, and continued recovery.

- e. Provide community support services, including social and legal services, to assist in deinstitutionalizing persons with OUD.
- f. Support or expand peer-recovery centers, which may include support groups, social events, computer access, or other services for persons with OUD.
- g. Provide transportation to treatment or recovery services for persons with OUD.
- h. Provide employment training or educational services for persons with OUD, such as job training, job placement, interview coaching, community college or vocational school courses, transportation to these activities, or similar supports.
- i. Increase the number and capacity of high-quality recovery programs to help people in recovery.
- j. Engage non-profits, faith-based communities, and community coalitions to support people in treatment and recovery and to support family members in their efforts to support the person with OUD in the family.
- k. Support programs for recovery in schools and/or standalone recovery high schools.
- l. Support bereaved families and frontline care providers.

3. Connections To Care

Provide connections to care for people who have, or are at risk of developing, OUD through programs or strategies that:

- a. Support the work of Emergency Medical Systems, including peer support specialists and post-overdose response teams, to connect individuals to trauma-informed treatment recovery support, harm reduction services, primary healthcare, or other appropriate services following an opioid overdose or other opioid-related adverse event.
- b. Support school-based services related to OUD, such as school-based contacts that parents can engage with to seek immediate treatment services for their child; and support prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery programs focused on young people. This should include alternatives to suspension or interaction with school resource officers such as restorative justice approaches.
- c. Fund services or training to encourage early identification and intervention for families, children, or adolescents who may be struggling with use of drugs or mental health conditions, including peer-based programs and Youth Mental Health First Aid. Training programs may target families, caregivers, school staff, peers, neighbors, health or human services professionals, or others in contact with children or adolescents.

- d. Include Fire Department partnerships such as Safe Stations.³

4. Harm Reduction

Support efforts to prevent overdose deaths or other opioid-related harms through strategies that:

- a. Increase availability of naloxone and other drugs that treat overdoses for first responders,⁴ overdose patients, individuals with OUD and their friends and family, schools, community-based organizations, community navigators and outreach workers, persons being released from jail or prison, or the public.
- b. Provide training and education regarding naloxone and other drugs that treat overdoses.
- c. “Naloxone Plus” strategies to ensure that individuals who receive naloxone to reverse an overdose are linked to treatment programs or other appropriate services.
- d. Approve and fund syringe service programs and other programs to reduce harms associated with drug use, including supplies, staffing, space, peer support services, referrals to treatment, fentanyl checking, syringe collection and disposal, connections to care, and the full range of harm reduction and treatment services provided by these programs.
- e. Support mobile units that offer or provide referrals to harm reduction services, treatment, recovery supports, primary and behavioral health care, recovery support, or other appropriate services to persons with OUD.
- f. Promote efforts to train health care providers, students, peer recovery coaches, recovery outreach specialists, or other professionals that provide care to persons who use opioids or persons with OUD in crisis training and harm reduction strategies.
- g. Active outreach strategies such as the Drug Abuse Response Team model or the Post Overdose Support Team model.
- h. Provide outreach and services for people who use drugs and are not yet in treatment, including services that build relationships with and support for people with OUD.

5. Address The Needs Of Criminal-Justice-Involved Persons

Support diversion and deflection programs and strategies for criminal-justice-involved persons with OUD, including:

- a. Programs, that connect individuals involved in the criminal justice system and upon release from jail or prison to OUD harm reduction services, treatment, recovery support, primary healthcare, prevention, legal support, or other supports, or that provide these

³ Safe Stations currently operate in Fall River and Revere. *See, e.g.,* <https://www.mma.org/fall-river-fire-stations-become-safe-stations-for-people-seeking-addiction-treatment/>.

⁴ Municipalities can purchase discounted naloxone kits from the State Office of Pharmacy Services. *See* <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/bulk-purchasing-of-naloxone>.

services.

- b. Co-responder and/or alternative responder models to address OUD-related 911 calls with greater OUD expertise.
- c. Public safety-led diversion strategies such as the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion model.
- d. Participate in membership organizations such as the Police Assisted Addiction Recovery Initiative for training and networking and utilize law enforcement training opportunities such as the Safety and Health Integration in the Enforcement of Laws on Drugs (SHIELD) model.⁵

6. Support Pregnant Or Parenting Women And Their Families, Including Babies With Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome

Support pregnant or parenting women with OUD and their families, including babies with neonatal abstinence syndrome, through programs or strategies that provide family supports or childcare services for parents with OUD, including supporting programs such as:

- a. FIRST Steps Together, a home visiting program for parents in recovery that currently has seven sites serving cities and towns across the state;
- b. Pregnant/post-partum and family residential treatment programs, including and in addition to the eight family residential treatment programs currently funded by DPH; and
- c. the Moms Do Care recovery support program that has grown from two to ten programs in the state.

7. Prevent Misuse Of Opioids And Implement Prevention Education

Support efforts to prevent misuse of opioids through strategies that:

- a. Support programs, policies, and practices that have demonstrated effectiveness in preventing drug misuse among youth. These strategies can be found at a number of existing evidence-based registries such as Blueprints for Health Youth Development (<https://www.blueprintsprograms.org/>).
- b. Support community coalitions in developing and implementing a comprehensive strategic plan for substance misuse prevention. There are a number of evidence based models for strategic planning to consider including but not limited to the Strategic Prevention Framework developed by the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (<https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/20190620-samhsa-strategic-prevention-framework-guide.pdf>) and Communities That Care developed by the University of Washington (<https://www.communitiesthatcare.net/programs/ctc-plus/>).
- c. Engage a robust multi-sector coalition of stakeholders in both the development and implementation of the above stated strategic plan (<https://www.prevention->

⁵ See <https://paariusa.org>

first.org/centers/center-for-community-engagement/about-this-center/).

- d. Support community-based education or intervention services for families, youth, and adolescents at risk for OUD.
- e. Support greater access to mental health services and supports for young people, including services provided in school and in the community to address mental health needs in young people that (when not addressed) increase the risk of opioid or another drug misuse.
- f. Initiate, enhance, and sustain local youth health assessment through the implementation of a validated survey tool to develop localized strategic plans that will inform the best ways to institute or enhance strategies to reduce and prevent youth substance misuse, including mental health services and supports for young people, intervention services for families, and youth-focused programs, policies, and practices that have demonstrated effectiveness in reducing and preventing drug misuse.

IV. STATE SUPPORT FOR MUNICIPAL ABATEMENT AND INTER-MUNICIPAL COLLABORATION

EOHHS and the Department of Public Health (DPH), including through its [Office of Local and Regional Health](#) (OLRH), will support municipal abatement initiatives by providing strategic guidance to help Massachusetts municipalities select and implement abatement strategies and [effectively pool their resources through inter-municipal Shared Service Agreements](#), as well as other technical assistance. By pooling resources, functions, and expertise, a consortium of cities and towns can expand the public health protections and services they offer residents.

In addition, EOHHS/DPH will collect information regarding municipal abatement and publish an annual report to provide the public with information about the municipal abatement work and to highlight effective strategies, lessons learned, and opportunities for further progress. The support for municipal abatement described in this Section IV will be funded by the state abatement funds described in Section II, above.

V. REPORTING AND RECORD-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS

A. STATE REPORTING. Annually, not later than October 1, the secretary of EOHHS shall file a report on the activity, revenue and expenditures to and from the statewide Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund in the prior fiscal year with the clerks of the senate and the house of representatives, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on mental health, substance use and recovery and made available on the executive office of health and human services' public website. The report shall include, but not be limited to: revenue credited to the fund; expenditures attributable to the administrative costs of the executive office; an itemized list of the funds expended from the fund; data and an assessment of how well resources have been directed to vulnerable and under-served communities. EOHHS filed its [first Annual Report](#) on October 1, 2021.

B. MUNICIPAL REPORTING. Cities and towns that receive annual abatement distributions of \$35,000⁶ or more, whether individually or pooled through OLRH Shared Service arrangements, will be required to submit annual reports of their Municipal Abatement Fund expenditures in the prior fiscal year to EOHHS, starting in FY2023. The reports shall include, but not be limited to: municipal abatement funds received; an itemized list of the funds expended for abatement and administrative costs, if applicable; the unexpended balance; a brief description of the funded abatement strategies and efforts to direct resources to vulnerable and under-served communities. Additional reporting-related guidance shall be provided. All municipalities must: maintain, for a period of at least 5 years after funds are received, documents sufficient to reflect that Municipal Abatement Funds were utilized for the Municipal Abatement Strategies listed herein.⁷

⁶ EOHHS retains the right to modify this reporting threshold.

⁷ Nothing in this document reduces obligations under public records law.



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MEMO

TO: Select Board
FROM: Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison
DATE: April 8, 2022
RE: Select Board Goals and Objectives

Attached you will find the FY23 Goals and Objectives adopted on February 7, 2022. Please review and decide on your top 5 choices of what you would like to be a priority. We will be discussing during the Select Board meeting.



Town of Fairhaven

Select Board

FY23 Policy Goals with Objectives

Adopted: February 7, 2022

Goal 1: Human Resources Improvements

To strengthen the Town's Human Resources operation in ways that will enhance employee productivity, create an atmosphere of mutual respect and team work, develop an equitable and competitive compensation and benefits plan, and foster employee accountability for job performance.

FY23 Objectives:

A) Present Personnel Rules and Regulations for Select Board approval from which an Employee Hand book will be written. All town employees will be provided training on these new personnel documents. (TA/HR)

B) Continue to work with Department Directors on developing succession and cross training plans for key employees: (TA/HR)

C) Revamp the Employee Health Insurance program to incentive healthy living or all town employees, retirees and dependents. (TA/HR)

D) With policy guidance of the Select Board, negotiate collective bargaining agreements with Police/Fire/Clerical Unions. With assistance of the BPW negotiate contracts with Highway/Sewer/Water Unions. All contracts are due to expire on June 30, 2022(TA/HR)

E) Continue to develop written regulations for eligibility to the town's benefits program (Health, Dental and Life Ins) for both active and retired employees and their spouses/dependents. (TA/HR)

F) Ensure that the functions of human resources department are fully put into place consistent with town bylaws. (TA)

G) Develop a training program for employees and volunteers on conflict of interest, sexual harassment, cyber security, official communications, and other laws, policies and regulations as appropriate and necessary. (HR)

Goal 2: Town Committees Collaboration

Recognizing that volunteers, both elected and appointed, play an integral part in improving Town government and enhancing civic engagement establish methods and practices that will enhance collaboration and coordination between various boards, improve interaction with the public, and provide educational resources to ensure compliance with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.

FY23 Objectives:

- A) Update current Committee Handbook to reflect the most up to date information, laws policies, and regulations and ensure distribution and acknowledgement to current and new members of town committees/boards/commissions. (TA)
- B) As part of the annual committee report submission process include a questionnaire requesting information as to adequacy of resources, opportunities for collaboration and future projects/work plans (TA)
- C) Continue to improve that effectiveness of Board of Selectmen committees by ensuring that they have written direction as to their purpose, type of membership and term. Meet at least annually with committee chairs to discuss status of committees' mission and work (SB/TA)
- D) Develop a policy regarding attendance at meetings by members of committees appointed by the Select Board including provisions for alternative members and limitations on serving on multiple committees (SB/TA)
- E) Promote training opportunities to town committee members and staff to become informed on laws/regulations/policies and best practices in committees' areas of responsibility. Encourage achievement of relevant certifications and licenses. (SB/TA)

Goal 3: Inter and Intra Governmental Cooperation

Identify and advance opportunities for cooperation between Town departments, Fairhaven Public Schools, neighboring municipalities, non-profit organizations and regional governments as ways to improve services and reduce costs.

FY23 Objectives:

- A) Complete Indirect Cost Allocation Agreement with Fairhaven Public Schools (TA/Finance)
- B) Study the feasibility and necessity of a Revenue Sharing Agreement with Fairhaven Public Schools (TA/Finance)
- C) Pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding on Cable Access Television with Fairhaven Public Schools and Town of Fairhaven, document necessary current and projected expenses for the purpose of ascertaining the appropriate distribution of franchise fees between the Schools and the Town. (TA/Finance)
- D) Review possible ways that the town and school building maintenance can be made more efficient and effective, by applying for Community Compact Grant to study feasibility of establishing a consolidated facility management operation. (TA/BPW/Schools)
- E) Determine the feasibility of establishing a regional Police/Fire 911 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) (Police)
- F) Implement an integrated Town wide GIS system that is user friendly and can combine all department's numerous layers (Building/ IT/ involved Departments)

G) Consistent with state regulations, develop and implement a program of electronic scanning of paper records (or eliminate as appropriate) with the intent to create virtual Town Hall, free up office space and reduce fire risks (Building/Town Clerk)

Goal 4: Financial Sustainability

Establish long term financial sustainability for the Town by adherence to approved financial policies regarding reserve levels, balanced budgets and capital financing, financial forecasting, controlling fixed costs (pension, OPEB, Health Insurance) and augmenting revenues (tax base expansion, grants, user fees).

FY23 Objectives:

A) Department Directors shall annually report on their work to identify and apply for grants that would benefit their departments.

B) Develop a monthly Executive Summary Report of Key Financial Indicators available to the Select Board, Finance committee and the public. (Finance)

C) Construct an informational tool ("calculator") that provides tax payers with graphic information as to what services and functions their tax dollars are being allocated to. (TA/ Finance)

D) Continue to implement best practices for cash management at department level with an emphasis on improving customer service and internal controls. (Finance)

E) Implement requirements of new Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) bylaw. (Finance)

F) Determine the appropriate time period for issuing an RFP for audit services (SB/TA)

G) Develop and implement a comprehensive plan for the use of state and federal covid relief funds consistent with regulations. (TA)

H) Review town's financial policies in consultation with DOR, Auditors and Financial Advisor. (TA/Finance)

I) As part of the FY23 operating budget process review the adequacy of department staffing levels to ensure department mission is accomplished and to leverage grant opportunities. (TA)

Goal 5: Economic Development

Diversify and expand the Town's property tax base by implementing strategies and programs consistent with the Town's Masterplan that will help existing businesses and industries grow and make Fairhaven an attractive place for new businesses and industries to locate within the town. Included in this goal is the redevelopment of underutilized commercial properties along the various retail corridors in Town and the Atlas Tack property.

FY23 Objectives:

A) Complete final design of Phase V, Harbor Dredging Project and complete construction of CAD cell by fall of 2023. (Harbormaster)

B) Present the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program to the Select Board for approvals. (Planning and Ec. Dev).

C) Objective: Review/Study tax classification shift (split tax rate) (SB/TA/Assessors)

D) Develop a written strategy including measureable outcomes to redevelop, in a manner consistent with the Town's Master plan, the Atlas Tack Property and the former Park Motors property. (Planning & Econ. Dev.)

E) Create new land use regulations and take other actions consistent with the Town's Master Plan to guide sustainable economic development and build new capacity for growth in appropriate areas. (Planning and Ec. Dev.)

Goal 6: Health Welfare and Safety of Town Residents

A primary responsibility for local government is to promote and ensure the health, welfare and safety of its residents. This is done by providing a variety of services and programs that address public health and safety concerns in a coordinated manner between town departments and between local, state and federal agencies.

FY23 Objectives:

A) Continue to Revise and Improve the Town's Emergency Management Response Plan including training town employees in NIMS incident command protocols. (Fire)

B) Determine the feasibility of having a "pet friendly" emergency shelter. (Recreation)

C) Establish neighborhood resilience hubs/networks (Fire)

D) Re-establish the Local Emergency Response Committee (Fire)

E) Continue to update existing fire program software to include pre-fire planning and hazard assessments. (Fire)

F) Continue to develop protocols and procedures to provide effective and up to date security against cyber threats. (Information Technology)

G) Request the state to install traffic control signals at the intersection of Alden Road and Route 6 (SB/Police)

H) Expand on efforts to recruit volunteers for Emergency Management. Provide training for logistical support and shelter operations to new volunteers (Fire)

I) Continue with COVID response and testing as needed. Continue to work and prepare for future pandemics. (Fire)

J) Begin construction to upgrade main Sewer Treatment Plant at Arsene Street to reduce nitrogen levels discharged from the plant in compliance with an EPA consent order including ancillary requirements such as moving the recycling operations. (BPW)

K) Enhance/expand recreational opportunities for town residents including effective messaging to the public to promote these activities. (Recreation)

Goal 7: Civic Engagement

Recognizing that what makes a municipality a community is the degree of civic engagement by its residents, implement methods and programs to improve communication and involvement between the Town government and residents with a focus of volunteer recruitment, transparency of information, timely response to citizen concerns, and use of modern communication technology, including public access television and social media.

FY23 Objectives:

A) Develop and Implement a standardized reporting system where by Departments report regularly on their activities to the Town Administrator which is then presented to the Board of Selectmen and posted on the Towns Website. (TA)

B) Promote expanded programing by volunteers and community organization on the Public Access Channel (Community TV)

C) Develop ways and means, including review of town bylaws and best practices to effectively enforce town bylaws governing zoning violations, sign regulations, dog behavior, littering, excessive noise etc. Building/Police/TA)

D) Study the pros and cons of creating a non-profit organization to operate the Town's Government and Public Access Channels. (Cable Advisory Committee)

E) Produce Public Service Announcement (PSA) and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) videos for town departments to assist them in their public messaging efforts. (Community Television)

F) Study feasibility of implementing civic engagement software that will allow town residents to easily and effectively communicate with the town to access services, register concerns and become informed on governmental activities. (TA)

Goal 8: Long Term Planning

There are number of dynamic changes that will be impacting Fairhaven now and into the future, including the condition of the town's aging infrastructure, sea-level rising, community demographics, energy consumption, and federal/state environmental regulations. To begin addressing these matters, an emphasis must be placed on long-term planning, including work on the Town's Master Plan, Hazard Mitigation Plan, Open Space and Recreation Plan and Capital Improvement Plan.

FY23 Objectives:

A) Expend an action grant of \$516,000 through the Complete Street Program to begin the infrastructure modifications necessary to advance the objectives of the program. (BPW/Planning & Ec. Dev.)

B) Begin implementation of the Facility Improvement Plan by commencing the planning and preparation for the construction of a new Public Safety Complex and reviewing other aspects of the Facilities Improvement Plan to see if modifications are necessary due to changing circumstances. (Police/Fire/TA/SB)

C) Re-establish the Open Space and Recreation Committee and develop a web based inventory of conservation, recreation and open space assets. (Recreation/Planning & Ec. Dev/Conservation & Sustainability)

D) Monitor progress and provide assistance, as necessary, for the rehabilitation and re-purposing of the Rogers School properties. (SB/Planning and Ec. Dev.)

E) Promote flood risk education and awareness including possible mitigation measures to residents and businesses who may be at risk of flooding. (Building/Conservation & Sustainability)

F) Ensure that the town continue to maintain Green Community Status so as to continue to be eligible to apply for additional energysaving grants (Conservation & Sustainability)

G) Develop a 40 R Overlay Bylaw that guides sustainable economic development and builds new capacity for growth in appropriate areas through new zoning which will allow for higher density residential above commercial. This objective would also explore using other planning tools such as Transient Orientated Development (TOD), Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) and Form Based Codes. (Planning and Economic Development)

H) Conduct a comprehensive Street Tree inventory and develop an Urban Management Plan and local Public Tree Bylaw. Development of the inventory and plan will add to the local bylaw, help develop a tree care manual, enable better decision making and preserve historic trees as long as possible and potentially lead to a full time certified arborist position and designation as a Tree City USA (Planning and Ec. Dev.)

I) Update the Hazard Mitigation Plan which is due to be updated in 2023. Apply for grants as appropriate (Conservation & Sustainability/ Planning and Ec. Dev.)

J) Review Capital Planning Committee bylaw in regards to membership composition and project review process. (SB/TA)

GOAL 9: Improve Municipal Services:

The Town is in the business of delivering services to residents and businesses and, as such, departments should continually strive to improve municipal services in the most, consumer friendly, efficient and effective manner possible.

FY23 Objectives

A) Assess/Repair Sidewalks on Walnut and William Streets (BPW)

B) Continue to improve access and facilities at Livesey Park and Town Beach by revamping the skate park, construct pickle ball courts, and install handicap accessible mats at Town beach. (BPW)

C) Develop intergenerational programs in the areas of photography, dining, recreation and student interaction with elders. COA/Recreation

- D) Determine most suitable site for a dog park and apply for grant funding for construction. (TA)
- E) Continue to expand the use of the land use permitting software to include Conservation/Sustainability and the Harbormaster's mooring software by the end of FY22. Request funding for ZBA component in the FY23 Budget. (Building/Conservation/Harbormaster)
- F) Provide sufficient resources for the BPW to enhance and improve the attractiveness of the Town through street scape improvements including weed control, welcoming signs and flowers/shrubs. (BPW)
- G) Develop an implementation strategy starting with approval of municipal light plant legislation, to advance the building of a municipally owned fiber optic utility for residents and businesses. SB
- H) Proceed with the West Island dredging project now that the feasibility study is complete. Apply for grants as appropriate. (Harbormaster)
- I) Begin planning for reconstruction of Union Wharf's North Side, Apply for grants as appropriate (Harbormaster)
- J) Purchase and install a fiber optic based town/school telephone system that will significantly improve reliability and standardize telephone services throughout the town, subject to CIP funding approval (information Technology)
- K) Address historical signage/markings in town by replacing outdated sign in front of town hall and installing monument and/or signage recognizing Herman Melville's departure on the Whaling Ship Acushnet from Fairhaven. (Historical Commission)



Veterans Services Agent and US Veteran
George Brownell will be discussing the
Memorial Day Parade
scheduled for
Monday May 30, 2022



Reorganization of the Board
And
New seating arraignments at the table





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MEMO

TO: Select Board
FROM: Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison
DATE: April 8, 2022
RE: Board and Committee liaison/ex-officio appointment

Attached you will find the list of Boards and Committees assigned to the Select Board as liaison or ex-officio. You will be taking a vote to appoint each of you to a number of committees. In the interest of saving time, please review the list and determine your top 4 choices and send them to Vicki by Monday morning to review and help narrow down each position. We will discuss and vote at the meeting who would like to take each position at the meeting

Board	Title	Voting Member
Belonging Committee	Liaison	NO
Bristol County Advisory Board	Ex-Officio	YES
Broadband Study Committee	Ex-Officio	YES
Cable Advisory Committee	Ex-Officio	YES
Capital Planning Committee	Liaison	NO
Contract Compliance Officer	Ex-Officio	N/A
Dog Park Study Committee	Ex-Officio	YES
Economic Development Committee	Ex-Officio	YES
Fair Housing Coordinator	Liaison	NO
Historical Commission	Ex-Officio	YES
Lagoa Friendship Pact Committee	Ex-Officio	YES
Local Emergency Planning Committee	Ex-Officio	YES
Marine Resources Committee	Ex-Officio	YES
Millicent Library Board of Trustees	Ex-Officio	YES
Rogers Reuse Committee	Liaison	NO
Sister City Committee	Ex-Officio	YES
SRPEDD	Ex-Officio	YES

Board/Committees	
Belonging Committee	
Meet on 2nd Wednesday - Town Hall- 6:30 pm	
Bristol County Advisory Board	
Meetings by Zoom or at Bristol Aggie	
Broadband Study Committee	
Meet as posted- Virtual- 6:30 pm	
Cable Advisory Committee	
Meet as posted- Town Hall - 5:00 pm	
Capital Improvement Planning Committee	
Meet as posted- Town Hall	
Dog Park Study Committee	
This committee has not met in a long time	
Economic Development Committee	
Meeting 3rd Thursday or as posted- Town Hall- 6:30 pm	
Historical Commission	
Meeting 1st Wednesday- Town Hall - 6:30 pm	
Lagoa Friendship Pact Committee	
Meeting as posted	
Marine Resources Committee	
Meeting 1st Thursday- Town Hall - 6:30 pm	
Millicent Library Trustees	
Meeting 3rd Tuesday- Library- 7:00 pm	
Rogers Reuse Committee	
Meeting as posted- Town Hall- 6:30 pm	
Sister City Committee/Manjiro	
Meet at Manjiro House as needed	
SRPEDD/SMMPO	
Meeting Third Tuesday - 1pm in Taunton	



Vicki Oliveira <vloliveira@fairhaven-ma.gov>

Finestkind- Filming in Fairhaven

Victoria Virtue <vvirtue14@gmail.com>
To: VLOliveira@fairhaven-ma.gov
Cc: RYAN COOK <ryanbcook@icloud.com>

Fri, Mar 18, 2022 at 11:49 AM

Hi Vicki,

Thank you for speaking with me briefly yesterday about our filming in Fairhaven. I have attached a letter and map below to present to the select board.

Please let me know what the next steps are and what other information you may need from me.

Thank you again and we look forward to our filming in Fairhaven!

Best,
Victoria

Victoria Virtue
c: 508-404-4812

* Lt. Sobral has already been notified, and is in connect with them
*BPW has already been notified.

2 attachments

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Dear Fairhaven Selectboard,

My name is Victoria Virtue and I'm the Location Manager for a new movie being produced by Paramount Pictures that will be filming in New Bedford/Fairhaven this spring. The movie is titled *Finestkind* and is written by New Bedford native and academy award winner Brian Helgeland.

Synopsis:

Set in New Bedford, Massachusetts — America's biggest commercial fishing port — *Finestkind* tells the story of two brothers (Ben Foster, Toby Wallace) from opposite sides of the track, who are reunited as adults over one fateful summer. When desperate circumstances force them to strike a deal with a dangerous Boston crime syndicate, a young woman (Jenna Ortega) finds herself caught in the middle. Along the way sacrifices must be made and bonds — between brothers, friends, and a father (Tommy Lee Jones) and his son — are put to the test.

Locations in Fairhaven (see attached maps):

Rasputin's Tavern (4 day totals. Interior and Exterior filming)

- Wednesday, April 20 (Interior Filming) 8am-6pm
- Thursday, April 21 (Exterior Filming) 8am-1pm
- Wednesday, May 18 (Interior Filming) 8am-6pm
- Thursday, May 19 (Interior/Exterior Filming) 8am-6pm

FJ Moriarty Liquors

- TBD

1 Hedge Street

- Friday, May 20 (Exterior Filming) 8am- 3pm

Church Street and Main Street

- Friday, May 20 (Exterior Filming) 4pm-6pm

28 Scott Street

- Monday, May 23 (Exterior Filming) 8am-6pm
- Tuesday, May 24 (Exterior Filming) 8am-3pm

Fort Phoenix State Reservation, 100 Green Street

- Tuesday, May 24 (Exterior Filming) 4pm-6pm

Union Wharf

- Wednesday, May 25 (Exterior Filming) 8am-6pm

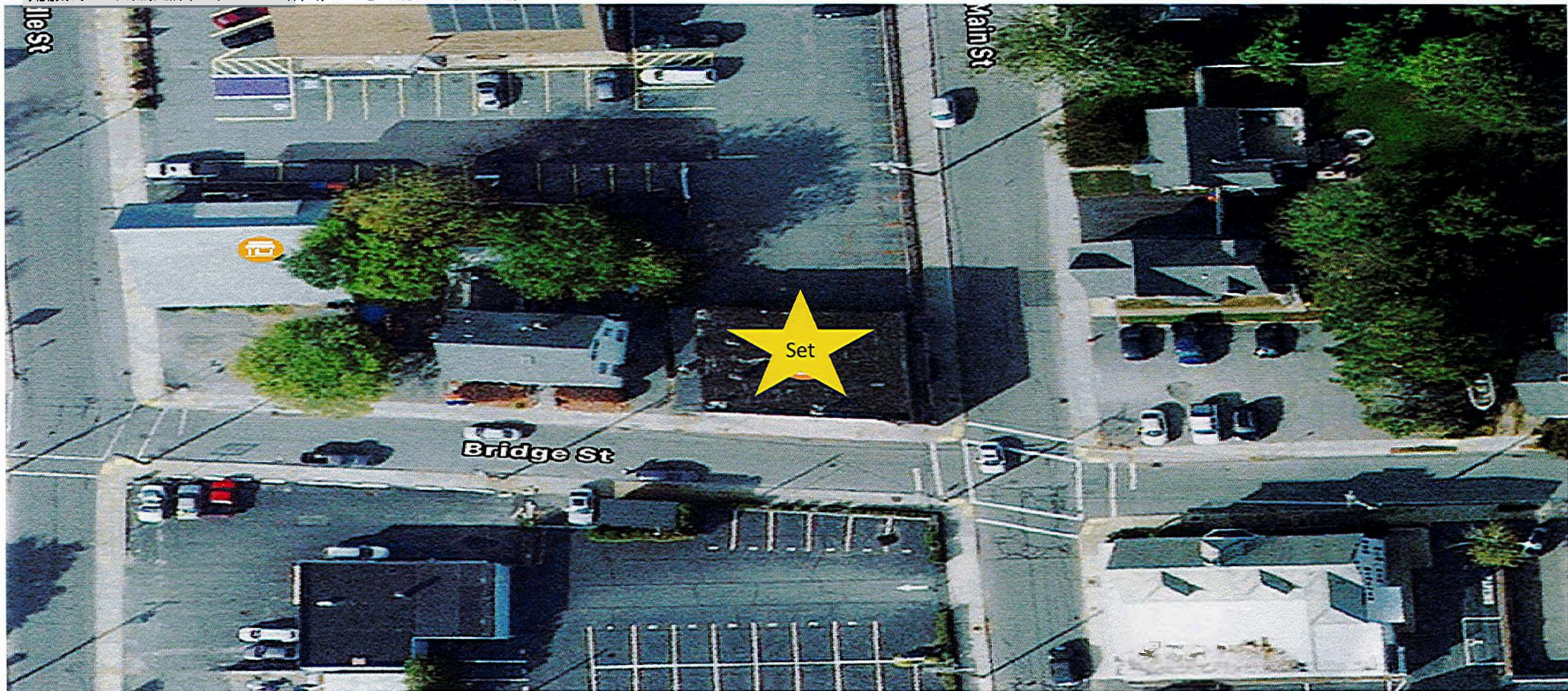
Community Impact:

Ninety-five percent of our crew members are locals like myself, so we understand and appreciate the importance of outreach to the neighboring community and including them in our plans. We will be speaking to all of the neighbors and addressing any questions or concerns they may have.



Wednesday, April 20
Thursday, April 21
Monday, May 16
Tuesday, May 17

INT/EXT RASPUTIN'S
TAVERN
122 Main Street

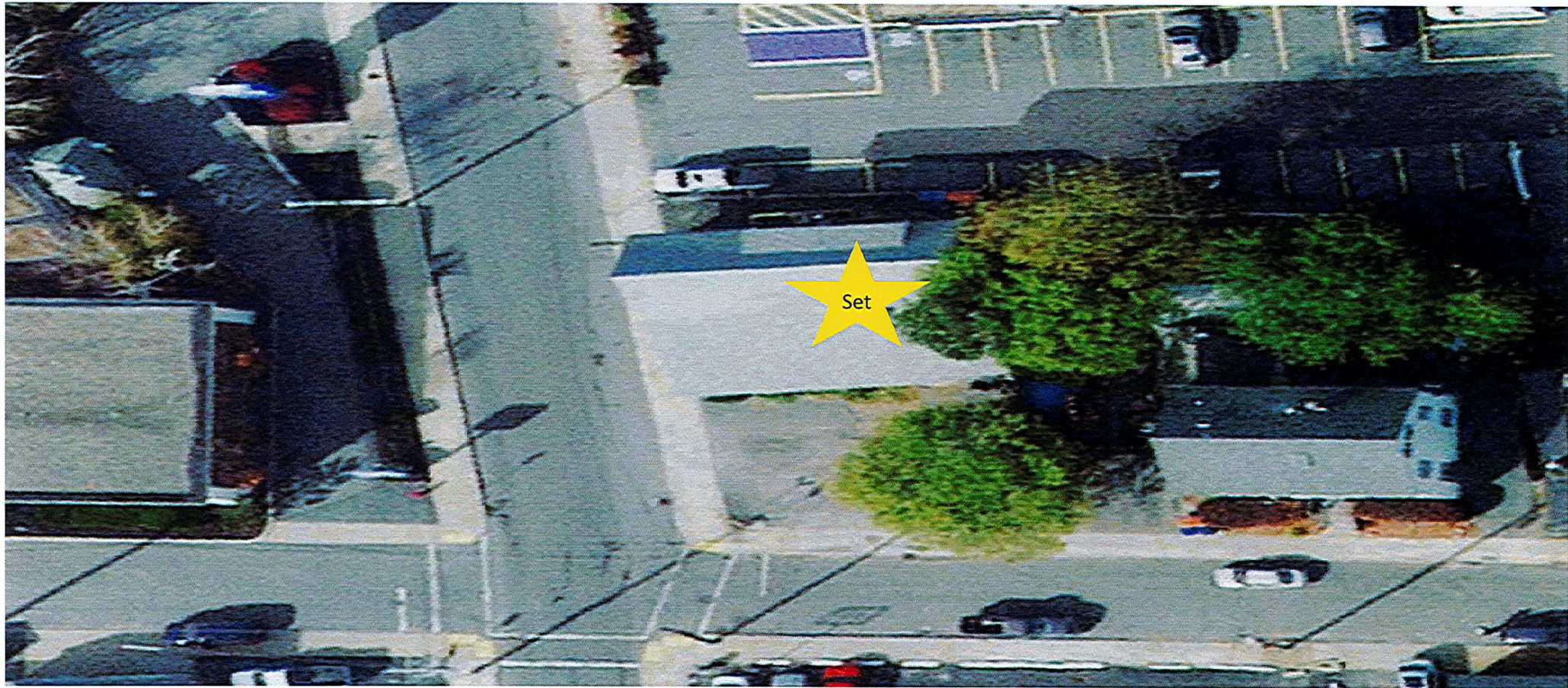




Wednesday, May 18

EXT PACKAGE STORE

FJ Moriarty Liquors
101 Middle Street





Wednesday, May 18

EXT. ELDRIDGE'S HOUSE

1 Hedge Street

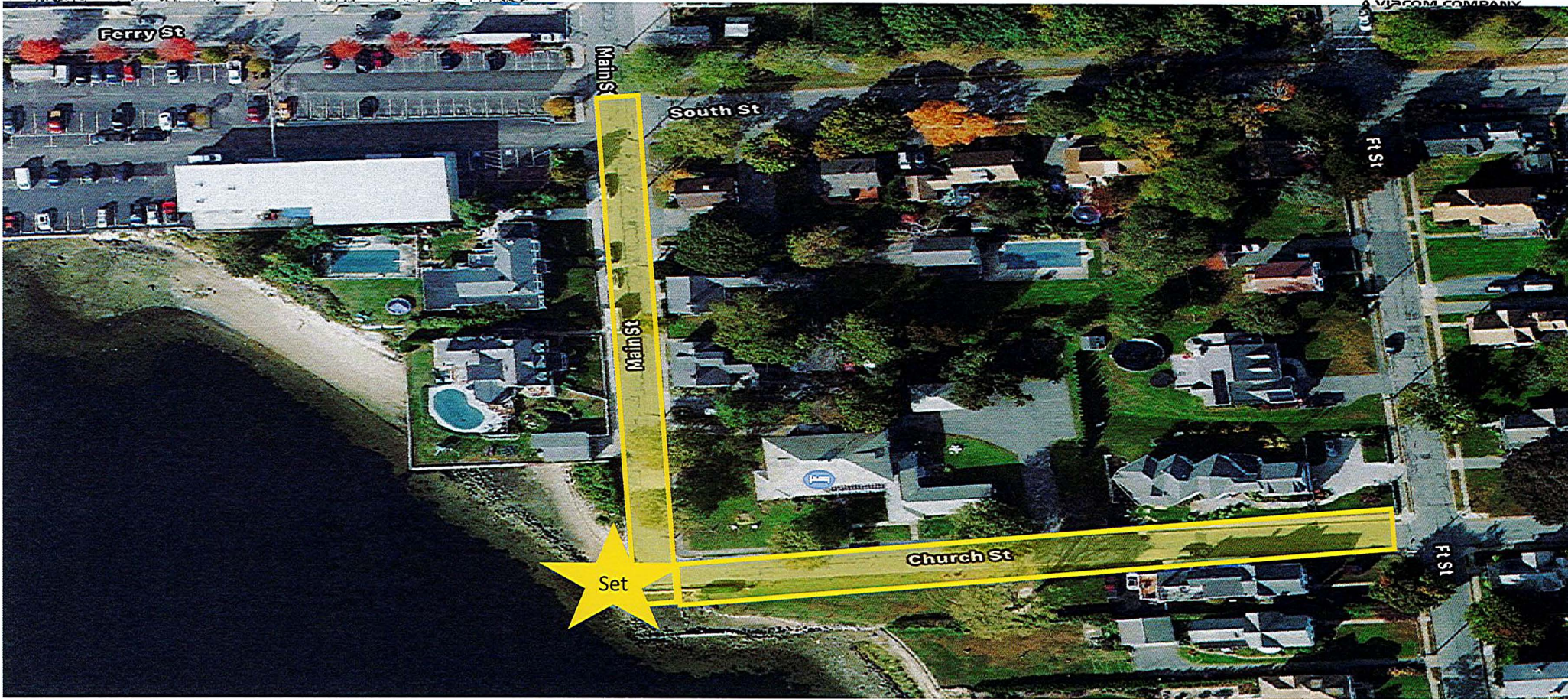




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EXT KELLY'S BIKE PATH

Main Street @ Church Street

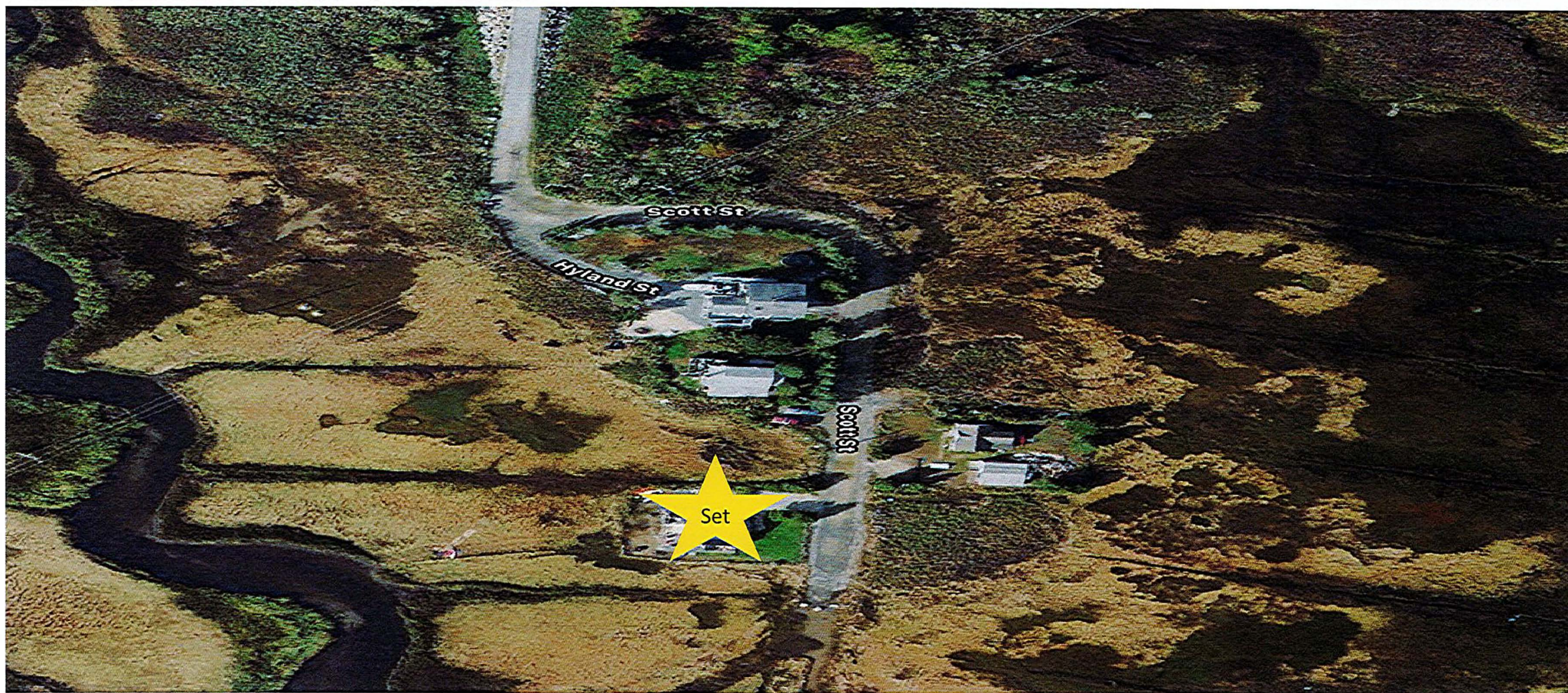




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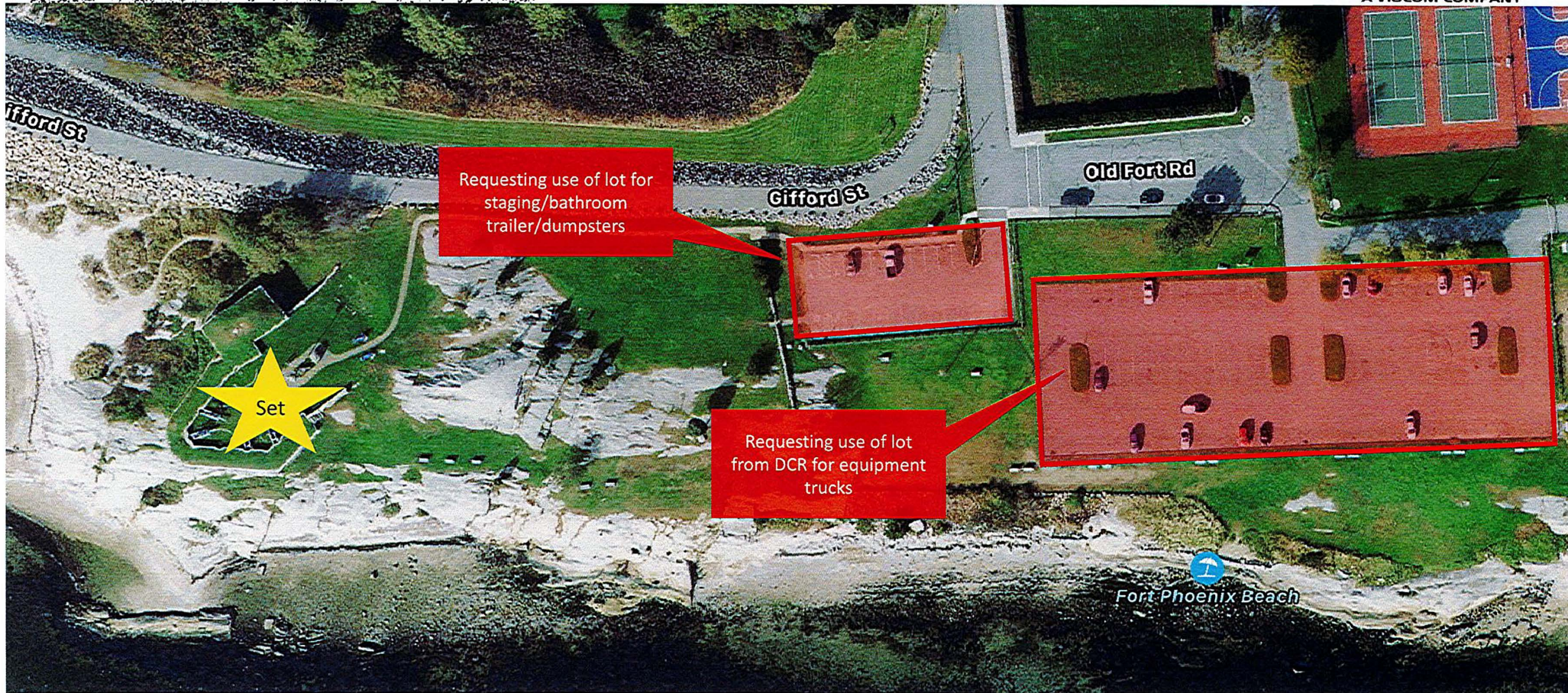
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Wednesday, May 25 Fort Phoenix State Reservation

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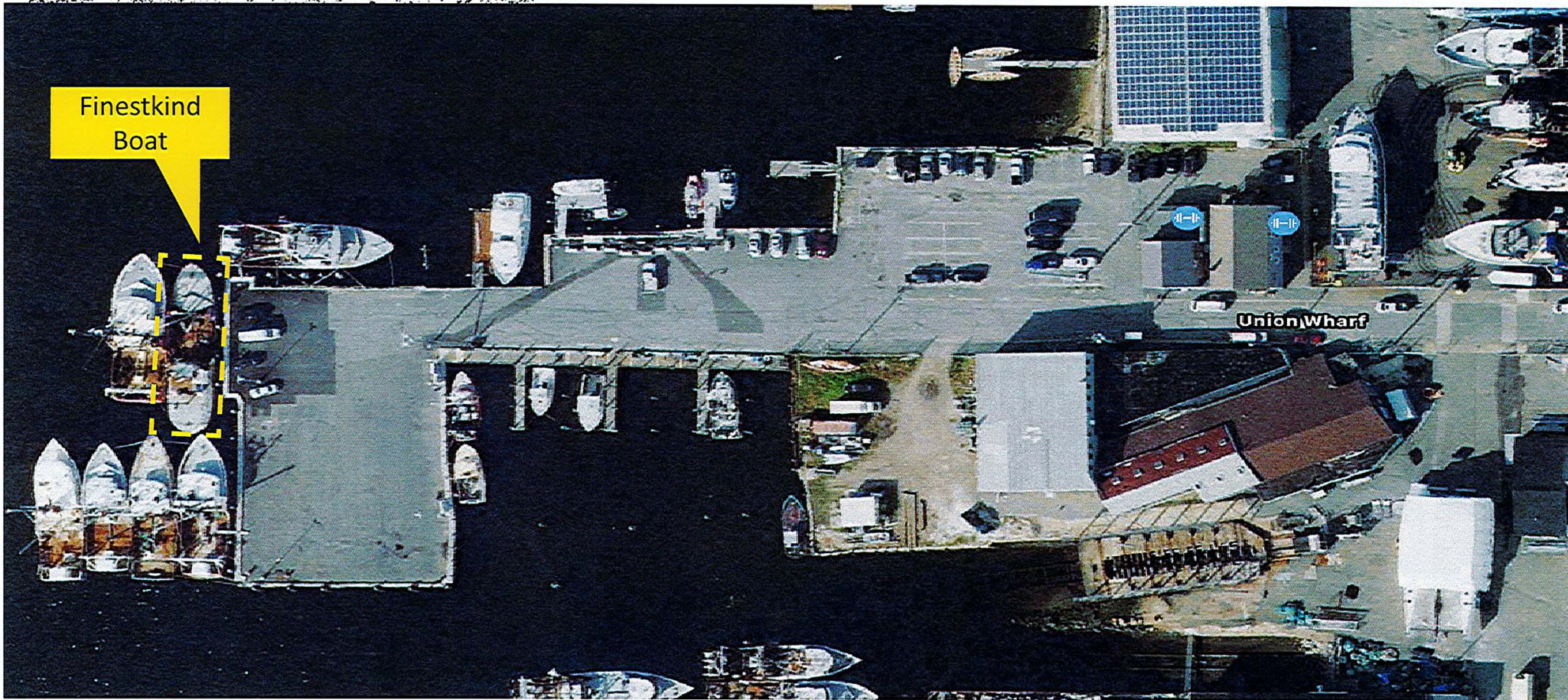




Wednesday, May 25

EXT. Finestkind

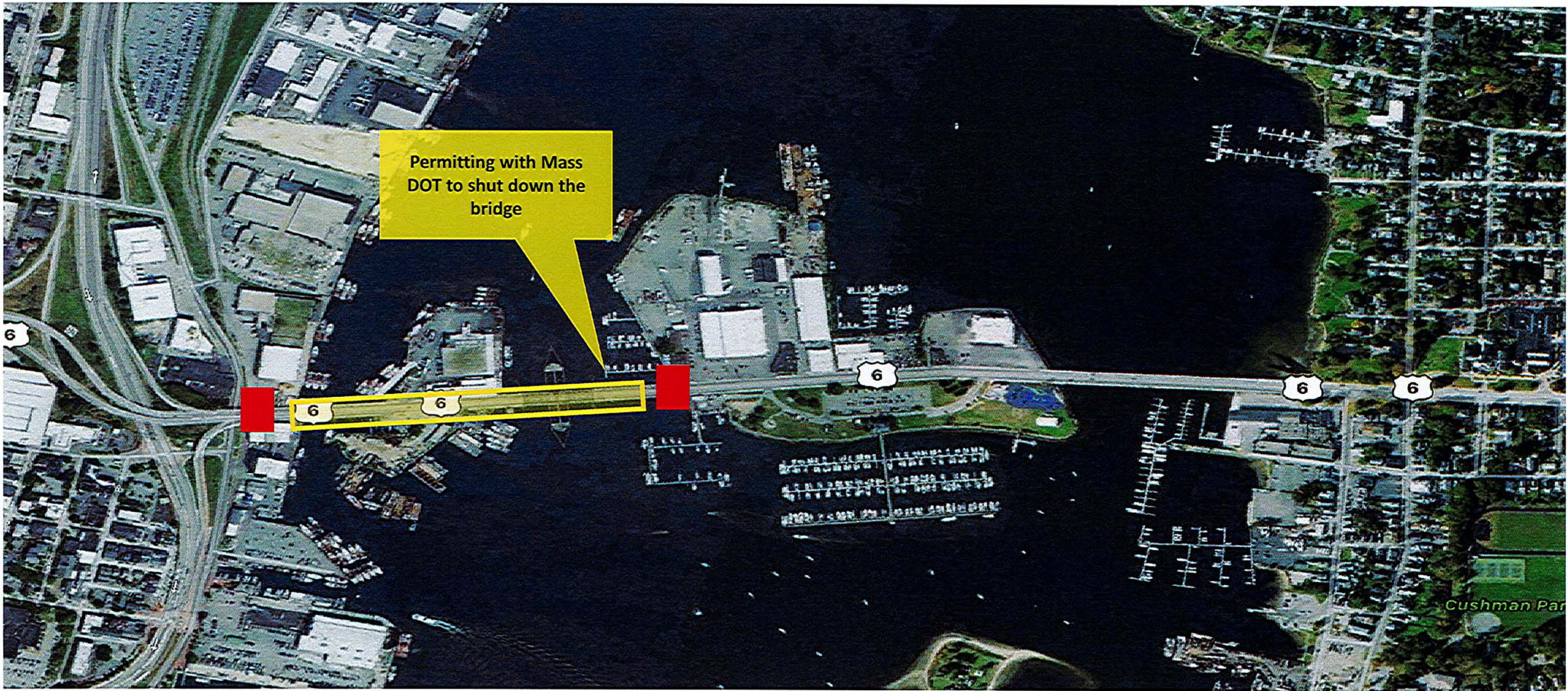
Union Wharf
12 Union Wharf, Fairhaven





Saturday, June 4

EXT FAIRHAVEN BRIDGE
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CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT/ELECTION

☐ City ☒ Town of Fairhaven

In accordance with the requirements of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 19a, as most recently amended, I certify that Linda Fredette

was ☐ APPOINTED ☒ ELECTED

to the office of

☒ TOWN CLERK
☐ ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK
☐ TEMPORARY TOWN CLERK

for the ☐ City ☒ Town of Fairhaven effective April 5, 2022
for the term of office expiring on April 7, 2025 and that the said clerk has
qualified by taking the oath of office.

Signature

Printed Name

- ☐ President of the City Council
☐ Chairman, Select Board
☐ Appointing Officer

April 5, 2022

I hereby certify that I have entered upon the duties of:

☒ TOWN CLERK
☐ ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK
☐ TEMPORARY TOWN CLERK

for ☐ City ☒ Town of Fairhaven

Linda Fredette
My official signature

Return completed form to:

Secretary of the Commonwealth
Commissions Section/Room 1719
One Ashburton Place
Boston, MA 02108



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Date: April 6, 2022

To: Select Board

From: Paul Foley, Director of Planning & Economic Development
Vincent Furtado, Superintendent of the Department of Public Works

CC: Angelina Lopes Ellison, Town Administrator

RE: FY21 CDBG – Grant Administrator & Hedge Street Engineering Contract awards

This memo requests voted of approval on the award of two contracts required by Fairhaven's recent Community Development Block Grant award. The awards will be contingent on clearance from the funder, DHCD, to proceed with contracting, which we anticipate soon.

Engineering Services Contract: The Board of Public Works coordinated the procurement of engineering services for Fairhaven's FY21 CDBG project, Hedge Street Phase 3 Improvements, from Main to approximately #70 Hedge Street. A Request for Qualifications with a total value of \$60,000 for Phase 3 bidding, construction administration and resident inspector services was advertised in the Goods & Services Bulletin, Standard Times and Commbuys. One bidder, GCG Associates, responded to the RFQ.

BPW has reviewed GCG's submission and recommends award of the contract to GCG. GCG was responsible for the design of Phase 3, construction administration of Hedge Street Phases 1 and 2, and is familiar with CDBG requirements. I also recommend the award to GCG Associates and the following motion:

I move to award the FY21 CDBG contract for construction administration and resident inspector services (Hedge Street Phase 3) to GCG Associates, Inc. for the amount of \$60,000 and to authorize the Town Administrator to sign all contract related documents, contingent on grant start-up clearances from DHCD.

Grant Administration Services Contract: Planning coordinated the procurement of CDBG grant administration services for the FY21 CDBG. A Request for Proposal with a value up to \$40,500 was advertised in the Goods & Services Bulletin, Standard Times and Commbuys. One bidder, Breezeway Farm Consulting, Inc., responded to the RFP. DHCD approval of grant administrator contracts is required. I recommend the award to Breezeway Farm Consulting, Inc. with the following motion:

I move to award the FY21 CDBG contract for Grant Administration Services to Breezeway Farm Consulting, Inc., for the amount of \$40,500 and to authorize the Town Administrator to sign all contract related documents, contingent on grant start-up clearances and contract approval by DHCD.



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MEMO

TO: Select Board
FROM: Wendy Graves, CMMT, CMMC *wlg*
DATE: April 6, 2022
RE: Town Administrator liaison Boards and Committees
CC: Select Board

Due to the hiring of a Town Administrator my time as Interim Town Administrator for the Town of Fairhaven will come to an end, please accept my resignation on the following positions and Boards:

- ADA Coordinator
- Capital Improvement Planning Committee
- Affirmative Action Officer
- Procurement Officer

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the town in these positions for the past year.

Sincerely,

Wendy L. Graves

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About the Municipal Fiber Grant Program

This new competitive grant program will assist municipalities across the Commonwealth with the construction/completion of a municipal fiber network.

What is the Municipal Fiber Grant Program?

The Municipal Fiber Grant program is a competitive grant program that supports the closing of critical gaps that exist in municipal networks. Focused on connecting municipality-owned facilities, it will assist municipalities in achieving many critical goals associated with municipal fiber networks, including the following:

- Growing risk and incidences of cyber security exploits in local government
- Significant increases in the complexity and expectations of IT infrastructure in local government
- Expectation that municipal employees should be able to collaborate regardless of physical location
- Growing need for internet bandwidth, particularly as line of business technology moves to the cloud
- Growing public expectation that online transactions are made available
- Growing need for centralized and proactive management of IT infrastructure
- Increased reliance on technology for school safety and a growing need for centralized security camera management
- Growing reliance on technology to ensure continuity of government and disaster recovery

- Growing technology dependency for public safety interoperability, radio backhaul, and emergency operations center

The provision of fiber in communities allows for centralized management of IT infrastructure, including an enterprise approach to network monitoring, cyber security, records management, and backup and recovery. A cohesive municipal network also creates opportunities to gain economies of scale by aggregating internet bandwidth purchases and the associated security infrastructure.

All municipalities are eligible.

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What is the deadline to apply for the Municipal Fiber Grant Program?

The application period runs from March 15, 2022 through noon on April 15, 2022. Projects awarded grants must be completed within 18 months of the grant being awarded.

What is a Compact Community?

Compact Communities are communities who have applied to enter into a Best Practice Community Compact with the Baker-Polito Administration. To find out more information about the Community Compact program please visit www.mass.gov/ccp (/ccp).

What if my Community Compact already includes an IT best practice with tech assistance or a grant?

You are still eligible to apply for this Municipal Fiber Grant program.

What if my Community Compact didn't include a technology best practice?

As a Compact Community, you are still eligible to apply for this Municipal Fiber Grant program.

What kind of projects are eligible?

Grants will support the implementation of fiber optic networks that connect remote municipal assets for the purpose of improving municipal operations and/or improving disaster recovery and resiliency within municipal government. Eligible costs include one-time capital needs, such as fiber optic cabling, hardware, software and implementation services necessary to support the initial implementation.

What kind of costs are NOT eligible?

Internal building networking to support end-devices is not eligible. Ongoing maintenance, operations and support are not eligible. Feasibility studies are not eligible. Software-as-a-Service and cloud subscriptions costs are not eligible.

What size grants will be awarded?

This is a competitive grant program. Grant requests of any size up to \$250,000 will be considered. However, if the application is for a multi-jurisdictional project (see below), grants of up to a maximum of \$500,000 may be awarded. A local match of 5% is required. In-kind services can serve as the match.

Applications will be evaluated based in large part on the impact of the proposed project on the community. For example, a small community's low-dollar funding request may support a project that would have a big impact on that community.

Applicants are encouraged to apply for the amount needed for their program and at a level of support that can be successfully implemented by the project completion deadline.

Can communities have a joint application to the Community Compact Municipal Fiber Grant Program?

Yes. The participating communities should complete a joint application. The application should be submitted by the community that will be the project lead.

How do I access the application?

The application will be found [here](https://massgov.formstack.com/forms/fy22_municipal_fiber) (https://massgov.formstack.com/forms/fy22_municipal_fiber) on March 15, 2022. In order to fill out the application, you will need the passcode that was included in the letter from Lt. Governor Polito emailed on August 9, 2021 to your community's Chief Municipal Executive (Mayor or City Manager in a City, Selectboard Chair or Town Manager/Administrator in a Town).

Where do I get my passcode to access the online application?

In order to fill out the application, you will need the passcode that was included in the letter from Lt. Governor Polito emailed on August 9, 2021 to your community's Chief Municipal Executive (Mayor or City Manager in a City, Selectboard Chair or Town Manager/Administrator in a Town).

If you have questions not answered above or need assistance with your community's passcode, please contact the Division of Local Services by sending an email to Frank Gervasio at gervasiof@dor.state.ma.us (<mailto:gervasiof@dor.state.ma.us>).

Contact

Community Compact / Division of Local Services

Phone

Call Frank Gervasio: (617) 626-2345 (tel:+16176262345)

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The text below in black is from the Community Compact Cabinet Municipal Fiber Grant Program application form.

The Text in blue and the budget table are Bob Espindola's suggestions for how the Town should complete the form and apply for the Grant.

Budget numbers and timeline need to be confirmed by the Towns Broadband Consultant, Entry Point, LLC, and, if the Select Board approves moving forward with this application, all that detail will be included in the final draft. In any case, the total contribution from the Town will not be exceeded.

The Municipal Fiber Grant Program is a competitive, matching grant program created to assist municipalities with the construction of municipal fiber broadband infrastructure and related projects and expenditures.

Grant requests of any size **up to \$250,000** will be considered. However, if the application is for a multi-jurisdictional project (see below), grants of up to a **maximum of \$500,000** may be awarded.

All applications must be received by April 15, 2022 at 12:00pm.

Purpose - describe the proposed project, including purpose of the grant request, the capital asset needed, project objectives, and the challenges this project would address:

This project will build off the Municipal Fiber Loop that the Town already invested in. When the Town invested in the Municipal Fiber loop, the primary objective was to serve all municipal buildings with high speed, reliable broadband. The Town has since conducted a feasibility study regarding utilizing that backbone, that runs throughout the Town, to build a "Fiber to the Home" (FTTH) network that will connect residential and commercial subscribers, through an open access platform. This project will allow

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subscribers to access a competitive market for Internet Service Providers ISP's with a goal for lower costs to the subscriber.

As part of that over-arching goal, the Town has a goal to target the “Digital Divide” within our own community and we would like to start by targeting one or more of our Fairhaven Housing Authority (FHA) properties. We know that there are significant number of tenants in FHA properties that are not currently able to access the internet because they are facing a combination of economic and technological reasons.

This project would locate a “Fiber Hut” on Fairhaven Housing Authority property and this hut will serve as the point of interconnection between the existing municipal fiber loop in the Town and the Fairhaven Housing Authority property. Internal switching within the fiber hut will allow for two types of service in the apartment complex. The project limits will be, on one end, the municipal fiber loop, and on the other end, the exterior of the FHA building. From that termination point, and with a combination of matching funds and/or in kind donations, the FHA will be responsible for wiring the internal network that will allow for the following;

- 1) WIFI access for common areas of the building at little or no cost to tenants
- 2) Connections to apartments where subscribers will be able to choose an ISP from a competitive market place at a substantially reduced rate compared to what is commercially available to them at this time.

Outreach, education problem solving will be critical components of this project. Outreach will be used, early on, to determine how many people are being underserved in the complex and the level of interest from residents in obtaining broadband service. The FHA is prepared to engage residents using the attached survey for this purpose.

Education will be required to explain to the underserved population, many of whom may not find it second nature to deal with technology. They will learn how Broadband can provide “over-the-top” programming, via the internet, and will allow them to video conference with their families, etc.

Problem Solving will come in the form of helping this population understand what type of equipment is required to be able to connect to the broadband network.

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The Town of Fairhaven plans to apply for grant funds available from the Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) for the purpose of funding the Outreach, Education and Problem Solving components of the project.

The goal of this project is to address those needs by establishing a publicly owned core network for an open access fiber optic system, establishing a services marketplace, and connecting between 50 and 100 underserved tenants in one or more FHA properties. This pilot, once complete, will provide the FHA with a clear understanding of the costs and benefits of expanding this service to all their facilities.:

- 1 – Creation of an online signup portal to begin data collection to determine areas for pilot installations.
- 2 – Installation of open access hardware/software necessary to support automated marketplace for the initial service providers and subscribers (\$33K – 90 days)
- 3 – Installation of the initial fiber access locations along the backbone (\$110K, 120 days)
- 4 – Installation of network switch equipment to include provider edge, core, access top of rack, and access network equipment and out of band management (\$55K – 30 days)
- 5 – Installation/construction of fiber to FHA Interface Point(s), \$30K, 30 days.

Please describe the project purpose here, even if you are attaching supporting documentation

What is the primary impact of this project?*

There is a very significant impact to both internal operations and interactions with the public. This project will open up a new world for the underserved population.

There is a very significant impact to both internal operations and interaction with the public



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Benefits - identify project benefits including efficiencies, cost savings, enhanced service levels, and/or improved public access to local government services:

This project will have result in greatly enhanced internet service access, including services provided by local government, such as the library, Counsel on Aging on line programs, Public, Education and Government Access programming, etc.

How will the community sustain this investment?* Ongoing Maintenance and support costs have been identified and are included in our operating budget following initial implementation. (This answer is from the drop down menu).

Other

Sustainability - in more detail, please identify any new costs that will be incurred and how the costs will be paid for or offset, including ongoing operational costs. Describe how this new initiative will be financially viable for the long-term once established:

Once the system is installed, WIFI in common areas will continue to be provided at no cost to the tenants, via the Towns current ISP. The FHA will enter into a maintenance and repair service contract with a third party, in the same way the Town has entered into such an agreement with a third party for maintenance and repair of the existing Municipal Fiber Loop and those costs will be rolled into the operating budget for the Housing Authority.

Measures of Success - what defines success for this project? Describe how the success of the project will be evaluated. Include expected measurable improvements in service delivery or efficiency:

The measure of success for this project will be a marked increase in the number of people who are able to gain access to the internet.

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We look forward, also, to finding out if people will be more ouPeople who are more connected and less isolated may

Project Budget - provide a realistic project budget estimate. Include breakdown of amount requested by activity/task:

Estimated Project Costs	
Open Access Hardware / Software	\$ 32,000
Fiber Access Locations	\$ 220,000
Network switch equipment	\$ 55,000
Fiber between Access locations and to FHA Interface	\$ 30,000
Outreach, Education and Problem Solvling	\$ 30,000
Total Estimated Project Costs	\$ 367,000

Financing Plan	
Funding from CCC Municipal Fiber Grant Program	\$ 250,000
Funding request from Mass. Broadband Institute	\$ 50,000
Funding from Town ARPA Allocation	\$ 37,500
Funding from In Kind donations and/or FHA resourc	\$ 29,500
Total Estimated Project Funds	\$ 367,000

15% Match (minim 10% required)

Project Timeline - provide a timeline for the proposed project

Preliminary engineering has been completed which means that procurement could take place within a short period time after funds are secured. The fiber hut delivery time is currently approximately 8-10 weeks. Once financing is secured, Engineering, Procurement and Construction are estimated to take 12-14 weeks.

Please enter any additional comments you have about your application:

The Grant –Application allows for attached files. I would recommend the following and will work on this if the Board approves moving forward with this Grant Application:

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- 1) Power Point Presentation, illustrating what the Fiber huts look like, where they are proposed to be located relative to the FHA properties, and detailing the project scope, project costs, project funding sources, project timeline, etc. Some of this will be redundant with fields in the standard form but the presentation should provide a more appealing, easier to read overview of the project costs and benefits.
- 2) Example of design work completed already.
- 3) Broadband Feasibility Study for context regarding broadband potential in Fairhaven overall.



What is the Digital Divide?

Feb 22, 2019 | Posted by [Carmen Steele](#) | [Uncategorized](#)

The digital divide is the gap that exists between individuals who have access to modern information and communication technology and those who lack access. There are **three key stages that influence digital inequality worldwide.**

Digital inequality is evident between communities living in urban areas and those living in rural settlements; between socioeconomic groups; between less economically developed countries and more economically developed countries; between the educated and uneducated population.

Individuals with access to a broadband connection can be digitally split. How? Low-performance computers, limited broadband speeds and limited access to subscription-based content widen the gap.

3 Types of Digital Divide

There are numerous types of the digital divide that influence our efforts in accessing the internet. Some of the vivid gaps in digital inequality include:

1. Gender Divide

According to a 2013 report, the internet gender gap is striking especially in developing countries. Though mobile connectivity is spreading drastically, it is not spreading equally. Women are still lagging.

Men in low-income countries are 90% more likely to own a mobile phone than women. This translates to 184 million women who lack access to mobile connectivity. Even among women owning mobile phones, 1.2 billion women in low and mid-income countries have no access to the internet.

2. Social Divide

Internet access creates relationships and social circles among people with shared interests. Social media platforms like Twitter and Facebook create online peer groups based on similar interests.



More than ever internet usage has influenced social stratification which is evident in societies among those that are connected to the internet and those that are not. Non-connected groups are sidelined since they don't share in the internet benefits of the connected groups.

3. Universal Access Divide

Individuals living with physical disabilities are often disadvantaged when it comes to accessing the internet. They may have the necessary skills but cannot exploit the available hardware and software.

Some parts of the world will remain segregated from the internet and its vast potential due to lack of digital literacy skills, low education levels, and inadequate broadband infrastructure.

Causes of the Digital Divide

Even though access to computers and the internet continues to grow, the digital divide dramatically also continues to persist at an alarming rate due to the following:

Education

Education is a significant investment in healing the digital divide. Low literacy levels are widening the digital inequality gap. College degree holders are perceived to be 10X more likely to tap into the full potential of the internet and computers in their day to day lives compared to individuals with

high school education or lower.

Income Levels

The income gap plays a considerable role in magnifying the digital divide. High-income earners (\$75,000) are 20X more likely to access the internet than low-income earners (\$30,000).

Wealthy families are 10X more likely to own computers and at home high-speed internet connection than low-income families. For low-income population money is scarce. Their earnings are channeled towards basic needs. They view technology as a luxury.

Geographical Restrictions

More economically developed countries have access to a wide variety of technology and high-speed broadband connection because of the richness of their economies. Less economically developed countries lack the necessary technology and infrastructure to set up a high-speed internet connection.

In-country geographical restrictions also widen the digital divide. Urban regions are more likely to have access to 4G or fiber optic internet than rural or mountainous zones.

Motivation and General Interest



There is a portion of the global population that has the necessary income; education and computer literacy but have zero interest to learn about computers and the potential of the internet. Some view it as a luxury. Another group finds it too complicated to comprehend.

Digital Literacy

Developed nations have more comprehensive access to computers among other devices and high-speed internet connection. Students who attend schools with sufficient computers and learn the necessary digital skills have an upper advantage over students who are not exposed to these technologies at an early age.

The lack of physical access to technology especially in developing countries widens the gap between the information rich and information poor.

Impact of the Digital Divide

Digital inequality has created significant distinctions among societies worldwide. Some of the most vivid outcomes generated by the digital divide include:

Impact of Digital Divide on the Economy

Telecommunication services boost economic growth. Broad use of the internet enables an economically productive nation. People can engage in online shopping eliminating the hustle of commuter traffic. Paperless transactions are a convenient approach to creating economic empowerment.

The economic gap widens especially with developing countries which lack adequate ICT integration.

Impact of Digital Divide on Education

The internet is a rich library of information. More than ever there are numerous educational platforms where you can learn advanced skills. Access to ICT has been linked to academic success and excellent scientific research. Education empowers the mind. It is crucial to keep up with this dynamic sector for remarkable success to an individual and society.

Impact of Digital Divide on Social Spheres

Internet access drives communication. Social media platforms such as Facebook create engagement, build relationships, and connect us to family and friends. We can access information faster than relying on traditional newspapers.

Art and music have been dramatically revolutionized by technology. These are benefits that internet deprived societies lack. Elimination of the digital divide is essential to empower developing countries.

Impact of Digital Divide on Society

The digital divide has contributed to the segregation of individuals in the society including ethnicity, age, race, and gender. Technology creates new alignments among individuals with access to the internet and those without access. Those with limited access continue to lag hindering their growth and development.



Digital Divide in Education

The technology divide between students and schools is alarming. The following four categories provide insight into setbacks in our education sector that magnify the digital inequality gap even further.

Schools that have the necessary technology but lack internet access

According to education superhighway, 17.6 million students require the minimum bandwidth to sustain digital learning. [The FCC E-rate program](#) is helping schools to purchase affordable broadband connection and ensure schools are connected to the web.

This is made possible by providing 100 kbps to each student, Wi-Fi connected classrooms, fiber connections, and subsidized data plan packages. Schools in rural areas lack the pre-existing infrastructure because of low return on investments given the small customer base and the difficulty in installing fiber optic cables.

Lack of up to date devices

According to the U.S Department of labor, 77% of all U.S. jobs will require an individual to have computer skills by 2020. How can we better prepare the students for the future if they lack access to modern technology?

Students need modern devices such as chrome books, laptops, and tablets for advanced learning at-risk students who lack the necessary technology lag in their studies and suffer from poor grades.

Teachers lack technology-based skills

Sufficient technology and the high-speed broadband connection is not enough to bridge the digital divide in Education. Many teachers who lack training in using these devices cannot facilitate active digital learning for students.

According to Samsung Electronics Africa, 60% of teachers feel they are ill prepared to use and teach about technology to their students. For engaging, relevant and focused learning we need to invest in the professional training of our teachers.

Varying teaching styles and levels of engagement

Affluent schools combine classroom learning with real-life problem solving by integrating modern technology in their curriculum. Students are tutored on conducting online research, video creation and using tools such as Google Docs.

Students in poor schools use computers for presentations of the existing material, and there is no in-depth learning of technology. Affluent schools, on the other hand, encourage students to conduct online research and perform statistical analyses.

The digital divide in the U.S:



A quarter of the U.S population is starved of broadband connection. Most people cannot afford the expensive monthly data plan charges. A meager 56% of households in the U.S earning less than \$35,000 per year have home internet connection compared to 92% of households earning \$75,000 or more per year. This technology divide hurts students.

They lag behind their studies and cannot compete effectively with their peers. They miss out on improving their economic situation and repeat the poverty cycle.

Although Low-cost computers and Chromebook laptops have replaced textbooks in most schools, learning hits a dead end when students head home to no internet access. America loses over \$130 million each day to the digital divide when a person does not connect to the internet according to Deloitte.

In Connoton Valley, most households access the web using a Satellite dish which is expensive and connects to the internet at snail-speed. Most of the disconnected residents lack the necessary digital literacy skills.

According to the FCC, 24.7 million U.S citizens lack broadband connection, especially in rural areas. In Ferry County, 2% of the population access broadband connection according to Microsoft. There are critical steps if properly implemented will aid in [closing America's digital divide](#).

Digital Divide Projects

Various projects are being implemented to build on the knowledge gap and bridge the digital divide gap among societies. They include:

Wi-Fi Partnerships

Wi-Fi partnerships aim to bridge the internet usage gap. For example the Clark County school district partners with the Las Vegas chamber of commerce to create free quality Wi-Fi directory for students. Students can now access Wi-Fi away from school. Learning takes place anywhere, anytime.

Internet.org by Facebook

Internet.org is the brainchild of Facebook to provide a solution to access free material on the internet. Through their app, people can access web pages on health, local information and job opportunities. This initiative is currently thriving in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

Linux4Africa

Linux4Africa works to bridge the digital divide between developed and developing nations with a focus on Africa. This is by ensuring access to information technology. Linux4Africa collects used and discarded computers in Germany, Ubuntu software and Terminal Server Project which is open sourced and supports schools and essential institutions such as hospitals with the necessary facilities.

One Laptop per Child Project (OLPC)



OLPC was introduced in Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in 2005 and rolled out as a nationwide policy in 2007. The aim was to fund every public school student from grade 1-6 with a laptop or “green machine” operating on Linux based OS.

By 2010 this project was extended to high school students and has dramatically reduced lack of access to learning material by students. Tremendous progress has been made by countries implementing [strategies to ensure equal digital access](#) across societies.

Bottom line

Our lives rotate around digital platforms. We live, learn, work and play technology. A computer-savvy workforce is crucial for the achievement of a country’s economic and development blueprint.

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Bob Espindola <selectmanbobespindola@gmail.com>

RE: CCC Municipal Fiber Grant program - Eligibility question - Housing Authority **EXTERNAL EMAIL **

1 message

Gervasio, Frank H. (DOR) <gervasiof@dor.state.ma.us>

Thu, Apr 7, 2022 at 4:12 PM

To: Krisanne <krisannemsheedy@comcast.net>, Bob Espindola <selectmanbobespindola@gmail.com>

Cc: Sean Poweres <[REDACTED]>, Sean Daly <[REDACTED]>, Jeff Christensen <jchristensen@entpnt.com>, Bruce Patterson <bpatterson@entpnt.com>, Devin Cox <dcox@entpnt.com>

Good afternoon Krisanne,

Thank you for this clarification. After additional discussion, this project would be eligible. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Thank you!

Frank

From: Krisanne <krisannemsheedy@comcast.net>

Sent: Thursday, April 7, 2022 11:54 AM

To: Gervasio, Frank H. (DOR) <gervasiof@dor.state.ma.us>; 'Bob Espindola' <selectmanbobespindola@gmail.com>

Cc: 'Sean Poweres' <[REDACTED]>; 'Sean Daly' <[REDACTED]>; 'Jeff Christensen' <jchristensen@entpnt.com>; 'Bruce Patterson' <bpatterson@entpnt.com>; 'Devin Cox' <dcox@entpnt.com>

Subject: RE: CCC Municipal Fiber Grant program - Eligibility question - Housing Authority **EXTERNAL EMAIL **

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Hi,

I will just offer a little extra detail.

The Housing Authority is not a technical State agency, we are regulated by the State.

Our Authority is not “subsidized” by the State for regular operating costs, we do receive some funding for major modernization work.

The actual definition of a Housing Authority is a Municipal Corporation.

Not sure if that changes anything but I thought I would elaborate.

Thank you,

Kris Sheedy

Krisanne Sheedy, PHM, MPHA, MCPPO

Executive Director

Fairhaven Housing Authority

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To: 'Bob Espindola' <selectmanbobespindola@gmail.com>; Krisanne Sheedy <krisannemsheedy@comcast.net>

<bpatterson@entpnt.com>; Devin Cox <dc Cox@entpnt.com>
Subject: RE: CCC Municipal Fiber Grant program - Eligibility question - Housing Authority **EXTERNAL EMAIL**

Good morning Bob,

I hope this message finds you well. As these are not municipally owned assets, the project would not be eligible. Please let me know if you need any additional information or if you would like to discuss further.

Thank you!

Frank

From: Bob Espindola <selectmanbobespindola@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 7, 2022 11:32 AM
To: Gervasio, Frank H. (DOR) <gervasiof@dor.state.ma.us>; Krisanne Sheedy <krisannemsheedy@comcast.net>
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Subject: CCC Municipal Fiber Grant program - Eligibility question - Housing Authority **EXTERNAL EMAIL**

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Mr. Gervasio,

I am working on a grant application for the Municipal Fiber Grant program in the Community Compact Cabinet program for the Town of Fairhaven and have an eligibility question.

Fairhaven already invested in a municipal fiber loop that serves most of our major facilities, so it appears we would not be eligible for the primary target area of the grant.

We would be interested in providing connectivity, however, to an underserved population in our Fairhaven Housing Authority Apartments, in the form of a Pilot program that would tap into our existing municipal fiber loop.

The Fairhaven Housing Authority is Funded by the State so, I am not sure it would be considered a "Municipal Building" from an eligibility standpoint.

<http://fairhavenhousing.org/default.aspx>

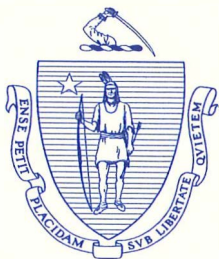
In an effort not to burden anyone on our end putting together an application that would be rejected on that basis and on your end having to review one that would not be eligible, I am wondering if you can tell me weather this unique application would actually be eligible in advance of pulling our application together and gaining approval from our Select Board at next Monday nights meeting prior to submitting.

Thank you.

Bob

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CHARLES D. BAKER
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KARYN E. POLITO
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

August 9, 2021

Dear Municipal Executive:

The Baker-Polito Administration is pleased to announce that the seventh year of the **Community Compact Cabinet (CCC) program is set to begin on August 15**. Our Administration thanks our partners in the Legislature for providing funding for the CCC programs. In FY22, we will offer the following programs, the last of which is new:

- **Best Practices**
- **IT Grant**
- **Efficiency & Regionalization (E&R)**
- **Municipal Fiber** (new in FY22)

Detailed information on each of these CCC programs is provided below.

Fostering a strong partnership with our municipalities continues to be a top priority for the Baker-Polito Administration, and **the Community Compact Cabinet is a prime example of how the state remains responsive to the needs of municipalities**. Together we have worked collaboratively to address many municipal issues and, as Chair of the Cabinet, I thank all of you for your efforts on behalf of your communities and the Commonwealth as a whole.

The first six years of the program have been incredibly successful, with all 351 cities and towns signing up for the Best Practices program, close to 230 municipalities and school districts partnering in Efficiency and Regionalization projects, and nearly 300 IT grants awarded.

Fiscal Year 2022 CCC Municipal Grant Programs

Best Practices Program

Beginning **August 15**, applications for Year 7 of the [CCC Best Practices](https://www.mass.gov/cccbestpractices) program can be submitted by those municipalities *who did not apply in FY21 for a Compact*, at www.mass.gov/cccbestpractices. **Applications are accepted on a rolling basis** and will be reviewed within one month of submission. Eligible applicants can choose up to two best practices. The complete set of best practices is available on the [Community Compact Cabinet website](https://www.mass.gov/cccbestpractices).

You may access the application page, however, to begin the application you will need a password. The password for your community is NcjGm4A51Z7w. Applications cannot be saved once they are started and should be completed all at once. Your community can only submit one application in FY22.

IT Grant Program

The [Community Compact IT Grant Program](#) is a competitive grant program focused on driving innovation and transformation at the local level via investments in technology. Using the transformative powers of IT, we can drive innovation, make government more efficient, save taxpayer money, and make it easier for residents to interact and transact with their local government.

The application period will run from **September 15, 2021 to noon on October 1, 2021**. *Cities and towns that were awarded an IT Grant Program grant in FY21 will not be eligible in FY22.* You may access the application page, however, to begin the application you will need a password. The password for your community is t9Hr3kzYi8kt. Applications cannot be saved once they are started and should be completed all at once.

Efficiency and Regionalization Grant Program

The purpose of the [Efficiency and Regionalization](#) (E&R) competitive grant program is to provide financial support for governmental entities interested in implementing regionalization and other efficiency initiatives that allow for long-term sustainability. These grants will provide funds for one-time or transition costs for municipalities, regional school districts, school districts considering forming a regional school district or regionalizing services, regional planning agencies and councils of governments interested in such projects.

The application period will run from **January 10, 2022 to noon on February 10, 2022**. You may access the application page, however, to begin the application you will need a password. The password for your community is NTdf9TTYW16n. Applications cannot be saved once they are started and should be completed all at once.

Municipal Fiber Grant Program

New to the CCC suite of programs in FY22 is the Municipal Fiber Grant program. Authorized as part of the General Government Bond Bill (Chapter 151 of the Acts of 2020) signed into law by the Governor in August 2020, this competitive, matching grant program was created to assist municipalities with the construction of municipal fiber broadband infrastructure and related projects and expenditures.

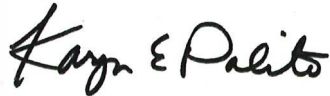
The application period will run from **March 15, 2022 to noon on April 15, 2022**. You may access the application page, however, to begin the application you will need a password. The password for your community is YFW7d7zmaoh5. Applications cannot be saved once they are started and should be completed all at once.

As a reminder, additional tools such as the [Community Compact Connector](#) and [Municipal Grants Calendar](#) are available to help position your community for long term success. The Connector offers a centralized location to identify municipal grants, access the Municipal

Grants Calendar, and other resources which support strong municipal governance and state and local collaboration.

It is exciting to have the Community Compact Cabinet programs available again for our partners in local government. As Chair of the Community Compact Cabinet, I look forward to working with you in the near future. If you have any questions, contact Sean Cronin, Senior Deputy Commissioner of Local Services, at croninse@dor.state.ma.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karyn E. Polito". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Karyn E. Polito
Lieutenant Governor

Please complete the following survey (on the back of this flyer) to be entered into a drawing for a **\$50 Visa gift card**.



Town Seal here

Fairhaven Housing Authority

Name: _____ **Apt #:** _____

Do you currently have internet access in your apartment?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If No, why not?

- ☐ I don't need it
- ☐ It's too expensive
- ☐ I don't know how to subscribe
- ☐ I don't know how to use the internet
- ☐ I don't have a device to use the internet on
- ☐ I'm concerned about privacy
- ☐ Language barrier
- ☐ Other: _____

If Yes:

What device do you use?

☐ Phone ☐ Computer ☐ Tablet (Ipad)

Do you pay for the connection? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is it expensive? ☐ Yes ☐ No

What do you use it for?

- ☐ Pay bills
- ☐ Talk to friends/family
- ☐ Shop
- ☐ Doctor visits or other health information
- ☐ Register/manage other resources (SNAP, Social Security, other benefits)
- ☐ Other: _____

If Fairhaven Housing had free internet access, would you use it?

☐ Yes ☐ No

What supports could be provided to help you get online?

Do you have issues or concerns about a public WIFI network being installed in Fairhaven Housing lobbies and hallways?

☐ Yes Why? _____
☐ No

Should there be access in the apartments, or just the lobby ?

☐ Apartments ☐ Lobby ☐ Apartments & Lobby

Policy was rescinded by 2-1 vote on 6/21/2021



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- 1) Any request to fly a flag / banner on Town Property must be made through the Selectmen's office at least 60 days in advance of the requested flying period.
- 2) The Board will only permit flags acknowledging proclamations made by from the federal government and/or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as well as flags/banners announcing local upcoming events that are open to the public, provided they are not in support of a candidate or political party, and are not primarily commercial in nature.
- 3) The Board of Selectmen will have final say, at their own discretion, on whether any flag / banner is appropriate to be displayed on any Town Facility.
- 4) Requests will not be granted for flags/banners to be displayed for longer than 30 days.
- 5) The Board of Selectmen shall have the right, at their own discretion, and upon a vote of the Board, to remove any flag / banner prior to the end of the approved time period. The Selectmen may choose, at the time of approval, to pass this authority to remove any flag / banner on to the Town Administrator.
- 6) For any time period where multiple requests are made, the time will be shared equally by all approved requests with not more than one flag or banner flown at any time.
- 7) The Town will not be responsible for hanging or taking down the banner but will provide direction on where it may be hung.
- 8) The flag, as displayed, must not interfere with any aspect of the operation of any Town Facility.
- 9) The requestor must present a signed, dated copy of the attached waiver along with their request to fly a flag/banner.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN

In attendance were Fire Chief Tim Francis and Deputy Fire Chief Todd Correia to update the Board on the Emergency Preparedness Plan (formerly Hurricane Preparedness Plan). Mr. Rees thanked Chief Francis and Deputy Francis along with Town Department heads for all their hard work in updating the plan.

Deputy Correia explained that the plan has been update this year to include other emergency situations other than just natural disasters. Some of the Departments are still working on updating their plans, therefore there are currently a few blank pages. The Fire Department have been conducting drills to prepare for different types of situations that may occur. Deputy Chief Correia told the Board he is working on a program that will keep residents better informed in the event of an emergency. The RAVE MOBILE SAFETY/CODE RED program will allow residents to sign up and control what information they would like to receive. The Fire Department will also be utilizing the resources of Cable Access and the IT Department to help keep residents informed.

West Island resident Robert Hobson inquired why the Fire Department cannot have a fire truck or an emergency piece of apparatus on West Island in the event of a hurricane. He stated that 65 % of the island residents are year round and with all these people here and the value of their properties there should be some fire apparatus even though the residents may have evacuated, if one house catches fire then all of them will. Chief Francis addressed his concerns stating that "no one belongs on the island during a hurricane. He cannot put one of his personnel in danger just to save a house. Houses can be replaced, people cannot.

• DISPLAY OF FLAGS/BANNERS ON TOWN PROPERTY •

Mr. Rees told the Board that a request has come in from resident Kyle Bueno to fly the Pride flag at Town Hall in observance of "pride month." Mr. Rees explained under federal law the only flag that can fly on the pole on Town Hall property is the American flag, State flag, or the POW flag. Currently the Town does not have any policies regarding flags and banners on Town property. Mr. Bueno presented some documentation regarding the statistics on the suicide rate among members of the LGBTQ community and the statistics on gays in the military. Mr. Bueno feels this is an important issue to show our future leaders and military of tomorrow support. (Attachment F)

All Selectmen feel this is an important issue but are worried about starting a precedence about flying banners and flags for specific groups. The Board is worried that if they allow to fly the Pride Flag on town property and another group with an offensive flag puts in a request then they will have to honor that request.

Mr. Espindola suggested that Mr. Bueno could fly the flag for one hour at town hall in the archway and have a short presentation on the Town Hall steps similar to the National Day of Prayer in May. Town Counsel Tom Crotty told the Board they can't make exceptions for one group and not another therefore the Board needs to be careful what is allowed because they can't get involved in content, unless it is offensive. By doing so, they will informally set a policy by allowing the first person/group to fly the flag. Once the Board does this, they've essentially set the policy. The Board discussed the idea of setting a formal policy on flags and banners. Mr. Bueno will work with Mr. Rees to organize a public assembly at Town Hall. Mr. Espindola made a motion to authorize a public assembly on the Town Hall steps including the pride flag to be

displayed with Mr. Bueno working with the Town Administrator. Mr. Freitas seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

FOUTH OF JULY PARADE

Mr. Murphy read an invitation from Veteran's Agent Brad Fish who is leading a working group of volunteers for the Fourth of July parade. Selectmen are invited to participate.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Mr. Espindola and Mr. Murphy thanked the organizers of the Father's Day Road race for putting on a great event
- Mr. Murphy reminded residents that Saturday, July 20, 2019 will be Outdoor Movie Night at Livesey Park.
- Mr. Murphy, on behalf of the Board, offered condolences to the family of Ed Cabral.

At 8:30 p.m. Mr. Espindola made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Freitas seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki L. Paquette

Vicki Paquette
Administrative Assistant
(Approved 7/22/2019)

Documents appended:

- A: 33 William Street tree letter**
- B: Sustainability Charge**
- C: Watermelon Alligator request letter**
- D: Carricorp maps**
- E: Rasputin's letter**
- F: Mr. Bueno's letter/ handouts**

Health Agent Mary Kellogg has ordered window clings for business to remind their staff and customers to frequently wash their hands and to sanitize. Ms. Kellogg stated that the protocol for Restaurants with outside dining is 6 feet back to back and has sent out the rules and regulations to all restaurants in Fairhaven. She also has safety concerns with yard sales and will start to educate the public on yard sale safety.

Eligibility for Retiree Health Insurance

Mr. Rees explained to the Board that this policy would prohibit new employees who retire and are not on the health insurance ineligible for health insurance after the fact. This also prohibits Part-time elected officials from receiving health insurance, the current employees and elected officials are grandfathered under this policy. (Attachment B)

Mr. Espindola made a motion to approve the Eligibility for Retiree Health insurance and to grandfather Selectmen Silvia. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous. (3-0)

Roll call vote: Mr. Espindola in favor, Mr. Silvia in favor, Mr. Freitas in favor

Electric Aggregation

Mr. Espindola said the town is involved in the electric aggregation program for renewable energy/electricity. Currently there is a 10% increase in renewables in the Good Energy Contract. Mr. Espindola said the Sustainability Committee would like to see a survey to help clear up the confusion regarding the electricity aggregation and how to enroll/opt out. Mr. Espindola feels it is important to ask residents, especially the senior population, what they feel about the energy aggregation. Laura Garnder from Climate Reality Group told the Board the goal as a State are to lessen our carbon footprint. Ann Richard, Chair of the Sustainability Committee, stated that her committee is in favor of this increase. (Attachment C)

Mr. Espindola made a motion to support the survey and include the information through Social Media and the Town website. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Roll call vote: Mr. Espindola in favor, Mr. Silvia in favor, Mr. Freitas in favor

Pride Flag at Town Hall

Kyle Bueno met via Zoom with the Board to seek permission to fly the Pride flag over the archway at Town Hall during the month of June. Chairman Freitas reminded Mr. Bueno that at last year's Selectmen's meeting, the Board was advised by Town Counsel to be careful about allowing banners and flags on town property because it could open up for other groups that may be controversial, although all of the Board members are in support of the Pride Flag, they all felt the same way as last year but would like to honor Mr. Bueno's request and start the process of a flag/banner policy. In 2019 Mr. Bueno was allowed to fly the flag for one hour outside town hall and hold a small ceremony, but because of the restrictions of COVID-19, that would not be an option this year. Board members told Mr. Bueno that the Town is not responsible for the flag in the event of any vandalism. Mr. Espindola made a motion to allow the Pride Flag to be flown at Town Hall starting June 12, 2020 until June 29, 2020 and a discussion of a flag policy at the next Selectmen's meeting. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Roll call vote: Mr. Espindola in favor, Mr. Silvia in favor, Mr. Freitas in favor

Electric Vehicle Grant update

Still rolling out programs in response to Governor Baker's orders. The Recreation Center has opened the exercise machines and the Council on Aging has started the floor exercises while maintaining social distance.

Town Hall key access- Board of Health

Mr. Freitas said he received an email from the Board of Health requesting keys to Town Hall. Mr. Rees has recommended that the keys be issued for the duration of the COVID -19 pandemic. Mr. Rees will speak to the Town Hall custodian to have a set of temporary keys made and will work with the Board of Health members to find a suitable location for them to sign their bills without having to go into the office.

• Display Flag policy •

Mr. Espindola, with the help of Town Counsel, drafted a flag/banner policy. They sent the draft to the Historical Commission chair, Wayne Oliveira, for his input as well. Selectmen discussed the idea of adding another flagpole and making sure that the Town Hall could also have any banners/ flags on the building because of the historic nature of the building. Attorney Crotty will check on the issues that the Board has addressed before they take a vote on this policy.

John Farrell questioned the Board why they were putting a policy together at this time. Mr. Espindola explained that this policy was discussed back in 2019 and they are now trying to implement something.

Town Meeting Preparation – Salaries of Elected Officials

Mr. Rees explained that consistent with past practice elected officials who receive a stipend get a 2% COLA as all the employees. Mr. Espindola made a motion to approve the COLA increases for all elected officials, the Town Clerk, The Tree Warden and the Board of Health, except the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

RFP Employee Engagement/Work Culture

Mr. Rees drafted the RFP for the employee engagement/work culture and suggested to the Board to obtain a grant to pay for the assessment. The Board will review the draft and meet with Mr. Rees with their questions.

Zoning Appeals Procedure/Guidelines/Record Keeping

Mr. Espindola said he would like to use the 20 free hours for technical assistance provided by SRPEDD to help the zoning Board of appeals with procedures/ guidelines and record keeping methods. (Attachment C)

Filling open seat procedure- Board of Health

Mr. Rees said as per MGL Chapter 41 Section 11 when there is a vacancy on the Board of Health, they must notify, in writing the Board of Selectmen of the vacancy. Once a formal letter is received the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Health will hold a joint meeting for the purpose of filling the vacancy. Mr. Rees will coordinate said meeting with the two boards.

Personnel Policy update

Meet and Greet: Precinct 2

Precinct 2 Chairperson Ann Richard attended via Zoom. Ms. Richard asked the Board about the North Street drainage article at town meeting. Mr. Freitas told Ms. Richard the Board was informed by Town Counsel to pass over the article. Diedre Healy told the Board there is an ongoing issue with trash washing up along the shoreline. Anne Smith expressed concerns regarding the noise level from a local establishment on the weekends.

Town Clerk Retirement

Mr. Freitas announced that Town Clerk Carolyn Hurley will retire on June 30, 2021. Assistant Town Clerk Linda Fredette met with the Board to answer any questions. Mr. Espindola made a motion to appoint Linda Fredette as the Acting Town Clerk until the next Town election. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

The Board thanked retiring Town Clerk Hurley for her service.

Rogers School: National Historical Register

Doug Brady from the Rogers Reuse Committee met with the Board to request a letter of support from the Board of Selectmen when they apply for the National Historic Register for Rogers School.

At 6:54 pm the Board took a 4-minute recess due to the loss of the internet connection

Mr. Brady told the Board the Rogers Reuse Committee will review the application with the Board before submitting it for approval.

Mr. Espindola made a motion to show support from the Board of Selectmen for the original portion of Rogers School on the National Historic Register. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

COVID- 19 Protocol for Town Hall

Ms. Graves read to the Board the new orders put in place by Governor Baker on June 15, 2021.

Ms. Graves said the plexiglass barriers will remain in place at Town Hall

Mr. Espindola made a motion to remove the mask mandate at Town Hall effective June 22, 2021. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Flag Policy

Mr. Freitas reminded the Board back in 2019 when the issue of flying a flag at Town Hall first came up, Town Counsel suggested that there be no flags flying at Town Hall to not set a precedent. The Board discussed the issues of flying a flag at Town Hall and the drawbacks if they were asked to fly a flag that represents a hate group. Mr. Silvia and Mr. Espindola thanked Mr. Espindola for all his hard work in putting this flag/banner policy but feel this is a no-win situation and would only like to see only the American flag, State flag or Military flag flown. Mr. Espindola would like to check with Town Counsel before making a decision on changing the policy.

Mr. Freitas made a motion to rescind the flag policy except the US flag, State flag or Military flag. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote passed. (2-1)

At 7:52 pm the Board took a 4-minute recess due to the loss of the internet connection



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Vicki Oliveira <vloliveira@fairhaven-ma.gov>

Flag Policy

Anne Morton Smith <[REDACTED]>
To: selectmen@fairhaven-ma.gov, selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov

Sat, Feb 26, 2022 at 1:27 PM

Dear Members of the Select Board,

As spring approaches and our town plans for numerous celebrations, I respectfully request that you consider reinstating the "flag policy" so that celebratory banners can be flown across the front entrance to town hall to acknowledge the various State and Federally acknowledged inclusionary and awareness months, as well as for events such as Homecoming.

The flag policy, as previously written and accepted, was very clear about what would and would not be allowed. There is no risk that it opens the town up to a lawsuit if you were to turn down a discriminatory flag. I believe Attorney Crotty has already made that clear in past consultation.

At the same time, and so as not to lose time should there be a 60 day request period, I respectfully request that you consider hanging the Pride flag at the front of the town hall building for the month of June as it is also commemorated by the State of Massachusetts. To be clear, I am not requesting that it be flown on the flagpole with the United States flag.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Anne Morton Smith

To have the government display the Pride banner is a powerful symbol to show the community that the government stands behind LGBT people.

The dialogue from 2021 wherein members of the board and the community stated that to display the Pride Flag is divisive and does not represent the wishes of the entire town, served only to perpetuate the prejudice and bigotry.

Many of us may believe that there is no longer an issue with prejudice against the LGBTQ community, and that we can simply move on. This is simply not the case. Messaging from all angles continues to both keep individuals from living their lives as the people they are, and to injure many individuals such that they may never recover.

Let us not forget that it was just ten years ago in 2011 that our military FINALLY allowed LGBT people to serve openly. And only LAST year that trans individuals were granted the right to serve.

The national Suicide Prevention Resource Center has estimated that between 5 and 10% of LGBT youth, have attempted suicide, a rate 1.5-3 times higher than heterosexual youth. Researchers attribute this higher prevalence of suicidal ideation and overall mental health problems among gay teenagers compared to their heterosexual peers has directly to their minority stress.

Closer to home, researchers at the children's psychiatric hospital where I work in Rhode Island has examined the demographics of those youth who have been admitted to an acute care unit, which means they are a severe danger to themselves. Over the past two years, more than 50 percent of those youth identify as a sexual minority. That's a LOT of kids in distress. And for those who don't officially identify as LGBT, there is a copious research that indicates that those who are "questioning" are at the highest risk of suicide.

We can help simply by demonstrating Fairhaven's commitment to inclusion at the highest level of Government. Just as the Commonwealth does, Boston does, as New Bedford does, as many many local, state and federal government agencies do. Our lack of participation in the effort sends an equally strong message as our choice to participate does.

As much as we have done, and as wonderful as our town and its people are in the whole, we have a long way to go, and, to quote a popular term, to MOVE FAIRHAVEN FORWARD. Please hang the Pride banner in front of Fairhaven Town Hall for Pride Month in 2022 and going forward.

Ms. Powers made a motion to appoint Jenna Benoit to the Commission on Disability. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Fairhaven Homecoming Day Fair

Mr. Espindola read a letter from Homecoming Day Fair Chairperson Barbara Acksen requesting the use of Town Hall and assistance from town departments.

Motion to approve the Homecoming Day Fair on June 25, 2022 and request that Ms. Acksen submit the paperwork associated with holding the fair. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

● **Homecoming Banner** ●

Mr. Espindola read a letter from Fairhaven Improvement Association (F.I.A.) President Frank Fostin regarding hanging the Homecoming Day Fair banner prior to the fair day, over the Town Hall as they have done for the past 44 years. F.I.A will be repairing the wire that holds the banner.

Ms. Powers made a motion to create a standing order effective November 22, 2021 that will allow the annual Homecoming Day Fair banner to fly for 2 weeks prior to the fair and one week after the fair. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Meet and Greet Precinct 6

There was no one from Precinct 6 who wished to speak.

Remove "Children" Sign

Mr. Espindola said there was a request to remove the "Children" sign at 8 Chambers Street. The Police have approved the removal of this sign.

Ms. Powers made a motion to approve the removal of the "children" sign from 8 Chambers Street. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

15-Minute Parking Sign – Fairhaven Pharmacy, 72 Main Street

Mr. Espindola read request from Fairhaven Pharmacy at 72 Main Street for a 15-minute parking sign for their customers. The Police Department has approved the addition of this sign.

Ms. Powers made a motion to approve the 15-minute parking sign at Fairhaven Pharmacy in front of 72 Main street. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Change of Manager – Ice House, LLC

At 7:00 pm Mr. Espindola opened the public hearing for the change of manager at the Ice House. There were no comments or questions from anyone in the meeting.

Ms. Powers made a motion to approve the change of manager for Ice House LLC 136 Huttleston Ave. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

At 7:02 pm Mr. Espindola closed the hearing.

FITNESS IN CUSHMAN PARK

April 4, 2022

Robert Espindola, chairman
Board of Selectmen
Town of Fairhaven
40 Center Street
Fairhaven MA 02719

Dear Board of Selectmen,

We are planning to co-ordinate Fitness in Cushman Park again this summer.

Last summer, our 10th year, Yoga and Bootcamp fitness classes in Cushman Park were again tremendously popular and well attended.

We would like to hold the classes this summer on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-9:30am — Tuesdays, *Yoga in the Park* with Kripalu Certified Yoga Instructor and Personal Trainer, Jeff Costa and Thursdays, *Summer Boot Camp* with Certified Functional Trainer, Wayne Goulart. Classes take place June 21 – August 25, 2022.

Thanks very much and we're looking forward to another fit and healthy summer!

Sincerely,



Susan Grace

PO Box 337 • Mattapoisett MA 02739

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Article #	Article Title	Petitioner
1	Measurer of Wood and Bark	TA/BOS
2	Town Report	TA/BOS
3	Report of Committees	TA/BOS
4	Setting Salaries of Town Officers-FY23	TA/BOS
	A. Select Board	
	B. Town Clerk	
	C. Moderator	
	D. Tree Warden	
	E. Board of Health	
5	Bills of Prior Year	TA/BOS
	A. Stryker \$680.00	Fire Chief
	B. Corvel Corporation \$6.85	Fire Chief
6	FY22 General Fund Operating Budget Adjustments	
	A. Bristol Aggie	Treasurer
7	Sewer Capital Improvements Revenue FY21 to Stabilization Fund	BPW
8	FY23 General Fund Operating Budget	TA/BOS
9	FY23 Water Enterprise Fund Operating Budget	BPW
10	FY23 Sewer Enterprise Fund Operating Budget	BPW
11	FY23 Town Cable Enterprise Fund Operating Budget	Cable
12	FY23 School Cable Enterprise Fund Operating Budget	Cable
13	General Fund Capital Plan	TA/BOS
	A. Fire Engine 2 Tool Project	
	B. Public Safety Complex	
	C. Replace Voting Machines	
	D. Ambulance / Stretcher Replacement	
	E. Police Cruiser Replacements	
	F. High School-Repair and Replace Southeast & Southwest Gables	
	G. High School Alumni Stadium Restroom Facility	
	H. Computer Hardware Equipment Replacement	
	I. Life Pak 15 Replacement (3 Units)	
	J. Replace Loader	
	K. Computer Server for offsite electronic storage	
	L. Beach mat to provide for handicap access to Town Beach	
	M. Replace Boiler at Town Hall	
	N. COA/Rec Building Roof Replacement (design & construction)	
	O. Replacement of Engines on Harbormaster Boat	
	P. Hydraulic Rescue Tools	
	Q. Upgrade Town/School Phone System	
	R. Replace window blinds/shades at Town Hall	
	S. Control Desk Radio Upgrade	
14	Water Enterprise Capital Plan	BPW
	A. Utility Truck with Plow	
	B. Repainting Sconticut Neck Water Tower	
	C. Water Gate Valve maintenance	
15	Sewer Enterprise Capital Plan	BPW
	A. Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade	
	B. Inflow and Infiltration Prevention	
	C. Sunset Beach Sewer Extension	
	D. Sewer Force Mains upgrade	
	E. Blower Building Roof replacement-Sewer Treatment Plant	
16	Roadwork FY23	
	A. Bayview Avenue	BPW
	B. Farmfield Street	BPW
	C. Bonney Street	BPW
	Hard Surface- Bonney Street	Sheri Bettencourt

	Hard Surface- Chase Road	Rick Spoor
	Hard Surface- Ebony Street	Janet Pitman
	Hard Surface- Reservation Road	Natalie Caetano
	Hard Surface-Mill Road from 291 Mill to 312 Mill	Brian Lopes
	Hard Surface-Yankee Lane from Mill Road to 20 Yankee Lane	Brian Lopes
17	State Aid to Highways FY23	BPW
18	Funding Capital Stabilization Fund	TA/BOS
19	Ambulance Stabilization	Fire Chief
20	Social Day Care	Council on Aging
21	Propagation of Shellfish FY23	Harbormaster
22	FY23 Community Preservation Program Appropriations	CPC
	A. Library Sidewalks (Phase 2)	
	B. Spring Street Firehouse Renovations	
	C. Pickleball at Livesey Park	
	D. Whitfield-Manjiro Carriage House Cultural Center	
23	Revolving Funds	VARIOUS DEPT/BOARDS
24	Fund Labor Contracts	TA/BOS
	A. Clerical Union	
	B. Police Union	
	C. Dispatchers Union	
	D. Fire Union	
	E. Highway Union	
	F. Water Union	
	G. Sewer Union	
25	Senior Work-off Program	Council on Aging
26	Retirement COLA	Retirement Board
27	Additional funds to supplement Article 16B from the October 20, 2020 meeting-Water Dept V	BPW
28	Amend Chapter 194 Storm Management - Erosion and Sediment	BPW
29	Tree Warden from elected to Appointed	BPW
30	Amend BPW By-law - Solid Waste & Recycling	BPW
31	Safeway to Schools	BPW
32	Town Hall Banquet Room A/C split	TA/BOS
33	Town Hall Repairs (curved windows \$8,000 & clock gears \$8,000)	TA/BOS
34	Municipal Light Plant	Broadband Study
35	Propagation of Shellfish \$23,396 (disturbed by dredging)	Harbormaster
36	Update General Provisions of bylaw, section 1-6, noncriminal disposition of violations	Conservation Agent
37	Climate change vulnerability assessment grant match	Conservation Agent
38	Wetlands bylaw updates	Conservation Agent
39	Hazard Mitigation Plan Grant Match	Conservation Agent
40	Public Shade Tree bylaw	TA/BOS
41	Upper Narragansett Avenue Rezone	Planning Director
42	Public Facilities Setback	Planning Director
43	Bridge Street engineering design for Public Safety Facility	TA/BOS
44	Union Wharf purchase 900 sq ft parcel	TA/BOS
45	Mattipoisett River Valley Water District borrowing \$4.2M	Water District
46	West Island Dredging \$200,000 with 20% match - \$40,000.00	Harbormaster
47	Union Wharf North Side \$1,000,000 with 25% match - \$250,000.00	Harbormaster
48	Roger's School	TA/BOS
49	FEMA Grant - Hydraulic Rescue Equipment \$26,000 with 5% match - \$1,893.00	Fire Chief
50	FEMA Grant - New Ambulance \$285,715 with 5% match - \$14,286.00	Fire Chief
51	Transfer from Sconticut Neck Sewer Betterment Stabilization to Sewer Reserve for future	Finance Director
52	Rezoning- 114 Sconticut Neck Road	Ronald Oliveira
53	Street Acceptance- Mill Road- from 291-312	Brian Lopes
54	Street Acceptance-Yankee Lane from Mill Road to 20 Yankee Lane	Brian Lopes
55	Street Lights	
	A. Welcome Street	Ivan Ketchum
56	Transfer from Surplus Revenue	TA/BOS
57	Other Business	



Angie Lopes Ellison
Town Administrator

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selectboard@Fairhaven-MA.gov

April 6, 2022

Ms. Amanda Lewis
MassTrails Program Manager
Department of Conservation Recreation
136 Damon Road
Northampton, MA 01060

Dear Ms. Lewis,

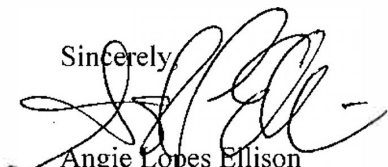
I am writing to express the Town of Fairhaven's support for Mattapoisett's application for a MassTrails Grant for a connecting Shared Use Path between Mattapoisett Industrial Drive and the future Marion Pathway.

Along with the Planned Marion Pathway this project will fill a critical gap in the existing regional bicycle network by connecting a through route from Fairhaven to Marion that will not depend on Route 6. The region will benefit tremendously from a car free recreational and transportation route between our communities.

For people across the region a - 20 mile low traffic and or/no low traffic route will exist between Wareham and New Bedford.

On behalf of the Town of Fairhaven, we appreciate your consideration and support of trail connections throughout the state, and hope you choose to fund this work.

Sincerely,



Angie Lopes Ellison
Town Administrator

CC: Board of Selectmen
Bikeways Committee



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CHARLES D. BAKER
GOVERNOR

KARYN E. POLITO
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

March 30, 2022

Ms. Wendy Graves, Town Administrator Wendy Graves
Fairhaven Police Department
1 Bryant Lane
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Dear Ms. Graves,

Congratulations! We are pleased to inform you that the **Fairhaven Police Department** has been awarded **\$2,012.75** in funding from the Automated External Defibrillator Equipment Program offered by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Office of Grants and Research (OGR).

If you have any questions, please feel free to email your grant point of contact Robert Smith, at Robert.J.Smith1@mass.gov.

Once again, congratulations on your award and we look forward to working with you and your municipality on this important public safety initiative.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signatures of Governor Charles D. Baker and Lieutenant Governor Karyn E. Polito.

Governor Charles D. Baker

Lt. Governor Karyn E. Polito

MEMO

To: Select Board

From: Town Clerk's Office/Finance Committee

There are several open seats on the Finance Committee that need to be filled as soon as possible. The Precinct Chairs have been notified of the vacancies, Vicki Oliveira has posted a request for new members under the "volunteer opportunities" page on our website, and Derek Frates has posted the same notice on our Government Access Channel. The Town Meeting will soon be upon us, and it would be most beneficial to the Town to have these positions filled before that date.

In order to join the Fin Comm, the candidate must be a Town Meeting Member, live within one of the listed precincts, and not be a voting member of any other Town Boards/Committees. If you know of anyone interested in serving on the Finance Committee, please ask them to email a letter of interest to Clerk@Fairhaven-MA.gov. Letters may also be mailed to the Town Clerk's Office, 40 Center Street.

Current Finance Committee vacancies:

Prec 2 – 1 Vacancy

Prec 3 – 2 Vacancies

Prec 4 - *(one member possibly moving out of Precinct 4 soon)*

Prec 5 - 1 Vacancy

Prec 6 - 2 Vacancies



Re: Measures of Wood and Bark

1 message

Bob Espindola <selectmanbobespindola@gmail.com>

Wed, Mar 23, 2022 at 2:19 PM

To: John Farrell <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Keith Silvia <ksilvia@fairhaven-ma.gov>, Linda Fredette <lfredette@fairhaven-ma.gov>, Stasia Powers <stasiapowersselectboard@gmail.com>, Vicki Paquette <vloliveira@fairhaven-ma.gov>, Wendy Graves <wgraves@fairhaven-ma.gov>

John,

I've received your email.

Thank you for your service in the position.

Bob

On Wed, Mar 23, 2022 at 1:14 PM John Farrell <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Good afternoon,

I will need to resign as Measurer of Wood and Bark effective 4/18/2022. Thank you all and best wishes.

John Farrell

Sent from my iPhone

Fairhaven Housing Authority Board Vacancy -Governor's Appointee**April 7, 2022**

We are searching for someone to fill the Governor's/State appointment to the Board of the Fairhaven Housing Authority.

The Governor's appointment is technically a 5 year appointment but can last beyond that. They may be replaced by a new Governor when their term expires but they often remain on the Board for many years or through more than one Governor.

We are working with the Dept. of Housing & Community Development (DHCD) to find a candidate to fill the vacancy but no one has been selected or suggested yet.

We have also spoke with Rep. Straus' office but have not received any follow up from them.

Oftentimes, if a likely candidate is suggested and presented to the State (DHCD), they will work to approve and appoint them which could expedite the process.

At this time we are looking to assist the Dept. to fill this vacancy as having a vacancy on the Board can be problematic to maintain the required quorum for a meeting and to keep the regular and required processes and procedures in place

The Board of the Authority consists of 5 members (4 elected through the Town election & 1 Governor's appointee) who work collectively to oversee fiscal and set policy. The Board is involved in general planning and oversight. The day to day operations are the responsibility of the Executive Director. The Authority manages 278 – 1 bedroom units for seniors or handicapped/disabled individuals. We also manage 6 family housing units. All of our programs are State affiliated not Federal. We have 9 on staff, 6 complexes and approximately 11 acres of land to manage and maintain and a very long wait list.

Anyone who has questions about serving on the Board is more than welcome to email @ fhvnhousing@comcast.net or call (508-993-1144) and speak with Krisanne Sheedy , the Executive Director from 8 to 4 Monday through Friday. to discuss typical Board responsibilities , meetings, involvement or concerns.