



FAIRHAVEN SELECT BOARD

Agenda

Monday, January 24, 2022

6:30 p.m.

Town Hall – 40 Center Street – Fairhaven

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A. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

B. COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

C. APPOINTMENTS

7:00 Collins Center and TA Screening Committee

D. POSSIBLE ACTION/DISCUSSION

1. 2021 Select Board/Town Administrator Annual Report
2. Request to join Library Trustees as Select Board appointment: Robert Grindrod
3. Request to join Zoning Board of Appeals- Associate member
 1. Ann Richard
 2. Nicholas Sylvia
 3. Denyce Wicht
4. New Bedford Hurricane Barrier maintenance
5. Accept Grimshaw Park donation \$20,000
6. Follow up from Goal Setting Session
7. DOR Financial Management Review
8. Overview of HR Department
9. Mask Mandate update

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

F. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Resignation of Nicole Antonio- Broadband Study Committee

F. NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Select Board is **Monday, February 7, 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.

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Wendy Graves <wgraves@fairhaven-ma.gov>

Re: Candidates

1 message

Robert Espindola <respindola@fairhaven-ma.gov>

Fri, Jan 21, 2022 at 9:46 AM

To: Mark Sylvia <msylvia@fairhaven-ma.gov>

Cc: Mary Aicardi <mary.aicardi@umb.edu>, Wendy Graves <wgraves@fairhaven-ma.gov>, Stasia Powers <spowers@fairhaven-ma.gov>

Mark and Mary,

Thank you for the update.

I can confirm that we have you on the agenda for a 7:00 Appointment.

I very much look forward to this step in the process and what lies ahead.

I have copied Ms. Graves and, by way of this email, am asking her to include your email in our packets that will be assembled today.

I also copied Selectwoman Powers as there is nothing that would violate the Open Meeting law in this update and I thought she should know as soon as possible about this update.

Talk to you Monday night.

Thanks again.

Bob

On Fri, Jan 21, 2022 at 9:33 AM Mark Sylvia <msylvia@fairhaven-ma.gov> wrote:

Good Morning Bob

I am pleased to inform you that the Town Administrator Search Committee has completed its work and is prepared to present the Select board with the names of the finalists we recommend for your consideration.

I wanted to confirm the Select board has this matter on their agenda for next Monday - I will attend on behalf of the committee to present the names to you.

Mary will continue her work in this process by working with the Select board on the questions you intend to ask the candidates during their interviews, schedule the interviews and will advise you and Selectwoman Powers on any matters related to this moving forward. Mary - please correct anything here.

I would also suggest that you meet as soon as possible to develop and approve your questions and set interview dates as soon as possible. Mary or I can fill you in more if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to chair this committee. The Select Board did an outstanding job in appointing members to this committee.

Regards

Mark

Sent from my iPhone

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
SELECT BOARD
and
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Fiscal year 2021 has been a year of uncertainty. The town continues to face many challenges due to the pandemic. Because of the financial uncertainty surrounding the pandemic, it was decided to hold two virtual town meetings for the fiscal year 2021 budget. The first held July 25, 2020. At which time a 1/3 operational budget and only essential articles were presented at town meeting. After receiving a better representation of state funding and local receipts the town's second virtual town meeting was held on October 20th & 21st in which town meeting was presented with the remaining 2/3 operational budget and the remaining articles.

Like most municipalities, Fairhaven's anticipated revenue was better than expected, especially for room & meal tax revenue, however with pressure of increasing costs and infrastructure needs the town continues to be conservative with financial projections. As we are all aware, the pandemic continues to be a very serious and stressful time with ever changing rules and regulations to adhere to for everyone's health and safety.

On January 6, 2021 we said our good-byes to Town Administrator, Mark Rees. After 40 years of municipal employment, Mr. Rees retired from the Town of Fairhaven. We wish Mr. Rees much enjoyment in his retirement. At this time, the town is in the process of reviewing qualified candidates that will best serve the town as the new Town Administrator.

In our efforts to continue our role in assisting the Select Board as the "Chief Goal Setting and Policy Making Agency", the Town Administrator and Town Department Directors have worked towards meeting policy goals & objectives.

Goal 1 – Human Resources Improvements

- The Personnel Rules and Regulations have been updated and comply with the Federal and State personnel laws. The draft is ready to be reviewed by the incoming Town Administrator and then presented to the Select Board.
- In the process of implementing a revised employee onboarding and managing employee status.
- Deductions for health/dental insurance have been streamlined for an easier rate change transition.

Goal 2 – Town Committees Collaboration

- Fairhaven Cable TV has released a walking tour of Rogers School to assist the Rogers Re-Use Committee in finding a solution to future uses of the historical building.

- The Marine Resource Committee, at the request of the Select Board have updated the Waterways Rules and Regulations. The report has been finalized and is with the Department of Fish & Game for approval.

Goal 3 – Inter and Intra Governmental Cooperation

- The pandemic crisis has resulted in federal funds provided to the town from FEMA and the CARES Covid Relief Act to provide assistance for expenditures related to Covid19. FEMA provides 75%-100% relief for essential public safety costs. The CARES Covid Relief Act grant provides relief for the services and goods not covered by FEMA. Another additional source that will be available from FY 2021-2024 is the American Rescue Plan Recovery Federal grant.
- The town and the City of New Bedford/New Bedford Port Authority were awarded a Coastal Resilience Grant of \$154,178. This project will assess the current conditions of municipally owned piers in the Fairhaven/New Bedford harbor. It will also evaluate adjacent utility and roadway connections for adapting infrastructure to projected sea level rise and increased storm events.
- The Seaport Economic Council's \$1 million dollar grant award and 25% town match for the rehabilitation and improvement of the south side of Union Wharf wall has been completed. The town is pursuing additional funding for the continued improvement to Union Wharf.

Goal 4: Financial Sustainability

As of June 30, 2021 the Town's General Fund Reserves were as follows:

- Certified Free Cash - \$4,411,068 or 8.3% of Town's Budget, exceeding the town's benchmark of 3% to 5%.
- Stabilization Fund - \$3,160,740 or 6% of the Town's Budget, exceeding the town's benchmark of 5%.
- Capital Stabilization - \$5,781,863 or 10.9% of the Town's Budget, exceeding the town's benchmark of 2% to 3%.
- In total, the Town has available \$13,353,671 in reserves or 25.2%
- The Health Insurance Trust Fund as of 6/30/21 was \$1,308,647 or (\$553,072) below the benchmark of \$1,861,719.

In FY2021, the town was awarded 28 grants totaling more than \$3,165,790.48 dollars.

<u>Grant Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Grant Revenue</u>
UNION WHARF PHASE 4 - FY20	Marine Resource	914,565.00
ARPA COVID FEDERAL GRANT	Selectmen	
		841,431.20
CDBG HEDGE ST 20 (PHASE 2)	Planning & Econ	575,688.62
Coronavirus19 Relief (FEMA & CARES)	Selectmen	502,371.46
911 GRANT	Police	63,594.24
COA FORMULA GRANT	Council on Aging	50,052.00
GREEN COMMUNITY '20	Conservation	43,633.75
DEA	Police	23,901.71
COA ARAW OUTREACH 2021-22	Council on Aging	22,916.58
CDBG HEDGE ST 18 (PHASE 1)	Planning & Econ	19,777.07
SMRP SUSTAINABLE '19	Board of Health	14,300.00
MAHB COVID19 BOH '20	Board of Health	11,405.00
BOAT PUMP OUT	Marine Resource	10,000.00
ARTS LOTTERY	Arts Lottery	9,550.25
COA OUTREACH GRT	Council on Aging	9,019.92
FEMA-FIRE GEAR GRT	Fire	8,525.00
BULLET PROOF VEST	Police	8,175.23
FIRE HAZMAT GRT	Fire	7,506.22
FIRE SAFE	Fire	5,281.00
Fire WASHER FY20	Fire	5,000.00
CIVIL DEFENSE GRT	Civil Defense	4,175.00
POLICE 911 EMD TRAIN GRT	Police	4,101.00
FIRE-SENIOR SAFE	Fire	2,680.00
ELECTION GRT	Town Clerk	2,060.84
COVID CARES COA FY21 GRT	Council on Aging	2,000.00
OCDETF	Police	1,773.03
DA	Police	1,618.86
BOH TECH GRT	Board of Health	687.50
<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>3,165,790.48</u>

Goal 5: Economic Development

Paul Foley

Goal 6: Health and Welfare of Town Residents

- The Police Department has the Security Camera Network up and running. These surveillance cameras will assist the town with investigations.
- In March 2021, the Police Department completed the Police Accreditation Program. This program provides compliance with best practices for industry standards in policing.
- The Fire Department/Emergency Management is annually updating the comprehensive Emergency Response Plan (ERP). This plan covers a wide variety of emergencies and lists the actions taken by each department or agency in responding to and mitigating these hazards. Part of this response plan that has been put into action is the Fairhaven ALERT. This up to date platform, certified by the US Homeland Security, updates Fairhaven citizens on current hazards and actions they should take.

Goal 7: Civic Engagement

- Fairhaven TV continued our collaboration with the Fairhaven Opioid Task Force by filming International Opioid Awareness. The goal is to bring community awareness of the ongoing Opioid Crisis and offer support and contact information for those that need help for themselves, friends or family members.
- Fairhaven TV has been awarded Best Remote Event by the Massachusetts Creator Awards for the Annual Halloween Party 2020. Fairhaven TV has also been nominated in 2021 for various productions. Fairhaven TV continues to provide live virtual events for the holidays to give children and their families a chance to celebrate during the pandemic.

Goal 8: Long Term Planning

- The Public Safety Facility continues to be one of the first priorities of the Capital Planning Committee. The town continues to explore/test for available sites.
- The Broadband Committee continues to progress in providing the town with alternate internet access.

Goal 9: Improve Municipal Services

- An additional meeting room equipped for Zoom meetings was added in Town Hall. Two locations are now available for participants to interact through a hybrid system of in person and virtual attendance.
- Residents now have available from the town's website, all open meeting information that is included in the Select Board packet for upcoming Select Board meetings.
- The Fire Department has purchased, through grant funding, 2 electronic message boards which are displayed in prominent areas in town to provide important information to residents.

None of these accomplishments would have been possible without the hard work and dedication of the Town Officials, Town employees, Town Meeting members and numerous residents and volunteers who serve on our boards, commissions and committees and for this, we are sincerely thankful.

Respectfully,

Daniel Freitas, Chair

Robert Espindola, Clerk

Keith Silvia, Member

Wendy L. Graves, Interim Town Administrator

ROBERT C. GRINDROD
48 CENTER STREET
FAIRHAVEN, MA 0271

January 7

Per Tom:
Yes, Bob can
be on this
committee even
tho he's on
Finance

Mr. Robert Espindola, Chairman

Ms. Stacia Powers, Vice Chairman

Mr. Keith Silvia, Clerk

To the Fairhaven Selectboard,

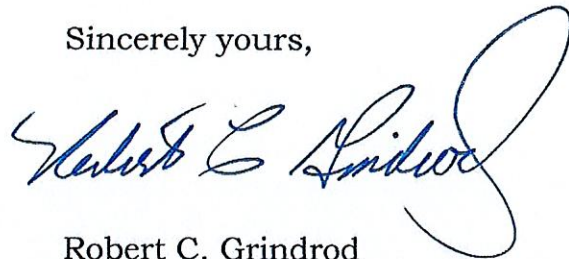
I have become aware that there currently is a vacancy to be filled on the Board of the Millicent Library. Please consider this my expression of interest in being considered to fill the vacancy, which as I understand it is to be filled by the Selectboard.

In brief, I grew up in Fairhaven and was a member of the class of 1965 of Fairhaven High School. I have degrees at both the Bachelor and Graduate level in History. I had a forty four year career in the transportation industry and served the last twelve years prior to retirement as the President & CEO of the Corporation and its several subsidiaries. As such, I have broad experience in many areas ranging from finance to human resources. I have managed budgets of approximately \$ 900 million and a workforce of 800 people. Effective management of any organization requires the ability to adapt to a changing environment. I believe I can assist the Millicent adapt in many ways.

I owe a great deal to my hometown, having received my start in life right here in the schools, the library and the many civic functions in which my family and I participated. I consider this an opportunity to repay that debt.

I currently serve on the Finance Committee, the Charter Committee and the Town Administrator Search Committee. As the work on the Search Committee winds down, I certainly have the time available. Please consider this request to be of service to Fairhaven. I would consider it an honor to serve as a Trustee of the Millicent Library.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert C. Grindrod", with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the name.

Robert C. Grindrod



Wendy Graves <wgraves@fairhaven-ma.gov>

Vacancy- Board of Appeals

1 message

Ann Richard <ann.richard@gmail.com>

Tue, Jan 18, 2022 at 6:18 PM

To: Selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov, Bob Espindola <respindola@fairhaven-ma.gov>

Dear Chairman Espindola-

I am interested in filling the current vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals as an associate member. I realize this is a very important board in town and I feel that I have the experience to help fill this position. Over the years I have served on many boards in town that will help me on this board. I know that my years on the Planning Board especially provide me with a great reference for many of the issues that come before this board.

I look forward to hearing from you about this appointment. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Ann Richard- *she/her*

NICHOLAS R. SYLVIA

Letter of interest for Associate Membership on Zoning Board of Appeals

53 Boston Hill Rd., Fairhaven, MA 02719

Town of Fairhaven Select Board
Fairhaven Town Hall
40 Center St,
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Members of the Select Board,

I am writing to inform you of my interest in serving the Town of Fairhaven as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. I am passionate about the prospect of potentially being able to assist in the process of analyzing zoning matters that our residents bring before the ZBA. If I'm extended this opportunity, I would make it a priority to have a working understanding of our Commonwealth's Laws and our Town's Ordinances that govern matters of zoning and land use. Such statutes and rules were implemented through a democratic process. As such, I would place the utmost importance towards strictly adhering to the law in order to consistently and reliably achieve the will of our community.

I have been graciously given opportunities to serve Fairhaven in the past through past appointments to the Conservation Commission, Community Preservation Committee, and The Housing Authority. If appointed, I would certainly use what I learned about effective town governance during those prior experience. I would also use the training and skills that I have attained through my career as an attorney.

I am grateful for your time towards and consideration of this letter of interest .

Sincerely,

Nicholas R. Sylvia



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ARTS & SCIENCES

Select Board Office
40 Center Street
Fairhaven, MA 02719

January 19, 2022

Dear Select Board:

Kindly accept my letter of interest in serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals in an associate position. While I work in Boston, I am a full-time resident of Fairhaven and have been since September of 2020. Due to my work schedule, I would be able to attend meetings via Zoom.

Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Denyce Wicht
1 Gifford Street
Fairhaven, MA 02719
dkwicht@gmail.com
617-872-6359



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS, NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT
696 VIRGINIA ROAD
CONCORD, MA 01742

14 January 2022

Mayor Jonathan F. Mitchell
133 William Street
New Bedford MA, 02740

Ms. Wendy Graves, CMMT, CMMC
Interim Town Administrator
40 Center Street
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Dear Mayor Mitchell, and Ms. Graves

I am reaching out to confirm an understanding of the upcoming maintenance work on the New Bedford Hurricane Barrier and coordinate lines of communication before, and throughout, the duration of the work.

The maintenance work is tentatively scheduled to begin on January 24, 2022 and will last for approximately 2-3 months. This is routine work that is typically required every eight to ten years and was last completed in 2012. This work will mean that the hurricane barrier will be offline and not available for routine flood control operations but will be available to provide protection in the event of a large coastal storm event.

Our goal is to ensure open and frequent communication with community officials, harbor stakeholders, businesses, and residents to maintain awareness of the maintenance work and the potential impacts to having the barrier offline for routine operations. My staff has participated in recent coordination meetings hosted by the New Bedford Port Authority and U.S Coast Guard to help notify the maritime stakeholders and police and fire departments of this pending work and impacts that could occur while the barrier is offline.

We plan to monitor all National Weather Service forecasts and coastal flood watches, warnings, and other information statements during the repair period and communicate openly with stakeholders to provide advance notice of potential high-water events and ensure the barrier is operational in the event of a large coastal storm event

Additionally, the Cape Cod Canal Manager, Mr. John MacPherson will be holding frequent progress meetings with the New Bedford Port Authority Executive Director, Mr. Justin Poulson, and associated stakeholders throughout the duration of the project. During these meetings, we will provide Mr. Poulson with status and schedule updates on the maintenance work and addressing any questions/concerns that he or the Port Authority may have. We will proactively communicate with you as well throughout the duration of the project, to ensure you are receiving the same information that is being relayed over to the Port Authority.

Specifically, the maintenance work includes the dewatering of the large sector gates of the hurricane barrier to replace the wheels that the gates roll on. When the gates are dewatered, repairs to other critical components will be completed, to include the repainting of the steel gates to ensure long term protection from corrosion. The sector gate on the west side of the barrier will be dewatered first, followed by the east gate. During this period when the gates are dewatered, the barrier will be offline and not available for routine flood control operations. However, I want to reiterate that in the event a large coastal weather event is forecasted to impact the area, the Corps does have the ability to require the Contractor to have the barrier back to operational status in a defined timeframe.

At this time, our repair contractor is currently mobilizing equipment, materials, and personnel to the barrier, and we expect that the dewatering work will begin either the last week of January or first week in February. We will notify stakeholders when the barrier is officially taken offline for the maintenance work.

Employees from our Operations Division and Construction Division have met with our contractor to confirm awareness of a requirement to perform the maintenance work while also minimizing the duration that the gates are offline. We expect the contractor to have adequate equipment and manpower to expeditiously complete the work.

We have always had a strong relationship with the communities of New Bedford and Fairhaven, and as always, we appreciate the efforts of the city and town staff members that have assisted us in the coordination of this work. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions, comments or concerns. I can be reached at (978) 318-8286, or via email at Eric.C.Pedersen@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,



Eric Pedersen
Chief, Operations Division
New England District



Wendy Graves <wgraves@fairhaven-ma.gov>

Upcoming dewatering and maintenance of New Bedford Hurricane Barrier

1 message

Pedersen, Eric C CIV USARMY CENAE (USA) <Eric.C.Pedersen@usace.army.mil> Fri, Jan 14, 2022 at 2:25 PM
To: "Mayor.Mitchell@newbedford-ma.gov" <Mayor.Mitchell@newbedford-ma.gov>, "WGraves@fairhaven-ma.gov" <WGraves@fairhaven-ma.gov>
Cc: Justin Poulsen <Justin.Poulsen@newbedford-ma.gov>, "VLOliveira@fairhaven-ma.gov" <VLOliveira@fairhaven-ma.gov>, "Acone, Scott E CIV USARMY CENAE (USA)" <Scott.E.Acone@usace.army.mil>, "Gosselin, Elizabeth (Beth) CIV USARMY CENAE (USA)" <Elizabeth.D.Gosselin@usace.army.mil>, "Pedersen, Eric C CIV USARMY CENAE (USA)" <Eric.C.Pedersen@usace.army.mil>

Good afternoon Mayor Mitchell and Ms. Graves,

I hope this email finds you well in the New Year. Every 10 years, the Corps of Engineers is required to conduct a dewatering of the New Bedford Hurricane Barrier. This allows the Corps to inspect the areas behind the sector gates that are normally hidden below the water level, as well as conduct a variety of maintenance repairs. The Corps is currently on track to begin the dewatering efforts on January 24, in which we will also be replacing the wheels along the sector gates, as well as conduct painting to prevent corrosion. Work is expected to take between 2-3 months, and during this time, the barrier will be offline and unavailable for routine operations associated with high tides. Procedures are in place to have the barrier operational prior to any significant coastal storm events.

Attached is a letter outlining what I've described above, the general schedule for the work, as well as our communication strategy that we will be following throughout the duration of the project. In addition to Mr. Poulsen receiving updates from the Cape Cod Canal Manager, I will be sending the two of you updates on the status of the project on a regular basis.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I have also cc'd Mr. Scott Acone, our Civilian Deputy for the New England District, and Ms. Beth Gosselin, our Chief of Public Affairs to make sure they are completely in the comms loop as well.

Respectfully,

Eric C. Pedersen

Chief, Operations Division

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District

(978) 318-8286

Eric.C.Pedersen@usace.army.mil



New Bedford Hurricane Barrier Dewatering Letter.pdf
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Select Board to accept the check.
at next board meeting

1/20/21

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December 3, 2021

Dear Selectmen, Town Administrator and Town Accountant of the Town of Fairhaven,

I am writing this letter to inform you of my intentions of making an anonymous donation of \$20,000.00 with the understanding of the following stipulations in place. It is my wish that this donation be used specifically and solely for the beautification of the Grimshaw Property. It is also my wish that this project be managed at the discretion of Anne Silvia now, as well as after she retires in January 2022 as director of the Fairhaven Council on Aging, since she was the person who planned and initiated the project. Any money remaining from this donation after the project is completed should remain in this original account to be used for future beautification of the Grimshaw Property at the discretion of Anne Silvia. If Anne Silvia is unable to continue with the project for any reason, the remaining monies for the beautification of the Grimshaw Property will be deferred to the discretion the Council on Aging Director.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anonymous

January 3, 2022

Dear Select Board Members,

A Fairhaven resident, who request to remain anonymous, spoke with me in November 2021 about making an extremely generous donation of \$20, 000.00 to the Fairhaven Council on Aging. As we discussed his wishes as to how the donation would be utilized, together we decided on the following project.

The Fairhaven Council on Aging was left in his will, by Mr. Grimshaw, the parcel of land at Fort Phoenix called Grimshaw Park. His wishes were that the park be used in some way by the seniors of the Town. Until now, there has never been any funding to enhance the park. The park is located adjacent to the tennis courts. Presently the park is just a grassy area with 4 picnic tables near the tennis courts which was an Eagle Scout project of Derek Goffs a few years ago. The donor and I thought that the best use of their donation would be to enhance the Grimshaw Park with 6 benches (see enclosed picture) and landscaping consisting of hydrangea bushes and grasses, both needing little to no care. This enhancement would provide visitors to the Fort a nice place to sit and enjoy the beach view, particularly seniors who presently sit in their vehicles to enjoy the view. I would like to have a set of benches close to the wide entrance to the park from Green St located fairly close to that entrance with a concrete walkway leading to the benches for easy wheelchair access to the benches. I have included a rough drawing showing where the benches and landscaping would be.

I have spoken to Vinnie Furtado who states the DPW already cuts the grass at the Grimshaw Park. He stated he could have the DPW construct and install the benches (which they have already done at the COA). He said he can have a company pour the cement walkway. I spoke with Whitney Mclees, conservation agent, who states she does not foresee any problems with the project as long as we stay away from the wet area (southeast corner). I spoke with Anne Carreiro, Town Accountant who stated I would need to present the project to the Select Board and get approval from the Select Board before she can create an account with the donation. I also gave Ms. Carreiro a copy of the letter I have enclosed to you, written by the donor, describing his wishes for how he would like the donation to be utilized.

The plan is to purchase the benches from TreeTop Products, which is the company the COA has purchased their benches from in the past. The benches will be purchased now and stored until the spring when they can be installed. I will also speak with Kenny from Kenny's Farm Stand about doing the landscaping in the spring.

I am asking that the Select Board please approve this donation under the terms of the donor so that the donor and I can create a beautiful space for people of all ages to enjoy for years to come.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Silvia, Director

Fairhaven Council on Aging



Wendy Graves <wgraves@fairhaven-ma.gov>

Town of Fairhaven FMR

1 message

Bob Espindola <selectmanbobespindola@gmail.com>

Thu, Jan 20, 2022 at 1:39 PM

To: "Blake, Zachary" <blakez@dor.state.ma.us>

Cc: Wendy Graves <wgraves@fairhaven-ma.gov>

Good Afternoon Zach,

Hope the New Year is treating you well. The last time we heard from you, you mentioned that you would be starting the FMR for Fairhaven in early January. We understand that with Covid, or some other reason, things may be delayed. However, we have not heard from you and are hoping you can provide us with an update.

Thanks,
Bob



Town of Fairhaven

Board of Health

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Telephone: (508) 979-4023 ext. 125 • Fax: (508) 979-4079

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

MEMO

DATE: January 20, 2022

TO: Fairhaven's Select Board

FROM: David D. Flaherty Jr., RS
Fairhaven's Health Agent

RE: Masking Policy for Municipal Buildings

Dear Chairman Espindola,

Fairhaven's Select Board has maintained a policy of mandating 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 up from 13.65% positivity to 20.17%; our total case count for the past two weeks has moved up from 304 to 547. Bristol County's and the Commonwealth's COVID data are trending in an unsatisfactory manner as well. In light of this data, I would suggest that your Board consider maintaining the policy of a "Mask Mandate" for all municipal buildings. I will be involved with Public Service Announcements to help the citizens of Fairhaven better understand what these numbers mean and how they can better protect themselves. Hopefully I will be offering different advice in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,


David D. Flaherty Jr., RS
Health Agent

Cc: BOH
file

FAIRHAVEN REPORT 1.21.2022

COVID REPORT

Total case count: 4,011

Increase of 344 since 1.14.2022

Total Tests in the last 2 weeks: 3,044

Total case count in the last 2 weeks: 619

Increase of 72 since 1.14.2022

21.85% Positivity Rate

Increase of 1.68% since 1.14.2022

VACCINATION DATA

Total vaccinated persons: 10,842

Increase of 63 since 1.14.2022

Fully vaccinated females: 5,884

Increase of 27 since 1.14.2022

71% Per Capita 54% Proportion

Fully vaccinated males: 4,958

Increase of 36 since 1.14.2022

64% 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
5-11 Years	978	6%	290	30%	2%	222	23%	2%
12-15 Years	713	4%	439	62%	4%	396	56%	4%
16-19 Years	633	4%	497	79%	4%	462	73%	4%
20-29 Years	1,639	10%	1,142	70%	9%	984	60%	9%
30-49 Years	3,837	24%	2,805	73%	23%	2,492	65%	23%
50-64 Years	3,729	23%	3,246	87%	27%	2,939	79%	27%
65-74 Years	2,034	13%	2,072	>95%	17%	1,832	90%	17%
75+ Years	1,784	11%	1,704	>95%	14%	1,527	86%	14%
Total	16,013	100%	12,195	76%	100%	10,854	68%	100%



Vicki Oliveira <vloliveira@fairhaven-ma.gov>

Fwd: Broadband Study Committee - Thursday January 13 at 6:30pm

1 message

Derek Frates <dfrates@fairhaven-ma.gov>
To: Vicki Oliveira <vloliveira@fairhaven-ma.gov>

Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 8:10 PM

Broadband Resignation

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From: **Nicole Antonio** <nantonio22@comcast.net>

Date: Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 8:09 PM

Subject: Re: Broadband Study Committee - Thursday January 13 at 6:30pm

To: Derek Frates <dfrates@fairhaven-ma.gov>

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All-

Unfortunately I have to resign my position on the broadband committee for personal reasons.

Please accept my resignation and my apologies.

Good luck. I wish you every success. What you are doing is necessary and will be beneficial to everyone.

Thank you for your understanding-
Nicole Antonio

On Jan 10, 2022, at 6:02 PM, Derek Frates <dfrates@fairhaven-ma.gov> wrote:

Hello All,

Attached is the Agenda for Thursday. Also meeting minutes from Nov and Dec still need to be approved. (Attached).

We also must find a volunteer from the committee to be the recording secretary as we cannot fund the position as originally thought from the Broadband consulting budget.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Thank You,

Derek T. Frates

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