



FAIRHAVEN SELECT BOARD

Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 9, 2023

ATTACHMENT A

Present: Select Board members Chair Stasia Powers, Vice-Chair Leon Correy, Clerk Robert Espindola, Select Board member Keith Silvia, Select Board member Charles Murphy Sr., and Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison.

The meeting was videotaped by Cable Access and Zoom meeting application.

Ms. Powers opened the meeting at 6:30 pm

Moment of Silence: For Muriel Rodriques who recently passed away.

Motion: Mr. Murphy motioned to enter Executive Session Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(7) "[t]o comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements": Public Records Law, G.L. c. 4, s. 7(26) and Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §§ 22(f), (g) (consider release of minutes of years 2020, 2021 and 2022 executive sessions) AND

Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(2) "[t]o conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel Angeline Lopes Ellison. Mr. Silvia seconded. Roll Call Vote, Mr. Murphy in favor, Mr. Silvia in favor, Mr. Correy in favor, Mr. Espindola in favor and Ms. Powers in favor. Motion passes unanimously (5-0-0).

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:40PM

MINUTES:

Motion: Mr. Murphy made a motion to accept the open session minutes of December 19, 2022. Mr. Silvia seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0)

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:

- An Eversource rate increase impact chart was shared (*Attachment A*). Everyone is encouraged to review the price comparisons with the Municipal Aggregate; other alternative options can also be viewed on the Eversource website and on the Town website. Discounts are available, if you qualify, for example, veterans or seniors. Ms. Ellison is available to help residents connect to various informational resources if needed.
- A per diem Building Inspector will be working after hours until a full time Building Commissioner is in place. Ms. Ellison has reached out to surrounding communities for assistance after hours with inspectors to help with more urgent permits and inspection needs. Currently we have one confirmed per diem inspector while actively looking for additional coverage. The Building Department is staffed during the day with clerical staff. Statewide there is a shortage of personnel to staff open positions.
- The Finance Director position received one resume; it will be re-posted as a Treasurer/Collector with the potential to be Finance Director. The field of Municipal Financing also has shortages in personnel to staff positions. Ms. Ellison will continue to look at creative options to find the right fit for Fairhaven. Rich Bienvenue has been brought in as the interim Budget Manager. Mr. Bienvenue is the Assistant Town Manager and Finance Director in Eastham, MA. Mr. Bienvenue will work in-person and remotely with the Department Heads and Finance Committee through to Town Meeting. There will be a Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) for his services and Town Meeting Warrant to cover the salary. Current money left in the budget may be needed for

- retirement payout to Ms. Graves.
- The Conservation/Sustainability Agent position is still open, currently the position is staffed with an interim employee, Kelly Camara.
- The EVIP Vehicles, Chevy Bolts, and charging stations are closer to being completed. Delivery of the vehicles is scheduled for Tuesday, January 10, 2023. A local family has been helping to test the charging stations at the BPW and provide feedback to help develop a policy and process for use. One vehicle will be assigned for Town Administrator use and the second will be available for staff to sign out for Town business. Once the process and policy on the EVIPs is complete there will be a press release.
- The William Street entrance to Town Hall will be closed once emergency repairs to the steps and electricity begin. Information will be posted regarding the closing. The accessible entrance from Walnut Street with the ramp remains open during Town Hall hours.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Conduit and Cable location under street for 39 Nelson Avenue.

Ms. Powers opened the Public Hearing at 8:00PM and read the petition from Eversource for permission to locate underground cables, conduits and manholes under Nelson Avenue. (*Attachment B*).

No public comment or discussion. Ms. Powers closed the Public Hearing at 8:02PM.

Motion: Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the request from Eversource to place conduit and cable under municipal roads to access 39 Nelson Avenue as submitted in the application. Mr. Silvia seconded. The motions passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

GOAL SETTING STEP ONE:

The Top 3 2023 Goals for the Town Administrator compiled from the Select Board's selections of top goals. The results were compiled and ranked (*Attachment C*):

- 1) Financial Stability: 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).
- 2) Town Committee 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.
- 3) 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.

The next step in the process would be for Ms. Ellison to meet with the Department Heads and review the three goals. Each Department will send back objectives addressing how they will work to accomplish the goals. These objectives will then be reviewed with the Select Board at a future meeting.

Mr. Espindola distributed and read a presentation on goal setting best practices and his opinion on the process. He outlined potential impacts if the Select Board does not have influence on the objectives brought forward as the chief goal setting body for the Town to provide clear guidance. (*Attachment D*).

The Board discussed their understanding of the goal setting process and the overall collaboration that will

be taking place in stages.

Ms. Ellison clarified the goal setting process as outlined between the Town Administrator (TA) Special Act and the TA's contractual agreement. The Select Board is the goal setter to determine the direction the Town goes in. These goals are for the TA's performance evaluation process; the contract calls for the Board and the TA to define the goals and the performance objectives. The Board was asked to review the list of nine goals previously established and individually prioritize their top five goals of which three would be identified as the focus for 2023.

The second step in the process would be to consider individual goal objectives from the existing list, suggest new objectives or select from the objectives the Department Heads submit. Setting the objectives would be a future meeting item as a SMART goal (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Timebound). All goals remain part of the work of the TA even if not in the top three.

ARPA GRANT AGREEMENT:

The next step in the ARPA funds process is to sign off on the agreement with Bristol County.

Motion: Mr. Murphy motioned to enter into the agreement with Bristol County and the town as it relates to uses of ARPA funds. Mr. Silvia seconded. The motions passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MISSION AND MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

The Economic Development Committee (EDC) requested a change to their membership to increase to a seven voting member committee by adding one additional at-large member.

Mr. Correy explained the EDC previously had a Select Board member as a voting member and, due the decision made for Select Board members to no longer be voting members of a board or committee they supported, The EDC is looking to have seven voting members.

Ms. Ellison suggested creating an objective under the goal of Town Committee Collaboration to review committee standards to determine what is most appropriate.

The Board tabled this item until objectives are reviewed.

TOWN HALL RENTAL REQUEST – SUPREME PERFECTIONISTS, INC.:

Supreme Perfectionists, Inc. request the use of the Town Hall Auditorium from 1-5PM on Saturday, February 18, 2023 to hold a Candy Bingo fundraising event. The Town Custodian is donating his time, the rental fee will still be charged.

Motion: Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the application submitted by Supreme Perfectionists, Inc. for use of Town Hall Auditorium on February 18, 2023. Mr. Silvia seconded. The motions passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

2023 Repair License Renewal: Wall Enterprises, dba Midas Fairhaven:

Renewal of the auto repair license for Wall Enterprises, dba as Midas Fairhaven. All documents are on file in the Select Board Office.

Motion: Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the license renewal for repair submitted by Matthew Wall of Wall Enterprises Inc. dba Midas Fairhaven. Mr. Silvia seconded. The motions passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

CORRESPONDENCE:

An invitation was shared today from the Belonging Committee for New Bedford's Annual Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Community Program on Sunday, January 15, 2023 in New Bedford. (*Attachment E*)

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Espindola reported:

Updates on Broadband Study, Bikeway Committee, SRPEDD and SMMPO (*Attachment F*)

Mr. Correy reported: No meetings

Ms. Powers reported: No meetings

Mr. Silvia reported:

The Historical Commission met; the street lamps will be in on the 26th. Marine Resources met, they have received a \$1million dollar grant for work at Union Wharf and are pursuing another \$1million grant. Ms. Ellison added she received a notice today from the Lt. Governor that the second \$1 million was approved.

Mr. Murphy reported:

The Manjiro Friendship Pact discussed their recent trip and upcoming classes at the Senior Center. The Carriage House is still under construction and the work will resume now that the Vocational students are back from break.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Patrick Rosparker of 9 Sandra Lane commented his dissatisfaction with the Board of Public Works (BPW) and the Tree Warden because of the condition of Sandra Lane. He has been reaching out since May 2022 regarding several issues with the road including: grading of the road, brush overgrowth, large boulders, trees cut down and left on the side of the road, tree limbs from a storm that Mr. Silvia came and helped remove. Mr. Rosparker is asking for the road to be paved, there are three houses on the street.

Ms. Ellison asked Mr. Rosparker to schedule an appointment with her regarding the process of requesting an accepted street and hard-surface petition. The road currently is not an accepted street so there is a process to follow for this. Ms. Powers suggested Mr. Rosparker attend a BPW meeting as well to ask for updates.

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

- Mr. Espindola: Massachusetts Municipal Association is hosting a Municipal Finance Management and Tools webinar on January 25, 2023.

Ms. Ellison added there is a YouTube page from the Division of Local Services that talks about all things Municipal Finance.

- Mr. Correy: Thank you Fairhaven TV for the Volunteer PSA Video adding, Volunteer! Get involved. We need talent to work in municipalities. Watch your speed driving through town on the roads, many calls about speeders, be careful.

- Mr. Murphy: Congratulations Fairhaven TV, nominated in four categories at the Sixth Annual Massachusetts Creator Awards on January 25, 2023.

Ms. Powers added that one of Mr. Murphy's reports was one of the nominees

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Select Board is *Tuesday, January 17, 2023* at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Banquet Room

Adjourned at 9:23PM

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Select Board Clerk (ah)

Attachments:

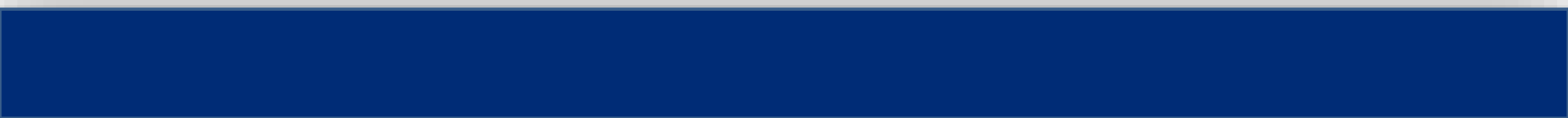
- A. Eversource Rate Increase Impact Chart**
- B. Eversource petition, Nelson Road conduit and cable installation**
- C. 2023 Goal Setting Priority ranked list**
- D. Select Board Goals and Objectives presentation: Robert Espindola**
- E. Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Community Program flyer**
- F. Committee Liaison Report: Robert Espindola**

Mattapoissett River Valley Water District Water Treatment Facility Upgrades



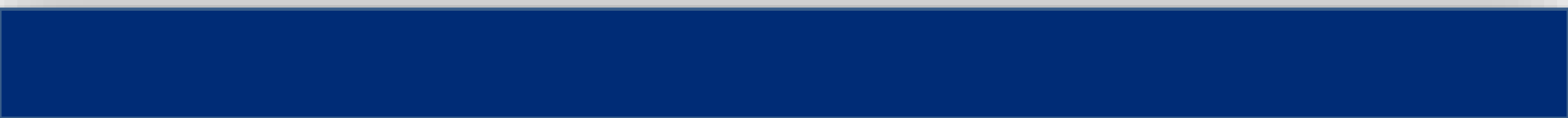


Mattapoisett River Valley Water District

- Our Public Water comes from the MRV Water Treatment Plant located in Mattapoisett
 - Overseen by a 4 Town member District - formed in 2004
 - District members – Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester – monthly meetings – I currently serve as the Chairman
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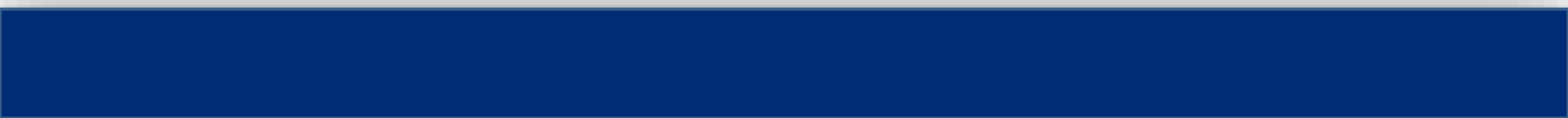


Regional Water Treatment Facility

- In service in 2008
 - 3rd ultrafiltration water treatment facility in Massachusetts which removes iron and manganese from drinking water
 - Treats a total of eight (8) municipal water supply wells that are owned and operated by the member Towns
 - Provides municipal treated water supply to Fairhaven (100%), Mattapoisett (90%), Marion (50%)
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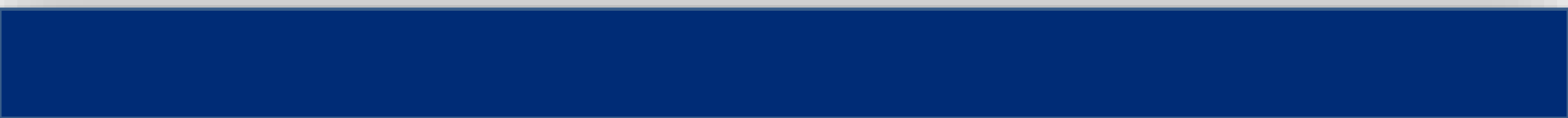


Ultrafiltration System

- Lifespan of existing ultrafiltration system membranes was estimated at approx. 5 to 7 years
 - Exceptional operation and maintenance efforts have allowed the membranes to remain in service since plant went on line in 2008
 - Existing membranes are no longer manufactured
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Pilot Study

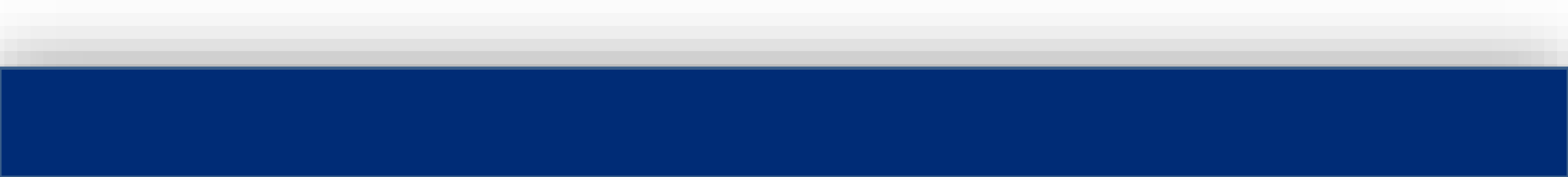
- As we have a State permit and the filters aren't made anymore, we had to secure State approval to install an upgrade of similar but newer and more efficient filters.
 - Pilot study occurred and was operated to duplicate full-scale operation with the same feed water that is currently fed to the filtration system
 - The overall goals of this pilot were to assist the District in selecting the new filter technology that will produce water that consistently meets State and Federal drinking water standards under current and future demand conditions and obtain State approval – which were accomplished
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Ultrafiltration system

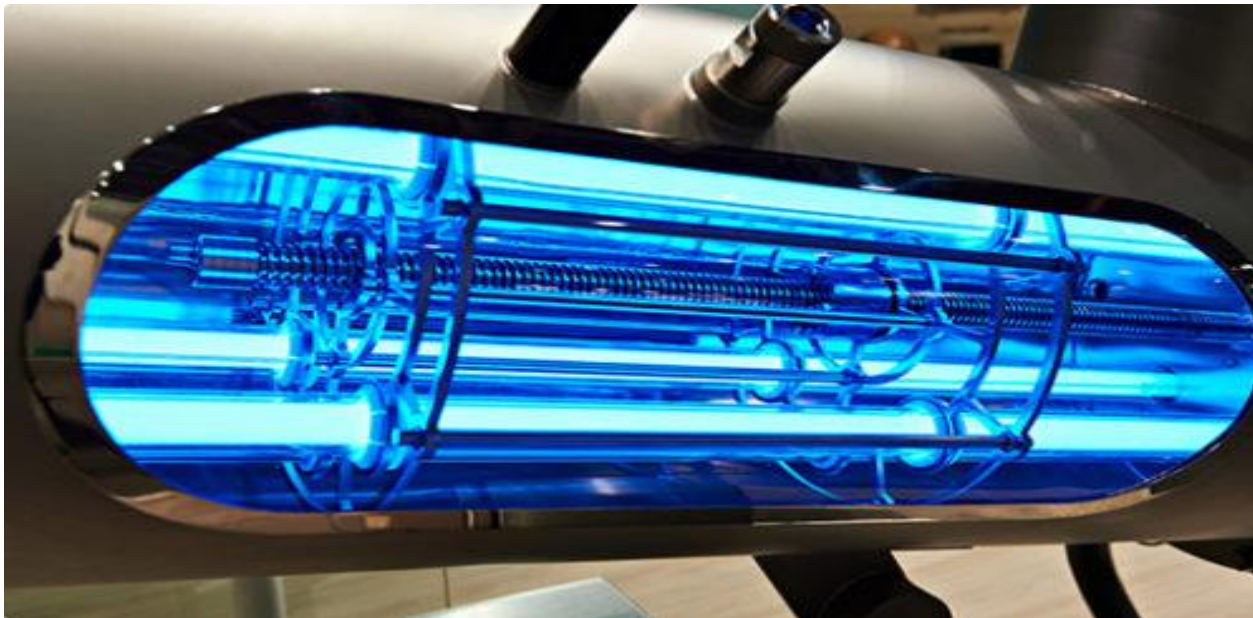




Ultraviolet Disinfection

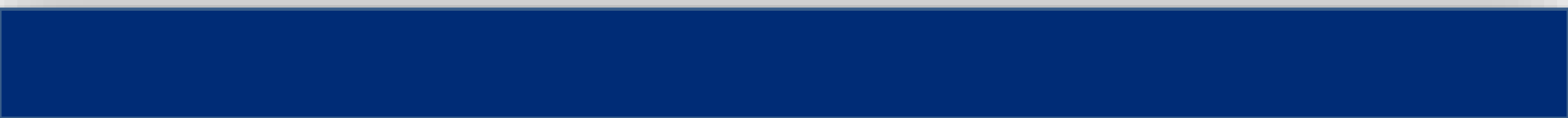
- As part of this filter upgrade, District is adding disinfection using ultraviolet light without chemical addition
 - Chlorine would not be required for disinfection
 - Minimize the potential for future boil orders
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Ultraviolet Disinfection



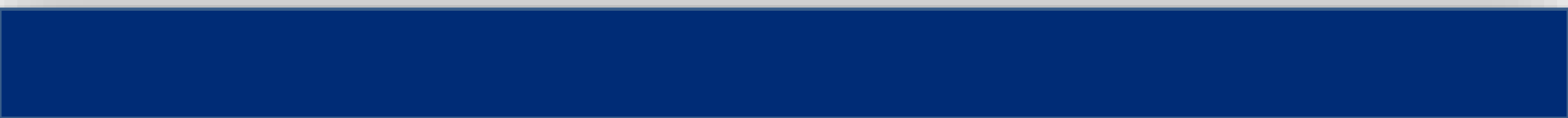


Financial Summary

- With the District obtaining State approval for the filter technology and disinfection addition, the next step was to secure funding at the 4 respective District member Town Meetings which occurred in 2022
 - Estimated Total Project Budget = \$7,200,000
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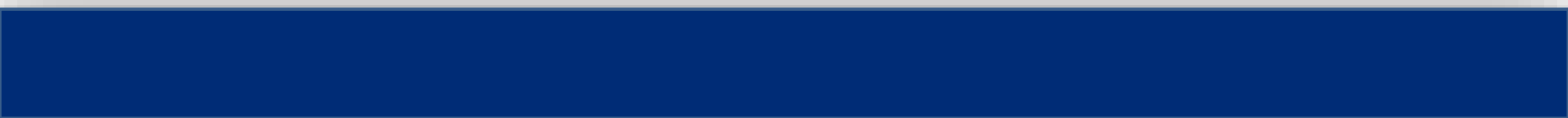


Financial Summary

- Capital Costs by Town based on consumption:
 - Fairhaven (58%) = \$4,176,000
 - Mattapoisett (32%) = \$2,304,000
 - Marion (10%) = \$720,000
 - Existing payments on a \$13.5 million bond for the original water treatment facility construction end in July 2026
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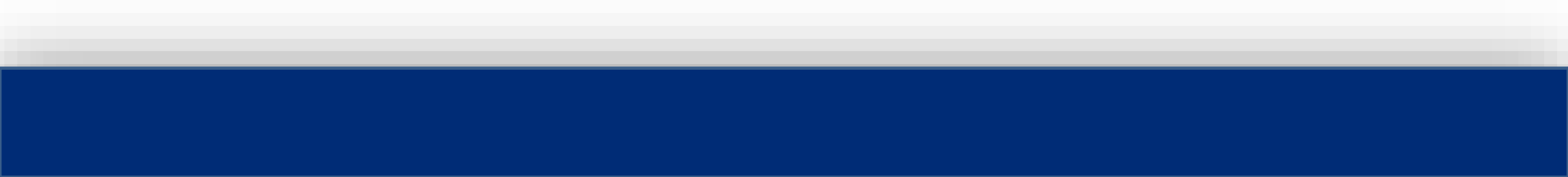


Water is Safe

- Water is monitored daily at plant. Water is monitored in each District Town. Water is safe but due to filter lifespan and the fact that State requires us to add minimal amounts of Chlorine since the boil water order in October 2021, any minimal turbulence results in resuspension of particles which causes water to be discolored at times
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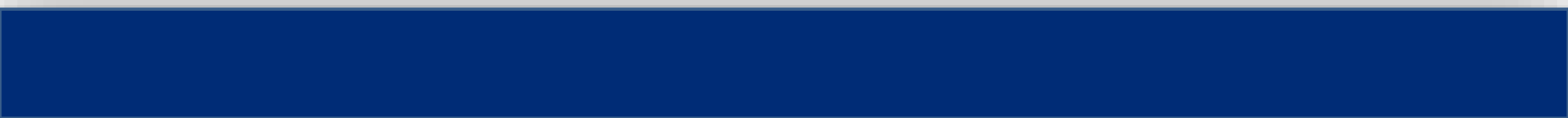


Turbulence

- Simply put, on a scale of 1-10, it used to take a 4 or 5 disturbance to cause dirty water – such as a water break or a fire - whereas now all it takes is a 1 or 2 – and we are in that season due to temperatures
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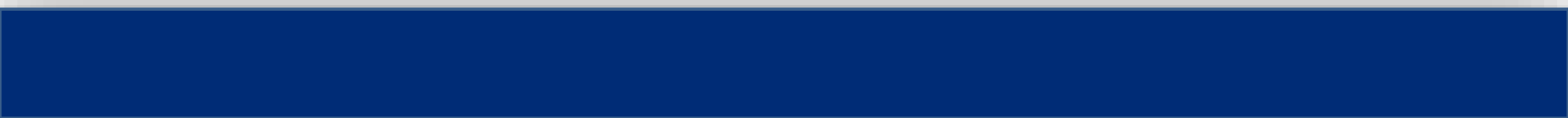


Conventional Flushing

- When someone has dirty water we employ the conventional flushing method consisting of opening hydrants and discharging the water until the accumulations are removed and the water becomes clear. This method of flushing is easy to conduct but requires a large amount of water and may not completely clean the pipe network as the water moves freely from all directions to an open hydrant. Since there is less flow in a given pipe, velocities may be too low to adequately clean, or scour, the pipes.
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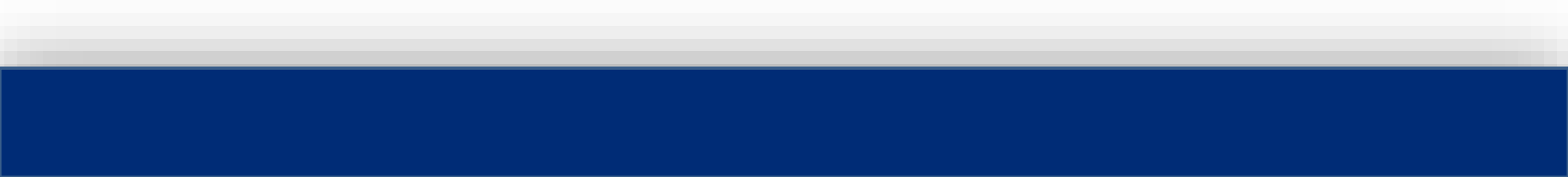


Unidirectional flushing

- Unidirectional flushing is a standard industry maintenance practice used to scour, clean, and improve the carrying capacity of our water distribution system. Unidirectional refers to the fact that during the cleaning, water is only flowing in one direction. Crews will open and close pre-determined valves to isolate a specific section of water main. This type of maintenance helps to provide high-quality drinking water to customers and has to be conducted systematically from the water tank or water treatment plant so cannot be implemented routinely as a response measure.
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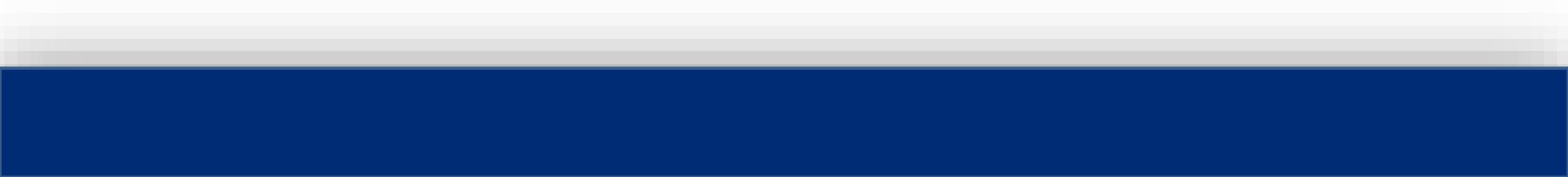


ARPA

- The Fairhaven BPW applied for and received \$300,000 in ARPA funds to hire an outside contractor to assist our staff with this unidirectional flushing to expedite this process occurring throughout Town.
 - This effort is being engineered right now and will take place when procurement logistics are satisfied.
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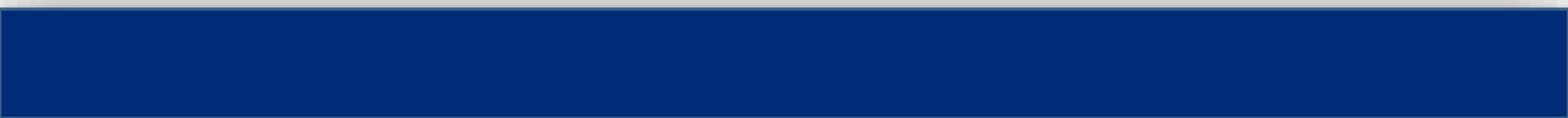


Flushing

- Once this unidirectional flushing occurs, this will provide us the necessary time until the water plant upgrade is accomplished which is predicated on procurement and supply chain issues.
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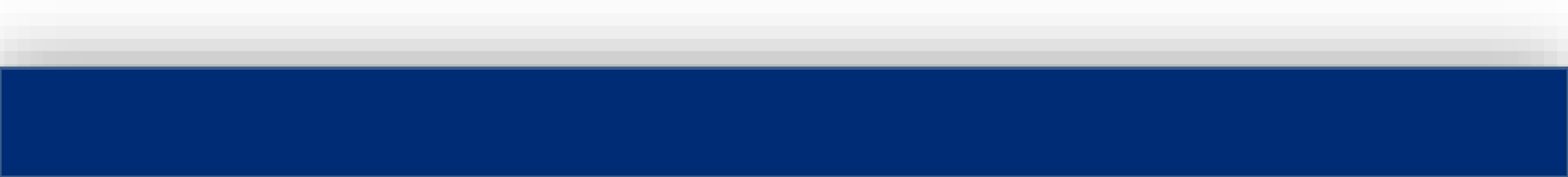


General Information

- What happened February 4th-5th is that a contractor working for NB on Pope's Island severed their water line. As we have an Inter-municipal Agreement with New Bedford, we agreed to supply them with water. Due to extreme low temperatures, NB had a few breaks in their water line which caused turbulence and yielded us dirty water in some sections of Town.
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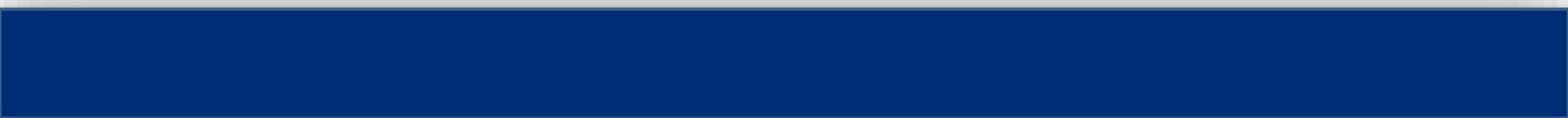


General Information

- Also, it is important to note that there were 40 property pipe bursts – internal – nothing to do with the Town – temperature related - which certainly added to the dirty water situation on Sunday
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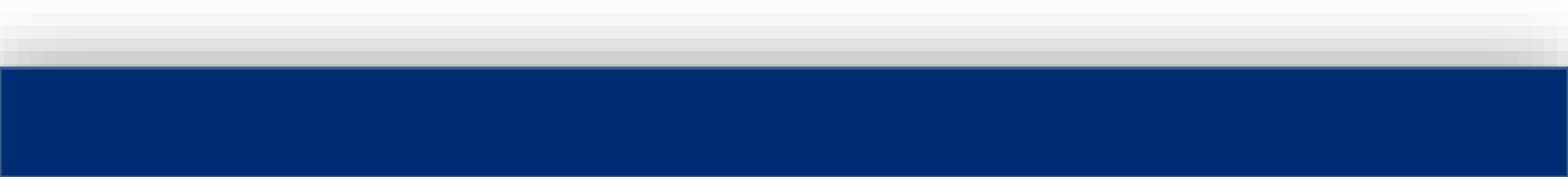


General Information

- Further, in recent times, Gas Company contractor broke at least 20 of our water services - Titleist had a 10 inch water main break – a big fire on Brandt Island Rd – New Bedford's line rupturing – 40 internal water breaks - all causing turbulence – causing the discoloration – exacerbating the fact that it only takes minimal turbulence to cause particulate resuspension
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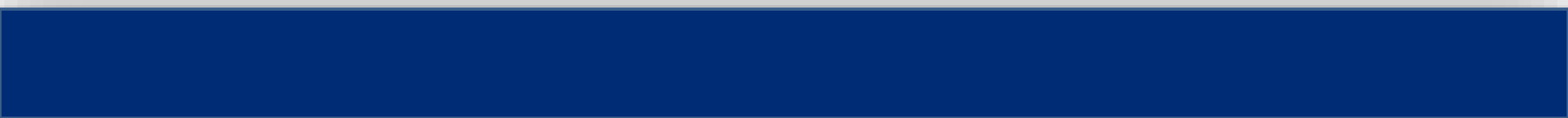


Recap

- Although water is monitored daily and is very safe, filtration system at plant needs replacing
 - Current filters aren't made anymore
 - District needed to conduct a pilot study to obtain State approval of new technology which is used in other States
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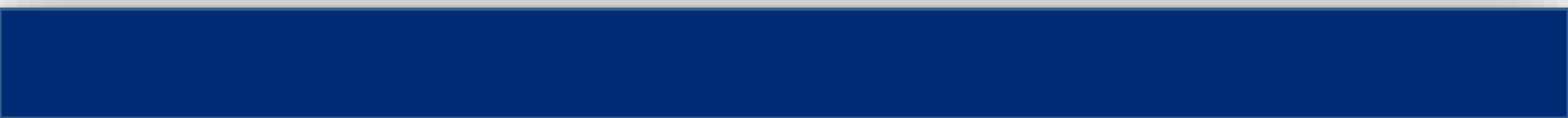


Recap

- State has approved upgrade – District Town's approved \$\$ at their respective Town meetings
 - ARPA funds have been secured for unidirectional flushing which will provide the time necessary until the plant is upgraded and will cease minimal turbulence causing discolored water.
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If you get dirty water

- Please do not run Hot Water
 - Run water closest to your meter which is most likely outside
 - Call the Water Department at 508-979-4032
 - Do not dry or use bleach on your laundry if discolored
 - Use an Iron-Out product to remove stains
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PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Dr. Jibreel Khazan initiated and participated in the student sit-in civil rights protests at F.W. Woolworth's lunch counter in 1960, leading to widespread protests for equal rights, and

Whereas, Dr. Jibreel Khazan's actions helped pass the Civil Rights Bill of 1960 and end segregation in transportation and accommodations, and

Whereas, Dr. Jibreel Khazan inspired the Civil Rights and Liberation Movements, and

Whereas, Dr Jibreel Khazan received the Jackie Robinson Freedom Award, and

Whereas, Dr Jibreel Khazan worked as a teacher, counselor, and program assistant, and

Whereas, Dr Jibreel Khazan is recognized as a storyteller, orator, and respected resident of New Bedford.

Now, Therefore, We, Stasia A. Powers, Leon E. Correy III, Robert J. Espindola, Keith Silvia and Charles Murphy, Sr. the Select Board of the Town of Fairhaven, join with the Belonging Committee in honoring Dr Jibreel Khazan for his lifelong Civil Rights advocacy and action.



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ATTACHMENT D

Recreation Center Membership + Rental Fee Restructure

The Recreation Department is proposing changes to the membership fee structure, and the facility rental fee structure.

Recreation Membership Structure Proposed Changes

The Fairhaven Recreation Department proposes to expand our non-resident membership category to include non-residents from any town. Currently, our non-resident membership only covers Acushnet and Mattapoisett residents. Other changes to the structure include combining the teen and college student tier, eliminating the non-resident taxpayer tier, and the elimination of the 6-month membership option. This option will be replaced by monthly rates:

Resident Playcard: \$5/month

Non-Resident Playcard: \$10/month

Resident Full Membership: \$12/month

Non-Resident Membership: \$24/month

Recreation Center Membership Rates						
Current Rates				Proposed Rates		
Playcard				Playcard		
Age	Res	Res 6 Month	Achu./Matt. Res	Age	Res	Non-Res
Child	\$30	N/A	\$50	Child	\$35	\$70
Senior	\$30	\$20	\$50	Senior	\$35	\$70
Adult	\$45	\$52	\$80	Adult	\$50	\$100
Full Membership				Full Membership		
Age	Res	Res 6 Month	Achu./Matt. Res	Age	Res	Non-Res
College	\$80	\$52	\$125	Student	\$80	\$160
Senior	\$80	\$52	\$125	Senior	\$80	\$160
Adult	\$110	\$65	\$190	Adult	\$120	\$240
Teen	\$60	N/A	\$80			
Non-Res Tax Payer	N/A	N/A	\$165			

Since the membership fees were last increased in 2014, the minimum wage in Massachusetts has almost doubled. The rec center is open to members for 74 hours/week. The department pays \$1,100/week to staff the front desk—up from \$592/week when fees were last changed.

The rec center currently has 61 active non-resident members. I anticipate between 15-20 new members joining as a result of the change (mostly folks wanting to use the gymnasium for pickleball and basketball). If our non-resident membership counts increased to 80 members at the proposed new rates, the recreation center would generate \$7,180 in revenue from non-resident memberships, which is a \$4,410 increase from what is currently being generated.

Recreation Center Facility Rental Rate Restructure

The Recreation Department proposes a fee structure that distinguishes resident users from non-resident users. In order to qualify for the resident rate, the user group must have a residency rate of 70% or greater. The Recreation Department also recommends eliminating the half-court rental option, as the cost of offering half-court rentals is about equivalent to the revenue they generate.

Fairhaven Recreation Center- Facility Rental Rates						
	Current Rates		Proposed Rates			
	Weekday	Weekend	Weekday		Weekend	
			Res	Non-Res	Res	Non-Res
Multi Purpose Room	\$35/hour	\$45/hour	\$35/hour	\$40/hour	\$45/hour	\$50/hour
Half Court Gym	\$35/hour	\$45/hour	No	No	No	No
Full Court Gym	\$60/hour	\$70/hour	\$65/hour	\$70/Hour	\$75/hour	\$80/Hour
Batting Cages	\$60/hour	\$70/hour	\$65/hour	\$70/Hour	\$75/hour	\$80/Hour

As a municipal department, we exist to serve the residents of the Fairhaven community. While we also offer our services to non-residents as well, I believe we must do so at a greater cost recovery rate, so that non-resident fees may subsidize services that we offer to Fairhaven residents. The cost of staffing, utilities and other building maintenance has gone up dramatically since the last time rental rates increased. Currently, rentals generate around \$680 in revenue weekly. With the new pricing structure, the department could generate \$930 in weekly revenue—an increase of up to \$13,000/year.

My goal with these proposed changes is provide quality, enriching services to the community while also bringing the department closer to financial self-sustainability.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Peterson

Kelley Peterson
Recreation Director

Committee Liaison Report – Bob Espindola – February 6th, 2023

Mass DOR / DLS Webinar

I attended the Mass Department of Revenue / Division of Local Services training on January 25th, that I mentioned at our prior meeting.

The summary below (in quotes) is from the MMA website following the webinar and includes links to the video and resources that I think you may find helpful.

“More than 500 members joined an MMA webinar to learn about the tools available from the Division of Local Services’ robust [website](#) and [YouTube](#) channel.

Panelists from DLS showcased the wide array of interactive and on-demand materials, and discussed how to use the wealth of publicly available municipal finance data to identify fiscal trends and craft informed financial policies.

Sean Cronin, senior deputy commissioner of Local Services, opened the session with an overview of DLS resources for appointed and elected officials across the Commonwealth.

Kirsten Shirer, director of the Data Analytics and Resources Bureau, gave a strategic overview of the DLS website, including bureau-specific services, staff contacts, and postings of upcoming municipal events. She also showcased “most requested” content, including the [Municipal Finance Training and Resource Center](#), which categorizes resources by topic, municipal role, and process. The [Municipal Databank](#) offers financial, demographic and economic data for each of the state’s cities and towns.

Director of Administration Dan Bertrand encouraged attendees to [subscribe to DLS Alerts](#) and highlighted [resources for new municipal officials](#). He also discussed specific resources for different municipal roles, as well as [visual municipal finance tools](#).

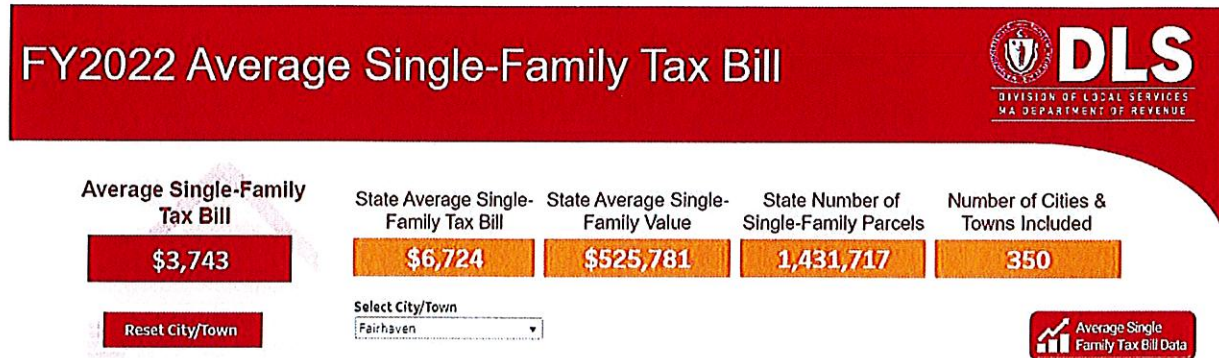
Financial Management Resource Bureau Chief Zack Blake highlighted municipal finance tools and templates by function, starting with the debt service calculator and the property tax calculator. Blake also highlighted the power of the financial forecasting template and community comparison report, which serve as a one-stop shop for local officials looking to benchmark different metrics.

Lisa Krzywicki, deputy director of the Data Analytics and Resources Bureau, discussed the division’s Cherry Sheet estimates, which are continually updated as the state budget process unfolds. The [Cherry Sheet web area](#) highlights local aid trends over the past 13 years, including Chapter 70 (education), Unrestricted General Government Aid, student transportation, charter school tuition reimbursements, and library aid.

MMA Senior Legislative Analyst Jackie Lavender Bird moderated a question and answer session, during which panelists offered real-time support and demonstrated how to use management tools and calculators on fiscal inquiries submitted by webinar attendees.

- [Division of Local Services Subscription and Bookmark Links](#) (2400K PDF)"

The training highlighted, among other things, a way to view how the average single family tax bill in Fairhaven compares with the state average.



DLS Bearuau Chief Zachary Blake, described the three legged of a stool of sound Municipal Financial Management as having the following;

- 1) Financial Policies
- 2) Capital Planning
- 3) Long term Financial Forecasting (the basis for the forecasting tool highlighted in the webinar)

Broadband Study Committee.

The Broadband Study Committee was scheduled to meet last Thursday night last week but the meeting notice was not posted in time so it needed to be postponed to a date to be determined.

Broadband Coalition

The Broadband Coalition met on January 28th via Zoom. There were 10 different communities represented. There was a lively discussion and a very positive feeling among those who participated that there could be synergy in continued meetings of the Coalition. Education (consumers), advocacy (at the State and Federal level), sharing information and resources and potential regionalization are among the areas the group felt we could all benefit from.

The group plans to set up a website, to reach out to other communities to see which others may be interested in joining in the future. In the meantime, at the next meeting (date to be determined but

likely at the end of February) the group will be work to come up with a mission statement and a list of priorities to work on.

The meeting can be viewed at the following link. It's currently unlisted, but anyone with the link can view it"

https://youtu.be/_GpzoAMM0H8

Participants included the following

Community	Contact Responding
Chelsea	Karl Allen
Dartmouth	Peter Chasse
Dartmouth	Saul Raposa
Dartmouth	Kevin Estes
Fairhaven	Bob Espindola
Falmouth	David Isenberg
Falmouth	Courtney Bird
Falmouth	Art Gaylord
Milton	Joe Chamberlain
New Bedford	John Costa
New Bedford	Sean Gross
Quincy	Ian Caln
Taunton (TMLP)	Ken Bell
Taunton (TMLP)	Tom Worthington
Westport	David Cole
Wilbraham	Tom Newton

SMMPO - No meeting since the last Select Board meeting

SRPEDD Commission met last Wednesday night and on of the topics that was discussed in depth was the Title V regulations. SRPEDD summary informational Materials have been distributed to the Board prior to this meeting by Ms. Ellison.

Fairhaven Bikeway Committee. The committee met on January 26th. Among other things, the committee discussed the funds designated by the CPC for signage on the bike path. The funds need to be expended by the end of June or be returned. The committee will be reviewing potential wayfinding signs and signs to remind people about bike path etiquette, etc.

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORT – Leon Correy III – February 6, 2023

MASSACHUSETTS BROADBAND INSTITUTE

Hi Leon,

Thanks for taking the time to speak with us last week. Upon further reflection we are going to push your application forward as an individual municipality. We appreciate your openness to collaboration but this seems like the best way for Fairhaven to move forward on this work. You will hear from us again by next week with which consultants you may choose from.

Best,
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