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Front cover

Fairhaven through the seasons

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Town Hall
David Lima
Fairhaven Town Resident

West Island Town Beach
Kim (Berche) Brittain
FHS Class of 1985 graduate

Friday Night Lights
Shawn Samanica
Fairhaven Fire Department

Fort Phoenix
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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Town Offices of

FAIRHAVEN, MASSACHUSETTS

For the Year 2017

TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN

FAIRHAVEN LOCUS

041° 38' N. Latitude

070° 54' W. Longitude

Elevation: 11 ft. M.S.L. at Town Hall

Settled: 1653

Incorporated: 1812

Population: 15,804

9th Congressional District

First Councilor District

Second Bristol & Plymouth District

Tenth Bristol Representative District

Election of Officers

First Monday in April

General Information About the Town

Located
On the Shore of Buzzards Bay
56 Miles from Boston – 1 Mile from New Bedford

Registered Voters 15,795

Tax Rate Fiscal Year 2018
Residential – $11.75
Commercial - $23.76

Area
7,497 Acres
Miles of Shore Property – 29.4
Miles of Streets and Roads – Approximately 100

Churches – 9

Public Schools – 5

Private Schools – 9
(consisting of):

Parochial – 1

Maritime Education – 3

Preschools – 6

Banks – 8

Principal Industries
Ship Building
Fishing Industry
Winches and Fishing Machinery
Marine Repair & Construction
Customer Service
Hospitality
Retail

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Shigeaki Hinohara

October 3, 1911 – July 18, 2017

A famed Japanese physician at St. Luke's International Hospital in Tokyo, Dr. Hinohara, at the age of 96, began raising funds in Japan to purchase the former home of Capt. William Whitfield at 11 Cherry Street, Fairhaven. It was the house where Manjiro Nakahama first stayed when he became the first Japanese person to live in the United States in 1843.

In 2009, Dr. Hinohara, visited Fairhaven to dedicate the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship House, which been purchased and turned over to the Town of Fairhaven for use as a museum. The doctor visited Fairhaven again in 2012 at the age of 100, to present a gift of seventeen flowering cherry trees, which were planted at special locations in Fairhaven and New Bedford. At that time Dr. Hinohara was honored by the Board of Selectmen with the installation of a stone bench in Cooke Memorial Park.

In Japan, he is remembered for his work in health care and the promotion of a healthy lifestyle. In Fairhaven he is remembered for his efforts to continue the town's historical ties with Japan and for promoting friendship between his country and ours.

IN MEMORIAM

Macy F. Joseph III
Fairhaven Police Department
3/07/2017

Richard Brodeur
BPW member
3/23/2017

Geraldine A. Frates
Council on Aging Volunteer Poll Worker
5/11/2017

Janice Henriques
Administrative Assistant for the Fairhaven Public Schools
8/18/2017

Paul F. Doherty
Rogers School Principal
10/6/2017

James Honohan
Fairhaven School Committee
Fairhaven School Building Committee
Trustee of the Millicent Library
Associate wiring inspector
11/26/2017

George Graves
School Committee Chair
Commissioner of Trust Funds
Founder of the Nemasket Group
3/17/2017

Eveline Hesketh
Town Meeting Member
Sister City Commission
Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society
Trustee of Riverside Cemetery
4/1/2017

Natalie Hemingway
Town Meeting Member
School Music Teacher
School Committee
Office of Tourism volunteer
Historian
6/17/2017

Judith L. Pasquill
Hastings Middle School Nurse
8/20/2017

Lynwood Harriman
Superintendent of Fairhaven Public Schools
11/21/2017

William R. Markey
Finance Committee
Conservation Committee
Town Meeting Member
3/23/2017

Richard Rocha
Call Fire Department Captain
4/27/2017

Stanley A. Wojcik
Executive Director of the Fairhaven Housing Authority
Town Meeting Member
Riverside Cemetery Board of Directors
5/3/2017

Ethel Frates
Bicentennial Committee Secretary
10/3/2017

Hilmar Gundersen
Town Meeting Member
Fairhaven Tourist Committee
4/21/2017

DIRECTORY OF TOWN OFFICIALS - 2017

(Elective Officials Designated by Capital Letters)
** (partial year)*

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ROBERT ESPINDOLA	Term Expires 2018
DANIEL FREITAS	Term Expires 2019
CHARLES K. MURPHY, SR.	Term Expires 2020
Mark H. Rees	Town Administrator
Anne O'Brien*	Assistant to the Town Administrator
Vicki L. Paquette *	Assistant to the Town Administrator
Ashlee Lentini	Principal Clerk
Lori Pina	Senior Clerk
Anne O'Brien*	Human Resources Director

TOWN CLERK

EILEEN LOWNEY	Term Expires 2019
Carolyn Hurley	Assistant Town Clerk

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE/DIVISION OF TREASURY

Wendy Graves	Director of Finance/Treasurer/Collector
Lisa Rose	Financial Assistant
Suzanne Blais	Payroll Operator

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

William J. Roth, Jr.	Director
Marie Ripley	Administrative Assistant
Amanda Blais *	CDBG Administrative Assistant
Connie Brawders *	CDBG Grant Administrator

DIVISION OF ACCOUNTING

Anne Carreiro	Town Accountant
Joyce Shepard	Part-Time Accounting Clerk
Helen DaCunha *	Part- Time Accounts Payable Clerk

DIVISION OF ASSESSING

Ronnie Manzone, Board of Assessors	Term Expires 2018
Pamela Davis, Board of Assessors	Term Expires 2018
Ellis Withington, Board of Assessors	Term Expires 2018
Delfino Garcia	Assistant Assessor
Melody Perry	Senior Clerk
Pattie Pacella*	Senior Clerk
Joanne Correia*	Senior Clerk

DIVISION OF COLLECTION

Brian Lacroix	Deputy Collector
Pamela Bettencourt	Assistant Collector/Treasurer
Vicki Paquette *	Senior Clerk

Kelly Ferranti	Senior Clerk
Mary Lou Baumgartner *	Senior Clerk

MODERATOR

MARK SYLVIA	Term Expires 2018

BOARD OF HEALTH

LINDSAY GORDON	Term Expires 2018
PETER DETERRA	Term Expires 2019
JEANNINE LOPES	Term Expires 2020
Mary Freire-Kellogg*	Health Agent
Patricia B. Fowle* Retired	Health Agent
Amanda L. Blais	Administrative Assistant
Paula Medeiros* Resigned	Part-Time Administrative Assistant
Katherine A. Leaver*	Temporary Health Inspector
Thomas Hemmingway* Resigned	Food Administrator
Kelly Massey* Resigned	Animal Control Officer
Terrence Cripps	Animal Control Officer
Rebekah Tomlinson	Assistant Animal Inspector
Alexis Cambra*	Assistant Animal Inspector

COMMISSIONER OF TRUST FUNDS

COLEEN SILVIA	Term Expires 2018
BARBARA ACKSEN	Term Expires 2019
JOHN ROGERS	Term Expires 2020

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

ROBERT D. HOBSON	Term Expires 2018
KEITH SILVIA	Term Expires 2018
MICHAEL RISTUCCIA	Term Expires 2019
CAMERON DURANT	Term Expires 2020
BRIAN WOTTON	Term Expires 2020
Vincent Furtado, Superintendent	Board of Public Works
John Charbonneau, Superintendent	Highway Division
Edward L. Fortin, Superintendent* Retired	Water Division
Linda L. Schick, Superintendent	Sewer Division
Kathy A. Tripp	Administrative Assistant
Kim Nogueira	Head Clerk
Joyce Wilson	Principal Clerk
Charlene Paulson	Principal Clerk
Rebecca Vento	Senior Clerk

HOUSING AUTHORITY

JOHN FARRELL	Term Expires 2018
GREGORY TUTCIK	Term Expires 2018
ANNE D. SILVEIRA	Term Expires 2019

JAY SIMMONS	Term Expires 2022
Jean Rousseau	State Appointee
Krisanne Sheedy	Executive Director

PLANNING BOARD

PETER NOPPER	Term Expires 2018
JOHN FARRELL	Term Expires 2018
RENE FLEURENT	Term Expires 2019
WAYNE HAYWARD	Term Expires 2019
ANN RICHARD	Term Expires 2020
JEFFREY LUCAS	Term Expires 2020
CATHY MELANSON	Term Expires 2021
NICHOLAS CARRIGG	Term Expires 2021
William J. Roth, Jr.	Town Planner
Pattie Pacella	Recording Secretary

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

COLIN VEITCH	Term Expires 2018
DONNA MCKENNA	Term Expires 2018
STASIA POWERS	Term Expires 2019
MICHAEL MCNAMARA	Term Expires 2019
BRIAN D. MONROE	Term Expires 2020
PAMELA R. KUECHLER	Term Expires 2020

TREE WARDEN

BRIAN K. BOWCOCK	Term Expires 2018

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Terry Cripps *	Animal Control Officer
Kelly Massey* resigned	Animal Control Officer
Alexis Cambra*	Assistant Animal Control Officer
Laurie Wilczek*resigned	Assistant Animal Control Officer
Rebekah Tomlinson*resigned	Assistant Animal Control Officer

BOARD OF APPEALS

Francis Cox, Jr.	Term Expires 2018
Kenneth Kendall, Associate	Term Expires 2018
Alberto Silva, Associate	Term Expires 2019
Peter DeTerra	Term Expires 2019
Jamie DeSousa, Associate	Term Expires 2019
Daryl Manchester	Term Expires 2020
Ruy DaSilva, Associate	Term Expires 2020
Joseph Borelli	Term Expires 2021
Peg Cook	Term Expires 2022
Tracy White	Recording Secretary

ART CURATOR

Albert Benac	Term Expires 2018

BELL COMMITTEE (TERMS EXPIRE 2018)

Lee Baumgartner	Al Benac
Doug Brady	Nils Isaksen
Jacqueline Kenworthy	Debra Lambalot
Helena Oliveira	John Medeiros
John Rogers	Cody Thibault

BIKEWAY COMMITTEE (TERMS EXPIRE 2018)

Lois Callahan-Moore	Matthew Coes
Robert Espindola	Bill Roth
Geoffrey Sullivan	Jeffrey Wotton

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Wayne Fostin	Building Commissioner
Andrew J. Bobola	Part-Time Building Commissioner
Stephen Brodo	Temporary Assistant Building Inspector
Paula Medeiros* resigned	Administrative Assistant
Patricia Pacella *	Administrative Assistant
John Cottrill	Chief Wire Inspector
Roger Poitras, Jr.	Associate Wire Inspector
Norman Lussier	Plumbing Inspector
Henry E. Daigle	Gas Inspector
William Alphonse, Jr.	Temporary Gas Inspector

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TERMS EXPIRE 2018)

Barbara Acksen	Robert Espindola
Ronald Medina	John Methia
Michele Merolla	
Bobby Bruso	Cable Access Director

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

William Roth	Term Expires 2018
Robert Baldwin	Term Expires 2018
Vincent Furtado	Term Expires 2018
Mark Rees	Term Expires 2018
Andrew Tillett	Term Expires 2019
Wendy Graves	Term Expires 2020
Cathy Melanson	Term Expires 2020

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Nicholas Sylvia	Term Expires 2018
Cynthia McNaughten	Term Expires 2018
Simone Bourgeois	Term Expires 2018

Jay Simmons	Term Expires 2018
Patricia Pacella	Term Expires 2019
Frank Rezendes	Term Expires 2019

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Jay S. Simmons	Term Expires 2018
Daniel Doyle	Term Expires 2018
Edward Dorschied	Term Expires 2018
Nicholas Carrigg	Term Expires 2018
Geoffrey Haworth	Term Expires 2019
Nicholas Sylvia	Term Expires 2019
Amy DeSalvatore	Term Expires 2020
Wayne Fostin	Conservation Agent

CONSTABLES (TERMS EXPIRE 2018)

Steven Borges	Matthew Botelho
Pamela Bourgault	Michael Bouvier
Richard Ferreira	Timothy Garcia
Robert Jones	Kevin Kobza
Eileen Lowney	Lawrence Machado
Scott McGarty	David Miller
Eugene Thomas	John Serpa
Milan Whitaker	Harve W. Vandal, Jr.
Nicholas Sylvia	

COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

Joseph Borelli	Term Expires 2018
Maria DeOliveira	Term Expires 2018
Waldemar DeOliveira	Term Expires 2018
Charles K. Murphy	Term Expires 2018
Maria Ruedlinger Walker	Term Expires 2019
Marcus Ferro	Term Expires 2020
Ronald Medina	Term Expires 2020
Diane Rocha – Secretary	Term Expires 2020
Anne Silvia _ Treasurer	Term Expires 2020
Brian Rego	Term Expires 2020
Trina Bingham	Term Expires 2020
Donna Lavallee	Term Expires 2020

COUNCIL ON AGING

Elaine O'Neill, Associate	Term Expires 2018
Gerald Brecken	Term Expires 2018
Lee Cummings Allaire	Term Expires 2018
Joseph Borelli, Associate	Term Expires 2018
Lindsay Gordon	Term Expires 2018
Jack Oliveira	Term Expires 2018

Dorothy Reid, Associate	Term Expires 2018
Francis Cox, Sr.	Term Expires 2020
Joan A. Mello	Term Expires 2020
Al Borges	Term Expires 2020

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Marc Jodoin, Director

FAIR HOUSING COORDINATOR

Charles K. Murphy, Sr.	Term Expires 2018

FAIRHAVEN CULTURAL COUNCIL

Kristine Daniels	Term Expires 2018
Susan Sylvia	Term Expires 2019
William Levasseur	Term Expires 2019
Michael Luey	Term Expires 2019
Jacqueline Kenworthy	Term Expires 2020
Shawn Badgley	Term Expires 2020
Sharon Dorian	Term Expires 2020
Abigail Hevey	Term Expires 2020
Margaret McQuilkin	Term Expires 2020

FINANCE COMMITTEE

PRECINCT 1

Padraic Elliot	Term Expires 2019

PRECINCT 2

Vacant

PRECINCT 3

Jessica Dwelly	Term Expires 2018
Lisa Plante	Term Expires 2019

PRECINCT 4

Kathleen Carter	Term Expires 2018
Robert Furtado	Term Expires 2019

PRECINCT 5

Thomas Alden	Term Expires 2018

PRECINCT 6

Bernard Roderick	Term Expires 2018
Tracey A. Diggins	Term Expires 2018

MEMBER AT LARGE

Vacant	Term Expires 2018

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Timothy Francis	Fire Chief
Todd Correia	Deputy Fire Chief
Kristine Austin	Executive Assistant

FIRE APPARATUS STUDY COMMITTEE (TERMS EXPIRE IN 2018)

Todd Correia	Josh Benoit
Timothy Francis	Donn Fletcher
Bourne Knowles	David Gordon
Charles K. Murphy, Sr.	Brian Messier
John Rogers	Richard Rocha
Robert Lincoln	

GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Andrew Tillett	Term Expires 2019
Randall Durrigan	Term Expires 2020

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Debra Charpentier* Resigned	Term Expires 2017
Dorothy Gammons, Associate	Term Expires 2018
Bryan Wood, Associate	Term Expires 2018
David Despres, Chairman* Resigned	Term Expires 2018
Daniel Freitas, ex officio	Term Expires 2018
Wayne Oliveira, Vice-Chairman	Term Expires 2019
Vicki Paquette	Term Expires 2019
Gary Lavalette	Term Expires 2019
Cynthia McNaughten	Term Expires 2019
Anne O' Brien	Term Expires 2020
Gail Isakesen	Term Expires 2020

INSPECTOR OF PETROLEUM

Theodore Machado

MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE (TERMS EXPIRE 2018)

Thomas Allaire	Michael Cordeira
Frank Coelho	Timothy Cox
David Hebert	Robert Hobson
Vincent Manfredi	Michelle Potter
Patrick Souza	Daniel Freitas, ex officio

MEASURER OF WOOD AND BARK

John Farrell	Term Expires 2018

MILLICENT LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Anne O'Brien

Bruce Bendiksen,	Kathleen Clement
Carol Rodriguez	Kathy Lopes
Carolyn Longworth	Lisa Wright
Cheryl Moniz	Maria R. Kilshaw
Christopher Bunnell	Mary Cunha
Dennis Duval	Michael D. Coe (Honorary)
Gail Isaksen	Michael Silvia
Jane Risch	Pamela Kuechler
Joanna McQuillan Weeks	Robert Espindola
Kaisa Holloway-Cripps	Robert Kenworthy

MARINE RESOURCES DEPARTMENT (TERMS EXPIRE 2018)

Timothy Cox	Harbor Master/Shellfish Warden, Parking Control Officer
Edward Normand	Asst. Shellfish Warden, Asst. Harbormaster
Todd Cox	Deputy Shellfish Constable, Asst. Harbormaster
Richard Dube	Deputy Shellfish Constable, Asst. Harbormaster
Justin Dube	Deputy Shellfish Constable, Asst. Harbormaster
Amanda Blais	Deputy Shellfish Constable, Asst. Harbormaster
Cliff Patenaude	Deputy Shellfish Constable, Asst. Harbormaster
Steve Riley	Deputy Shellfish Constable, Asst. Harbormaster
Paul Sylvia	Deputy Shellfish Constable, Asst. Harbormaster
Bryan Wood	Deputy Shellfish Constable, Asst. Harbormaster

OIL SPILL COORDINATOR

Timothy Francis	Term Expires 2018

PARKING CLERK

Anne O'Brien*	Term Expires 2018
Vicki L. Paquette*	Term Expires 2018

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Michael Myers	Police Chief
Juanna Adesso	Executive Secretary

PRECINCT CHAIRMEN AND CLERKS

PRECINCT 1

Brian Bowcock	Chairman
Jeffrey Lucas	Clerk

PRECINCT 2

Ann Richard	Chairman
Matthew Coes	Clerk

PRECINCT 3

Sean Powers	Chairman

PRECINCT 4

Paul M. Foster	Chairman
Carolyn Hurley	Clerk

PRECINCT 5

Nancy Greene	Chairman
Kathy Sturtevant	Clerk

PRECINCT 6

Dan DeNardis	Chairman
Ann Ponichtera DeNardis	Clerk

RECREATION CENTER

Warren Rensehausen	Director
Rachel Martin	Program Director

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Eileen Lowney (D)	Term Expires 2018
Kim Hyland (R)	Term Expires 2018
Nils Isaksen (R)	Term Expires 2019

ROGERS/OXFORD STUDY COMMITTEE (TERMS EXPIRE 2018)

Nils Isaksen	Steve Desroches
Doug Brady	John Medeiros
Sue Loo	Beverly Rasmussen
Al Benac	Gail Isaksen

RETIREMENT BOARD

Anne M. Carreiro	Earl Faunce
Joyce Shepard	Mary Sturgeon, Administrator
Alfred Robichaud	Mark Rees

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Theodore Machado

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

William J. Roth, Jr.	SRPEDD, Selectmen's Representative
Jaime DeSousa	SRPEDD, Selectmen's Representative
Rene Fleurent, Jr.	SRPEDD, Planning Board Representative
Robert Espindola	JTPG Representative
William J. Roth, Jr.	JTPG Representative
William J. Roth, Jr.	SEMASS Commuter Rail Representative

GREEN FAIRHAVEN (TERMS EXPIRE 2018)

Lois Callahan	Vincent Marron

Lisa Elliot
Deirdre Healy
Laura Hellstrom
Anne O'Brien
Marianne Murray
Diana Painter
Ann Richard

EMPLOYEE WELLNESS COMMITTEE (TERMS EXPIRE 2018)

Linda Schick
Patricia Pacella
Phil Cardoza
Peter DeTerra
Tara Kohler
Denise Valois
Robert Espindola
Warren Rensehausen
Bill Farrell
Anne O'Brien, Human Resources Director

VETERAN'S BENEFITS AND SERVICE BURIAL AGENT

James Cochran Veteran's Agent
Jane Bettencourt Administrative Assistant

TRUST FUNDS - JULY 1, 2016 - JUNE 30, 2017

EXPENDABLE TRUST

	NON-EXPD 7/1/16	EXPEND 7/1/16	NON-EXPD	INTEREST/ REV TRANS	WITHDRAW	FUND 81 NON-EXPD 6/30/17	FUND 82&84 EXPEND 6/30/17
FUND 81 & 82:							
HH ROGER ELEM	253,669.61				396,583.57		
		1,655.04		2,427.14	-		4,082.18
E ANTHONY JR	10,000.00				10,000.00		
		2,027.27		224.32	500.00		1,751.59
ABNER PEASE	5,000.00				5,000.00		
		2,091.58		102.47			2,194.05
HH ROGERS HS	1,916,897.62				2,097,077.98		
		366,881.89		85,054.45	64,246.81		387,689.53
J RICKETT	1,430.66				1,430.66		
		2,830.87		48.04			2,878.91
J STODDARD	203,836.63				326,375.13		
		8,718.13		4,501.07	5,000.00		8,219.20
ANDRUS SPRIIT	41,372.52				41,372.52		
		598.91		171.32			770.23
A TROWBRIDGE	6,000.00				6,000.00		
		363.13		109.20	-		472.33
S CLARK-ROGER	500.00				500.00		
		48.41		1.38			49.79
S. CLARK H.S.	500.00				500.00		
		5,276.73		14.51			5,291.24
LADY FAIRHAVEN	600.00				600.00		
		106.10		1.77			107.87
AMANDA SEARS	700.00				700.00		
		76.27		1.96			78.23

JULIA SEARS	1,000.00	26.83	2.58		1,000.00	29.41
FRANCES HOXIE	2,000.00	308.09	5.79		2,000.00	313.88
J KEEN	3,000.00	99.87	7.78		3,000.00	107.65
SWIFT SCHOLAR	50,000.00	3,236.63	904.73	500.00	50,000.00	3,641.36
M MILLER	15,552.04	1,943.14	310.29		15,552.04	2,253.43
P HILLER	6,075.00	367.01	99.71	-	6,075.00	466.72
A PILLSBURY	6,500.00	60.63	19.00	-	6,500.00	79.63
M DELANO	25,000.00	194.30	77.16	-	25,000.00	271.46
TRIPP	2,000.00	58.79	5.55		2,000.00	64.34
M KNIPE	6,000.00	1,747.01	19.46		6,000.00	1,766.47
MEMOR TROPHY	726.66	243.75	0.58		726.66	244.33
FHS DARLING LIB	1,096.89	409.37	3.74		1,096.89	413.11
HS SPEC AID	1,449.24	500.62	4.88		1,449.24	505.50
J COYNE	4,500.00	39.80	11.41		4,500.00	51.21
RADCLIFFE	8,000.00	201.11	22.12	-	8,000.00	223.23

ENTWISTLE	8,000.00	137.39	20.45		8,000.00	157.84
ANTHONY SCH	1,638.10	783.21	5.87		1,638.10	789.08
HUTTLESTONIAN	12,000.00	162.10	30.56	150.00	12,000.00	42.66
SILVEIRA	-	1,411.15	9.83	1,400.00	-	20.98
MACCORD	2,362.97	170.00	7.24	-	2,362.97	177.24
MEEKIN	-	- 2.15	0.42		-	- 2.57
S. GRABIEC	2,100.00	523.85	6.59		2,100.00	530.44
BANGS	2,300.00	135.77	6.12		2,300.00 -	141.89
KATHY ROCHA	10,620.00	92.51	28.92	-	10,620.00 -	121.43
F CAMPBELL	-	12,000.00		10,000.00	-	2,000.00
ACUSH FOUNDA	-	- 293.20	0.74		- -	- 293.94
M CABRAL	900.00	- 204.99	2.78		900.00	207.77
A MARTIN	415.31	137.49	0.35		415.31	137.84
HELEN PORTER	4,140.00	- 133.37	11.99	-	4,140.00	145.36
RICH GAUTREAU	9,200.00				9,200.00	

		128.51	23.44			151.95
SUPT SCHOLARSHIP		0.66	-			0.66
RICH MACCORD ART	50.00				100.00	
		532.15	0.83	-		532.98
MATTY OLIVIERA		(1,084.51)	2,557.00	1,431.00		41.49
BRUNETTE		1,257.59	3.16			1,260.75
CLASS OF '43		61.14	0.16			61.30
CAROL KANER		43.81	0.11			43.92
JAY KRUGER	19,350.00				14,350.00	
		599.39	5,051.38	500.00		5,150.77
RODRIGUES	8,200.00				8,800.00	
		2,146.43	135.93	300.00		1,982.36
FHVN HIGH SCHOLAR		3,170.00	4,000.00	2,500.00		4,670.00
DOUG STEVENS	-	101.51	0.13	-	-	101.64
	2,654,683.25	423,255.14	106,056.41	86,527.81	3,095,966.07	442,783.74
FUND 84:						
CLAIMS TRUST/DENTAL		2,466,547.80	5,947,859.33	6,509,749.47		1,904,657.66
JE 13 Audit adj		290,300.00	(290,300.00)	-		-
		2,756,847.80	5,657,559.33	6,509,749.47		1,904,657.66
JE adj incr to BCBS deposit		(8,300.00)	-	-		(8,300.00)
Adj Claim Trust/Dental		2,748,547.80	5,657,559.33	6,509,749.47		1,896,357.66
CLAIMS TR-BCBS DEPOSIT		896,300.00				896,300.00
JE adj incr to BCBS deposit		8,300.00				8,300.00
		904,600.00				904,600.00
OPEB TRUST		220,803.63	111,437.24			332,240.87
STAB-CAPITAL PLAN		236.32	510,264.72			510,501.04
STAB-GENERAL		2,901,123.05	43,058.47			2,944,181.52

STAB-AMBULANCE		48,804.24	51,240.81			100,045.05
STAB-SWR BOULDER PK BTR		13,164.48	196.09	6,843.00		6,517.57
STAB-SWR SCONT NK BTR		97,137.58	1,142.70	15,854.00		82,426.28
STAB-SWR NANCY ST BTR		10,129.57	95.84	3,643.00		6,582.41
STAB-SWR WI BTR		184,114.53	2,815.87	13,297.00		173,633.40
STAB-SEWER CAPITAL IMPR		-	129,883.13			129,883.13
POST WAR PLAN		7,784.22	3.89			7,788.11
LAW ENFORCE-STATE		14,930.95	3,312.00	1,000.00		17,242.95
LAW ENFORCE-FED		88,075.71	8,183.22	73,677.32	-	22,581.61
		7,239,452.08	6,519,193.31	6,624,063.79	-	7,134,581.60
TOTAL FD 81/82/84	2,654,683.25	7,662,707.22	6,625,249.72	6,710,591.60	3,095,966.07	7,577,365.34

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AS OF JUNE 30, 2017

		FINAL BUD-GET	EXPENDITURE	ENCUM-BRANCE	BALANCE	BALANCE
113 -TOWN MEETING						
	SALARY	1,099.00	(199.92)	0.00	899.08	409.97
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	3,000.00	(968.89)	0.00	2,031.11	304.74
	SUPPLIES	1,400.00	(1,119.88)	0.00	280.12	682.00
114 -MODERATOR						
	SALARY	800.00	(800.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00
122 -SELECTMEN						
	SALARY	315,240.00	(289,995.32)	0.00	25,244.68	0.00
	SALARY	15,600.00	(15,600.00)	0.00	0.00	28,323.92
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	6,167.00	(5,322.52)	(844.48)	0.00	4,344.52
	SUPPLIES	4,263.00	(4,111.93)	(151.07)	(0.00)	210.22
	OTHER CHARGES	15,066.32	(14,442.36)	0.00	623.96	332.45
	MINOR EQUIPMENT	6,964.68	(5,714.21)	0.00	1,250.47	205.28
131 -FINANCE						25,000.00
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	170.00	0.00	0.00	170.00	
	SUPPLIES	2,670.00	(2,240.00)	0.00	430.00	1.00
	OTHER CHARGES	475.00	(236.00)	0.00	239.00	54.87
135 -TOWN ACCOUNTANT						945.20
	SALARY	115,348.00	(112,791.44)	0.00	2,556.56	239.00
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	92.00	(77.51)	0.00	14.49	89,235.55
	TOWN AUDIT	42,000.00	(42,000.00)	0.00	0.00	
	SUPPLIES	204.00	(160.52)	0.00	43.48	1,621.21
	OTHER CHARGES	1,335.00	(795.67)	0.00	539.33	31.63
141 -ASSESSORS						1,650.00
	SALARY	149,808.00	(140,946.94)	0.00	8,861.06	50.27
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	24,913.00	(24,782.41)	0.00	130.59	118.74
	SUPPLIES	3,175.00	(3,093.29)	0.00	81.71	
	OTHER CHARGES	3,405.00	(3,015.60)	0.00	389.40	3,470.80
145 -TREASURER						203.59

	SALARY	198,200.00	(197,652.17)	0.00	547.83	1,261.84
	TAX TITLE	40,000.00	(25,248.33)	(3,900.00)	10,851.67	126.66
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	11,480.00	(7,472.69)	0.00	4,007.31	
	SUPPLIES	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	0.00	0.00	782.97
	OTHER CHARGES	2,912.00	(1,337.96)	0.00	1,574.04	0.00
						2,303.51
146 -COLLECTOR						1.85
	SALARY	122,778.00	(120,633.66)	0.00	2,144.34	1,565.29
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	30,000.00	(18,161.26)	(2,850.00)	8,988.74	
	SUPPLIES	5,000.00	(3,598.15)	(8.58)	1,393.27	
	OTHER CHARGES	2,810.00	(1,021.28)	0.00	1,788.72	6,734.27
151 -LEGAL SERVICES						6,147.34
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	170,000.00	(139,097.10)	(28,000.00)	2,902.90	1,406.23
155 - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY						924.06
	SALARY	42,500.00	0.00	0.00	42,500.00	
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	124,500.00	(121,373.07)	(3,126.93)	(0.00)	0.00
	SUPPLIES	7,000.00	(7,000.00)	0.00	0.00	
	MINOR EQUIPMENT	23,700.00	(15,542.44)	(1,184.00)	6,973.56	0.03
161 -TOWN CLERK						0.00
	SALARY	39,837.00	(39,831.42)	0.00	5.58	142.45
	SALARY	54,570.00	(54,570.00)	0.00	0.00	
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	9,500.00	(6,480.04)	(2,810.00)	209.96	146.58
	SUPPLIES	4,754.00	(4,321.99)	(161.54)	270.47	0.00
	OTHER CHARGES	800.00	(631.93)	0.00	168.07	246.99
163 -ELECTION AND REGISTRATION						63.07
	SALARY	26,284.00	(25,851.08)	0.00	432.92	62.74
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	17,777.00	(12,369.78)	0.00	5,407.22	
	SUPPLIES	2,168.00	(2,141.89)	0.00	26.11	2,281.76
	OTHER CHARGES	95.00	(15.06)	0.00	79.94	4,281.59

171 -CONSERVATION COMM					272.25
SALARY	12,388.00	(11,627.33)	0.00	760.67	15.09
PURCHASE OF SERVICES	4,050.00	(751.19)	(70.00)	3,228.81	
SUPPLIES	1,020.00	(662.83)	(122.45)	234.72	885.62
OTHER CHARGES	1,050.00	(420.00)	0.00	630.00	5,603.00
174 -ENFORCEMENT AGENT					168.55
SALARY	21,289.00	(9,425.97)	0.00	11,863.03	430.00
175 -PLANNING BOARD					
SALARY	1,957.00	(1,891.33)	0.00	65.67	9,216.99
PURCHASE OF SERVICES	1,500.00	(1,491.17)	0.00	8.83	
SUPPLIES	1,450.00	(1,375.54)	0.00	74.46	788.07
OTHER CHARGES	955.00	(762.26)	0.00	192.74	637.14
175-01 ECONOMIC AND PLANNING					0.00
SALARY	104,687.00	(102,349.34)	0.00	2,337.66	0.00
PURCHASE OF SERVICES	8,132.18	(4,699.73)	0.00	3,432.45	
SUPPLIES	1,025.00	(530.24)	(476.80)	17.96	2,747.41
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	2,800.00	(2,761.11)	0.00	38.89	696.56
OTHER CHARGES	3,367.82	(3,367.82)	0.00	0.00	20.44
ECONOMIC & DEVELOP COMMITTEE	5,000.00	(299.97)	0.00	4,700.03	0.00
TOWN MASTER PLAN '17 ART 21	85,000.00	(35,193.86)	0.00	49,806.14	23,384.91
MACLEAN BLDG DEMOLITION	23,384.91	0.00	0.00	23,384.91	150,000.00
UNION WHARF BULKHEAD MATCH	150,000.00	(113,517.91)	0.00	36,482.09	
176 -BOARD OF APPEALS					911.52
SALARY	1,907.00	(1,831.96)	(67.85)	7.19	1,935.14
PURCHASE OF SERVICES	3,400.00	(2,421.66)	0.00	978.34	130.01

	SUPPLIES	200.00	(169.56)	0.00	30.44	
189 -TOURISM						907.68
	SALARY	55,014.00	(54,676.36)	0.00	337.64	760.79
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	22,800.00	(21,555.20)	(25.00)	1,219.80	78.81
	SUPPLIES	1,000.00	(835.57)	(154.75)	9.68	
190 -COMMISSION ON DISABILITY						700.00
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	700.00	0.00	0.00	700.00	200.00
	SUPPLIES	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	400.00
	OTHER CHARGES	400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	
192 -TOWN HALL						0.00
	SALARY	50,633.00	(50,147.58)	0.00	485.42	1,129.27
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	86,620.00	(26,372.37)	(59,975.58)	272.05	19,863.85
	UTILITIES	32,950.00	(26,865.36)	(6,084.64)	0.00	68.61
	SUPPLIES	3,265.00	(3,217.02)	(18.27)	29.71	49.78
	OTHER CHARGES	102.00	(100.68)	0.00	1.32	0.00
	CAPITAL OUTLAY	2,250.00	(2,247.87)	0.00	2.13	9,669.44
	TOWN HALL REPAIRS ARTICLE	9,669.44	(8,564.00)	0.00	1,105.44	0.00
	TOWN ART RESTORATION	1,200.00	(793.07)	0.00	406.93	4,759.76
	TOWN HALL REFURBISH FLOORS	4,759.76	(4,759.76)	0.00	0.00	
195 -TOWN REPORT						853.00
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	3,200.00	(2,925.00)	0.00	275.00	
510 -HEALTH						0.00
	SALARY	99,750.00	(93,512.97)	0.00	6,237.03	3,045.84
	SALARY	4,000.00	(4,000.00)	0.00	0.00	981.51
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	9,430.00	(4,719.28)	0.00	4,710.72	577.57
	SUPPLIES	3,500.00	(1,573.02)	(257.93)	1,669.05	144.84
	GASOLINE	365.00	(242.33)	0.00	122.67	0.00

	INTERGOVERNMENTAL	17,000.00	(17,000.00)	0.00	0.00	152.20
	OTHER CHARGES	1,910.00	(1,773.43)	0.00	136.57	190.00
	HAZARDOUS WASTE	11,100.00	(10,840.00)	(70.00)	190.00	47,509.75
	SEMASS	320,252.00	(275,489.61)	(44,000.00)	762.39	0.00
	LANDFILL	20,600.00	(20,600.00)	0.00	0.00	1,588.18
	RECYCLING	190,600.00	(173,812.62)	(16,000.00)	787.38	
541 -COUNCIL ON AGING						3,411.08
	SALARY	150,131.00	(149,258.85)	0.00	872.15	1,480.62
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	12,219.33	(10,556.20)	(1,361.84)	301.29	4,949.26
	UTILITIES	14,279.67	(12,351.20)	(1,928.47)	0.00	0.00
	SUPPLIES	2,859.00	(2,817.16)	0.00	41.84	1,772.57
	GASOLINE	5,564.00	(3,709.88)	0.00	1,854.12	125.00
	OTHER CHARGES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
543 -VETERANS						0.00
	SALARY	47,117.00	(45,480.14)	0.00	1,636.86	79,058.28
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	397,400.00	(308,822.55)	(15,604.00)	72,973.45	279.60
	SUPPLIES	1,800.00	(1,305.52)	0.00	494.48	63,700.15
	OTHER CHARGES	492,900.00	(393,748.34)	0.00	99,151.66	
611 -LIBRARY						0.08
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	635,351.00	(635,351.00)	0.00	0.00	
692 -MEMORIAL DAY						174.00
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	2,550.00	(2,375.00)	0.00	175.00	
GENERAL FUND DEBT						163,308.99
	DEBT	2,901,644.00	(2,866,942.08)	0.00	34,701.92	
820 -INTERGOVERNMENTAL						(182,437.00)
	INTERGOV/STATE	0.00	(183,929.00)	0.00	(183,929.00)	(28,218.00)
	INTERGOV/CHARTER SCHOOL	0.00	(31,670.00)	0.00	(31,670.00)	
830 -INTERGOV/COUNTY						(218,640.71)
	INTERGOV/COUNTY	0.00	(221,345.57)	0.00	(221,345.57)	
911 -FAIRHAVEN RETIREMENT						0.00
	OTHER CHARGES	2,859,586.00	(2,859,586.00)	0.00	0.00	
913 -UNEMPLOYMENT COMP						22,776.16
	OTHER CHARGES	120,000.00	(83,651.40)	(20,000.00)	16,348.60	
918 -F.I.C.A -MEDICARE INS						0.54

	OTHER CHARGES	368,000.00	(338,099.10)	0.00	29,900.90	
924 -GROUP INSURANCE						222,558.14
	OTHER CHARGES	3,751,545.35	(3,431,451.49)	0.00	320,093.86	
925 -TOWN INSURANCE						96,831.04
	OTHER CHARGES	672,785.00	(669,175.09)	(3,609.91)	0.00	
						708,517.57
TOTAL VARIOUS DEPT		15,474,424.46	(14,827,565.16)	(212,864.09)	433,995.21	
210 -POLICE						48.75
	SALARY	3,025,004.00	(3,012,217.80)	0.00	12,786.20	88.19
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	119,755.00	(111,212.91)	(998.88)	7,543.21	29,252.48
	UTILITIES	38,000.00	(20,874.08)	(9,907.79)	7,218.13	3,932.42
	SUPPLIES	63,100.00	(54,791.21)	(28.90)	8,279.89	16,948.59
	GASOLINE	37,470.00	(37,470.00)	0.00	0.00	346.00
	OTHER CHARGES	7,941.00	(7,337.07)	0.00	603.93	0.00
	MINOR EQUIPMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,856.00
	2 CRUISERS ATM17 ART. 9A	78,345.00	(74,997.50)	0.00	3,347.50	0.56
	SAFEBOAT POLICE ATM17 ART 9B	30,000.00	(30,000.00)	0.00	0.00	
220 -FIRE DEPT						191.90
	SALARY	1,981,696.00	(1,961,545.40)	0.00	20,150.60	0.00
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	112,174.00	(105,776.88)	(6,378.33)	18.79	1,449.07
	UTILITIES	5,200.00	(3,927.55)	(125.00)	1,147.45	125.48
	SUPPLIES	65,550.00	(64,618.38)	(661.64)	269.98	1,007.45
	GASOLINE	17,865.00	(17,611.14)	0.00	253.86	36.15
	OTHER CHARGES	4,450.00	(4,131.35)	0.00	318.65	96.69
	MINOR EQUIPMENT	29,240.65	(28,739.65)	0.00	501.00	29,465.22
	FIRE DEPT ROOF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,830.00
	FEMA MATCH FIRE GEAR	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	40,476.00
	FEMA MATCH LADDER ATM 16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
225 -FIRE ALARM						1,319.72

	SALARY	12,396.00	(12,366.20)	0.00	29.80	138.58
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	6,510.00	(6,000.15)	(448.24)	61.61	81.89
	SUPPLIES	985.00	(816.95)	0.00	168.05	295.34
	GASOLINE	458.00	(236.79)	0.00	221.21	
241 -BUILDING						395.18
	SALARY	141,504.00	(129,049.28)	0.00	12,454.72	462.67
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	1,200.00	(246.84)	0.00	953.16	290.80
	SUPPLIES	2,388.00	(1,889.05)	0.00	498.95	456.07
	GASOLINE	991.00	(736.72)	0.00	254.28	444.50
	OTHER CHARGES	1,770.00	(1,428.22)	0.00	341.78	0.00
	MINOR EQUIPMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
244 -WEIGHTS AND MEASURES						0.00
	SALARY	6,664.00	(6,664.00)	0.00	0.00	125.00
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	127.00	0.00	0.00	127.00	75.00
	SUPPLIES	75.00	0.00	0.00	75.00	65.00
	OTHER CHARGES	796.00	0.00	(796.00)	0.00	
291 -CIVIL DEFENSE						7.69
	SALARY	1,733.00	(1,725.57)	0.00	7.43	23.25
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	2,675.00	(1,602.22)	(846.05)	226.73	1,123.71
	UTILITIES	2,730.00	(2,108.60)	(150.00)	471.40	44.75
	SUPPLIES	1,025.00	(809.20)	(139.93)	75.87	128.20
	GASOLINE	745.00	(367.04)	0.00	377.96	
292 -ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER						5,526.72
	SALARY	50,947.00	(40,648.06)	0.00	10,298.94	198.70
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	29,800.00	(27,766.17)	(30.00)	2,003.83	1,246.51
	UTILITIES	4,850.00	(4,245.01)	(320.00)	284.99	1,159.81
	SUPPLIES	2,000.00	(1,348.01)	0.00	651.99	316.26
	GASOLINE	1,180.00	(462.12)	0.00	717.88	0.00
	OTHER CHARGES	300.00	(98.00)	0.00	202.00	

294 -TREE WARDEN						0.00
	SALARY	6,832.00	(6,831.96)	0.00	0.04	
295 -TREE DEPT						3,814.22
	SALARY	18,178.00	(16,015.07)	0.00	2,162.93	0.00
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	60,630.00	(11,631.29)	(44,670.33)	4,328.38	200.00
	SUPPLIES	255.00	0.00	0.00	255.00	250.00
	GASOLINE	4,000.00	(1,334.43)	0.00	2,665.57	1,121.96
	OTHER CHARGES	750.00	(243.95)	0.00	506.05	738.50
298-MARINE RESOURCES						
	SALARY	88,028.00	(77,761.60)	0.00	10,266.40	5,487.10
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	12,301.25	(11,909.43)	(264.98)	126.84	915.03
	UTILITIES	120.00	(73.28)	(25.00)	21.72	18.84
	SUPPLIES	6,635.00	(4,744.94)	(1,685.28)	204.78	282.30
	GASOLINE	5,458.75	(4,325.57)	(99.00)	1,034.18	965.11
	OTHER CHARGES	350.00	(310.00)	0.00	40.00	85.00
	MINOR EQUIPMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,088.90
	FEMA PORT SECURITY MATCH	6,975.00	(6,975.00)	0.00	0.00	6,975.00
	UNION WHARF LIGHTS '16 ART 28	7,995.00	0.00	0.00	7,995.00	2,465.71
	HARBORMASTER TRK '17 ART 9E	40,000.00	(39,995.00)	0.00	5.00	
	PROPAGATION	19,965.71	(19,668.72)	0.00	296.99	165,483.97
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		6,168,113.36	(5,977,685.36)	(67,575.35)	122,852.65	
						1,446.47
300 -SCHOOL						1,268.19
	EXPENDITURES	19,385,788.00	(19,051,992.88)	(333,473.50)	321.62	892,903.75
HMS ROOF STM 5/16 ART 10		870,282.00	(583,792.05)	0.00	286,489.95	
HMS FLOOR		176,029.75	(139,641.81)	0.00	36,387.94	
						0.00
301 -G.N.B.V.H.S						
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	2,141,171.00	(2,141,171.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00

302 -B.C AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL						
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	36,423.00	(36,423.00)	0.00	0.00	895,618.41
TOTAL SCHOOL		22,609,693.75	(21,953,020.74)	(333,473.50)	323,199.51	
403 -HIGHWAY						0.00
	STREET RESURFACING	150,000.00	(115,369.33)	(34,223.00)	407.67	0.00
	SUB DIVISION MGT FEES	9,847.00	(9,482.50)	0.00	364.50	0.00
	SIDEWALK REPAIR	43,000.00	(25,247.06)	(17,080.00)	672.94	0.00
	CURB / HARDSURFACING	162,000.00	(135,025.57)	(26,000.00)	974.43	20.73
	DRAINAGE	12,000.00	(11,470.96)	(465.05)	63.99	
420 -HIGHWAY						
	SALARY	958,909.00	(913,761.34)	0.00	45,147.66	27.50
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	104,304.00	(104,001.00)	(241.75)	61.25	
	UTILITIES	24,000.00	(12,292.80)	(130.15)	11,577.05	47,202.92
	SUPPLIES	55,425.00	(51,529.53)	(3,756.66)	138.81	214.66
	GASOLINE	42,250.00	(18,225.85)	0.00	24,024.15	13,409.21
	OTHER CHARGES	700.00	(695.00)	0.00	5.00	652.88
	MINOR EQUIPMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	23,500.20
	SNOW / ICE REMOVAL	50,000.00	(49,999.35)	0.00	0.65	0.00
	TRASH REMOVAL	515,275.00	(471,877.12)	(42,897.92)	499.96	115.00
	LANDFILL	30,795.00	(21,724.95)	(1,597.16)	7,472.89	92.66
	ROADWORK	514,482.41	(220,263.53)	0.00	294,218.88	499.44
	VEHICLES ATM 16 ART 5B-1& 5B-2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,446.10
	DUMP TRUCK '17 ART 9C	150,000.00	(150,000.00)	0.00	0.00	214,482.41
	WELCOME ST ROADWORK	27,160.00	0.00	0.00	27,160.00	4,328.78
	BPW DOORS '16 ART 17	1,275.00	(95.07)	0.00	1,179.93	572.00
421 -BPW ADMINISTRATION						27,160.00
	SALARY	173,412.00	(172,839.88)	0.00	572.12	4,009.64
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	1,126.00	(860.21)	(25.18)	240.61	
	SUPPLIES	1,400.00	(1,393.36)	0.00	6.64	21.07
	OTHER CHARGES	290.00	(53.24)	0.00	236.76	1,000.65

	MINOR EQUIPMENT	18,250.00	(17,561.56)	0.00	688.44	13.81
424 -STREET LIGHTS						242.25
	UTILITIES	51,000.00	(39,462.84)	(11,537.16)	0.00	
650 -PARK						4,471.76
	SALARY	99,451.00	(92,889.52)	0.00	6,561.48	
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	17,290.00	(16,869.22)	(171.75)	249.03	2,138.68
	UTILITIES	2,300.00	(1,353.79)	(175.00)	771.21	163.60
	SUPPLIES	3,500.00	(3,404.17)	0.00	95.83	592.89
	GASOLINE	4,229.00	(3,437.72)	0.00	791.28	61.87
	MINOR EQUIPMENT	1,100.00	(1,095.94)	0.00	4.06	1,011.59
						130.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY		3,224,770.41	(2,662,282.41)	(138,300.78)	424,187.22	
						351,582.30
CAPITAL STABILIZATION		500,000.00	(500,000.00)	-	-	
WIND TURBINE ELECTRIC		750,000.00	(627,329.38)	-	122,670.62	-
OPEB		100,000.00	(100,000.00)	-	-	5,771.26
FACILITY IMPROVE PLAN		145,000.00	(210.70)	-	144,789.30	68.11
ROGERS SCH REPURPOSING		33,000.00	(22,425.00)	-	10,575.00	28.30
N FHVN FIRE STAT SEWER TIE-IN		25,000.00	(18,500.00)	0.00	6,500.00	318.00
WAGE & SALARY RESERVE		18,797.00	-	-	18,797.00	225.00
ACADEMY BUILDING		4,400.00	(3,108.21)	(125.00)	1,166.79	-
FIRE MUSEUM		1,750.00	(1,640.03)	(50.00)	59.97	500.00
FORT PHOENIX		2,850.00	(2,828.50)	-	21.50	9,752.13
HISTORICAL COMMISSION		500.00	(425.00)	-	75.00	-
OLD STONE SCHOOL HOUSE		500.00	(494.69)	-	5.31	-
RAPE CRISIS		2,000.00	(2,000.00)	-	-	7,995.00
CULTURAL COUNCIL		3,000.00	(1,100.00)	-	1,900.00	3,440.12
UNPAID BILLS OF PRIOR YEAR		1,374.98	(1,373.98)	0.00	1.00	327.75
BUZZARDS BAY COMMISSION		1,140.00	(1,140.00)	-	-	500.00

ROGERS/OXFORD RFP STM 12/14	8,023.25	-	-	8,023.25	-
ROGERS/OXFORD RFP STM 5/15	3,356.40	-	-	3,356.40	33,000.00
ENGINEERING	2,040.00	0.00	0.00	2,040.00	7.75
ROGERS/OXFORD MAINT STM 5-7-16	8,000.00	(4,716.82)	0.00	3,283.18	327.75
TEMPLE PLACE STREET LIGHT	327.75	-	-	327.75	286,335.92
ROY ST STREET LIGHT	800.00	(800.00)	-	-	8,023.25
BALSAM ST STREET LIGHT	800.00	(800.00)	-	-	3,356.40
WAYNE ST STREET LIGHT	327.75	-	-	327.75	3,139.55
					8,000.00
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	49,089,989.11	(46,709,445.98)	(752,388.72)	1,628,154.41	1,940.79
					2,494,259.33
179 -CPA					
SALARY	6,700.00	(6,569.43)	0.00	130.57	
PURCHASE OF SERVICES	3,400.00	(129.97)	0.00	3,270.03	
SUPPLIES	500.00	(212.03)	0.00	287.97	
OTHER CHARGES	2,000.00	(1,767.28)	0.00	232.72	
FT PHOENIX WALL	104,154.96	0.00	0.00	104,154.96	1,205.99
BIKE PATH SIGNAGE	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	3,238.34
TOWN HALL BIKE RACKS	1,000.00	(892.00)	0.00	108.00	500.00
FHVN STAR DIGITIZING	31,000.00	(7,176.80)	0.00	23,823.20	250.00
FHS WINDOW RESTORATION	50,000.00	(50,000.00)	0.00	0.00	2,053.52
OPEN SPACE AND REC UPDATE	14,654.54	(8,498.66)	0.00	6,155.88	0.00
CARRIAGE HOUSE	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00
MRV LAND & TRAILS '17 ART 29A	80,000.00	(65,000.00)	0.00	15,000.00	30.95
BRANCH BROOK LAND STM 5-6-17	20,000.00	(20,000.00)	0.00	0.00	104,154.96
DANA CT BOILER '17 ART 29B	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	50,000.00	3,000.00
FITNESS STATI STM 5-6-17 ART 6B	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	1,000.00

MASTER PLAN '17 ART 29C	25,000.00	(8,798.48)	0.00	16,201.52	31,000.00
CUSHMAN TENNIS TM 5-6-17 ART 6C	17,500.00	0.00	0.00	17,500.00	0.00
FHS WINDOWS '17 ART 29D	70,000.00	(70,000.00)	0.00	0.00	44.61
LIBRARY EXT PH 3 '17 ART 29E	159,000.00	(91,608.80)	0.00	67,391.20	14,999.85
TOTAL COMM PRESERVATION FD	667,909.50	(330,653.45)	-	337,256.05	0.00
					0.00
					50,000.00
450 -WATER					0.00
SALARY	560,442.00	(485,154.62)	(3,081.92)	72,205.46	1,300.00
PURCHASE OF SERVICES	271,701.00	(216,454.29)	(844.10)	54,402.61	735.00
UTILITIES	49,700.00	(31,968.49)	(3,258.13)	14,473.38	0.50
SUPPLIES	37,100.00	(30,229.55)	(31.52)	6,838.93	14,654.54
GASOLINE	14,376.00	(10,155.30)	0.00	4,220.70	20,000.00
OTHER CHARGES	1,500.00	(674.00)	0.00	826.00	248,168.26
MATT. WATER DISTRICT	1,183,203.00	(1,183,203.00)	0.00	0.00	
CAPITAL OUTLAY	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	
DEBT	65,652.00	(63,474.51)	0.00	2,177.49	
RESERVE FUND TRANSFER	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	50,000.00	
ENG-WI CAUSEWAY WATER MAIN	27,423.42	(27,423.42)	0.00	0.00	25,366.76
CONST-WI CAUSEWAY WTR MAIN	149,514.90	(116,417.75)	0.00	33,097.15	48,921.83
TINKHAM LANE WELL	51,311.09	(36,413.09)	0.00	14,898.00	12,558.94
WATER MGT ACT '17 ART 22	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	4,190.82
WATER MGT ACT	3,779.96	(207.09)	0.00	3,572.87	5,701.58
WATER HYDRANT	9,364.30	(9,364.30)	0.00	0.00	81.00
CROSS CONNECTION	1,942.38	0.00	0.00	1,942.38	0.00
TOTAL WATER FUND	2,482,010.05	(2,211,139.41)	(7,215.67)	263,654.97	1,723.47

						1.80
						25,000.00
440 -SEWER						27,423.42
	SALARY	943,079.00	(891,749.70)	0.00	51,329.30	149,514.90
	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	266,800.00	(240,100.18)	(24,783.18)	1,916.64	51,311.09
	UTILITIES	398,000.00	(278,372.82)	(22,192.99)	97,434.19	0.00
	SUPPLIES	149,100.00	(134,774.34)	(7,768.43)	6,557.23	3,779.96
	GASOLINE	16,730.00	(10,118.46)	0.00	6,611.54	9,364.30
	CAPITAL OUTLAY	50,000.00	(46,270.27)	0.00	3,729.73	1,942.38
	DEBT	526,606.00	(367,781.87)	0.00	158,824.13	366,882.25
	RESERVE FUND TRANSFER	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	50,000.00	
	SLUDGE DISPOSAL	300,000.00	(284,202.28)	(15,797.72)	(0.00)	
	INFLOW INFIL STM 5-7-16 ART 4	200,000.00	(10,222.92)	0.00	189,777.08	
	WASTEWATER MGT PLAN	35,968.82	(30,745.00)	0.00	5,223.82	
	SEWER PUMP STATION-ATM 13	2,704.74	0.00	0.00	2,704.74	31,352.68
	PUMP STATION-TABER ST	3,732.96	0.00	0.00	3,732.96	0.00
	SEWER REHAB-ATM 14 ART 24	81,043.35	(1,043.35)	0.00	80,000.00	70,503.00
	SEWER REHAB-ATM 15 ART 16	20,325.28	(18,818.32)	0.00	1,506.96	12,566.03
	SEWER PUMP STATION-ATM 15	115,655.82	(97,280.62)	0.00	18,375.20	8,330.40
	PUMP STATION ATM 16 ART 7B	22,342.89	(22,342.89)	0.00	0.00	57,978.07
	ENG SEWER PH 2 ATM 16 ART 7C	12,173.46	(12,173.46)	0.00	0.00	8,083.81
TOTAL SEWER FUND		3,194,262.32	(2,445,996.48)	(70,542.32)	677,723.52	0.00
						0.00
						200,000.00
640 -RECREATION CENTER						35,968.82
	SALARY	157,888.00	(150,827.32)	0.00	7,060.68	2,704.74
	PROGRAM FEES	125,000.00	(90,430.91)	(3,502.80)	31,066.29	0.00

	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	11,920.00	(8,212.24)	(50.00)	3,657.76	3,732.96
	UTILITIES	21,000.00	(20,922.39)	(75.00)	2.61	81,043.35
	SUPPLIES	3,250.00	(2,359.79)	(149.53)	740.68	20,325.28
	OTHER CHARGES	600.00	(400.00)	0.00	200.00	115,655.82
	CAPITAL OUTLAY	10,000.00	(9,710.00)	0.00	290.00	0.00
TOTAL RECREATION FUND		329,658.00	(282,862.65)	(3,777.33)		0.00
PUMP STATION ATM 16 ART 7B	140,000.00	0.00	140,000.00	(117,657.11)	0.00	22,342.89
ENG SEWER PH 2 ATM 16 ART 7C	80,000.00	0.00	80,000.00	(67,826.54)	0.00	12,173.46
ENG SEWER PH 3 ATM 16 ART 7D	65,000.00	0.00	65,000.00	0.00	0.00	65,000.00
FRANCIS ST ATM 16 ART 7E	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	(29,816.29)	0.00	20,183.71
PICK-UP TRUCK ATM 16 ART 7F	44,000.00	0.00	44,000.00	(44,000.00)	0.00	0.00
DIGESTER MAINT STM 5-7-16 ART 3	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	(15,000.00)	0.00	0.00
	4,865,626.48	0.00	4,865,626.48	(4,018,579.17)	(79,102.29)	767,945.02
SALARY	151,507.00	0.00	151,507.00	(151,101.51)	0.00	405.49
PROGRAM FEES	115,000.00	0.00	115,000.00	(100,772.94)	(589.09)	13,637.97
PURCHASE OF SERVICES	11,620.00	0.00	11,620.00	(10,136.85)	(50.00)	1,433.15
UTILITIES	29,300.00	0.00	29,300.00	(10,312.62)	(1,500.00)	17,487.38
SUPPLIES	3,300.00	0.00	3,300.00	(3,110.93)	0.00	189.07
OTHER CHARGES	700.00	0.00	700.00	(485.00)	0.00	215.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.00
	311,427.00	0.00	311,427.00	(275,919.85)	(2,139.09)	33,368.06

REVENUE RECEIVED
JULY 1, 2016 - JUNE 30, 2017

TAX COLLECTIONS (NET)		
REAL ESTATE/ROLLBACK	25,717,939	
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE/8 OF 58 ABATE	1,885,192	
PERSONAL PROPERTY	946,496	
TAX LIENS/FORECLOSURES REDEEMED	145,479	
MUNICIPAL LIENS / IE LIENS	60,025	
BOAT EXCISE/OTHER EXCISE	34,224	
IN LIEU OF TAXES/PROFORMA TAX	336,324	
INTEREST/PENALTIES		
PROPERTY TAX/WARRANT FEE	97,267	
EXCISE TAX/RMV MARKING FEES	103,645	
TAX LIENS	90,355	
TOTAL TAXES/INTEREST		29,416,945
CHARGES FOR SERVICES		
SEMASS ADMINISTRATION/RECYCLING	103,363	
WHARFAGE	81,925	
FEES	199,320	
RENTALS/LEASE	129,842	
WIND TURBINE ENERGY	745,617	
TOTAL CHARGES FOR SERVICES		1,260,067
LICENSES AND PERMITS		
ALCOHOLIC BEV. LICENSES	36,445	
OTHER LIC & PERMITS	490,031	
TOTAL LICENSES & PERMITS		526,476
FINES & FORFEITS		5,305
INVESTMENT INCOME		40,269
MISCELLANOUS		

RECURRING	17,916	
NONRECURRING/SALE OF TAX POSSESSION	19,427	
PRIOR YEAR	-	
TOTAL MISCELLANOUS		37,343
REVENUE FROM FEDERAL/STATE		
UNRESTRICTED GEN'L GOV AID	2,168,152	
STATE OWNED LAND	154,187	
LOTTERY	-	
CHAPTER 90	1,040,073	
ROOM TAX/MEAL TAX	571,740	
VETERAN BENEFITS	547,480	
ABATE VETS & BLIND/SURVIVING SPOUSE	97,153	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS	479,859	
TOTAL STATE REVENUE/FEDERAL		5,058,645
OTHER REVENUE		
WATERWAY IMPROVEMENT	71,740	
AMBULANCE FUND	1,025,072	
STORMWATER MAINT FEE	-	
SOCIAL DAY RECEIPTS-COA	184,805	
WETLAND PROTECTION	3,718	
INSURANCE RECOVERY	51,180	
GIFTS/RESTITUTION	35,057	
HOPPY'S LANDING	8,122	
GOV ACCESS-GENERAL	184,748	
PARK UTILITIES	990	
TITLE 5	4,745	
HAZMAT	-	
SUSTAINABILITY COMM	1,586	
TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM	378	
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE		1,572,140

TOTAL NON-SCHOOL REVENUE		37,917,188
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT		
TUITION	2,560,622	
EDUCATION CABLE	133,495	
SALE OF SCHOOL LUNCHES/INV EARN	410,764	
ATHLETIC REVOLVER	21,473	
MUSIC REVOLVER	1,442	
GIFTS/RESTITUTION	27,381	
LEASE-TRIPP SCH	24,000	
RENTAL SCHOOL PROPERTY	9,952	
PRESCHOOL TUITION	32,880	
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM/REC CTR	-	
INSURANCE RECOVERY	-	
MISC	-	
TOTAL		3,222,008
SCHOOL REVENUE FROM FEDERAL/STATE		
CIRCUIT BREAKER	243,809	
SCHOOL AID - CHAPTER 70	7,526,930	
CONSTRUCTION SCHOOL PROJECT	1,011,359	
ADDITIONAL SCHOOL AID	-	
CHARTER TUITION/TRANSPORT HOMELESS	4,830	
SCHOOL LUNCH	442,932	
MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT	51,737	
TOTAL		9,281,598
SCHOOL GRANTS FEDERAL/STATE		
TITLE I/SCHOOL SUPPORT	369,103	
SPN IDEA/TITLE VI	507,675	
TITLE IIA/EDUCATORS QUALITY	74,564	
RETELL	11,150	
EARLY CHILDHOOD	25,787	
SPN PROF IMPROVEMENT	15,889	
ENHANCED SCHOOL HEALTH	3,000	
WOOD SCHOOL GARDEN GRT	320.00	

TOTAL		1,007,488
TOTAL SCHOOL REVENUE		13,511,094
WATER DIVISION		
WATER RATES/WATER SERVICES	2,796,210	
WATER LIENS/COMM INT	164,472	
WATER DEMANDS	42,003	
TAX LIENS/FORECLOSURES	18,186	
WATER BETTERMENT ADDED TO TAXES	796	
COMM. INTEREST PD IN ADVANCE	40	
MISC	3,241	
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	524	
WATER BETTERMENT PD IN ADVANCE	-	
INSURANCE RECOVERY	1,160	
TOTAL WATER REVENUE		3,026,631
SEWER DIVISION		
SEWER USER CHARGE	2,540,764	
SEWER CAPITAL FEE	286,083	
SEWER BETTERMENT ADDED TO TAXES	189,272	
MATT. USER CHARGE	419,680	
SEWER LIENS/COMM INT	182,408	
COMMITTED INTEREST	90,307	
SEWER BETTERMENT PD IN ADVANCE	72,280	
TAX LIENS/FORECLOSURES	31,129	
SEWER APPLICATION FEE	54,432	
USAGE W/O WATER	17,870	
DEMANDS AND FEES	39,444	
SEPTIC WASTE	5,817	
MISC	5,605	
DRAIN LAYER	2,750	
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	969	
USER CHARGE-OT	448	
INSURANCE RECOVERY	-	
TOTAL SEWER REVENUE		3,939,256

RECREATION CENTER DIVISION		
FEES	37,388	
PROGRAMS FEES	170,114	
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM	109,013	
MISC	308	
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	159	
INSURANCE RECOVERY	-	
TOTAL RECREATION CENTER REVENUE		316,982
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT		
SURCHARGES/TAX LIENS	365,203	
STATE MATCH REVENUE	72,174	
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	8,182	
INTEREST AND FEES	2,364	
TOTAL COMMUNITY PRESERVATION REVENUE		447,923
TOTAL COMBINED REVENUE		59,159,074

TRANSFERS FROM THE RESERVE FUND FY17
AUTHORIZED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

TOWN HALL		35,545.35
TREE		35,000.00
FIRE		18,240.65
ELECTION		6,214.00
PARK		5,000.00
	TOTAL	100,000.00

BOARD OF APPEALS

In 2017 the Board of Appeals heard 42 petitions for variances and special permits and 1 petition for a 40B Comprehensive Permit. Most were positively acted upon by the Board. The Board continues to meet once monthly.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter DeTerra, Chairman
Francis Cox, Jr., Vice-Chairman
Daryl Manchester, Full Member
Joseph Borelli, Full Member
Peg Cook, Full Member
Alberto Silva, Associate Member
Kenneth Kendall, Associate Member
Jaime DeSousa, Jr., Associate Member
Ruy Dasilva, Associate Member
Wayne Fostin, Zoning Enforcement Agent
Tracy White, Secretary

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Fairhaven Board of Assessors currently holds a public meeting once a month. The Assessing Department has completed the building permit inspections and determined new sales, growth and values for FY18.

The Town of Fairhaven's total valuation for FY17 was $1,971,207,845. The Residential tax rate was set at $12.04 and the Commercial/Industrial/Personal Property tax rate was set at $24.27. The town's valuation for FY18 is $2,047,117,260. The FY18 Residential tax rate is $11.75 and the Commercial/Industrial/Personal Property tax rate is $23.76, which was certified by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

As outlined in our previous Annual Report, this department has experienced staffing changes and a program of cross-training was implemented. Ms. Pattie Pacella moved over to the Building Department as the Administrative Assistant to the town Building Inspector. Ms. Joanne Correia has joined the Assessors Department as the Senior Clerk to handle the day to day administrative duties replacing Ms. Pacella. Ms. Melody Perry, Senior Clerk has over 19 years' experience and overall her administrative knowledge as to the day to day operation continues to be a big asset to the Assistant Assessor and to this department. Ms. Perry also attended the MAAO Course 101 held at UMass Amherst, MA this past summer and successfully passed the course. With the emphasis of "Team Work", the Assessors Department continues to set the bar of excellence to serve the public.

Del Garcia, Assistant Assessor, Notary Public has successfully completed the MAAO Course 2 and will be taking another MAAO Course 3 in the near future towards his designation of an MAA. Mr. Garcia continues to produce a goal for each fiscal year to streamline the productivity of field inspections pertaining to assessment values, to bring the data directly from the field to the property cards quicker as well as for personal property. Technology will be the main emphasis for the upcoming fiscal year and in the future in order to quickly bring in assessed values on-line and prepare our tax rates earlier with the Department of Revenue. Mr. Garcia has been working with the IT Department headed by Ms. Nicole Verronneau Potter and her team who has been a great asset to move forward in new technology for the upcoming fiscal year.

The collection and maintenance of current property data is a critical element in the development of uniform and fair market values. Inspections occur due to issuing of building permits, transfer of title, abatement requests or part of the cyclical and re-inspection program. It is essential the inspections are timely which enables a community to maintain the most current information, ensuring that all taxpayers are assessed fairly and equitably. The Assessing Department is continuing the on-going cyclical inspections as required by Department of Revenue. The next certification for the Town of Fairhaven is in the year 2022.

The Board of Assessors continues to review valuations each year and the Board of Asses-

sors looks forward to meeting the needs and serving the citizens of the Town of Fairhaven.
Respectfully submitted,
Board of Assessors

Ronnie Manzone, Chairman, Board of Assessors
Pamela K. Davis, MMA, Board of Assessors
Ellis B. Withington, Board of Assessors
Delfino R. Garcia, Asst. Assessor, Notary Public

BIKEWAY COMMITTEE

Have you been able to enjoy one of our annual events? Over the years we've established a number of projects and fun outings for everyone.

The Annual Earth Day Bike Path cleanup day brings out a great group of regulars and newcomers, friends and families. Cleanup is centered around the most heavily trafficked areas along David Drown Blvd. to Arsene Street. A crew headed down to the Little Bay extension to do some large debris removal near the parking lot and pier.

We put renewed effort into group rides this past year. Join one of our outings with experienced riders. It's a great way to gain the confidence to hit the streets on your own.
Our annual Spring ride coincides with Mass Bike Week and this year included a Fort to Fort group from New Bedford and a Bike and Hike trip to the Shaw Farm Trail led by the Buzzards Bay Coalition.

There were weekly evening rides leaving from Fairhaven to explore the new paths along the hurricane barrier in New Bedford.

Finally, we hosted a training ride for bikers participating in the Buzzards Bay Watershed Ride.

In 2018 we look forward to working with businesses in town to install safe and secure bike racks for their customers. Visit FairhavenBikeway.org to learn more.

We look forward to another successful year of cycling with you all.

Respectfully yours,
Mat Coes, Chairman
Lois Callahan
Robert Espindola
William D. Roth, Jr.
Geoffrey Sullivan
Jeffrey Wotton

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Board of Public Works in Fairhaven is governed by a five member, unpaid, elected Board of Public Works Commissioners. The Board sets policies, establishes the rules, regulations, fees and procedures of the Board of Public Works in the Town of Fairhaven. This also includes management and maintenance of the Town roadways, parks, and utility infrastructure systems. These systems include roads, parks, cemeteries, beaches, bike paths, water, sewer, storm drainage, trash collection, vehicle maintenance and the recycling center. The mission of the Fairhaven Board of Public Works is to provide community services that exceed the public's expectations. This will be accomplished by:

- Rapid response to emergencies throughout all seasons
- Effective budgeting, management and cost-effective delivery
- Implementing best management practices
- Using technology to its fullest to enhance operations, environmental sustainability and communications with residents
- Providing exceptional customer service to our customers
- The Board of Public Works is comprised of the following:
- Highway – which manages the Town's 105 miles of roadway. Duties include snow plowing, storm drainage, road reconstruction and maintenance, catch basins, street sweeping, the recycling center and the maintenance of more than 100 Town vehicles.
- Parks – which maintains and manages 17 parks, the West Island Town Beach, a portion of Fort Phoenix and many smaller Town owned parcels.
- Water – which manages over 100 miles of water mains ensuring that safe drinking water is delivered to 7000+ properties which consume an average of 1.2 million gallons per day.
- Sewer – which manages the 5 million gallon per day facility at Arsene Street, the 100,000 gallon per day facility on West Island, approximately 75 miles of sewer pipes and 17 pump stations, with the continued goal of ensuring that wastewater is conveyed uninterruptedly to one of the Town's treatment facilities.
- Administration – which includes customer relations, personnel, financial management and long range planning.

Our goal is to maintain and improve living conditions in Fairhaven for our residents and provide value to our tax and rate payers.

Some of the Board of Public Works projects that were either completed in 2017 or are still being worked on:

BBNEP and CZM Coastal/Beach Erosion Grant – the Board of Public Works received $85,000 in stormwater treatment grant money - $17,000 from the State's Coastal Zone Management and $68,000 from the Buzzards Bay National Estuary Project.
Per the requirements of the merger of these two grants, the Town, via an engineering consultant, developed final design plans for a stormwater treatment system at Bernese Street, with the ultimate goal to improve shellfish growing area classifications. Now that this system is designed, the Town will use future grant monies for construction. Once construction is completed, additional acreages will be open for shellfishing and the Town will be that much further ahead when new Federal Stormwater Regulations are promulgated.
Community Involvement – During 2017, the Board of Public Works continued to participate in various community events outside of its' purview. In brief, we worked with

the North Fairhaven Improvement Association, Fairhaven Bikeway Committee and have assisted other Town Committees with requests.

Green Street Reconstruction - The Board of Public Works reconstructed Green Street from Washington Street to South Street which is 1800 feet in length, to include drainage improvements, sidewalk construction, granite curb, pavement reclamation, grading and paving of the existing street. The cost of this project, not including engineering, was $652,650, which was expended from the Town's Chapter 90 allotment.

As part of the original scope of the project, there were 18 trees slated for removal as part of the aforementioned construction.

Based on overwhelming concerns against the removal of these trees, the Board of Public Works, in conjunction with the project engineer, GCG Associates, modified the scope of the project so that no more than 5 trees were removed.

Instead of removing and replacing existing curbing, which would cause tree root damage, the existing curbing was added to, resulting in a 2 foot narrowing of the road.

In addition, in order to correct the numerous sidewalk squares that have been buckled by tree roots, the project was modified to trim the concrete down to the point that the trip hazard was eliminated, smoothing the sidewalk to comply with the required ADA standards, and then ramping over the roots, rather than removing them.

Simply stated, the Board of Public Works, based on the raised concerns from the neighborhood, varied the project scope in order to save as many trees as possible. Based on the original design, the trees would not have survived the stress to their roots systems if the prior road and sidewalk plan had not been modified.

Land Purchases – In 2017, the Board of Public Works, in conjunction with the Towns of Marion and Mattapoisett and the Buzzards Bay Coalition, continued its joint effort in acquiring property to protect drinking water aquifer land.

As in the past, the Board of Public Works, via grants and community preservation funds, purchased lands which are located near the drinking water supply wells of Fairhaven, Marion and Mattapoisett. Not only will this land be protected from future impacts from other uses of the property but this also allows habitat protection benefits. Public access will be allowed thereby giving the public additional opportunities for passive recreational activities.

This year we jointly purchased a property called Branch Brook which is a 164 acre property that lies just up-gradient of 3 Fairhaven supply wells along the Mattapoisett River. The property is off Wolf Island Road in Rochester and extends west to Long Plain Road in Mattapoisett.

Leaf Pick-up – In 2017, the Board of Public Works, once again, contracted for 4 weeks of

residential leaf pick up. Due to the initial costs of beginning the cart program, the Board of Public Works discontinued leaf pickup to maintain general fund costs. As the Town's recycling has improved, the Board of Public Works was able to add on this often requested service.

Marsh Island – In 2017, the Board of Public Works granted stipulated permission to the United States Environmental Protection Agency to investigate, remediate and restore shoreline areas as part of the Marsh Island Salt Marsh Restoration Project. This project will restore 12 acres of native salt marsh habitat on Marsh Island that was destroyed during harbor dredging projects in the 1930's. The project also includes the restoration of tidal creeks and the creation of a public walking trail around the perimeter of the island.
Sewer Plant Upgrade - In 1972, the Clean Water Act (CWA) established the basic structure for regulating pollutant discharges into the waters of the United States by allowing the US EPA to regulate wastewater discharges in order to restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the nation's waters.

Under the CWA, Fairhaven's wastewater treatment facility has a permit where we must treat the water to an acceptable level before it can be discharged into the New Bedford inner harbor. Through hard work and dedication, Fairhaven's treatment facility has a long history of consistent compliance with these discharge standards receiving numerous environmental awards, the most recent one presented in January 2015.

When the CWA came into existence, nitrogen was not a parameter of concern as scientists were unaware of the deleterious effects of this pollutant. As a result, the design of most wastewater plants (including Fairhaven's) did not contain nitrogen removal capabilities as this was not a concern that Congress had targeted when these facilities were being built. Fast forward 40 plus years and science has revealed that excessive nitrogen discharges can deplete oxygen levels and encourage algae growth in marine waters which are both ecologically harmful.

Nitrogen at the wastewater plant comes from various sources but the main culprits are urea (urine), processed foods and cleaning chemicals.
On September 27, 2017, the EPA issued the Town its' new sewer discharge permit which contains a "not to exceed" nitrogen limit. To comply with this newly imposed limit, the Town will have to significantly upgrade its' treatment facility and borrow money (raise rates) in order to do so.

The BPW has contracted with both a legal and environmental engineering group and are currently negotiating a permit with the goal of achieving compliance while obtaining the most affordable upgrade to the Town's rate payers.

Sewer Pump Station Upgrades - During calendar year 2017, the Board of Public Works continued to upgrade sewer pump stations, based on a prioritized schedule for rehabilitation Due to the age of these stations, parts are increasingly difficult to obtain. In consideration of the critical function of this infrastructure, it is imperative to maintain these pump stations to ensure uninterrupted service in our collection system.

Street Construction – During 2017, Town Meeting approved the following roads for reconstruction: Brown Street, Diamond Street, Hopkins Street and Rockland Street.

The work occurring on each street will include some or all of the following: road surfacing, sidewalks, drainage and curbing.

In addition to the above, the Board of Public Works also worked on the drainage issue on Jeannette Street as well as resurfaced Long Road.

Street Light Maintenance – In March 2017, the Board of Public Works assumed the responsibility of maintaining the street lights in Town. Working closely with the Police Department, the Board of Public Works, via an outside contractor, responds to those lights that malfunction. To date, this has worked out very well for the Town.

Stormwater Outfall Sampling Grant - The Town of Fairhaven applied for and received a portion of a $200,000 grant where the monies were used to collect and analyze both dry weather and wet weather samples from 77 drainage outfalls. In the near future, the Environmental Protection Agency will issue an updated stormwater permit to the Town, which amongst other requirements, will mandate the Town to collect and analyze samples at each of its' 77 outfalls. Depending on what the results yielded reveal, additional measures may be required.

Sustainable Water Management Initiative – The State of Massachusetts has put together a framework for permitting water suppliers that intends to balance the needs of water for both human use and aquatic habitat protection.

The goals of this effort are to ensure sustainable use of water and maintain healthy watersheds by identifying a baseline for water withdrawals and evaluating increased withdrawals over this baseline in light of seasonal low flows in affected surface waters.

Once the Town's water withdrawal permit comes up for renewal, we will need to comply with these new provisions via both concerted planning and the implementation of non-essential water restrictions.

Water Department Superintendent – In 2017, Ed Fortin, the Town's long serving Water Superintendent, retired. During Mr. Fortin's tenure, the Town consistently met all State Regulations and obligations. Dedicated employees like Mr. Fortin are difficult to find and he will be missed. The Board of Public Works wishes him health and happiness in his retirement years.

West Island Traffic Study – During the summer of 2017, the Board of Public Works hired Bayside Engineering to conduct a traffic study on West Island to ascertain if stop signs may be placed along the streets that run north and south and intersect Causeway Road.

Per State of Massachusetts requirements, in order to install stop signs or similar traffic

control devices, a study such as the one that was conducted has to be performed to ascertain if the traffic results yielded match up to the required criteria for stop sign installation. We would like to thank all of our employees for their dedication, hard-work and commitment to improving the quality of life in our Town.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Ristuccia, Chairman
Brian Wotton, Vice Chairman
Robert Hobson, Clerk
Keith Sylvia, Commissioner
Cameron Durant, Commissioner
Vincent D. Furtado, Board of Public Works Superintendent
Kathy A. Tripp, Administrative Assistant

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Town of Fairhaven Building Department has experienced a lot of changes this past year, with the closing of Kmart and the building being divided into a three unit that will house Tractor Supply and Big Lots. Ocean State Job Lot has occupied the old Shaw's building and plans have been submitted for renovations of the former Pizza Hut building.

Also a new Planet Fitness and a Pet Supplies Plus opened in Fairhaven Commons. We have seen a rise in new single family homes, and renovation and remodeling projects have kept the whole Department busy. The De-partment continues to see a rise in solar for residential homes, and plans have been filed for two more solar farms off Mill Road.

Building Permits includes the following categories:

Single Family Dwellings, Home Improvements; Pools; Solar Sheet-metal/HVAC; Additions/Alterations & Sheds/Garages	19,142,863
Commercial Projects	2,025,056
Total Values	**19,144,888**

Total Fees Collected

Building Permits	690	136,272
Commercial Permits	13	44,154
Building Inspections	150	7,806
Wiring Permits	382	80,115
Plumbing Permits	219	20,891
Gas Permits	202	14,724
Occupancy Permits	28	3399
Total Fees Collected		**342,090**

The Building Department would like to thank all of our inspectors for their dedication and support that help to keep this department running smoothly.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Fostin, Building Commissioner
Andrew Bobola, Assistant Building Commissioner
Patricia Pacella, Administrative Assistant
Norman Lussier, Plumbing Inspector
Henry E. Daigle, Gas Inspector
William Alphonse, Jr. Associate PI & Gas Inspector
John Cottrill, Chief Wire Inspector
Roger Poitras, Associate Wire Inspector

COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

The purpose of the Fairhaven Commission on Disability is to (1) research local problems of people with disabilities; (2) advise and assist Town officials and employees in ensuring compliance with state and federal laws and regulations that affect people with disabilities; (3) coordinate and carry out programs designed to meet the problems of people with disabilities in coordination with programs of the Massachusetts Office on Disability; (4) review and make recommendations about policies, procedures, services, activities and facilities of departments, boards and agencies of the Town as they affect people with disabilities; (5) provide information, referrals, guidance and technical assistance to individuals, public agencies, businesses and organizations in all matters pertaining to disability; (6) coordinates activities of other local groups organized for similar purposes.

Mark Rees, Town Administrator, reported to the Fairhaven Commission on Disability that the Town Hall is now fully accessible as most entrances are outfitted with automatic door openers. This has been made possible through a $15,000.00 grant from the Capital Community Preservation Act. There are a few more areas of the Town Hall that are in the planning of being made accessible in the near future. Mark also reported that the Public Facilities Accessibility Plan for Fairhaven is under discussion setting a long-term plan for accessibility for all public owned buildings in town.

The Fairhaven Commission on Disability funded, through their FY18 budget, an American Sign Language Course for the public. The eight week ASL course was instructed by Robert Martin and provided participants with a basic knowledge of ASL including finger spelling and signs used for basic communication. Since the class was well attended and the participants wish to continue learning ASL, the Commission on Disability voted to provide the funding for a part II continuation ASL class to begin in the spring of 2018. The Commission hopes to be able to continue to provide the public with ongoing ASL classes in future years.

In August, a Disaster Preparedness Presentation was provided by the Massachusetts Office on Disability for those residents of Fairhaven with disabilities. Important information on how to keep safe during an emergency was discussed during the presentation and backpacks filled with emergency supplies were distributed to the 30 in attendance.

The Town of Fairhaven has two wheelchairs that are adapted to be used on sandy beaches as well as in the water. They are located at Fort Phoenix during the summer months and are available for public use.

The dedicated members of the Commission on Disability will continue their effort to ensure the residents with disabilities in the Town of Fairhaven will be provided with necessities required in order to bring about full and equal part in all aspects of the Town of Fairhaven.

Respectfully Submitted,
Charles K. Murphy, Chairperson
Trina Bigham, Vice Chairperson
Anne Silvia, Treasurer
Diane Rocha, Secretary
Mark Rees, ADA Coordinator
Joseph Borelli, Member
Brian Rego, Member
Ronnie Medina, Member
Waldemar DeOliveira, Member
Maria DeOliveira, Member
Maria Walker, Member
Donna Lavallee, Member
Marcus Ferro, Member

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is responsible for the administration of the Community Preservation Fund, the selection and recommendation to Town Meeting of projects for funding and the monitoring of the progress of funded community preservation projects. By statute, Community Preservation Act funds may be allocated to those projects which support the preservation and/or enhancement of open space, historic resources, community housing, and land for recreational use.

The CPC enjoyed success in 2017, its 12th year of operation. As of June 30, 2017, the Town had collected $355,846.43 from the local CPA surcharge for FY-2017 and in November 2017, received $100,444 in State matching funds, which was a 28% match.

At the May 6, 2017, Annual Town Meeting Warrant, with Article #6 the Committee recommended Board of Public Works - Branch Brook Land Protection Project - $20,000; Recreation Center/Wellness Committee – Fitness Station Project - $10,000 and Fairhaven Tennis Association – Cushman Park Tennis Court Restoration - $17,500. With Article #31 the Committee recommended the Buzzards Bay Coalition – Indian Rock Farms Land Protection Project - $150,000; Fairhaven Housing Authority – Oxford Terrace Handicap Door Replacement Project - $45,000; Stratford Capital Group – Oxford School Residences - $50,000; Library Exterior Restoration Project Ph. 4 - $160,000; Board of Selectmen – Town Hall Restoration Study - $12,000; Historical Commission – Academy Building – Doorway Restoration &Handicap Access Project - $119,000.

In September, the Committee published its FY2018 Community Preservation Plan with guidelines and information for applicants seeking community preservation funds. In November, the Committee began deliberations on the submissions for funding. The CPC has reviewed all proposals and interviewed the respective proponents. The Committee's FY2019 recommendations are being presented to Town Meeting Members for action at the May 5, 2018, Town Meeting.

The CPC wants to thank Simone Bourgeois for her service as the Conservation Commission's representative. With her departure from the Conservation Commission, she can no longer serve on the CPC. Her commitment and dedication will be missed.

The CPC generally meets monthly between August and February and at other times as needed. Meetings are held at Fairhaven Town Hall. All CPC meetings are open to the public and the Committee welcomes public participation throughout the process. Citizens may email the Committee at cpc@fairhaven-ma.gov or contact the Planning Department at (508) 979-4082, Ext. 9, with questions, comments and feedback. For additional information citizens may visit the CPC web page on the Town website at www.fairhaven-ma.gov.

2017 CPC Members:

Jeffrey Lucas, Chairman	Planning Board representative
Ann Richard, Vice-Chairman	at-large representative
Patricia A. Pacella, Clerk	at-large representative
Roger Marcoux	at-large representative

Cynthia S. McNaughten	Historical Commission representative
Terrence P. Meredith	at-large representative
Frank J. Rezendes,	Board of Public Works representative
Jay S. Simmons	Fairhaven Housing Authority representative
Nicholas Sylvia	Conservation Commission representative

Staff Support:
William D. Roth, Jr., Planning Director
Marie E. Ripley, Administrative Assistant to the Planning Director

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission (FCC) consists of seven voting and two associate non-voting members appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The FCC is supported by a part-time paid Conservation Agent and a paid recording secretary.

The purpose of the FCC is to protect Fairhaven's wetland resource areas in accordance with the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. Ch. 131, section 40) and its Regulations (310 CMR 10.00) as well as the Fairhaven Wetland Bylaws. The protected resource areas include rivers, streams, ponds, brooks, wetland marshes (salt and fresh), banks, and floodplains, including the 29 miles of coastline in Fairhaven.

Protection extends 100 feet from the edge of the wetlands, 200 feet from rivers and most brooks and streams, and to the entire floodplain. Under the Town Bylaws, certain activities within the Nasketucket River Basin are also subject to FCC review.

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission holds public hearings, issues Orders of Conditions permitting work, inspects the work in progress, and upon completion, issues Certificates of Compliance. The FCC is updating and strengthening the Town Bylaws to keep pace with the changing times and climate, and is taking measures to keep track electronically of enforcement orders. The FCC routinely undertakes enforcement activities when unauthorized activities are identified and cannot be resolved through more amicable means.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Simmons – Chairman
Daniel Doyle
Edward Dorschied
Geoffrey Haworth – Co-Chairman
Amy DeSalvatore
Wayne Fostin – Conservation Agent
Tracy White – Recording Secretary

CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The following schedule summarizes the operations for:

INCOME			
Balance on hand 01/01/17		54,337,600.38	
Town appropriation		2,946,801.00	
Housing Authority Appropriation		90,114.00	
Contributions from Members		1,110,191.46	
Contributions rec'd for military service		~	
Transfers from Other Systems		236,019.57	
Members Make-up payments		2,912.12	
Workers' Compensation Settlements		~	
Recovery of 91A Overearnings		~	
Investment Income		9,480,256.55	
Cola Received		38,534.11	
Reimbursement from other systems		92,073.78	
Federal Grant Reimbursements		28,173.13	
Interest not refunded		9,493.62	
			68,372,169.72
DISBURSEMENTS			
Pensions Paid		3,399,589.97	
Annuities Paid		677,634.49	
Refund to members		102,079.99	
Reimbursement to other systems		323,912.45	
Transfers to other systems		89,910.09	
Administrative Expense	400,159.58	4,993,286.57	
			63,378,883.15
BALANCES			
Cash		177,712.50	
Prit Fund		63,062,939.76	
Accounts Rec.		138,230.89	
		63,378,883.15	

COUNCIL ON AGING

MISSION
The mission of the Fairhaven Council on Aging is to advocate for quality of life for all seniors through education, supportive services and programs. Fairhaven seniors and their families are welcome to visit the Senior Center using it as a community resource where older adults can come together for services and explore numerous physical activities offered throughout the wellness program as well as activities offered for pure enjoyment.

The latest number of seniors in the Town of Fairhaven in 2017, 60 years and older, is estimated at 5,071 (161 more than 2016). Of those included, 1,801 unduplicated seniors received services assisting in promoting and maintaining a secure, safe and healthy quality of life (1,276 being women and 525 being men). In 2010, the senior population 60 years and older was 4,154. The projected census for 60 years and older in 2020 is 5,082 per calculation from the EOEA (Executive Office of Elder Affairs).

STAFFING
The Senior Center is staffed with a director (40 hours), a senior clerk (35 hours), a custodian (35 hours), two outreach workers (30 hours and 10 hours), a volunteer coordinator (19 hours), a receptionist (19 hours), and two van drivers (sharing approximately 20-24 hours per week) all of whom are paid either through town funding, federal or state funding or private grants.

The Supportive Social Day staff includes a program coordinator (35 hours) and an activity director (35 hours) both paid through Supportive Social Day Revenue. There are four paid activity aids. One activity aid (19 hours per week) is paid through the ARAW Grant, two Senior Aids (20 hours per week) are provided and paid by Coastline and one aid (12 hours per week) is paid through the Social Day revenue. The two van driver's share20 hours per week and are paid through the grant provided by the A.R.A W.

Approximately 80 dedicated volunteers provided approximately 20,713 hours of unpaid time in 2017 totaling a savings of approximately $207,130.00 to the town. Duties of the volunteers include assisting in the Supportive Social Day Program, SHINE, fuel assistance, tax preparation, office work, kitchen work (including Meals on Wheels), medical transportation, legal assistance, newsletter coordinating and delivery, assisting in events and activities and custodial help.

OUTREACH
The Outreach Worker are responsible for educating and informing seniors of resources available in the community to assist in keeping them safe in their own homes thus maintaining dignity and independence. SHINE (assistance with health insurance), Pace (fuel assistance), SNAP (food assistance), Senior Circuit Breaker Tax Credit, tax preparation, free cell phones, medical alert systems and referrals to local agencies and organization who provide assistance with help in the home are a few services provided by the outreach workers. Those in need of legal services are referred to community legal service agencies. Veterans are referred to the Town of Fairhaven's

veteran's agent as well as the D.A.V. in New Bedford. The outreach worker and COA director are mandated reporters assisting those seniors in crisis and reporting to the appropriate agencies any suspected elder abuse, neglect or financial exploitation.

TAX WORKOFF

Twenty financially qualifying Fairhaven seniors per year have the opportunity to receive a $500.00 deduction from their real estate taxes after volunteering 64.5 hours in various departments of the town such as the COA and Social Day Program, schools, shellfish dept and town hall offices. If interested, please call the COA and ask for Christine Alfonse to see if you qualify.

NUTRITION

Coastline, through Bateman Food Services, provides a hot meal in a congregate setting Monday through Friday at 11:30am for those seniors who enjoy getting out for lunch and socializing. A one day in advance request is required to reserve a meal and a $2.00 donation is suggested by Coastline. Approximately 70 meals a day are delivered to the community Monday through Friday through the Meals on Wheels Program. The kitchen staff is provided and paid by Coastline. Coastline also supports The Single Senior Supper Club which meets on the first and third Tuesday's of the month from 4:00pm-6:00pm and The South Coast LGBT (Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender) Senior's which meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month from 5:00pm-7:00pm, both considered congregate meals. A dietician from Community Nurse of Fairhaven is available once a month for consultation for anyone who is in need of dietary support. Coastline also provides the food for special events such as the Veterans Day Luncheon. In 2017, the Fairhaven COA hosted an Easter dinner on Easter Day, a Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving Day and a Mother's Day Tea on Mother's Day for those seniors who would otherwise be alone on these holidays. In collaboration with generous community groups, churches, businesses and organizations, several food baskets and turkeys were donated to seniors in need and grandparents raising grandchildren. The Fairhaven Council on Aging continues to participate in the Greater Boston Food Banks Commodity Supplemental Food Program providing supplemental food to low income seniors. As part of this program, qualifying seniors, 60 years old and older, receive two bags of non perishable food once a month to be picked up at the Fairhaven Senior Center. Approximately 40 seniors participate in this program. Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center and ask for Anne Silvia to determine if you qualify. Coastline, through a grant from Tuft's, provided four sessions of six week healthy cooking classes, lead by Coastlines dieticians, promoting improved dietary intake.

TRANSPORTATION

The Fairhaven Council on Aging has a fleet of three vans which include:

Van #3 2011 Ford E350	10 Passenger
Van #4 2008 Ford Star Bus	14 Passenger (Social Day Van)
Van #5 2012 Ford Starcraft	14 Passenger

2009 Ford Explorer (former police vehicle) used to transport seniors to medical appointments.

In 2017, the COA provided in town transportation (shopping, banking, etc.) to 380 unduplicated seniors and a total of 11,532 duplicated trips. A van is used to provide a mall trip every Wednesday as well as special outings in the surrounding communities. Occasionally, the vans are requested to be used for community events (road races, parades, fundraising events and special events in town). The vans are available in the event of emergency evacuation of housing, nursing home or assisted living residents. The Fairhaven COA received a medical transportation grant from the A.R.A W. to be used to transport ladies over the age of 70, who reside alone and are within a certain income (specified by grantee).The Ford Explorer is used for this purpose. Several volunteers spend countless hours transporting Fairhaven seniors to local medical appointments in the volunteers own vehicles.

In 2017, the Fairhaven COA was awarded a grant for $54,400 from MassDOT for a new 14 passenger van. The COA will match 20% totaling $13,600 from the Fairhaven COA Gift Account. The new van should be received in the spring of 2018.

HEALTH SERVICES

The Fairhaven COA continues to strive to provide the seniors of this town, and surrounding towns, with wellness programming and activities to enhance their mental and physical wellbeing. Services available to seniors by appointment in 2017 included a foot care specialist, a public dental hygienist, a dietician and a registered nurse. Physical activities include chair yoga, Zumba Gold, Osteo Class, Tai Chi, walking groups, bicycling/hiking group and Bocce. Informational support on health and wellbeing include Fit Quest Fairhaven, Care Givers Support Group, Bereavement Groups, flu clinics provided by Walgreens of Fairhaven and numerous in-services provided by local organizations and agencies regarding scams, fraud and overall safety issues. Cops and Donuts takes place quarterly, thanks to Fairhaven Detective Janis Bubluski, who provides the seniors with information to keep them safe while enjoying coffee and donuts. The Fairhaven COA distributes 1,900 newsletters throughout the town, and surrounding area, providing information about all the activities and events happening at the senior center.

SUPPORTIVE SOCIAL DAY PROGRAM

The Supportive Social Day Program provides seniors who are in need of minimal supervision related to cognitive or physical impairment with a day of socialization, recreational activities, music and dancing, arts and crafts, light breakfast, hearty lunch and afternoon snack. The program operates Monday through Friday from 8:30am-3:00pm. During 2017, the program serviced 48 unduplicated seniors and a total of 4,356 duplicated. Door to door transportation is provided. The program is self supporting, funded by those participants who pay privately and for those who qualify, grants from Coastline and other local agencies and Senior Care Option's. This

program is a cost effective alternative to nursing home placement and a means of respite and peace of mind for caregivers knowing that their loved one is in a safe and stimulating environment supervised by a loving and dedicated staff.
On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Fairhaven Council on Aging, this director wishes to express sincerest gratitude to the Friends of the Fairhaven Council on Aging, all of the dedicated staff and volunteers as well as all who have made generous donations throughout the year enabling the Fairhaven Council on Aging and Supportive Social Day Program with the ability to evolve and grow.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anne Silvia, Director
and
Board of Directors
Lindsay Gordon, Chairperson
Joan Mello, Vice Chairperson
Lee Allaire, Secretary
Francis Cox, Board Member
Al Borges, Board Member
Jack Oliveira, Board Member
Dotty Reid, Associate Board Member
Joseph Borelli, Associate Board Member
Elaine O'Neill, Associate Member

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Elaine O'Neill, Associate Board Member

CULTURAL COUNCIL

The function of the Fairhaven Cultural Council is to award grant funding to local individuals and programs that provide cultural opportunities and support the growth of the arts and humanities in our community. Grant monies are provided by the Massachusetts Cultural Council as well as the Town of Fairhaven.

From January to December 2017, the council funded 18 local cultural council grant projects totaling $8,636. For the 2017 grant cycle, the council received $2,500 from the Town of Fairhaven, and the remainder of the funds was provided by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

By recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Office of Tourism, the funds allocated by the Town are used to support projects which promote tourism. In 2017 those funds were awarded to the Whitfield-Manjiro Festival, The North Fairhaven Improvement Association, Roger Tincknell (for a program at the Fairhaven Council on Aging), the Fairhaven Lions Club, and the New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center. A complete list of projects funded in 2017 can be found online at the council's state sponsored web page: http://www.mass-culture.org/Fairhaven.

This council has maintained two online resources since 2011, a blog and a Facebook page, to keep the public informed of its work and local cultural events, and added a Twitter account in 2015. All online resources reflect the Town's social media policy guidelines.

The Council welcomed one new member this year:

- Bill Levasseur

Current members and officers include:

- Shawn Badgley
- Kristine Daniels (Secretary)
- Sharon Dorian
- Abigail Hevey (Chair)
- Jacqueline Kenworthy
- Bill Levasseur
- Michael Luey (Treasurer)
- Margaret McQuilkin
- Susan Sylvia

Respectfully Submitted,

Abigail Hevey, Chair
December 2017

MARINE RESOURCE DEPARTMENT
HARBORMASTER/SHELLFISH

I would like to start out by thanking all my Deputies for stepping up this past year. This year was a tough year where I was out on medical leave because of surgery to my shoulder.

The department is pleased to announce that during the summer of 2017 Fairhaven did not have any water related incidents resulting in major injuries.

Safety is one of the most important tasks we charge ourselves with each year. During the year we enforce safety regulations in regards to boat safety. We check to make sure boaters have all of the required safety equipment. If they don't we offer them an opportunity to get the required equipment. If they do not we terminate their voyage per MGL.

We have logged many hours on patrol to ensure proper operation of vessels and Personal Water Craft (Jet Ski). High speed and or unsafe operations are targeted especially near beaches.

This department also with the help of the Police Department had a Boating Under the Influence of Alcohol incident during the summer. This case has not gone to court as of the date this was written. However the partnership we have with our Police Department gives everyone the message that operation under the influence of a boat or PWC will not be tolerated in Fairhaven. All of this we believe contributes to the better safety record, we in Fairhaven, enjoyed last year.

We also work closely with the Fire Department with oil spills. We also work together on all boating incidents that happen in the bay. Together we are working with the Coast Guard and the DEP to come up with a clean Bilge Regulation for all commercial vessels docked in Fairhaven.

With help from the Planning Director, Bill Roth, we received a grant in the sum of $950,713.00 to continue the work down at Union Wharf. He also helped secure a grant in the sum of $78,000.00 to build a Public Safety Dock down on the North side of Union Wharf where the Harbormaster, Fire and Police will be able to dock our boats.

Your Shellfish Department had another great year Propagating 800 bushels of Quahogs into North Cove which will be opened in late May or June of 2018. Fairhaven's Senior Cove was opened to shellfishing this year with terrific results. Round Cove was opened after being closed for about 4 years. As many as 65 people were observed one day in the cove. The overall opinion was it was great fishing.

Jack Cove was opened after it was successfully planted with money coming from the Bouchard Oil Spill. The upweller had another successful season with the seed paid for from the Bouchard Oil Spill money.

The Department looks forward to the coming year and working together with other Town Departments, neighboring Towns and the Boating Community in making our water safe and enjoyable for everyone.

2017 Shellfish Permits:

Resident:	450	Commercial:	9
Senior:	568	Dredge Boat:	1
Non Resident:	22		

Respectfully submitted by,
Captain Timothy Cox, Harbormaster / Shellfish Warden

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

As always we start the year off on January 1st at Fort Phoenix for the annual Polar Plunge, providing assistance to other town public safety departments. We supported the annual Father's Day Road Race again this year with help from Acushnet, New Bedford, and Dartmouth EMA's. Our thanks go out to our fellow Emergency Management Agency's for their assistance with this major town event every year. We want to thank the Road Race Committee for their generous donation. We are now working three road races per year. We also assisted civic organizations again this year with numerous events throughout the year providing our portable public address system and traffic control. Also assisting the "call firefighters" with their annual Firefighter's Muster. We responded to numerous water main breaks and downed trees providing lighting for the safety of other town employees of our water and tree departments. Responded to several working fires and lost boaters calls in 2017 offering our assistance to the Fairhaven Fire Department, Police Department and the Natural Resources with our mobile communications truck.

The winter of 2017 was not as bad as some other years; we had few good size storms. As usual, our volunteers started by checking all of our equipment and moving our radio and phone equipment to the fire station for the EOC. We try to move the equipment before the storms hit in case the "emergency operation center" at the fire station is needed. We do keep in contact with all town departments and with Massachusetts Emergency Management via radio or cell phone operating out of our office for the duration of the storm or if we do open the EOC. Speaking of storms, we were on track to get hit by hurricane this past summer, and as usual, we started monitoring the storm about 60 hours prior to impact. Collecting data from the National Weather Service and Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, we kept in touch the Board of Selectmen and all the public safety departments passing on the information we acquired. We were very fortunate that the hurricane turned away from us. Unfortunately, sooner or later we will get a major hurricane.

We received a grant from Massachusetts Emergency Management again in 2017. With these grants we continue to purchase some equipment to help us to help you. The grants are not much money but every little bit helps. As stated in the past, our trucks are very old and tired and in need of replacing. We really need to address this as soon as possible; we are constantly repairing these vehicles. Most are from the middle 1990's and one is from 1989.

As always, we look forward to providing services to the town residents, town departments and numerous civic groups in town, and providing assistance our neighboring emergency management agencies and Massachusetts Emergency Management.

We want to thank the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee for their continued support. Thank the Police Department, Fire Department and the Board of Public Works for their assistance this past year.

Respectfully,
Marc Jodoin
Director

DEPARTMENT OF FINE ARTS AND HISTORICAL ARCHIVES

With the disbanding of the Colonial club, the Colonial Dames auctioned away a lifetime of Fairhaven History. The art curator purchased E.T. Delano art for a collection for the Town of Fairhaven. We now have a collection of E.T. Delano Paintings, the first woman artist from Fairhaven. He donated two large photos of her parents, taken from the original oil paintings, mounted in a Rogers School frame. Also donated were three photos of her homes and a picture of the artist. Purchased by the art curator from the Colonial Club a very large painting of chrysanthemums. It measures five feet wide by 33 inches.

Also, donated is an oil painting of her mother sitting in a chair, the painting is completely restored.

Another oil painting of her mother donated but unsigned has been restored and placed in a proper frame.

Included in the collection is a restored charcoal portrait of Frederic Adrian Delano, along with forty feet of frieze that came from her home at 91 Pleasant Street.

The Elizabeth T. Delano collection is in her honor and donated by the art curator in perpetuity.

Respectfully yours,
Albert F. Benac
Art Curator

FAIRHAVEN FIRE & EMS DEPARTMENT

The Fairhaven Fire & EMS department responded to 3384 requests for emergency assistance in 2017.

The department has struggled this past year on what we are describing as a transitional year. In addition to a resignation and an unexpected retirement, this department has had had several long term injuries and or illnesses which have left us short staffed for most of 2017. One of these was the retirement of FF James Rocha. Firefighter/EMT Rocha retired in October 2017 just short of 24 years of service with the Town of Fairhaven. Mr. Rocha is the son of retired Town Clerk Elaine Rocha. Mr. Rocha retired honorably and served this department with steadfast dedication and commitment. We would like to wish Jim a happy and healthy retirement.

In addition, to James Rocha's retirement, two other employees have left the department in 2017. One employee resigned from active service and another requested a transfer to Stoughton Fire Department. This left two vacancies to be filled in addition to the new staff position added in July of 2017.

With respect to the vacancies, we are proud to announce the hiring of 3 new Firefighter/Paramedics, Kathleen "Maggie" Rocha, Timothy DesRoches, and Mark Mattessich. Maggie Rocha was hired in April 2017 to replace Kevin Gonsalves who transferred to Stoughton Fire Department. She has been a call firefighter on our call department since 2005 and was a full time emergency dispatcher in the Town of Dartmouth. She recently graduated from the Massachusetts Fire Academy in October 2017 and she has been assigned to Shift. Timothy DesRoches was hired in Aug 2017 to be the additional day personnel that was appropriated in the FY18 budget. As of this writing FF DesRoches is currently at the Massachusetts Fire Academy and scheduled to graduate in February of 2018. He will be immediately transferred to a shift pending his graduation to fill one of the shift vacancies. Mark Mattessich was hired in December 2017. He is replacing one of our former employees who resigned in August 2017 and is schedule to attend the Massachusetts Fire Academy in May 2018. We still had one vacancy at the end of 2017 and are in the process to fill it in early 2018. Concurrent with the vacancies, we have had one of our veteran firefighters out on extended sick leave.

This department has relied heavily on the Fairhaven Call Firefighters in the past as a source of supplemental manpower. However over the past decade we have seen a decline in availability and an interest in being a call firefighter. This pattern is consistent with our regional partners and across Massachusetts.As we look forward into the future we will be working closely with the Town Administrator and the Board of Selectmen to find solutions to our personnel staffing levels to ensure we can adequately serve the citizens in an effective manner.

EQUIPMENT

We extend our appreciation to the citizens of Fairhaven for funding our newest apparatus. The new Medic 1 is a 2017 FORD F550 Horton Class 1 ambulance and is scheduled for delivery in January 2018. This ambulance is completely outfitted with the latest equipment and technology to allow our paramedics to correctly diagnose and treat our patients. We have taken pride over the past 15 years on being able to give our paramedics the best equipment in order to serve the needs of the Town.

New Ladder 1 has been ordered and is scheduled for delivery in the fall of 2018. The new vehicle is an E-One 110ft aerial which is being manufactured in Florida. This unit will have a built-in water way that will capable of flowing 1500 gallons of water per minute, a 15KW generator, and a Cascade System which will allow us to fill air tanks on the fire ground. The truck was designed by the apparatus study committee which is comprised of the Administration, Citizens, and firefighters representing the Permanent and Call Departments

With the acquisition of the new ambulance and the new ladder truck, the department is planning on retiring three pieces of equipment. Medic 3 is a 2002 Road Rescue, this will be traded in as part of the new vehicle purchase agreement. Ladder 1 and Rescue 1 are being consolidated into the new Ladder 1. This consolidation will decrease repair costs and eliminate the need to replace the Rescue truck which is currently 22 years old. We will be working with the Town Administrator in 2018 to auction or sell these vehicles to other departments.

Engine 2 is now 33 years old and will need to be replaced soon. However our infrastructure will need to be upgraded in order to able to house this new piece of equipment. Currently Station 2 is not large enough to house a modern piece of equipment and our Fire Headquarters is maxed out on space. We are working with the Town Administrator and architects to outline a plan for the future.

In 2018 we have placed a request in for ballistic protection for our paramedics. Recent increases to domestic and international terrorism incidents and changes to how firefighters and paramedics are perceived by these individuals, have forced us to make changes on how we will respond to future violence related issues. Assaults on paramedics in the back of the ambulance are on the rise and this follows a trend nationwide. It is imperative that we provide our firefighter/paramedics with additional ballistic and knife protection for the future.

EMS DIVISION

Our EMS Division continues to be one of the finest in Massachusetts. Our paramedics and EMT's treat about 2500 patients annually. They are constantly training and working under our Medical Director, Dr. Matthew Bivens. Dr. Bivens is employed by Beth Israel Deaconess and is subcontracted by St. Luke's Hospital. He is board certified in Emergency Medicine and Medical Direction for EMS Services. He was just recently awarded the Southcoast Man of the Year for his leadership role in EMS. He has been the driving force for two Massachusetts protocol changes. Each of these protocols allowed us to carry two additional medications. One is Tranexamic Acid (TXA) which is used for trauma patients, and non-narcotic pain relievers like Advil and Tylenol are now carried on the ambulance. Both of these changes will allow us to better treat our patients with non-narcotic pain relievers and also minimize internal bleeding by the addition of TXA.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The fire department has seen a reduction in major fires this year. As this does come about every once in a while, we hope that our aggressive fire prevention efforts are taking root. We perform several hundred inspections annually which are designed to ensure all buildings are in code compliance and that all the sprinklers and fire alarms are in working order. We applaud all of our commercial and industrial businesses in town in quickly

repairing or replacing equipment and dealing with any fire code violations.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN
We are proud to take a leadership role alongside the Emergency Management Agency on developing the new town wide Emergency Preparedness Plan (EPP). This plan evolved from the old Hurricane Plan to incorporate a systematic and coordinated response to all disasters whether manmade or natural. We will continue to work with our partners to continue to update and increase its capacity for future issues.

OPIOID/ADDICTION TASK FORCES
The Fairhaven Fire & EMS Department responds daily to issues of OPIOID and other addictive substances. As we as a society try to control and deal with this outbreak, we currently are working with our local and regional partners and the Fairhaven Police Department to provide alternatives to treatment and issues that are associated with this crisis. Our ability to offer patients a non-narcotic pain reliever is a step in the right direction. We are in support of our police department who is taking an active role in creating options for individuals who may be found under the influence of an addictive substance. We look forward to supporting their cause and we applaud their efforts.

SOCIAL MEDIA
In 2017 we have been working with the new Information/Technology (IT) Department on developing a new website. We hope to have this online in early 2018. We intend to bring a more transparent department in the future and begin to offer online permitting and application processes. In addition we will be providing up to date in formation regarding any natural or manmade disasters that are occurring in our community.

I would like to thank the other town departments and boards for working with us this past year and look forward to working alongside them again in 2018.

Here is a list of Fairhaven Fire & EMS Department Activities in 2017

Situation Description	Totals
Building fire	10
Fires in structures other than in a building	2
Cooking fire, confined to container	4
Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	2
Passenger vehicle fire	7
Natural vegetation fire, other	6
Brush, or brush and grass mixture fire	2
Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	1
Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	3
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheat other	1
Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	2

Rescue, emergency medical call (EMS) call, other	5
Medical assist, assist EMS crew	39
Emergency medical service incident, other	22
EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	2409
Vehicle accident with injuries	136
Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)	2
Lock-in	2
Search for person in water	2
Extrication, rescue, other	2
Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	1
Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	2
Water & ice related rescue, other	1
Swimming/recreational water areas rescue	1
Watercraft rescue	10
Rescue or EMS standby	11
Hazardous condition - other	16
Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	15
Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	28
Oil or other combustible liquid spill	27
Chemical hazard (no spill or leak)	1
Chemical spill or leak	2
Carbon monoxide incident	7
Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	7
Light ballast breakdown	2
Power Line Down	5
Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	9
Biological Hazardous, confirmed or suspected	1
Accident, potential accident, other	2
Building or structure weakened or collapsed	3
Vehicle accident, general cleanup	26
Attempted burning, illegal action, other	1
Service call, other	3
Person in distress, other	3
Lock-out	11
Water problem, other	5
Water evacuation	7

Water or steam leak	7
Smoke or odor removal	9
Animal rescue	2
Public service assistance, other	11
Assist police or other governmental agency	6
Police Matter	2
Public service	9
Assist invalid	4
Unauthorized burning	34
Cover assignment, standby, move up	10
Good intent call, other	37
Dispatched & cancelled en route	38
Authorized controlled burning	12
Vicinity alarm (incident in other location)	2
Smoke scare, odor of smoke	8
Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke	2
Hazmat release investigation w/no hazmat	16
False alarm or false call, other	30
Municipal alarm system, malicious false alarm	3
System malfunction, other	21
Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	11
Extinguishing system activation due to malfunction	1
Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	47
Heat detector activation due to malfunction	1
Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	18
CO detector activation due to malfunction	13
Unintentional transmission of alarm	13
Sprinkler activation, no fire - unintentional	3
Extinguishing system activation	1
Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	60
Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	27
Alarm system sounded, no fire - unintentional	25
Carbon monoxide detector activation no CO	29
Special type of incident, other	2
Citizen complaint	4

Total Runs	**3384**

The Fairhaven Fire Department also provided many non-emergency additional services as listed.

Car Seat Installation	37
Complaint Investigation	4
Fire Alarm Acceptance Test	4
Hurricane dike inspection	1
Juvenile Fire Intervention Program	7
L.P. gas tank inspections	44
Nursing home inspections	16
Oil burner inspections	25
Public building inspections	360
Public Education- SAFE Program	31
Reinspection of Commercial/Industrial	34
School building inspections	10
School drills	20
Smoke detector inspections	287
Smoke/CO Insp. (Collins Challenge)	4
Sprinkler Acceptance Test	5
Tank Truck Inspection	6
Town AED Maintenance	5
Underground tank removal/installation	1
Total service runs for 2017	868
In-service training	2552 hrs
EMS training	4962 hrs

Fire Department Fees / Donations Collected

Type of Fee	Amount Collected
Above Ground Tank Removal	$210.00
Ammunition Storage License	$30.00
Annual Radio Box Fee	$17,400.00
Bonfire Permits	$300.00
Copy of Fire Report	$140.00
Copy of PCR Report	$400.00

Fire Alarm Installation/Upgrade		$90.00
Fire Alarm Installation/Upgrade – Commercial		$200.00
Flammable Liquids, Solids & Gases		$1,380
Fuel Dispensing Permit		$120.00
Hazardous Materials Storage		$60.00
Initial Radio Box Tie In – Permit previously obtained		$150.00
Initial Radio Box Tie In		$200.00
Inn/ Hotel Inspections		$700.00
Install / Alter Oil Burner Equipment		$840.00
Installation/Removal of Underground Tanks		$50.00
LP Gas Storage Permit		$1,740.00
Smoke Detector Inspections		$8,520.00
Sprinkler Permit		$210.00
Subpoena of Records		$16.00
Tank Truck & Transfer Tank Inspection		$180.00
Tire Storage Permit		$60.00
Unvented Fireplace Permit		$30.00
Waste Oil Permit & Burner		$660.00
Welding / Cutting Storage Permit		$840.00
	Sub Total	$33,986.00
Gift Donation		$2,350.00
Ambulance Gift Donation		$1,600.00
Small Claims – Ambulance Bill Collections		$8,182.28
GRAND TOTAL		**$46,118.28**

Respectfully Submitted

Timothy P. Francis – Chief of Department

Todd M. Correia – Deputy Chief
Kristine Austin – Executive Assistant

FIRE ALARM DEPARTMENT

The Fire Alarm Department experienced a very busy year in 2017 by the way of maintaining the town's radio boxes system. Also we will continue our inspection program of the newly installed radio boxes system, so that the wireless system stays up to current N.F.P.A. standards.

There was one new radio box tied into the system in 2017
Tractor Supply - 5 Plaza Way

As the growth of the town continues, we can expect a further expansion of the town's network. In addition, the Fire Alarm Division was happy to assist various groups and organization in the town, by way of assistance in lighting, placement of decorations, flag pole details, etc.

In closing, Chief Tim Francis and I would like to thank all other departments who have cooperated throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted
Lt. Robert Lincoln

FAIRHAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Fairhaven Public School District exists for its children. Over a decade ago we developed a strategic plan to provide opportunities for all children to become independent, productive, and successful. Our plan for district improvement was to concentrate on finding the right people and to provide a school culture that would ensure high-level learning for all students in a safe and supportive school environment. An initiative to attract the right people with the proper mindset to our district began with the adage to "Become a Part of our Team" and to "Choose Fairhaven." We concluded this written mission with the term that "the status quo was not an option."

We have clear evidence that supports that this journey has produced significant results. Student enrollment figures are declining throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and in the Southcoast region. This is not the case for the Fairhaven Public School District. A five-year trend shows our district's enrollment growing from one thousand nine hundred and eighty (1,980) students in 2013, to two thousand and twenty-four (2024) students in 2017.

Parents of school aged children and future school aged children have openly stated that they have chosen to live in Fairhaven due in large part to the school system. There is factual evidence that home values are on the rise in Fairhaven. Local realtors openly state that homes in the Town of Fairhaven are selling very quickly after hitting the market. A recent Fairhaven Economic Development Plan Progress Report conducted by FXM Associates on November 16, 2017 proclaimed that, a clear strength of the town is its excellent school system.

The best and brightest in new faculty and staff have chosen to teach in Fairhaven. This spring one hundred and one (101) applicants formally submitted an application for one teaching position at the secondary level. In the spring of 2017, we were informed by the Standard Times that we were nominated as the Best of the Best Workplaces in the Southcoast region voted by the people of the Southcoast.

The district's elementary program is highly functioning. There exists an educationally sound, programmatically effective, and fiscally responsible elementary program that is conducted within two state of the art facilities. All elementary school students are provided with a highly effective teacher that delivers instruction within an optimal class size setting. Each grade level is positioned back door to back door. This allows for team teaching, differentiated instruction, and seamless transitions of students. All Primary Grade Level Classrooms (PreK-2) and Intermediate Grade Level Classrooms (3 – 5) are located within the same floor. This structure allows for an efficiency of effort in order to provide services to all children. The time needed for our teachers to collaborate and have collegial discourse is provided to assure effective coordination between and among all grade level teachers within the school.

A palpable culture of excellence now permeates the Elizabeth Hastings Middle School. School enrollment has increased over 10% in the past two years. There is a clear focus on high academic achievement for students and highly effective instructional practice for educators. This climate of high expectations for all is sensitive to the social and emotional needs of our middle school aged students. Anyone who has experienced a concert,

open house, awards ceremony, or event at EHMS openly discusses the aforementioned qualities of excellence that it exudes. Over the past number of years, the building has been structurally upgraded. Roofs, windows, ceilings, floors, and lockers have been repaired or replaced. This past year, the building was painted to provide a more positive atmosphere that is aesthetically in alignment with our new elementary buildings. Please go to Youtube.com and search for EHMS Promotional Video to see first hand the pride and momentum that exists at the Elizabeth Hastings Middle School.

There is a clear correlation between strong academic programming, co-curricular opportunities and the decisions parents and students make when deciding on their child's education. In the fall of 2017, the largest freshman class in decades entered Fairhaven High School. One hundred and one (101) students out of a total of one hundred and fifty one (151) students chose Fairhaven High School from the Elizabeth Hastings Middle School (67%). Eighty-one (81) students out of a total of one-hundred and fourteen (114) students chose Fairhaven High School (FHS) from the Ford Middle School in Acushnet (71%). In 2007, the total number of Fairhaven students attending Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School (GNBRVTHS) was two hundred and fifty four (254). In the fall of 2017, the total number of Fairhaven students enrolled at GNBRVTHS was one hundred and eighty (180). It is obvious that something special is happening at FHS!

A record total of students have been inducted into the National Honor Society at Fairhaven High School. We have increased student participation, while increasing student achievement results in the prestigious Advanced Placement Program. We have received national recognition from the College Board. Recently, Fairhaven High was shortlisted for inclusion in Newsweek's ranking of America's Best High Schools. As we matriculate to a new statewide assessment and accountability system, Fairhaven High School will move to the next chapter of state assessment with the distinction of being named a Level One School for three consecutive years!

The message regarding high school accreditation has never been clearer! The Committee on Public Secondary Schools voted to award the continued accreditation in the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. The Committee was impressed with many programs and services and commended twenty-three different areas in its letter. One of those commendations was, "the exceptionally respectful and safe environment within the school community."

To epitomize our culture in a two-minute video production, please go to Youtube.com and search for Fairhaven High School: Excellence. This video was published on January 15, 2016. The Fairhaven High School Media Production class produced it. It was written and produced by Acushnet resident and Class of 2016 Fairhaven High School graduate Bethany Fernandes. The Media Production program is one of many components that are highlighted on www.FHSArt.net. This past year Fairhaven High School began a chapter of the National Art Honor Society. Most recently, our faculty in the Arts, Graphic Design, Coding, Media Production, and Computer Aided Design (CAD) presented at the MASSCue conference at Gillette Stadium in October 2017. The Media Production program recently produced its 10th National High School Emmy Award!

We have clear evidence that we are modeling behaviors that, promote a positive, respectful, and inclusive culture that ensures equity and honors diversity; provide a socially and emotionally safe and supportive learning environment for all students and staff; and to ensure that the school community's professional culture demonstrates a commitment to continuous improvement through the use of research, collaborative learning, innovation, and reflection.

On February 13–16, 2017 a Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) Comprehensive District Review Audit of the Fairhaven Public School District were conducted. Evidence from the Leadership and Governance portion District Review Report speaks to this transition in Leadership and Operations. Below is the verbatim language from this report as it pertains to our culture.

The district is in transition at several levels. Leaders are emphasizing the idea that all district students can learn at high levels and are allocating more financial resources to support teaching and learning for all students. At the school level, leaders are focusing on school culture and students' social-emotional development as well as tending to effective teaching and learning to improve academic outcomes for all students.

A key strategy of change in the district is to attract, develop, and retain effective school leaders who foster teacher leadership, staff involvement, and a commitment to improving teaching and learning. The superintendent continues to increase the coherence among schools, using planning processes and central-office reorganization to transform the organization from a district of individual schools into a unified school district. The central office is redirecting funds and re-allocating job tasks to create a position of assistant superintendent to focus on improving teaching and learning in all schools.
The superintendent, school committee, administrative council leaders, and school staff members model and promote a culture of collaboration and joint responsibility for student learning in the district and the broader community.
A. As they carry out their responsibilities, the superintendent and school committee members model collaboration for district and community stakeholders.

1. Interviews and a review of videos of school committee meetings indicated that the superintendent and school committee members have a collaborative working relationship.
2. Describing their relationships, the superintendent and school committee members cited trust and positive and open communications; consistently following a chain of command for addressing issues; and clear roles for policy (the school committee) and administration (the superintendent).

B. The superintendent delegates educational and operational leadership to principals and program leaders.

1. Principals told the team that the superintendent delegates to them decisions in major management areas such as planning, hiring, school budgeting, and discipline. Principals stated: "We have our hand in everything [in our schools]."
2. Using a team approach, the administrative council (the superintendent,

four principals, the director of student support, and the director of technology and finance) meets bi-weekly to plan, coordinate, and evaluate educational programs and day-to-day management of the schools.

C. At the school level, teachers and support staff have several formal, scheduled activities and voluntary options for collaborating on developing and improving their schools' instructional and social-emotional strategies. These activities provide opportunities for teacher leaders.

1. Examples of scheduled team-based activities include: Collaborative Planning Time at the elementary level; B Days and D Days meetings at the middle school; and a Professional Learning Community (PLC) at the high school.
2. Examples of voluntary team-based activities include: hiring committees; the school council; the middle school academic advisory council; the instructional leadership team; the instructional rounds team; summer curriculum teams; the social-emotional learning team; and elementary-school teams for ELA, math, and science.
3. In addition to participating in teams, teachers work in teacher-leader positions such as: high school supervisor, teacher coach, mentor, and club advisor.

D. School district personnel have increased collaboration with their colleagues in town government. The superintendent, school committee members, and town officials said that they welcomed the positive working relationships between the school department and the town administration.

E. The district's highly collaborative culture promotes a collective responsibility for fostering students' academic performance and personal well-being.

1. Interviews with staff, parents, and students highlighted the district's positive "can-do" spirit. This was aptly described by a teacher who stated that although Fairhaven is a small town and does not have the resources of neighboring cities "We will achieve great things."
2. The close working relationships between school support staff, parents, teachers, community agencies, and students represents how district staff share responsibility for teaching and learning.
    a. School support staff said that they were always looking at how to can get students where they needed to be, for example, by re-aligning schedules by cross-teaming, and by going out of their way to help students.
    a. Support staff noted that the district's many student-support activities communicate to students "subtle messages about people not giving up on you."
    a. Counselors maintain intervention logs which detail the collaborative supports that district staff and agency professionals have provided students over time.
3. An example of the district's strong belief in and practice of shared responsibility is the scholarship fund that the Fairhaven Education Association has established. Teachers' association members have contributed a total of $5,000 for college scholarships for graduating

Fairhaven High School seniors.

C. Parents expressed the view that district staff—principals, teachers and support staff—have reached out to them to partner in their children's educational experiences. Parents indicated that district teachers have gone of their way to support their children by tutoring, by identifying online resources in ELA and math that parents and students could review at home, and by providing many social-emotional supports and interventions.

D. High-school students expressed appreciation for the dedicated support that their teachers have provided to them and their classmates. High-school students said that their teachers were friendly and encouraged them to do the best that they can do. Furthermore, their teachers provided special attention for selecting courses and extra tutoring help before school.

Impact: By promoting a shared responsibility for teaching and learning in the district, district staff, town officials, community agencies, and parents likely increase staff morale, public confidence in the school district, and ultimately students' achievement.

We had the trust and confidence that the retention and recruitment of a faculty and staff that matched our district's mindset would produce our intended results. Creating a socially and emotionally safe and supportive learning environment for all students and staff, and a professional culture that demonstrates a commitment to continuous improvement would allow our faculty and students to flourish. Students, parents, faculty, and administrators have chosen to become a part of our team and are "Choosing Fairhaven."

Resting on our laurels and these significant accomplishments could be a comfortable alternative. With our people and culture in place, it is time to attack the initiatives that will make our district even better. It is time to act with the same conviction and sense of purpose that has served us so well in our most recent journey. We began our past plan for district improvement over a decade ago by proclaiming that, "the status quo was not an option." As we begin a new mission to district improvement, let us begin again by proclaiming, "Resting on past accomplishments is not an option!"

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Baldwin Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools
Fairhaven Public Schools

BOARD OF HEALTH

Routine and complaint based inspections for code compliance, which occupied the bulk of the inspectors' time, were performed for food establishments, housing, lead paint, lodging houses, general nuisances, septic systems, demolition, animal complaints, pools, marinas, wells and rodent complaints. The spring animal rabies clinics were held at the two local veterinary hospitals and the well-attended clinics were supported in part by the Board of Health. During the summer, weekly bathing beach water samples were collected and water quality were in compliance. There were no beach closures due to poor water quality. Through the summer season, we were involved with mosquito and tick borne diseases that are now routine to our south coast region: West Nile Virus, Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and Lyme disease. Prevention through education and personal diligence around mosquitos and ticks are fundamental. Also, weekly blood pressure clinics were provided at the Town Hall, Council on Aging and Senior Housing Units, as well as educational workshops at Senior Housing. With the help of Walgreens and CVS, we conducted two flu clinics attended by town employees. The town recognized a growing national Opioid epidemic which encompassed numerous departments in Fairhaven. We met and formed a town task force whose focus was on opioid addictions and intervention efforts both regionally and locally. We joined the Greater New Bedford Regional Task Force, Fresh Start and Community Crisis Intervention Team. We formed an ad-hoc committee to review the new Recreational Marijuana Law and its impact and implementation locally. We conducted Emergency Preparedness drills and attended regional emergence preparedness meetings and trainings. The Board and staff anticipate many changes in 2018 with newly amended State regulations for the Food Code, Housing and Recreational Camps and Swimming Pools. Finally, the Board withstood several departmental changes in regards to staffing. The Board welcomed Mary Freire-Kellogg, first as part-time Health Inspector from May to August after the resignation of Thomas Hemingway, then as Health Agent in mid-August after the retirement of Patricia B. Fowle, former Health Agent. The Board appreciated the work performed by Paula Medeiros and wished her well in her new position. The Board welcomed Amanda L. Blais as their new full-time Administrative Assistant and Kathrine A. Leaver as their temporary Health Inspector. The Board wished Patricia B. Fowle well in her retirement after serving the Town of Fairhaven for 36 years.

The following permits were issued in the year 2017:

FOOD		SEPTIC	
Food Establishment	108	Percolation Test	7
Temporary Food Establishments	126	Septic Systems Installation	10
Seasonal/Mobile Food	5	Title V Inspections	14
Bakery	3	Septic Installer	6
Catering	2	Offal Hauler	11
Frozen Dessert	3	Demolition/Rodent	10
Closed Establishments	5	Well	2
Tobacco Sales	18	Motel/Inn	3
Funeral Director	9	Semi-Public Pool	2
Marina	6	Private Swimming Pool	19

COMPLAINTS

Food	7
Housing complaints	13
Animal	2
Misc	30
Human Trafficking	1

Respectfully submitted,
Peter DeTerra, Board Chairman
Jeannine L. Lopes, Board Vice-Chairman
Lindsay Gordon, Board Member
Mary Freire-Kellogg, Health Agent
Amanda L. Blais, Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary
Kathrine A. Leaver, Temporary Health Inspector
Patricia B. Fowle, Health Agent-Retired August 2017
Paula Medeiros, Part-time Administrative Assistant-Resigned September 2017
Thomas Hemingway, Food Administrator-Resigned May 2017

HIGHWAY DIVISION

During the year 2017, the Highway Department has been very busy reconstructing streets, laying drainage lines, cleaning drainage ditches, repairing manholes and catch basins, cold mix patching, grading dirt streets, repairing sidewalks, removing tree stumps, repairing and replacing street signs, grass and brush cutting, street sweeping, sanding and snow plowing, being the majority of our work.

The Street Reconstruction Program included the following streets:

Binder Course Only:
Harding Road – Alden Road to Main Street
Union Street – Green Street to William Street
Welcome Street – Rte 6 Southerly to the end
Capeview Street – Sunrise Court Westerly to existing pavement

Top Course Only:
Akin Street – Dartmouth Street to Route 6
Elm Avenue – Green Street to Adams Street

The following street was resurfaced with an overlay:
Long Road – Adams Street to Gardner Street

The above streets had work done to sidewalks, curbing and drainage as needed.

Potholes remain a problem and are patched as needed. A total of 2 catch basins were rebuilt throughout the town. Crack sealing was performed on various streets throughout the Town. Street sign vandalism continues with over 177 signs being replaced or repaired. During our snow removal and sanding operations we used 578 tons of sand and 306 tons of salt. The Highway Department continues to operate the Recycle Center, Leaf and Brush Compost area.

I would like to thank the personnel of the Highway Department for their cooperation and a job well done.

Respectfully Submitted,

John M. Charbonneau
Highway Superintendent

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Fairhaven Historical Commission continued to fulfil its duties in the year 2017 by maintaining the Town's historical properties.

The Academy building, which serves as the Office of Tourism, is slated for an upgrade to its main entrance as well as adding new handicapped access and a ramp out the rear of the building. The project is in the design phase and will go out to bid in early 2018. This project is being funded under a grant through Community Preservation funds.

The Old Stone School house on North St. awaits roof repairs in the coming months.

The Spring Street Firehouse continued with renovation projects including window repairs and is ready for interior painting. Once the painting is done the second floor will be ready for displays to be set up.

Fort Phoenix continues to be a work in progress. The parapet repair project is in the bidding process but is taking an extended period of time. Making sure that the scope of work is clear and that the bidders understand the details required to properly complete the job. In particular the powder bunker needs more detailed work and waterproofing to help protect the integrity of the interior as well as the appearance of the exterior. This work will hopefully resume in the spring of 2018.

The Commission wishes to thank two long time members:
Ms. Debra Charpentier
Mr. David Despres

For their dedicated service to the Town of Fairhaven and in particular to the Fairhaven Historical Commission to which they both served as members. We wish them well.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Oliveira – Chairman
Gary Lavalette – Vice Chairman
Gail Isaksen
Cynthia Mcnaughten
Vicki Paquette
Dorothy Gammons
Anne O'Brien
Daniel Freitas – Selectmen Liason

HOUSING AUTHORITY

The current Board of Commissioners of the Fairhaven Housing Authority are:

Chairman – Jay S. Simmons, 14 Oxford Street – Term Expires 4/2022
Vice Chairman - Governor's/State Appointee – Jean Rousseau, 42 Linden Ave.
Term Expires 10/2018
Treasurer - Anne D. Silveira, 621 Dana Farms – Term Expires 4/2019
Assistant Treasurer – Gregory Tutcik, 180 Adams St. – Term Expires 4/2018
Commissioner – John Farrell /Vacancy Appointment– Taber St. Term Expires 4/2018

The Fairhaven Housing Authority holds its regular meeting on the third Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m. The Election of Officers is conducted at the Authority's annual meeting in May.

Presently, the Fairhaven Housing Authority is administering two-hundred- seventy eight (278) one bedroom units of elderly, disabled and handicap housing and six (6) units of family and handicap housing.

The FHA Developments are:

667-1	Green Meadows 1-40 McGann Terrace	40	Units	Completed in 1966
667-2	Green Meadows 100 McGann Terrace	52	Units	Completed in 1971
667-3	Oxford Terrace 275 Main Street	107	Units	Completed in 1976
667-4	Dana Court 180 Adams Street	55	Units	Completed in 1982
667-5	Anthony Haven 227 Main Street	24	Units	Completed in 1989
705-1	Family Housing 32-42 Ash Street	6	Units	Completed in 1989

Eligibility requirements for our elderly, disabled and handicapped housing are a minimum age of 60, except for disabled or handicapped applicants. The size of the household determines the income limits. The revised income limits issued in August of 2016 for a one (1) person household is $33,000 and for a two (2) person household is $37,700. There is no limit on assets, interest earned on an asset is considered income and included as such when considering the overall income limit.

Our Family Housing consists of three (3) duplexes, where there are five (5) three bedroom units and one (1) two bedroom wheel chair accessible handicap unit. The size of the household would determine the number of bedrooms and the income limits. The maximum income for a two (2) person household is $37,700, for three (3) $42,400, for four (4) $47,100, for five (5) $50,900 and six (6) $54,650. The same asset guideline as stated above applies.

The Fairhaven Housing Authority is regulated and receives limited annual modernization funding through the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). The Authority does not receive any funding through the budget of the Town of Fairhaven.

The Authority has made limited progress developing the vacant land adjacent to Oxford Terrace, purchased with CPC funds in 2010, into family housing, The Authority continues to look for a funding vehicle that will provide long term subsidy to the development.

The Authority, thanks to the cooperation of Bill Roth, Town Planner and the Town of Fairhaven, was the very fortunate recipient of a Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The CDB grant allowed us to completely re-pave the entire roadway, parking lot and walkways/sidewalks at Oxford Terrace. The project was completed over the summer of 2017 and it gave the property a beautiful update with fresh paving, new lights, benches and more parking spots. The work was completed by low bidder, Robert B. Our Co. of Harwich. The CDB grant was for $439,000. , the Authority provided some additional funding to enable 100% of the project as designed, to be completed. The CDB grant allowed us to use State and Authority funds towards other major building modernization projects.

The Authority was also able to take advantage of a leased roof top solar system at Oxford Terrace that was installed over the summer of 2017 by SOLECT and is fully operational. The system is expected to generate kilowatts that will be directly applied to the electricity invoice for Oxford Terrace and save the Authority considerable funds over the 20+ year life expectancy of the system. We are also taking advantage of Net Metering credits generated by a solar farm that will generate savings for the Authority as a whole. The Board of the Authority is quite happy to see the savings for the Authority, as well as, reducing our carbon footprint on the environment. These are both tremendous opportunities that will considerably help the Authority and that we were very happy to take advantage of.

During the past year, we have had twenty three (23) vacancies at our elderly, handicapped, disabled housing and none at our family housing.

The staff of the Authority, after retirements at the end of 2016, was able to fill two office positions. We would like to formally welcome Diane Rocha as our new Resident Service Coordinator who started in January 2017 and KimMarie McArdell as our new Bookkeeper/Admin who has been with us since February 2017. Both women came to us with direct housing authority experience and have been valuable additions to our office. The current staff consists of seven full time employees. the Executive Director, Krisanne Sheedy, Administrative Assistant Jo-Ann Turgeon and the maintenance staff consisting of four full time employees: Tom Caron, Jim Leavitt , Scott Leonard and Rebecca Seed.

The Fairhaven Housing Authority would like to publically thank the Fairhaven

Police and Fire Departments for everything they do to help our tenants and visitors. The calls for assistance are varied in nature but the aid and service provided are consistently exemplary. The aid given by these departments to the staff of the Authority is also extremely helpful. We would like to thank the Community Preservation Committee, Town Planner Bill Roth, Ann Sylvia at the Council on Aging, Wayne Fostin, Building Inspector, Veteran's Agent James Cochran and the DPW & the Water Department for everything they do to support and help the tenants and the Authority. We will miss newly retired Pat Fowle, Board of Health Agent as she was always fair and a voice of reason when helping the Authority. We are very lucky to have a cooperative and collaborative relationship and working rapport with all of these resourceful Town Departments and Committees. Special thanks to Mark Rees/Town Administrator as he has been determined to include the Authority in many ventures and trainings which continues to open up the lines of communication and reciprocity that keeps all facets of the Town working together.

The Board and staff of the Housing Authority would like to also sincerely thank the Fairhaven Board of Selectmen. Their continued support and assistance is needed for the Authority to provide affordable public housing for seniors, the handicapped, the disabled and low income families. The Fairhaven Housing Authority is a great place to live and a true asset to the community. We take pride in working closely with the Town and our ability to primarily employ and consistently purchase locally.

Respectfully submitted,

Krisanne Sheedy
Executive Director

THE MILLICENT LIBRARY

OVERVIEW

Calendar year 2017 fortunately didn't bring many unpleasant surprises. We are still busy, although circulation of print materials has dropped somewhat. Increasingly our online resources are becoming very popular.

We were able to buy some newer public computers through a bequest and were able to add a big iMac through the generosity of one of our trustees. It's amazing how many townspeople depend on the computers--many people don't own one and others have problems printing from theirs. Our mobile hotspots also have been popular with residents who don't have the Internet at home.

The Library has always played a big role in the Town's relationship with the Manjiro story, starting way back with Avis Pillsbury and Rita Steele. This year was the 30th anniversary of the signing of the official sister city agreement with Tosashimizu and the Library has loaned our copy of Manjiro's story to the Whaling Museum for a celebratory exhibit.

The library's appropriation from the town of Fairhaven increased again, but not enough to let us escape having to apply once again for a waiver of the municipal appropriation requirement from the Board of Library Commissioners. We received the waiver for 2017 and are waiting to hear about our application for 2018.

We will be doing a new Long Range Plan this year and hope to have a lot of community input.

PEOPLE

There were only a few staff changes this year. Juanita Goulart remains the Assistant Director and does the cataloging, reference, CD and nonfiction book and DVD collections. She oversees the technical processing aided by volunteer Seth Walker and his job coach Kassandra Rivera who put in 25 hours a week. Debbie Charpentier is the Facility Manager, keeping up repairs and getting grants for the building projects. Debbie is also the Archivist and keeper of all things Fairhaven. Her report is below. Rob Gonsalves does the Interlibrary Loan, chooses DVD feature films and does maintenance on the fiction collection. Jane Murphy is the Youth Services Librarian and also selects the adult fiction. Deborah Chormicle works on the circulation desk and also does a lot of the Interlibrary Loan and computer updating. Sara Salem, Nichole Mercer, Samantha Correia and Kay Langevin also are familiar faces at the front desk helping patrons. Dan Costa and Joe Rapoza are our custodians. Laurie Powers is our bookkeeper and Nicole Fortier is our page.

The Board of Trustees maintained the same roster. Christopher Bunnell remains President, Bruce Bendiksen is Vice-President, Robert Kenworthy is our Treasurer and the librarian is ex-officio the secretary. We were joined by a new addition to our Board of Trustees, Anne O'Brien.

The Friends of the Library, headed by Beth Luey, continue to provide the museum passes and help out with various programs. The Friends had their annual birthday celebration for our namesake Millicent Gifford Rogers in January. David Russo presented a lecture on

the architecture of Charles Brigham. In September the group coordinated a day-long event with staff members talking about what the library offers. The Friends held their second Holiday Book Fair during which local authors displayed their books and did readings.

BUILDING

Fairhaven's Community Preservation funds allowed another round of repointing and soon the whole building will be done. Kudos to Facility Manager Deb Charpentier for writing the grants and overseeing the works. Mention should also be made of her husband, Ted, who helps out a lot behind the scenes with building problems.

The lamppost returned at the end of the year and we hope to have it alight again, possibly by solar. This was partly funded by a grant and also by contributions of labor.

ARCHIVES

Dedicated volunteers help Deb Charpentier on her various historical projects. Beth Luey continues to update the Library's Lost Fisherman website. Molly McDonald does general research, cataloging scrapbook collection and proofing the Vital Records database. Colin McGreevey input Riverside Cemetery records

Acquisitions included Colonial Club's donation of all of the organizational records, a mourning lithograph, restored and reframed by Roger's gallery and a painting of the Gamaliel Church crypt. David Despres donated a Clement Swift painting in memory of his father, Normand Despres. The library purchased a Rebecca Taber painting, Lady Fairhaven cameo, 1769 journal of sundries and a box of old documents relating to Fairhaven. The Fairhaven Improvement Association donated funds to restore the Rebecca Taber painting and frame.

Displays in the Rogers room and stacks area included watercolors by Sallie-Lou Johnson and during the summer Susan Kennedy displayed some of her small paintings.

Requests came in from individuals and organizations all over the world, including local ones like the Improvement Association, Historical Society, Joseph Bates House, Fishing Heritage Center and Spinner Publications.

Databases soon to be available on the Internet were tweaked. The "landing page" for the Fairhaven Star was developed and the department proofed thousands of pages of the newsprint for brightness and clarity. The database for the Vital Records 1841-1899 were worked on as well.

YOUTH SERVICES (JANE MURPHY) 2017

The Youth Services Department at the Millicent Library enjoyed another successful year under the leadership of Youth Services Librarian Jane Murphy. Storytime programming continued, with the baby group growing even larger. Toddler and preschool groups have also continued to grow; for every child moving on to preschool, there are a few more joining the Storytime groups. Facebook has helped spread the word, along with word of mouth and local publicity.

Once again, our Teen Group met regularly in the summertime, providing fun and social time for the teens and a great crew of teen volunteers to assist with the many children's activities throughout the summer. Ms. Jane continued to maintain and update the Millicent Library's Facebook page. School and day care groups visited the library all year. Once again, both Teen and Adult volunteers have been a tremendous help to the Millicent Library! We thank them again this year for their continuing help with shelving, summer reading activities, and program planning. The Youth collection continues to grow. Electronic databases and ebooks are still used, and teachers from Fairhaven High School again collaborated with the library.

During the 2017 Statewide Summer Reading program, "Build a Better World!" over 400 children and teens once again read over 4000 hours. Summer programmers included Jackson Gilman, whose performance was funded by the Fairhaven Cultural Council. Dr. Toby Dills' popular Tie Dye, Bottle Rockets, and Tales from the Talespinner programs were once again highlights of the summer. The library welcomed back a wonderful clown program by local favorite, Daisy D. Dots, who also painted faces during the 33rd annual Teddy Bear parade, which is always a huge success and well loved by the townspeople. Kay Alden led some terrific dance programs throughout the year, including a May Pole dance, Patriotic dance during Fourth of July week, and Backstage at the Nutcracker in December. We appreciate the volunteer efforts of many of our presenters and are also grateful to the Fairhaven Fire Department for their annual visit, which teaches youngsters about fire safety followed by a good soaking under the fire hose. The kids always look forward to getting wet and love to unfurl and hold the big hose. The Boston Bruins continue to be huge supporters of the Statewide Summer Reading program, and we also appreciate the efforts of the Friends of the Millicent Library for all of their assistance.

The 2018 Summer Reading Theme, "Reading Rocks!" is guaranteed to be a crowd pleaser amongst young children, tweens, and teens alike!!

STATISTICS

As of June 30, 2017, the library owned 56,986 print books, 294 print magazines and newspapers, 10,961 audios (plus 3,455 downloadable), 11,025 videos (plus 550 downloadables). Patrons had access to 16, 653 ebooks. This doesn't include our subscription to Hoopla whereby you can access many more books, audios and videos on your devices.

We circulated 80,285 items and loaned 39,627 items to other libraries. Apart from this the usage of our electronic resources was numbered more than 5,400. Our media and print collections are very popular and we get many compliments on them from other libraries. We are a member of the SAILS library network, made up of over 70 libraries, included some schools and colleges. We have passes to a dozen museums, parks, etc. that may be checked out. Many groups continued to use our auditorium throughout the year. The Library is open 55 hours per week, which is five more than required for certification. Our guestbook this year saw visitors from 18 states and 8 different countries.

Some of our databases and the delivery of items between libraries are funded jointly by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and the Massachusetts Library System, with state funding and federal support from the Institute of Museum and Library Services as administered by the MBLC.
Carolyn Longworth, Library Director

The Millicent Library Board of Trustees
as of December 31, 2017

Christopher Bunnell, President
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Michael Coe, honorary

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Cable Advisory Committee made significant progress towards the goals of: 1) improving the Government Access channel's functioning, 2) lighting the Public Access channel and 3) preparing for relicensing.

The license for the Community Access Channel (Public Educational, Government) expires in May of 2018; therefore, major effort went into the preparation necessary for the renegotiation of that license. Such preparation included the continuation of establishing a studio as part of relighting the Public access channel. The Public access channel (95) has been dark over the life of the current contract. Tentative plans made in 2016 to establish a studio in a renovated EMS building required alteration due to a town mandate to examine possible use for all buildings in town. A new interim studio space needed to be found and possible sites were examined.

Major change occurred in February of 2017, when Robert Bruso, the newly hired Director of Community TV, came on board. The addition of Mr. Bruso and his familiarity and skills with production, technology and programming, expedited everything. An interim studio was established in the Town Hall auditorium, and adjoining space was repurposed for equipment, editing, programming, training, and other studio and station use. Necessary equipment was purchased and aging servers were replaced after numerous breakdowns. Mr. Bruso also worked with the CAC to implement changes in the rooms where filming was already taking place to improve the picture quality, sound, lighting, and information presentation. The committee established goals and standards for the coverage and airing of meetings for the Government channel. Mr. Bruso implemented the changes. He expanded the number and frequency of meetings covered and developed staffing patterns for coverage. He has also taped numerous Town events and programs in anticipation of lighting the Public Access channel. A number of people have already expressed interest in producing a variety of programs. CAC has also developed a Policies and Procedures manual, a necessary prerequisite for any programming to appear on the Public Access channel. The manual was approved by the Board of Selectmen. The channel at that point was ready to light and is currently awaiting technical fixes by Comcast to get Channel 95 back on.

Finally, the CAC established a subcommittee to work with Town Administrator Mark Rees, Director Bobby Bruso, and Attorney William Solomon to negotiate with Comcast re-licensure. Preliminary talks were conducted in November and December. A request for proposal (RFP) was also sent to Comcast in December. The purpose of the RFP is to identify future community cable needs and interests. It requires Comcast to demonstrate in its proposal how the company will meet these needs and interests, taking into account the costs of meeting these needs. At the present time, negotiations continue.

Barbara A. Acksen, Chairperson
John Methia Vice Chairperson
Robert Espindola, Clerk, Selectman Associate
Ronnie Medina, Member
Michele Merolla, Member

BRISTOL COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

This year marks the 58th anniversary of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project and its services to the cities and towns of Bristol County. Our mission is to bring mosquito populations to tolerable levels using a variety of scientifically effective methodologies consistent with applicable laws. Surveillance, water management, biological and chemical controls are performed in an environmentally sensitive manner to minimize potential effects on people, wildlife and the environment. Over the years, our project has greatly reduced exposure to both Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and West Nile virus (WNV).

The Project continues to make upgrades to our pesticide application equipment, service request system and data collection. We utilize GPS guidance systems on our spray trucks enabling our technicians to effectively schedule and conduct early morning applications and document pesticide application routes. We remain committed to applying environmentally responsible larvicide and adulticide products. We do this in order to be better stewards of the environment and reduce any unwanted effect on non-target organisms. We continue our practice of arbovirus and population surveillance through trapping and sending mosquito specimens to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health for testing.

During the 2017-mosquito season, 23,187 mosquitoes were tested for the mosquito borne viruses EEE and WNV. There was one (1) isolation of EEE and no human cases in the County. Bristol County had fifteen (15) mosquito pools test positive for WNV with one (1) reported human case. There were no equine cases for EEE or WNV.

The Project continues its year round efforts to reduce mosquito breeding areas through water management and source reduction. Our goal is to remove debris, silt and vegetation from drainage ditches to improve water flow, thus eliminating standing water conducive to larval development.

During the period of January 1, 2017– December 31, 2017 the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project:

- Sprayed over 7,031 acres
- Treated 31.75 acres with B.t.i. in 38 locations for mosquito larvae
- Received 627 requests for spraying
- Cleared and reclaimed 4,570 feet of brush
- Cleaned 815 feet of ditches by machine
- Mowed .13 acre of brush by machine
- Treated 960 catch basins

Throughout the year, we strive to educate the public concerning mosquito borne diseases and simple ways residents can protect themselves and help prevent breeding on their own property. We have many types of outreach programs available including speaking at public health events, radio/newspaper interviews, visiting local schools, senior centers, and creating informational handouts for distribution. Be sure to check

out our website: www.mass.gov/eea/bristolcountymosquitocontrol for updates and information.

I would like to thank the town officials and residents of Fairhaven for their continued support and cooperation. Our project is extremely proud of the work we perform and look forward to serving our communities in the upcoming year. If there are any questions concerning the Projects efforts or objectives, please feel free to contact our office.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Matton
Superintendent

Bristol County Mosquito Control Commissioners:

Robert Davis, Chairman
Gregory D. Dorrance
Joseph Barile
Christine A. Fagan
Aaron G. Caswell

PARK DEPARTMENT

The Park Department has been very busy in 2017 with repairs and maintenance work done to our parks, beaches, recreation areas and Town memorials. This department maintains six parks, two cemeteries, two bike paths, the Town owned portion of Fort Phoenix, the West Island Town Beach and 25 other Town owned sites.

The Park Department also provides the lifeguards and gate attendants at the Town Beach. The Department has one full-time employee and two summer help employees. They are responsible for the upkeep of over 59 acres of grounds and beaches.

Park buildings have had roofs repaired as vandals continue to pull the shingles from them. The buildings have also been painted several times to cover up graffiti painted on them. All of the ball fields were weeded and graded to playable conditions.

I would like to thank the staff of the Park Department for their cooperation and a job well done.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Charbonneau
Superintendent

PLANNING BOARD AND DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Planning Board and the Department of Planning and Economic Development enjoyed another very successful year in 2017. During the annual elections in April, Cathy Melanson and Nicholas Carrigg were elected to the Planning Board for four year terms. The Board wants to acknowledge and thank Gary Staffon for his 16 years of dedicated service as a Planning Board member. His commitment and dedication will be missed.

Rene J. Fleurent, Jr. was appointed by the Planning Board to serve as the Board's Commissioner on Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District (SRPEDD). Jeffrey T. Lucas serves as the Planning Board's representative to the Community Preservation Committee.

William Roth was appointed by the Board of Selectmen to represent the Town as the Selectmen's representative to the SRPEDD Commission and the Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG), an advisory committee on transportation issues to SRPEDD and was elected as the JTPG Vice-Chairman. He was appointed to represent the Town on the Commuter Rail Growth Management Task Force and Capital Planning Committee. He also serves as Staff representative to the Community Preservation Committee and the Bikeway Committee.

The Department of Planning and Economic Development has continued to assist the Planning Board in preparing the Town for the future by developing the zoning changes and bylaw amendments, brought to Town Meeting. Development projects in 2017 consisted of five (5) Special Permit Applications, four (4) Form "A" Applications, one (1) Preliminary Subdivision Application, four (4) Definitive Subdivision Applications, one (1) Street Discontinuance Application, three (3) Street Acceptance Applications and one (1) Rezone Application.

With the support of Town Meeting, the Master Plan was funded and the Board has selected the consulting firm of VHB. The Board has been diligently working with VHB on the Master Plan called Fairhaven 2040. The Board, staff and the consultants have been reaching out to the public to involve them on how they want to see the Town grow over the next 20 years. As of the end of the year the final draft is almost complete and the Board anticipates final completion of Fairhaven 2040 sometime after the first of the year.

The Planning and Economic Development Department, through a grant, has been working on a Hazard Mitigation Plan and has hired Punchard Associates. A Local Planning Team was formed and has been working throughout the year. The final draft was completed in December and went out for final comments. It is anticipated that the plan will be complete shortly after the first of the year and submitted to the State and FEMA for approval. Once approved, the Town will be eligible for the State's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The Department has also been working on the Open space and Recreation Plan throughout the year. The Final draft was completed in December and the final public hearing was scheduled for the beginning of the year.

After the final hearing the plan will be submitted to the State for approval. Once approved, the Town will be eligible for several grant programs related to open space preservation and recreation.

The Board expects the 2018 rate of development to be similar to the last few years. The Board feels that issues related to the regulation of Recreation Marijuana and crafting a bylaw will be a priority in the beginning of 2018. In addition, once Fairhaven 2040 has been approved, the Board will then start the process of implementing the action items of the plan, which they anticipate will take years worth of work and Town Meeting's approval of future zoning bylaw amendments to implement Fairhaven 2040.

The Department of Planning and Economic Development applied for one grant and was successful in obtaining that grant. The total grant award was $78,000. In addition, the Department assisted several other town departments with their grant submittals. The following is a brief description of the grant and amount that was awarded:

Seaport Economic Council: $78,000
Funding from this grant will allow the Town to construct a public safety marina at Union Wharf.

The Planning Board and the Department of Planning and Economic Development once again thank Town Meeting Members for their continued support of our work, to update our Master Plan, Zoning and make the Town's Zoning Bylaw's more responsive to the needs of the Town. We look forward to 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Hayward, Chairman
Rene J. Fleurent, Jr., Vice-Chairman
Peter G. Nopper, Clerk
Nicholas Carrigg
John K. Farrell, Jr.
Jeffrey T. Lucas
Cathy Melanson
Ann Richard
Gary Staffon (Retired, did not seek re-election)

William D. Roth, Jr., Director of Planning and Economic Development
Marie E. Ripley, Administrative Assistant to the Planning Director
Amanda L. Blais, CDBG Administrative Assistant
Pattie Pacella, Planning Board Recording Secretary

FAIRHAVEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Fairhaven Police Department responded to 16,804 calls for service in 2017.

The following is a partial list of the number and types of calls for service that we responded to throughout the past year.

Abandoned Motor Vehicles	6
Accidents - Motor Vehicle - Hit & Run	107
Accidents - Motor Vehicle - Personal Injury	100
Accidents - Motor Vehicle - Property Damage	472
Accidents - Motor Vehicle vs. Pedestrian	7
Alarm - Burglar	947
Alarm - Holdup	20
Ambulance Requests	2495
Animal Bites	16
Animal Complaints	554
Annoying Telephone Calls	19
Arrests (does not include criminal application requests)	219
Assaults	59
Assist Motorist	206
Assist Other Agency	98
Assist Other Police Department	89
Boat In Distress, Water Emergency, Water Hazard	55
Burglary - Breaking & Entering - Commercial	7
Burglary - Breaking & Entering - Dwelling	34
Burglary - Breaking & Entering - Garage	7
Burglary - Breaking & Entering - Motor Vehicle	108
Burglary - Breaking & Entering - Vessel	7
Disabled Auto	161
Disturbances/Disorderly Conduct	880
Domestic Violence/Family Offenses	153
Fights	32
Fraud	95
Harassment Protection Order Services	28
Illegal Dumping	31
Intoxicated Person	31
Larcenies	129
Mental Health Emergencies/Section 12/Section 35	58
Missing Person	29
Motor Vehicle Complaints	306
Motor Vehicle Thefts	12
Motor Vehicle Violations	1232
Officer Wanted	97

Peace Officer	64
Prisoner Transports	215
Protective Custody	34
Recovered Stolen Motor Vehicles	2
Reported Deaths	20
Restraining Order Services	110
Restraining Order Violations	19
Robberies	2
Safety/Road Hazards	307
Search Warrant Executions	7
Shopliftings	95
Suicide Attempts	15
Summons Services	169
Suspicious Activity	986
Trespassing	14
Unwanted Person	79
Vandalism	101
Welfare Checks	356

JANUARY

During the first week of the month Assistant District Attorneys Mary-Claire Flynn and Katie Rayburn set up a work station in our Detective Division to begin trial preparation for the Michelle Carter trail that set to begin in the spring. They began working directly with Detectives Scott Gordon and Glenn Cudmore organizing evidence and preparing a prosecution strategy for the trail. This case gained worldwide notoriety and brought into question various Constitutional issues.

Officers Kevin Swain and Marcy Haaland were accepted to join the South East Municipal Law Enforcement Council Search and Rescue Team. This specialized unit is utilized to search for missing persons, lost children, dementia patients that elope from home and specialized care facilities, and evidence in criminal cases that may have been discarded by fleeing suspects.

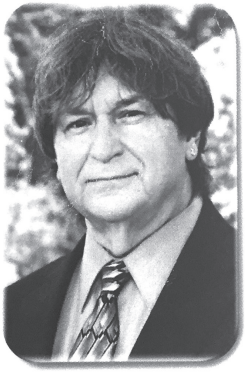
FEBRUARY

Officer Alex Kisla filed charges against a well-known, validated gang member from New Bedford for a violent attack he committed against his girlfriend. The charges included two counts of assault and battery, kidnapping and strangulation. An arrest warrant was issued and he was eventually taken into custody without incident in Dartmouth. Officer Kisla testified in one dangerousness hearing and Detective Janis Bubluski testified in a second dangerousness hearing in this case. The suspect, who had been free on $50,000.00 bail for other violent offenses, was ordered held without bail for 120 days based on the collective testimony of both officers.

MARCH

On March 7th of this year, our department suffered a tragedy with the passing of Retired Officer Macy F. Joseph III. Officer Joseph served the Fairhaven Police Department with distinction for 32 years. Among the many positions he held, Officer Joseph served as the Department's Safety Officer, School Resource Officer, Emergency Medical Services Coordinator and Paramedic. He was the chief architect of the operations plan for the annual Father's Day Road Race, the framework of which is still in use today. Officer Joseph passed away in his home and is survived by His wife Sharon, their three children and several grandchildren. We are very grateful to Officer Joseph for his friendship and service to our department and our community. Macy and his family will always be in our thoughts and prayers.

In Loving Memory



Macy F. Joseph III

December 12, 1948 ~ March 7, 2017

APRIL

Sergeant Michael Botelho, Detective Sergeant Matthew Botelho, Detectives Jerald Bettencourt and Scott Gordon, Officers Kevin Chasse, Alex Kisla and Scott Coelho and Dispatcher Marie Burgess were presented with the Heroes of the Cape and Islands & Southeast Massachusetts Award by the American Red Cross for their life saving actions on February 17, 2016 that saved the life of a motorist that drove off the causeway and landed in the icy waters off West Island.

MAY

During the first week of May on an overnight shift, we were notified by a young man's mother that she discovered him missing from the family home just before 2 am. She explained her son suffers from depression and had recently been released from a drug treatment program. She also stated she noticed $100.00 missing from her purse. Officers began searching the town for the missing man. Officer Pamela Bourgault, while driving along Main Street and using her spotlight, found the missing person lying on

the ground approximately 125 feet inside Cushman Park. The man was unresponsive, barely breathing and was in the midst of an opiate based overdose. Medics from the fire department arrived and administered narcan to reverse the effects of the overdose. He survived what would have been a fatal overdose. Officer Bourgault's dedication to duty and diligent search undoubtedly saved this man's life.

JUNE

During the first week of June the Michelle Cart trial began in Taunton Juvenile Court. Carter was charged with manslaughter in the suicide death of her former boyfriend after encouraging him to take his own life. Because she was charged as a "youthful offender" rather than a juvenile, the court room was open to the public and media outlets were allowed access to the trial proceedings. This trial was watched worldwide in several different countries due to the nature of the case. The timeline of the trial was as follows:

June 5, 2017: Carter waived a jury trial, opting for a bench trial.
June 6, 2017: Opening arguments were heard.
June 13, 2017: Closing arguments were heard.
June 16, 2017: A guilty verdict was handed down.

Carter was sentenced to 2 ½ years in jail with 15 months to serve. The case currently under appeal and Carter was allowed to remain free pending the appeal. Detectives Scott Gordon and Glen Cudmore worked tirelessly during an emotionally exhausting investigation, which lasted approximately three years. They also spent countless hours of trial preparation, working with Assistant District Attorneys Mary-Claire Flynn and Katie Rayburn. In the months following the trial, Attorney Rayburn was appointed to the bench, and is now a presiding judge.

JULY

Kevin Swain was promoted fulltime to the rank of Sergeant. Sergeant Swain joined the Fairhaven Police Department as a part time officer in July 2008. He was hired fulltime in November of 2010 and served in roles as a Patrolman, Hostage Negotiator, School Resource Officer and Acting Sergeant. He was promoted to the rank of fulltime Sergeant this past July, assigned to lead the 4pm to 12am patrol shift. Sergeant Swain serves on the SEMLEC Search and Rescue Team, Critical Incident Debrief Team and Greater New Bedford Opiate Task Force as part of the Opiod Outreach Program. Sergeant Swain has been and continues to be a valuable asset within our department, with a great skill set. We wish him well in his new position and he has our fullest support and confidence.

AUGUST

Our first National Night Out event was held on the evening of August 1st on the high school lawn. The event was a huge success. We estimate there were between 400 and 500 in attendance throughout the course of the event. A committee comprised of Anne O'Brien, Phil Washko, Patty Pacella, Sgt. Kevin Kobza, Sgt. Kevin Swain, Sgt. Daniel Dorgan, Officer Scott Joseph and Officer Marcy Haaland worked very hard to put the event together.

Local establishments provided free food and drinks. Music was provided free of charge by Ken Souza. A dunk tank to "Dunk a Cop" was also a huge hit. There was also a K9 demonstration put on by the Taunton Police Department and a helicopter landing on the football field by the Massachusetts State Police Air Branch. Mr. Bob Foster conducted personalized tours of the high school building, adding a nice touch to the event. We plan to make this an annual event that will be held on the first Tuesday in August, which is the nationally recognized day for National Night Out.

We would like to offer a special thanks to the following people and businesses who volunteered their time, products and services making this a great event:

Dr. Robert Baldwin, Tara Kohler, Christine Mitchell, Fairhaven Tourism Director Chris Richard, Fairhaven School Department Custodians, Tropical Smoothie, Chad Portas for providing Bai soft drinks, Yai Yai's Pizza, Papa Gino's, Blue Harvest Seafood, Dorothy Cox's, Subway, Rocky's Ace Hardwar, 99 Restaurant, Dunkin Donuts, Ocean Spray, Honey Dew Donuts, Melissa Deterra for the bubble bounce, Community Nurse, Fairhaven Senior Center, Fairhaven Lions Club, Department of Children & Families, New York Life, Lance Soares' Family Martial Arts Center, Paul Gordon for the hot dog steamer, Allen Days, Bruce Parent and all other contributors.

SEPTEMBER

Sergeant Swain completed the Command Series First Line Supervisor Course put on by Roger Williams University. This course provides the most current management and leadership training to first-line supervisors. It is an intensive two week training course attended by middle management law enforcement professionals from police departments throughout New England.

Our Detectives conducted an investigation that resulted in the arrest of a male party for human trafficking. Officer Janis Bubluski was the lead investigator in this case, which resulted in search warrants being executed at a town residence, a local business and several cell phones. The investigation also had ties to businesses in Falmouth, Sandwich and Wareham. Members of the Massachusetts State Police assisted in the investigation and subsequent searches. A Special Agent from the FBI also assisted with the search warrant, because there was a possibility charges could be filed against the suspect at the federal level.

This case demonstrates that human trafficking is a real problem that extends to all parts of the world. The victims in this case are foreign nationals that were brought to the U.S. to work for little to no money in the sex trade. It is a tragic example that proves this problem is still widespread and all too common.

OCTOBER

Sergeant David Sobral completed firearms licensing training and is now assisting Sergeant Kobza and Officer Lacerda in the firearms licensing process. The additional help will serve to increase the efficiency and improve upon the timeliness of the issuance of gun licenses.

On a sad note, a young man from Marion lost his life in a single vehicle crash. During the early morning hours of October 22nd a motorcycle rider was killed after he lost control of his bike and struck a utility pole on Route 6.

NOVEMBER

Sergeants Michael Bouvier, Daniel Dorgan, Kevin Swain, and Officers Pamela Bourgault, Jason Tavares and Marcy Haaland completed training at the New Bedford Police Department to serve on the Greater New Bedford Opioid Task Force. This team conducts follow-up visits with people who survive drug overdoses. These visits are conducted with clinical professionals, counselors and members of the clergy who serve as a support group to assist people suffering from drug dependency. It is a multi-faceted unit that takes a team approach to help addicts and their families in their battles with drug addiction.

DECEMBER

Our department participated in the 7th Annual Fill the Bus toy drive, partnering with Safe Zones and the Tremblay Bus Company. The purpose of the toy drive is to collect toys and gifts to give to less fortunate families to help them have an enjoyable holiday season. Our officers volunteered to work with Safe Zones to collect donated new, unwrapped toys that were distributed to those in need within our community. Hundreds of toys were collected and the event was another huge success.

REPORT FROM THE DETECTIVE DIVISION

2017 was a very busy year for the Detective Division. Fairhaven Detectives are part of two larger task forces which are comprised of over twenty different communities. Together with the US Drug Enforcement Administration, Fairhaven Detectives investigated and arrested some of the community's large scale drug dealers, and seized over one million dollars in cash and assets. We also seized numerous pounds of heroin, cocaine, prescription medication and marijuana.

Fairhaven has seen a steady increase in drug activity over the past several years, causing a correlated increase in violent crime and property crimes, such as breaking and entering into motor vehicles and residences. Most thieves look for soft or easy targets like unlocked motor vehicles and unoccupied seasonal houses. Stolen goods are then sold to local pawn shops or else traded on the streets for illicit drugs. We constantly remind citizens to lock their doors and vehicles and to immediately call the police to report suspicious activity in your neighborhoods.

Although the overdose epidemic continues to plague society on a national level, the Town of Fairhaven saw a decline in reported opiate based overdoses this past year. In 2017 we responded to 36 overdose calls, which is a 53% reduction from the previous year when we responded to 68 overdose calls. Despite this significant decline, opiate related overdoses are still considered to be a national emergency, and we need to continue to take a team approach as a community to curtail it. As mentioned above, members of the Fairhaven Police Department joined the Greater New Bedford Opioid Task Force in an effort to help with this initiative.

ANIMAL CONTROL

In May of 2018 the Animal control division was taken over by the former ACO Terence Cripps. In July the animal control division was officially placed under the Fairhaven Police department. Cripps was a temporary employee until September 18th where the Police Chief appointed him as the full time permanent animal control officer. In November the animal control division hired Alexis Cambra as the assistant animal control officer.

During this short time the shelter has taken in a wide range of animals and has adopted over seventy of them. We even had someone drive down from upstate Vermont to adopt a dog. The shelter has over twenty five volunteers that range from age sixteen to seventy five. We opened up a program where clients from SMEC come in twice a week to assist the shelter. Since May of this year the volunteers have logged in more than eighteen hundred hours at the shelter.

PUBLIC ACCESS

The Fairhaven Police Department continues to utilize our website, www.fairhavenpolice.org and our Facebook page to disseminate information to the community. Both sites are continually update with current information pertaining to arrests, crime sprees, mug shots and other pertinent activity taking place throughout town. This past year we also began employing the services of John Guilfoil Public Relations to help us with press releases, website design and updates, and media relations.

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE YEAR AHEAD

In keeping with Goal 1: Human Resources Improvements of the FY19 Goals and Objectives set forth by the Board of Selectmen, all of our policies, procedures, rules and regulations underwent a complete review, which began over a year ago. A complete set of revised policies were submitted to the Town Hall just before Christmas. One of our many goals is to become an accredited department. Police departments, like hospitals and institutions of learning, can be granted accreditation status by an official review board after meeting specific requirements. The department must comply with mandatory standards in order to be granted accreditation status.

Among other things, accreditation is a coveted award that symbolizes professionalism, excellence and competence. It requires written directives and training to inform members about policies, procedures and practices. It also requires facilities and proper equipment to ensure employees' safety and to allow them to carry out their required duties. In addition, it requires processes to safeguard employees' rights. All employees as well as the community can take pride in the department, knowing it represents the very best in law enforcement and industry standards.

The philosophy embraced by the Fairhaven Police Department is that of service, fairness, pride and dedication. The members of the Fairhaven Police Department are committed to not only performing in accordance with this philosophy, but also to meeting and exceeding the public's expectations of having a highly functional and capable police department. We are mission

driven and committed to keeping the Town of Fairhaven a safe and wonderful place to visit and live.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Myers
Chief of Police

And

Kevin W. Kobza
Administrative Sergeant

TREE DEPARTMENT

The Tree Department continues to meet the challenges of managing the trees that line the highways and byways of the Town of Fairhaven. The last 3 years have seen some of the worst drought conditions that we have experienced in many years. The winter months and gypsy moths continue to devastate the foliage and weaken the local tree population. The Emerald Ash Borer has spread widely throughout Massachusetts and recently there has been an outbreak of disease affecting Oak trees. The result is a constant trimming and removal of weakened and diseased trees and the replacement with new trees. The Tree Department has planted numerous trees more suited for the urban forest and the attempt is to plant species that are native to Massachusetts, rather than species that are non-native or invasive to the New England Region. The harsh conditions of drought, insect attack and harsh weather has resulted in a need for constant attention to the valuable trees that provide beauty and environmental benefits to this town. Fairhaven has a long history of beautiful trees and we continue to strive to maintain that heritage.

Dr. Brian K Bowcock
Tree Warden

WELLNESS COMMITTEE

The Wellness Committee celebrated our second full year for the health and wellness of employees in 2017.

We held our second annual Health Fair in April, open to all employees and it was very well attended. There were over 15 health related vendors that attended and close to 70 employees that walked through. Vendors included the Fairhaven Lions Club with their eye machine for employees to get their eyes checked to the Sustainability Committee. Every vendor donated a raffle prize and two fit bits were raffled off. We also had a performance done by the students of the World Class Kenpo Karate School. We look forward to our third annual Health Fair in 2018, April 12th, which we have already secured the Southcoast Wellness Van to attend.

We continued with a monthly newsletter to all employees with information to help them continue their own wellness and healthy journey. Classes offered in 2017 were: Laughing Yoga, traditional Yoga, Zumba, 20/20/20 Fitness with our partnership with our own Fairhaven Recreation Center and Shakira classes. We are always seeking opportunities to offer free classes to Town Employees, and encourage their input.

Our Committee Member, Bob Espindola participated in a Wellness event at Gillette Stadium, where he served as a panel member to discuss the initiatives that have taken place at Fairhaven and how well they are attended among employees and how we keep them engaged. Mr. Espindola did a great job in representing the Fairhaven Wellness Committee.

The Wellness Initiative participates fully with Blue Cross Blue Shield in participating in step challenges throughout the year. We encourage employees who have or don't have the Town's insurance to sign up for a login/password id with www.ahealthyme.com to log their steps and really take control of all BCBS website has to offer.

In conjunction with the Board of Health, the Wellness Committee offered two different opportunities for employees to get their Flu Shot at no cost; plus we gave away two $25.00 gift cards of a business of the winner's choice.

With the help of Community Preservation monies, we will be able to break ground on our first 'fitness station' behind the Recreation Center/Council on Aging building in Spring 2018. This first fitness station will be great for all townspeople to use as they are walking the bike path. We have also applied for funds through this year's CPC to acquire an additional two fitness stations ¼ mile from the main one. We are very excited about this endeavor.

This year, we said thank you to committee member Bill Farrell for his two year commitment to the committee, as he pursues other interests; as well as welcomed Tara Kohler from the School Department as a member, and Peter DeTerra from Board of Health.

Our Committee most definitely works hard to encourage healthy lifestyles to the Town of Employees, and we look forward to 2018.

RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH
AS OF JUNE 30, 2017

Cash & Checks in office		$25.00
Bank of America	$1,148,484.35	
Century Bank	$3,243,538.55	
Unibank	$3,243,538.55	
Citizens Bank	$620,750.95	
Blue Hills Bank	$503,886.22	
HarborOne Bank	$3,036,471.57	
Rockland Trust	$2,419,984.21	
Bristol County Savings Bank	$8,629,260.77	
TOTAL LIQUID INVESTMENTS		$22,845,915.17
TERM INVESTMENTS		
Certificate of Deposit		
Bristol County Savings	$0.00	
TOTAL INVESTMENTS		$0.00
TRUST FUNDS		
Bristol County Savings Bank	$507,283.40	
Citibank - not in custody of Treasurer	$2,097,077.98	
Bank of America - (Stocks-Market Value)	$585,976.04	
Rockland Trust Company	$1,864,096.75	
Bartholomew & Company	$4,901,830.89	
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS		$9,956,265.06
TOTAL ALL CASH & INVESTMENTS		$$32,802,205.23

I hereby certify that the foregoing schedule, setting forth the total cash in the custody of the Treasurer, is in agreement with the General Ledger controls of the Town Accountant.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy L. Graves, CMMC CMMT
Director of Finance/Treasurer/Collector

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

As of January 1, 2018 total residents in Fairhaven are 15,795 and the total registered voters are 11,422. Births, marriages and deaths in the year 2017 were:

- Births: 108
- Marriages: 98
- Deaths: 284

Elections and Town Meetings in 2017 were as follows:

One Town Election – April 4, 2017
One Annual Town Meeting – May 6, 2017

Total cash turned over to the Treasurer was $48,292.95. The Town Clerk's Office collected the following violations:

- Parking violations - $3,050.00
- By-Law violations - $5,573.00
- Dog violations - $175.00
- Boat Ramp violations - $322.95
- Penalties/Late fees - $1,050.00

2,025 dog licenses for a total of $15,850.00
Business Certificates – 81 for a total of $2,430.00

The administration of elections is another function of the Town Clerk's Office. It involves the preparation and printing of the ballots, the supervision of election officials, reporting of returns and the certification of the officials elected.

The services of a Notary are available in the Town Clerk's Office at no charge.

Once again, I would like to thank my assistant, Carolyn Hurley, fellow workers, registrars, poll workers, police department and school custodians for their cooperation and support during the past year.

Eileen M. Lowney,
CMM
Registrar
Notary

TOWN COLLECTOR

REAL ESTATE TAX	25,717,939
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX	946,496
CPA TAX	365,203
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	1,885,192
WATERWAY USER FEES	71,741
BOAT EXCISE	21,394
TAX LIENS	145,479
INTEREST AND FEES	291,266
WATER USAGE	2,796,210
WATER BETTERMENTS	796
WATER BETTERMENT INTEREST	40
WATER LIENS	182,657
WATER & SEWER LIEN INTEREST & FEES	81,447
DRAINLAYERS APPLICATION FEE	71,845
SEWER LIENS	213,537
SEWER USAGE	2,540,764
SEWER CAPITAL FEE	286,383
SEWER USAGE FEE	18,317
SEWER BETTERMENTS	261,552
SEWER BETTERMENT INTEREST	90,307
MATTAPOISETT SEWER CHARGES	419,680
BETTERMENT RELEASE CERTIFICATES	128
MUNICIPAL LIEN CERTIFICATES	32,250
SCHOOL TUITION	2,560,622
PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	336,324
IE LIENS	27,775
TOTAL COLLECTIONS IN FY 2017	39,365,344

Thank you to my office staff: Assistant Collector Pamela Bettencourt, and Senior Clerks Vicki Paquette, Mary Lou Baumgartner and Kelly Ferranti. Your dedication and teamwork assisting our taxpayers is greatly appreciated.

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Respectfully submitted,

Wendy L. Graves
Town Collector

BOARD OF SELECTMEN / TOWN ADMINISTRATION

2017 was the first year that the Selectmen used a "Goal Setting Session" as the driving force behind its comprehensive policy and budget setting. The theme of these goals was: "Investing and Planning for the Future". The goals that the Selectmen selected as being most critical were: Human Resources Improvements, Town Committees Collaboration, Inter and Intra Governmental Cooperation, Financial Sustainability, Economic Development, Health and Welfare of Town Residents, Civic Engagement, and Long-Term Planning. To this end, the Board feels satisfied that it took the steps to address these important goals:

- Goal 1: Human Resources Improvements –
  - Under the recommendation of administration, Town Meeting voted to create the Human Resources Director position, to better centralize human resources management, thereby ensuring equal treatment of employees and compliance with state and federal labor laws.
  - All municipal collective bargaining agreements were successfully negotiated for the period of 2016-2019. The Board thanks all these Unions and its leadership for a successful and amicable round of negotiations.
- Goal 2: Town Committees Collaboration –
  - The Planning Board/Planning and Economic Development Office worked with many Town committees for valuable input on the Master Plan, the Open Space Plan and the Hazardous Mitigation Plan.
- Goal 3: Inter and Intra Governmental Cooperation –
  - The School and Municipal departments implemented an Information Technology (IT) department, which has been a great success. This improved services for employees and improved connectivity between the Town and School offices, which in turn provides better services to the public.
- Goal 4: Financial Sustainability –
  - The FY18 budget was jointly recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee, and was approved at the May 2017 Annual Town Meeting. In this budget, reserves all met or exceeded target levels, and the operating budget was structurally balanced with no one-time funding sources used to balance the budget.
  - Property Tax "New Growth" was the highest amount it has been in 12 years with a growth factor of 1.81% from FY17, a new growth valuation of $18,539,990, and a Tax Levy Growth of $381,519 for FY19.
  - Moody's Investment Services (bond rating company) reaffirmed Fairhaven's Aa2 rating because the Town demonstrated structurally balance budgets and strong financial management practices.
  - The Town applied for, and received, three Community Compact Grants from the Baker Administration. These grants will assist in updating the Town's personnel policies ($20,000 in grant funding), assist in the consolidation of IT services ($15,000 in grant funding), and help the Town develop an Economic Development Plan ($20,000 in grant funding).
- Goal 5: Economic Development –

- The Selectmen-appointed Economic Development Committee has been meeting regularly, and has hired the consulting firm FXM to assist in preparing an Economic Development Plan.
- While long-time stores such as Kmart and Benny's closed in 2017 due to company restructuring and regional liquidation, other businesses chose to expand in Fairhaven this year. Construction continues on the old Kmart, which will be a new location for Tractor Supply and Big Lots. Additionally, Ocean State Job Lot moved into the old Shaw's Supermarket storefront to expand its operations, and Pet Supplies Plus moved into the Walmart plaza.

- Goal 6: Health and Welfare of Town Residents –
  - The Town partnered with Seven Hills Foundation and the Greater New Bedford Opioid Task Force to address the opioid crisis that is gripping the region, and the country as a whole.
  - A new emergency management response plan was written, to significantly improve the Town's ability to respond to natural disasters.
  - The FY18 budget supported the reinstatement of curbside leaf pick-up by the BPW.
- Goal 7: Civic Engagement –
  - The Town continues to expand its social media presence and responsiveness. A new Town website will be live by early 2018, and this new website will include an improved layout and use on mobile devices.
  - The newly revitalized Fairhaven Public Access television is working with Town departments, boards and committees to improve communication to residents on Town events and projects. Most Town boards and committees have their meetings streamed live on social media now, as well.
  - The Police Department partnered with the Selectmen's Office to hold its first National Night Out to promote engagement between law enforcement and the community.
- Goal 8: Long Term Planning –
  - The Planning Board has nearly completed the 2040 Master Plan, a project that was funded by a general town meeting appropriation ($85,000) and CPC ($25,000) Other Planning and Economic Development publications that are forthcoming are the Hazardous Mitigation Plan, the updated Open Space Plan, and the Public Facilities Improvement Plan.
  - The Rogers School re-use study was completed to address the possible future uses of the vacant school, including mothballing. The Board will continue to address the future of the Rogers School in 2018, and hope that a resolution can be found to satisfy all Town residents.

Annual Town Election (April 3, 2017) was quietly dominated by incumbents, with the one exception of a write-in campaign that brought newcomer Cam Durant to the Board of Public Works.

Annual Town Meeting (May 6, 2017) contained 58 articles and was concluded in one day. Total appropriations made for Fiscal Year 2018 was $60,988,066.11, raising $45,401,955 on the tax levy.

Also in 2017, the Town entered into its second "sister city" agreement, this time with Lagoa, Portugal. With our rich Portuguese ancestry and traditions, including the annual Our Lady of Angels Feast, it seemed very fitting that we now can call Lagoa, Portugal, our sister city. Thank you to all those who volunteered to serve on this sister city committee: Edward Cabral, Pamela Kuechler, Wayne Oliveira, Patricia Pacella, Charlene Riggin, and Charles Murphy, Sr. We look forward to a long and meaningful relationship with our Portuguese counterparts.

While the Town did vote to pass a temporary Marijuana moratorium at Annual Town Meeting, the Board expects that marijuana regulation and distribution will be a topical item for 2018. In July 2018, Massachusetts will be one of the few states in the Union to have legalized marijuana for recreational purposes. The voted moratorium will give the Town until December 31, 2018 to get zoning requirements in place in preparation of marijuana sales. The Board will continue to monitor this important issue on a local level.

Once again, the Board would like to thank all the people who volunteer for our Boards and Committees. You make a difference and you are appreciated. The Board would especially like to recognize these appointees, new to 2017: Nick Sylvia (Conservation Commission), Peter DeTerra (Wellness Committee), Nicholas Carrigg (Planning Board), Lt. Robert Lincoln and Josh Benoit (Fire Apparatus Study Committee), Marcus Ferro (Commission on Disability), Michael McNamara (Marine Resources Committee), Tara Kohler and Anne O'Brien (Wellness Committee).

The Board would also like to recognize and thank those who gave their resignation in 2017, after years of volunteering their time. Those residents are: Louise Barteau (Conservation Commission), John Mota (Finance Committee), Kathleen Sturtevant (Board of Public Works), Lindsay Gordon (Wellness Committee), Keith Silvia (Board of Appeals), John Farrell (Open Space and Recreation Committee), Simone Bourgeois (Conservation Commission), Frank Cruz (Fire Apparatus Study Committee), Sara Salem (Cultural Council), Scott Fernandes (Finance Committee), Deb Charpentier (Historical Commission), Thomas Arsenault (Housing Authority) and David Despres (Historical Commission). Thank you again for your contributions to our Town.

We look forward to another year of serving you, our constituents. Thank you for your confidence in us to serve as your Board of Selectmen and Town Administration.

Respectfully,
The Fairhaven Board of Selectmen
Robert Espindola, Chairman
Daniel Freitas
Charles K. Murphy
Mark H. Rees, Town Administrator

SEWER DEPARTMENT

2017 was an exceptionally busy year for the Sewer Department. We have completed the first phase of the 24" interceptor rehabilitation project, and have just awarded the final phase to Insituform to be completed during the winter of 2018. This rehabilitation ensures that the force main for all of East Fairhaven and Mattapoisett will continue to keep those sections of Town flowing well into the future. Renovation of the Pilgrim and Railroad pump stations, as well as the preliminary treatment building and clarifiers at the main plant on Arsene Street will begin in the spring of 2018 as we finish up the contract and submittal phases of this project. We also just completed the state mandated Comprehensive Flow Monitoring Program and Infiltration and Inflow Study in conjunction with Stantec Engineers. This study summarizes our past work, and develops a schedule for future work, which is also mandated by the State. 2017 also brought the 15th anniversary of the West Island Treatment facility. As part of our permit renewal process, we conducted a conditions study which yielded approximately $700,000 of upgrades that will be needed within the next 5 years. We will be seeking funds at the Town Meeting in May 2018 to begin those upgrades.

Our 5 million gallon per day facility on Arsene Street once again performed well within its permit limits despite its age and challenges with BOD5 and TSS levels of 12.5 mg/l and 10.4 mg/l respectively (state and federal permit levels are 30 mg/l). The "normal" life span of a treatment facility such as ours is 20 years, while our plant has just completed its 30th year of operation. Replacement parts and maintenance issues continue to escalate in scarcity and cost each year. Fortunately, our National Pollutant Discharge and Elimination System Permit (NPDES) has been issued, and we are currently in negotiations with the DEP and EPA to determine a timeline to rehabilitate the facility, as well as add nitrogen removal. It is the goal of the Town to be a guardian of its receiving waters, and we continue to work with all officials to produce the best possible quality effluent.

The treatment process at our Arsene Street plant yielded 280 dry tons of biosolids, which were hauled offsite in liquid form by Synagro Northeast. There was a total of 235,800 gallons of septic waste from the towns of Fairhaven and Mattapoisett accepted in 2017. The Town of Mattapoisett contributed 125,591,236 gallons, while New Bedford's flows accounted for 1,450372 gallons of the total 847,250,000 gallons received at the plant. The West Island treatment facility treated 4,805,700 gallons of wastewater. Our permit levels at this facility for BOD5 (30 mg/l), TSS (30 mg/l) and Total Nitrogen (10 mg/l) were met with the annual averages being BOD5 (6.4 mg/l), TSS (7.1 mg/l) and Total Nitrogen (6.8 mg/l).

There were a total of 11 new individual sewer installations, 2 of which was commercial, tied into the sewer system this year. As mentioned earlier our inflow and infiltration report was submitted to the state, and revealed approximately $1 million dollars of work which must be done within the system to stay compliant at minimum standards. There are many more millions of dollars that need to be spent on the aging infrastructure, some of which dates back to the late 1800's. We continue to prioritize our immediate needs, while also attending to the day to day emergencies

that result from having an old system. We continue to battle tree roots in our sewer lines, and our newest nemesis is the "disposable" wipes that are commonly used. Operators remove many pounds of these flushable wipes from bound pumps that prevent sewage from traveling unobstructed thru the lines. We are in the process of installing "Muffin Monsters" into the pump stations which pre-grind some of the wipes, but each and every one of our users can help by not flushing these items. We thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Each year brings us new challenges and 2018 will be no different with a great number of concurrent projects already happening or in the design and pre-design phase. I would like to thank my entire staff for doing a great job. The job that these men do is not an easy one, and each one of them helps your sewers flow freely every day, 24 hrs. a day, 7 days a week. Thanks to Rene Robillard, Ray Paczosa, Dana Hathaway, Bob Gomes, Vic Oliveira, Lee Barlow, Matt Manzone, Joe Frates, John McGilvray, Nick Parker, Ryan Robillard, Charlene Paulson, Manny Luiz, Russell Costa and Joe Machado for each doing their part to assure that all of our customers receive seamless service. Special congratulations to John McGilvray (grade IV) and Nick Parker (grade III) for passing their wastewater license exams! We look forward to new challenges and learning opportunities in 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda L Schick Sewer Superintendent

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (SRPEDD)

The Town of Fairhaven is a member of the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District. SRPEDD (pronounced sir-ped) is the regional agency serving 4 cities and 23 towns in southeastern Massachusetts dealing with common issues facing the region, such as economic development, growth and land development, transportation, environment, municipal partnerships and general planning for the future. SRPEDD is governed by a Commission of local mayors, selectmen, planning board members and at-large members. We are funded by federal and state grants and local assessments. In 2017 the Town of Fairhaven paid $2,830.00 to SRPEDD, based upon an assessment of 17.829 cents per capita.

Local citizens representing Fairhaven included the following:

SRPEDD Commission: William D. Roth and Rene Fleurent, Jr. Joint Transportation Planning Group: William D. Roth, Jr. and Vincent Furtado

William Roth as serves on the Executive Committee for the SRPEDD Commission.

Technical assistance was provided to the Town in the following area:

- Assisted Planning Board with preparation and completion the Fairhaven's Open Space and Recreation Plan. (Municipal Contract)
- Continued assistance to South Coast Bikeway Alliance (Fairhaven represented) with mapping, funding guidance, route planning, and sign design. (MassDOT)
- Conducted traffic count on Alden Road at Acushnet town line. (MassDOT)
- Conducted turning movement count at Bridge Street and Mill Road. (MassDOT)

Some of SRPEDD's More Significant Accomplishments During 2017 Were:

- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for Southeastern Massachusetts, a regional economic development strategy, updated annually by SRPEDD and certified by the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) maintains eligibility for the region's cities and towns to receive EDA funding.
- The Transportation Improvement Program, which sets regional priorities for federal transportation funds, was completed and approved for FY 2018-2022.
- SRPEDD conducts a district-wide traffic-counting program and maintains a computer file of available traffic count data throughout the region. SRPEDD undertook 152 traffic counts at various locations this past year.
- SRPEDD continues to operate the Pavement Management Program, evaluating pavement conditions on federal-aid eligible roadways in the region's cities and towns.
- SRPEDD maintains a comprehensive database of all 380 signalized intersections in the region. SRPEDD conducted 90 turning movement counts at various locations this past year.
- SRPEDD continue to assist communities under the Regional Bicycle Plan addressing infrastructure needs and recommendations on how to improve connectivity throughout the region.

- SRPEDD initiated the Regional Pedestrian Plan to examine existing conditions in the region's cities and towns and provide recommendations to improve pedestrian connectivity.
- SRPEDD provides technical planning to two regional transit authorities, SRTA and GATRA, including route evaluations, rider surveys, performance standards and federal reporting. SRPEDD completed a Regional Transit Plan for GATRA that will guide transit improvements in the near future.
- SRPEDD has initiated the Regional Bus Stop Capital Investment Plan following the completion of the Regional Bus Stop Inventory in 2016. The inventory of data collected for GATRA and SRTA bus stops is available to assist on proposed capital improvements.
- SRPEDD continued to provide administrative and technical support to the Taunton River Stewardship Council (TRSC) through a Cooperative Agreement with the National Parks Service. The Council is a multi-community, multi-agency collaborative established through the designation of the Taunton River as a Federal Partnership Wild & Scenic River in 2009.

In partnership with the TRSC, SRPEDD provides public education and stewardship opportunities to Taunton River Watershed communities, as well as access to local project funds through its Mini Grants Program.

- SRPEDD is a member of two National Estuary Programs (NEP) including the Narragansett Bay Management Committee and Buzzards Bay Steering Committee, created to protect the resources and promote the stewardship of their respective watersheds. The Buzzards Bay and Narragansett Bay Watersheds together encompass the entirety of the SRPEDD area. As a member of these oversight committees, SRPEDD participates in the development of their respective Management Plans for both programs.
- SRPEDD has been providing technical assistance to the South Coast Climate Change Coalition whose mission is to increase public awareness of the probable consequences of climate change, help communities incorporate resiliency planning, and take actions that help communities adapt to and minimize the consequences of climate change.
- SRPEDD continues as the lead agency for the Resilient Taunton Watershed Network (RTWN). The RTWN is a collaborative of local, non-profit, regional, and state and federal government representatives interested in the future health and resilience of the Taunton River Watershed. The RTWN provides information, conducts outreach and educational efforts, resources and tools to protect existing natural resources, reduce flooding, promote restoration, and develop sustainability. (EPA)
- SRPEDD is a member of the Board of Directors of Southeast Environmental Education Alliance (SEEAL). SEEAL is a non-profit organization whose mission is to help provide quality environmental education and stewardship opportunities to communities in southeastern Massachusetts. SEEAL runs a Mini-Grants Program to support local projects and in addition project that climate change, alternative energy, urban agriculture and youth conservation education.
- SRPEDD provides fiduciary support services to the Southeast Regional Homeland Security Council (SRAC), compromised of 96 municipalities and the Wampanoag Nation.
- SRPEDD maintains an extensive Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping

program. The mapping program contains a number of data layers including, land-use, zoning, water resources, soils, habitats, transportation network, economic development, priority protection and priority development areas, and other data and information.

- SRPEDD operates the Southeastern Massachusetts Data Center, providing information to businesses, cities and towns, and individuals.

SRPEDD, originally founded in 1956, is one of 13 regional planning agencies, or RPAs, across the state, and approximately 556 across the country. It was established for the purpose of delivering cost effective services, and facilitating enhanced regional planning and planning coordination on behalf its member cities and towns. Please let us know how we can be of continued service to your community!

OFFICE OF TOURISM

The calendar year 2017 was comprised of the last two quarters of FY17 and the first two quarters of FY18. It was the twenty-second year of the Office of Tourism's operation and the fifth full year the Visitors Center was in the Fairhaven Academy Building.

VISITORS CENTER

There were no major changes to the Visitors Center in 2017. The center was open year round on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday and well as during the summer Farmers Market. Whenever the Office of Tourism was open, visitors could also see the Historical Society's museum on the second floor.

Gail Costello volunteered to staff the Visitors Center on Thursday mornings during June, July, August, and September when Mr. Richard was out guiding tours. Jordan Richard and Andrew Morin provided assistance from 8:00 a.m. to noon during the Monday Morning Fun programs in July and August.

Besides the regular Visitors Center operation, other programs sponsored by the Office of Tourism were held at the Academy Building. Details on the Monday Morning Fun programs, Harvest Fun Day and The Haunted Academy are given in the Events section below.

TOURS

In 2017, the regularly scheduled Henry H. Rogers Walking Tours in June through the fall were guided by Robert Foster (Tuesday mornings) and Christopher Richard (Thursday mornings).

At Fort Phoenix the "Pirates and Privateers Presentation" continued for the second season on Friday mornings, June through September. Christopher Richard and volunteer Erin Hedges once again portraying the privateers Greybeard & Abby while Andrew Morin joined the "crew" as Andrew the Powder Monkey. Additional help was provided by Jordan and Lori Richard as substitutes when needed.

Between May and October, five regularly scheduled public tours were given in Riverside Cemetery by Christopher Richard.

A Poverty Point Walking Tour was scheduled in September.

In addition to the above mentioned, regularly scheduled public tours, a number of custom tours and school field trips were presented for groups, including Friends of the Millicent Library, Old Hammondtown School, Wood School, Acushnet Elementary School, the Bourne Society for Historical Preservation, the Northeast Maritime Institute, the Lord Nelson Victory Tugboat Association, interns from Boston's Institute of Contemporary Art, and others.

LECTURES AND CONSULTING

Mr. Richard gave a lecture on Henry H. Rogers for the Fairhaven Historical Society

at the Town Hall in February. He gave a talk on promotion and publicity to the Fairhaven Mothers Club in March.

Also during the year Mr. Richard consulted with author Brian Murphy about Fairhaven history in the 1800s for a book Mr. Murphy was writing on Thomas W. Nye.

Later in the year, Mr. Richard met with people who are planning the historical displays at the Joseph Bates Boyhood Home on Main Street, which is scheduled to open as a museum in the spring of 2018.

A small amount of help was given to a film crew working on a documentary about the Lizzie Borden murders. Some filming was done in Fairhaven.

EVENTS

In 2017, the Office of Tourism and the Fairhaven Village Militia co-sponsored spring and fall historical encampments at Fort Phoenix on Memorial Day weekend and on the last weekend in September. During both encampments members of the Wareham Militia & Minuteman Co. participated as well.

The 21st annual Fourth of July Ceremony at Fort Phoenix was sponsored by the Office of Tourism, with participation by the Board of Selectmen and the Fairhaven Village Militia. Brooke Douglass, a recent graduate of Fairhaven High School, performed the National Anthem.

During its third year, there were seven successful weeks of Monday Morning Fun programs at the Visitors Center in July and August. There was an eighth week scheduled which was rained out. Attendance continued to grow. Programs were presented by local groups including the Art Works ArtMobile, the Buttonwood Park Zoomobile, Emma Jean's, KJ Tunes, the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society and others. Ann Richard volunteered to supervise one week during the Tourism Director's vacation and present a program. For the first time, Acushnet Creamery was on hand each week selling ice cream.

In October Mr. Richard assisted the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society with booth layout and supervised the morning set-up for the Manjiro Festival.

On October 14, the fifth annual Harvest Fun Day was held on a very wet day, but hundreds of families braved the rain to enjoy food, crafts, children's activities at about 40 booths. Farm tractors, a hay wagon, and an antique Ford Model T depot hack were on hand.

At the end of October the second annual "Haunted Academy" took place on the evenings of October 27, 28, with Sunday, October 29, being cancelled because of a rain and wind storm. Volunteers Ethan Kakley, Manny Souza and sixteen others brought to life a fun and spooky walk-through haunt indoors and outdoors at the

Visitors Center for many appreciative visitors.

The Office of Tourism hosted its 20th annual Town Hall Shops as part of the Old-Time Holiday in December. Twenty-six groups took part in the Town Hall. Music was provided by Fairhaven music students. Food was served by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association and by Troop 52. The Fairhaven Village Militia served popcorn. The Office of Tourism provided publicity and paid advertising for all of the Old-Time Holiday events.

In addition to the events sponsored or co-sponsored by the Office of Tourism, the office provides free marketing/advertising services for many special events sponsored by independent non-profit groups. Website listings, paid advertising and press releases are produced to promote many public activities held in town throughout the year.

MONTHLY NEWSPAPER COLUMN
A monthly column, "Notes from the Visitors Center" was begun in the Neighborhood News. Running about 900 to 1,000 words, the column appears during the first week of each month to provide residents with updates of Office of Tourism projects and activities. It is also posted on Facebook and on the Office of Tourism website.

ADVERTISING and PUBLIC RELATIONS
Regular promotion of Fairhaven attractions and special events continued with paid print advertising placed in the Southcoast Almanac, South Coast INSIDER, Along Rte. 28, Cape Cod and Islands Pride Pages, O Jornal, Fairhaven Neighborhood News and The Traveler. Additionally, ads were placed in regional hotel in-room guest directories. The Monday Morning Fun Programs and Harvest Fun Day were promoted with full-page ads in the Neighborhood News. The Old-Time Holiday in December was promoted with full-page color ads in the Fairhaven Neighborhood News and the South Coast INSIDER. A small ad for Fairhaven appeared in a spring issue of Yankee magazine in cooperation with the Southeastern MA Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Five thousand copies of the, updated 28-page Fairhaven Visitors Guide were published in late April. A .pdf file of the guidebook is posted on Town of Fairhaven and the Office of Tourism websites.

In addition to paid advertising, press releases and photos about Fairhaven and special events were distributed to the press. Some of Fairhaven's larger special events were posted on the Massachusetts, Bristol County and City of New Bedford tourism websites.

INTERNET
Information about Fairhaven events is posted daily on social media sites Facebook (http://facebook.com/FairhavenTours) and Twitter (http://twitter.com/FairhavenTours). Items posted by Fairhaven businesses and non-profit groups on

social media are shared and retweeted by the Office of Tourism.

The Office of Tourism website, http://FairhavenTours.com, was further expanded and updated with additional pages on local attractions, history, and tourist resources. Pages were added to feature some attractions in neighboring Acushnet and Mattapoisett.

OLD STONE SCHOOLHOUSE

In June, July and August the Old Stone Schoolhouse was opened on Saturday afternoons by the Office of Tourism for the seventh season. The building was open Saturdays 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. A lecture series was added in an attempt to boost lagging attendance, without much result. In 2018 the Office of Tourism will introduce a new undertaking at the Visitors Center on Saturdays and the Old Stone Schoolhouse will only be opened by appointment.

HUTTLESTON MARKETPLACE

Toward the end of the year plans were being made for an outdoor marketplace to be held on Saturdays on the lawn of the Visitors Center in the summer of 2018. Huttleston Marketplace will feature select handmade arts and crafts, antiques and vintage collectibles, and locally grown or prepared foods.

Respectfully,
Christopher J. Richard,
Director of Tourism

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Fairhaven Recreation Department ended 2017 by acknowledging our 16 Th anniversary of the Recreation Center.

Fairhaven Recreation youth basketball will have 60 children playing in 2 different age groups ranging from 6 – 12. The games will be played at the Recreation Center.

Our Track & Field program had 23 athletes participating in our annual program as they trained and practiced hard.

Our Kool Kids summer program once again did very well this past summer. Overall we averaged 60 Children per week. We were at full capacity for all of our weeks and decided to open more spots so overall we were over 100 %. The children enjoyed their time off from school by participating in our program and attending field trips, special events & having Friday pizza lunches and Water Fun day.

2017 also saw us increase our afterschool program at the Wood and the East schools. We averaged 78 Children per week last school year and so far are averaging 91 children per week this school year.

In 2017 the Recreation Center saw 895 members. We look forward to 2018 as we enter our 17th year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Warren Rensehausen, APRP
Recreation Director

VETERANS SERVICES

The Office of Veterans' Services granted financial aid and medical assistance through M.G.L. Chapter 115 to one hundred and five veterans, their families, spouses or widows during the year 2017. There was a total of ninety-one cases divided as follows:

WWII 14	Korea 21	Vietnam 56	Peacetime 10	Persian Gulf 4

The above caseload consists of forty-nine veterans, twelve spouses, two children and forty-two widows totaling one hundred and five qualified individuals.

According to the latest update from the Veterans Administration, VA benefits paid to veterans with Fairhaven residency totaled $2,646,492.00 for the last 12 month period monitored. These benefits were paid for pensions and disability compensation and included 238 resident veterans' beneficiaries. A number of these claims were processed through this office.

Unemployed veterans are being referred to the Division of Employment for aid in finding employment or training for future employment. Some veterans have been referred to the Veterans' Administration clinic on Elm Street, New Bedford for assistance in receiving Veterans' Administration aid through their hospital and clinics. A number of resident veterans have taken advantage of the VA prescription medication program. Several veterans have been referred to the Veterans Transition House in New Bedford and the Veterans' Hospital in Brockton for various treatment programs and several have, through this office, applied for and received disability benefits from the Veterans' Administration and Social Security.

In addition to financial and medical assistance, the department has been active in reaching out to veterans in other regards. Many veterans have contacted this office for miscellaneous information such as; transportation problems to veteran hospitals, applications for burial in national cemeteries, burial plaques, award certificates for tax abatements and applications for military medals, ribbons and other military records.

The department has completed the building of a database of all Fairhaven veterans that have served throughout the history of the town, reaching back to the Old Oxford Village during the Revolutionary War through the current action in the Persian Gulf. It is important to honor all veterans, both living and deceased. The data base will be a great asset in granting the appropriate honors to our veterans and will be continuously updated.

The Office has also recently updated to a new Management Information System that helps expedite cases and reimbursements from The Department of Veterans' Services, Boston. The VA has also streamlined the pension and compensation application process which helps in filing and receiving faster responses for each case.

Respectfully submitted,
James A. Cochran
Director/Agent

WATER DEPARTMENT

The following figures compare Water Department statistics for calendar years 2016 and 2017:

Calendar Years:

	2016	2017
Gallons of finished water pumped	439,768,000	414,353,000
Most gallons of finished water pumped in one day	1,960,000	1,769,000
Most gallons of finished water pumped in one week	11,298,000	10,688,000
House service leaks	29	25
Water main leaks	3	3
Lead services replaced	6	5
New water services adde	3	15
Fire hydrants replaced	6	9
New fire hydrants added	0	1
Water meters installed	74	88

I would like to thank my staff and all Town Departments for their continued support throughout the year.

Edward L. Fortin
Water Superintendent

MATTAPOISETT RIVER VALLEY WATER SUPPLY PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

History and Purpose of MRVWSPAC
The Mattapoisett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee (MRVWSPAC) was established in 1980 by the towns of Fairhaven, Mattapoisett, Marion and Rochester. The organization grew out of a concern for the aquifer underlying the Mattapoisett River watershed, from which all four towns draw water supplies. Special legislation was enacted in 1983 (Chapter 407) formalizing the Committee.

The MRVWSPAC is made up of three (3) representatives from each town for a total of 12 members. The MRVWSPAC holds public meetings on the second Tuesday of every month at 4:00 p.m. at the Fairhaven Board of Public Works in Fairhaven.

Mattapoisett River Valley Aquifer
The Mattapoisett River and its aquifer provide fresh water for water supply, recreation and agriculture to portions of the entirety of five communities in Bristol and Plymouth Counties in Massachusetts. In 2017, our aquifer supplied approximately 1.76 million gallons per day for domestic and commercial users in the towns of Mattapoisett, Fairhaven, Marion and Rochester.

A drought warning for Southeastern Massachusetts issued by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs in July 2016 remained in effect through January 2017. In response District towns continued to implement outdoor water use restrictions identified in their Water Management Act Permit. The District Towns and the Mattapoisett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee continue to monitor drought status and implement outdoor water use restrictions if required.

Summary of 2017 MRVWSPAC Accomplishments

- MRVWSPAC Recognized for Land Preservation Efforts in the Mattapoisett River Valley: The Buzzards Bay Coalition (BBC) released the report entitled "15 Year Status Report 2001 – 2016 Mattapoisett River Valley Land Protection Partnership" which detailed that 1,468-acres of land were permanently protected between 2001 and 2016. The MRVWSPAC contributed funding for a number of land protection projects which resulted in 28% of the Mattapoisett River Zone II being permanently protected, and 17% of the Mattapoisett River Valley.

- Environmental review of projects in the Mattapoisett River Valley:

  - Reviewed plans for the following projects within the watershed and sent comment letters to respective planning boards in Mattapoisett and Rochester:
    1. William Milka solar project off New Bedford Road in Rochester
    2. Decas Cranberry Tailwater Recovery Pond off Neck Road in Rochester

- Mattapoisett River Monitoring/Protection:
  - Met with local legislators Senator Pacheco and Representative Straus to make them aware of important Water Management Act changes that will impact the communities of Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester.
  - Monitored stream flow and water levels in numerous locations along the Mattapoisett River. Maintained a database of critical water level data.
  - Funded Annual Mattapoisett River Hydrologic Monitoring Report

The MRVWSPAC wishes to recognize the members of its consulting team for their excellent work and contributions in 2016:

Tata & Howard	Lead environmental consultant
David Watling	Mattapoisett River Valley monitoring and data collection
Meagan McCarthy	Data reduction and graphing
Nettles Design	MRVWSPAC website management

Respectfully submitted,
Fairhaven Committee Members
Vinnie Furtado, Chairman
Mark Rees

Mattapoisett Committee Members
Daniel W. Chase
William T. Nicholson
Henri Renauld, Vice Chairman

Marion Committee Members
Rob Zora
David Pierce, Treasurer
Paul Dawson

MATTAPOISETT RIVER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

The Mattapoisett River Valley Water District (District) was formed in 2004 to construct and operate the six million gallon per day (mgd) Mattapoisett River Valley Water Treatment Facility (MRVWTF). The District is comprised of the Towns of Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester. The treatment facility, located in Mattapoisett, began operations in 2008.

The MRVWTF treats raw water from eight municipal water supply wells owned and operated by the District Towns. The sources include three Mattapoisett wells, one Marion well, and four Fairhaven wells, which are located in Mattapoisett and Rochester. Treatment at the facility includes oxidation with ozone followed by membrane ultrafiltration with Koch membrane filters for the removal of iron and manganese. The finished water is treated to adjust the pH for corrosion control.

2017 represented the tenth year of operation of the MRVWTF. The plant processed 644 million gallons of water during the year. The FY18 operating budget for the plant is $2,038,550 which represents an increase of approximately 1.5% over FY17. The major expenses include power, labor, chemicals and equipment replacement identified in the annual Capital Improvement Plan.

The MRVWTF operated well throughout the year. Routine annual maintenance and inspection was performed on major components of the MRVWTF, including the generator, inspection of high and low lift pumps, and fire extinguisher inspection. The Tinkham Lane Well was offline for a brief period from January 28th to March 5th due to operational issues. The Town of Fairhaven has contracted for the design and construction of a replacement well in order to restore the source capacity.

As part of the Capital Improvement Plan, the District replaced components of the KOCH filters, the ozone system, one backwash pump, one SCADA system process PLC, one scroll compressor unit, and replaced some of the chemical feed pumps and tanks. In addition, design has begun to replace the primary electric supply to the MRVWTF. The purpose of the project is to improve electrical reliability to the MRVWTF. The District has been coordinating design with Eversource and Tata & Howard, Inc., and the project is expected to be complete in 2018.

A drought warning for Southeastern Massachusetts issued by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) in 2016 remained in effect through January 2017. In response, the District Towns continued to implement outdoor water use restrictions identified in their Water Management Act Permits. Drought restrictions were lifted by the EEA in April when Southeastern Massachusetts had returned to normal conditions and the District Towns lifted the local outdoor water use restrictions. The District Towns and the Mattapoisett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee continue to monitor drought status and assess if implementation of outdoor water use restrictions is required.

The District and MRVWTF received the 2017 Public Water System Award for Outstanding Performance in 2016, as well as the Governors' Citation in Recognition of Dedicated Service to Maintain Abundant Clean Water.

Respectfully submitted
Mattapoisett River Valley Water District Commission

Town of Fairhaven
Mark Rees
Vincent D. Furtado
Alfred F. Raphael

Town of Marion
Paul Dawson
David Pierce
Robert Zora

Town of Rochester
Laurell Farinon
Jeffrey Eldridge
Frederick Underhill

Town of Mattapoisett
Paul Silva
William Nicholson
Henri Renauld

DEPARTMENT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

The annual salary of the Sealer of Weights and Measures is $6,399.
The Town of Fairhaven has a Consumer/Merchant Fund and the account balance is $3,824.16.
Calendar year of 2017 – Fees Charged
Sealing fees collected: $3,861
Charges collected for adjusting: $122.50
Total Amount collected for Civil Penalties: $0

1. Do you keep a permanent record on file of all individual inspections and reweighing? YES
2. Peddler's Licenses: NONE
3. Transient Vendors: NONE
4. Fuel Oil Delivery Certificates: 0
5. Marking of
   a. Bread – 0
   b. Food packages – 0
   c. Coal, coke, and charcoal in paper bags – 0
6. Clinical Thermometers – 0
7. Scales – 1
8. Other inspections – 0
9. Measure containers – 0
10. Retest of gasoline devices after sealing – 0
11. Number of retail outlets required to:
    a. Have scanning system tested – 32
    b. Post Unit Pricing – 0
    c. Post-Consumer Notice – 0
12. Number of Scanning Inspections – 0
13. Number of Unit Pricing Inspections – 0
14. Number of Unit Pricing prosecutions and hearings – 0
15. Miscellaneous Inspections and Tests – 0
16. Reweighing and re-measurements made for municipality: N/A

Submitted by:
Theodore Machado
Sealer of Weights and Measures

HUMAN RESOURCES

The Human Resources Department is responsible for personnel administration for the Town's general government, including personnel policies, collective bargaining agreements, health insurance benefits, worker's compensation, unemployment, Employee Assistance Program, training, and police/fire injured on duty.

In 2017, the Town Hall saw many personnel changes. Longtime Health Inspector Patricia Fowle retired in July after 36 years with the Town. Ms. Fowle was a deeply respected colleague, and everyone at Town Hall wishes her a long and healthy retirement.

Other Town Hall staff changes included the hiring of new Health Agent Mary Freire-Kellogg and Administrative Assistant Amanda Blais in the Board of Health; Patricia Pacella in the Building/Cable Departments; Bobby Bruso as the new, full-time Cable Access Director; Vicki Paquette as the Assistant to the Town Administrator; Mary Lou Baumgartner as Senior Clerk in the Collector's Office; Joanne Correia as Senior Clerk in the Assessor's Office; and Anne O'Brien as the first Human Resources Director.

We welcomed the following first responders in 2017 as well: William Vachon and Michael Carrette (Police) and Kathleen Rocha, Timothy DesRoches and Mark Mattessich (Fire).

Starting in 2017, the Town received a Community Compact grant from Governor Charles Baker's office for the purposes of updating and modernizing our personnel policies. We used this grant to engage the services of Human Resources Services (HRS, Inc.), who will start the new year with a compensation and classification plan for non-union, and a job description/classification plan clerical union employees. This project will also result in a new, updated personnel handbook. HRS will update and rewrite job descriptions, some of which are decades outdated, and will update personnel policies.

2018 will be an important year for the Human Resources office. It will be the first full year for the department, and will continue the trend to centralize and expand HR services in the Town of Fairhaven.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne O'Brien
Human Resources Director

TOWN ELECTION
APRIL 4, 2017

PRECINCT 1	VOTE	PRECINCT 2	VOTE	PRECINCT 3	VOTE
(24 for 3 yrs) (1 for 2 yrs)		(24 for 3 yrs) (5 for 2 yrs)		(24 for 3 yrs) (10 for 2 yrs) (1 for 1 yr)	
Jennifer Bishop	31	Carl G. Bissonnette	50	Angela Allaire	47
Michael J. Bouvier	36	Manuel M. Botelho	56	Scott Fernandes	48
Patrick J. Dolan	27	Justin Bouley	49	Joseph A. Gubler	41
Lindsay Gordon	31	Chad Bourgeois	51	Carolyn Lopes	44
Richard Gordon	26	David S. Darmofal	58	Albert N. Martin, Jr.	42
Beth Luey	31	Zachary Hahn	46	Barry Parker	42
Michael Luey	30	Roger LeBlanc	48	Amanda Pedersen	43
Jean T. Perry	43	Donald Mulcare	55	James Martin	2
Thomas R. Pomfret	29	Linda Schick	52	Steven Donnelly	1
John P. Rainville	27	Raymond Sylvia	56		
Frank J. Rezendes	38	Kelly O'Connor	48		
Mary Jane Richard	37	Mary Lou Mendonca	2		
Barbara K. Rose-Frost	28	Kerrie Monroe	1		
Paige Roth	36	Nicholas Parker	1		
Michael Silvia	32				
Margaret M. Gary	38				
Thomas M. Gray	37				
Paul Hadfield	32				
Andrew J. Straus	37				
Bernadette Costa	7				
Scott Anderson	3				
Matthew Sylvia	3				
Eric Sylvia	2				
MaryAlice Sylvia	2				
Mary Beth Baca	2				
Nancy Jacobsen	2				
Mary Yarmac	2				
Barbara Lorentzen	2				
Kevin Gonsalves`	1				
Nancy Perry	1				
Roger Marcoux	1				
Cameron Durant	1				
Chauncy Burr	1				
Stacey Burr	1				
Nathan Rebello	1				
Diana Painter	1				

PRECINCT 4	VOTE	PRECINCT 5	VOTE	PRECINCT 6	VOTE
(25 for 3 yrs) (8 for 2 yrs)		(23 for 3 yrs) (2 for 2 yrs)		(24 for 3 yrs) (10 for 2 yrs) (1 for 1 yr)	
Renee Bradshaw	57	Thomas L. Alden, Sr	43	Anthime Brunette	37
Todd Correia	63	Stephen E. Benoit	42	David DeSouza	34
Nicholas Costa	62	Donald H. Cardinal	44	Tracy Diggins	37
Sheryl Costa	64	Francisco Coelho	44	Edward L. Fortin	44
Francis J. Cox, Sr.	71	Eleanor N. Corr	37	Louis J. Fortin	39
Scott K. Durant	52	Erin DaSilva	38	Mary T. Fortin	38
Mary Freire-Kellogg	52	Robert DaSilva	37	Edward Freitas	43
Pasquale LaMarra, Jr.	51	Shirley A. Hunter	49	Jeffrey Furtado	34
John Patrick McGowan	52	Kerrie McNamara	55	Dennis D. Gallant	36
Anne M. Mozzone	55	Victor D. Oliveira	43	Dorothy Holmes	39
Michael J. Pacheco	52	Kraig S. Perry	35	James R. Leal	39
John Pond	49	G. Steven Riley	42	Christopher A. Medeiros	31
Carl Souza	60	Louis Rodrigues	36	Wendi Lee Myers	42
Sharon Souza	61	Anne Silvia	64	Diane Rocha	36
Joanne St.Amand	50	Daniel Silvia	57	John D. Serpa	31
Phillip W. Sylvia	53	Keith Silvia	63	Penni Stackpole	34
George J. Vezina	50	Nicholas R. Carrigg	40	Janice Sylvia	34
Andrew B. Tillett	73	Leslie Veitch	5	Joseph Sylvia	36
Mark Fletcher	2	William Farrell	4	Linda Therrien	45
Theresa Fletcher	1	Diane Maynard	3	Brian R. Wotton	46
Gary Pacella	1	Lisa Plante	2	Timothy D. Cox	51
John Rezendes	1	Antone Medeiros	1	Joseph Borelli	1
Matthew Foster	1	John McGilvray	1	Edward Silva	1
Nicholas Gautreau	1	Elaine O' Neill	1	Gary Souza (withdrew name)	1
Missy Gautreay	1			Marcy Haaland	1

TOWN ELECTION
APRIL 3, 2017

Selectman - 3 years	PREC 1	PREC 2	PREC 3	PREC 4	PREC 5	PREC 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
Vote for One								
Charles k. Murphy, Sr	67	68	54	79	99	72	439	441
Hand Counts	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	
Write-Ins	0	0	2	4	2	1	9	9
Blanks	22	18	8	24	24	13	109	109
TOTAL	89	86	64	108	125	87	559	559

School Committee - 3 years	PREC 1	PREC 2	PREC 3	PREC 4	PREC 5	PREC 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
Vote for Two								
Pamela R. Kuechler	60	66	53	80	89	66	414	415
Hand Counts	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	
Brian D. Munroe	61	58	50	80	75	55	379	380
Hand Counts	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	
Write-In	0	2	0	1	2	1	6	6
Blanks	57	46	25	55	84	50	317	317
TOTAL	178	172	128	216	250	174	1118	1118

Board of Health - 3 years	PREC 1	PREC 2	PREC 3	PREC 4	PREC 5	PREC 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
Vote for One								
Jeannine L. Lopes	64	69	54	86	83	65	421	423
Hand Counts	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	3
Blanks	25	17	10	21	41	19	133	133
TOTAL	89	86	64	108	125	87	559	559

Board of Public Works - 3 years	PREC 1	PREC 2	PREC 3	PREC 4	PREC 5	PREC 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
Vote for Two								
Brian R. Wotton	53	60	48	71	77	58	367	369
Hand Counts	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	
* Write-Ins (see below)								
Write-Ins	50	36	27	55	78	35	281	281
Blanks	75	76	53	89	95	80	468	468
TOTAL	178	172	128	216	250	174	1118	1118

Board Public Works -1 year Unexp Term	PREC 1	PREC 2	PREC 3	PREC 4	PREC 5	PREC 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
Vote for One								
Keith Silvia	51	55	51	80	90	50	377	379
Hand Counts	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	
Write-ins	14	12	3	7	12	13	61	61
Blanks	24	19	10	20	23	23	119	119
TOTAL	89	86	64	108	125	87	559	559

Commissioner of Trust Funds - 3 years	PREC 1	PREC 2	PREC 3	PREC 4	PREC 5	PREC 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
Vote for One								
John Rogers	67	74	53	87	93	65	439	440
Hand Counts	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	
Write-Ins	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
Blanks	22	12	11	20	32	21	118	118
TOTAL	89	86	64	108	125	87	559	559

* Board of Public Works - 3 years	PREC 1	PREC 2	PREC 3	PREC 4	PREC 5	PREC 6	
Write-Ins							
Cameron Durant	44	24	24	35	58	29	214
Geoffrey Haworth	6	10	3	20	10	13	62

Planning Board - 4 years	PREC 1	PREC 2	PREC 3	PREC 4	PREC 5	PREC 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
Vote for Two								
Cathy Melanson	59	63	39	65	74	43	343	345
Hand Counts	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	
Nicholas Carrigg	50	55	40	66	76	57	344	346
Hand Counts	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	
Write-Ins	2	0	0	3	3	1	9	9
Blanks	67	54	49	80	97	71	418	418
TOTAL	178	172	128	216	250	174	1118	1118

Housing Authority - 5 years	PREC 1	PREC 2	PREC 3	PREC 4	PREC 5	PREC 6	SUB TOT	TOTAL
Vote for One								
Jay S. Simmons	61	68	52	80	89	62	412	412
Hand Counts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Write-Ins	0	1	0	1	1	0	3	3
Blanks	28	17	12	27	35	25	144	144
TOTAL	89	86	64	108	125	87	559	559

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017
WALTER SILVEIRA AUDITORIUM – ELIZABETH HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL
TOWN MEETING MEMBERS PRESENT 214 – QUORUM REQUIRED 100

Meeting called to order by Moderator at 9:00 A.M.
The National Anthem was played
Invocation by Father Lupo, St. Joseph Church
A moment of silence was held for the deceased.
The Moderator introduced those seated on stage.
The Moderator stated that the warrant had been properly served and that there was a quorum.
Instructions were given to the Town Meeting Members.
Voted that the reading of the warrant and the return of service be omitted. Seconded.
Voted that the Moderator be allowed to refer to the articles by number and title only. Seconded.
Voted that all the appropriations voted at this town meeting be placed on the tax levy for the fiscal year from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 unless otherwise specified. Seconded.

Town Meeting Members Present:	Precinct 1 – 44
	Precinct 2 – 35
	Precinct 3 – 23
	Precinct 4 – 37
	Precinct 5 – 45
	Precinct 6 – 30
	TOTAL 284

ARTICLE 1 – MEASURER OF WOOD AND BARK
Voted unanimously to instruct the Selectmen to appoint a Measurer of Wood and Bark.

ARTICLE 2 – TOWN REPORT
Voted unanimously to receive the Annual Report of Town Officers.

ARTICLE 3 – REPORT OF COMMITTEES
Moved to Pass Over

ARTICLE 4 – SEWER CAPITAL FEE – FY17
Voted to transfer the sum of $129,883.13 from the Sewer Fund to Sewer Retained Earnings – Reserve for Capital Projects.

ARTICLE 5 – SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS STABILIZATION FUND – FY17
Voted to create a Sewer Capital Improvements Stabilization Fund for Sewer Capital projects and further voted to transfer from Sewer Retained Earnings – Reserve for Capital Projects the sum of $129,883.13 to the Sewer Capital Improvements Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE 6 – COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS – FY17

Voted to appropriate the following sums of money from the Community Preservation Fund recommended by the Community Preservation Committee with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

A. $20,000 Board of Public Works – Branch Brook Land Protection Project
B. $10,000 Recreation Center/Wellness Committee – Fitness Station Project
C. $17,500 Fairhaven Tennis Association – Cushman Park Tennis Court Restoration

ARTICLE 7 – FUNDING LABOR CONTRACTS FY17

Voted to amend Article 5 of the May 7, 2016 Annual Town Meeting "FY17 General Fund Operating Budget", Article 6 of the May 7, 2016 Annual Town Meeting "FY17 Sewer Enterprise Fund Operating Budget" and Article 7 of the May 7, 2016 Annual Town Meeting "FY17 Water Enterprise Fund Operating Budget" for the purpose of funding the cost in FY17, of the Collective Bargaining Agreements between the Town and the following labor groups, said agreements signed and dated prior to this Town Meeting:

- Clerical Union-AFSCME AFL-CIO, Local 851 – FY17 - $34,950
- Police Union- New England Police Benevolent Association, Inc., Local 64 - FY17 - $64,694
- Dispatchers- Union New England Police Benevolent Association, Inc., Local 106 - FY17 - $9,473
- Fire Fighters -Fairhaven Firefighters Association, Local 1555, IAFF/PFFM - FY17 - $48,488
- Highway/Parks Union- Council 93AFSCME AFL-CIO, Local 851 - FY17 - $26,175
- Sewer Division Union-Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehouseman & Helpers, Local 59
- Water Division Union- Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehouseman & Helpers, Local 59

Voted the adoption of the following:

1. Selectmen/Town Administrator - $2,076 to be transferred from FY17 Wage & Salary Reserve
2. Treasurer/Collector - $6,008 to be transferred from FY17 Wage & Salary Reserve
3. Town Clerk - $1,128 to be transferred from FY17 Wage & Salary Reserve
4. Assessors - $1,902 to be transferred from FY17 Wage & Salary Reserve
5. Police Department - $74,167 to be transferred from FY17 Wage & Salary Reserve
6. Fire Department - $48,488 to be transferred from FY17 Wage & Salary Reserve
7. Building Department - $522 to be transferred from FY17 Wage & Salary Reserve
8. Highway Department - $24,766 to be transferred from FY17 Wage & Salary Reserve
9. Board of Health - $522 to be transferred from FY17 Wage & Salary Reserve
10. Council on Aging - $1,034 to be transferred from FY17 Wage & Salary Reserve
11. Park Department - $1,409 to be transferred from Wage & Salary Reserve

12. Sewer Enterprise Fund - $10,493 to be transferred from Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings
13. Water Enterprise Fund - $18,540 to be transferred from Water Enterprise Retained Earnings

ARTICLE 8 – AMENDING SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS – FY17
Voted to adopt and fix the compensation for the Town Clerk at $54,570 for a total additional appropriation of $1,589 in FY17.

Voted to adopt and fix the compensation for the Tree Warden at $6,832, for a total additional appropriation of $201 in FY17.

ARTICLE 9 – AMENDED FY17 GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET
Voted to amend Article 5 of the May 7, 2016 Annual Town Meeting "FY17 General Fund Operating Budget" with the following sums of money:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT
1. Selectmen/Town Administrator - $6,692 to be transferred from FY17 Wage & Salary Reserve
2. Town Accountant - $12,247 to be transferred from FY17 Wage & Salary Reserve
3. Treasurer/Collector - $7,881 to be transferred from FY17 Wage & Salary Reserve
4. Town Clerk
   (a) $1,589 to be transferred from FY17 Wage & Salary Reserve
   (b) Operating Expenses -$1,200 to be transferred from Debt Service on Temp Loan
5. Assessors – $42,398 to be transferred from FY17 Wage & Salary Reserve
6. Town Hall
   (a) $5,442 to be transferred from FY17 Wage & Salary Reserve
   (b) Operating Expenses - $5,720 to be transferred from Debt Service of Temp Loan
7. Town Meeting - $32 to be transferred from FY17 Wage & Salary Reserve
8. Planning Board - $57 to be transferred from FY17 Wage & Salary Reserve
9. Plan & Economic Development - $4,016 to be transferred from FY17 Wage & Salary Reserve
10. Board of Appeals - $347 to be transferred from FY17 Wage & Salary Reserve
11. Conservation Commission - $361 to be transferred from FY17 Wage & Salary Reserve
12. Police Department - $6,963 to be transferred from FY17 Wage & Salary Reserve
12A. Animal Control - $1,600 to be transferred from FY17 Wage & Salary Reserve
13. Fire Department
   (a) $8,741 to be transferred from FY17 Wage & Salary
   (b) $15,000 to be transferred from Debt Service on Temp Loan
14. Building Department - $3,621 to be transferred from FY17 Wage & Salary Reserve
15. Harbormaster - $2,693 to be transferred from FY17 Wage & Salary Reserve
16. Emergency Management - $50 to be transferred from FY17 Wage & Salary Reserve
17. Sealer of Weights and measures - $196 to be transferred from FY17 Wage & Salary

Reserve
18. Bristol County Agri High School - $6,423 to be transferred from Debt Service on Temp Loan
19. Public Works Administration = $4,872 to be transferred from FY17 Wage & Salary Reserve
20. Highway Department - $2,439 to be transferred from FY Wage & Salary Reserve
21. Tree Department - $830 to be transferred from FY17 Wage & Salary Reserve
22. Board of Health - $2,803 to be transferred from FY Wage & Salary Reserve
23. Council on Aging
    (a) $3,038 to be transferred from FY17 Wage & Salary Reserve
    (b) $8,000 to be transferred from Council on Aging Social Day Reserves for Receipts
24. Veteran's Services - $1,278 to be transferred from FY17 Wage & Salary Reserve
25. Park Department - $1,432 to be transferred from FY17 Wage & Salary Reserve
26. Office of Tourism - $1,563 to be transferred from FY17 Wage & Salary Reserve
27. Medicare - $37,000 to be transferred from FY17 Wage & Salary Reserve

ARTICLE 10 – AMENDED FY17 SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND OPERATING BUDGET
Voted to amend Article 6 of the May 7, 2016 Annual Town Meeting "FY17 Sewer Enterprise Fund Operating Budget": Salary & Wages - $4,932 to be transferred from Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings

ARTICLE 11 – AMENDED FY17 WATER ENTERPRISE FUND OPERATING BUDGET
Voted to amend Article 7of the May 7, 2016 Annual Town Meeting "FY17 Water Enterprise
Fund Operating Budget": Salary & Wages - $2,868 to be transferred from Water Enterprise Retained Earnings

ARTICLE 12 – AMENDED FY17 RECREATION ENTERPRISE FUND OPERATING BUDGET
Voted to amend Article 8 of the May 7, 2016 Annual Town Meeting "FY17 Recreation Enterprise
Fund Operating Budget": Salary & Wages - $4,548 to be transferred from Recreation Water Enterprise Retained Earnings

ARTICLE 13 – AMENDED FY17 GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PLAN
Voted to amend Article 9 of the May 7, 2016 Annual Town Meeting "General Fund Capital Plan"
by transferring from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) - $100,000 for Project F: Facilities Improvement Plan for a revised project cost of $145,000.

ARTICLE 14 – AMENDED FY17 SEWER ENTERPRISE CAPITAL PLAN
A. Voted by 2/3 that the Town rescinds its action taken under Article 10 -- Sewer Enterprise Capital Plan, of the warrant at the Annual Town Meeting held on May 7, 2016.

B. Also, that the Town appropriates $10,953,000 to fund the following Capital Equipment Projects:

a) Rehab Clarifiers - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$2,600,000
b) Rehab PT building - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,290,000
c) Rehab Railroad & Pilgrim Pump - - - - - -	$2,804,000
d) Design Fee -	$ 491,000
e) Engineering Services for Construction - -	$ 697,000
f) 24" Sewer Interceptor Replacement - - - -	$3,071,000
	$10,953,000

in aggregate without regard to individual line items to support the engineering, design and construction for the rehabilitation of the Wastewater Treatment Plant clarifiers; rehabilitation of the Preliminary Treatment Building; rehabilitation of the Railroad Avenue and Pilgrim Avenue Pumping Stations; and the 24" Sewer Interceptor Rehabilitation on the Bike Path. To meet this appropriation, $2,063,558 shall be transferred from amounts paid to the Town by the Town of Mattapoisett, $23,383.12 shall be transferred from the Sconticut Neck Sewer Extension Capital Project Fund (June 8, 2002 Special Town Meeting, Article 14), $682,000 shall be transferred from reserve funds derived from a rescinded article, $119,058.88 shall be transferred from Sewer System Retained Earnings, $65,000 shall be transferred from amounts appropriated under Article 7, Part D of the warrant at the 2016 Annual Town Meeting, and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow $8,000,000 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Sections 7 and 8 of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

ARTICLE 15 – BILLS OF PRIOR YEAR

By 9/10 vote, the town voted the following sums of money by transferring each sum from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash):

A. Southcoast Physicians Group - $125.53
B. Southcoast Hospitals Group - $50.24
C. Enos Home Oxygen - $46.23
D. RAD Associates of New Bedford - $11.03
E. Tool Discounter - $24.82
F. Nancy Charest - $562.50
G. Southcoast Physicians Group - $532.63

ARTICLE 16 – ADOPTION OF MGL CHAPTER 7, SECTION 37M

Voted by majority vote, to accept the provisions of M.G.L, Chapter 7, Section 37, "Consolidation of Administrative Functions with City or Town" which allows public school systems to consolidate administrative functions, including but not limited to

financial, personnel and maintenance functions with their city or town, provided, however, that such consolidation may occur only upon a majority vote of both the school committee and the annual town meeting.

ARTICLE 17 – RECREATION ENTERPRISE TO GENERAL FUND – FY18

Voted by majority vote, to rescind the provisions of Chapter 44, § 53F½ of the Massachusetts General Laws that established the Recreation Department as an enterprise fund effective fiscal year 2018.

ARTICLE 18 – SETTING SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS – FY18

Voted by majority vote, to fix the compensation of the Town's Elected Officers and that said compensation be effective July 1, 2017:

A. Board of Selectmen (3 members)	$16,389.00
B. Town Clerk	$55,662.00
C. Moderator	$ 800.00
D. Tree Warden	$ 7,036.00
E. Board of Health	$ 4,244.00

ARTICLE 19 – GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET – FY18

Voted by majority vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the following sums of money to fund the FY18 General Fund Operating Budget.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Moderator	
Salaries & Wages	$ 800
Selectmen/Town Administrator	
Salaries & Wages	$384,849
Operating Expenses	$ 57,340
Town Accountant	
Salaries & Wages	$122,470
Operating Expenses	$ 43,475
Information Technology	
Salaries & Wages	$ 60,000
Operating Expenses	$163,655
Finance Director (Treasurer/Collector)	
Salaries & Wages	$335,847
Operating Expenses	$ 42,552
Tax Title	$ 51,000
Town Clerk/Elections	
Salaries & Wages	$109,908
Operating Expenses	$ 31,141

Assessors

Salaries & Wages	$153,756
Operating Expenses	$ 32,854

Town Hall

Salaries & Wages	$ 54,134
Operating Expenses	$ 80,375

Town Meeting/Finance Committee

Salaries & Wages	$ 1,121
Operating Expenses	$ 7,715

Planning Board

Salaries & Wages	$ 2,540
Operating Expenses `	$ 3,905

Planning & Economic Development

Salaries & Wages	$106,831
Operating Expenses	$ 15,655

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Board of Appeals

Salaries & Wages	$ 1,639
Operating Expenses	$ 3,600

Legal Expenses $170,000

Conservation Commission

Salaries & Wages	$ 12,636
Operating Expenses	$ 6,120 - $4,000 from ConCom

Wetlands RRA

$2,120 on the Tax Levy

Buzzard's Bay Action Committee $ 1,140

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department/Animal Control

Salaries & Wages	$3,317,970
Operating Expenses	$ 323,174 - $6,000 from Animal Shelter

Gift Acct

$317,174 on the Tax

Levy

Fire Department

Salaries & Wages	$2,177,054
Operating Expenses	$ 232,892

Building Department	
Salaries & Wages	$ 147,114
Operating Expenses	$ 6,808
Harbor Master/Shellfish Inspector	
Salaries & Wages	$ 97,261 - $64,00 form the Waterways Fund $33,261 on the Tax Levy
Operating Expenses	$ 41,995
Emergency Management Agency	
Salaries & Wages	$ 1,768
Operating Expenses	$ 11,480
Sealer of Weights & Measures	
Salaries & Wages	$ 6,863
Operating Expenses	$ 1,598
Street Lighting	$ 51,000
EDUCATION	
Fairhaven Public Schools	$19,783,472
GNBRVT High School	$1,955,224
Bristol County Aggie High School	$ 37,000
PUBLIC WORKS	
Administration	
Salaries & Wages	$178,515
Operating Expenses	$ 2.816
Highway Division	
Salaries & Wages	$980,282
Operating Expenses	$1,191,942 - $10,000 from Sub-Division Mgt Fees $1,181,942 on the Tax Levy
Snow and Ice Removal	$ 50,000
Tree Warden Department	
Salaries & Wages	$ 36,114
Operating Expenses	$ 18,705
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	
Board of Health	

Salaries & Wages	$152,298
Operating Expenses	$572,915
Council on Aging	
Salaries & Wages	$146,490 - $36,000 from Social Day Care Center RRA $110,490 on the Tax Levy
Operating Expenses	$ 34,922
Veterans Services	
Salaries & Wages	$ 46,444
Operating Expenses	$892,100
Commission on Disability	$ 1,300
Rape Crisis Project	$ 2,000
CULTURE & RECREATION	
Millicent Library	$665,102
Recreation (Previously an Enterprise Fund)	
Salaries & Wage	$161,257
Operating Expenses	$161,770
Park Division	
Salaries & Wages	$102,431
Operating Expenses	$ 26,319
Office of Tourism	
Salaries & Wages	$ 56,176
Operating Expenses	$ 23,500
Fine Arts	$ 1,200
Historical Commission	$ 14,750
Memorial Day	$ 2,500
Consolidated Information Technology	$502,879
NON-DEPARTMENTAL	
Contributory Retirement	$2,946,801

Group Insurance	$3,881,204
MA Employment Security	$ 120,000
Town Insurance	$861,010
Medicare	$385,000

DEBT SERVICE

Debt	$878,293 - $84,000 from Overlay Surplus
	$20,000 from Title 5 RRA
	$774,293 0n the Tax Levy
Interest of Debt	$309,044
Interest on Temp Loan	$ 60,000

APPROPRIATIONS TO RESERVES OVERLAY RESERVE

(Abatements & Refunds	$250,000
Reserve Fund	$100.00
Capital Stabilization Fund	$0.00
O(ther) P(ost) E(mployment) B(enefits) Res	$150,000
Wage & Salary Reserve	$150,000

That $413,886 of Water Enterprise costs appropriated in the General Fund for health insurance, pensions, other employee benefits, and shared employees will be funded and transferred from Water Revenue.

And that $549,590 of Sewer Enterprise costs appropriated in the General Fund for health insurance, pension, other employee benefits, and shared employees will be funded and transferred from Sewer Revenue.

And that $1,050,000 of Ambulance Costs appropriated in the general Fund for Police and Fire salary, operating budget, health insurance, pensions, other employee benefits will be funded from Ambulance Fund Receipts reserved for appropriation.

ARTICLE 20 – WATER ENTERPRISE FUND OPERATING BUDGET FY18

Voted by majority the sum of

$574,978 for Water Salaries and Wages
$382,401 for Water Expenses
$1,128,556 for Water District
$413,866 for Water Indirect Costs (to cover the costs in the General Fund
$50,000 for Water Reserve Fund
$48,354 for Water Debt
$17,918 for Water Interest on Debt

for total of $2,616,073 to be appropriated from the Water Enterprise.

ARTICLE 21 – SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND OPERATING BUDGET – FY18

By majority vote, the town voted the following sums of money to fund the FY18 Sewer Enterprise Fund Operating Budget:

$968,663 for Sewer Salaries and Wages
$1,139,684 for Sewer Expenses
$549,591 for Sewer Indirect Cost (to cover the costs in the General Fund)
$50,000 for Sewer Reserve Fund
$278,760 for sewer Debt (principal)
$73,077 for sewer Interest on Debt
$152,200 for Sewer Interest on Temporary Loans
for a total of $3,211,975, of which,
$3,179,743 be appropriated from the Sewer Enterprise and
$32,232 be transferred from Sewer Betterment Stabilization Fund as follows:
$13,895 from Sewer Betterment Stabilization Fund – West Island
$3,179 from Sewer Betterment Stabilization Fund – Boulder Park
$2,605 from Sewer Betterment Stabilization Fund – Nancy Street
$12,553 from Sewer Betterment Stabilization Fund = Sconticut Neck

ARTICLE 22 – FY18 RECREATION ENTERPRISE FUND OPER BUDGET – FY19
MOVED TO PASS OVER
(Note: This article will be passed over/indefinitely postponed if Article 17 is approved)

ARTICLE 23 – FEMA GRANT FOR LADDER 1 - 25% MATCH – FY18
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available a sum of money not to exceed $231,250 for a twenty five (25%) percent match for a FEMA grant to replace Ladder 1, or take any other action relative thereto.
MOVED TO PASS OVER

ARTICLE 24 – GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PLAN – FY18
Voted by 2/3 that the Town appropriate $2,076,000 to pay the costs of the following Capital Equipment/Projects in the General Fund:

A. Fire, IV Pumps for Ambulance: $21,000
B. Fire, Ambulance Replacement: $260,000
C. Police, Radio Communication System: $250,000
D. Police, Two Patrol Vehicles: $80,000
E. Marine Resources, Union Wharf Public Safety Marina: $20,000 (combined with $80,000 State grant – not subject to appropriation)
F. Town Hall Snow Guards $60,000
G. BPW-Highway: Replace Catch Basin Truck: $165,000 (combined with $165,000 Chapter 90 funds – not subject to appropriation)
H. School: Fairhaven H.S. Wood Window Restoration Project: $230,000 (Combined with $20,000 from Trust Fund – not subject to appropriation)
I. BPW-Parks; Replace 2001 Toro Mower: $65,000

J.Fire, Ladder Truck $925,000

and that to meet this appropriation: $182,183 shall be transferred from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation -- Ambulance Fund, $98,817 shall be transferred from the Ambulance Stabilization Fund, $850,000 shall be transferred from Surplus Revenue/Free Cash, $20,000 shall be transferred from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation --Waterways, and to pay costs of purchasing the Ladder Truck, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow $925,000 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

ARTICLE 25 – ROADWORK - FY18

By majority vote, the town voted the following sums of money to do the following roadwork:

A. Brown Street: Move Adoption and the sum of $44,000 be appropriated from surplus revenue (Free Cash)

B. Diamond, Henry & Club Streets: Move Adoption and the sum of $60,000 be appropriated from surplus revenue (Free Cash) and $122,000 be transferred from Overlay Surplus for a total of $182,000

C. Hopkins Street: Move Adoption and the sum of $41,000 be appropriated from Overlay Surplus.

D. Rockland Street: Move Adoption and the sum of $53,000 be appropriated from Overlay Surplus

E. Blue Point Street: Move Indefinite Postponement

F. Cove Street: Move Indefinite Postponement

G. Billy's Way: Move Indefinite Postponement

H. Ebony Street: Move Indefinite Postponement

And moved additionally that Board of Public Works is authorized to expend these funds in aggregate without regards to individual lines items so long the expenditures do not exceed $104,000 in Surplus Revenue and $216,000 in Overlay Surplus.

ARTICLE 26 – STATE AID TO HIGHWAYS – FY18

A. By majority vote, the Town voted to authorize the Board of Public Works to

accept and enter into contract for the expenditure of any funds allotted or to be allotted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the construction, reconstruction and improvements of Town roads, or take any other action relative thereto.

B. Also by majority vote, the Town voted the sum of $522,304 be appropriated from State Aid to Highways for capital improvements on local roads, subject to the conditions detailed by the Massachusetts Highway Department pursuant to the MGLS and Transportation Department's Chapter 90 Guidelines.

C.

ARTICLE 27 – FUNDING CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND – FY18

By majority vote, the Town voted the sum of $1,800,000 in Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) be transferred to the Capital Stabilization Fund as authorized by Chapter 40, Section 5B of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 28 – AMBULANCE STABILIZATION – FY18

By majority vote, the Town voted the sum of $50,000 be appropriated from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation to the Ambulance Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE 29 – WATER ENTERPRISE CAPITAL PLAN – FY18

By majority vote, the Town voted to appropriate the sum of $700,000 from Water Enterprise Retained Earnings to pay costs of the following Capital Equipment/Projects, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto:

A, Replacing Roofs at Pump Stations: $150,000
B. Replacement of Tinkham Lane Well: $550,000

ARTICLE 30 – SEWER ENTERPRISE CAPITAL PLAN – FY18

By majority vote, the Town voted the sum of $123,000 from Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings to pay costs of the following Capital Equipment/Projects, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto:

A. Sewer Department Truck: $73,000
B. National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit review assistance: $50,000

And moved additionally that Board of Public Works is authorized to expend these funds in aggregate without regards to individual lines items so long the expenditures do not exceed $123,000 in Sewer Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings.

ARTICLE 31 – COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PROGRAM APPRO – FY18

By majority vote, the Town voted to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Fund annual revenues or available funds the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for community preservation projects, committee's administrative expenses, and other expenses in Fiscal Year 2018, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation.

A. $150,000 with $45,000 from FY18 Estimated Receipts, $20,000 from Open Space Existing Fund Balance and $85,000 Existing Undesignated Fund Balance for the Buzzards Bay Coalition: Indian Rock Farms Land Protection Project provided that all other funding necessary to close on the project has been obtained and is in place.

B $45,000 from FY18 Estimated Receipts for Fairhaven Housing Authority – Oxford Terrace Handicap Door Replacement Project.

C. $50,000 with $19,400 from FY18 Estimated Receipts and $30,600 from Existing Undesignated Fund Balance for the Stratford Capital Group – Oxford School Residences provided that all other funding necessary to close on the project has been obtained and is in place.

D. $160,000 with $115,000 from FY18 Estimated Receipts and $45,000 from Existing Undesignated Fund Balance for the Library Exterior Restoration Project Ph. 4.

E. $12,000 from FY18 Estimated Receipts for the Board of Selectmen – Town Hall Restoration Study.

F. $119,000 from FY18 Estimated Receipts for the Historical Commission – Academy Building – Doorway Restoration &Handicap Access Project.

G. $12,600 from FY18 Estimated Receipts for administrative services and operating expenses provided in support of the Community Preservation Committee.

And, whereas Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44B requires that the Town appropriate for spending, or set-aside for future spending, from the fund balance at least 10% for open space, 10% for historic preservation, and 10% for community housing.

And, whereas the existing reserves and recommended appropriations for open space, historic preservation, and community housing each exceed 10% of the Community Preservation Fund Estimated Receipts.

And, whereas Town Meeting may vote to delete any of the recommended amounts.

Therefore, in the event that recommended amounts are deleted, vote to appropriate as a reserve for future spending from the FY 2018 Community Preservation Fund Estimated Receipts the minimum necessary amounts to allocate not less than 10% ($45,000) for open space, not less than 10% ($45,000) for historic preservation, and not less than 10% ($45,000) for community housing,

ARTICLE 32 – REVOLVING FUNDS – FY18

By majority vote, the Town voted to authorize and/or re-organized the following Revolving Accounts under the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½ under the following terms:

Hazardous Materials	Fire Chief	To fund Hazardous Materials Clean Up Account – including but not limited to the purchase of equipment and supplies and the hiring of full-time and/or part-time personnel	Disposal fees/charges	$100,000
Sustainability	Sustainability/Green Committee	To fund the expenses of the Sustainability Committee	Fees/charges	$10,000
Hoppy's Landing	Board of Selectmen	To fund improvements, maintenance and repairs of Hoppy's Landing facility	Fees/charges from users of Hoppy's Landing	$25,000
Town Hall Auditorium	Town Administrator	To fund improvements, maintenance and repairs of the Town Hall auditorium	Town Hall auditorium rental fees	$2,000
Park Utilities	Board of Public Works	For park lighting during sporting events	User fees	$2,000
Wellness (new)	Wellness Committee	For programming and initiatives of the Wellness Committee	Fees, BCBS reimbursements, vendors	$2,500

ARTICLE 33 – BY-LAW USE OF REVOLVING ACCOUNTS

By majority vote, the Town voted to adopt the following by-law entitled "Use of Revolving Accounts"

1. Purpose. This bylaw establishes and authorizes revolving funds for use by Town departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers in connection with the operation of programs or activities that generate fees, charges or other receipts to support all or some of the expenses of those programs or activities. These revolving funds are established under and governed by General Laws Chapter 44, § 53E ½.

2. Expenditure Limitations. A department or agency head, board, committee or officer may incur liabilities against and spend monies from a revolving fund established and authorized by this bylaw without appropriation subject to the following limitations:

a. Fringe benefits of full-time employees whose salaries or wagers are paid from the fund shall also be paid from the fund, [except for those employed as school bus drivers].

b. No liability shall be incurred in excess of the available balance of the fund.

c. The total amount spent during a fiscal year shall not exceed the amount authorized by town meeting on or before July 1 of that fiscal year, or any increased amount of that authorization that is later approved during that fiscal year by the select board and finance committee.

3. Interest. Interest earned on monies credited to a revolving fund established by this bylaw shall be credited to the general fund.

4. Procedures and Reports. Except as provided in General Laws Chapter 44, § 53E ½, and this bylaw, the laws, charter provisions, bylaws, rules, regulations, policies or procedures that govern the receipt and custody of town monies and the expenditure and payment of town funds shall apply to the use of a revolving fund established and authorized by this bylaw. The town accountant shall include a statement on the collections credited to each fund, the encumbrances and expenditures charged to the fund and the balance available for expenditure in the regular report the town accountant provides the department, board, committee, agency or officer on appropriations made for its use.

5. Authorized Revolving Funds.

5.1 Hazardous Materials Revolving Fund

5.1.1 Hazardous Material Revolving Fund. There shall be a separate fund called the Hazardous Materials Revolving Fund authorized for use by the Fire Department.

5.1.2 Revenues. The town accountant shall establish the Hazardous Material Revolving Fund as a separate account and credit to the fund all of the disposal fees charged and received by the Fire department in connection with Hazardous materials incidents.

5.1.3 Purposes and Expenditures. During each fiscal year, the Fire Chief may incur liabilities against and spend monies from the Hazardous Revolving Fund for the purchase of equipment and supplies and the hiring of full-time and/or part-time personnel in connection with Hazardous Materials.

5.1.4 Fiscal Years. The Hazardous Materials Revolving Fund shall operate for fiscal years that begin on or after July 1, 2018.

5.2 Sustainability Revolving Fund

5.2.1 Sustainability Revolving Fund. There shall be a separate fund called the Sustainability Revolving Fund authorized for use by the Green Fairhaven Committee.

5.2.2 Revenues. The town accountant shall establish the Sustainability Revolving Fund as a separate account and credit to the fund all of the fees charged and received by the Green Fairhaven Committee in connection with their activities, including the Community Gardens and Farmers' Market.

5.2.3 Purposes and Expenditures. During each fiscal year, the Green Fairhaven Committee may incur liabilities against and spend monies from the Sustainability Revolving Fund for the purchase of equipment, services and supplies in connection with Green Fairhaven activities and initiatives.

5.2.4 Fiscal Years. The Sustainability Revolving Fund shall operate for fiscal years that begin on or after July 1, 2018.

5.3 Hoppy's Landing Revolving Fund

5.3.1 Hoppy's Landing Revolving Fund. There shall be a separate fund called the Hoppy's Landing Revolving Fund authorized for use by the Marine Resources department.

5.3.2 Revenues. The town accountant shall establish the Hoppy's Landing Revolving Fund as a separate account and credit to the fund all of the fees charged and received by the Marine Resources department in connection with Hoppy's Landing usage.

5.3.3 Purposes and Expenditures. During each fiscal year, the Marine Resources department may incur liabilities against and spend monies from the Hoppy's Landing Revolving Fund for the purchase of equipment, personnel, services and supplies in connection with Hoppy's Landing.

5.3.4 Fiscal Years. The Hoppy's Landing Revolving Fund shall operate for fiscal years that begin on or after July 1, 2018.

5.4 Town Hall Auditorium Revolving Fund

5.4.1 Town Hall Auditorium Revolving Fund. There shall be a separate fund called the Town Hall Auditorium Revolving Fund authorized for use by the Town Administrator.

5.4.2 Revenues. The town accountant shall establish the Town Hall Auditorium Revolving Fund as a separate account and credit to the fund all of the fees charged and received by the Selectmen's Office in connection with Town Hall auditorium rentals.

5.4.3 Purposes and Expenditures. During each fiscal year, the Town Administrator may incur liabilities against and spend monies from the Town Hall Auditorium Revolving Fund to fund improvements, maintenance and repairs of the Town Hall auditorium.

5.4.4 Fiscal Years. The Town Hall Auditorium Revolving Fund shall operate for fiscal years that begin on or after July 1, 2018.

5.5 Park Utilities Revolving Fund

5.5.1 Park Utilities Revolving Fund. There shall be a separate fund called the Park Utilities Revolving Fund authorized for use by the Board of Public Works.

5.5.2 Revenues. The town accountant shall establish the Park Utilities Revolving Fund as a separate account and credit to the fund all of the fees charged and received by the Board of Public Works in connection with Park usage.

5.5.3 Purposes and Expenditures. During each fiscal year, the Board of Public Works may incur liabilities against and spend monies from the Park Utilities Revolving Fund to fund park lighting during some park/sporting events.

5.5.4 Fiscal Years. The Park Utilities Revolving Fund shall operate for fiscal years that begin on or after July 1, 2018.

5.6 Wellness Committee Revolving Fund

5.6.1 Wellness Committee Revolving Fund. There shall be a separate fund called the Wellness Committee Revolving Fund authorized for use by the Wellness Committee and the Town Administrator.
5.6.2 Revenues. The town accountant shall establish the Wellness Committee Revolving Fund as a separate account and credit to the fund all of the fees charged and received by the Wellness Committee.
5.6.3 Purposes and Expenditures. During each fiscal year, the Wellness Committee and/or the Town Administrator may incur liabilities against and spend monies from the Wellness Committee Revolving Fund to fund Wellness initiatives.
5.6.4 Fiscal Years. The Wellness Committee Revolving Fund shall operate for fiscal years that begin on or after July 1, 2018.

ARTICLE 34 – SOCIAL DAY CARE CENTER – FY18
By majority vote, the Town voted to authorize the Fairhaven Council On Aging to expend in the Fiscal Year 2018 a sum of money not to cumulatively exceed $160,000 from the Grant Account known as "Receipts Reserved for Appropriation for Social Day Program" for the purpose of providing a Social Day Program for Senior Citizens.

ARTICLE 35 – PROPAGATION OF SHELLFISH - FY18
By majority vote the Town voted the sum of $17,500 be raised on the Tax Levy for the propagation of shellfish.

ARTICLE 36 – MAINTENANCE TO ROGERS & OXFORD SCHOOL BUILDINGS FY18
By majority vote, the Town voted the sum of $8,000 be raised on the Tax Levy to maintain the vacant Rogers and Oxford School during FY18, including repairs, electricity, telephone, security, alarms and any other associated costs.

ARTICLE 37 – CULTURAL COUNCIL FUNDING – FY18
By majority vote, the Town voted the sum of $2,500 be raised on the Tax Levy for the Fairhaven Cultural Council,

ARTICLE 38 - HARBOR MASTER PLAN, MATCHING FUNDS – FY18
By majority vote, the Town voted an amount not to exceed $12,000 from the Waterways Account to provide for the Town's portion of the Seaport Economic Council required grant match for the Harbor Master Plan.

ARTICLE 39 – WIND TURBINE ELECTRICITY PURCHASE FY18
By majority vote, the Town voted the sum of $750,000 be raised on the Tax Levy to purchase electricity generated by Fairhaven Wind. Revenue generated from Eversource for the wind turbine power purchase will be deposited into the Town Treasury and will offset expenditures made under this appropriation.

ARTICLE 40 – ADOPTION OF M.G.L. CHAPTER 40, SECTION 13E

By majority vote, the Town voted to accept the provisions of M.G.L, Chapter 40, Section 13E "School District reserve fund to pay for unanticipated or unbudgeted costs of special education, out of district tuition or transportation" that allows a municipality to "establish and appropriate or transfer money to a School District reserve fund to be utilized in the upcoming fiscal years, to pay, without further appropriation, for unanticipated or unbudgeted costs of special education, out-of-district tuition or transportation" and furthermore "the balance of such reserve fund shall not exceed 2 percent of the annual net school spending of the district" and that "funds shall only be distributed from the reserve funds after a majority vote of the school committee and a majority vote of the board of selectmen.

ARTICLE 41 – FUND RESERVE FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION – FY18

By majority vote, the Town voted to transfer $386,453 from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) to be deposited in a Special Education Reserve Fund as authorized by Chapter 40, Section 13E of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 42 – FAIRHAVEN-ACUSHNET SCHOOL REGIONALIZATION STUDY COMM

By majority vote, the Town voted to establish a special unpaid committee to be known as the regional school district planning committee, representing key stakeholders from both the Town of Fairhaven and the Town of Acushnet with three such members from Fairhaven, including one member of the school committee from the Town of Fairhaven, to be appointed in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as amended.

ARTICLE 43 – FAIRHAVEN-ACUSHNET SCHOOL REGIONALIZATION STUDY

APPROPRIATION – FY18

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money not to exceed $20,000.00 for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive study regarding an enhanced relationship between the Fairhaven Public Schools and the Acushnet Public Schools, or to take any other action relative thereto. MOLVED TO PASS OVER

ARTICLE 44 – STREET LIGHTS – FY18

By majority vote, the Town voted the sum of $800 for the installation and maintenance of the following street light:

A. One light at the corner of Point Street and Orchard Street - -0l3 #211 &1/2

ARTICLE 45 – RETIREMENT COLA BASE INCREASE IN FY18

By majority vote, the Town voted to increase the COLA Base for retirees beginning July 1, 2017 from $13,000 to $14,000. This request is consistent with the provisions of Chap 188, Section 19 of the Acts of 2010.

ARTICLE 46: DEMOLITION OF ABANDONED PROPERTIES

By majority vote, the Town voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the court for the following special legislation:

An Act establishing a special fund for recaptured funds from demolition liens or related grants in the town of Fairhaven.

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 53 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the town of Fairhaven is authorized to create a special fund for the deposit of any proceeds to the town of Fairhaven from funds paid, recovered by actions in contract, recaptured through liens, or by government or private grants or local appropriations, for the repair, demolition, or making safe of structures or premises which are dangerous, abandoned, unsafe, or uninhabitable, or which constitute a nuisance or a fire hazard. Interest earned on this fund shall be treated as general fund revenue of the town. Any balance remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall carry over to the next fiscal year and subsequent fiscal years thereafter if not expended for the purposes and in the manner set out herein, and if not otherwise appropriated for other purposes by vote of the town meeting.

Proceeds from the special fund shall be used without further appropriation at the determination of the Town Administrator, in consultation as he deems appropriate with the Board of Selectmen, the Building Commissioner, the Board of Health, and the Fire Chief, acting pursuant to their statutory and regulatory authority, to secure, clear, make safe, repair or demolish, such structures and premises.

Expenditures from the fund shall not be made, nor liabilities incurred, in excess of the balance of the fund.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

ARTICLE 47 – SENIOR WORK-OFF CHANGES

By majority, the Town voted to continue the provisions of MGL, Chapter 59, Section 5C-Senior Work for a total authorization of $10,000,

ARTICLE 48 – TRANSFER FROM SURPLUS REVENUE

To see is the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Surplus Revenue for the reduction of the tax levy. MOVED TO PASS OVER

ARTICLE 49 – AMENDMENT TO TOWN BY-LAW CHAPTER 61 - PERSONNEL

By majority vote, the Town voted to amend the Town Code by striking therefrom Chapter 61 as it now appears and substituting the following in its place:

Chapter 61 PERSONNEL

§ 61-1. Purpose and authorization.

The purpose of this chapter is to establish fair and equitable personnel policies and to establish a system of personnel administration based on merit principles that ensures a uniform, fair and efficient application of personnel policies. This chapter is adopted pursuant to the authority granted by Article LXXXIX of the Constitution of the Commonwealth, MGL c. 41, §§ 108A and 108C, and C. 381 of the Acts of 2014, An Act Establishing the Position of Town Administrator in the Town Of Fairhaven.

§ 61-2. Applicability.
All departments and positions shall be subject to the provisions of this chapter, except elected officers, employees of the School Department, and any other employee who is excluded by law. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the Town Administrator shall not be subject to the provisions of this chapter. Any department head may be exempted from the provisions of this chapter upon recommendation by the Town Administrator, and vote of the Board of Selectmen. Any such exemption shall take effect upon the adoption of an employment contract between the town and the department head. If there is a conflict between this by-law or any plans, policies, rules or regulations promulgated pursuant to this by-law and an approved Collective Bargaining Agreement, the provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement shall prevail.

§ 61-3. Human Resources Director.
With the approval of the Board of Selectmen, The Town Administrator shall appoint a Human Resources Director who by experience and education is qualified to administer this bylaw and any plans, policies, rules or regulations promulgated pursuant to this by-law.

§ 61-4. Personnel system.
A personnel system shall be established by the promulgation of policies pursuant to § 61-5. The personnel system shall make use of modern concepts of personnel management and shall include but not be limited to the following elements:

A. Method of administration. A system of administration will be incorporated which assigns specific responsibilities for all elements of the personnel system, including maintaining personnel records, implementing effective recruitment and selection processes, maintaining the classification and compensation plans, monitoring the application of personnel policies and periodic reviews and evaluation of the personnel system.

B. Classification plan. A position classification plan for all employees subject to this chapter shall be established, based on similarity of duties performed and the responsibilities assumed, so that the same qualifications may be reasonably required for and the same schedule of pay may be equitably applied to all positions in the same class. No employee may be appointed to a position not included in the classification plan.

C. Compensation plan. A compensation plan for all positions subject to this chapter shall consist of a schedule of pay grades, which may include minimum,

maximum and intermediate rates for each grade; an official list indicating the assignment of each position to specific pay grades; and vacations, holidays, sick leave, other leave and all other benefits, provided that the payment of such wages and benefits may not exceed the amount appropriated, or otherwise made lawfully available, therefor.

D. Recruitment and selection policy. A recruitment, employment, promotion and transfer policy shall be established to ensure that reasonable effort is made to attract qualified persons and that selection criteria are job related.

E. Personnel records. A centralized personnel recordkeeping system shall be established to maintain essential personnel records.

F. Equal opportunity. The town shall provide equal opportunity in employment without discrimination based upon race, color, religion, national origin, sex or age, or as otherwise prohibited by law.

§ 61-5. Adoption and amendment of policies and plans.

The Town Administrator, with approval of the Selectmen, shall promulgate personnel policies and plans defining the rights, benefits and obligations of employees subject to this chapter. Policies and plans shall be adopted or amended as follows:

A. Preparation of policies and classification and compensation plans.
The Town Administrator shall prepare or amend policies and plans with the approval of the Selectmen. Any member of the Board of Selectmen, any administrative authority, or any three persons may suggest amendments for consideration by the Town Administrator. The Town Administrator need not consider any proposal already considered in the preceding six months. All new proposals or amendments shall be submitted to the Town Administrator in writing. The Town Administrator shall hold a public hearing on any proposed policies or amendments. Any proposed policy or plan or amendment thereto shall be posted at least five days prior to the public hearing in prominent work locations. Copies of proposals shall be provided to representatives of each employee collective bargaining unit and a copy shall be filed with the Selectmen.

B. Public hearing.
The Town Administrator shall present the proposed policies or amendments, the purpose of the proposal and the implications of any proposed change at the public hearing. Any person may attend the hearing, speak and present information. Within 20 days after the public hearing, the Town Administrator shall make a determination on the proposed policies and shall, recommend that the Selectmen adopt the policies or amendments, with or without modifications, reject the policies or amendments or indicate that further study is necessary.

C. Recommended policies.
The Town Administrator shall transmit recommendations in writing to the Selectmen

within 20 days after determination on the proposed recommendations or amendments. The recommendations of the Town Administrator shall contain the text of the policy and any explanation that is deemed necessary. The Selectmen may adopt, reject or return the recommendations for further study to the Town Administrator. The Selectmen need only act on proposed policies which the Town Administrator has recommended for adoption. Policies shall become effective upon their filing with the Town Clerk following approval by the Selectmen, unless some later date is specified.

§ 61-6. Severability.
The provisions of this chapter and any policies adopted pursuant to this chapter are severable. If any bylaw or policy provision is held invalid, the remaining provisions of the bylaw or policy shall not be affected.

§ 61-7. Effective date.
This chapter is amended to eliminate the personnel board and to designate the town administrator as the sole authority over the administration of personnel policies, effective as voted at the May 6, 2017 Annual Town Meeting. Notwithstanding the elimination of the personnel board, all actions taken prior to the appointment of the town administrator by the personnel board within its authority, or by any other town official or board, with respect to personnel, including the appointment of all officers and employees, shall continue in full force and effect subject to future action by the town administrator within the town administrator's authority.

ARTICLE 50 – REVOCATION OF CIVIL SERVICE FOR SCHOOL DEPARTMENT - USTODIAN UNION
By majority vote, the Town, acting pursuant to General Laws Chapter 4, Section 4B, voted to revoke its acceptance of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 1954 under which by vote of Town Meeting on March 13, 1954 the Town confirmed its acceptance of the provisions of former General Laws Chapter 31, Section 47, the Civil Service Law, as such acceptance applies to all positions represented by the Custodial and Maintenance Union and appointed by the School Department, or take any other action relative thereto. This revocation applies to the successors to the employees who are incumbent in those positions on the date of revocation.

ARTICLE 51: TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF - RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA
By 2/3 vote, the Town voted to amend the Town's Zoning Bylaws by adding the following new section:

"TEMPORARY MORATORIA". and the ensuing parts as proposed herein.

A Temporary Moratorium on the Sale and Distribution of Recreational Marijuana

(1) Purpose: By vote at the State election on November 8, 2016, the voters of the Commonwealth approved a law regulating the cultivation, distribution, possession and use of marijuana for recreational purposes. The law provides that it is effective on December

15, 2016 and the Cannabis Advisory Board is required to issue regulations regarding implementation by September 15, 2017.

Currently under the Zoning Bylaw, Recreational Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers are not permitted uses in the Town. Regulations promulgated by the State Cannabis Advisory Board are expected to provide guidance to the Town in regulating Recreational Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers. Further, the ballot measure establishes two important provisions that require action by the Town prior to the adoption of zoning. First, the Town must determine whether, and to what extent, it will exercise local control over Recreational Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers and second, by ballot that cannot occur prior to November 6, 2018, the next biennial state election, on whether to allow on-site consumption of marijuana products should the Town decide to allow licenses for such facilities.

The regulation of Recreation Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers raise novel and complex legal, planning, and public safety issues and the Town needs time to study and consider the regulation of Recreational Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers and address such novel and complex issues, as well as to address the potential impact of the State regulations on local zoning and to undertake a planning process to consider amending the Zoning Bylaw regarding the regulation of Recreational Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers and other uses related to the regulation of recreational marijuana. The Town intends to adopt a temporary moratorium on the use of land and structures in the Town for Recreational Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers so as to allow the Town sufficient time to engage in a planning process to address the effects of such structures and uses in the Town and to adopt provisions of the Zoning Bylaw in a manner consistent with sound land use planning goals and objectives.

(2) Definitions

"Manufacture", to compound, blend, extract, infuse or otherwise make or prepare a marijuana product.

"Marijuana accessories", equipment, products, devices or materials of any kind that are intended or designed for use in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing, containing, ingesting, inhaling or otherwise introducing marijuana into the human body.

"Marijuana cultivator", an entity licensed to cultivate, process and package marijuana, to deliver marijuana to marijuana establishments and to transfer marijuana to other marijuana establishments, but not to consumers.

"Marijuana establishment", a marijuana cultivator, marijuana testing facility, marijuana product manufacturer, marijuana retailer or any other type of licensed marijuana-related business.

"Marijuana product manufacturer", an entity licensed to obtain, manufacture, process and package marijuana and marijuana products, to deliver marijuana and marijuana products to marijuana establishments and to transfer marijuana and marijuana products to other marijuana establishment, but not to consumers.

"Marijuana products", products that have been manufactured and contain marijuana or an extract from marijuana, including concentrated forms of marijuana and projects composed of marijuana and other ingredients that are intended for use or consumption, including edible products, beverages, topical products, ointments, oils and tinctures.

"Marijuana testing facility", an entity licensed to test marijuana and marijuana products, including certification for potency and the presence of contaminants.

"Marijuana retailer", an entity licensed to purchase and deliver marijuana and marijuana products from marijuana establishments and to deliver, sell or otherwise transfer marijuana and marijuana products to marijuana establishments and to consumers.

(3) Temporary Moratorium

For the reasons set forth above and notwithstanding any other provision of the Zoning Bylaw to the contrary, the Town hereby adopts a temporary moratorium on the use of land or structures for Recreational Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers. The moratorium shall be in effect through no later than the adjournment of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting. During the moratorium period, the Town shall undertake a planning process to address the potential impacts of recreation marijuana in the Town, consider the Cannabis Advisory Board regulations regarding Recreational Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers and related uses, determine whether, and to what extent, the Town shall exercise local control over Recreational Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers and shall consider adopting new provisions of the Zoning Bylaw to address the impact and operation of Recreational Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers and related uses.

(4) Severability. The provisions of this bylaw are severable. If any provision, paragraph, sentence, or clause of this bylaw or the application thereof to any person, establishment, or circumstances shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or application of this bylaw.

And by amending Section 198-16 of the Town's Zoning By-Law by adding the following entry under the heading COMMERICAL USES

Recreational Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers (22)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N

(22) Subject to moratorium. See Section 198-32.3

ARTICLE 52 - CONVEYANCE OF A PORTION OF PARK LAND AND

CORRESPONDING DEDICATION OF OTHER LAND TO PARK USE
By 2/3 vote, the Town voted:

A.) to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation which would authorize the Town to convey a parking, access and utility easement or any lesser interest in that portion of Livesey Park described as follows:

The parking, access and utility easement in Fairhaven, Bristol County, Massachusetts, shown as "Oxford Residences Easement Plan" on a plan of land dated March 10, 2017, prepared for Stratford Capital Group by CHA, Engineers, Norwell MA;
and which parcel is further bounded and described as follows:

Commencing at a point on the easterly sideline of Livesey Parkway, and the southerly sideline of Morton Street, thence turning and running; S12°56'05"E, ten and no hundredths (10.00) feet along the sideline of said Livesey Parkway, to the Point of Beginning; thence turning and running
N76°16'33"E, sixty nine and seventy hundredths (69.70) feet to a point, thence turning and running:

N12°03'14"W, fourteen and twenty nine hundredths (14.29) feet to a point, thence turning and running:

N64°31'53"E, twenty six and forty one hundredths (26.41) feet to a point, thence turning and running:

S14°36'26"E, two hundred eighty four and four hundredths (284.04) feet to a point, thence turning and running:

S76°07'22"W, one hundred four and no hundredths (104.00) feet to a point on the easterly sideline of Livesey Street, thence turning and running along the sideline of said Livesey Street:
N12°56'05"W, two hundred sixty four and sixty five hundredths (264.65) feet the Point of Beginning.

The above described parcel contains an area of twenty six thousand nine hundred thirty (26,930) square feet or 0.618 +/- acres.
That the parking, access and utility easement is to be conveyed to; Stratford Capital Group And

B.) To dedicate to park use two assessor parcels of land owned by the Town and described as follows:

Certain parcel(s) of land in Fairhaven, Bristol County, Massachusetts, shown as Assessors Map 43A, Lot 1 and 1A and shown on Land Court Plan 7432C-1 as Lot 1 filed with certificate 5873. For title see Treasures Deed 89003 noted on certificate #15101 as recorded at Bristol County Registry of Deeds: containing a total of approximately 3.15

acres more or less.

Said dedication shall be effective only upon the occurrence of both (a.) the enactment of the special legislation authorizing the conveyance contemplated in Part A., above, and (b.) the recording of a notice of said dedication to be recorded simultaneously with the recording of the conveyance contemplated in Part A., above.

ARTICLE 53 - AMENDMENT TO ZONING MAP – CITIZEN PETITION
By 2/3 vote, the Town voted to amend the Zoning Map as follows:

Rezone the following described lot from Industrial (I) to General Residence District (RB): Assessor's Map 19, Lot 19 and as described in the Bristol County Registry of Deeds Book 10950, Page 167.

ARTICLE 54 - SUPPORT FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO UNITED STATES - CONSTITUTION – CITIZEN PETITION
To see if the Town will vote:

1. To support HD 1988, an Act for a U.S. Constitutional Amendment and Amendments Convention, submitted to the Massachusetts General Court calling on Congress to propose an Amendment to the Constitution that would affirm that:
    a. The rights protected by the Constitution of the United States are rights of natural persons, i.e. human individuals, only, and
    b. Congress and the states shall place limits on political contributions and expenditures to ensure that all citizens have access to the political process, and the spending of money to influence elections is not protected free speech under the First Amendment;

The act also provides further that if Congress does not propose this constitutional amendment within six (6) months passage of this bill, then this bill constitutes a Petition by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, speaking through its legislature and pursuant to Article V of the U.S. Constitution, to the Congress to call a Convention for the purpose of proposing Amendments to the Constitution as soon as two-thirds of the several States have applied for a Convention.

2. To ask that our Board of Selectmen transmit copies of this Warrant Article and HD 1988 to our State and Federal elected officials, or take any other actions relative thereto.

.VOTED INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT

ARTICLE 55 - PILOT AGREEMENT WITH CEC SOLAR #1114, LCC – FY18
By majority vote, the Town voted to pursuant to MGL Chapter 59, Section38H(b) to authorize the Selectmen and the Board of Assessors to negotiate and enter into on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors deems in the best interests of the Town, a so-called Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement with CEC Solar #1114,LCC or its affiliates, with respect to payments for a sum certain in lieu of real and/or personal property taxes owed to the Town over a period up to twenty (20) years relative to a proposed solar electric generating facility located at 197 New

Boston Road, Fairhaven, MA with an option for extension coterminous with lease of said parcel; CEC Solar #1114, LLC shall be exempt from property taxes, in whole or in part, as provided in that agreement during the term thereof; any such agreement shall be the result of good faith negotiations and shall be the equivalent of the property tax obligations based on full and fair cash valuation and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors to take such actions and execute any necessary documents relating thereto.

ARTICLE 56 – NARRAGANSETT BLVD LAND TRANSFER

By majority vote, the Town voted to accept a deed, for a transfer of a certain parcel land of approximately 2,804 square feet, adjacent to the westerly sideline of Narragansett Boulevard and the northerly sideline of Huttleston Avenue, being identified as Parcel A on that certain Approval Not Required Plan of Land in Fairhaven, MA prepared for Garfield Fairhaven, LLC by SITEC, Inc. and dated August 25, 2001 and recorded with the Bristol Registry of Deeds on September 25, 2001 in Plan Book 148, Page 34, subject to there being clear title thereto and all real estate taxes thereon having been paid.

ARTICLE 57 – ACQUISITION OF EASEMENT – 33 WILLIAM STREET

By majority vote, the Town voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Fairhaven to accept as a gift or in any other manner acquire an easement in and under that certain parcel of property owned by Carolyn Nunez and Don C. Collasius for the municipal purpose of the construction of a Utility Shed for Town Hall, said easement area being described as:

Beginning at the Southeasterly corner of said Lot 94 and the Northerly property line of the Fairhaven Town Hall in Fairhaven;

Thence, N 82° 15' 00" W a distance of 6.00' along the line of the Northerly property line of the Fairhaven Town Hall; to the point of beginning of the said easement;
Thence, N 82° 15' 00" W a distance of 14.00';
Thence, N 07° 45' 00" E a distance of 5.00';
Thence, S 82° 15' 00" E a distance of 14.00';
Thence, S 07° 45' 00" W a distance of 6.00' to the point of beginning;

CONTAINING 70 square feet, more or less and being shown on a Plan entitled "Easement Plan – 33 William Street in Fairhaven, Massachusetts", prepared by Romanelli Associates, Inc., New Bedford, Massachusetts dated February 22, 2017.

ARTICLE 58 – OTHER BUSINESS

None

Motion to adjourn sine die at 12:01 PM on Saturday, May 6, 2017. Seconded

Eileen M. Lowney
Town Clerk

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Assessors	508-979-4023 ext. 5
Building Department	508-979-4023
Council on Aging	508-979-4029
Election and Registration	508-979-4023 ext. 3
Emergency Management Agency	508-979-4090
Fire Department, non-emergency	508-994-1428
Harbormaster	508-979-4023 ext. 124
Health, Board of	508-979-4023 ext. 125
Housing Authority	508-993-1144
Millicent Library	508-992-5342
Planning and Economic Development	508-979-4023 ext. 9
Police Department	508-997-7421
Public Works Department	508-979-4030
Highway Department	508-979-4031
Sewer Department	508-979-4030
Water Department	508-979-4032
Recreation Department	508-993-9269
Retirement Board	508-979-4023 ext. 121
School Department	508-979-4000 (connects all departments)
Sealer of Weights and Measures	508-979-4023 ext. 2
Shellfish Warden	508-979-4023 ext. 124
Board of Selectmen	508-979-4023 ext. 2
Tax Collector	508-979-4023 ext. 4
Tourism Office	508-979-4085
Town Clerk	508-979-4023 ext. 3
Treasurer/Director of Finance	508-979-4023 ext. 8
Tree Warden	508-979-4023 ext. 2
Veterans Agent	508-979-4023 ext. 6

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