



Fairhaven Board of Selectmen

March 19, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairman Robert Espindola Vice Chairman Daniel Freitas, Clerk Charles Murphy, Town Administrator Mark Rees, and Administrative Assistant Vicki Paquette.

Mr. Espindola called the meeting to order in the Town Hall Banquet Room at 6:53 p.m. The meeting was recorded by Cable Access.

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Mr. Rees presented the draft warrant of the May 5, 2018 Annual Town Meeting Warrant and the draft of the April 2, 2018 Annual Election Warrant. Mr. Rees told the Board there was one change from the last draft that was presented. The OPEB article was dropped.

Mr. Freitas made a motion to sign the May 5, 2018 Annual Town Meeting Warrant and a motion to sign the April 2, 2018 Election Warrant. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

PREPERATION FOR TOWN MEETING

Mr. Rees told the Board that the Sewer Budget presented to them will need to be reviewed and voted on at the next scheduled Board of Selectmen's meeting to be held on March 26, 2018.

LAGOA FRIENDSHIP AGREEMENT

The Board of Selectmen met with Mayor Cristina Calisto from Lagoa-Açores, Portugal to sign the second phase of the Lagoa Friendship Agreement. In attendance with the Mayor was her daughter Maria, Town Councilor Albertina Oliveira, Roberto Medeiros, Algarve Town Councilor Anna Bella Simao, Councilor Jorge Cabrita, and New Bedford liaison Maria Tomasia. Chairman Espindola thanked the Mayor for her attendance and told her that Fairhaven looks forward to having a "long lasting friendship" with Lagoa. Mr. Espindola also thanked the members of the Lagoa Friendship committee. The members in attendance were Chairman Wayne Oliveira, Pam Kuechler, Pattie Pacella, Charles Murphy, Sr and Vicki Paquette.

Mayor Cristina spoke to the Board and those in attendance about the Sister City agreements between Lagoa and the other 10 US cities involved. (See Attachment A) She looks forward to continuing the friendship and adding more cities. She said there are many natives of Lagoa in the

southcoast area. She thanked the Select Board for their hospitality. The Mayor presented the Town of Fairhaven with several gifts from her native country. The gifts were a nativity scene shadow box, a piece of blue and white pottery, a small bottle of liquor and some ceramic figurines. Councilor Anna Bella Simão presented a plaque and flag from Algarve. She said she is looking forward to having a Sister City with Algarve, Lagoa and Fairhaven in the future. Maria Tomasia, a New Bedford resident but native of Lagoa told the Board that the intention of the Sister City is to bring some business people to the USA next year and to continue the tradition of the Sister City each year with a different city hosting. Roberto Medeiros loves Fairhaven and encourages all the sister cities to post pictures on the Lagoa Sister Cities Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Lagoa-Cidades-IrmãsSister-CitiesVilles-Jumelées-114164166022638/>

Mayor Cristina brought the official second document for the Friendship agreement for the Board and the Mayor to sign. (See Attachment B)

Mr. Freitas made a motion to sign the sisterhood proclamation between Fairhaven and Lagoa. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Mr. Freitas made a motion to adjourn was made at 8:43 pm. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Respectfully

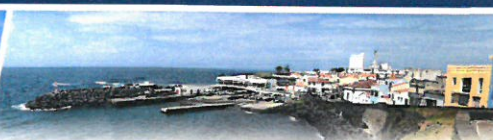


Vicki L. Paquette
Administrative Assistant

Documents appended:

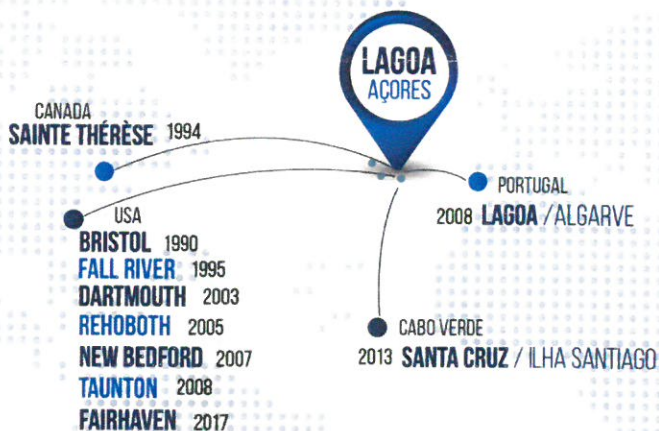
A: Lagoa message from Mayor Cristina Calisto

B: Lagoa Sister City Proclamation



ENCONTRO DE **LAGOENSES** E CIDADES IRMÃS DE LAGOA NOS EUA 2018

GATHERING OF **“LAGOENSES”** LAGOA'S SISTER CITIES IN THE USA 2018



Caras (os) amigas (os),

As geminações são o elo de ligação que nos une, sendo a minha deslocação aos EUA o reforço das relações da autarquia com os lagoenses residentes, nesta, que foi a sua terra de acolhimento.

Há que fazer jus, não só aos lagoenses que, mesmo de longe, nos acompanham, mas também às cidades que os acolheram, permitindo-lhes manter vivos os laços de proximidade à sua terra natal.

Que estes laços e esse espírito de união perdurem no tempo, permanecendo vivos nesta simbólica lembrança. Que juntos, consigamos concretizar projetos, materializar ideias e realizar sonhos num futuro de oportunidades, quer para a Lagoa, quer para as suas cidades irmãs.

Um bem haja com amizade,

Cristina Calisto

Presidente da Câmara Municipal de Lagoa - Açores

Dear Friends,

The Sister Cities are a connecting link that foster friendship and bind us together; my journey to the USA is intended to reinforce the relations of the municipality with the natives of Lagoa who live in this welcoming host Country.

It is our duty to recognize and praise not only the natives of Lagoa, that despite being far, still follow Lagoa closely but also the Cities that welcomed them, enabling them to maintain alive the proximity ties to their homeland.

We wish that these bonds and spirit of union endure in time, remaining alive in this symbolic gift. That together, we can accomplish projects, materialize ideas and carry out dreams in a future full of opportunities not only for Lagoa, but also for our Sister Cities.

A thank you with friendship,

Cristina Calisto

Mayor of Lagoa City Hall - Azores

Good evening ladies and gentlemen
and elected officials of the town of Fairhaven

I'm very pleased to be here ~~now~~ of ~~at~~ townhall
and this Fairhaven.

I'm extremely pleased to be with you in
the ceremony of the signing the official sister
city agreement ~~of~~ ~~the~~ with the town of
Fairhaven and Laja.

This protocol represents ~~our~~ ~~our~~ intention to be in
close contact between our country and city
Laja is a city with 45 km², 15 over people
and have 5 counties

We have in Fairhaven many natives of
Laja and this is well demonstrated with
the feast of our lady of Angels.

I was honoured to ~~return~~ once again with
Charles Murphy, a very good friend, and
to get to know ~~our~~ ~~our~~ counterpart

Thank very much for your hospitality
and to see you again in Laja



SISTERHOOD PROTOCOL BETWEEN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF LAGOA - AZORES AND FAIRHAVEN - MASSACHUSETTS (USA)

FIRST PARTY:

The Municipality of Fairhaven, Massachusetts, a public entity, with seat in 40 Center St, Fairhaven, MA 02719, USA, represented in this act by Selectman, Charles Murphy;

SECOND PARTY:

The Municipality of Lagoa - Azores, a public entity, with seat in Largo D. João III, in the city of Lagoa, represented in this act by the Mayor, Cristina Calisto.

In the framework of cooperation between Municipalities, the Municipality of Fairhaven (USA) and the Municipality of Lagoa - Azores decided to celebrate a SISTERHOOD PROTOCOL, with the objective of promoting, on a regular and gradual basis, a pragmatic and qualitative approximation between the two Municipalities, in a perspective of formalizing a twinning, establishing relations of proximity and collaboration that the excellence of the democratic processes in both municipalities ensures, encourages and enriches.

Given the advantages of creating conditions for cooperation capable of generating and enhancing synergies in order to enable the progress and development of the aforementioned cultural and socio-economic realities, this Protocol is signed, mutually accepted and governed by the following clauses:

1st CLAUSE

It is the object of this Protocol to promote and enhance the historical ties between the Azores (Lagoa) and Fairhaven USA, as well as to recognize the importance of fostering relations between the two municipalities, brothers in Culture, always respecting the principles of national sovereignty and independence of Portugal and the USA, objectives that will be embodied through the following measures:

(A) promote exchanges in the cultural, social, educational and tourism fields and in others which are of interest to the people of the two Municipalities and in particular to their various representative organizations, as an essential basis for this cooperation, by mobilizing the means and procedures considered appropriate.

B) To promote activities that underlie and reinforce the relations of the twinned municipalities, as well as the direct and committed participation of both, approving and carrying out programs, projects, actions and activities that are considered convenient to this purpose.

2nd CLAUSE

To establish as a priority the stimulation of the geopolitical space of Portuguese Speaking World and its people.

3rd CLAUSE

The Fairhaven Municipality and the Municipality of Lagoa - Azores, will support activities and cooperate with the objective of promoting the economy and tourism, according to their availability and interests, namely in:

- The promotion of visits to both Municipalities through the organization of excursion programs;
- Support in the transport of people and goods;
- Encouraging the exchange of publicity: advertisements and programs of the different manifestations of festive and tourist character;
- To support entities, especially those of an associative nature, whose purpose is the promotion of culture and tourism.
- The development of programs in the educational scope that allow the deepening of knowledge and the training of young people and children in both municipalities;

4th CLAUSE

The Municipality of Fairhaven and the Municipality of Lagoa - Azores, will support activities and cooperate in the socio - economic area, according to their availability, through the following measures:

- Divulging of regional products;
- Divulging of information regarding industrial or other projects in the economic sphere, which are of interest to both parties.

Thus, the undersigned legal representatives of these two communities affirm the values and motives stated above, guaranteeing future relations between the Municipalities of Lagoa (Azores) and Fairhaven, whose guiding principles are constituted of friendship, solidarity and sharing of Cultural values.

Signed in Fairhaven - MA, on March 17th, 2018 in duplicate, one copy to each party.

FAIRHAVEN SELECTMAN

Attachment B



PROTOCOLO DE GEMINAÇÃO ENTRE OS MUNICÍPIOS DE LAGOA- AÇORES E DE FAIRHAVEN - MASSACHUSETTS (EUA)

PRIMEIRO OUTORGANTE:

O Município de Fairhaven - Massachusetts, pessoa coletiva de direito público, com sede em 40 Center St, Fairhaven, MA 02719, EUA, representado neste ato pelo Selectman, Charles Murphy;

SEGUNDO OUTORGANTE:

O Município de Lagoa - Açores, pessoa coletiva de direito público, com sede no Largo D. João III, na cidade de Lagoa, representada neste ato pela sua Presidente, Cristina Calisto.

No quadro de cooperação entre Municípios, deliberaram o Município de Fairhaven (EUA) e o Município de Lagoa - Açores celebrar um PROTOCOLO DE GEMINAÇÃO, tendo como objetivo promover, de forma regular e gradativa, a aproximação pragmática e qualitativa entre os dois Municípios, numa perspectiva de se formalizar a geminação, instituindo relações de proximidade e de colaboração que a excelência dos processos democráticos nos dois Municípios assegura, incentiva e potencia.

Atenta à vantagem na criação de condições de cooperação susceptíveis de gerar e potenciar sinergias em ordem ao progresso e desenvolvimento das aludidas realidades culturais e socioeconómicas, é celebrado e mutuamente aceite o presente Protocolo que se rege pelas cláusulas seguintes:

CLÁUSULA 1^a.

Constitui objeto do presente protocolo promover e enaltecer os laços históricos entre os Açores (Lagoa) e Fairhaven EUA, assim como reconhecer a importância do fomento das relações entre os dois municípios, irmãos em Cultura, respeitando, sempre, os princípios da soberania e independência nacionais de Portugal e dos EUA, objetivos que serão consubstanciados através das seguintes medidas:

a) Promover o intercâmbio, nos domínios cultural, social, educativo e turístico e noutros que sejam do interesse das populações dos dois Municípios e designadamente das suas diversas organizações representativas, como sustentáculo essencial desta cooperação, mobilizando, em conformidade os incentivos, os meios e os procedimentos considerados para tanto adequados.

b) Promover atividades que fundamentem e reforcem as relações dos Municípios geminados, bem como a direta e empenhada participação de ambos, aprovando e realizando programas, projetos, ações e atividades que se considerem mais convenientes para o fim proposto.

CLÁUSULA 2^a.

Estabelecer como prioridade a dinamização do espaço geopolítico da lusofonia e dos povos que o integram.

CLÁUSULA 3^a.

O Município de Fairhaven, dos EUA em conjunto com o Município de Lagoa - Açores, apoiarão as atividades e cooperarão com vista ao fomento da economia e do turismo, de acordo com as suas disponibilidades e interesses, nomeadamente com:

- A promoção de visitas a ambos os Municípios mediante a organização de programas de excursões;
- O apoio no transporte de pessoas e bens;
- O incentivo ao intercâmbio de publicidade: anúncios, programas das diferentes manifestações de caráter festivo e turístico;
- O apoio a entidades, especialmente as de natureza privada associativa, que tenham por objeto o fomento da cultura e da promoção do turismo.
- O desenvolvimento de programas no âmbito do setor da educação que permitem o aprofundamento de conhecimentos e a formação de jovens e crianças em ambos os municípios;

CLÁUSULA 4^a.

O Município de Fairhaven em conjunto com o Município de Lagoa - Açores, apoiarão as actividades e cooperarão, na vertente socioeconómica, de acordo com as suas disponibilidades, através, nomeadamente, da:

- Divulgação de produtos regionais;
- Divulgação de informação no que concerne a projetos industriais ou de outra natureza no âmbito da economia, em desenvolvimento ou que suscitem interesse a ambos os outorgantes.

Assim, abaixo-assinados os representantes legais destas duas comunidades afirmam os valores e considerando acima apresentados, garantindo as relações futuras entre os Municípios de Lagoa (Açores) e Fairhaven, cujos princípios orientadores se constituem como sendo a amizade, solidariedade e a partilha dos valores culturais.

Celebrado em Fairhaven - Massachusetts, a 17 de março de 2018 em duplicado, ficando cada uma das partes com um exemplar.

A PRESIDENTE DA CÂMARA MUNICIPAL DE LAGOA (AÇORES)