

*Final Revision: May 3, 2023, 4:30pm*

**Majority Vote needed unless stated otherwise**

**ARTICLE 1: MEASURER OF WOOD AND BARK**

**Motion:** Move to adopt as written in the warrant

**ARTICLE 2: TOWN REPORT**

**Motion:** Move to receive the Annual Report of Town Officers

**ARTICLE 3: REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

**Motion:** *PASSOVER*

**ARTICLE 4: BILL OF PRIOR YEAR-Paid from FY23 funds**

**Motion:** Move to approve as listed in the warrant, with funds coming from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash)

**Vote required: Four-fifths (4/5) majority**

**ARTICLE 5: FY23 FUND ADJUSTMENTS**

**5A FY23 GENERAL FUND ADJUSTMENTS**

**Motion:** Move to amend “FY 23 General Fund Operating Budget” to transfer from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) the amounts as written

**5B FY23 SEWER FUND ADJUSTMENTS**

**Motion:** Move to transfer from the June 30, 2022 Sewer Retained Earnings Capital Fee \$301,357 to the Sewer Capital Improvements Stabilization Fund.

**ARTICLE 6: FUND LABOR CONTRACTS-FY23**

**Motion:** Move to waive § 50-9 D of the Town Bylaw, Collective Bargaining Agreements Section in accordance to Subsection F

**Motion:** Move to adopt the sum of \$178,000 to be transferred from FY23 Wage and Salary Reserve to fund the Fire labor contract

**Motion:** Move to adopt the sum of \$188,000 to be transferred from FY23 Wage and Salary Reserve to fund the Police labor contract

**ARTICLE 7 TOWN OPERATING BUDGETS -FY24**

**7A: GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET-FY24**

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

**Motion:** Move to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,530,660 to fund General Government departments FY24 contingent budget, which include salaries and wages for appointed and elected officials and operating expenses and to appropriate the sum of

\$1,530,660 as a non-contingent amount.

#### **MUNICIPAL FINANCE**

**Motion:** Move to raise and appropriate the sum of \$926,237 to fund Municipal Finance departments FY24 contingent budget, which include salaries and wages for appointed and elected officials and operating expenses and to appropriate the same \$926,237 as a non-contingent amount.

#### **TOWN CLERK/ELECTIONS**

**Motion:** Move to raise and appropriate the sum of \$172,586 to fund Town Clerk/Elections departments FY24 contingent budget, which include salaries and wages and operating expenses for appointed and elected officials and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$172,586 as a non-contingent amount

#### **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

**Motion:** Move to raise and appropriate the sum of \$282,135 to fund the Planning and Development departments FY24 contingent budget, which include salaries and wages and operating expenses for appointed and elected officials and to appropriate the same \$282,135 as a non-contingent amount **and to defray the cost, transfer \$10,000 from the Wetlands Protection Fund.**

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

**Motion:** Move to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,948,141 to fund the Public Safety departments FY24 contingent budget, which include salaries and wages and operating expenses for appointed and elected officials and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,948,141 as a non-contingent amount **and to defray the cost, transfer \$1,500,000 from Ambulance Receipts reserved for appropriation and transfer \$52,000 from the Waterways Improvement Fund and transfer \$8,000 from the Animal Control Gift Fund, the total amount of such transfers being \$1,560,000**

#### **EDUCATION**

**Motion:** Move to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,953,641 to fund the Fairhaven Public School district FY24 contingent budget, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation, including \$23,753,641 to be appropriated as a non-contingent amount and \$200,000 to be appropriated contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2 ½ ballot question under G.L. c. 59, §21C.

**Motion:** Move to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,397,000 to fund the Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School FY24 contingent budget, and appropriate the sum of \$2,397,000 as a non-contingent amount.

**Motion:** Move to raise and appropriate the sum of \$235,000 to fund the Bristol County Agricultural High School FY24 contingent budget, and appropriate the sum of \$235,000 as a non-contingent amount.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

***Motion:*** Move to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,284,668 to fund the Public Works departments FY24 contingent budget, which include salaries and wages and operating expenses for appointed and elected officials and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,284,668 as a non-contingent amount **and to defray the cost, transfer \$10,000 from Stormwater Subdivisions Fee Special Revenue Fund.**

## **HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT**

***Motion:*** Move to raise and appropriate the sum of \$188,923 to fund the Health and Environmental departments FY24 contingent budget, which include salaries and wages and operating expenses for appointed and elected officials and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$188,923 as a non-contingent amount.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

***Motion:*** Move to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,265,793 to fund the Community Service departments FY24 contingent budget, which include salaries and wages and operating expenses for appointed officials and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,265,793 as a non-contingent amount **and to defray the cost, transfer \$20,000 from Council on Aging Social Day Program Special Revenue Fund.**

## **NON-DEPARTMENTAL**

***Motion:*** Move to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,761,560 to fund Non-Departmental FY24 contingent budget, which include salaries and wages and operating expenses for appointed officials, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation, including \$11,511,560 to be appropriated as a non-contingent amount and \$250,000 to be appropriated contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2 ½ ballot question under G.L. c. 59, §21C.

## **DEBT SERVICES**

***Motion:*** Move raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,029,204 to fund Debt Services FY24 contingent budget, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,029,204 as a non-contingent amount.

## **7B: WATER ENTERPRISE FUND OPERATING BUDGET**

***Motion:*** Move to raise and appropriate a sum of \$3,222,360 to fund the Water Enterprise Fund for fiscal year 2024 **and to defray the cost, transfer \$294,155 from Water Retained Earnings Enterprise Fund.**

## **7C: SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND OPERATING BUDGET**

***Motion:*** Move to raise and appropriate a sum of \$3,316,799 to fund the Sewer Enterprise Fund for fiscal year 2024

## **7D: TOWN CABLE ENTERPRISE FUND OPERATING BUDGET**

***Motion:*** Move to raise and appropriate a sum of \$213,958 to fund the Town Cable Enterprise Fund for fiscal year 2024 **and to defray the cost, transfer \$40,380 from the Town Cable Retained Earnings Enterprise Fund.**

**7E: SCHOOL CABLE ENTERPRISE FUND OPERATING BUDGET**

***Motion:*** Move to raise and appropriate a sum of \$158,251 to fund the School Cable Enterprise Fund for fiscal year 2024 **and to defray the cost, transfer \$5,376 from the School Cable Retained Earnings Enterprise Fund.**

**ARTICLE 8: GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PLAN**

**8A: GENERAL FUND CAPITAL BUDGET**

***Motion:*** Move to transfer a sum of 1,814,584 from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) to fund the capital projects as listed (items 1-15) for fiscal year 2024.

**8B: MIDDLE SCHOOL ROOF REPLACEMENT**

***Motion:*** Move to transfer the total sum of \$2,397,320, for the cost to repair or replace the roof of the Fairhaven Middle School, including transfer of \$1,159,288 from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) and transfer of \$1,238,032 from the Capital Stabilization Fund

**Vote Required: Two-Thirds (2/3) Majority**

**ARTICLE 9: WATER ENTERPRISE FUND CAPITAL PLAN**

**9A: WATER ENTERPRISE FUND CAPITAL BUDGET**

***Motion:*** Move to transfer from Water Retained Earnings the sum of \$364,000 to fund the capital equipment and projects, lead service inventory and Day Street water main replacement.

**9B: BORROWING AUTHORIZATION – WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT**

***Motion:*** Move to borrow the sum of \$1,100,000 for funding the water main replacement on Spring Street, the principal of and interest on which shall be repaid, in the first instance, through Water Enterprise Fund revenues.

**Vote Required: Two-Thirds (2/3) Majority**

**ARTICLE 10 SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND CAPITAL PLAN**

**10A: SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND CAPITAL BUDGET**

***Motion:*** Move to transfer from sewer retaining earnings a sum of \$300,000 to fund the inflow and infiltration study and portable pump equipment

**10B: BORROWING AUTHORIZATION – PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS**

***Motion:*** Move to borrow the sum of \$3,750,000 for funding the cost of sewer system pump station improvement, upgrade, or replacement, the principal of and interest on which shall be repaid, in the first instance, through Sewer Enterprise Fund revenues.

**Vote Required: Two-Thirds (2/3) Majority**

**ARTICLE 11 OTHER BUDGET ITEMS - APPROPRIATIONS**

**11A FUNDING OF ARTICLES**

***Motion:*** Move to transfer from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$1,080,312 to fund the

Reserve line articles for the amounts as written, except article 3, which is to be transferred from Ambulance Reserve Fund

**11B: ESTABLISH AND FUND A COMPENSATED ABSENCE RESERVE FUND**

**Motion:** Move to adopt the provisions of MGL Chapter 40, Section 13D to establish a Compensated Absence Reserve Fund, and, to transfer from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) the amount of \$75,000 into said fund

**11C: INCREASE AND FUND COLA BASE FOR RETIREES**

**Motion:** Move to transfer from available Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) \$150,000 to increase the cost of living (COLA) base for retirees, beneficiaries, and survivors beginning July 1, 2023, from \$15,000 to \$16,000 consistent with the provisions of Chapter 188, Section 19 of the Acts of 2010.

**ARTICLE 12: FY24 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE APPROPRIATIONS**

**Motion:** Move to adopt as written in the warrant, including appropriations and allocations in the amounts specified and from the sources specified in the Article Summary and Description.

**ARTICLE 13: REVOLVING FUNDS**

**Motion:** Move to adopt as written in the warrant

**ARTICLE 14: CIVIL SERVICE – POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Motion** Move to revoke the prior town meeting acceptance of Civil Service Laws for members of the Police Department in the Town of Fairhaven, effective July 1, 2023, thereby removing the police force from the provisions of the Civil Service Laws, and the rules and regulations relating to the same, provided that this revocation will not affect the Civil Service status of existing personnel in their current positions.

**ARTICLE 15: CIVIL SERVICE – FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Motion:** Move to revoke the prior town meeting acceptance of Civil Service Laws for members of the Fire Department in the Town of Fairhaven, effective July 1, 2023, thereby removing the Fire Department from the provisions of the Civil Service Laws, and the rules and regulations relating to the same, provided that this revocation will not affect the Civil Service status of existing personnel in their current positions..

**ARTICLE 16: AMEND BYLAW CHAPTER 37 FINANCE, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Motion:** Move to adopt as written in the warrant

**ARTICLE 17: APPOINTMENT OF TOWN CLERK**

**Motion:** Move to adopt as written in the warrant

**ARTICLE 18: PETITION FOR SPECIAL LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AS APPOINTING AUTHORITY FOR HEALTH AGENT**

**Motion:** Move to adopt as written in the warrant

**ARTICLE 19: AMEND BYLAWS, CHAPTER 192 WETLANDS § 10.A**

**Motion:** Move to adopt as written in the warrant

**ARTICLE 20: AMEND BYLAWS, CHAPTER 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS § 1-6.D (10)  
(a) AND CHAPTER 192 WETLANDS § 10.B AND CHAPTER 192 WETLANDS § 10.C**

**Motion:** Move to adopt as written in the warrant

**ARTICLE 21: AMEND BYLAWS, CHAPTER 164 SOLID WASTE**

**Motion:** Move to adopt as written in the warrant

**ARTICLE 22: AMEND BYLAWS, CHAPTER 83 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND  
DRUGS**

**Motion:** Move to adopt as written in the warrant

**ARTICLE 23: CITIZENS PETITION – HARD SURFACE**

**Motion:** Move to be provided by petitioner

**ARTICLE 24: CITIZENS PETITION – STREET DISCONTINUANCE**

**Motion:** PASSOVER

**ARTICLE 25: CITIZENS PETITION – STREET LIGHT**

**Motion:** Move to be provided by petitioner

**ARTICLE 26: OTHER BUSINESS**