



Town of Fairhaven

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WARRANT

On Tuesday, the fourteenth of November, 2023 at 7:00p.m. in the Walter Silveira Auditorium at the Elizabeth I. Hastings Middle School, then and there, the following articles will be before you for a vote.

The Finance Committee has reviewed and provided their recommendation as customer. Contact the Select Board/Town Administrator's office for more information.

Majority Vote needed unless stated otherwise

ARTICLE 1: BILLS OF PRIOR YEAR-Paid from FY24 funds unless noted otherwise

To see if the Town will vote to pay the unpaid bills of a prior fiscal year. And others that may be brought forward, or take any other action relative thereto

Petitioned by: Town Accountant

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Petitioner</u>
Stephenson & Brook	\$ 8,000 from FY2021	Human Resources
Town of Mattapoisett	\$ 6,647 from FY2022	BPW
ASNE	\$ 3,501 from FY2021	BPW

Select Board:

Finance Committee:

Vote Required: Four-Fifths (4/5) Vote

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

ARTICLE 2: FUND SEWER LABOR CONTRACTS-FY23 & FY24

To see if the Town will vote to fund the FY23 and FY24 labor contract for the Sewer Department or take any other action relative thereto.

Petitioned by: Town Administrator

Select Board:

Finance Committee:

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

Motion: To adopt the sum of \$75,000 to be transferred from Sewer Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to Sewer Salaries and Wages

ARTICLE 3: FY24 GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 7 of the May 6, 2023 Town Meeting "General Fund Operating Budget-FY24" as follows, or take any action relative thereto:

1. Transfer from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) as follows:

A. \$95,000 be transferred from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) to Town Insurance

Petitioned by: Town Accountant

Select Board:

Finance Committee:

ARTICLE 4: SEWER TREATMENT PLANT ADDITIONAL FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 15A of the June 18, 2022 Town Meeting and raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of \$20,000,000 for additional charges to supplement the costs for the sewer treatment plant upgrade, or take any action relative thereto.

Petitioned by: Board of Public Works

Select Board:

Finance Committee:

ARTICLE 5: FY24 SEWER FUND ADJUSTMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the June 30, 2023 Sewer Retained Earnings of Sewer Capital Fee \$295,959.45 which was generated from the Sewer Capital Fee from FY23 and transfer into the Sewer Capital Improvements Stabilization Fund or take any action relative thereto.

Petitioned by: Board of Public Works

Select Board:

Finance Committee:

ARTICLE 6: RECYCLE CENTER RELOCATION COSTS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of \$ 470,000 from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) for costs associated with relocating the existing recycle center to a temporary and/or permanent location as well as purchase equipment for on site brush processing and any other necessary components relative thereto.

Petitioned by: Board of Public Works

Select Board:

Finance Committee:

ARTICLE 7: AMENDMENT TO FY22 TOWN MEETING ARTICLE 14B

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 14B of the June 18, 2022 Town Meeting for maintenance to the Sconticut Neck Water Tower to reflect that the Town may use RFP for awarding bids.

Petitioned by: Board of Public Works

Select Board:

Finance Committee:

ARTICLE 8: WATER STORAGE TANK MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to G.L. Chapter 40 § 62 to authorize the Chief Procurement Officer, in consultation with the Board of Public Works, to enter into a water storage tank maintenance contract to be awarded in accordance with G.L. Chapter 30B § 6, for a maximum term of fifteen years and in an amount not to exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000) as appropriated under Article 14B of the June 18, 2022 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

Petitioned by: Board of Public Works

Select Board:
Finance Committee:

ARTICLE 9: SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS PROPERTY EASEMENT COMPENSATION

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of \$ 75,000 from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) for costs associated with compensation to property owners for the temporary easements on thirteen parcels on Sconticut Neck Road between David Drown Blvd. and Hiller Ave. that was part of securing a State/Federal Safe Routes to School grant or take any other action relative thereto.

Petitioned by: Board of Public Works

Select Board:
Finance Committee:

ARTICLE 10: REPLACE TOWN HALL ALARM PANEL

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of \$ 250,000 for costs associated with replacing the fire alarm panel in Town Hall and associated costs for the project or take any other action relative thereto.

Petitioned by: Town Administrator

Select Board:
Finance Committee:

ARTICLE 11: REPLACE MARINE RESOURCE TRAILER

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of \$ 4,500 for costs associated with replacing the boat trailer for Marine Resources or take any other action relative thereto.

Petitioned by: Harbor Master

Select Board:
Finance Committee:

ARTICLE 12: ASSESSMENT CENTER EXAM

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of \$ 5,000 for costs associated with contracting with an exam assessment center to hold Fire Department Captain's and Deputy Chief's exams or take any other action relative thereto.

Petitioned by: Fire Department

Select Board:
Finance Committee:

ARTICLE 13: TOWN CLERK POLL PADS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of \$ 12,700 to purchase poll pads for elections and Town Meeting efficiency or take any other action relative thereto.

Petitioned by: Town Clerk's Office

Select Board:
Finance Committee:

ARTICLE 14: SOLAR CANOPY PROJECT: RECREATION CENTER/COUNCIL ON AGING

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board or its designee to enter into a lease, power purchase, and any energy storage agreement with Solect Energy Development LLC for solar energy projects located in Town and School properties, through the program created by Power Options or take any other action relative thereto.

Petitioned by: Town Administrator

Select Board:
Finance Committee:

ARTICLE 15: REVOLVING FUNDS

To see if the Town will increase the following Revolving Accounts under the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½:

Revolving Fund	Authorized to Spend	Revenue Source	FY24 Limit
Mooring Fees	Marine Resources	Mooring fees	\$4,000
Mattress Recycling	Board of Health	Fees from mattress disposal	\$4,000

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Petitioned by: Town Administrator

Select Board:
Finance Committee:

ARTICLE 16: APPOINTMENT OF TOWN CLERK

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c. 41, s. 1B, to change the position of Town Clerk from elected to appointed, said change being contingent upon acceptance of such change by the voters at the next Annual Town Election, or take any other action relative thereto.

Petitioned by: Select Board

Select Board:
Finance Committee:

ARTICLE 17: AMEND BYLAWS CHAPTER 40 § 6

To see if the Town will vote to amend the language in Bylaws, Chapter 40 § 6 as recommended by Bond Counsel with the following language:

Change the language from:

No appropriation shall be voted for a capital improvement requested by a department, board or commission unless the proposed capital improvement has been considered in the Committee's Capital Improvement Plan, or the Committee has submitted a report to the Select Board explaining the omission of the proposed capital improvement from its Plan.

And update the language to:

Every capital improvement request by a department, board or commission shall be considered in the Committee's Capital Improvement Plan unless the Committee shall have provided a report to the Select Board explaining the omission of the proposed capital improvement from its Plan.

Petitioned by: Town Administrator, recommended by Bond Counsel

Select Board:

Finance Committee:

ARTICLE 18: CITIZENS PETITION – STREET ACCEPTANCE: ALVES WAY

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public street Alves Way, or take any action relative thereto.

Petitioned by: Antonio Alves

Select Board:

Finance Committee:

ARTICLE 19: OTHER BUSINESS

To act upon any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy thereof on or near the front or main entrance of the polling place for all Precincts at the Fairhaven Recreation Center, 227 Huttleston Avenue, seven days at least prior to the date of the meeting.

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