



# FAIRHAVEN SELECT BOARD AGENDA-**REVISED**

February 26, 2024 6:30 p.m.

Town Hall – 40 Center Street – Fairhaven

The meeting can also be viewed on Channel 18 or on FairhavenTV.com

FAIRHAVEN TOWN CLERK  
2024 FEB 22 PM 7:00

*On March 24, 2023, the bill to extend Open Meeting Law regulations governing remote participation has passed MA legislation and been signed by the Governor. This bill will allow remote and hybrid meeting options for public bodies through March 31, 2025. Pursuant to an amendment to Town Bylaw Chapter 50 § 13, all government meetings are available through web/video conference and are recorded.*

**A. PUBLIC HEARING – 6:30p.m.**

FY24 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application, Hedge Street (Phase #4)

**B. MINUTES**

1. Approve Select Board minutes of February 12, 2024 – Open Session
2. Approve Select Board minutes of February 12, 2024 – Executive Session
3. Approve the Joint Select Board and Finance Committee Minutes of February 7, 2024

**C. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

1. Staffing Update
2. Department Head Updates: Assessors, Treasurer, Collector
3. April Food Drive: Belonging Committee
4. Coastline March for Meals Elder Nutrition Ride-a-Long
5. Town Hall Closed to the Public: Staff Professional Development Day: Wednesday, February 28, 2024
6. Staff Contact Protocol
7. Request for Proposal (RFP) Review Matrix
8. Website Redesign
9. Other

**D. ACTION / DISCUSSION**

1. Board of Assessors Appointment: Daniel Lane
2. Livable Streets Appointment: Miles Grant
3. Tour de Crème Charity Bike Ride Event: Sunday, May 19, 2024
4. 14 Oxford Street Concerns
5. Department Fees
6. **Town Election Ballot Question**
7. 2023 Select Board Annual Report submission

**E. CORRESPONDENCE**

**F. COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS**

**G. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**H. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS**

**I. NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. The next regularly scheduled Select Board meeting is *Monday, March 11, 2024* at 6:30 p.m.

**J. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

“Pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a)(2): To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel – Town Administrator.”

**ADJOURNMENT**

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# Monday, February 26, 2024

## Public Hearing

Town of Fairhaven Notice of Public Hearing

FY 24 Community Development Block Grant Application

Town of Fairhaven will hold a Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M. on February 26, 2024, Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA. The purpose of the hearing is to seek public comment on the Town's FY2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application, which will request funding for reconstruction of Hedge Street (Phase 4), from Adams Street to approximately House #70. The Town intends to apply for up to \$950,000 for this project and general administration. The grant will be administered with private consultants. The performance of prior years' CDBG Awards may be discussed.



# Town of Fairhaven

## Department of Planning & Economic Development

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TO: Town of Fairhaven Select Board  
THROUGH: Angie Lopes-Ellison, Town Administrator  
FROM: Paul DiGiuseppe, Director of Planning and Economic Development  
DATE: February 20, 2024  
RE: FY 24 CDBG Public Hearing, February 26, 2024  
Grant Application Project, Budget and Motions

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The Public Hearing scheduled for the Select Board on February 26, 2024 will provide detailed information on the Town's FY 24 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for improvements to a section of Hedge Street from approximately 70 Hedge Street to Adams Street. This segment, referred to as Phase IV, will complete streetscape infrastructure improvements along the entire length of Hedge Street. Phase IV improvements include upgrades to sidewalk, water, sewer and drainage infrastructure.

The FY21 CDBG awarded to the Town included preparation of engineering design for Hedge Street, from Main Street to Adams Street, to enable the Town to finish the Hedge Street project. Phases 1 through 3 of Hedge Street improvements, from the Acushnet River to 70 Hedge Street, have already been completed with monies from three previous year's CDBG awards. GCG was contracted to complete the design of Phase IV as they were for the prior phases. There have been three public input meetings in the course of the development process. An engineering plan for improvements will be presented at the Public Hearing.

The application budget (attached) also includes funding for a CDBG Administrative Assistant as well as a CDBG consultant grant administrator and general administration expenses.

All CDBG applications require the Town to appoint an Environmental Certifying Officer (ECO) who can sign off on the environmental reviews required by the CDBG. The reviews for the types of projects in the grants that Fairhaven has submitted are straightforward; they identify any impacts that proposed improvements might have on the environment. In the past, a member of the Select Board has served as the ECO, with Robert Espindola being the last person appointed to the position. I have attached information from the CDBG Manual about the ECO position as well as a certifying statement that should be signed by the Select Board once the designation is made.

I ask the Board to make the following motions:

1. To approve the FY24 CDBG application as presented for improvements to Hedge Street, Phase 4.
2. To authorize the Select Board Chair to sign the FY24 CDBG application-related documents.
3. To designate \_\_\_\_\_ as Fairhaven's Environmental Certifying Officer.

**B. Designate an Environmental Certifying Officer (ECO)**

The Grantee's Chief Executive Officer must designate either him/herself or a competent staff person to serve as the Environmental Certifying Officer (ECO). The ECO must be:

- designated in writing. See sample form in Appendix 2 Chapter 10. A copy of the designation must be kept in the ERR file.
- an employee of the municipality. The ECO may not be a person or entity with whom the municipality contracts to carry out project activities. *The ECO acts as the responsible Federal official under the provisions of NEPA and will be named as the responsible party in any legal action.*

Responsibilities of the ECO include making findings and signing all required certifications. The ECO does not need to be a technical expert on environmental activities but should be credible if it becomes necessary for the grantee to defend a finding or conclusion of the review.

**C. Define the project**

While the definition does not have to be lengthy, it should include enough information to provide the reader with a clear understanding of what is to take place. This should include all project activities, the location of the project and the anticipated cost of the project. The description should not be isolated in time and place and must consider future related actions, cumulative effects and activities associated with non-HUD funds.

**D. Determine the Level of Environmental Review Required for Each Activity**

Each program activity which is or will be funded by Mass. CDBG must be reviewed for its impact on the environment. In addition, all activities which are part of a federally funded project must be reviewed even if the particular activity receives no federal funds.

The levels of environmental review are as follows:

- Exempt activities (58.34)
- Categorically Excluded Activities Not Subject to Section 58.5
- Categorically Excluded Activities Subject to Section 58.5 [Statutory review, 58.35(b)]
- Full Environmental Assessment Required Activities [NEPA review, 58.35(a)]

Each review category is fully detailed below. Defining the correct level of review is a critical step. Grantees must be sure that they are categorizing a project correctly. An incorrect determination for the level of review can lead to delays or a discontinuation of project activities



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February 27, 2024

Housing Secretary Edward Augustus  
Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities  
100 Cambridge Street  
Boston, MA 02114

Dear Housing Secretary Augustus:

On February 26, 2024, the Fairhaven Select Board voted to express support of the Town's application for a 2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Fairhaven proposes to complete the final phase of Hedge Street, located in the Anthony School Neighborhood and within an Environmental Justice District (Block Group 4, Census Tract 6552). The project will address deteriorating conditions in this neighborhood, which has a Slums and Blight designation from the EOHLIC.

Hedge Street is a major cross street in our Anthony School Neighborhood. Roads, sidewalks, drainage, water, and sewer systems are all in poor condition overall. The Town proposes a Phase 4 construction project for an easternmost section of this lengthy road, from #70 Hedge Street to Adams Street, continuing improvements undertaken with FY 18, FY 19, and FY 21 CDBG funds. The engineering design for Phase 4 construction was funded with the FY 21 CDBG award. The project will address inadequate drainage and deteriorated water, sewer, sidewalk and pavement.

**BID READY PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS:** GCG Associates has prepared final plans and specifications for the Hedge Street Improvements Project, Phase 4. The project is ready to proceed to construction upon award.

**PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT:** Through an RFQ process, Fairhaven will hire an engineering firm to provide construction administration and resident inspector services for the Hedge Street Phase 4 construction. The Town will also hire a grant administration consultant to assist existing Planning and Economic Development Department staff with grant oversight and administration.

**OWNERSHIP AND MAINTENANCE:** Fairhaven owns all necessary easements for proposed construction work on Hedge Street. The projected annual maintenance cost of the improved road, as estimated in the Engineering Report, is already part of the Town's operating budget.

The Fairhaven Select Board sincerely hopes that the EOHLIC recognizes the importance of the Hedge Street project and will provide the funding necessary to complete it.

Respectfully,

Leon E. Correy, III  
Fairhaven Select Board, Chair

# FAIRHAVEN HEDGE STREET PHASE 4 PROJECT MAP

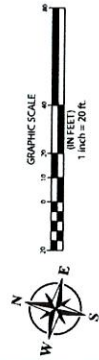
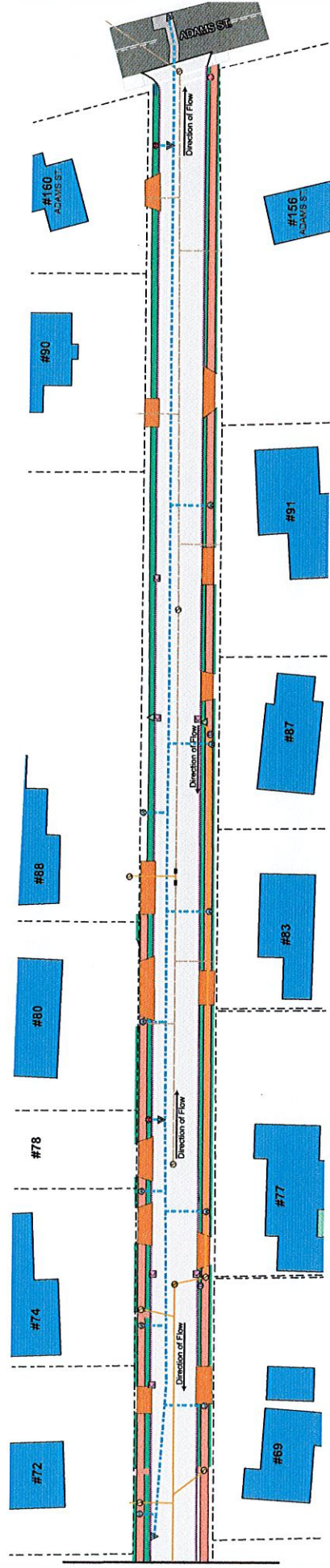
Engineer's Table of Improvements

Item	Existing Quantity	Existing Material	Replace or New	New Quantity	New Material
Road	765 L.L.	Bituminous Concrete	Replace	765 L.L.	Bituminous Concrete
Curb	1,240 L.L.	Poured Cement Concrete	Replace/New	1,240 L.L.	Precast Concrete Curb
Sidewalk	870 L.L.	Cement/Bit. Concrete	Replace/New	870 L.L.	Cement Concrete
Driveway Aprons/Ramps	290 L.L.	Cement Conc.	Replace/New	290 L.L.	Cement Concrete
Storm Drain Pipes	530 L.L.	Clay/Concrete	New/Replace	300 L.L.	PVC, Ductile Iron,
Storm Catch Basin/manhole/ Gutter Inlet	5 ea.	Block/Block Concrete	New/Replace	4 ea.	Precast/Block Concrete
Water Main	790 L.L.	Asbestos Concrete	Replace/New	790 L.L.	Ductile Iron
Water Services	200 L.L.	Copper, Lead /Iron	Replace	200 L.L.	Copper (lead free)
Fire Hydrant	1 ea.	Cast Iron	Replace/New	2 ea.	Ductile Iron
Sewer Main	710 L.L.	Clay/Asbestos Concrete	Replace	150 L.L.	PVC
Sewer Manholes	4 ea.	Brick, Precast Concrete	Replace	1 ea.	Precast Concrete
Sewer Services	325 L.L.	Clay/Asbestos Concrete	Replace	100 L.L.	PVC

**KEY**

- PROPERTY LINE
- RECONSTRUCTED ROADWAY
- NEW CONCRETE DRIVEWAY APRON
- NEW CONCRETE SIDEWALK
- TRENCH PATCH
- LOAM AND SEED
- NEW CONCRETE CURB
- REPLACE EXISTING WATER LINE
- REPLACEMENT SEWER LINE
- EXISTING SEWER LINE
- EXISTING ROADWAY (ADAMS)
- EXISTING SIDEWALKS AND BERMS
- PHASE LINE
- PROPOSED DRAIN MANHOLE
- REPLACE DRAIN MANHOLE
- EXISTING DRAIN MANHOLE
- PROPOSED CATCH BASIN
- NEW SEWER SERVICE
- NEW WATER SERVICE
- NEW HYDRANT
- REMOVED GUTTER INLET
- NEW WATER VALVE
- NEW STOP SIGN
- NEW STREET SIGN
- NEW CROSSWALK LINES
- REPAIR CONNECTIONS

← To Main Street



**MASSACHUSETTS CDBG PROGRAM  
Budget Summary Sheet - FY**

PROGRAM/PROJECT/ACTIVITY		CDBG FUNDS (\$)	OTHER FUNDS
<b>1</b>	<b>PROPERTY ACQUISITION</b>	\$0	\$0
<b>2</b>	<b>CLEARANCE/DEMOLITION</b>	\$0	\$0
<b>3</b>	<b>RELOCATION (Permanent)</b>	\$0	\$0
<b>4</b>	<b>HOUSING REHABILITATION</b>		
A	Program Delivery	\$0	\$0
B	Unit Development/Creation	\$0	\$0
C	Rehabilitation Loans/Grants	\$0	\$0
D	Other	\$0	\$0
<b>5</b>	<b>COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>		
A	Program Delivery	\$0	\$0
B	Acquisition	\$0	\$0
C	Commercial Improvements (Signs/Facades)	\$0	\$0
D	Assist to For-profits (formally Sm. Business Assist.)	\$0	\$0
E	Infrastructure or Streetscape Improvements	\$0	\$0
F	Planning	\$0	\$0
M	Other	\$0	\$0
N	Mirco enterprise Assistance	\$0	\$0
<b>6</b>	<b>PUBLIC FACILITIES/INFRASTRUCTURE</b>		
A	Program Delivery	\$11,569	\$0
B	Streets and Sidewalks	\$820,798	\$0
C	Parks and Recreation	\$0	\$0
D	Neighborhood Facilities	\$0	\$0
E	Parking	\$0	\$0
F	Water	\$0	\$0
G	Sewer	\$0	\$0
H	Drainage	\$0	\$0
I	Architectural Barriers	\$0	\$0
J	Other	\$0	\$0
K	Design only (architectural and engineering)	\$0	\$0
<b>7</b>	<b>PLANNING</b>	\$0	\$0
<b>8</b>	<b>PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES</b>		
A	Program Delivery	\$0	\$0
B	Program Costs	\$0	\$0
<b>9</b>	<b>GENERAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	\$87,259	\$0
	<b>TOTAL PROGRAM COSTS</b>	\$919,626	\$0



# **Monday, February 26, 2024**

## **Meeting Minutes**

- **February 12, 2024 – Open Session**
- **February 12, 2024 – Executive Session**
- **February 7, 2024 – joint Select Board and Finance Committee**





## FAIRHAVEN SELECT BOARD

### Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2024

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

Mr. Correy opened the meeting at 6:32p.m.

Mr. Corry wished Leon Emanuel Correy IV, "LJ," a happy fifth birthday!

**Motion:** Mr. Espindola motioned to take Action Item B1 out of order. Mr. Silvia seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

### MINUTES

**Motion:** Mr. Espindola motioned to accept the minutes of January 22, 2024. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

*Ms. Ellison reported on:*

- Staff Updates: Departments are staffed.
- Department Head Updates: Cable Access Director Derek Frates provided an update on the department, reviewed highlights from the 2023 annual report, public service announcements (PSAs), social media use, public access stats, partnerships across Town departments and upcoming events.

The Board asked about the meeting recording bylaw, reminded the public how to watch or stream what is broadcast and thanked Mr. Frates and his staff.

Human Resources (HR) Director Cameron Durant addressed the Board with an update on the department and initiatives they have undertaken on payroll automation with Police, Fire and the School, the Personnel Policy, Employee Handbook, organizing personnel files, compliance review and training, contract negotiations coming in 2025, HR Software and automation work with IT. Mr. Durant thanked his team.

The Board asked for clarification on risk management, compliance training, the personnel policy tweaks, recruitment efforts and what is needed to be successful.

Ms. Ellison congratulated Mr. Durant on earning a Senior Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) Certificate.

Harbor Master Tim Cox presented an update on the Marine Resources Department initiatives, dredging on West Island, Union Wharf, dredging at Pease Park, boat motors, shellfish planting in early summer and the support of administration.

The Board asked about where the sand from dredging would go, how much sand, the schedule of dredging and communications to neighbors, collaborations with surrounding towns and other departments. The Board thanked Mr. Cox for his work ensuring Fairhaven waters were not forgotten and the teamwork of his department.

- Town Hall will be closed to the public on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 for a staff professional development day.
- Board/Committee resignations: Maria Carvalho and Ellis Withington submitted resignations from their

respective boards/committees. The Town thanks them for their work.

- Grant Award: Green Communities \$125,810 that the Conservation Agent will oversee the use of for projects around Town. FY24 Municipal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Improvement Grant Program \$85,000 that the Commission on Disability will use for assessment of Town properties and ADA accessibility.
- Community Compact Cabinet (CCC) Broadband Grant: Response letter received from Sean Cronin at the Department of Revenue regarding the request to change the project focus. The request was denied and the state will expect the funds to be returned. Mr. Espindola asked for a copy of the letter.
- The December 2023 expense report is in the packet for review. Mr. Espindola asked about no legal line item, Ms. Ellison asked him to send Ms. Hart an email to request any specifics, the report has overall categories.
- Weather forecast and Town Hall open/close. At this time any changes to Town Hall hours or other Town offices will be posted on the web on the Town's website and shared on social media.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

The Public Hearing for the Liquor License Transfers: OEA Restaurant Group d/b/a Olivia's opened at 6:49p.m.  
Mr. Correy read the notice.

Jay Lanagan of 116 Chestnut Street addressed the Board. He represents applicant Cullen North Walker Street LLC (Cullen) who purchased 1 Middle Street from Ferry Station. Cullen sold to OEA Restaurant Group. The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) investigator wanted the transfers to be filed from Ferry Station to Cullen and then Cullen to OEA Restaurant Group because the transfer from Ferry Station to Cullen was not filed with the Town or the ABCC when it occurred.

All paperwork is on file and has been reviewed by the Select Board office (*Attachment A*). The office has been working with applicant Brandon Roderick and the ABCC.

Public Comment: none received

The Public Hearing for the Liquor License Transfers: OEA Restaurant Group d/b/a Olivia's closed at 6:54p.m.

**Motion:** Mr. Espindola motioned to transfer the Liquor License from Ferry Station LLP to Cullen North Walker Street LLC. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

**Motion:** Mr. Espindola motioned to transfer the Liquor License from Cullen North Walker Street LLC to OEA Restaurant Group doing business as Olivia's Restaurant. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

### **SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL: ORDER OF TAKINGS**

Mr. Espindola recused himself and exited the banquet room at 7:38p.m. due to the proximity to his home related to this item

Joshua Crabb Highway Superintendent addressed the Board regarding this item (*Attachment B*).

**Motion:** Ms. Powers motioned to accept, approve and file the tacking of land on Sconticut Neck Road for temporary and permanent easements for roadway project for the Safe Routes to School program as outlined in the order of taking. Mr. Silvia seconded. The motion passed (4-0-1). Mr. Espindola abstained.

Mr. Espindola returned at 7:40p.m.

### **MARINE RESOURCE FEES**

Mr. Cox addressed the Board regarding the fees of the Marine Resources Department and proposal to increase fees for shellfish permits, parking, waterways, Union Wharf Daily Dockage, Lobster Boats and mooring fees. He advised the Board that in seventeen years only the Lobster Basin fee has changed. Michael McNamara Marine Resources

Committee Chair also addressed the Board about the recommendations for fee changes and a balanced approach was taken.

The Board asked to see an analysis of the numbers of permits at the 2023 rate compared to the new rate and what the total impact would be. Mr. Cox will get this from his administrative assistant. The Board asked about impacts to the Town when shellfishing beds are closed due to environmental reasons. Mr. Cox advised the impact is to the commercial shellfishers. The Board asked about costs compared to other towns.

Discussion ensued about waiting to vote on new fees until the analysis could be reviewed, senior shellfishing buttons, veteran shellfishing buttons, clarification on the non-resident shellfishing permit should say \$275. The Board will hold on the Waterways fees and the mooring fees and review the analysis provided.

**Motion:** Mr. Espindola motioned to accept and raise the fees of the Marine Resource Department at the Town's recommended rates for Shellfish permits for residents at \$50, non-residents at \$275, Parking at Hoppy's Landing and Pease Pake/Seaview at the Town's recommended rate as written, the Union Wharf Daily Dockage fee at the Town's recommended rate as written and the Lobster Boats fee at the Town's recommended rate as written. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

#### **BLUE STREAM REQUEST FOR ELECTRICAL PASSAGEWAY THROUGH HOPPY'S LANDING**

Dale Leavitt one of three owners addressed the Board about the request and explained that Eversource had reached out to complete the installation and a map showing the proposal was shown (*Attachment C*). Blue Stream has been paying the electric bill at Hoppy's Landing. This electrical passageway would include upgrading the electrical service at Hoppy's Landing and be paid for by Blue Stream.

**Motion:** Mr. Espindola motioned to allow Blue Stream passageway through Hoppy's Landing as requested. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

#### **HISTORICAL COMMISSION APPOINTMENT**

Beth Luey addressed the Board and explained her interests and background.

Mr. Silvia asked if a party to a lawsuit can be a member of a commission. Ms. Ellison advised that Ms. Luey is only a party in name and the dispute is a Planning Board decision with the defendant being the applicant and not the Town.

**Motion:** Mr. Espindola motioned to appoint Beth Luey to the Historical Commission for a term to end May, 2026. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

#### **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ASSOCIATE MEMBER APPOINTMENT**

Kristen Russell addressed the Board and explained her interests and background.

The Board asked if Ms. Russell was ready for the training needed and learning bylaws and procedures. Ms. Russell said she was ready and would complete any necessary training and had already started reviewing bylaws and asking questions.

**Motion:** Mr. Espindola motioned to appoint Kristen Russell as an Associate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to end May, 2026. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

#### **CULTURAL COUNCIL APPOINTMENT**

Serina Gundersen Thomas addressed the Board and explained her interests and background.

**Motion:** Mr. Espindola motioned to appoint Serina Gundersen Thomas to the Cultural Council for a term to end May, 2027. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

**USE OF TOWN HALL AND FLAG REQUEST: FAIRHAVEN HOMECOMING:  
SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2024**

The Board reviewed the request for the use of Town Hall for Homecoming on Saturday, June 29, 2024 and to fly the Homecoming banner prior to.

Mr. Silvia asked if the request included the use of parking at Rogers School.

**Motion:** Mr. Espindola motioned to approve the use of Town Hall and the public outdoor space, close Walnut Street, William Street and Union Street for the Homecoming Day on Saturday June 29, 2024. And to approve hanging the Homecoming Banner on town hall from June 15- June 30, 2024 in accordance to the policy. Mr. Espindola amended the motion to included parking at Rogers School if they request. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

**USE OF TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM: HISTORICAL SOCIETY LECTURE,  
THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024**

The Board reviewed the request for the use of the Town Hall Auditorium on Thursday, April 4, 2024 for a lecture hosted by the Historical Society waiving the fee for the rental and charging the custodian fee.

**Motion:** Mr. Espindola motioned to the use of Town Hall Auditorium on April 4, 2024 for the Historical Society Lecture and waive the rental fee and charge for a custodian. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

**FAIRHAVEN FATHER'S DAY ROAD RACE REQUEST: JUNE 16, 2024**

The Board reviewed the request for the Fairhaven Father's Day Road Race on June 16, 2024.

**Motion:** Mr. Espindola motioned to approve the Father's Day Road Race to be held on June 16, 2024 from 9am as outlined in the proposal, approved by Police, Fire and BPW and to be signed by the chair of the Select Board. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

**PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY POLICE OFFICER ASSIGNMENT**

The Board reviewed the request from the Town Clerk for police officers at the polling location at 227 Huttleston Avenue on March 5, 2024 for the Presidential Primary.

**Motion:** Mr. Espindola motioned to approve a sufficient number of police officers but not less than three at the polling locations at 227 Huttleston Avenue for the March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary to preserve order and to protect the election officers and supervisors from any interference with their duties and to aid in enforcing the laws relating to elections as required by Section 72 of MGL chapter 54.

Furthermore, motion to designate the Chief of Police the authority to assign specific police officers according to scheduling and availability with the Town Clerk advising the Chief on the location and time officers are needed. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

**PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION WARRANT**

The Board reviewed the request from the Town Clerk for the Presidential Primary Election Warrant.

**Motion:** Mr. Espindola motioned to approve the Election Warrant for the Presidential Preference Primaries as presented by the Town Clerk. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

**2023 SELECT BOARD ANNUAL REPORT SUBMISSION**

Pass over

## **APPOINT SELECT BOARD MEMBER TO TOWN ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS**

Discussion ensued about this item. Mr. Correy recommended Mr. Murphy. Mr. Espindola asked for clarification and if this was legally required for one representative or can it be the entire Board. Ms. Ellison said this is to appoint one person or the entire Board. Mr. Correy clarified that the Board would be advising the individual if one person were appointed, the whole Board would have input.

**Motion:** Mr. Espindola motioned to appoint Charlie Murphy to negotiate a contract with the Town Administrator on behalf of the Select Board. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Ms. Ellison advised the Board that these are both customary notifications to the Board.

1. Permanent Solution Statement Submitted to MassDEP: 120 Alden Road
2. Fairhaven Contributory Retirement Notice of Public Meeting: Cost of Living Adjustment

## **COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS**

*Mr. Espindola reported on:*

The Broadband Study Committee and The Livable Streets Committee. (*Attachment D*). Discussion ensued about sign sponsorship opportunities for revenue. Ms. Ellison advised the Board they can consider a policy on this at a future meeting if they choose.

*Ms. Powers reported:*

The Financial Policy Review Committee met, reviewed sample documents from other Towns to draft Fairhaven policies from, they are looking to start with unfunded liabilities and then Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB). The Library met, Economic Development has an upcoming meeting, PSAs have been done for new businesses, 40R work continues. She attended a meeting from the Department of Environmental Protection where erosion and maps for six and thirty years out were looked at, Fairhaven may need to look to prioritize looking at this as well.

*Mr. Murphy reported:*

Sister City Committee meets this week and Lagoa needs members and encouraged anyone interested to volunteer and clarified you do not need to be Portuguese to apply. He thanked Ms. Carvalho for her work on the Committee.

*Mr. Silvia reported:*

As discussed earlier, Marine Resources discussed the proposed fee structure.

*Mr. Correy reported:*

February is Black History Month; the Belonging Committee has some activities planned. Digital Equity is still collecting feedback and you can still complete the survey.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Andrew Romano, 440 Bridge Street addressed the Board and spoke about an event he attended at the Fairhaven Animal Shelter and complimented all the volunteers as well as Terry Cripps and the staff.

Patrick Carr, 141 Pleasant Street addressed the Board and suggested that a debate is held because there are six candidates for the two open Select Board spots and thinks it will give people more a chance to see more of candidates than an informational candidate's night.

## **BOARD MEMBER ITEMS**

Ms. Powers asked about goal setting and Ms. Ellison advised it is part of the Executive Session.

Mr. Correy thanked Mary Lou from Be the Solution to Pollution for leading the clean-up at Fort Phoenix recently. They have another event planned for Hedge Street and information is on their website. He reminded everyone to get involved and volunteer. He quoted Gwendolyn Brooks, "We don't ask a flower any special reason for its existence. We just look at it and are able to accept it as being something different for ourselves."

**NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regularly scheduled Select Board meeting is on Monday, February 26, 2024 at 6:30p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion:** Mr. Espindola motioned to enter into Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(7) To comply with, or act under the authority of, G.L. c. 30A, s. 22, to review the minutes of Executive Session December 18, 2023 and pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(2) “[t]o conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel”: (Angie Lopes Ellison) and not to return to Open Session. Ms. Powers seconded. Roll Call Vote, Mr. Espindola in favor, Ms. Powers in favor, Mr. Murphy in favor, Mr. Silvia in favor and Mr. Correy in favor. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

**Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 9:09 p.m.**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- A. Public Hearing: Liquor License transfer application
- B. Safe Routes to School: Order of Takings
- C. Blue Stream Shellfish proposed map for electrical passageway at Hoppy’s Landing
- D. Committee Liaison Report: Robert J. Espindola

Approved on \_\_\_ 2024

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## Fairhaven Select Board & Finance Committee Joint Meeting Minutes February 7, 2024

**Select Board Members Present:** Chair Leon Correy, Vice-Chair Charles Murphy Sr., Clerk Stasia Powers, Select Board member Keith Silvia, Select Board member Robert Espindola, Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison and Assistant Town Administrator of Finance Anne Carreiro.

**Finance Committee Members Present:** Chair Padraic Elliott, Vice-Chair Claire Millette, Robert Grindrod, Chris Fidalgo, Peter Gardner, Stephen Levesque and Patricia Pacella.

**Present via zoom:** Finance Committee member James Souza

**Also present:** Budget Consultant George Samia

**Not present:** Finance Committee members Linda Gallant and David Patterson

**Mr. Correy called to order the Select Board meeting at 6:33 p.m.**

**Mr. Elliott called to order the Finance Committee meeting at 6:33 p.m.**

### MINUTES

**Select Board Motion:** Mr. Espindola motioned to accept, the January 8, 2024 Open Session minutes of the Select Board. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

**Select Board Motion:** Mr. Espindola motioned to accept, the January 8, 2024 Executive Session minutes of the Select Board. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

**Finance Committee Motion:** Ms. Millette motioned to accept, the November 14, 2023 minutes of the Finance Committee. Mr. Levesque seconded. The motion passed unanimously (7-0-0).

### EMBARKATION FEE

Ms. Ellison referred to the sample letter in the packet (*Attachment A*) regarding embarkation fees. The Oak Bluffs Finance and Advisory Committee is gathering support from coastal communities asking the state to raise the fee from fifty cents to two dollars.

Discussion ensued regarding support from Marine Resources, whether New Bedford is in support and if the Select Board should consider that before signing the letter, what the fees are used for, information from [www.mass.gov](http://www.mass.gov) and to consider this being a good neighbor.

**Select Board Motion:** Mr. Espindola motioned to approve the letter and send to the parties listed with a copy to New Bedford and authorize the Chairs to sign on their behalf. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

**Finance Committee Motion** Ms. Millette motioned to recommend the Finance Committee Chair sign the letter as written and pass along to the representatives. Mr. Levesque seconded. The motion passed unanimously (7-0-0).

The Finance Committee revisited the item when James Souza joined via zoom.

**Finance Committee Motion** Ms. Millette motioned to recommend the Finance Committee Chair sign the letter as written and pass along to the representatives. Mr. Levesque seconded. Roll call vote, Mr. Elliott in favor, Mr. Grindrod in favor, Mr. Fidalgo in favor, Ms. Millette in favor, Mr. Gardner in favor, Mr.

Levesque in favor, Ms. Pacella in favor and Mr. Souza in favor. The motion passed unanimously (8-0-0).

### **REVIEW FY2025 BUDGET**

Ms. Ellison introduced budget consultant George Samia who has been working with Anne Carreiro on the FY2025 budget and presentation.

Mr. Samia reviewed the presentation (*Attachment B*). He reminded everyone that the documents are “living” documents meaning the numbers will change as information is received (ex. state aid). He added that he is consulting in other towns and there are several facing the same budget deficits and that it is not an “error,” it is the historical time we are in.

Ms. Ellison advised that departments will be asked to make cuts based on the current deficit of approximately two million dollars. Departments made cuts in some areas when they presented their initial budgets and will be asked to review for additional cuts as recommendations are made. Mr. Elliott asked to see these so they could understand where big cuts were already made. Ms. Ellison asked for recommendations to come from what has been presented and move forward, the department budgets reflect the cuts when looking at the prior year and FY25 numbers.

Ms. Ellison asked for representation from the Finance Committee, School and Select Board to form a working group to review the FY25 budget. As we move forward and ask all departments to consider all options in cutting their budget, this working group would be an advisory group to the Town Administrator and Finance Team. The Cannabis Control Commission has made changes that will impact the revenue from cannabis and solid waste has had a significant reduction in revenue. To address budget deficits, the Town needs to look at generating new revenue, new growth opportunities and/or budget cuts.

The Board asked questions about the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) line, changes within the Finance Team and salaries, Town Hall Facilities personnel changes, Police salaries, wage reserve figures. Ms. Carreiro explained that the FY24 budget had a wage reserve item for six hundred thousand dollars to be journal entry transfers once labor contracts with Police and Fire were settled.

The Finance Committee asked about the FY24 cuts needed after no override, restructuring of positions, agenda clarification, upcoming schedule of meetings, additional information and details have received in past meeting packets like the personnel sheets, gas usage by department, any department presentations that can be forwarded, and clarification on enterprise fund for school TV access.

Discussion ensued regarding scheduling future meetings, receiving meeting material and which departments are being requested to attend. Mr. Elliott asked for any department with a budget over five hundred thousand or more than a two and a half percent increase within their budget.

Ms. Ellison listed the departments to be scheduled: Fire, Police, Public Works, School, departments within Town Hall over five hundred thousand and IT.

Discussion ensued regarding representatives for the budget working group to meet with Ms. Ellison and the Finance Team.

**Finance Committee Motion** Mr. Gardner motioned for Claire Millette to represent the Finance Committee on the budget working group. Mr. Fidalgo seconded. Roll call vote, Mr. Elliott in favor, Mr. Fidalgo in favor, Ms. Millette in favor, Mr. Gardner in favor, Mr. Levesque in favor, Ms. Pacella in favor and Mr. Souza in favor. The motion passed (7-0-1). Mr. Grindrod abstained.

**Select Board Motion:** Mr. Espindola motioned for Ms. Powers to represent the Select Board on the



budget working group. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Mr. Correy recapped the scheduling and next meeting. Ms. Ellison will have the scheduling template updated and sent. The next joint meeting will be on Wednesday, February 21, 2024. Mr. Elliott will send Ms. Ellison a list of other departments or requests.

Mr. Samia and Ms. Carreiro were asked to provide additional documents in preparation for future meetings. Ms. Carreiro recapped the list: The FY24 and FY25 budget showing the amounts and percentages, personnel sheets per department, vehicle inventory, gas summary, capital projects presented and comments/presentations received from the departments.

**Finance Committee adjourned at 8:36pm**

**The Select Board adjourned at 8:36pm**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- A. Embarkation Fee sample letter
- B. FY2025 budget presentation

Approved on \_\_\_\_

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**Monday, February 26, 2024**  
**Town Administrator**

# SUPPORT NEEDED: COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE



The Belonging Committee and Rotary Club are supporting a community food drive during the month of March ending on a April 6th with the collection of donations. This year donations will go to FPS Family Resource Center, Council on Aging Fairhaven and the First Congregational Church's food pantry in Fairhaven.

**Non-Perishables ONLY.**

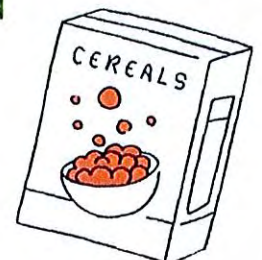
Nut butters, Jelly, Pasta, Pasta Sauces, Mac & Cheese, Cereals are frequent needs **\*\*toiletries welcome\*\***.



SUPPORT THE DRIVE BY: SHARING A FLYER, HOSTING A FOOD DRIVE, HOST A BOX AT YOUR BUSINESS, DONATE ITEMS, VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH COLLECTING ITEMS, SORTING ON ITEMS ON APRIL 6TH.

THE COA 229 HUTTLESTON AVE,  
9AM-1PM

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: [BELONGING@FAIRHAVEN-MA.GOV](mailto:BELONGING@FAIRHAVEN-MA.GOV)





Town of Fairhaven  
Massachusetts  
Council on Aging  
229 Huttleston Ave. · Fairhaven, MA · 02719

MEMORANDUM

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To: *Angie Lopes Ellison, Town Administrator*

From: *Martha Reed, COA Director*

Date: *February 20, 2024*

Re: *Invitation to participate in Coastline's March for Meals Elder Nutrition Ride-a-long*

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Hi Angie,

March is National Elder Nutrition month and Coastline Elder Services always does a March for Meals awareness campaign. They are wondering if the Town Administrator or a member of the Select Board would be willing to do a ride-a-long with one of the Meals on Wheels Drivers. The ride-a-long would be about an short time commitment (usually between 9:30 and 11:30). The following dates are available to participate:

March 4,5,6

March 11,12,13,14,15

March 25,26,27

Here is a link to more information regarding the campaign.

<https://acl.gov/snp/celebrate>

If you have any questions or could let me know if there is someone available for one of the dates listed above, that would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks,

Martha



Town of Fairhaven  
Massachusetts  
PROCUREMENT OFFICE  
40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, MA 02719  
Tel: (508) 979-4023

## Review and Ranking Sheet for IFB/RFQ

Proposer: \_\_\_\_\_

The following are the minimum criteria needed, any not met disqualifies from consideration

CRITERIA	Y / N	SCORE
1.Experience		
2.Time frame submission		
3.Response to technical scope of services		
4.Response to additional narrative information		
5.References		
6.General impression of proposal		
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>		

Did the company meet the minimum criteria for consideration? YES / NO  
(if any minimum criteria is not met, proposal is disqualified)

SCORE 1 Unacceptable	SCORE 2 Not advantageous	SCORE 3 Advantageous	SCORE 4 Highly advantageous
No experience	Less than 5 years	At least 5 years	Ten or more years
Time frame does not meet town's needs	Time frame may meet town's needs	Time frame meets town's needs	Time frame exceeds town's needs
Proposal does not adequately explain all aspects	Proposal is vague and somewhat outside of the project intent	Proposal is adequate and expressed project intent	Proposal is thorough and expressed all project intent
Proposal was not responsive to the town	Response does not meet all expectations	Response is informative and meets criteria	Response is concise informative and highly detailed
References not provided	References are not related to a similar project type	5 references provided of a similar project type	More than 5 references provided to a similar project type
Evaluator could not determine proposer has ability to provide service	Evaluator determines proposer can provide some service	Evaluator determines proposer is acceptable and can complete services	Evaluator determines proposer exceptional and can complete services

**FINAL SCORE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



**Monday, February 26, 2024**  
**Action/Discussion**

# Volunteer Application

**Full Name:** Daniel Lane

**How long have you been a Fairhaven resident:** Not currently living in Fairhaven

**What Board/Committee are you interested in joining? What is your reason:**  
Board of Assessor's - I am currently the Tax Assessor in the City of Fall River and having been in Mass Appraisal with City's/Towns and County's for the past 25 years.

**Have you attended a meeting of this Board or Committee:** Yes

**Have you (or are you currently) served on any Town of Fairhaven Boards:**  
No

**Interests and Qualifications:**

I was the Tax Assessor in Fairhaven previously and currently the Assessor in the City of Fall River, I have been in mass appraisal for the past 25 years working with city's/towns.

# Volunteer Application

**Full Name:** Miles Grant

**How long have you been a Fairhaven resident:** 6 months

**What Board/Committee are you interested in joining and your reason for joining:** I'd like to join the Livable Streets Committee. As the father of two young children, it would be great to be able to bike around town without worrying for their safety. If we can make our streets a little calmer, they can be both safer and more fun for everyone. Will Gardner & I have already started the monthly Bike & Brew group rides.

**Have you attended a meeting of this Board or Committee:** Yes

**Have you (or are you currently) served on any Town of Fairhaven Boards? If so, please indicate what Board and number of years:** No

**Interests and Qualifications:** I recently purchased a home on Mulberry Street. This will be my second stint in Fairhaven as I owned a home in Harbor Mist 2013-2016 and was an elected Town Meeting member. I'm a board member of New Bedford Science Cafe, and previously served on the Marion Master Plan Implementation Committee. I currently work for Denterlein, a public relations firm in Boston.





Mattapoisett Land Trust, Inc.



Friends of the Mattapoisett Bike Path

February 12, 2024

Angie Lopes Ellison  
 Fairhaven Town Administrator  
 40 Center Street  
 Fairhaven, MA 02719

Dear Ms. Ellison:

I am writing on behalf of the Mattapoisett Land Trust and the Friends of the Mattapoisett Bike Path to request permission to hold a charity bike ride event — the Tour de Crème — on Sunday, May 19, 2024.

Starting from Mattapoisett, the event consists of three bike rides (it is not a race) through Fairhaven, Freetown, Acushnet, Rochester, Lakeville, and Middleborough with rest stops at the area's creameries. This is an annual event started in 2016, interrupted by a 3-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic and unfortunate weather, that returned last year. We are excited for this year's annual ride.

This year's routes will utilize the bike path like last year. The 9 and 24-mile rides remain the same, but we have altered the 45-mile route this year to add mileage and reduce the amount of time riders have to spend on busy roads (changes made to the northern portion of the route). The 9, 24, and 45-mile rides pass through Fairhaven as shown on the enclosed route maps.

Coming from Mattapoisett on the bike path, cyclists on the 9 and 24-mile rides will stop at the Little Bay parking area for an ice cream provided by Dorothy Cox Candies, which will secure any required permits. Cyclists on the 9-mile ride will turn around and head back to Mattapoisett. Cyclists on the 24-mile ride will continue down Scoticut Neck Rd to West Island Marina for ice cream before heading back.

We expect riders to be in Fairhaven from approximately 10:10 am to 1:45 pm. In all, we expect approximately 400 cyclists to participate these three rides.

We will orient riders with paper maps, a few notice boards placed at easy-to-miss turns (removed immediately following the event), and discreet on-road markings similar to those used by local cycling clubs. We will have "ambassador" and "sweep" cyclists, dedicated support vehicles, and an event hotline to assist lost or stranded cyclists.

All participants will be required to wear helmets. They will be directed to call 911 in case of any medical emergency. We plan to go forward with the event in the event of showers or light rain but will cancel in the event of heavy rain, dense fog, or other dangerous conditions. We will coordinate with Fairhaven and Mattapoisett police to help cyclists cross Route 6 at Gелlette Road and Mattapoisett Neck Road safely.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Mattapoisett Land Trust and Friends of the Mattapoisett Bike Path, both of which are 501(c)(3) charitable organizations.

Please contact me if you have any concerns, know of any conflicts, or can offer suggestions for improving public safety. I may be reached at 617-347-7755 or at [manager@mattlandtrust.org](mailto:manager@mattlandtrust.org).

To apply for a MassDOT permit to use state-maintained highways, I am also requesting that town officials sign and return the enclosed event notification form.

Thank you for considering our request. We look forward to cyclists enjoying the scenic roads and delicious ice cream in Fairhaven and surrounding towns again this year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen Andrews', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Colleen Andrews  
Operations Manager  
Mattapoisett Land Trust, Inc.

Enclosures: route maps, event notification form

cc: Police Chief Michael Myers, Fire Chief Todd Correia

EVENT NOTIFICATION FORM

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

MASS DOT  
District 5  
1000 County Street  
Taunton, MA 02780

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that the Mattapoisett Land Trust and Friends of the Mattapoisett Bike Path have notified the Fairhaven MA Selectmen, Police Department and Fire Department of its plans to conduct the "Tour de Crème" on Sunday, May 19, 2024, which will include bicyclists crossing US Route 6 in Fairhaven to get from Gellette Road to New Boston Road. Roads will not be closed to local auto traffic during this time and all course related message boards will be removed at the conclusion of the event.

The signatures below reflect their support of this event, their understanding of the use of the state roads referenced above and are provided as required of issuance of the Permit.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Fairhaven Chief of Police

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Fairhaven Fire Chief

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

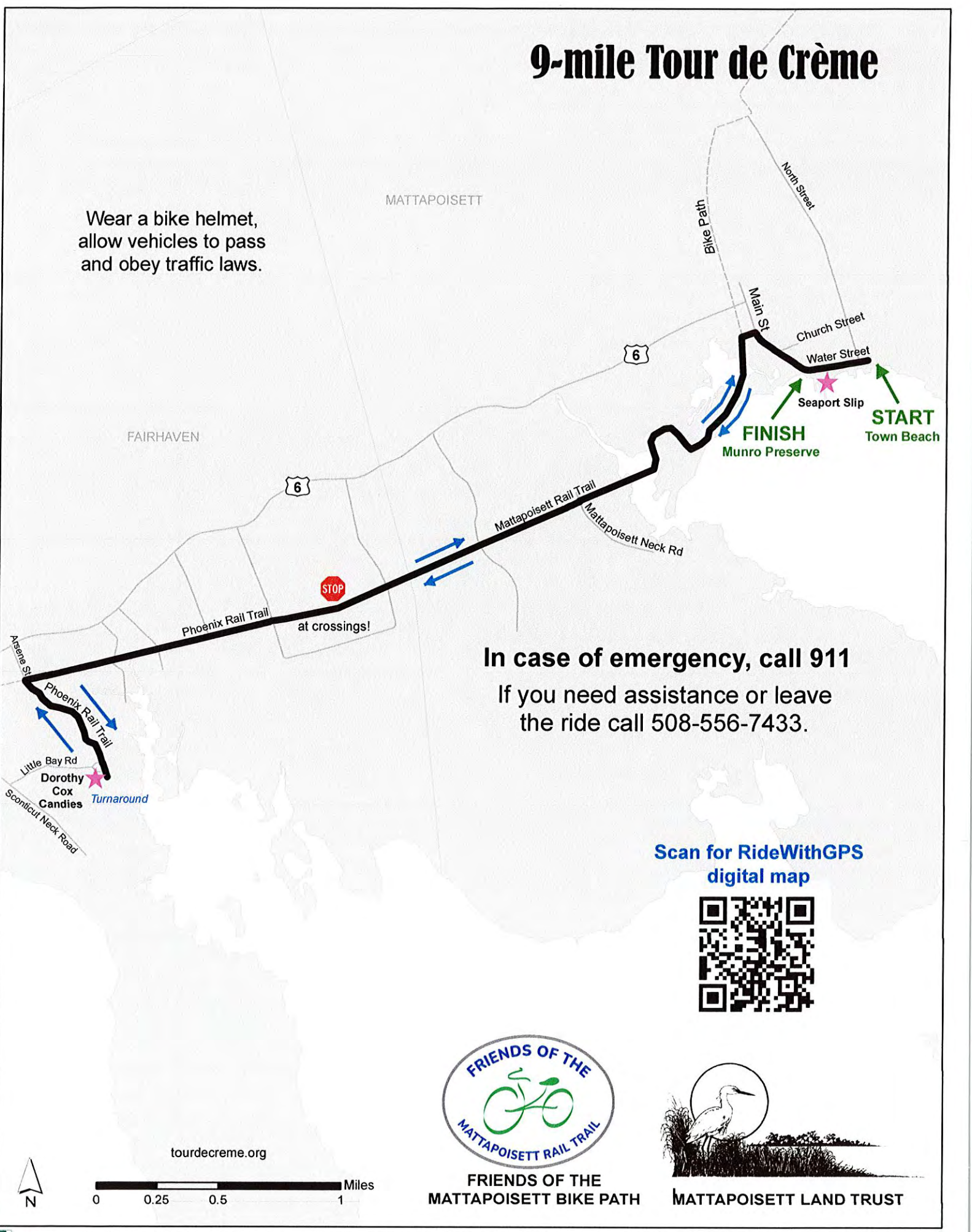
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Fairhaven

Please return to:  
Colleen Andrews  
Operations Manager  
Mattapoisett Land Trust, Inc.  
P.O. Box 31, Mattapoisett, MA 02739

# 9-mile Tour de Crème

Wear a bike helmet,  
allow vehicles to pass  
and obey traffic laws.

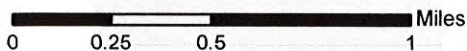


**In case of emergency, call 911**  
If you need assistance or leave  
the ride call 508-556-7433.

Scan for RideWithGPS  
digital map



tourdecreme.org



FRIENDS OF THE  
MATTAPOISETT BIKE PATH



MATTAPOISETT LAND TRUST

# 24-mile Tour de Crème

Wear a bike helmet,  
allow vehicles to pass  
and obey traffic laws.



Scan for RideWithGPS  
digital map



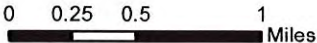
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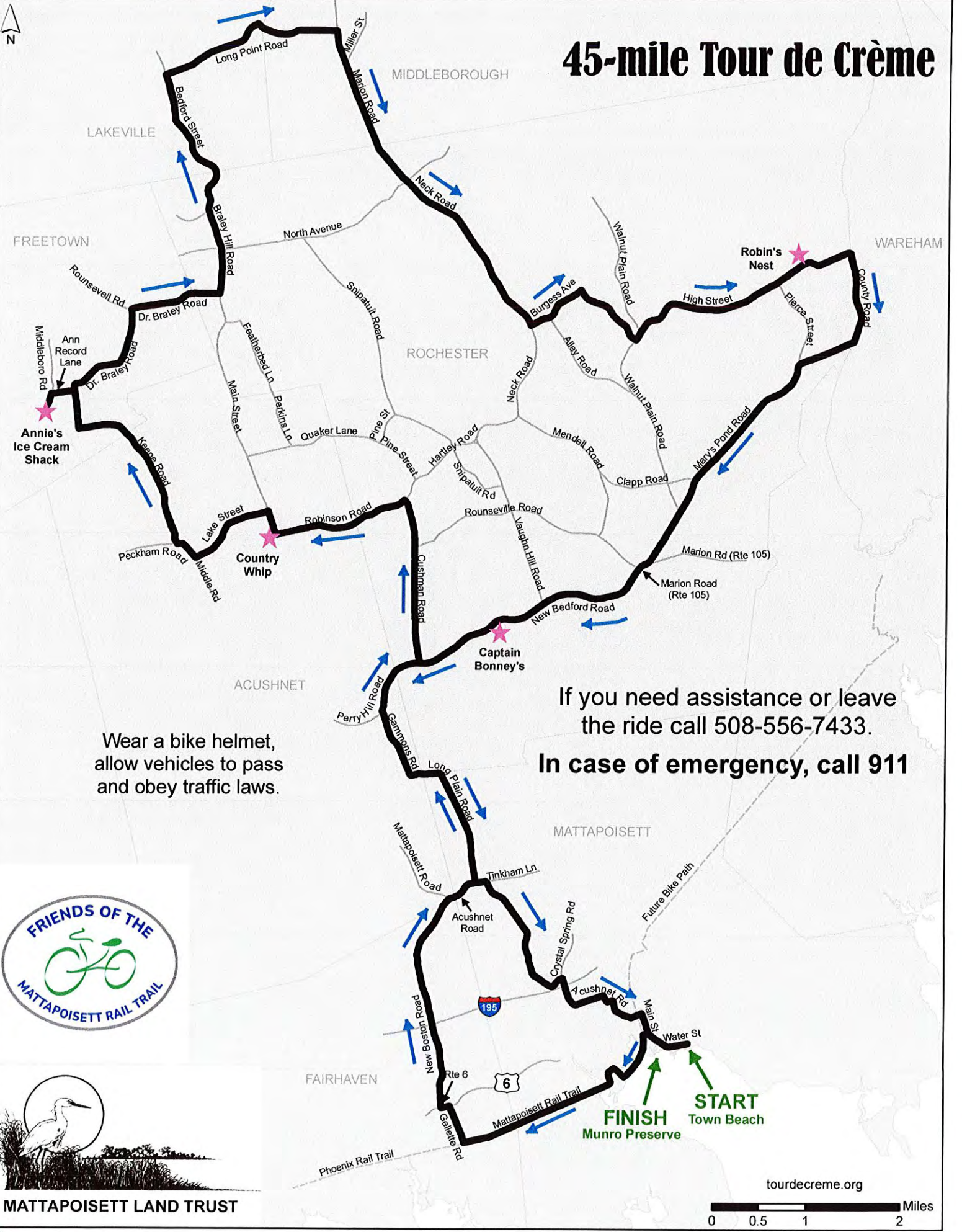


MATTAPOISETT LAND TRUST



[tourdecreme.org](http://tourdecreme.org)

# 45-mile Tour de Crème



Wear a bike helmet,  
allow vehicles to pass  
and obey traffic laws.

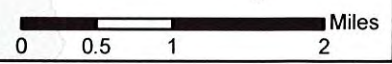
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the ride call 508-556-7433.  
In case of emergency, call 911



**START**  
Town Beach

**FINISH**  
Munro Preserve

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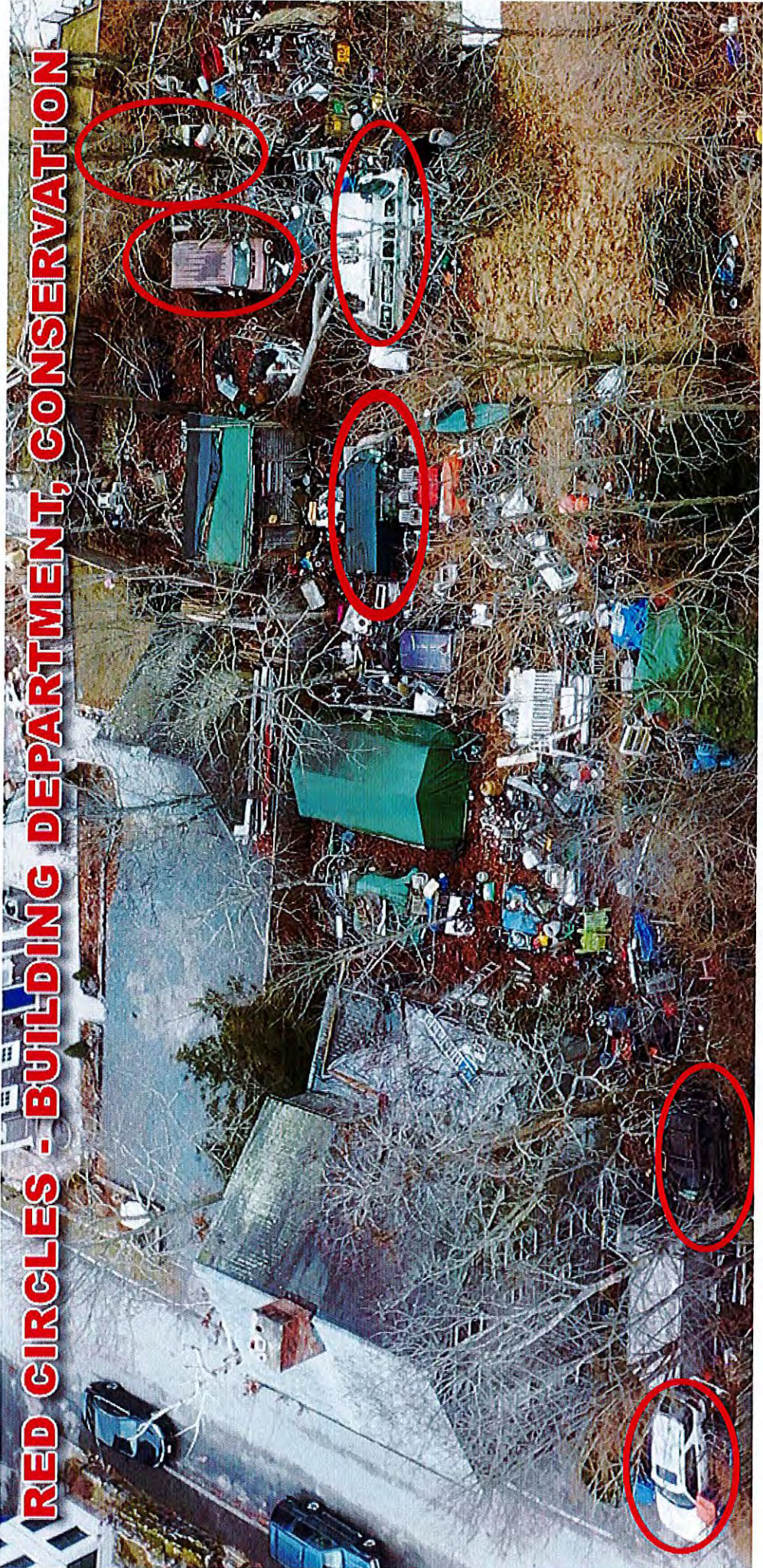






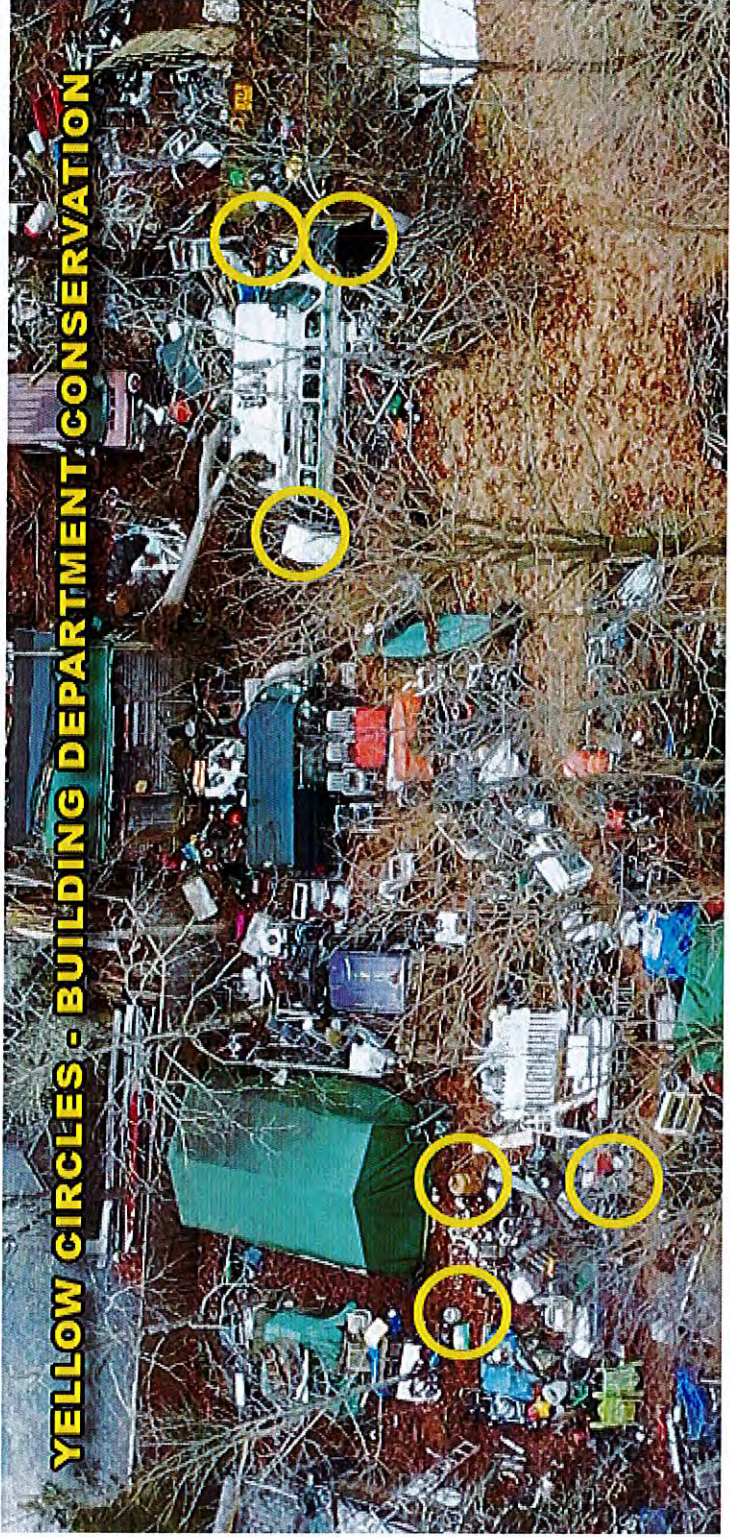


**RED CIRCLES - BUILDING DEPARTMENT, CONSERVATION**



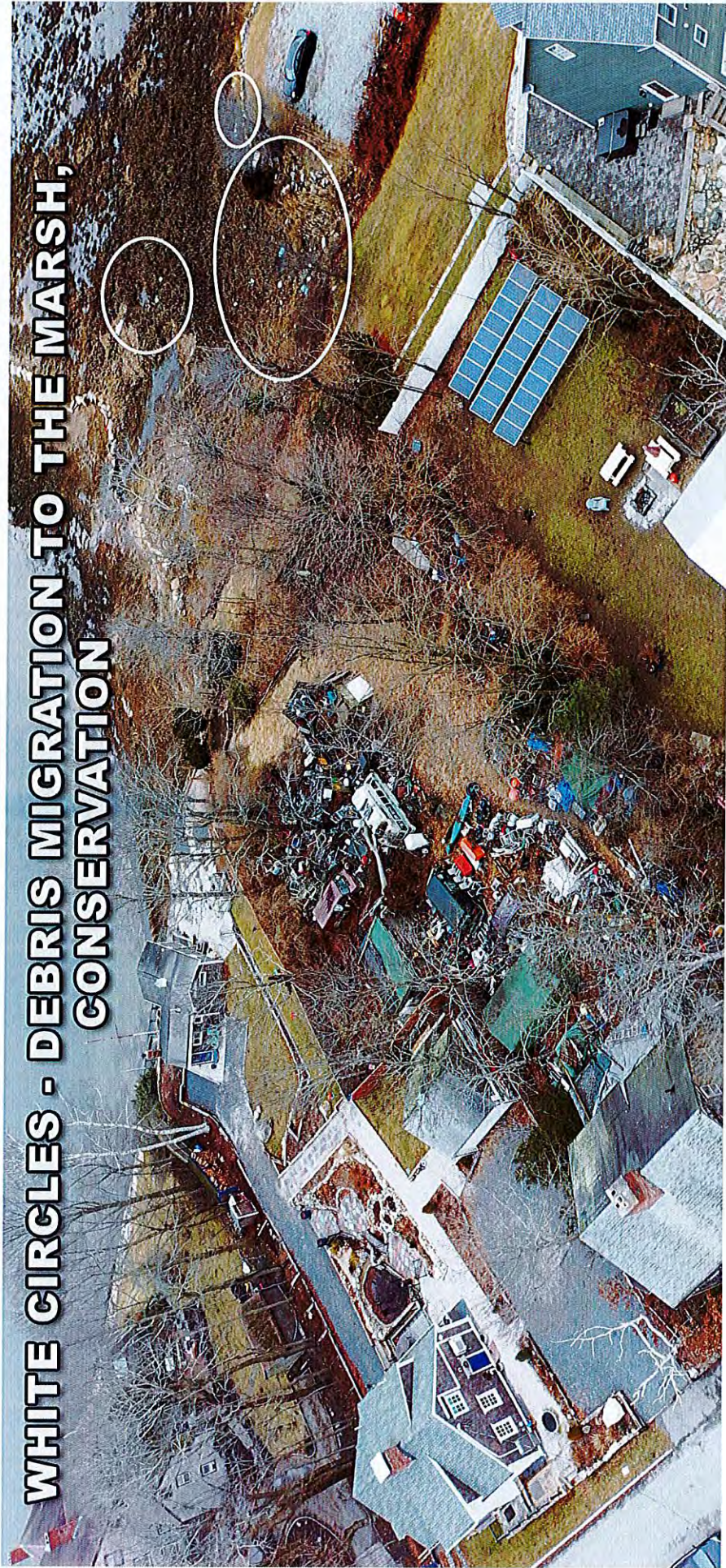


**BLUE CIRCLES - BUILDING DEPARTMENT POSSIBLY  
BOARD OF HEALTH**



**YELLOW CIRCLES - BUILDING DEPARTMENT CONSERVATION**

**WHITE CIRCLES - DEBRIS MIGRATION TO THE MARSH,  
CONSERVATION**







Town of Fairhaven  
Marine Resources Department  
40 Center St.  
Fairhaven, MA 02719  
(508) 979-4023

### SHELLFISH/PARKING FEES New Rate approved 2/12/24

PERMITS SOLD IN 2023	CURRENT RATE	NEW RATE	ADDITIONAL
283 SHELLFISH RESIDENT	\$8,490.00 @\$30.00	\$14,150.00 @\$50.00	\$5,660.00
45 SHELLFISH NON-RES	\$6,075.00 @ \$135.00	\$12,375.00 @ \$275.00	\$6,300.00
148 Pease Park/Seaview	\$7,400.00 @ \$50.00	\$10,360.00 @ \$70.00	\$2,960.00
106 Hoppy's Landing	\$5,300.00 @ \$50.00	\$7,420.00 @ \$70.00	\$2,120.00

### Union Wharf Fees approved 2/12/2024

Fee	# of boats	Fee/23	Fee/24	Difference Per boat	Additional per year
<b>Small Boat</b>	10	\$2095.50	\$2305.50	\$210.00	\$2,100.00
<b>Daily Dockage</b>	10	\$25.00/day	\$40.00	\$15.00/day	Varies each Month

Example: in September of 2023, 162 days were billed out between 10 vessels. \$4,050.00 was collected. At the new rate, \$6,480.00 would have been collected. \$2,430.00 additional.

February 23, 2024



Town of Fairhaven  
Marine Resources Department  
40 Center St.  
Fairhaven, MA 02719  
(508) 979-4023

**Waterways Fees**

<b>Fairhaven</b>	<b>\$1.00/ft residents</b>	<b>\$4.00/ft non-residents</b>
<b>Dartmouth</b>	<b>\$4.50/ft residents</b>	<b>\$10.00/ft non-residents</b>
<b>Mattapoisett</b>	<b>\$2.50/ft residents</b>	<b>\$6.00/ft non-residents</b>
<b>Marion</b>	<b>\$8.00/ft residents</b>	<b>\$8.00/ft non-residents</b>

**\$49,219.00 was collected in 2023**

<b>Residents @ \$1.00</b>	<b>Non-residents @ \$4.00</b>	<b>Residents @ \$4.00</b>	<b>Non-residents @ \$10.00</b>
<b>\$11,233.00</b>	<b>\$42,088.00</b>	<b>\$44,932.00</b>	<b>\$105,220.00</b>

**February 20, 2024**



Town of Fairhaven  
Marine Resources Department  
40 Center St.  
Fairhaven, MA 02719  
(508) 979-4023

### Mooring Fees

Fairhaven	\$30.00 yearly	\$100.00 commercial
Dartmouth	\$80.00 yearly	\$180.00 commercial
Mattapoisett	\$75.00 yearly	\$85.00 commercial
Marion	\$115.00 yearly	\$250.00 commercial
Wareham	\$100.00 resident	\$200.00 commercial
New Bedford	\$180.00 resident	\$180.00 commercial

Sold in 2023	@ current fee	@ proposed fee	additional \$
160 permits	\$4,800.00 @ \$30.00	\$50.00	\$3,200.00
71 commercial	\$7,100.00 @\$100.00	\$150.00	\$3,550.00

The Marine Resource Committee is not recommending an increase of this fee.

February 22, 2024



*To: Select Board*

*From: Heather C. White, Petrini & Associates*

*Date: February 23, 2024*

*Re: Town Election Ballot Question*

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The ballot question should use the exact language set forth in G.L. c. 41, s. 1B. The Select Board should vote to place the following question on the ballot:

Shall the town vote to have its elected town clerk become an appointed town clerk of the town? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_



**Monday, February 26, 2024**  
**Committee Liaison Report**

Bob Espindola

Committee Liaison Report 2-26-2024

**The BROADBAND STUDY COMMITTEE.** The Broadband Study Committee has not met since our last Select but I did have an opportunity to attend a forum on February 13<sup>th</sup> hosted by Open Cape that was focused on the issue of Dark Money where national figure Gigi Sohn explained what can be done to combat campaigns being waged against public broadband by private investors with deep pockets, primarily existing Internet Service Providers. She and her organization, the American Association for Public Broadband, were a pivotal piece of exposing the Dark Money working against the people in Falmouth and their broadband efforts.

**The BROADBAND COALITION (MBC)** held our February meeting right here in the Town Hall Auditorium on February 14<sup>th</sup> with National Broadband Gigi Sohn completing her regional tour by attending our MBC meeting as guest speaker. There were a dozen people in attendance in person with people having traveled from Falmouth, Bourne and Chelsea as well as local communities of New Bedford, Westport, Dartmouth a representative from Senator Edward Markey's office, and a similar number of people joined via Zoom. Thanks to Derek Frates for doing a great job setting up to record the event and sending a file that can be viewed now on the MBC website.

One of the key takeaways from Ms. Sohn's visit were that she recommended that we engage local legislators to assist with finding additional ways that communities can be supported in building broadband infrastructure. The timing appears to be good as Senator Markey's is currently very focused "Telecommunications and Emerging Technology" sent his aid, David Lanagan, to attend the meeting.

Mayor Mitchel was unable to attend but he and several City staff members met for coffee with Ms. Sohn just prior to our meeting and it is clear that Mayor and his staff are diligently on several Broadband initiatives.

There was an agreement among the local communities of Fairhaven, New Bedford, Dartmouth, Westport and Mattapoisett to plan for a meeting where we would invite the local delegation to listen to our concerns and ask for their assistance at the State level. A planning meeting among these communities will take place on Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. I will keep you informed thereafter.



Members of the Mass Broadband Coalition with Gigi Sohn

## LIVABLE STREETS COMMITTEE

The committee met on **Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**. True to their new mission statement, the group was focused on studying issues beyond the bike path. Their discussion included advocating for changes to make the intersection at Adams and Bridge Street safer, for inclusion of bike/pedestrian accommodations on CDBG projects and they are starting to study the long list of recommendations in the Complete Streets study done when Mr. Foley was here to see what priorities they should advocate for future Complete Streets project.

**Bike and Brew** series continues with plan to sponsor a group ride on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> that will run from Fort Phoenix up to North Fairhaven to review the changes at Benoit square and to stop at the Rescue Café. Part of their goal is to allow for people who may not feel comfortable cycling on main roads by themselves to feel more comfortable traveling in a larger group. Anyone interested can find information on their Facebook page.



Members of the Bike and Brew Crew on Popes Island enroute to New Bedford in February.



# **Monday, February 26, 2024**

## **Executive Session**

Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(2) “[t]o conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel”: (Angie Lopes Ellison)