



FAIRHAVEN SELECT BOARD AGENDA

April 8, 2024 6:30 p.m.

FAIRHAVEN TOWN CLERK
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Town Hall – 40 Center Street – Fairhaven

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

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. MINUTES

1. Approve Select Board minutes of March 25, 2024 – Open Session

B. PUBLIC HEARING: 7:00PM

Blue Stream Shellfish LLC has filed an application to install a shellfish nursery installation in Jack's Cove within the municipal waters of the Town of Fairhaven. The application, including a plan showing the specific location of the proposed site, can be viewed at the Marine Resources Department at Town Hall.

C. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

1. Staffing Update
2. Board Resignations: Pam Davis, Ronnie Manzone, Alyssa Botelho
3. Fairhaven Community Electricity Aggregation Sweep and Opt-Out Card Notices
4. Memorial Day Parade Invitation
5. Economic Development Event: Business After Hours, Thursday, April 11th at 6:30PM
6. MBTA Low Income Fares Approval
7. Committee Vacancies and appointments in May
8. SRPEDD At-Large Appointment
9. Other

D. ACTION / DISCUSSION

1. Recognition: Junior Deputy Tree Wardens
2. Board of Assessors Appointment
3. Reorganization of the Select Board and seating
4. Retiree Healthcare Benefits
5. Reassignment of Select Board Committee Liaisons
6. Review and Sign Select Board Meeting Protocols
7. Review Annual Town Meeting Warrant
 - a. Article 5B: Water Enterprise Fund Operating Budget: Monetary Changes
 - b. Article 5C: Sewer Enterprise Fund Operating Budget: Monetary Changes
 - c. Article Name Change 8A: Sewer Enterprise Fund Capital Budget
 - d. Article 11: Municipal Fiber Optic Program

E. COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

G. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

H. NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The next regularly scheduled Select Board meeting is **Monday, April 22, 2024** at 6:30 p.m.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(3) To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares (*Civil Service / Collective Bargaining Agreement*)

ADJOURNMENT

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89485993911?pwd=OFd5MzJvVnBxQkIxLzdQcFRibVM0QT09>

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Subject matter listed in the agenda consists of items reasonably anticipated (by the Chair) to be discussed. Not all items listed may be discussed and other items not listed (i.e. urgent business not available at the time of posting) may also be brought up for discussion in accordance with applicable law.



Monday, April 8, 2024
Minutes



FAIRHAVEN SELECT BOARD
Meeting Minutes
March 25, 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 6:37p.m.

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to take Action Item C1 out of order. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

ISSUANCE AND DETAILS OF TWO LOANS FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS CLEAN WATER TRUST

Treasurer Lisa Rose addressed the Board and explained the vote needed tonight on this item to get the bond signed.

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to approve and accept as written and have the Clerk of the Select Board sign on behalf of the Board affirming the vote and the Select Board to sign to affirm the interim loan note. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

MINUTES

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to accept the March 20, 2024 joint Select Board and Finance Committee meeting minutes. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to accept the March 11, 2024, Executive Session minutes. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

The March 11, 2024 Open Session minutes were passed over.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Ms. Ellison reported on:

- Department Head Updates:

Public Works Superintendent Vinnie Furtado thanked Mr. Correy and Mr. Espindola for their service to the Town. Mr. Furtado provided an update to the Board on the Water Treatment upgrade and advised the earlier vote on the bond is in support of that project, all equipment has been ordered, they will work with Mattapoissett for next steps in the process. He continued Public Works department updates with construction of the new treatment center will be where the old recycling center was, a Flow Neutral Bylaw is needed and an article placed in the Town Meeting Warrant, this will go to securing the zero percent interest loan, Fairhaven wastewater is not in violation, the wastewater treatment upgrade is due to age, he explained the Fairhaven 2-pipe system versus the New Bedford 1-pipe system and the impacts of heavy rains. Mr. Furtado explained that he currently sits as Chair of the Capital Improvement Planning Committee (CIP) and advised the Board that the CIP only voted on the Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Requests and this is how their process has been since Executive Secretary Jeff Osuch was on the CIP. He continued and advised the Board that departments did present five-year capital plans and they have only ever voted on one-year plan for the upcoming fiscal year. A brief discussion ensued on past years' data shared with the Board. Assistant Town Administrator Anne Carreiro said she is working on pulling a report together for the Board and Finance Committee.

Mr. Furtado continued department updates about the recycling center, roadwork to start in April, Safe Routes to School bid upcoming, the sidewalk on the Causeway will receive emergency procurement, advised residents to call the office if they experience dirty water,

- Staff Updates: Veterans' Agent Michael Jenney passed his certification test to be a certified Veterans Service Officer. The Building Commissioner resigned and an interim is in place. The Planning and Economic Development Director Paul DiGiuseppe submitted his resignation effective April 5, 2024 and contingency plans will be in place for coverage. A brief discussion ensued about post-Covid trends in municipal government and that candidates are not seeking to come into municipalities and in other cases other communities are recruiting from other towns. The Town will look at all options for hiring, cross training and promotions as appropriate.
- World Autism Awareness Day: Light It Up Blue on April 2, 2024. Ms. Ellison called Diane Hahn to address the Board. Ms. Hahn talked about supporting Autism Awareness, her son and that there are blue lightbulbs available and that she is asking for those supporting to "light it up blue" on April 2, 2024.
- Fairhaven Historical Society is hosting a lecture on Hetty Green at Town Hall on Thursday, April 4, 2024 at 6:30pm by author Charles Slack.
- Fairhaven has received and is implementing MVP and Green Communities Grants.
- Mini-splits work in Town Hall will be starting soon.
- Door locking system installation is in process as well, tentative for April.
- Interest Letter: Regional Collaboration with Acushnet: Ms. Ellison explained this effort comes out of ideas at a recent legislative breakfast and asked for interest and availability from the Board.

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to appoint Ms. Powers to work with the Town Administrator on regional collaboration with Acushnet. Mr. Silvia seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

- Budget handout (*Attachment A*): Ms. Ellison advised the Board that the Public Safety amounts were revised. Discussion ensued about the prior year and how the wage reserve line was used due to contracts not ratified by Police and Fire. The Board asked about the status of the legal cost breakdown. Ms. Ellison explained that the staff has been breaking down the Labor Counsel bills into the format used by Town Counsel and all will be provided together as soon as it is complete and she will check in with the staff.

LIVABLE STREETS COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Freddie Estremera addressed the Board via zoom and spoke to his application, experience in New Bedford and interest in joining.

Applicant Aaron Novy was not present to address the Board, his application was reviewed.

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to appoint Aaron Novy and Freddie Estremera to the Livable Streets Committee for a term to end May, 2024 and thereafter to a term that will end May, 2025. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

PROCLAMATION: MAY, 2024 BIKE MONTH

Mr. Espindola read the proclamation.

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to approve and bequest May, 2024 as Bike Month for the town of Fairhaven. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

BASK HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENT (HCA)

Ms. Ellison reviewed the HCA for the Board; the language reflects changes in the state template by the Cannabis Control Commission (CCC). Bask has met the eight-year period of contracts and this HCA is to apply for renewal through the CCC, if the CCC does not approve it, the HCA is sent back.

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to approve the Host Community Agreement and have the Town Administrator sign on behalf of the Select Board. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

OPEN MEETING LAW COMPLAINT: RECEIVED MARCH 11, 2024

Mr. Espindola recused himself and left the Banquet Room at 7:42p.m.

Ms. Ellison reviewed the complaint and advised that because it is regarding an Executive Session the specifics cannot be discussed. Labor Counsel was present and did speak in Open Session to clarify the concerns. The Board was provided the draft response to review. Ms. Ellison advised that despite the complaint not being filed properly with the municipal clerk, the Board was responding (*Attachment B*).

Motion: Ms. Powers motioned to approve and send the open meeting law letter as written and have the chair sign on behalf of the Board. Mr. Silvia seconded. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-1) Mr. Espindola abstained.

Mr. Espindola returned at 7:44p.m.

FLAG/BANNER REQUEST: PROGRESS PRIDE FLAG FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE AT TOWN HALL
FLAG/BANNER REQUEST: JUNETEENTH FLAG THE WEEK OF JUNE 17-24, 2024 AT TOWN HALL

Belonging Committee Chair Jessica Fidalgo addressed the Board for both requests and answered questions about the positioning of the flags on either side of the Homecoming Banner that has been approved. The Tree Warden will be assisting with securing the flags.

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to approve the flying of the progress pride flag during the month of June as requested by the Belonging Committee. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to approve the flying of the Juneteenth flag from June 17th - June 24th in recognition of the holiday recognizing the emancipation of the last 250K slaves in Texas. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

EVENT REQUEST AND SPECIAL ONE-DAY LIQUOR LICENSE: BUZZARDS BAY SWIM, SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2024

The application for the event and the special one-day liquor license was reviewed.

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to approve a special one-day liquor license for Buzzards Bay Coalition for the Buzzards Bay Swim event on Saturday June 22, 2024 between 7-11 am at Fort Phoenix. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

MARINE RESOURCES: RAISE THE RESIDENT SENIOR SHELLFISH AGE FROM 62 TO 65

Ms. Ellison advised the Board of previous discussions with Harbormaster Tim Cox regarding raising the age from 62 to 65 for resident senior shellfishing buttons. Anyone currently holding a senior shellfishing button is not impacted.

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to approve the senior age for a resident shellfish license to 65 years old. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

POLICE FOR ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION, MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2024

The Town Clerk submitted the request.

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to approve a sufficient number of police officers but not less than three (3) at the polling location, Recreation Center at 227 Huttleston Ave., for the April 1, 2024 Annual Town election to preserve order and to protect 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. And to designate the Police Chief the authority to assign specific police officers according to scheduling and availability whereas the town clerk will advise the police chief on the location and time the officers are needed. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to take Action Item C-12 out of order. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

CLOSE AND SIGN THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to close and sign the May 4, 2024 Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

REVIEW AND RECOMMEND WARRANT ARTICLES

Ms. Ellison advised the Board that their recommendations to Town Meeting would be one of the following: Adoption, At Town Meeting, Pass Over or Indefinite Postponement. A revised section of the warrant was distributed for the Town Operating Budgets FY25, General Fund Operating Budgets (*Attachment C*)

Article 1 Measurer of Wood and Bark

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend Adoption for Article 1 Measurer of Wood and Bark. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Article 2 Town Report

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend Adoption for Article 2 Town Report. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Article 3 Report of Committees

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend At Town Meeting for Article 3 Report of Committees. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Article 4 Bill of Prior Year

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend Adoption for Article 4 Bill of Prior Year. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Article 5 General Fund Adjustments

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend Pass Over for Article 5 General Fund Adjustments. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Article 6A Town Operating Budgets FY25, General Fund (GF) Operating Budgets

General Government \$3,162,038

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend Adoption for Article 6 Town Operating Budgets FY25, GF Operating Budgets, General Government \$3,162,038. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Public Safety – the number is being adjusted

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend At Town Meeting for Article 6 Town Operating Budgets FY25, GF Operating Budgets, Public Safety. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Schools – the number is being adjusted

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend At Town Meeting for Article 6 Town Operating Budgets FY25, GF Operating Budgets, Schools. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Public Works \$4,379,011

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend Adoption for Article 6 Town Operating Budgets FY25, GF Operating Budgets, Public Works \$4,379,011. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Health and Environment – the number is being adjusted

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend At Town Meeting for Article 6 Town Operating Budgets FY25, GF Operating Budgets, Health and Environment. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Community Services – the number is being adjusted

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend At Town Meeting for Article 6 Town Operating Budgets FY25, GF Operating Budgets, Community Services. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Non-Departmental \$11,669,792

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend Adoption for Article 6 Town Operating Budgets FY25, GF Operating Budgets, Non-Departmental \$11,669,792. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Debt Service \$1,094,605

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend Adoption for Article 6 Town Operating Budgets FY25, GF Operating Budgets, Non-Departmental \$11,669,792. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Article 6B Water Enterprise Fund Operating Budget

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend At Town Meeting for Article 6B Water Enterprise Fund Operating Budget. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Article 6C Sewer Enterprise Fund Operating Budget

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend At Town Meeting for Article 6C Sewer Enterprise Fund Operating Budget. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Article 6D Town Cable Enterprise Fund Operating Budget

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend Adoption for Article 6D Town Cable Enterprise Fund Operating Budget. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Article 6E School Cable Enterprise Fund Operating Budget

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend Adoption for Article 6E School Cable Enterprise Fund Operating Budget. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Article 7 General Fund Capital Plan

Discussion ensued regarding a 5-Year Capital Plan and the request for one to be prepared despite no change to the projects listed. Mr. Espindola said he feels the Board will not receive the plan if they vote to recommend Adoption tonight. Mr. Correy expressed concern for Town employees not to be leveraged against one another, the Board was told it would get it.

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend At Town Meeting for Article 7 General Fund Capital Plan. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed (3-2-0) Mr. Silvia and Mr. Correy opposed.

Article 8A Water Enterprise Fund Capital Plan \$50,000

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend Adoption for Article 8A Water Enterprise Fund Capital Plan \$50,000. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Article 8B Borrowing Authorization-Water Tower Maintenance \$1,000,000

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend Adoption for Article 8B Borrowing Authorization-Water Tower Maintenance \$1,000,000. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Article 9A Sewer Enterprise Fund Capital Plan \$325,000

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend Adoption for Article 9A Sewer Enterprise Fund Capital Plan \$325,000. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Article 9B Borrowing Authorization-South Street Pump Station Pump Replacement \$500,000

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend Adoption for Article 9B Borrowing Authorization-South Street Pump Station Pump Replacement \$500,000. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Article 9C Sewer Capital Stabilization Fund \$2,328,760.07

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend Adoption for Article 9C Sewer Capital Stabilization Fund \$2,328,760.07. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Article 9D Sewer Enterprise Fund \$280,364.48

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend Adoption for Article 9D Sewer Enterprise Fund \$280,364.48. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Article 10 Other Budget Items-Appropriations

10A. Funding of Articles - \$982,981

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend Adoption for Article 10A. Funding of Articles - \$982,981 from Free Cash with line 1 from Ambulance Reserve Fund. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

10B. Increase and Fund COLA Base for Retirees \$89,000

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend Adoption for Article 10B. Increase and Fund COLA Base for Retirees \$89,000. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Article 11 State Aid to Highways

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend Adoption for Article 11 State Aid to Highways. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Article 12 Municipal Fiber Optic Program

Discussion ensued about the project, impacts and risks to the Town and outstanding questions. The Board would like to see a presentation on this.

12A. Borrowing Authorization – Fiber Optic Program

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend At Town Meeting for Article 12A. Borrowing Authorization – Fiber Optic Program. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed (4-0-1) Mr. Silvia opposed.

12B. Establish a Municipal Fiber Enterprise Fund

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend At Town Meeting for Article 12B. Establish a Municipal Fiber Enterprise Fund. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed (4-0-1) Mr. Silvia opposed.

Article 13 FY25 Community Preservation Committee Appropriations

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend At Town Meeting for Article 13 FY25 Community Preservation Committee Appropriations. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Article 14 Revolving Funds

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend Adoption for Article 14 Revolving Funds. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Article 15 Special Revenue Fund: Opioid Abatement Funds

Additional language is needed for the article and motion

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend At Town Meeting for Article 15 Special Revenue Fund: Opioid Abatement Funds. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Article 16 Amend Article 11A, May 6, 2023 Line 4 Description

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend Adoption for Article 16 Amend Article 11A, May 6, 2023 Line 4 Description. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Article 17 Assessment of New Construction

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend Adoption for Article 17 Assessment of New Construction. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Article 18 Amend Bylaws Chapter 119 (Fire Fees)

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend Adoption for Article 18 Amend Bylaws Chapter 119 (Fire Fees). Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Article 19 Amend Bylaws 87, 206 and 405 (Animal Control)

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend Adoption for Article 19 Amend Bylaws 87, 206 and 405 (Animal Control). Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Article 20 Amend Bylaws Stormwater Management

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend Adoption for Article 20 Amend Bylaws Stormwater Management. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Article 21 Amend Bylaws Zoning

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend Adoption for Article 21 Amend Bylaws Zoning. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Article 22 Bylaw Flow Neutral

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend At Town Meeting for Article 22 Bylaw Flow Neutral. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Article 23A Amend Bylaws Chapter 76 Tree Warden

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend At Town Meeting for Article 23A Amend Bylaws Chapter 76 Tree Warden. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Article 23B New Bylaw Chapter 88 Public Shade Tree

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend At Town Meeting for Article 23B New Bylaw Chapter 88 Public Shade Tree. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Discussion ensued about the remaining articles being Citizens Petitions. The Board asked about the format and if they are correctly written, why licensing would not handle Article 25 for an all alcohol license and if the petition to add an all alcohol license will impact or increase the number of cannabis licenses the Town has.

Article 24 Citizens Petition-Street Light

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend Yield To Petitioner for Article 24 Citizens Petition-Street Light. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Article 25 Citizens Petition-Legislation for a Restaurant/All Alcohol License

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend Yield To Petitioner for Article 25 Citizens Petition-Legislation for a Restaurant/All Alcohol License. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Article 26 Citizens Petition-Revoke Article 22 § 5

Motion: Mr. Espindola motioned to recommend Yield To Petitioner for Article 26 Citizens Petition-Revoke Article 22 § 5. Ms. Powers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Article 27 Other Business

No action is needed on this article

REVIEW TOWN ADMINISTRATOR ACT

Doug Brady, Pleasant Street addressed the Board. He thanked Mr. Correy and Mr. Espindola for their service to the Town. He added that this is not about the person or the position, past, present or future, it is to ask of the current bylaw is in line with the best interests of the Town and its residents. He asked for the creation of a TA Act Bylaw Committee of five to seven people to review the current Town Administrator (TA) Bylaw. Mr. Brady described a potential makeup of the committee and read from his agenda request. (*Attachment D*).

Mr. Brady referred to a member of the Charter Committee, Cathy Melanson, via zoom who addressed the Board and said in regards to the comment about the work they are doing, that they are still working on the Charter, the current TA Act was added in and has not been worked on as of yet.

Ms. Ellison added two points of information, first that the Charter Committee was appointed by the Town Moderator and not the Town Administrator and that there is a Chair of the Charter Review Committee and Ms. Melanson is not representing the committee tonight without a vote.

Discussion ensued regarding allowing the Charter Committee to complete their work, the timing of the request, suggestions that this be completed for a November Special Town Meeting. Mr. Brady said if it is not ready then there would be three more years of the same bylaw and that there has to be notification to the Town Administrator by November about continuing on. A simple review committee could bring a report back to this Board.

Ms. Ellison asked for a point of clarification from Mr. Brady about what is happening in November. He said it was when the Board had to notify the Town Administrator if they would renew or not renew her contract. Ms. Ellison pointed out the statements made at the outset was that this was not about the Town Administrator yet November is when the Town Administrator's contract is up. Ms. Ellison added that the contract is independent of a charter and if there is a systematic issue it cannot be tied to a contract.

Discussion ensued about the problem that is trying to be solved, the age of the bylaw and that it was based off best practices and approved by the Commonwealth, allow time for the Board to work through any issues with the new Board members post-election, impacts to processes regarding employees and the risks of what has been suggested, allow Fairhaven to figure out how it works best for Fairhaven, allow the Charter Committee to continue their work, Town Counsel is involved in the Charter Committee meetings and work, bylaws should be reviewed periodically, the timing points to it being personal, reacting to stylistic differences of Town Administrators should not be the Board's response, issues can be addressed within contract negotiations, Labor Counsel works on the contract and there is language in the Special Act that is in the contract, any bylaw change goes through the legislature which takes time.

Mr. Brady renewed his comments about timing. Ms. Ellison advised as a point of information, her contract is independent, the Special Town Administrator Act is a Special Legislative Act through the state and not a bylaw and it independent of her contract and deadlines. The Special Act is in the Town Code but is not a bylaw and not changed in the same way and independent for any Town Administrator. The Charter Committee does not have a deadline.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Eversource Five-Year Vegetation Management Plan

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Espindola reported on:

Coastline's March for Meals, MMA Digitizing webinar, The Broadband Coalition and Livable Streets Committee (*Attachment E*).

Ms. Powers reported:

The Library has started the electrical upgrade project, projected to take about thirty months, the roof project is on hold because of the weather and they have hired a new archivist. The Financial Policy Review Committee has completed three policies and will be looking at reserve funds next.

Mr. Murphy reported:

He participated in the March for Meals and thanked Coastline and Ms. Reed, he added it was good to hear directly from seniors and it means a lot to reach out. The Sister City Committee is planning the Cherry Blossom Festival on May 5, 2024, Lagoa is working to get into full swing.

Mr. Silvia reported:

The Commission on Disability in collaboration with the Council on Aging Director is going to have American Sign Language classes, it's 10 weeks and either \$5 per class or \$40 for the 10 weeks. The Commission on Disability will have a table at kids' fest.

Mr. Correy reported:

Digital Equity is close to finalizing their report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jean Paul Lemieux, 137 Balsam Street addressed the Board and read a statement regarding the Town Administrator, referred to and presented a petition to the Select Board from residents (*Attachment F*).

Diane Hahn, 86 Francis Street, asked for a larger font on the agenda copies and to make it two-sided. She also is leaving blue lightbulbs at Town Hall for anyone who might want one.

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

Mr. Espindola addressed the Board regarding budget concerns and things expressed in the community and to provide context from a handout of excerpts the August 2022, Department of Revenue (DOR) report (*Attachment G*) He referred to the recommendations from 2012 regarding free cash and a chart showing these figures and also reserves built over time. Discussions have happened on economic factors, increased costs and significant union raises and other factors of lost revenue that impacted the budget last year. We made corrections and got to a balanced budget and previous deficits do not mean higher deficits will exist next year. He referred to the Financial Policy Review Committee work and suggested people get real information directly from the Town. He referred back to the chart in the DOR report (*Attachment G*) regarding reserves and said that was why he has kept the focus on capital because we have built up substantial reserves. The questions of why borrow when we have substantial reserves - those are two different things. He did not feel it was responsible to sit on the millions of reserves that the Town has collected from people and not have a plan to spend it.

Mr. Espindola made a statement of thanks to the Board for their patience over the years making meetings longer.

Ms. Powers suggested re-watching the joint meetings for budget discussions to help see how we go here. There is not one person to blame and steps are in place to develop a long-term plan to focus on moving forward. Other communities are facing the same. Ms. Powers thanked Mr. Correy and Mr. Espindola individually for their leadership and experiences while on the Board.

Mr. Murphy expressed his thanks individually to Mr. Correy and Mr. Espindola for their time on the Board and leadership.

Mr. Silvia thanked Mr. Correy and Mr. Espindola individually for their time and work while on the Board.

Mr. Correy made a statement to thank each Board member individually. He recalled learnings and takeaways from residents that impacted him and his family and thanked the Town for electing him and those who have reached out to him to thank him for his time on the Board.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled Select Board meeting is on Monday, April 1, 2024 at 6:30p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. FY25 Budget draft, March 25, 2024
- B. Open Meeting Law Complaint and draft response
- C. Revised budget handout: general fund operating budgets
- D. Review Town Administrator Act request and Special Act: Town Administrator
- E. Committee Liaison Report: Robert J. Espindola
- F. Petition to the Select Board: Town Administrator Contract
- G. DOR Report excerpt: August 2022: Robert J. Espindola handout

Approved on ____ 2024

DRAFT



Monday, April 8, 2024
Public Hearing – 7:00p.m.

Legal Notice Fairhaven Select Board Public Hearing

MARCH 21, 2024 BY STAFF WRITER

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given in accordance with provisions of Chapter 130, Section 60 of MGL as amended by Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Fairhaven Select Board, that Blue Stream Shellfish LLC has filed an application to install a shellfish nursery installation in Jack's Cove within the municipal waters of the Town of Fairhaven. The application, including a plan showing the specific location of the proposed site, can be viewed at the Marine Resources Department at Town Hall. The current application will be addressed in a meeting with the Select Board, to be held on April 8 at 7:00 PM. Meeting information can be found on the Town of Fairhaven website (<https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/select-board>).

Town of Fairhaven, Select Board/Town Administrator's Office, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719

FNN: 3/21/24

SELECT BOARD'S MEETING

Monday, April 8, 2024

**Request submitted,
Blue Stream, Blue Stream Shellfish, LLC**

**The Marine Resource Committee unanimously voted to recommend
approving aquaculture site.**



Town of Fairhaven
Marine Resources Department
40 Center St., Fairhaven, MA 02719

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on 04/08/24 at the Select Board meeting, in the Banquet Room of Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA at 7:00 pm at the request of Blue Stream Shellfish. The named parties are requesting permission from the Town to own and operate one solar floating upweller raft systems in Jack's Cove. Objections to the sites should be made in person or via zoom at this meeting.

Below are the proposed longitudes and latitudes of the site.

Blue Stream Shellfish

Latitude. 41.35' 46.46.16" N Longitude. 70.50' 44.70"W

Thank you,

Timothy Cox
Harbormaster / Shellfish Warden

Proposal

Floating Upweller System (FLUPSY) in Jack's Cove



Objective: To deploy one solar powered floating upweller raft system (three solar components and one upweller component) on a fixed four point mooring in Jack's Cove. Placement of the FLUPSY raft system is to protect the small seed contained in the nursery from damage or loss due to northeast and southwest winds while holding the rafts in a set orientation to the sun during the interval when in use.

Time of Use: Seasonal use from 15 May to 1 December of each year. The rafts will be deployed at the proposed site at the start of the season and removed from the site at the end of the season. The structures will be stored on land when not in use.

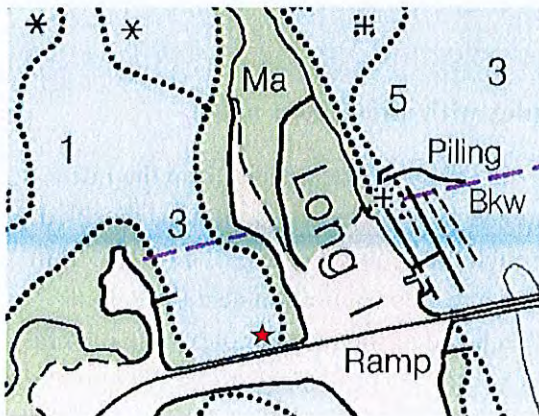


Figure 1: Chart location of FLUPSY.

Figure 2: Raft system depicted in cove at scale.

Approximate Location: Lat: 41° 35' 46.16"N Long: 70° 50' 44.70"W

Description: As noted above, the site (location identified in Figure 1) was selected to protect from northeast and southwest winds, which can flush small oyster seed from the structure with a strong wave surge through the raft system. Additionally, the site is constrained to require 4 feet of water at low tide while not placed in deep enough water to interfere with normal operations in the mooring field.

Proposed Layout: The raft system is composed of four 8' by 20' floats, where one of the rafts is a conventional FLUPSY to hold oyster seed while the other three rafts hold the photovoltaic infrastructure (panels, batteries and electronics) required to operate the complex (Figure 3). Because the FLUPSY pump system has been adjusted to ensure adequate flow through the upweller silos, it will require a three raft solar complex to ensure 24/7 operation of the ½ hp

“Ice Eater” axial flow pump. The orientation of the three solar rafts are arranged to prevent shading of the panels from a second solar array to the south of it. The resulting raft complex is approximately 16’ by 60’ with a mooring footprint of approximately 34’ by 84’ (raft complex inserted to scale in Figure 2).

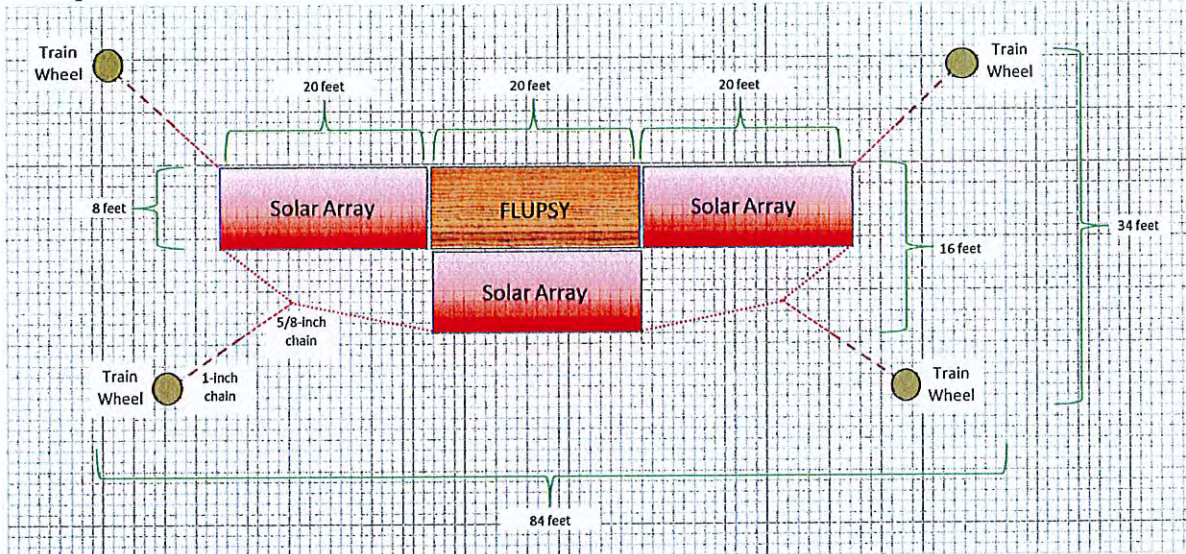


Figure 3: Schematic diagram of FLUPSY complex with dimensions noted.

The 4-point mooring array will consist of a bridle of 5/8" galvanized chain from the raft complex shackled to a 6-foot length of 5/8" galvanized riser chain that is, in turn, shackled to 8 feet of 1" galvanized bottom chain looped through the center opening of a 600 lb. train wheel. The raft complex will be held in an east/west linear configuration near the 4-foot (MLW) contour with the train wheel moorings at each end of the raft complex. The overall footprint of the entire raft system with moorings is 84' by 34' (2,856 square feet), equivalent to 0.066 acres.

From Goulart Memorial Drive, the only portion of the system in view from the road will be the three rafts of solar panels, similar to the view noted in Figure 4. The rest of the system is tucked behind the solar rafts and not readily visible from the roadway.



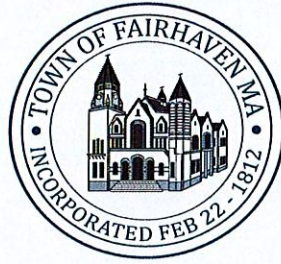
Figure 4: A solar raft that will align parallel to Goulart Memorial Drive and be visible from the road.

Operations:

The BSS nursery, consisting of one FLUPSY system at Jack's Cove and one FLUPSY system at the BSS Harvest Barge, will be stocked with up to 6 million oyster seed starting at approximately 2.5 to 3 mm in length (May/June) and held in the complex until they achieve a size of 20-25 mm, in approximately 3-4 months. At the 20-25 mm length, the juvenile oysters will be transferred to the West Island farm site.

Both FLUPSY complexes will be visited daily and cleaned of biofouling 2-3 times weekly by BSS employees. The stock will be removed and size-graded on a semi-monthly basis to ensure optimal growth and to remove 20-25 mm juveniles for transfer to the farm.

The total raft complex at Jack's Cove will be deployed in early May and will be removed on or about 1 December of each year for land-based storage.



Monday, April 8, 2024
Town Administrator

From: **Alyssa Botelho**

Date: Mon, Mar 25, 2024, 6:33 PM

Subject: Resigning from Broadband Study Committee - Alyssa Botelho

Hello Broadband Study Team,

I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for the privilege of serving on the Broadband Study Committee over the past four years. It's been an enriching experience to contribute to the improvement of electronic services for our community. However, I've decided to embark on a new journey by joining the Lagoa Friendship Pact Committee, and will be resigning from Broadband.

It's been a pleasure working with you all, and I'm confident that the valuable work we have accomplished together will continue to positively impact our community!

Best,
Alyssa

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Alyssa A. Botelho

Cc Town Clerk
Select Board

From: Pamela Davis
Date: Wed, Mar 27, 2024 at 12:29 PM
Subject: resignation
To: Joanne Correia, Ronnie Manzone

Joanne

I am so sorry to say I will be resigning as of the end of April. I do intend to attend April's board meeting in order to complete the process of signing documents that should be under my tenure (such as meeting minutes and any abatements I had a part in deciding)

I want to let you and the Selectboard know that it has been a great pleasure in working in Fairhaven all these years. It is a great community and I have always been proud in being part of it.

Working with you, Kathleen, Ellis and Ronnie has always been a truly wonderful experience and I hope I have been helpful to you as all of you have been so supportive to me.

I wish you and the Town of Fairhaven the best and I will miss you.

Please forward this to the Town Clerk who is I believe is the appropriate party to submit this to.

Best Wishes Always
Pam Davis

Date: Thu, Mar 28, 2024 at 10:22 AM
Subject: Resignation from Board of Assessors
Sent by Ronnie Manzone,

Hello Town Clerk,

Ronnie Manzone has sent you a message via your contact form at fairhavenma.

Message:

Ma'am, Please except my resignation from the Board of Assessors April 30th 2024. It has been an honor to serve with Pam Davis and Ellis Withington. They were both icons in the assessing community. I do appreciate the support I had received from the Select Board for the many years I have served in this capacity. Thank you and God bless the Town of Fairhaven. Sincerely Ronnie Manzone



Town of Fairhaven

You will be automatically enrolled in the Fairhaven Community Electricity Aggregation product, "Fairhaven Standard", unless you affirmatively opt out by mailing and postmarking the enclosed opt-out card by April 24, 2024.

March 22, 2024

Dear Fairhaven Electricity Customer,

The Town of Fairhaven is offering a program called Fairhaven Community Electricity Aggregation (Fairhaven CEA). The Program is a carefully designed alternative to your current electricity supply options, which include those offered by Eversource and other third-party electricity suppliers. Through the Program, Fairhaven aims to provide electricity products that increase our community's renewable energy use and reduce carbon pollution.

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- 2 **Choose to enroll in another Fairhaven product with more or less renewable energy content**
To choose a different product, call the program's electricity supplier, Constellation, at (833) 461-0813, or submit a request at vst@constellation.com.
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Postmark and mail the enclosed opt-out card *or* call Constellation at (833) 461-0813 *or* submit the opt-out form at MassCEA.com/Fairhaven

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Small Business	17.552 ¢/kWh			
Large Business	22.559 ¢/kWh*			
Voluntary Renewable Energy Content	meets MA renewable energy requirements	meets MA renewable energy requirements	adds 10% voluntary renewable energy (MA Class I RECs)	adds voluntary renewable energy (MA Class I RECs) to total 100%
Duration	January through July 2024 *Large Business:	Enrollment to November 2025	Enrollment to November 2025	Enrollment to November 2025

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	2025	27%	36%	10%	73%
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	2025	27%	36%	37%	100%

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PROGRAM DETAIL

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Town of Fairhaven

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Fairhaven
MASSACHUSETTS

Office of Veterans Services
229 Huttleston Avenue
Fairhaven, MA 02719
508-202-4603 (Mike) or 508-658-3719 (Jane)
FAX: 508-979-4116
Mjenney@fairhaven-ma.gov
jbettencourt@fairhaven-ma.gov

April 4, 2024

Fairhaven Select Board
40 Center Street
Fairhaven MA 02719

Dear Members,

You are cordially invited to participate in Fairhaven's Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27, 2024.

Parade participants will assemble at the corner of Union and Main Streets at 9:30 and begin marching at 10:00 AM north on Main Street to Riverside Cemetery with a brief stop at Fairhaven High School for the flag raising.

There will be a gathering at the Fairhaven VFW afterwards.

Please join us to commemorate the day.

If you are interested (and we hope you are!), please reply by May 10, 2024 by contacting Mike or Jane for more detailed information at the phone numbers or email addresses listed above.

If we experience inclement weather on Memorial Day, a ceremony will be held at the Fairhaven VFW at 10:00 AM.

Sincerely,

Michael Jenney, VSO

Fairhaven Business After Hours | April 11th at 6:30PM

POSTED ON: MARCH 19, 2024 - 4:41PM

Calling all Fairhaven Businesses!

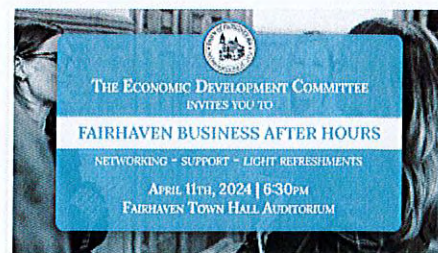
Join us for a Business After Hours event hosted by the Economic Development Committee on April 11, 2024, starting at 6:30 pm in the Fairhaven Town Hall auditorium.

This is your chance to connect with fellow businesses, share your thoughts on how we can better support each other, and enhance our thriving business community. Your ideas are invaluable to us! We're excited to announce that we'll have a special guest speaker from MassHire New Bedford, who will discuss their programs aimed at assisting employers in hiring and training staff.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Let's work together to build a stronger, more vibrant business environment in Fairhaven. See you there!

Have questions or need further assistance? Don't hesitate to reach out!



From: Kamoune, Adam
Date: Thu, Mar 28, 2024 at 6:22 PM
Subject: MBTA Low Income Fares Approval
To: Municipal Officials

Building upon the Healey-Driscoll Administration's FY24 budget that includes \$5 million for the MBTA to develop a low-income fares program, the MBTA today announced that the MBTA Board of Directors has unanimously approved the MBTA's plan to implement a reduced fares program for riders with low-income. This program, which has been a topic of research and planning by the MBTA and many partners for the last decade, is an exciting improvement for fare equity. In addition to the low-income fare program, the Board also approved two smaller changes.

The new program will provide riders who are aged 26-64, non-disabled, and have low income with reduced fares of approximately 50% off on all MBTA modes. Program participants will demonstrate eligibility via existing enrollment in programs with a cutoff of 200% of the federal poverty level (or lower). This exciting new program also applies on the Commuter Rail, unlocking affordability for residents along those corridors and in the Gateway Cities. On the RIDE, the MBTA's paratransit service, senior and low-income riders will be eligible for half price ADA and Premium trips.

"Expanding low-income fares will help to ensure that our transportation system is more equitable and more affordable, which supports the mission to give everyone greater access to mobility options, especially community members depending on transit," said Transportation Secretary and CEO Monica Tibbits-Nutt.

"This is an important step towards making mass transportation more affordable for those that need it the most and I thank the Board of Directors for their support and approval of the new low-income fare program, especially MassDOT Secretary Tibbits-Nutt for her years of advocacy. I applaud the Governor and the Legislature for their foresight to include funds in our FY24 budget to enable us to develop this program, and we thank the Governor for her proposal in the FY25 budget in support of this program, which will benefit so many across all modes," said MBTA General Manager and CEO Phillip Eng. "The MBTA is committed to making meaningful improvements for riders, including making fares more affordable, which will improve quality of life, boost economic mobility, and encourage more riders to return to the system."

These fare changes will go into effect in summer 2024.

The MBTA estimates the cost of the program to be approximately \$52-62 million (including administrative costs, operating costs to meet induced demand, and fare revenue loss). According to prior research, riders with low income are expected to take 30% more trips with a reduced fare, significantly increasing mobility while saving on transportation costs. More than 60,000 riders are expected to qualify for and enroll in the program, which is expected to result in up to 8 million more trips per year.

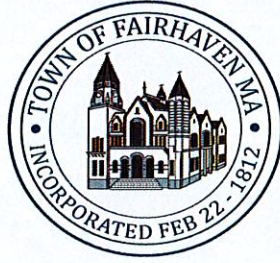
The program for riders with low income is a multi-secretariat effort with the Commonwealth's Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) and Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV). Existing MBTA reduced fare programs already provide support to students, seniors, riders with disabilities, and young people aged 18-25 with low income. These programs provide half-priced fares and passes.

To make the program further accessible throughout Massachusetts communities, the MBTA will partner with third-party Community-Based Partners to manage in-person customer service and eligibility verification. These efforts include providing physical in-person locations where people can receive support with their applications and offering additional support whenever automatic systems are unable to successfully process applications.

Two additional fare changes include:

- Replacing "Change Tickets" with CharlieCards: As of March 1, 2024, the issuance of paper CharlieTickets with stored value as change (a "Change Ticket") was phased out. This is due to limitations in the fare collection technology. Riders are encouraged to load stored value on plastic CharlieCards.
- Permanently expanding the \$10 Weekend Commuter Rail Pass to include federal holidays: The \$10 Weekend Commuter Rail Pass will now include federal holidays. This pass allows for unlimited Commuter Rail trips on all three days of federal holiday weekends. For federal holidays that are observed mid-week, passengers can purchase a \$10 Holiday Pass for that day.

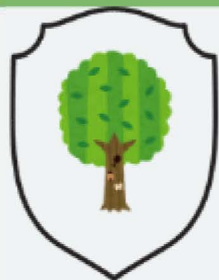
Please reach out if you have any questions,
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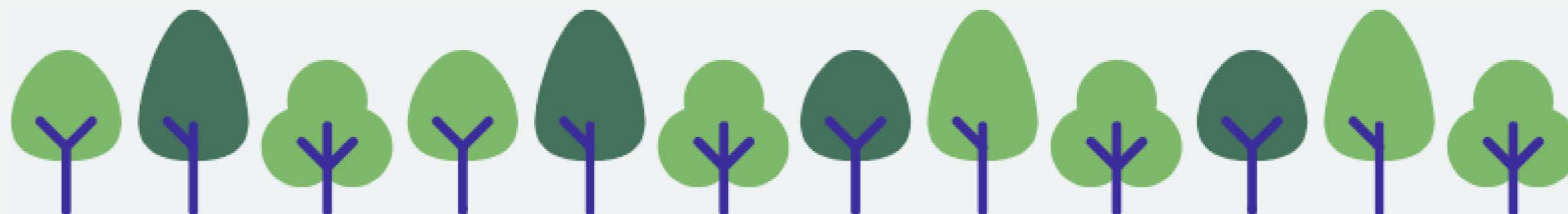
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Action / Discussion

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SAMUEL LOGAN
HARRISON CAMARA
AEMON MARTINO
DAISY BAUMAN
HAZEL FIDALGO
LEANA GARDNER
TARA MARTINO



Volunteer Application

Full Name: Jane Bettencourt

How long have you been a Fairhaven resident: 71 years - All my life!

What Board are you interested in joining, what is your reason for joining:

I would like to serve on the Board of Assessors. I worked in the Assessor's Office for 20 years serving first as a member of the support staff for 10 years. For 5 years I served as the Assistant Assessor/Data Collector. The last 5 years before I retired I served as the Administrative Assistant to the Board of Assessors. I feel my tenure in the Assessor's Office will serve the town well. I look forward to working with the current team!

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:

I have not served on any Boards; however, I did serve as Secretary for the Conservation Commission for a few years.

Interests and Qualifications:

I am qualified to serve on the Board of Assessors having successfully completed MAAO Courses 101, 200 and Course 1 Sales Analysis. My 20 years of experience with Assessing will prove helpful to the Board.

I have proudly lived in Fairhaven all my life. My husband Greg and I raised our twin children here serving on PTO's at every level while our Elizabeth and Greg attended school along with set building for the FHS Drama Club! Greg and I are retired (but working part time) and enjoying our home with our Sally our Standard Poodle!



Town of Fairhaven
Massachusetts
Office of the Select Board and
Town Administrator
40 Center Street · Fairhaven, MA · 02719

MEMORANDUM

To: Select Board

From: Angie Lopes Ellison, Town Administrator

Date: April 4, 2024

Re: Retiree Healthcare Benefits

The Town, along with our Health Insurance Consultants at Cook and Company, is proposing a change to the retiree health benefits offered by the Town of Fairhaven. Currently, retirees are enrolled in a Medicare supplement plan through Blue Cross Blue Shield called Medex, paired with a Part D prescription plan (PDP), with a monthly rate of \$366.01. The Town covers 60% (\$219.61), while retirees pay 40% (\$146.40).

In light of recent changes to health coverage for active employees under M.G.L. c. 32B, we have explored additional options to reduce costs. After collaborating with our health care advisor, we have identified a new Medicare Advantage product through BCBS called the PPO Freedom Rx plan. This program offers enhanced benefits to retirees at a total monthly price of \$325 (\$195/130) due to federal subsidies. These rates would go into effect on 7/1/2024 and have been secured for eighteen months. The monthly amount of \$325 will remain until the next renewal date of 1/1/2026.

Unlike our current Medex plan, which operates under a self-insured model, PPO Freedom Rx is fully insured, allowing us to take advantage of federal subsidies. However, it's essential to note that the lower rates are contingent upon federal support, which can fluctuate annually based on Congressional decisions.

Should the Town choose to adopt the PPO Freedom Rx plan, retiree coverage would transition from the current self-funded insurance trust to the fully insured program, where premiums are paid to BCBS. It's important to consider that while the Town could theoretically return to the Medex plan in the future if federal subsidies decrease, BCBS does not permit annual changes between plans.

The information concerning changes to the retiree contribution rate is being provided for your information but is not a formal recommendation. Fairhaven's current contribution of 60% is generous compared to the 50/50 split offered by many communities. Adjusting the contribution rate to 55/45% would result in a monthly retiree payment of \$146.25, a fifteen cent decrease from the status quo, while generating approximately \$62,595 in additional annual savings for the Town. While we cannot quantify how adopting this Advantage plan or changing the contribution percentages will reduce the Town's OPEB liability without hiring an actuary, this will have that positive impact. Reductions to OPEB liability will afford the ability to continue offering health benefits at an affordable cost to the Town and its retirees.

An affirmative vote accepting the adoption of the PPO Freedom Rx plan is requested and recommended.

COMPREHENSIVE BENEFITS FOR YOUR RETIREES

Medicare PPO Blue FreedomRx

Looking to offer protection to your employees and retirees? Our Medicare PPO Blue FreedomRx plan provides comprehensive coverage and makes health management simpler.

WE KNOW MEDICARE

We have the expertise to help, every step of the way.



Quality:

More people in Massachusetts choose our Medicare plans over any other option.¹



Service:

Our dedicated Medicare experts are always ready to answer questions.



Trust:

We've been providing high-quality, affordable Medicare coverage for more than 50 years.

**OVER 7.4M MEDICARE MEMBERS ARE ENROLLED
IN A BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD PLAN NATIONWIDE.²**

WHAT IS MEDICARE PPO BLUE FREEDOMRx?

It's an employer-sponsored Medicare Advantage plan that covers everything original Medicare covers, and more. With this plan, employees don't need to choose a primary care provider (PCP).

MEMBERS GET:

ACCESS TO OUR EXTENSIVE NATIONAL PPO NETWORK

OUT-OF-NETWORK COVERAGE

ZERO COST SHARE

PLUS THESE BENEFITS:

- **Vision care** – eyewear once every 24 months, up to \$200
- **Hearing aids** – up to two TruHearing[®] branded hearing aids every year (\$699 or \$999 copay per aid)
- **Wigs** – \$500 per calendar year
- **Fitness and weight-loss benefits** – \$150 per calendar year
- **Meal plan** – no cost share for post-hospital stay/outpatient surgery (in-network only)

\$0 COST SHARE FOR MEDICAL SERVICES (IN- AND OUT-OF-NETWORK)

Includes: Deductible, doctor office visits, annual physical exam, emergency room visits, urgent care facilities, prosthetics, durable medical equipment, labs, X-rays, MRIs, PET and CT scans, skilled nursing facility, inpatient admissions.

IN-NETWORK	MEDICAL SERVICES	MEMBER COST SHARE		
	Deductible	\$0		
	Doctor office visits Annual physical exam	\$0		
EMERGENCY AND URGENT CARE	Emergency room visits Urgent care facilities	\$0		
EQUIPMENT	Prosthetics Durable medical equipment	\$0		
DIAGNOSTIC TESTING	Labs, X-rays, MRIs, PET & CT scans	\$0		
HOSPITAL	Skilled nursing facility Inpatient admissions	\$0		
PRESCRIPTION DRUGS	TIER 1	TIER 2	TIER 3	
Retail pharmacy (30-day supply)	\$10	\$20	\$35	
Mail order pharmacy (90-day supply)	\$20	\$40	\$70	

Note: Out-of-network prescription drug coverage is available under special circumstances.

OUT-OF-POCKET MAXIMUM

This is the most a member will pay, per year, for covered health expenses before the plan pays 100 percent of covered health expenses for the rest of the plan year.

- \$3,400 in-network
- \$5,100 for combined in- and out-of-network

ADDED FITNESS AND WEIGHT-LOSS BENEFITS

Fitness Reimbursement: Membership, fitness studio/class fees, fitness equipment, or virtual fitness offerings.

Weight-Loss Reimbursement: Participation fees for in-person or online programs such as hospital-based programs, WW® (formerly Weight Watchers®), or non-hospital programs.

QUESTIONS?

To find out more about Medicare PPO Blue FreedomRx, contact your account executive.

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Town of Fairhaven Senior Benefit Comparison Medicare Supplement Plans

Effective July 1, 2024

BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MASSACHUSETTS		
BENEFIT	Medex 2 OBRA with Blue Medicare Rx Must Have Medicare A&B	Medicare PPO Blue FreedomRx Must Have Medicare A&B
Plan Cost	\$366.01	\$325.00
Deductible - Medical	Your Responsibility	Your Responsibility
	\$35 per calendar year *	No deductible
Prescription Coverage	Not Covered under Medex but Paired with Blue Medicare Rx (PDP) for Rx Coverage \$10/\$20/\$35 Retail \$20/\$40/\$70 Mail Order	\$10/\$20/\$35 Retail \$20/\$40/\$70 Mail Order
Out of Pocket Maximum	None	In-Network - \$3,400 Out of Network - \$5,100 (Out of Network accumulation combined with In-Network)
INPATIENT	Medex 2 OBRA with Blue Medicare Rx	Medicare PPO Blue FreedomRx
General Hospital, <i>Mental Hospital, Substance Abuse Facility</i> (semi-private room and board and special services)	\$50 copayment per calendar quarter	No cost
Physician Services, Surgical Charges, Anesthesia and Consultations.	No cost	No cost
Skilled Nursing Facility	Full coverage of Medicare daily coinsurance for days 21–100 \$10 daily for days 101–365	No copay up to 100 days per benefit period, then member pays all charges.
Rehabilitation Hospital	\$50 copayment per calendar quarter	No cost

OUTPATIENT	Medex 2 OBRA with Blue Medicare Rx	Medicare PPO Blue FreedomRx
Emergency Room Visits for Emergency or Accident Care	No cost	No cost
Outpatient Surgery	No cost	No cost
Radiation and Chemotherapy	No cost after deductible	No cost
Diagnostic X-ray and Lab	No cost	No cost
Physical Therapy	No cost after deductible	No cost
Mental Health & Substance Abuse	Biologically Based Mental Conditions when not covered by Medicare - No cost / No visit Max. Non-biologically based-When covered by Medicare, full coverage of Medicare deductible and coinsurance with no visit maximum When not covered by Medicare, full coverage up to 24 visits per calendar year	No cost Non-biologically based mental conditions: No cost - No Benefit Limit Non-biologically based mental conditions - No Cost - No Benefit Limit
Alcoholism Treatment	No Cost	No cost
Medical Care	No cost after deductible	No cost
Routine Physical Exams	Not covered (Medicare pays in full one annual wellness exam)	No cost
Routine GYN Exam	No cost -1 exam every two years -1 routine Pap smear test each year	No cost - 1 Exam every 24 months
Routine Mammogram	One Routine Mammogram per Cal Year	One Routine Mammogram every 12 months
Routine Vision Exam	Not Covered	No cost with an EyeMed Provider \$45 Copay with any other Licensed Provider, once every 12 months
Vision Supplies	Not Covered	Full Coverage up to \$200 every 24 months
Routine Hearing Exam	Not Covered	No Cost with a TruHearing Provider \$45 Copay with any other Licensed Provider, once every 12 months

Hearing Aids	Not Covered	\$699 Copay per TruHearing Advanced Hearing Aid per ear every 12 months. \$999 Copay per TruHearing Premium Hearing Aid per ear every 12 months. Any other Hearing Aid - No coverage member pays all charges.
Home Health Care	No cost after deductible	No cost
Acupuncture	Not Covered	Not Covered
Durable Medical Equipment	No cost after deductible	No cost
Prosthetic Devices	No cost after deductible	No cost
Chiropractor Visits	No cost after deductible for manual Manipulation of the spine to correct subluxation that can be shown by x-ray. Other Chiropractic services are Not Covered.	No cost for manual Manipulation of the spine to correct subluxation that can be shown by x-ray. Other Chiropractic services are Not Covered.
Prescription Drugs	Retail Pharmacies: 1 month supply Tier 1: \$10 Copay Tier 2: \$20 Copay Tier 3: \$35 Copay Mail order: 3 month supply Tier 1: \$20 copay Tier 2: \$40 copay Tier 3: \$70 copay 30-day supply retail pharmacy or 90-day supply mail service Non-formulary drugs: all charges	Retail Pharmacies: 1 month supply Tier 1: \$10 Copay Tier 2: \$20 Copay Tier 3: \$35 Copay Mail order: 3 month supply Tier 1: \$20 Copay Tier 2: \$40 Copay Tier 3: \$70 Copay 30-day supply retail pharmacy or 90-day supply mail service Non-formulary drugs: all charges
OTHER BENEFITS	Medex 2 OBRA with Blue Medicare Rx	Medicare PPO Blue FreedomRx
Fitness Benefit/Weight Loss Benefit - (See Plan for Details)	None	\$150 Fitness Reimbursement Per Calendar Year Enroll in a qualified Weight Watchers or hospital based weight loss program and receive up to \$150 per calendar year toward your program fees.

*The calendar-quarter copayment does not apply to inpatient admissions in a mental hospital.

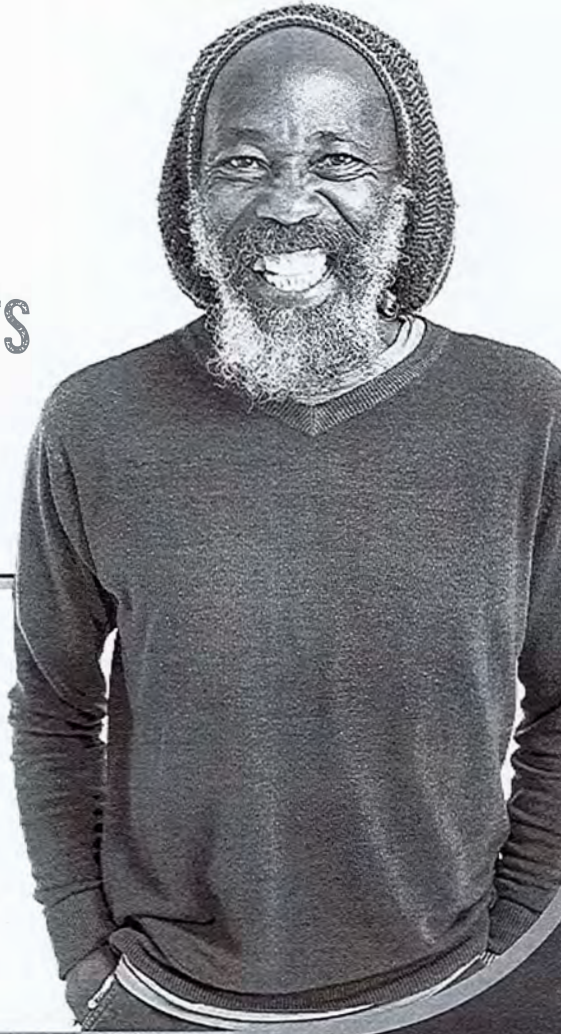
These pages summarize benefits of the plan(s). The Subscriber Certificate(s) & applicable riders define the terms & conditions of these benefits in greater detail. Should any questions arise, the certificate(s) & riders will govern.



Medicare PPO Blue (PPO)

2024 BENEFITS OVERVIEW

Drug Copayments
\$10 - \$20 - \$35
FreedomRx Option



Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts is an Independent Licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.

WE KNOW MEDICARE

We have the knowledge and expertise to help you every step of the way.



Quality

More people in Massachusetts choose our Medicare plans over any other option.¹



Service

Our dedicated Medicare experts are always ready to answer your questions.



Trust

We've been providing high-quality, affordable Medicare coverage for more than 50 years.

OVER 7.8 MILLION

Medicare Members in America are enrolled in a Blue Cross Blue Shield plan.²



Getting the best benefits should be easy. That's why we're here. If you ever have any questions or concerns, we're always happy to talk you through them. Call 1-800-200-4255 (TTY: 711) for more information.

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1. 2024 Benefits Overview



IMPORTANT: IF YOU HAVEN'T ENROLLED IN MEDICARE, CONTACT YOUR LOCAL SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE THREE MONTHS PRIOR TO YOUR 65TH BIRTHDAY.

COVERED SERVICES FOR MEDICARE PPO BLUE FREEDOMRx (PPO) MEMBERS

The information below provides a summary of the drug and health services covered under this plan. This information is not a complete description of benefits. For more information about this plan, or the actual premiums you will pay, please contact your employer group benefits plan administrator.

Plan Specifics	In Network	Out of Network
Calendar-Year Medical Deductible	\$0	\$0
Out-of-Pocket Maximum	\$3,400 in-network or \$5,100 for combined in- and out-of-network medical services each calendar year—this is the maximum out-of-pocket amount you pay each year for Medicare-covered services.	
Covered Services	Your Cost for In-Network Services	Your Cost for Out-of-Network Services
Doctor's Office or Telehealth Visits	\$0 per office or telehealth visit	\$0 per visit (telehealth visits not covered)
Inpatient Hospital Care Hospital care for illness or chronic disease for as many days as medically necessary (includes hospital care in a rehabilitation hospital)	\$0	\$0
Emergency Care ¹ Hospital emergency room visits	\$0 per visit	\$0 per visit
Urgently Needed Care ¹ Doctor's office or telehealth visit (telehealth visits not covered with an out-of-network provider)	\$0 per office or telehealth visit	\$0 per visit (telehealth visits not covered) \$0 per office visit for urgently needed care outside the United States
Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Care Medically necessary care up to 100 days per benefit period ²	\$0	\$0
Mental Health and Substance Use Outpatient mental health and substance use care when medically necessary	\$0 per office or telehealth visit through a network provider	\$0 per office visit (telehealth not covered)
Inpatient care for mental health and substance use	\$0	\$0
Annual Physical Exam	\$0	\$0

1. Emergency and Urgently Needed Care are available worldwide.

2. A benefit period begins with the first day of a Medicare-covered inpatient hospital stay and ends with the close of a period of 60 consecutive days during which you were not an inpatient of a hospital or a skilled nursing facility.

3. 2024 Benefits Overview

Covered Services	Your Cost for In-Network Services	Your Cost for Out-of-Network Services
Medicare-Covered Preventive Care and Screening Tests	\$0	\$0
Mammography screening every 12 months	\$0	\$0
Routine gynecological exam once every 24 months	\$0	\$0
Prostate cancer screening exam once per year	\$0	\$0
Routine Dental Services Preventive routine dental care limited to one initial and periodic oral exam, one cleaning, (prophylaxis only — does not include periodontal cleaning) and one set of bitewing X-rays twice in a calendar year	\$0 per visit	\$45 per visit
Hearing Services Routine diagnostic hearing exam once every 12 months	\$0 per visit with a TruHearing provider	\$45 per visit
Hearing aids: Up to two TruHearing®-branded hearing aids every year (one per ear per year). Benefit is limited to TruHearing's Advanced and Premium hearing aids. You must see a TruHearing provider to use this benefit.	\$699 or \$999 copay per aid	No coverage
Vision Care Routine refractive eye exam once every 12 months	\$0 per visit with an EyeMed® vision provider	\$45 per visit
Eyewear once every 24 months, up to a \$200 maximum	All costs over \$200 (this allowance is combined in- an out-of-network)	
Other Medicare-Covered Health Services Home health services (non-custodial)	\$0	\$0
Durable medical equipment	\$0 (no cost for diabetes equipment and supplies*)	\$0 (no cost for diabetes equipment and supplies*)

*Coverage for diabetic test strips and blood glucose monitors is limited to OneTouch® products when purchased at participating retail and mail order pharmacies, otherwise you pay all costs. No coverage for other test strips. For additional information, contact Member Service or refer to your Evidence of Coverage.

COVERED SERVICES FOR MEDICARE PPO BLUE FREEDOMRx (PPO) MEMBERS

Covered Services	Your Cost for In-Network Services	Your Cost for Out-of-Network Services
Prosthetic devices and ostomy supplies	\$0	\$0
Outpatient diagnostic tests and X-rays	\$0 for cost of lab tests; \$0 per day for CT scans, MRIs, PET scans, and nuclear cardiac imaging tests; \$0 for X-rays and other diagnostic tests	\$0 for cost of lab tests; \$0 per day for CT scans, MRIs, PET scans, and nuclear cardiac imaging tests; \$0 for X-rays and other diagnostic tests
Outpatient radiation therapy	\$0	\$0
Outpatient Hospital/Ambulatory Surgical Center	\$0 per visit	\$0 per visit
Physical, occupational, and speech therapy	\$0 per visit	\$0 per visit
Podiatry Services Medicare-covered services	\$0 per visit	\$0 per visit
Chiropractic Services Manual manipulation of the spine to correct subluxation	\$0 per visit	\$0 per visit
Health and Wellness Programs Disease-specific health and wellness education	\$0	\$0
Smoking-cessation counseling	\$0	\$0
Health Promotion Programs Eligible health club membership, exercise classes, online class fees, or fitness equipment	Up to \$150 each calendar year.	
Eligible weight-loss program	Up to \$150 each calendar year.	

Covered Services	Your Cost for In-Network Services	Your Cost for Out-of-Network Services
Prescription Drug Coverage^{3,4}		
At a participating retail pharmacy (up to a 30-day supply) ⁴	\$10 for generic drugs \$20 for preferred drugs \$35 for non-preferred drugs	Available under special circumstances: \$10 for generic drugs \$20 for preferred drugs \$35 for non-preferred drugs
Through a participating mail service pharmacy (up to a 90-day supply)	\$20 for generic drugs \$40 for preferred drugs \$70 for non-preferred drugs	Available under special circumstances: \$20 for generic drugs \$40 for preferred drugs \$70 for non-preferred drugs

3. Prescription drug copayments/coinsurance apply until your out-of-pocket prescription drug costs for covered Part D drugs reach \$8,000; thereafter, you will pay nothing for all Part D covered drugs.
4. Prescription drugs may be available at retail pharmacies up to a 90-day supply. If available, calculate the copayment charge for each 30-day supply. Refer to the Evidence of Coverage for more details.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT WHAT YOU PAY FOR VACCINES

Our plan covers most Part D vaccines at no cost to you. Call Member Service for more information.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT WHAT YOU PAY FOR INSULIN

You won't pay more than \$35 for a one-month supply of each insulin product covered by our plan, no matter what cost-sharing tier it's on.

MEMBER ELIGIBILITY

To enroll in the plan, members must be eligible for Medicare Part A and enrolled in Medicare Part B. In addition, members must permanently reside in the plan service area. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts' plan service area includes all 50 states, excluding U.S. territories. Network providers may not be available in some states or in portions of a state within the plan service area; in such cases network cost sharing typically applies.

To locate a participating network provider:

- Call the Member Service phone line during regular business hours
- Use our [Find a Doctor](#) tool at bluecrossma.org

QUESTIONS?

Member Service
1-800-200-4255 (TTY: 711)
April 1 through September 30, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday.
October 1 through March 31, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. ET, seven days a week.
bluecrossma.com/medicare

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ATENCIÓN: Si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al 1-800-200-4255 (TTY: 711).

ATENÇÃO: Se fala português, encontram-se disponíveis serviços linguísticos, grátis. Ligue para 1-800-200-4255 (TTY: 711).

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Board	SB Member / TA	Staff Liaison	NOTES
Affirmative Action Officer	Angie Lopes Ellison	Angie Lopes Ellison	
Art Curator	---	---	Mark Badwey, Asst. Kelly Smith
Belonging Committee	Leon Correy	Cam Durant	
Bikeway Committee	Bob Espindola	Kelley Ramirez	
Board of Assessors	---	Joanne Correia	
Board of Health	---	Dave Flaherty	
Board of Public Works	---	Vinnie Furtado	
Bristol County Advisory Board	Stasia Powers	---	
Broadband Study Committee	Bob Espindola	Derek Frates	
Cable Advisory Committee	Leon Correy	Derek Frates	
Capital Planning Committee	Stasia Powers	Anne Carreiro/Vinnie Furtado	
Commission on Disability	Keith Silvia	Martha Reed	
Community Preservation Commission	---	Planning Director	
Conservation Commission	---	Bruce Webb	
Council on Aging	---	Martha Reed	
Cultural Council	---	Chris Richard	
Economic Development Committee	Stasia Powers	Planning Director	
Fair Housing Coordinator	Charlie Murphy	---	
Finance Committee	---	Angie/Anne	
Financial Policy Review Committee	Stasia/Charlie	Anne Carreiro	
Historical Commission	Keith Silvia	Cam Durant	
Lagoa Friendship Pact Committee	Charlie Murphy	Chris Richard	
Local Emergency Planning Committee	Angie Lopes Ellison	various	
Marine Resources Committee	Keith Silvia	Tim Cox	
Millicent Library Board of Trustees	Stasia Powers	---	
Planning Board	---	Planning Director	
Procurement Officer	Angie Lopes Ellison	Angie Lopes Ellison	
Retirement Board	---	Anne C/Tim Cox	
Rogers Reuse Committee	Keith Silvia	Planning Director	
Sister City Committee	Charlie Murphy	Chris Richard	
Southcoast Bikeway Allaince (SBCA)	Bob Espindola	---	
SRPEDD	Bob Espindola	---	Check around September from SRTA - they usually send a form
Southeastern Regional Transit Authority Board (SRTA)	Leon Correy	---	Check around September from SRTA - they usually send a form
Sustainability Committee	---	Bruce Webb	
Zoning Board of Appeals	---	Building Commissioner	

INACTIVE

Agricultural Commission		INACTIVE
Dog Park Study Committee	Keith Silvia	INACTIVE

list updated April 9, 2024

Fairhaven Select Board -Meeting Protocols 2023- Effective July 1, 2023

Protocol 1 – Meetings

Regular meeting of the Select Board shall be held in the Banquet Hall, Town Hall, at 6:30pm on the FIRST and THIRD Monday of each month, except when one of said Monday falls on a legal holiday or town hall closure; the Select Board shall meet on the following day in such an event. Calls for special meetings may be made at any time by the Town Administrator or the Select Board Chair. Members ought to be present at the time of the opening of the meeting. The Chair may cancel meetings when appropriate.

Protocol 2 – Organization and Chair selection

The Select Board shall hold its organizational meeting in The Banquet Hall at the first regular meeting after a municipal election. The Town Administrator shall preside over the nomination and election proceedings for Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk. The newly elected Chair will preside over the remainder of the meeting.

Protocol 3 – Acceptance of The Meeting protocols

At the same meeting as the reorganization, the Chair will review and vote to accept the meeting protocols. A majority vote is required to adopt the protocols. The previous year's protocol will remain in affect until a new one is accepted.

The Chair presides over all meetings. In the absence of the chair, the vice chair shall resume the role. All members shall preserve decorum and order and await recognition by the chair to speak. Parliamentary Protocols may be applied when meetings fall out of order.

Protocol 4 – Seating

The seats of the members of the Select Board, shall be numbered 1-4 with the chair at the centre seat. Seats 1 and 2 are to the right of the Chair and seats 3 and 4 are to the left. Select Board members (except the Chair with centre seating) will draw numbers to determine seating assignment.

Protocol 5 – Action and Motions

Every action of the Select Board shall require a motion or vote. If a vote is not taken, the action is moot and considered a discussion. After a motion is requested by the Chair, it shall be acted upon by the Select Board unless withdrawn by the mover before an amendment or decision.

Every member present at Select Board meetings shall vote yea or nay when a motion is put unless excused on the grounds of clear and real conflict of interest by which the member can request to abstain from the vote and state the reason for obtaining.

Protocol 6 – Public participation

Member of the public may address the Select Board regarding items on the current agenda, if the Chair so deems it appropriate. Those wishing to do so, shall wait to be acknowledged by the Chair, shall identify themselves by name and address, shall make their remarks brief but the chair may limit and confine the time to no longer than two (2) minutes. The comments shall be void of personalities, libellous remarks and innuendo, and shall limit their remarks to matters of municipal interest.

During any portion of the meeting members of the public shall not verbally, non- verbally, or illustratively, utilize racial, ethnic, religious, age, sexual preference, gender or disabilities, slurs or connotations during their remarks. The Chair shall rule a member of the public, who uses such slurs, connotations, libellous remarks or innuendo out of order and no longer recognize the individual to speak.

Protocol 7 – Public Comment

Near the end of every meeting an open forum will be conducted. During the Public Comment, any member of the public may address the Select Board regarding city business, concerns and events that were not mentioned in agenda. Those wishing to do so, shall wait to be acknowledged by the Chair, shall identify themselves by name and address, shall confine their remarks to a total of two (2) minutes and shall avoid personalities, libellous remarks and innuendo, and shall limit their remarks to matters of municipal interest.

Protocol 8 – Conduct of Members, Officials, and public

Members, officials, and public, when about to speak, shall initially address the Chair using the phrase “through the Chair,” shall confine themselves to the question under debate, and shall avoid all personalities and libel comment. Any individual, who may be mentioned in debate or addressed by another member, shall be so mentioned or addressed by their title and or name (ex. Mr/Ms. Last name); and in an intelligible, respectful, and professional manner. No member or official shall speak out of their turn without leave of the Chair, nor shall any member be interrupted by another while speaking except to make a point of order or request for explanation.

Protocol 9 – Board Member Items:

Select Board members may offer items of information or discussion of informal matters during at this forum. Items brought up here may be requests for agenda items as well as various announcements of interest.

Protocol 10 – Agenda Items, Material and Supporting Documentation

All action and discussion item containing matters for consideration by the Select Board shall be affirmed by the Chair. Meeting material request by the public must be submitted to the Chair or Town Administrator on the second Monday for the third Monday meeting and on the last Monday of the month for the following Monday meeting. Select Board meeting material and request shall be submitted by the Wednesday before the first and third Monday.

Protocol 11 – Committee Liaison and Assignments

Committee liaison of the Select Board shall be appointed annually by consensus of the members at the reorganization meeting. Each committee shall have one liaison. Select Board members may participate in assigned committee but may not be a voting member.

Select Board members may also be assigned to other committees as needed.

Select Board liaisons may make an informational report to the board during Committee Liaison Reports on the Meeting Agenda.

Protocol 12 – Public Hearings

At every Public Hearing meeting of the Select Board, other than executive sessions, citizens of the town, shall have reasonable opportunity to be heard regarding any matter being considered during the public hearing by the Select Board at such meeting. Citizens shall observe the same rules of conduct required in Protocol 6, 7 and 8: i.e. they shall address the Chair, confine themselves to the question under debate, and avoid personalities, libellous statements and innuendo.

Protocol 13 Process of Seeking Legal Opinion

If a Select Board member want a legal opinion from Town or Labor Counsel, they must provide a communication to the Town Administrator with an explanation of what they are looking for and what they have done to date to take advantage of freely available information. The Town Administrator will determine if counsel is needed. If the Town Administrator denies the request, the member may request an agenda action item vote of the Select Board membership to request that the Town Administrator seek said legal opinion.



May 4, 2024 Warrant Updates

- **Article 5B: Water Enterprise Fund Operating Budget, and Article 5C: Sewer Enterprise Fund Operating Budget**
 - **Monetary changes were made to account for adjustment to the reserves**
- **Article 8A: Name of the article updated to: Sewer Enterprise Fund Capital Budget (from Sewer Capital Stabilization Fund)**
- **Article 11: Municipal Fiber Optic Program**

5B: WATER ENTERPRISE FUND OPERATING BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the following amounts to fund the operating budget of the Water Enterprise Fund for Fiscal Year 2025 or take any other action relative thereto:

	<u>FY 2024 Budget</u>	<u>FY2025 Budget</u>
Amounts Appropriated:		
Salaries and Wages	704,809	807,523
Operating Expenses	2,083,300	2,145,338
Debt Service	<u>434,251</u>	<u>295,725</u>
Subtotal Water Enterprise Appropriations	3,222,360	3,248,586
Transfer for Amounts Appropriated in the General Fund	<u>536,795</u>	<u>516,795</u>
TOTAL WATER ENTERPRISE FUND OPERATING BUDGET	3,759,155	3,765,381
Funding Sources:		
Water Revenue	3,465,000	3,550,000
Water Retained Earnings	<u>294,155</u>	<u>215,381</u>
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	3,759,155	3,765,381

Petitioned by: Town Administrator and Board of Public Works

Motion: To raise and appropriate a sum of \$3,248,586 to fund the Water Enterprise Fund for fiscal year 2025

Select Board: Recommend Adoption

Finance Committee:

5C: SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND OPERATING BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the following amounts to fund the operating budget of the Sewer Enterprise Fund for Fiscal Year 2025 or take any other action relative thereto:

	<u>FY 2024 Budget</u>	<u>FY2025 Budget</u>
Amounts Appropriated:		
Salaries and Wages	1,257,009	1,397,067
Operating Expenses	1,284,325	1,591,826
Debt Service	<u>775,465</u>	<u>956,904</u>
Subtotal Sewer Enterprise Appropriations	3,316,799	3,945,797
Transfer for Amounts Appropriated in the General Fund	<u>858,700</u>	<u>838,700</u>
TOTAL SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND OPERATING BUDGET	4,175,499	4,784,497
Funding Sources:		
Sewer Revenue	4,175,499	4,704,497
Sewer Retained Earnings	<u>0</u>	<u>80,000</u>
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	4,175,499	4,784,497

Petitioned by: Town Administrator and Board of Public Works

Motion: To raise and appropriate a sum of \$3,945,797 to fund the Sewer Enterprise Fund for fiscal year 2025

Select Board: Recommend Adoption

Finance Committee:



Monday, April 8, 2024
Executive Session