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## FAIRHAVEN SELECT BOARD

### Agenda

*Monday, November 7, 2022*

*6:30 p.m.*

*Town Hall – 40 Center Street – Fairhaven*

*Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting will be conducted in person and via remote means, in accordance with applicable law. This means that members of the public body as well as members of the public may access this meeting in person, or via virtual means. In person attendance will be at the meeting location listed above, and it is possible that any or all members of the public body may attend remotely, with in-person attendance consisting of members of the public.*

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#### **A. MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of October 17, 2022 — Open Session
2. Approve the minutes of October 17, 2022 — Executive Session

#### **B. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

1. Staff Updates
2. Board of Health: Flu Clinic for Employees: November 15, 2022, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
3. Fairhaven's Public Treasures of American Art
4. Town Hall closed to public – Staff Training Day, December 8, 2022
5. Collective Bargaining Updates
6. Premium Holiday
7. Financial Summary
8. Other

#### **C. COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS**

#### **D. ACTION ITEM:**

1. Broadband Municipal Light Board
2. Digital Equity Plan
3. Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC): Approval of Seasonal Population
4. Event Permit: Supreme Perfection: Town Hall Auditorium: December 18, 2022, 12pm – 5pm
5. Proclamation Vote: MOLIFE - Stephen Cornish

#### **E. PUBLIC COMMENT**

#### **F. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS**

**G. NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. The next **regularly** scheduled meeting of the Select Board is **Monday, November 21, 2022** at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Banquet Room

**H. EXECUTIVE SESSION-Pursuant to MGL Ch. 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: New England Preservation and Development, LLC & another Vs. Town Of Fairhaven**

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Subject matter listed in the agenda consists of those items that are reasonable anticipated (by the Chair) to be discussed. Not all items listed may be discussed and other items not listed (such as urgent business not available at the time of posting) may also be brought up for discussion in accordance with applicable law.*

*MGL, Ch. 30a, § 20(f) requires anyone that intends to record any portions of a public meeting, either by audio or video, or both, to notify the Chair at the beginning of the meeting.*



## Fairhaven Select Board Meeting Minutes October 17, 2022

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

The meeting was videotaped by Cable Access and Zoom meeting application.

Ms. Powers opened the meeting at 6:30 pm. Ms. Powers acknowledged the Board is wearing pink in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

**Motion:** Mr. Murphy motioned to take agenda item D1: Fire Department Promotions, out of order. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (5-0-0)

Fire Chief Todd Correia announced two promotions, swore in three new hires, and award seven, years of service pins to those who have achieved bench marks in their career with the Fairhaven Fire Department.

Ms. Powers called a five minute recess.

**Motion:** Mr. Murphy motioned to take agenda item B1: Staffing Update out of order. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (5-0-0)

Fire Chief Todd Correia addressed the Board with a staff update. He is working with Ms. Ellison regarding the staffing needs of the Fire Department. The department has been granted two new hires with the ARPA Funding. An additional two will be added in May, bringing staffing up to seven fire fighters per shift.

### Minutes

**Motion:** Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the open session minutes of September 19, 2022. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (5-0-0)

**Motion:** Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the minutes of October 3, 2022, participation meeting with MassDOT. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (5-0-0)

**Motion:** Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the minutes of October 6, 2022, joint session meeting with the Finance Committee. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (5-0-0)

### Town Administrator Report

Ms. Ellison updated the Select Board on:

#### *Broadband Municipal Light Board Update:*

- Heather White from Petrini and Associates was introduced. Mr. Espindola presented information in the packet for review to be considered at a future meeting. Ms. White gave a brief preview of the different options available. Mr. Espindola asked for this to be an action item on the next agenda for further discussion.



*Intern Opportunities / Vocational Students:*

- Human Resource Director, Cam Durant is working with local colleges and high schools to utilize the students for co-op and internship opportunities within the town.

*Capital Strategic Solutions: ARPA:*

- Capital Strategic Solutions is a third party entity that manages ARPA Funds. Ms. Ellison is requesting \$7,650 to secure the contract that is tailored to the needs of the Town.

**Motion:** Mr. Murphy motioned to approve \$7,650 for Capital Strategic Solutions to administer ARPA funds and processes outlined in the contract. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (5-0-0)

*Hazmat Day:*

- Household Hazardous Waste Day is being held Saturday, October 22, 2022 at the Department of Public Works from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Residents are allowed to drop of items that cannot be discarded in the trash such as paint, chemicals, etc.

*Senior Social Day:*

- The Senior Social Day Program is returning to the Council on Aging after two years. This program offers seniors a safe, supportive, supervised environment where they can interact with other seniors.

*Council on Aging Newsletter:*

- The Fairhaven Senior Lifestyles newsletter is free. It is also offered online at the Town website.

*Wellness Initiative Human Resource Benefit:*

- Human Resources Director Cam Durant is in the process of resurrecting the Wellness Committee. The Town employees have been surveyed regarding activities and interests regarding wellness. This initiative will bring more employee benefits and positivity.

*Other Updates:*

- Mr. Nils Isakson updated the Board on the Historic Light Project. There will be seven new light poles installed around the Town Hall to coincide with the historic theme of the building. The project has been years in the making and is due to be completed in early 2023.

**Committee Liaison Reports**

*Mr. Espindola reported:*

- Mr. Espindola provided updates on the Broadband Study Committee and the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SPREDD). He also noted he registered for a broadband conference. (Attachment A).

*Mr. Correy reported:*

- The Belonging Committee will be requesting a gift account be set up for donations, expenses, etc. They did an excellent job Kids Fest, the booth was a hit.

*Mr. Murphy reported:*

- The Lagoa Friendship Pact Committee reorganized the Chair, Vice Chair, and Recording Secretary.

*Ms. Powers reported:*

- The Cable Advisory Committee met, Dartmouth spoke on how they have restructured their department. The Haunted Halloween Bash is next week.



- The 40R Working Group will be having a workshop on November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. The community is invited to join.

**Polar Plunge:**

Ms. Kathy Lopes addressed the Board about the Polar Plunge Event that is to be held at Fort Phoenix, State side, January 1, 2023 at 10:00 am. She is requesting support from the Town and Fairhaven Fire Department for the ambulance service.

*Motion:* Mr. Murphy motioned to approve and support the Fort Phoenix Polar Plunge on Sunday, January 1, 2023 at 10:00, and to provide EMS support. Mr. Silvia seconded the motion. Vote passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

**Appointment to Cultural Council: Alexandra Caine**

Ms. Caine addressed the Board and told them about herself and her interest in serving on the committee.

*Motion:* Mr. Murphy motioned to appoint Ms. Alexandra Caine to the Fairhaven Cultural Council for a term to end May 2023. Mr. Silvia seconded the motion. Vote passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

**Appointment to Belonging Committee: Eryn Tomascik**

Ms. Tomascik addressed the Board and told them about herself as it relates to her experiences to serve on the committee.

*Motion:* Mr. Murphy motioned to appoint Ms. Tomascik to the Fairhaven Belonging Committee for a term to end May 2023. Mr. Silvia seconded the motion. Vote passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

**Appointment to Economic Development Committee: Patrick Carr:**

Mr. Carr addressed the Board and told them about himself.

*Motion:* Mr. Murphy motioned to appoint Mr. Carr to the Fairhaven Economic Development Committee for a term to end May 2023. Mr. Silvia seconded the motion. Vote passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

**Military Flags:**

Mr. Brad Fish addressed the Board on behalf of the Fairhaven Lions Club and the Fairhaven Historical Commission with a request to fly the military flags on the birthday of each military branch and the week following at Fort Phoenix.

*Motion:* Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the flying of military flags of each military branch upon the stated birthday and the week following at Fort Phoenix as outlined and managed by the Veteran's Agent beginning in 2023 and recurring yearly. Mr. Silvia seconded the motion. Vote passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

**Event Permit: 2022 Turkey Trot 5K Fun Run: Thursday, November 24, 2022, 9:00 AM:**

Ms. Powers noted this happens annually on Thanksgiving and is a fun day. Mr. Espindola noted start time is 9:00 am due to noise.

*Motion:* Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the event permit for the Turkey Trot 5K Fun Run to take place on November 24, 2022 at 9:00 am at Cushman Park and to waive the event fee as they are a non-profit organization. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

**Event Permit: Fairhaven Improvement Association Sing-A-Long:**

Ms. Powers highlighted event items from the submitted request letter from the Fairhaven Improvement Association.

*Motion:* Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the Fairhaven Improvement Association's Sing-A-Long on December 10, 2022 at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall and waive the rental fee. Mr. Silvia seconded the motion. Vote passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

**Tree City USA / Arbor Day: Declaration:**

Tree Warden, Don Collasius, requested the Board to make Fairhaven a Tree City USA city and celebrate Arbor Day annually noting it will help raise awareness as well as give the Town access to potential grants.

*Motion:* Mr. Murphy motioned to approve and declare Fairhaven as a Tree City USA city and celebrate Arbor Day annually. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

**Gift Account Request: Belonging Committee:**

Ms. Jessica Fidalgo requested the Board to approve a gift account be established for the Belonging Committee. The committee has been raising its own funds, but as they are growing and doing more in the community, they are being asked to accept donations.

*Motion:* Mr. Murphy motioned to approve establishing a gift account for the Belonging Committee. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

**Amendment of LLC Manager: Ocean State Job Lot:**

Ms. Powers read the request to change managers from Nicholas Brunette to Maggie Francisco at Ocean State Job Lot.

*Motion:* Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the change of the LLC Manager for OSJL Spirits doing business as Ocean State Job Lot and as outlined by Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC). Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

**Close Warrant for November 15, 2022 Special Town Meeting:**

Ms. Powers stated that closing the warrant does not mean they cannot discuss the articles within the warrant, nothing can be added once closed.

*Motion:* Mr. Murphy motioned to close the warrant for the November 15, 2022 Special Town Meeting. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

**Review and Recommendations for Warrant Articles for November 15, 2022 Special Town Meeting:**

The Board reviewed and discussed each article and voted on their recommendation to the Town Meeting Members. Ms. Ellison gave her recommendation on each article.

Ms. Ellison's recommendation on Article 1, number 1: Amend FY23 General Fund Operation Budget is to recommend.



**Motion:** Mr. Murphy motioned to recommend Article 1, number 1. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

Ms. Ellison's recommendation on Article 1, number 2: Amend FY23 General Fund Operation Budget is to recommend.

**Motion:** Mr. Murphy motioned to recommend Article 1, number 2. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

Ms. Ellison's recommendation on Article 1, number 3: Amend FY23 General Fund Operation Budget is to recommend.

**Motion:** Mr. Murphy motioned to recommend Article 1, number 3. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

Ms. Ellison's recommendation on Article 2: Water Enterprise Operating Budget, is to recommend.

**Motion:** Mr. Murphy motioned to recommend Article 2. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

Ms. Ellison's recommendation on Article 3: Special Education Reserve Fund is to recommend.

**Motion:** Mr. Murphy motioned to recommend Article 3. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

Ms. Ellison's recommendation on Article 4: South Street Pump Station Valve Replacement is to recommend.

**Motion:** Mr. Murphy motioned to recommend Article 4. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

Ms. Ellison's recommendation on Article 5: Home Rule Petition, is yield to petitioner.

**Motion:** Mr. Murphy motioned at town meeting for Article 5. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

Ms. Ellison's recommendation on Article 6: Bills of Prior Year – Paid from FY23 Funds is to recommend.

**Motion:** Mr. Murphy motioned to recommend Article 6. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

Ms. Ellison's recommendation on Article 7: Town Hall Elevator is to recommend.

**Motion:** Mr. Murphy motioned to recommend Article 7. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

Ms. Ellison's recommendation on Article 8: Town Administrator's Office Furniture is to recommend at the revised dollar amount of \$16,000.

**Motion:** Mr. Murphy motioned to recommend Article 8. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

Ms. Ellison's recommendation on Article 9: Ambulance Request of Additional Funds is to recommend.

**Motion:** Mr. Murphy motioned to recommend Article 9. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

Mr. Espindola recused himself from discussing Article 10, because he is an abutter. Ms. Ellison's recommendation on Article 10: Safe Route to Schools is to recommend.

**Motion:** Mr. Murphy motioned to recommend Article 10. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote passed unanimously. (4-0-1)

Ms. Ellison's recommendation on Article 11: Thermal Camera System – Harbormaster Boat is to recommend full amount as written.

**Motion:** Mr. Murphy motioned to recommend Article 11. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

Ms. Ellison's recommendation on Article 12: Fund Labor Contracts FY23 is at town meeting.

**Motion:** Mr. Murphy motioned at town meeting for Article 12. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

Ms. Ellison's recommendation on Article 13: Move to Transfer \$70,000 from Surplus Revenue (free Cash) for the repair of Fire Engine 4 is to recommend.

**Motion:** Mr. Murphy motioned to recommend Article 13. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

Ms. Ellison's recommendation on Article 14: Emergency Police Boat Repairs is to recommend.

**Motion:** Mr. Murphy motioned to recommend Article 14. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

Ms. Ellison's recommendation on Article 15: Appoint Special Officers is to recommend.

**Motion:** Mr. Murphy motioned to recommend Article 1. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

Ms. Ellison's recommendation on Article 16: Public Shade Tree Law is for indefinite postponement. After some discussion the board felt they did not have enough information to take a position at this time.

**Motion:** Mr. Murphy motioned at town meeting for Article 16. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

Ms. Ellison recused herself from recommending on Article 17: Citizens Petition – Reduce Salary of Town Administrator. Town Council advised taking the agenda out of order and discussing this article in executive session.

**Motion:** Mr. Murphy motioned to take executive session out of order. Mr. Silvia seconded the motion. Vote passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

**Motion:** Mr. Murphy motioned to go into executive session Pursuant to MGL Ch. 30A§ 21(a)(7) to obtain legal advice pursuant to Suffolk Construction v. DCAM, 449 Mass. 444 (2007) (Article 17 of the 11-55-22 STM) and then return to open session when complete. Mr. Silvia seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Charles Murphy in favor, Keith Silvia in favor, Leon Correy in favor, Bob Espindola in favor, Stasia Powers in favor. (5-0-0)



Open session was called back into order at 9:05 pm. Ms. Powers stated the Board will be disseminating some information about the legal advice regarding this vote.

**Motion:** Mr. Murphy motioned for indefinite postponement on Article 17. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

Ms. Ellison's recommendation on Article 18: Citizens Petition – Street Acceptance Alves Way 2-10 is for indefinite postponement

**Motion:** Mr. Murphy motioned indefinite postponement of Article 18. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

Ms. Ellison's recommendation on Article 19: Citizens Petition – Hard Surface Sandra Lane is for indefinite postponement.

**Motion:** Mr. Murphy motioned indefinite postponement of Article 19. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

**Approve the Warrant for November 15, 2022 Special Town Meeting for Posting:**

Ms. Ellison stated due to timing she is asking to supersede accepting the posting prior to the signing of the warrant so another meeting is not needed.

**Motion:** Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the posting of the Special Town Meeting Warrant upon final review of each member. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

**Proclamation Vote: Masons:**

Mr. Correy delivered a proclamation to the Mason's celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the George H. Tabor Lodge. Mr. Correy noted it was a wonderful event it was. Ms. Powers noted that the proclamation vote is being done retroactively; the event took place on October 14, 2022

**Motion:** Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the Mason Proclamation in celebration of their 150<sup>th</sup> founding. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

**Approve Number of Police Officers at Polls:**

Town Clerk, Linda Fredette, addressed the Board, via Zoom, requesting the number of Police Officers needed at the new poll location, Recreation Center, per Massachusetts General Law, be approved.

**Motion:** Mr. Murphy motioned to approve a sufficient number of police officers, but not less than four (4), at the polling location (Rec Center, 227 Huttleston Ave) for the November 8, 2022 General Election, 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. Further, move to designate the Police Chief the authority to assign specific police officers according to scheduling and availability. The Town Clerk will advise the Police Chief on the location and time the officers are needed. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

**Approve Poll Workers List:**

Town Clerk, Linda Fredette, addressed the Board, via Zoom, requesting approval of the listed poll workers for the November 8, 2022 election.

**Motion:** Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the list of poll workers provided by the Town Clerk in Appendix A. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

**Sign Warrant for November 8, 2022 Election:**

Town Clerk, Linda Fredette, addressed the Board, via Zoom, requesting the Board to sign the warrant for the November 8, 2022 election.

**Motion:** Mr. Murphy motioned to approve and authorize the Select Board to sign the warrant for the November 8, 2022 election as outlined by the Town Clerk. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

**Board Member Items**

*Mr. Correy:*

- Thanked ‘Be The Solution To The Pollution’. The host many clean ups. They were recently at Fort Phoenix and on Hedge Street. He is encouraging everyone to go to the Facebook page and participate.

*Mr. Espindola:*

- Asked when there is an item on the agenda that will need a vote by the Select Board it be placed under ‘Action Items’ so the Board knows to research prior. Ms. Ellison confirmed the request going forward.

*Mr. Powers:*

- Would like to see a committee formed, a short term working group that will evaluate committees, boards and commissions. Looking for what we have, how they are structured, compared to other communities in order to help to make sure we are doing things with the utmost efficiency and fairness so that everyone in the community has a chance to participate. Would like discuss further in the future.

**Correspondence:**

Ms. Powers read an email addressed to the Select Board thanking Harbormaster Cox and his crew providing great service. (Attachment B)

The next meeting of the Select Board is November 7, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

**Motion:** Mr. Murphy motioned to adjourn. Mr. Silvia seconded the motion. Vote passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

Adjourned 9:54 pm

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Select Board Clerk. (SS)

Appendix:

A. Poll Workers List

Attachments:

A. Committee Liaison Report

B. Letter to Harbormaster Cox



## Committee Liaison Report – Bob Espindola – October 17th, 2022

**Broadband Study Committee.** I met with SRPEDD representatives regarding the prospect of working with the Regional Planning Authority and Mass Broadband Institute to potentially expand the scope of the project in the Fairhaven Housing Authority (Community Compact Cabinet grant). SRPEDD will be providing a proposal for consideration shortly and I will be reviewing that with Ms. Ellison to determine what next steps and procurement requirements will be.

I also met also with consultant Entry Point and Director of the Housing Authority, Krisanne Sheedy about the project. She explained that there is a major renovation project ongoing at the Oxford Terrace site and there may be an opportunity to work with their engineers to see if there is anything that can be done in their current project planning that may help with the Broadband project.

Lastly, I also registered for a workshop that MBI is putting on next week aimed at sharing knowledge, strategies, and best practices for digital equity planning with key state, regional and local partners to maximize the potential impact afforded by the federal programs.

The workshop is meant for Regional Planning Agency staff and key community stakeholders and will cover;

- Best practices and strategies for municipal, community, and private sector partners to use in closing the digital divide.
- Step by step process for executing a Digital Equity plan
- Understanding of State and Federal digital equity policy and funding program context under ARPA and IJJA
- Clear definitions and terminology used in the digital equity

**Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD)** SRPEDD met on September 28<sup>th</sup> Senator **Michael Rodrigues, Chair of the Senate Ways and Means Committee** provided for an update from the Legislature and opportunity to tap into his insights and expertise with regard to projects and issues of importance to all of us in SE Mass. He talked about the fact that Governor Baker recently announced that “Stronger-than expected state tax revenues have led to a major surplus for Fiscal Year 2022”, which will result in nearly \$3 billion in excess revenue to the taxpayers. This will result in scaling back of plans that the State had previously for investments in a number of different areas, and it means they will be going back to the drawing board to figure out what adjustments they will need to make to their previously targeted initiatives.

**Southeastern Mass. Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMMPO).** The meeting scheduled for October 18<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled.

To: Select Board  
 From: Town Clerk  
 Date: 10/13/2022  
 RE: November 8, 2022-Poll Workers

Below is the list of the Poll Workers I have scheduled to work at the Nov 8<sup>th</sup> State General Election, as well as some possible alternates, for your approval.

	Alfonse, Christine	R	38 Veranda Avenue	Fairhaven, MA 02719
	Bettencourt, Pam	U	12 Evergreen Street	Fairhaven, MA 02719
	Branco, Maria	U	13 Reservation Road	Fairhaven, MA 02719
	Burgo, Elaine	D	147 Merrimac Street	New Bedford, MA 02740
	Capizano, Charles	D	14 Tanner Lane	Fairhaven, MA 02719
	Carvalho, M J	U	29 Newbury Avenue	Fairhaven, MA 02719
	Chevalier, Linda	D	31 Phoenix Street	Fairhaven, MA 02719
	Costa, Bernadette	U	19 Huttleston Ave	Fairhaven, MA 02719
	Diggle, George	U	21 Summer Street	Fairhaven, MA 02719
	Duval, Jodi	U	46 Wilding Street	Fairhaven, MA 02719
	Ellis, Anne	U	310 Mill Road	Fairhaven, MA 02719
	English, Erin	D	1 Bates Street	Fairhaven, MA 02719
	Fauteux, Carole	U	87 Harding Road	Fairhaven, MA 02719
	Goulart, Myles	U	19 Barefoot Path	Plymouth, MA 02360
	Mattos, Dennis	D	14 Newton Street	Fairhaven, MA 02719
	Melanson, Cathy	U	110 Adams Street	Fairhaven, MA 02719
	Millette, Claire	U	138 Main Street 1	Fairhaven, MA 02719
	Moniz, Lisa	U	23 Harvard Street	Fairhaven, MA 02719
	Parker, Pauline	U	38 Blackburn Street	Fairhaven, MA 02719
	Romano, Andrew	D	223 Main Street, 1FLR	Fairhaven, MA 02719
	Rose, Lisa	U	12 Summer Street	Fairhaven, MA 02719
	Silvia, Kathryn	D	25 Harvard Street	Fairhaven, MA 02719
	Therrien, Linda	U	287 Huttleston Ave	Fairhaven, MA 02719
alt	Hooley, Heather	D	119 Nellie Road	New Bedford, MA 02740
alt	Osuch, Deborah	D	9 Sunset Beach Rd	Fairhaven, MA 02719
alt	Shifman, Diane	U	123 Sawyer St #3	New Bedford, MA 02740
alt	Souza, Margaret	U	34 McGann Terr	Fairhaven, MA 02719
alt	Sylvia, Joseph	U	326 Huttleston Ave	Fairhaven, MA 02719
alt	Thomas, Rachel	D	1 Teal Circle	Fairhaven, MA 02719
alt	Thomas, Michael	D	1 Teal Circle	Fairhaven, MA 02719
alt	Welty, Kym	U	37 Buttonwood St	New Bedford, MA 02740



**Marine Resources Thank You:**

Dear Ms. Powers and Members of the Select Board,

We just wanted to send a note of appreciation to the team of the marine resources department for the town.

About a month ago, our neighbor called and advised that our 18-foot Sea Ray inboard-outboard boat was looking like it was sinking--it was. We estimated we had less than an hour to save it. The boat tow company was called but they were quite busy and there was not enough time for them to make it. The harbor master arrived to our boat in Little Bay and helped pump it out and helped us get it to the town boat launch where we got it out high and dry. Fortunately the boat's engine was not flooded and we were able to take it to Rick's Marine Outboard where they were able to pinpoint the source of the leak and make necessary repairs.

This may be a common event for the harbor master but it was not typical for us and we sure appreciate the prompt and professional support--just thought you all should know.

Yours truly,  
John and Cynthia Behan  
7 Peirces Pt.  
Fairhaven, MA

## Fairhaven's Public Treasures of American Art

Fairhaven TV has recently produced Art Review Video, sponsored by the Fairhaven Fine Arts Department (Mark Badway & Kelly Smith). Michael Dyer, an art historian from the Whaling Museum did the presentation.

It's posted to the following sites:

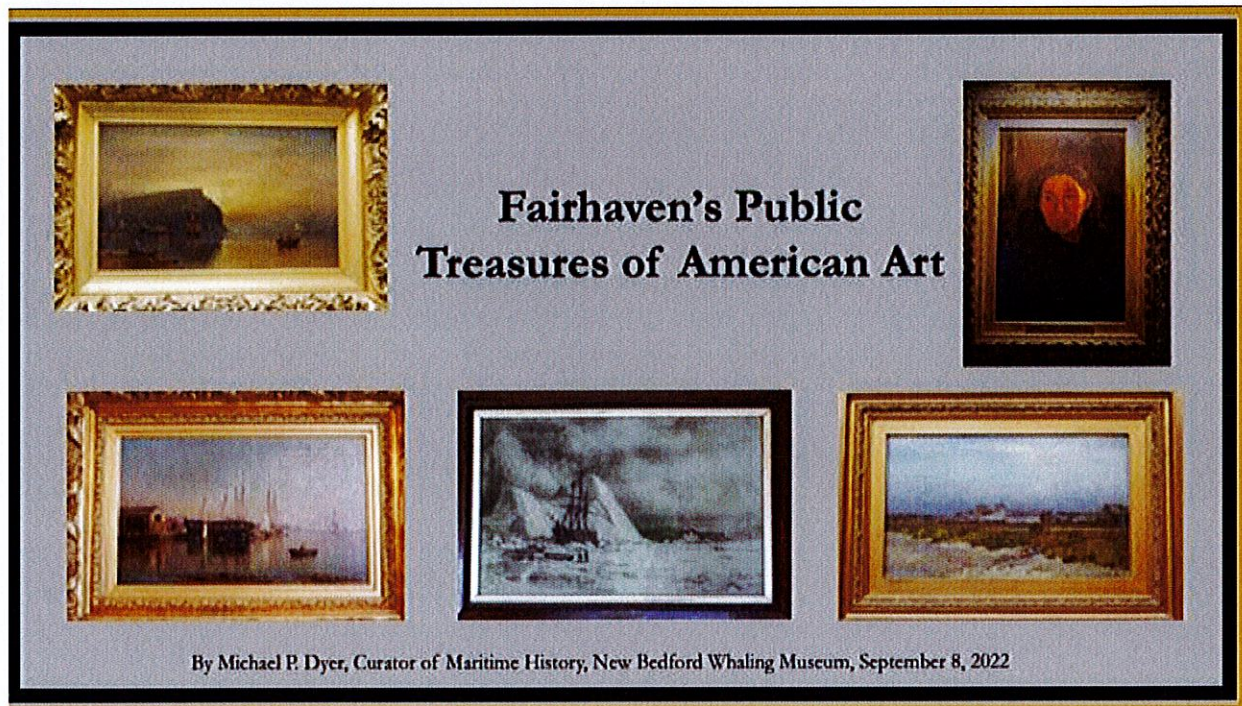
FairhavenTV Youtube:

<https://youtu.be/bnoY8M4nVY8>

FairhavenTV.com:

<https://www.fairhaventv.com/single-post/fairhaven-s-public-treasures-of-american-art>

Starting in November, we will begin airing it on Fairhaven Community Media - Channel 95. We will post this info on our Social Media outlets next week.





## **Committee Liaison Report – Bob Espindola – November 7th, 2022**

### **Broadband Study Committee.**

I attended a two-day conference offered by the Mass Broadband Institute that I found to be very helpful. It focused, primarily, on Digital Equity and state plans to develop a digital equity plan that will be sent to the Federal Government to, then, be eligible for access to the \$65B in funds available for Broadband infrastructure. The state (MBI) will need help from Regional Planning Authorities (like SRPEDD) and from municipalities in doing their work. I will explain more during our regular agenda.

The Broadband Study Committee met on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The committee reviewed the status of the CCC Grant to add Broadband at the Fairhaven Housing Authority, the Mass Broadband Conference that I attended and the concept of developing a Digital Equity plan in Fairhaven.

With regard to the FHA project, I met with a representative of the Architectural / Engineering firm that is working on the \$8.5M construction project at the Oxford Terrace properties to review the possibility of leveraging the open access that now exists in certain wings of the building during the project. They were able to provide us with drawings of the construction project and a project schedule so that we can see if we can fit the broadband project into the same time frame.

We also met to discuss existing infrastructure in the FHA properties that could, possibly, be utilized for some elements of the project buildout, to save cost on the project.

The FHA Director sent out the attached Survey to residents and had some positive feedback about interest level but also there were some questions about security if the end result is a WiFi solution. I spoke with experts at the MBI conference who said that there are multiple ways to address security through firewalls and they said education of the residents is a major factor. One Broadband Study Committee member, Sean Daly, has worked in network security and offered to assist in any messaging and training that would need to be done.

**Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD)** SRPEDD met on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Jean Fox, Project Manager for the South Coast Rail project provided an update at the midpoint of construction. See attached Fact sheet for details.

**Southeastern Mass. Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMMPO)**. The SMMPO will be meeting next on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Internet Access at Fairhaven Housing Authority



### LET'S CONNECT!

Fairhaven Housing Authority has been identified as a possible location where increased Internet access could help residents be in touch with family, access health resources, and register for other services available online.

The Authority and the Town of Fairhaven would like to hear from you on how having low or no cost internet access in the building would benefit you. In order to bring this project to possibly all of the properties within the Housing Authority portfolio your input is needed.

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**Please complete the following survey** (on the back of this flyer) to be entered into a drawing for a **\$50 Visa gift card**.



Surveys must be completed and returned to Kendra Rebello & Diane Rocha, RSC to the Main Office @ 275 Main St. Fairhaven to be entered.

A mailbox will be posted outside the office for easy drop off.

**Surveys are due by TUESDAY October 18<sup>th</sup>** The **winner will be announced** by a post on the Building Bulletin Boards & in the November newsletter **Tuesday, November 1st**.

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Thank you for being a part of this project!





## Fairhaven Housing Authority

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt #: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently have internet access in your apartment?

- Yes  No

If No, why not?

- I don't need it  
 It's too expensive  
 I don't know how to subscribe  
 I don't know how to use the internet  
 I don't have a device to use the internet on  
 I'm concerned about privacy  
 Language barrier  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

If Yes:

What device do you use?

- Phone  Computer  Tablet (Ipad)

Do you pay for the connection?  Yes  No

Is it expensive?  Yes  No

What do you use it for?

- Pay bills  
 Talk to friends/family  
 Shop  
 Doctor visits or other health information  
 Register/manage other resources (SNAP, Social Security, other benefits)  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

If Fairhaven Housing had free internet access, would you use it?

- Yes  No

What supports could be provided to help you get online?

Do you have issues or concerns about a public WIFI network being installed in Fairhaven Housing lobbies and hallways?

- Yes Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
 No

Should there be access in the apartments, or just the lobby ?

- Apartments  Lobby  Apartments & Lobby





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## South Coast Rail Passes Midpoint of Construction

This Summer, South Coast Rail Phase 1 passed the midpoint of construction of the MBTA's restored commuter rail system. Exciting signs of progress are visible all along the right-of-way at Taunton, Fall River and New Bedford. Stations and track work are approaching completion on the Fall River Secondary Line, as that contract was awarded first. The Middleborough Secondary/New Bedford Main Line contains more track miles, includes the signal system and was started a bit later. Yet the construction contractor has laid 56,000 linear feet of track, completed 12 of 18 grade crossings, and stations in Middleborough and New Bedford are recognizable.

### Fall River Secondary: Hitting a Milestone

In May 2020, the MBTA awarded a nearly \$159 million contract to Skanska DW White JV (Joint Venture) for the Fall River Secondary (FRS), the first major SCR construction package. The contract includes building new commuter rail stations in Freetown and Fall River, with accessible high-level side platforms. In addition, the contractor is completing work at Weaver's Cove Layover in Fall River. The layover is where trains are stored, cleaned and fueled when they are not in service. The first train each day will leave the layover early in the morning and the last train of the day will be tucked in there for the night.

Major construction on the FRS station structures in Fall River and Freetown will be completed this Fall along with paving and striping parking lots, installing parking lot lights, testing signals and fiber optics, and grading and seeding landscaped areas. Contractors will be distressing 10.7 miles of track and completing sidings and other special track work.

At Weaver's Cove, the crew and mechanical buildings have taken shape. Final work includes grading and landscaping and paving the employee parking lot.

Over this time period, the contractor will be working on a punchlist, completing items such as fencing, site cleanup and site utilities. This work will be completed in December or into early 2023. While the stations will look ready for service, they await installation of signal boxes along the ROW. The signal contractor will pull the signal cables from north to south. This work will continue for several months until the entire line is tied together. Once this has been completed, the contractor, partnered with MBTA and Keolis, will go through a rigorous testing and commissioning process of all the new equipment.



Fall River Station



## Middleborough Secondary/New Bedford Main Line

The Middleborough Secondary/New Bedford Main Line (MS/NBML) contract was awarded to SCR Contractors in August 2020. The \$403.5 million construction package includes building the New Bedford Main Line and the Middleborough Secondary, along with the signal and communications systems for the entire corridor.

There's also great progress on this contract. The Middleborough Station platform is under construction and next steps include paving the parking lot and setting the lights. A separate contractor is working on the station entrance and upgrades at Routes 105 and 28, including a pedestrian crossing signal that is part of traffic mitigation for SCR.

Two New Bedford stations are under construction. Church Street station is in North New Bedford. The station has been rough graded with on-going underground utility work. Work will continue as the contractor prepares for the arrival of the new station Fiber-Reinforced Polymer (FRP) platforms.

Because the New Bedford station is separated from the historic city center by Route 18, access will be provided by an ADA-compliant pedestrian bridge that is in final stages of design.

Wamsutta Layover will be the main overnight storage facility for trains on the New Bedford Line. Utilities and foundations for a new crew building and power structures are being installed along with utilities and drainage for the yard track area. Wamsutta will also serve as the layover for the MassCoastal freight railroad.

Signal Instrument Houses are beginning to be installed along the ROW. These are sheds of various sizes that contain the equipment that manages signals, operations, and track switches. Crews will be pulling cable, fiber wires and completing the tie-ins that will operate the system.

Off-site traffic mitigation has begun and will be visible in a number of SCR communities. These projects are improvements to roadways, crossings and station entrances for vehicles and pedestrians. The MBTA committed to the mitigation as part of the SCR program. These changes address safety and access. They include traffic lights and pedestrian crossing lights. The work is timed for completion by the startup of commuter rail service.

## Looking Ahead

It's been many years since the vision of a restored South Coast Rail began to take shape. With completion of the Fall River Line a few months away, and the New Bedford Line to follow, the project team will prepare for training crews and testing equipment and infrastructure next Summer. To stay up to date with the latest information, schedules and safety information, sign up on our project website for email updates. You can also watch project videos with construction updates, histories of the region and other topics. You'll be ready to ride the rails.



Setting ties on the right of way

## Fall River Secondary Facts and Figures

Project Element	Status
Stations: Fall River Depot & Freetown	In final stages
Culverts	Complete
9 Bridges	Complete
10 Grade Crossings	Complete (although not yet activated)
Walls: Sheeting, Soldier Piles and precast modular block wall	Complete or installed
New Track	10.70 miles installed
Sidings	Complete



## Controlling Dust on SCR Work Sites

A dry, hot Summer can have many impacts, from drought to wind-blown dirt and dust around construction sites. Construction typically kicks up a lot of dust on any project and managing it is a challenge all year for the MBTA's South Coast Rail team. Dust control measures are an essential part of a contractor's responsibilities. They help to protect public health and maintain a clean environment. Keeping work sites clean and managing dust make South Coast Rail a good neighbor across the region.

Dust control measures are conducted throughout each workday. The MBTA employs effective strategies used across the industry. Perhaps the most visible is spraying water on the sites and on routes that trucks take to dampen the dust and dirt to prevent it from blowing around or tracking on to neighbors' yards. Spraying water also works on exposed soils and stockpiles. Other strategies that MBTA's contractors use across the program include: using wet sweepers on paved surfaces to remove tracked dust; maintaining truck pads at site exits to prevent vehicles from carrying mud and debris onto roads; and applying calcium to the soil and gravel road surfaces so they retain moisture and limit dust generation potential. Calcium is an effective dust control agent.

The team performs dust monitoring throughout the workday at three to four locations around each site. The levels of dust are measured to check for effectiveness and used to direct additional measures, if needed.

Dust control is most important at locations where there is a lot of earthwork underway. Residents who note any issues are encouraged to let our team know by sending an email to [SouthCoastRail@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:SouthCoastRail@dot.state.ma.us).



Dust control Cotley Street right of way

## Safety First

It's great news that South Coast Rail is coming, traveling between Boston and Taunton, New Bedford, and Fall River very soon. With a new service, MBTA is making safety a top priority. We don't want you, your friends, your family, or your pets in harm's way.

For about 60 years, the only traffic along the right-of-way (ROW) consisted of slow-moving freight trains. Freight runs at up to 25 mph, which is much slower than 79 mph commuter trains. If you are near or live along the tracks, you can hear the freight trains before you see them most of the time. That is going to change very soon.

Commuter trains are quieter and faster than freight trains. They will also be operating on new welded rail and will operate much more quietly than the clackety clack you can hear now. In less than a year, commuter rail test trains will be operating along the tracks at high speeds.

Until testing begins, significant construction is underway. Here are safety practices to live by and share with friends and family:

- Stay off the tracks for your safety. Don't cross the tracks because it is a faster route to your friend's house; don't walk the dog along the tracks; don't drive any type of vehicle along the tracks; you will actually be trespassing
- It is never safe to be near or around railroad tracks
- If you see something, say something. Blue signs are posted at all grade crossings with a phone number to call if you see someone or something on the tracks. That number goes right to the dispatcher, who will make sure that any trains in the area and the proper authorities are notified.

South Coast Rail will be taking these messages to every community, reaching out to schools, organizations and neighborhoods. Watch for our safety videos, and please stay off the tracks.







Claw dropping some SCR granite pieces into local waters to build up the reef

## Cape Cod Artificial Reefs

Construction typically produces debris that is recycled or ends up in a landfill. South Coast Rail (SCR), the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the MA Department of Fish and Game's Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) developed an alternative future for construction materials from the MBTA's SCR project. Granite block and concrete are being added to artificial reefs to provide habitat for fish and promote marine life on sea floors in Yarmouth and Harwich.

The plan came to life when the DEP representative for the south coast, Chris Ross, approached SCR's Director of Community Engagement, Jean Fox. DEP had learned about the 46 granite culverts and several old bridges with granite abutments that were going to be replaced. MassDOT initiated these early action projects to get a head start on construction. Ross set up a meeting with DMF, where details of the potential program were developed.

The cross-agency plan reuses the materials in an environmentally friendly way. The solution avoids impacts associated with crushing the materials for another use, such as trucking, greater use of fossil fuels, noise and particulate pollution. The Baker-Polito Administration provided up to \$500,000 in funding to improve recreational fishing.

"With approval from MassDOT's Secretary," said Jean Fox, "we worked with the City of New Bedford and prepared a Memorandum of Understanding to establish a storage/staging area in the city from which the granite could be placed on barges and shipped to the two sites. The material for the reefs is being transported by barge from New Bedford Commerce Terminal."

The reefs attract fish and benefit marine research. They also have a positive economic benefit, attracting anglers and recreational divers to the area.

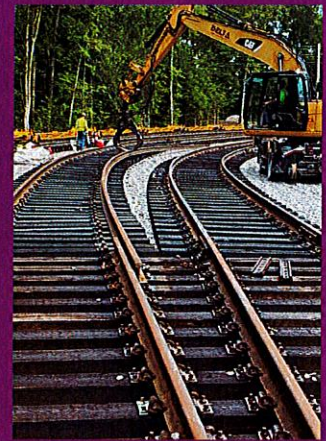
The Yarmouth artificial reef is the first of its kind in Massachusetts. It was created by the Town of Yarmouth's Department of Natural Resources in 1978 with help from DMF. The 127-acre site is located over two miles south of Bass River. It supports more than a dozen species of fish, including black sea bass, butterfish, cunner, knobbed whelk, lesser amberjack, lobster, squid, scup, tautog, and both summer and winter flounder.

The Harwich artificial reef is the newest in Massachusetts waters. It was created through a collaborative effort between the Town of Harwich and DMF in 2016. The 10-acre reef is located two miles south of the entrance to Saquatucket Harbor. The original deployment included 1,600 cubic yards of concrete rubble from the former Harwich High School and was funded by revenues from DMF's recreational saltwater fishing permit funds from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.



## What to Know about Construction:

- Typical hours of construction are Monday-Friday, 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM or until dark; crews may arrive at construction sites prior to this time
- The exception is for track outages: these are 24-hour day work periods usually over 4-5 days; communities will be notified in advance of these events
- Construction pest and rodent management are required and ongoing
- Dust control and management are required and monitored
- Safety is embedded in all of the work on South Coast Rail



## Construction Questions

To report a construction-related issue on the South Coast Rail project, call the hotline at 617-222-4099. It will be answered Monday-Friday, between 7:00 AM and 3:30 PM (except holidays). All voicemails left outside of these hours will be received on the following 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM weekday shift. We will respond to all complaints. A separate line is established for off-site improvements in SCR communities, such as for road improvements, crosswalks and sidewalk construction: 423-375-4086.

There are also contact points for inquiries related to the Noise Program. [scrnoise@mbta.com](mailto:scrnoise@mbta.com); 617-449-7387

The SCR team is available to talk with or meet with residents, businesses and elected officials during construction to discuss issues and update stakeholders. Write us at [SouthCoastRail@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:SouthCoastRail@dot.state.ma.us).




Middleborough Station

## Contact Us

For more information, contact us at:

 [SouthCoastRail@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:SouthCoastRail@dot.state.ma.us)

 617-222-4099

 To learn more about the project and sign up for email updates, visit the website at: [www.mass.gov/southcoastrail](http://www.mass.gov/southcoastrail)

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## Municipal Light Board

Link can be found on the Town website, Government Access video of our May 16th meeting where we Gayle Huntress, Director of the Shutesbury Broadband program attended and provided an overview of their experiences.

<https://livestream.com/fairhavenlive/events/8581548/videos/231174047>

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October 13, 2022

**BY ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION**

Stasia Powers, Chair  
Fairhaven Select Board  
Town Hall  
40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, MA 02719

RE: Composition of Municipal Light Board to Provide Broadband Services

Dear Ms. Powers:

I have been asked to assist the Select Board with the formation of a municipal light board to construct and operate broadband services in Fairhaven. Bob Espindola requested that I prepare an opinion to the Board outlining the options for the composition of a municipal light board. Below is a general summary of the available options, along with some points to consider in weighing the pros and cons of the various options.

**OPTION 1: SELECT BOARD TO SERVE AS MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD**

Pursuant to G.L. c. 41, §21, Town Meeting may vote to designate the Select Board to serve as a municipal light board. The purpose of this statute is to allow a Town to consolidate certain municipal duties in the Select Board. Hayden v. West Springfield, 22 Mass. App. Ct. 902, 903 (1986). The statutory procedure to assign such duties to the Select Board begins with a vote of Town Meeting at least 60 days prior to the Annual Town Meeting, followed by a vote by official ballot at the election held as part of the Annual Town Meeting.

**OPTION 2: BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS TO SERVE AS MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD**

Pursuant to G.L. c. 41, §69D, a board of public works in a municipality that has accepted the provisions of §§69C through 69F also serves as a municipal light board. Since Fairhaven's Board of Public Works was created by special act and not by adoption of these sections of the General Laws, this designation is not automatically applicable here. However, it offers an option that the Town may wish to pursue through special legislation. The Town could petition the General Court to adopt an amendment to the Board of Public Works Act, which would provide that the Board of Public Works shall also serve as the municipal light board.



### **OPTION 3: CREATION OF ELECTED MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD**

G.L. c. 164, §55 authorizes the Town to create a municipal light board with three or five members, elected for staggered terms. The only prerequisite to the election of a municipal light board is the vote of Town Meeting to establish a municipal light plant, which has already occurred in Fairhaven. Therefore, if the Town wishes to create a separate body to serve as the municipal light board, that may be accomplished by election of the members at the election held in connection with the Annual Town Meeting.

### **OPTION 4: CREATION OF APPOINTED MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD**

G.L. c. 164, §55 provides only for an elected municipal light board, and I am unaware of any provision of the General Laws that would authorize the Town to create an appointed municipal light board. Therefore, if the Town wishes to create an appointed municipal light board, it may do so by filing a petition with the General Court to obtain special legislation. Such petition must be authorized by Town Meeting and would specify the term of the members of the board, the appointing authority, and any other provisions the Town wishes to delineate such as removal, specific contracting and other powers, and/or hiring of staff.

### **PROS AND CONS**

#### **A. Options 1 & 2**

Options 1 and 2 allow the Town to consolidate the duties of a municipal light board with an existing board, either the Select Board or the Board of Public Works. Advantages to either of these approaches include:

1. An existing Board has strong knowledge of Town matters, familiarity with general board procedures, and connections with the public and other Town officials that may facilitate the activities of the municipal light board. The Select Board in particular, as the Chief Executive of the Town, serves a trusted role within the community and is already responsible for handling matters relating to procurement and property rights that would also be required of a municipal light board. The Board of Public Works as a matter of course oversees roadway, water, and sewer services, which involve similar procedures and requirements to those involved in the construction and operation of a municipal broadband network. Either board would bring special knowledge and expertise to the role of a municipal light board.
2. It can be challenging to identify individuals who are willing and able to dedicate the extensive time and effort required of a municipal board. Designating an existing board to serve the additional role of a municipal light board eliminates the need to identify a new group of individuals to serve in this role.

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Disadvantages of Options 1 and 2 include:

1. Both the Select Board and the Board of Public Works are already responsible for a large volume of important Town matters and may not have the capacity to take on this additional role.
2. In certain instances, conflicts may arise between an individual's duties in the role of Select Board member or Board of Public Works member, and the role of municipal light board member.
3. Designating the Select Board as the municipal light board requires a two-step process as outlined above, and designating the Board of Public Works as the municipal light board would require special legislation.

**B. Options 3 & 4**

Options 3 and 4 involve creation of a separate board to serve as the municipal light board, which could be either elected or appointed. Advantages of an elected board include:

1. The procedure for creation of such board, the composition of the board, and the duties of the board are prescribed by statute. The Town would simply elect three or five municipal light board members at the annual meeting, and the elected board would be subject to the well-established statutory provisions governing an elected municipal light board.
2. Elected municipal light board members would be directly responsible to the voters of the Town and could face loss of reelection if the voters are not satisfied with an incumbent member's performance.

Disadvantages of an appointed board include:

1. Elected municipal boards are prone to vacancies in the event of insufficient desire to run for election. In general, vacancies on appointed boards tend to be easier to fill.
2. Elected officials generally have more autonomy than appointed officials. An appointed board would answer to its appointing authority, which provides a layer of oversight that is not available with regard to elected officials.

Unless the Town obtains special legislation that provides otherwise, the municipal light board, however composed, must appoint a Manager of Municipal Lighting, with a salary to be fixed by the same board, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, §56.

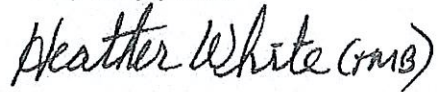


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I will attend the Select Board meeting on October 17, 2022 to discuss this matter further and answer any questions you may have. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heather White (MSB)". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Heather C. White

cc: Angeline Lopes Ellison, Town Administrator

*2022.10.13 Opinion re Municipal Light board CJP Edits (620-01)*

# Municipal Digital Equity Planning Program

## Program Overview

The ability to engage in digital equity planning activities will be a critical step for municipal leaders and staff to build a broad understanding of how internet access, or lack thereof, affects residents of their community. The goal of the Municipal Digital Equity Planning Program is to enable municipalities, or other local bodies of government, to engage in planning activities related to digital equity and bridging the digital divide. These planning activities will result in strategic documents designed to guide future municipal decision-making and investments related to procuring services and key community assets that will increase access and usage of the internet for the populations most impacted by the COVID 19 pandemic. Specifically, the Digital Equity Planning activities will accomplish two goals:

1. Guide municipal decision-making and investments related to services and infrastructure that will increase access, adoption and usage of the internet for the populations most impacted by the COVID 19 pandemic.
2. Prepare municipalities to submit grant proposals to existing or forthcoming state or federal programs to support digital equity activities.



Similar to planning activities in the economic development field, it may be beneficial to adopt a regional approach to digital equity planning to enable resource sharing, coordination and achieve economies of scale, and therefore, regional approaches will be allowed and encouraged under this program.

The Municipal Digital Equity Planning Program will offer two options to pursue digital equity planning activities with the support of a pre-qualified planning consultant, a short term planning charrette or a longer term Digital Equity Plan process. Both options are intended to yield similar outcomes, but will differ in process, duration of the planning activities and level of detail and nuanced information provided to the municipality that will be incorporated into deliverables at the end of the planning process. Municipalities will be able to take advantage of both planning options if they so choose, thus enabling a pathway for municipalities to advance their thinking related to digital equity planning over time.

## **Consultant Prequalification Process**

Interested organizations can apply to become prequalified consultants by following the instructions outlined in the Municipal Planning Consultant RFQ. Consultants will be pre-qualified on a rolling basis until such a time that MassTech deems it has sufficient capacity to fully execute the Municipal Digital Equity Planning Program.

View the RFQ for Consultants to provide Municipal Digital Equity Planning Services </request-qualifications-municipal-digital-equity-planning-services>

## **Municipal Application Process**

The municipal application process will open in Fall 2022. Municipalities will be able to apply for digital equity planning support individually, or jointly as “regions”. Municipalities applying for the Municipal Digital Equity Planning Program will be required to designate a staff member – either a municipal employee or elected official – who will be responsible for coordinating the municipality’s involvement and engagement in the planning activities. This designation will be a prerequisite for any municipality to be eligible to receive digital equity planning support.



# Contact Us

For questions or additional information about the Digital Equity Partnerships Program, please contact us at [broadband@masstech.org](mailto:broadband@masstech.org).

Contact <https://broadband.masstech.org/contact>

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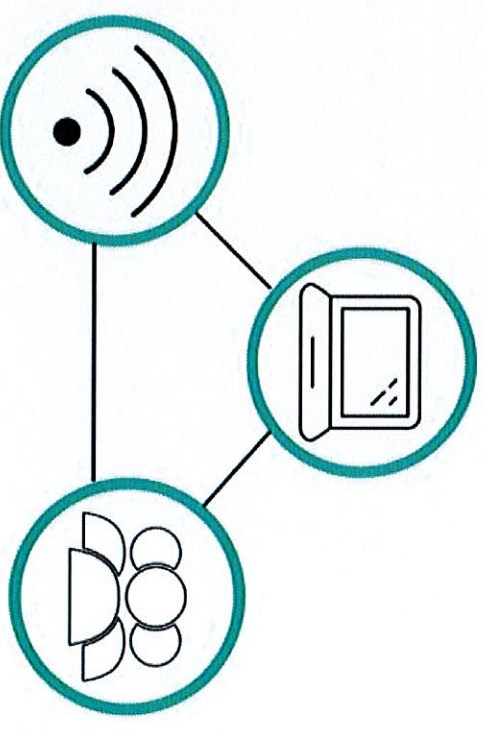
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# Digital Inclusion: The Work

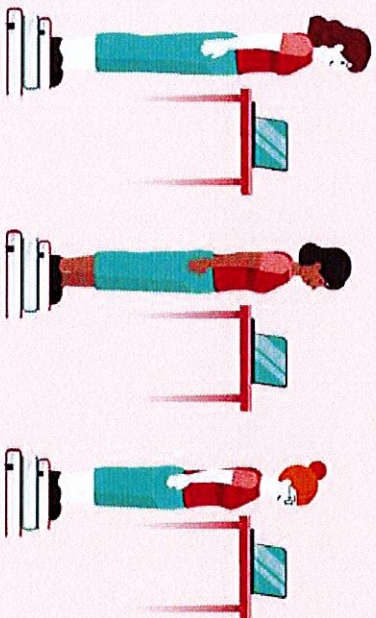
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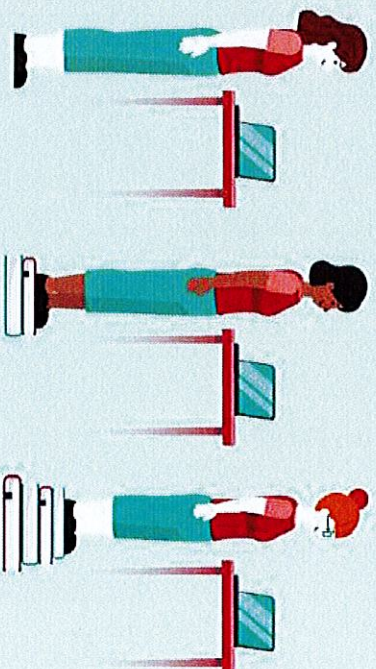


# Why 'Digital Equity'?

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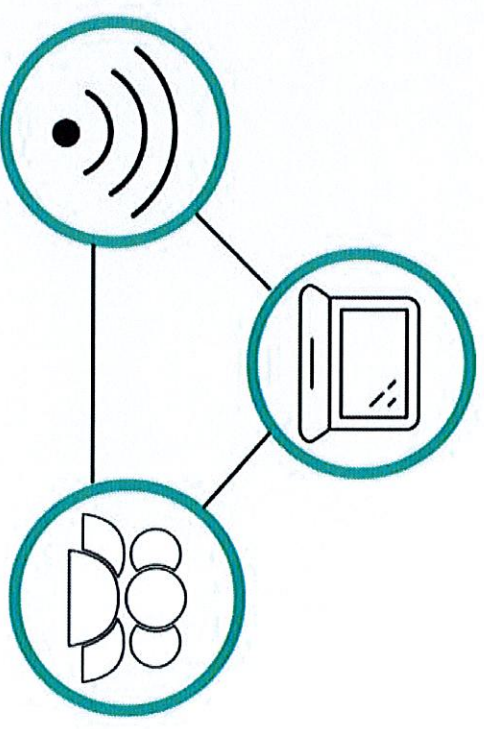
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# Digital Inclusion: The Work

The activities necessary to ensure that all individuals and communities, including the most disadvantaged, have access to and use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs).





# Digital Divide: The Issue

**The gap between those who have affordable access, skills and support to effectively engage online and those who do not.**

The digital divide disproportionately affects Native Americans, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, Black people and other people of color, households with low incomes, people with disabilities, people in rural areas and older adults.



# Key Barriers to Digital Inclusion



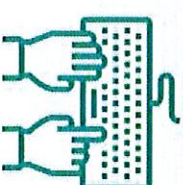
## BROADBAND

- ✗ Unaffordable
- ✗ Unreliable service
- ✗ Digital Redlining
- ✗ Complicated by land ownership rights on Tribal Lands



## DEVICES

- ✗ Unaffordable
- ✗ Outdated software
- ✗ No access to device
- ✗ Device is not matching the needs of the user



## DIGITAL SKILLS

- ✗ Limited digital skills
- ✗ Trainings are not accessible
- ✗ Fear & shame
- ✗ Privacy concerns



# The Solution

Affordable Broadband

Appropriate Devices

Digital Literacy Trainings



# Broadband Adoption

Broadband adoption is daily access to the internet:

- At speeds, quality, and capacity necessary to accomplish common tasks,
- With the digital skills necessary to participate online, and
- On a personal device and secure, convenient network.





# NDIA Resource: Affordable Connectivity Program Page

**ACP Resource Page** includes:

- Resources from the FCC
- Community FAQ
- ACP Updates from NDIA

## AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM (ACP)

  
**\$30**  
off per month

  
**\$75**  
off per month on  
Tribal Lands

  
**\$100**  
off a device



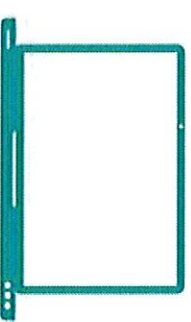
# Appropriate Devices



- ✓ Most portable device
- ✓ Multiple connection options
- ✓ Long battery
- ✗ Does not replace a laptop



- ✓ Great for accessibility
- ✓ Long battery
- ✗ Cannot make calls without a cellular data plan



- ✓ Mandatory for many jobs and applications
- ✓ Large storage
- ✗ Shorter battery life
- ✗ Least affordable option

# **SELECT BOARD'S MEETING**

**MONDAY, November 7, 2022**

**Approval of Seasonal Population Increase**

**For the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission**

**Estimated at 10% of Fairhaven's 15,822 Year Round Residents.**



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL  
COMMISSION

95 Fourth Street, Suite 3, Chelsea, MA 02150

**2023 Seasonal Population Increase Estimation Form**

City / Town:

Fairhaven, MA

Date:

November 7, 2022

Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission  
c/o Licensing Department  
95 Fourth Street, Suite 3  
Chelsea, MA 02150

To Whom It May Concern:

Acting under authority contained in M.G.L. Ch. 138, s17, as amended, our Board at a meeting held on

November 7, 2022

Date of Meeting

, estimated that the temporary increased resident population

of Fairhaven, MA, as of July 10, 2023 will be

City / Town Name

1582

Estimated Population

This estimate was made and voted upon by us at a meeting called for the purpose, after due notice to each of the members of the time, place and purpose of said meeting, and after investigation and ascertainment by us of all the facts and after cooperative discussion and deliberation. The estimate is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

The above statements are made under the pains and penalties of perjury.

Very truly yours,  
Local Licensing Authorities


# **SELECT BOARD'S MEETING**

**MONDAY, November 7, 2022**

**Town Hall Auditorium rental**

**Application submitted by:**

**Supreme Perfectionists, Inc.  
148 Huttleston Avenue  
Fairhaven, MA 02719**

**Date and Times to be held:**

**December 18, 2022 (12:00PM to 5:00PM)**





# TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN

40 CENTER STREET  
FAIRHAVEN, MA 02719

## APPLICANT FOR THE USE OF TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM

Name of Organization Supreme Perfectionists, Inc.

Responsible Officer Lori Truehart Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address 148 Huttleston Ave, Fairhaven, MA

Purpose of Use Community Christmas & Nutcracker Show

Date Requested Sun 12/18/22 Begin Time 12:00pm End Time 5:00pm

### REQUESTED USE APPROVED TO AVAILABILITY:

Conditions:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Select Board

\_\_\_\_\_  
Police Chief/Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Fire Department Inspection  
(if applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Board of Health  
(if applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Building Department Inspection  
(if applicable)

### FEES (To be completed by the Office of the Select Board)

Rental Fee x \_\_\_\_\_ hrs. at \$ \_\_\_\_\_ hr. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Plus refundable security deposit in the amount of the rental fee = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Custodian x \_\_\_\_\_ hrs. at \$ \_\_\_\_\_ hr = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Police x \_\_\_\_\_ hrs. at \$ \_\_\_\_\_ hr = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL FEES** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Office Use only

I have received \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in fees and security deposit for the use of the Town Hall Auditorium on behalf of  
Town of Fairhaven from \_\_\_\_\_ Organization

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Select Board

(Security Deposit will be returned after inspection of the premises by the Select Board or its deignee, less any charge for clean up or repair.)



## Town of Fairhaven Select Board Proclamation

**WHEREAS:** *Stephen Cornish has overcome so many challenges over the past year; and*

**WHEREAS:** *Stephen Cornish has been a strong voice for advocacy and has shared his technology skills with his peer group; and*

**WHEREAS:** *Stephen Cornish has worked diligently to improve his health and well-being; and*

**WHEREAS:** *Stephen Cornish has been successful in the world of employment and is currently employed at Atlantic Boat Company in Wareham; and*

**WHEREAS:** *Stephen Cornish has been living in a supportive setting with peers and has accomplished so many personal goals and wants to continue to grow in new ways; and*

**WHEREAS:** *Stephen Cornish is the recipient of the Katie Brienzo Achievement Award, an award given in Katie's memory due to her example of the strengths and abilities and desire to enhance her daily life;*

**NOW, THEREFORE,** *we, Stasia Powers, Leon E. Correy III, Robert J. Espindola, Keith Silvia, and Charles K. Murphy, Sr., the Select Board of the Town of Fairhaven, recognize Stephen Cornish, and thank him for all of his hard work and dedication to his family and friends. We, the Fairhaven Select Board, congratulate Stephen Cornish for such a remarkable achievement.*

*Given under our hands and seal on this day, the 21st of October in the year two thousand and twenty-two.*

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*Stasia Powers*

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*Leon E. Correy III*

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*Robert J. Espindola*

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*Keith Silvia*

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*Charles K. Murphy, Sr.*