



Town of Fairhaven

Department of Planning and Economic Development

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Date: August 31, 2022
To: 40R Working Group
From: Paul H. Foley, Planning and Economic Development Director
RE: Fairhaven 40R Working Group Schedule

Thank you for volunteering to participate in the Fairhaven 40R Working Group. The Town of Fairhaven is embarking on a collaborative effort to prepare a 40R Overlay District Bylaw and Design Standards for the 2023 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. A 40R Overlay District Bylaw and Design Standards could allow higher-density mixed-use development with residential above commercial in specific locations if proposals meet certain conditions and design standards.

The 40R Working Group will be a collaborative process guided by a professional team of planning and design consultants to create a shared vision for the future of the study area that clearly articulates – in plans, words and pictures – what it is that the town is trying to achieve. This Consensus Building Process is designed to make sure that those who are most affected by the plan are involved in making it and will include a **Shared Fact-Finding Process**, a discussion of **Shared Community Values and Vision**, an **exploration of alternatives**, and **deliberation and decision making** where the Working Group will refine concepts and styles and assess how to balance the goals of the community.

The **40R Working Group will meet in the Town Hall Auditorium** at 40 Center Street on the following dates:

1. Wednesday **September 21**, 2022 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm
2. Wednesday **October 5**, 2022 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm
3. Wednesday **November 16**, 2022 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm
4. Wednesday **December 14**, 2022 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Additionally, a public workshop open to the public is tentatively scheduled to meet at the following times:

5. Public Workshop November 4-5, 2022

- a. Friday November 4: Driving Tour (3:00 pm) and Listening Session at the Town Hall Auditorium from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm
- b. Saturday November 5: Stations at the Town Hall Auditorium on Different Topics from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

If you have any questions or need further information please contact the Planning and Economic Development Department at (508) 979-4023, Ext. 122 or email pfoley@fairhaven-ma.gov.