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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Fairhaven 2-17-1934 by Art. 37 as Ch. II of the 1934 Bylaws. Amendments noted where applicable.]

§ 50-1. Posting of warrant. [Amended 9-14-1972 STM by Art. 3; 5-6-1980 ATM by Art. 22]

The warrant for any Town Meeting shall be served by posting a printed copy thereof at or near the front entrance of the Town Hall and at or near the public entrances of all the polling places in the Town at least seven days before the date of said meeting.

§ 50-2. Presentation of articles to Selectmen.

All articles, other than those specified by law for insertion in the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting, must be presented in writing to the Selectmen eight weeks before the holding of said meeting and should have the signatures of not less than 10 voters of the Town. For Special Town Meetings all articles must be presented to the Selectmen in writing as above specified at least 30 days before the date of said meeting.

§ 50-3. Meeting to elect Town officials. [Amended 3-11-1950 ATM by Art. 73; 3-17-1951 ATM by Art. 66; 4-11-1974 STM by Art. 1; 5-12-1976 ATM by Art. 14; 1-22-1977 STM by Art. 3]

The Annual Town Meeting shall be held on the first Monday in April at which time the election of all Town officials and Town Meeting members shall take place, and thereafter said meeting will be adjourned to another day for the consideration of all other articles in the warrant.

§ 50-4. Rules of order.

The procedure and conduct of the business meetings of the Town not herein provided for shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Parliamentary Practice so far as they are applicable and are not inconsistent with the bylaws of the Town.

§ 50-5. Matters of appropriation.

On any appropriation of money, a vote by ballot as hereinafter specified shall be taken, provided that it is so moved previously to taking the vote and is supported by at least 25 Town Meeting members.

§ 50-6. Passing of motions. [Added 3-10-1945 ATM by Art. 38]

A vote of the members present shall be required for the passage of a motion to amend, reconsider or rescind any previous vote of any Annual Town Meeting, adjournment thereof or of a Special Town Meeting.

§ 50-7. Count of votes. [Added 5-6-1998 ATM by Art. 8]

If a 2/3 vote of Town Meeting is required by statute, the Moderator may decide the vote upon a show of hands, but shall not take a count or record the vote, except that if that or any other vote declared by the Moderator is immediately questioned by seven or more voters, the Moderator shall verify the vote by dividing the Town Meeting and the vote shall be counted by tellers.

§ 50-8. Enterprise account, reserve fund. [Added 5-3-2008 ATM by Art. 21]

Any Annual or Special Town Meeting may appropriate funds from an enterprise account into a reserve fund, from which reserve fund, transfers may be made for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures related to the purpose of that enterprise. No such transfer of funds may be made from such a reserve fund except with the prior approval of the Finance Committee.