



# Fairhaven Board of Selectmen

## January 24, 2013 Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Selectman Chairman Brian Bowcock, Vice Chairman Charles Murphy, Clerk Robert Espindola, Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch, Administrative Assistant Anne Kakley and Department of Revenue representatives Joe Markarian and Zack Blake. Also present: Beth David, Arielle Wittenberg, Wayne Hayward, Vinnie Furtado, John Roderiques and Lisa Rose.

Chairman Brian Bowcock called the meeting to order in the Town Hall East Room at 2:37 p.m.

### DOR MEETING

The Board introduced representatives from the DOR, Mr. Markarian and Mr. Blake, to those present. The meeting was scheduled as an opportunity for those with questions regarding the DOR report to ask the preparers of the document for more information regarding the recommendations.

Mr. Blake said that the DOR was invited by the Board of Selectmen to complete a Financial Review, and that the review began at the end of the summer in 2012. Over the course of three visits, the DOR representatives interviewed staff to collect the information for the DOR report.

Mr. Blake said that the Town has a strong bond rating, an historically strong stabilization fund, and reasonable debt burden. Local receipts are being collected and needs are being met. He said that the Town could improve upon its “relatively flat organization” and that the DOR’s primary recommendation was to create a strong Town Manager/Administrator position.

Other recommendations, including combining the Treasurer/Collector positions, eliminating the Board of Public Works and the Personnel Board, and membership of the Finance Committee, were discussed.

“A lot of this comes down to decision-making,” said Mr. Blake.

The meeting was opened up to a question and answer session.

At 4:00 p.m., Dr. Bowcock thanked Mr. Markarian and Mr. Blake for coming to the meeting and the meeting disbanded.

Respectfully,

Anne Kakley

Selectmen’s Secretary  
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