



Fairhaven Board of Selectmen

November 18, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairman Charles Murphy, Vice Chairman Robert Espindola, Clerk Geoffrey Haworth, Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch, and Administrative Assistant Anne Kakley.

Chairman Charles Murphy called the meeting to order in the Town Hall Banquet Room at 6:33 p.m. The meeting was telecast and video recorded by Government Access and recorded by Anne Kakley.

MINUTES

- Mr. Espindola motioned to approve the minutes of the **November 4, 2013** meeting, **open** session with one amendment. Mr. Haworth seconded. Vote to approve with amendment was unanimous. (3-0).
- Mr. Espindola motioned to approve the minutes of the **November 4, 2013** meeting, **executive** session. Mr. Haworth seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

In his report, Mr. Osuch updated the Selectmen on the following meetings:

- Tuesday, **November 19** –
 - 2:00 p.m. – Economic Summit meeting
- Wednesday, **November 20** –
 - 8:30 a.m. – Retirement Board meeting
 - 12:00 p.m. – Manager's meeting in Acushnet
- Thursday, **November 21** –
 - 9:00 a.m. – BBAC - Wareham
 - 2:30 p.m. – EMA/FEMA meeting
- Friday, **November 22** –
 - 12:15 p.m. – Verizon at Bridge Street/Cushman Park
- Tuesday, **November 26** –
 - 7:00 a.m. – New Wood School Committee meeting at Wood School
- Thursday and Friday, **November 28 and 29** –
 - Town Hall closed for Thanksgiving
- Monday, **December 2** –

- 9:15 a.m. to noon – Traveler’s insurance to meet with department heads

Mr. Osuch indicated that the Town had not yet received word from the Department of Revenue on the Town valuation. He said that the earliest the Town could expect to hold a Tax Classification hearing would be December 2, 2013.

CHANGE ORDER #13

Mr. Osuch said that the Wood School project was down to the very last punch list items. He said that there was Change Order #13 to approve in the amount of \$3,582.81. Mr. Espindola motioned to approve Change Order #13 in that amount. Mr. Haworth seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

REQUISITION #17

The Board voted to approve Requisition # 17 for the Wood School in the amount of \$161,227. Mr. Espindola motioned to approve. Mr. Haworth seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

NEW PROPERTY VALUES

Mr. Osuch said that the preliminary FY14 assessed property values were available from the Assessors office for review. He said that if the Town wants to have bills out in time, the Selectmen would need to have a tax classification hearing with the Board of Assessors in between the Board’s scheduled meetings. The Board opted to schedule a combined meeting with the Assessors for December 9 at noon.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER INTERVIEWS

Sgt. Michael Botelho of the Police department, Jeffrey Osuch and Geoff Haworth will conduct interviews with candidates for the position of Animal Control Officer. Sgt. Botelho and Mr. Osuch have selected their top candidates for interview. Mr. Haworth said that he would have his top candidates selected by Wednesday, November 20.

BOH REQUEST FOR USE OF TOWN COUNSEL

The Board acknowledged a last minute request from the Board of Health for use of Town Counsel related to the release of the mitigation plan from Fairhaven Wind LLC. Mr. Espindola said that he would like to ask Town Counsel to inform the Selectmen whenever he is going to court. Mr. Osuch said that Atty. Crotty would be coming into the next meeting on December 2, and the Board could discuss that request then.

TOWN OF DARTMOUTH 350th PARADE

The Board reviewed a request from the Town of Dartmouth to participate in their 350th celebration parade on September 7, 2014. The Board said that it would participate in some way and Mr. Murphy asked Ms. Kakley to RSVP in that regard to the Town of Dartmouth.

HOLLYWOOD SCOOP – COMMON VICTUALER

The Board reviewed an application for the Hollywood Scoop for a Common Victualer license. The business is in the location that was formerly Vivvy's. All requirements for the application were met, so Mr. Espindola motioned to approve the Common Victualer license. Mr. Haworth seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

USE OF AUDITORIUM/BEER & WINE LICENSE – MACLEOD/BAILEY WEDDING

The Board reviewed an application for use of the Town Hall auditorium on October 18, 2014, which also came with a request for a one-day beer and wine license on that same date for the event. In the application, the Board of Health commented that it does not regulate private functions. The Building and Police department approved the application.

Michael Macleod and Meredith Bailey were both present for their application.

Mr. Murphy commented that this was a good use of the Town Hall. Mr. Osuch said that anyone serving alcohol would have to be licensed and insured and would have to offer proof of insurance.

Mr. Espindola motioned to approve the application for use of the Town Hall auditorium on October 18, 2014, and to approve the one-day beer and wine license on that same date. Mr. Haworth seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

MEDICAL MARIJUANA BYLAW AMENDMENT

The Board acknowledged the receipt of a draft bylaw amendment from the Planning Board regarding medical marijuana. The public hearing will be scheduled for December 10, 2013. Town Planner Bill Roth was in attendance. He said that if there is a Special Town Meeting in January or February, the Planning Board will have a regulation bylaw article and a moratorium article available, depending on what the Town Meeting is willing to approve.

Mr. Murphy said that he liked the medical marijuana bylaw as proposed. Mr. Haworth said that he had comments, but that he would forward those comments onto the Planning Board himself. The Board made note of one typographical error.

Mr. Espindola motioned to return the bylaw proposal to the Planning Board. Mr. Haworth seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

57 WALNUT STREET – HANDICAP PARKING

The Board reviewed a request from the owner of 57 Walnut Street for a handicap parking space in front of his home for his elderly father-in-law. The Police Chief has reviewed the request, said Mr. Murphy, and he does not approve the request; however, Chief Myers said that he does not support any handicap parking anywhere in Fairhaven because of issues with ownership and the potential for disputes over the parking space, because it would end up being available to anyone who is handicap, not just the applicant.

The Board favored approving the handicap parking application. Mr. Espindola motioned to approve a handicap parking space in front of 57 Walnut. Mr. Haworth seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A discussion item requested by Mr. Espindola – the topic of the Cable Advisory Committee – was tabled to a later meeting, per Mr. Espindola’s request.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – REQUEST FOR LEGAL SERVICES

The Board reviewed a request from the Fire Chief for use of Town Counsel in regards to a legal opinion on the Fire Union contract. Mr. Espindola motioned to approve the request to use Town Counsel. Mr. Haworth seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

BOH – REQUEST FOR LEGAL SERVICES

The Board again acknowledged a request from the Board of Health for use of Town Counsel in regards to releasing the wind turbine mitigation plan, as presented by Fairhaven Wind LLC, for public review.

Mr. Espindola motioned to approve the request. Mr. Haworth did not second the motion, saying that he was not sure if the request would still be necessary, as the Board of Health was meeting at the same time as the Selectmen and may have already released the plan based on comments allegedly made by Atty. Crotty to the *Standard-Times*.

Mr. Espindola amended the motion. Mr. Espindola motioned to approve the use of Town Counsel by the Board of Health if it was still needed. The motion was not seconded and it failed. Mr. Murphy said that if the Board of Health still needed to use Town Counsel, it could approach the Chairman about an approval in between meetings.

PUBLIC HEARING – LIQUOR LICENSE – TURAN IRGE

At 7:00 p.m., the Chairman opened a hearing for a Restaurant All-Alcohol license for Turan Irge, 214 Huttleston Ave. Mr. Murphy read the legal advertisement for the hearing. Atty. Ryan Sawyer was present on behalf of applicant Turan Irge.

Atty. Sawyer said that the bill had passed Town Meeting and was approved at the State level and signed by the governor. Approval from the Board of Selectmen will be the final approval for the

license, but that they would return on December 2 to ask the Board to consider an application for a transfer of the license.

Mr. Murphy noted that all approvals and notifications were in place for the applicant. The meeting was opened up for public comment and there was none.

Both Mr. Espindola and Mr. Haworth gave support to the application. Mr. Osuch said that the application was site-specific and Atty. Sawyer said that he understood. Mr. Osuch added that the Town would need to have on file the TIPS certification for everyone who would be serving alcohol at that location.

Mr. Espindola motioned to approve the Restaurant, All-Alcohol license for Turan Irge at 214 Huttleston Ave. Mr. Haworth seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

FEMA CRS FLOOD INSURANCE DISCOUNT

The Board read a letter from Susan Sullivan asking to come before the Selectmen to discuss a potential flood insurance savings for Fairhaven residents, via the FEMA CRS program. See Attachment A. The Board was receptive to meeting with Ms. Sullivan in January. Ms. Kakley will set up an appointment with Ms. Sullivan. Mr. Murphy asked Ms. Kakley to make sure that Building Commissioner Wayne Fostin is included in the meeting as well.

THANKSGIVING ECUMENICAL SERVICE

The Board reviewed an invitation from Bette McClure, Rev. Wheeler, and Rev. Ann Fox for a Thanksgiving Ecumenical service on Sunday, November 24. The invitation did not include a time. The Board expressed interest in attending the service, but asked Ms. Kakley to find out the time of the service and get back to the Board with that information.

CHANGE OF MANAGER – PUB 99

The Board reviewed an application from Pub 99 for a change of manager, with Linda Bellevue replacing Victor Ferreira as the manager of record. The Board did not oppose the change. Mr. Murphy opened the hearing to public comment. Erich Druskat of Mattapoisett asked why restaurants had to get their change of manager approved by the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Murphy and Mr. Haworth answered that the State requires the approval for any location that serves alcohol.

Ms. Bellevue is TIPS certified. Mr. Osuch said that he wanted to make sure that she maintained all TIPS certifications for her restaurant on file with the Selectmen's Office.

Mr. Espindola motioned to approve the application for Change of Manager for Pub 99 to Linda Bellevue. Mr. Haworth seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

CDBG 2014 – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

The Chairman opened a public hearing at 7:15 p.m. for the 2014 CDBG Community Development Strategy.

Mr. Roth presented the 2014 CDBG Community Development plan to the Board. See Attachment B. Mr. Roth identified the major changes on page 2 and 3. The biggest change, he said, was the infrastructure information on page 4. They added more information, including Francis, Hedge and Green Streets in the plan. The document is good for three years and they may make periodic changes as needed. Some of the economic data has also been changed relative to the area's information.

The meeting was opened up to public comment. There was none.

The Board thanked Mr. Roth for his preparation and effort. Mr. Espindola motioned to approve the 2014 Community Development Strategy as presented. Mr. Haworth seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

Mr. Espindola motioned to approve the FY14 application for the CDBG with the Anthony School area as the target area and with infrastructure improvements to Francis Street. Mr. Haworth seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

Mr. Roth said that the BPW has approved an engineering firm to design for Francis Street and that it would hopefully resolve some issues with flooding in the Francis Street area.

POLAR PLUNGE

At 7:20 p.m., the Board met with Kathy Lopes, Ted Silva and Carol Ann Days-Merrill regarding an upcoming annual Polar Plunge, to take place at Fort Phoenix on New Year's Day, to benefit the Dollars for Scholars, for Fairhaven High School students. Pre-registration will take place on December 28. Ms. Lopes and Mr. Silva said that pre-registration is not required, and that people who do not want to participate in the Polar Plunge may also purchase t-shirts to benefit the cause.

Mr. Espindola motioned to approve the Polar Plunge for January 1. Mr. Haworth seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

LEGAL ADS

The Board met with Beth David at 7:25 p.m. to discuss legal ads. Ms. David requested the interview to discuss her rates and to ask the Board to join other departments in the Town Hall in using her paper (the *Neighborhood News*) for legal ads for the Selectmen's Office, particularly for licensing. To date, the Selectmen's Office has mostly used the *Advocate* for legal ads.

Ms. David said that she is the least expensive option available to the office. She said that her distribution is about 4,700, but that her distribution was not a certified circulation like the *Standard-Times* or the *Advocate*. To try to get the Selectmen's Office's business, she put together a proposal, including ways that she could shrink/condense copy to fit the paper at a lower cost per square inch.

Discussion ensued over the decision-making and the various legal ad options available to the Selectmen's Office. Ms. David said that her request to be the paper of choice for legal ads was not necessarily for the sake of money, but because she wanted to make her paper the most informative choice for her readers. She said that she already has all the legal ads for the Conservation, Planning, Health, and ZBA offices.

Mr. Haworth said that, in the interest of fairness, the Board should allow a representative from the *Standard-Times/Advocate* to attend the next meeting to discuss their services as well, before any decisions were made.

SHELLFISH DEPUTY APPOINTMENTS

At 7:35 p.m., the Board met with Shellfish deputy applicants Cliff Patenaude, Steve Riley and Erich Druskat, and Shellfish Warden Tim Cox.

Mr. Murphy said that the process of meeting deputy candidates was new, because the Board had previously expressed the interest of meeting all paid appointees.

Mr. Cox said he was asking the Board to appoint all three applicants to replace two deputies from last season who will not be returning. He said that there was a possible third deputy also not coming back next year, and that Mr. Druskat would come on to finish a computer project. Mr. Druskat had been originally brought into the department as a part of a grant that was discontinued. Additionally, Mr. Cox selected Mr. Patenaude and Mr. Riley because they were frequently out shellfishing and would be apt choices for patrolling.

Mr. Haworth said that he favored holding off on appointing Mr. Riley, because Mr. Riley is an elected member of the Board of Public Works, and Mr. Haworth said that he thought the Town's bylaws prevented an elected member of the BPW from taking a paid position in Town. Mr. Riley said that he would contact the Ethics Commission for a ruling on the matter.

Mr. Espindola motioned to appoint Mr. Druskat and Mr. Patenaude to be Shellfish deputies. Mr. Haworth seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

SELECTMEN ESPINDOLA – OFFICE HOURS CHANGE

Mr. Espindola said that there would be a change in his office hours. He said that his office hours would now be 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Town Hall, with the first hour being dedicated to showcasing the knowledge and talent of Fairhaven residents. He said that Ann Espindola would teach how to make a no-sew fleece blanket in the first workshop, and upcoming workshops would include a meeting with Gary Lavollette, on making improvements to the Town, and Al Jones on learning the game of Bridge. This effort, said Mr. Espindola, was an attempt to bring together people in Fairhaven who have been otherwise polarized in recent years. Mr. Espindola said that he would bring coffee to the workshops and asked attendees to bring canned food for the local food shelter.

TAX TITLE

Mr. Espindola said that he wanted to revisit the idea of auctioning off 124 Alden Road (formerly Staffon Greenhouse) as a part of a planned tax title auction. He said that there have been “recent developments” that should make the Selectmen consider holding off on an auction, with one reason being the possibility of using that land in the future for a Police/Fire combined station or for an expansion of a zoned medical marijuana business in the future. Mr. Espindola said that he was not advocating for waiting a long time, but long enough to research possibilities.

Mr. Murphy said that he wanted to speak with Paul Zekos of the auctioneer firm before making any decisions. Mr. Haworth said that he was undecided, but that he would like to listen to Mr. Zekos first and then make a decision at the next meeting regarding whether or not the Board will go forward with auctioning off 124 Alden Road.

OTHER BUSINESS

In Other Business:

- The Board congratulated the High School volleyball for a successful season
- Mr. Murphy reminded the public that the Turkey Trot was coming up on Thanksgiving day
- The Board wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving

At 7:58 p.m., Mr. Espindola motioned to enter Executive Session, pursuant to MGL 30A § 21:

- To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining – Fire, Police, Dispatchers Union negotiations
- To discuss trade secrets and confidential information – Tax title
- To discuss a police officer injury
- To discuss strategy with respect to contract negotiations – Fairhaven Wind

Mr. Haworth seconded the motion to enter Executive Session for the aforementioned reasons, not to reconvene into open session afterward. Vote was unanimous. (3-0). Roll call vote: Mr. Espindola in favor. Mr. Murphy in favor. Mr. Haworth in favor.

Respectfully,

Anne Kakley

Administrative Assistant
Board of Selectmen
(Minutes approved 12/02/2013)

National Flood Insurance Program
Community Rating System

A Local Official's Guide to
Saving Lives
Preventing Property Damage
Reducing the Cost of Flood Insurance

FEMA 573



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How the Community Rating System Works

Every year, flooding causes hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of damage to homes and businesses around the country. Standard homeowners and commercial property policies do not cover flood losses. So, to meet the need for this vital coverage, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) administers the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

The NFIP offers reasonably priced flood insurance in communities that comply with minimum standards for floodplain management.

The NFIP's Community Rating System (CRS) recognizes community efforts beyond those minimum standards by reducing flood insurance premiums for the community's property owners. The CRS is similar to — but separate from — the private insurance industry's programs that grade communities on the effectiveness of their fire suppression and building code enforcement.

CRS discounts on flood insurance premiums range from 5% up to 45%. Those discounts provide an incentive for new flood protection

activities that can help save lives and property in the event of a flood.

To participate in the CRS, your community can choose to undertake some or all of the 18 public information and floodplain management activities described in the *CRS Coordinator's Manual*.

You're probably already doing many of these activities. To get credit, community officials will need to prepare an application documenting the efforts.

The CRS assigns credit points for each activity. Table 2 lists the activities and the possible number of credit points for each one. The table also shows the average number of credit points communities earn for each activity. These averages may give a better indication than the maximums of what your community can expect.

To be eligible for a CRS discount, your community must do Activity 310, Elevation Certificates. If you're a designated repetitive loss community, you must also do Activity 510,

Floodplain Management Planning. All other activities are optional.

Based on the total number of points your community earns, the CRS assigns you to one of ten classes. Your discount on flood insurance premiums is based on your class.

For example, if your community earns 4,500 points or more, it qualifies for Class 1, and property owners

in the floodplain get a 45% discount. If your community earns as little as 500 points, it's in Class 9, and property owners in the floodplain get a 5% discount. If a community does not apply or fails to receive at least 500 points, it's in Class 10, and property owners get no discount.

Table 1, below, shows the number of points required for each class and the corresponding discount.

Table 1:

How much discount property owners in your community can get

Rate Class	Discount		Credit Points Required
	SFHA*	Non-SFHA**	
1	45%	10%	4,500 +
2	40%	10%	4,000 - 4,499
3	35%	10%	3,500 - 3,999
4	30%	10%	3,000 - 3,499
5	25%	10%	2,500 - 2,999
6	20%	10%	2,000 - 2,499
7	15%	5%	1,500 - 1,999
8	10%	5%	1,000 - 1,499
9	5%	5%	500 - 999
10	0%	0%	0 - 499

* Special Flood Hazard Area

** Preferred Risk Policies are available only in B,C, and X Zones for properties that are shown to have a minimal risk of flood damage. The Preferred Risk Policy does not receive premium rate credits under the CRS because it already has a lower premium than other policies. Although they are in SFHAs, Zones AR and A99 are limited to a 5% discount. Premium reductions are subject to change.

Table 2:

What You Can Do to Get Credit

The CRS grants credit for 18 different activities that fall into four series:

Series 300	Public Information	Maximum Points*	Average Points*
	This series credits programs that advise people about the flood hazard, flood insurance, and ways to reduce flood damage. The activities also provide data that insurance agents need for accurate flood insurance rating.		
310	Elevation Certificates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain FEMA elevation certificates for new construction in the floodplain. (At a minimum, a community must maintain certificates for buildings built after the date of its CRS application.) 	162	69
320	Map Information Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) information to people who inquire, and publicize this service. 	140	138
330	Outreach Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Send information about the flood hazard, flood insurance, flood protection measures, and/or the natural and beneficial functions of floodplains to flood-prone residents or all residents of a community. 	380	90
340	Hazard Disclosure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Real estate agents advise potential purchasers of flood-prone property about the flood hazard. Regulations require notice of the hazard. 	81	19
350	Flood Protection Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The public library and/or community's website maintains references on flood insurance and flood protection. 	102	24
360	Flood Protection Assistance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give inquiring property owners technical advice on how to protect their buildings from flooding, and publicize this service. 	71	53
Series 300	Total	936	393

*Maximum and average points are subject to change. See the current *CRS Coordinator's Manual* for the latest information.

Series 400	Mapping and Regulations	Maximum Points*	Average Points*
	This series credits programs that provide increased protection to new development.		
410	Additional Flood Data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop new flood elevations, floodway delineations, wave heights, or other regulatory flood hazard data for an area not mapped in detail by the flood insurance study. • Have a more restrictive mapping standard. 	1,346	86
420	Open Space Preservation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guarantee that currently vacant floodplain parcels will be kept free from development. 	900	191
430	Higher Regulatory Standards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Require freeboard. • Require soil tests or engineered foundations. • Require compensatory storage. • Zone the floodplain for minimum lot sizes of 1 acre or larger. • Require coastal construction standards in AE Zones. • Have regulations tailored to protect critical facilities or areas subject to special flood hazards (for example, alluvial fans, ice jams, subsidence, or coastal erosion). 	2,740	166
440	Flood Data Maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep flood and property data on computer records. • Use better base maps. • Maintain elevation reference marks. 	239	79
450	Stormwater Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulate new development throughout the watershed to ensure that post-development runoff is no worse than pre-development runoff. • Regulate new construction to minimize soil erosion and protect or improve water quality. 	670	98
Series 400		Total	620

Series 500	Flood Damage Reduction	Maximum Points*	Average Points*
	<p>This series credits programs that reduce the flood risk to existing development.</p>		
510	<p>Floodplain Management Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare, adopt, implement, and update a comprehensive flood hazard mitigation plan using a standard planning process. (This is a minimum requirement for all repetitive loss communities.) 	359	115
520	<p>Acquisition and Relocation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquire and/or relocate flood-prone buildings so that they are out of the floodplain. 	3,200	213
530	<p>Flood Protection</p> <p>(Protection of existing floodplain development by floodproofing, elevation, or minor structural projects.)</p>	2,800	93
540	<p>Drainage System Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct periodic inspections of all channels and retention basins, and remove debris as needed. 	330	232
Series 500	Total	6,689	653

Series 600	Flood Preparedness	Maximum Points*	Average Points*
	This series credits flood warning, levee safety, and dam safety projects.		
610	Flood Warning Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide early flood warnings to the public, and have a detailed flood response plan keyed to flood crest predictions. 	255	93
620	Levee Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain existing levees not otherwise credited in the flood insurance rating system that provide some flood protection. 	900	198
630	Dam Safety (All communities in a state with an approved dam safety program receive some credit.)	175	66
Series 600	Total	1,330	357
All Series	Total	14,850	2,023

Extra Credit

Your community can get extra credit points — in addition to the points listed in the table — if you coordinate your activities through a comprehensive floodplain management plan. Also, if your community faces growth pressures, the mapping and regulation activities in Series 400 receive extra credit. See the *CRS Coordinator’s Manual* for full details.

Many communities can qualify for what the CRS calls “uniform minimum credit,” based on the activities a state or regional agency implements on behalf of its communities. For example, some states have disclosure laws eligible for credit under activity 340, Flood Hazard Disclosure. Any community in those states can receive the uniform minimum credit.

Your community may want to consider floodplain management activities not listed in the *CRS Coordinator’s Manual*. You should evaluate these activities for their ability to increase public safety, reduce property damage, avoid economic disruption and loss, and protect the environment. In addition, you can request a review of these activities to determine whether they should be eligible for CRS credit. FEMA welcomes innovative ways to prevent or reduce flood damage.

How to Apply

Participation in the CRS is voluntary. If your community is in full compliance with the rules and regulations of the NFIP, you may apply. There's no application fee, and all CRS publications are free.

Your community's chief executive officer (that is, your mayor, city manager, or other top official) must appoint a CRS coordinator to handle the application work and serve as the liaison between the community and FEMA. The coordinator should know the operations of all departments that deal with floodplain management and public information. And the coordinator should be able to speak for the community's chief executive officer.

The first step in the application process is to get a copy of the CRS Application, which contains all the instructions and procedures you need for preparing and submitting your community's initial application for a CRS classification. The CRS Application includes easy-to-follow worksheets that provide credits for applicable activities. The CRS Application also identifies the documentation you must submit to support the credits you are requesting.

You may also want to order a copy of the *CRS Coordinator's Manual*, which describes the program in full and provides specific information, including eligible activities, required documentation, and resources for assistance.

Your designated CRS coordinator should fill out and submit your application. Help is also available through the contact information below. The CRS will verify the information and arrange for flood insurance premium discounts.

To order CRS publications at no charge, fax the order form on the following page to 317-848-3578, or mail to the address below. You can also e-mail your request to nfipcrs@iso.com. Both the CRS Application and the *CRS Coordinator's Manual* are also available at FEMA's CRS Resource Center website — www.training.fema.gov/emiweb/crs.

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Title _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Community Name _____ NFIP Number _____
(if applicable) (if applicable)



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2014 FAIRHAVEN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

BACKGROUND: Fairhaven is situated on Buzzards Bay in the southeastern corner of Bristol County 56 miles south of Boston and 35 miles southeast of Providence. Fairhaven is a seaside community on the shore of Buzzards Bay and shares its harbor with the City of New Bedford. The Town has an Executive Secretary/Board of Selectmen form of government with six precincts. Fairhaven has 12.41 square miles of land area, 29.4 miles of shoreline, and significant rural areas that are still home to a number of working farms. The Town land use makeup consists of a dense downtown area clustered around the harbor uses, the Town Hall, and the Library. Commercial uses are mainly strip mall-style retail establishments, and residential densities are typical of suburban and rural neighborhoods.

PLANNING TOOLS: The Town of Fairhaven has many tools available for Community Planning that was used in developing the CDS that are community based and have been developed with input received at numerous public meetings.

- The Fairhaven Master Plan, by Planners Collaborative Inc. - completed 1996
- Fairhaven Open Space and Recreation Plan, by Fairhaven Planning Department - 2010
- A Strategy for Fairhaven's Economic Future, by Mt. Auburn Associates, Inc. - 1996
- New Bedford/Fairhaven Harbor Plan, - 2010
- Fairhaven Affordable Housing Strategy - 2007
- Fairhaven Housing Needs Assessment - December 2009
- Fairhaven Housing Action Plan - March 2010
- Board of Public Works Capital Improvements Plan - ongoing

HOUSING: *The goals in this category are consistent with the sustainable development principle of #1, Concentrate Development and Mix Uses, by increasing housing density at existing Housing Authority sites that are within walking distance of transit, the downtown, schools, or a retail, service, or employment center and by identifying Town owned properties for potential redevelopment as affordable housing. Additionally, #6, Expand Housing Opportunities through increasing the number of units available to low/moderate income residents.*

As of 2007, 40.8% of the total residents meet the low/moderate income criteria. The Town had a total of 7,475 housing units as of the 2010 census, at which time 6,672 units were occupied. 803 were vacant. 472 of the vacant units were identified as seasonal/recreational units. Of the total occupied housing units 72% were owner occupied and 28% were renter occupied. Fairhaven's Affordable Housing Strategy identified that single family housing sale prices had increased by 210% between 2001 and 2007 and condominium sale prices had increased by 510% while median average income had not kept up, making home ownership for low/moderate income individuals almost impossible. The US Census, (2010), showed that the median family income in Fairhaven was \$54,144, much lower than the state median family income of \$65,981. The Housing Needs Assessment and Action Plan identified four areas of need: Non-elderly Rental housing for those earning less than 50% of AMI, First Time Homeownership, Senior Housing for those earning 80% of AMI and Special Needs Housing.

To combat this rise in un-affordability as detailed in the Needs Assessment, the Town and Fairhaven Housing Authority will actively work on a comprehensive strategy identified in the Town Master Plan to provide housing options for low/moderate income individuals by:

- Inventorying all Town owned properties and reviewing them for potential new uses as affordable housing. Who: Fairhaven Planning Board, Local Partners. Cost: \$50,000 Funding: CDBG, Town, MHP, CPA When: Ongoing

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- Working on providing Non-elderly Rental Housing for those earning less than 50% AMI. Who: Town, FHA, private developers. Cost: \$6 to 8 million. Funding - LIHTC. When: over the next 3-5 years.
- Working on providing Special Needs Housing. Who: local service providers, Town, FHA. Cost: \$1 to 2 million. Funding: MA-DDA and DMH. When: over the next 2-5 years.
- Encouraging the Housing Authority to create new housing on their existing sites, thereby increasing capacity/density, and limiting sprawl by not consuming existing open space. Who: Fairhaven Housing Authority Cost: \$6 - 8 million Funding: MHP, foundations, banks, HUD, CPA, When: ongoing - complete 2016
- Participating in the Soft Second Loan Program. Who: Town, Fairhaven Cost: \$10,000 Funding: DHCD, MHP, banks When: On going with local bank participation
- Seeking funding support from private, state, and federal agencies to develop additional affordable housing. Who: Town, Planning Dept. Cost: \$50,000 feasibility study; \$5 million permanent Funding: DHCD, MHP, banks, CPA When: ongoing - feasibility study; 2015 project
- Encourage the retention and improvement of existing affordable housing stock. Who: Town, Planning Dept., DHCD, Housing Authority. Cost: \$200,000 annually. Funding: DHCD, CDBG, MHP, CPA, Housing Authority, banks When: ongoing
- Seek an inclusionary zoning bylaw. Who: Planning Board and Town Meeting. When: over the next 2-3 years. 2014

PLANNING: *The goals in this category are consistent with the sustainable development principle of #1, Concentrate Development and Mix Uses, by facilitating infill development and providing better utilization of existing infrastructure.*

Fairhaven has a full-time Planning and Economic Development Director who works with the Planning Board to review all development projects and assists in re-writing the zoning bylaws. The Planning Board, in 2007, completed a re-write of the subdivision regulations. Some of the new elements of the re-write are: reduced road widths to facilitate infill development and secondary roads and new construction cross-sections and details. The Board is also working on bylaw amendments such as cluster zoning, senior residential zoning, and inclusionary zoning. All of these projects will address the state Office of Commonwealth Development smart growth principles. The Board in 2008 conducted a Town wide survey on planning and growth, and the Final report was released in 2009. The information will be used to help guide the Planning Board and other policy makers with such issues as growth, zoning, and affordable housing and help increase support to update the Town's 1996 Master Plan. An area of planning in which the Town is lacking is neighborhood planning. There are several neighborhoods that would benefit from such planning. The Master Plan looks at the entire Town and makes general recommendations; however, there are several neighborhoods that should be studied in more detail:

1. Cushman Park Neighborhood - The neighborhood north and west of Town Hall abutting Cushman Park where there is a mix of marine industrial, tenement housing, vacant properties and neglected homes with ageing infrastructure. This already is the has been the Town's primary Target Area for the last 9 years and significant improvements have been accomplished with Town and CDBG funds.
2. East Fairhaven - It is composed of several old neighborhoods, with housing stock that is generally neglected and in some cases lacks adequate infrastructure such as paved roads, water and sewer. If a neighborhood plan were prepared for these areas it could assess these issues, identify needs and confirm perceived need.
3. North Fairhaven and adjacent neighborhood - This is the neighborhood north of Interstate 195 and predominantly west of Main Street. The commercial district is old and dated and has had

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little investment in upkeep and maintenance. Revitalization of businesses and infrastructure in this area is long overdue. The adjacent neighborhood is a mix of many early 20th century multi-family/tenement homes with early 20th century single-family homes scattered throughout. The Town is currently conducting a study of this neighborhood to see if it would qualify as a Target Area for future CDBG funds.

3.4. Anthony School Neighborhood - This is the neighborhood south of Interstate 195, west of Adams Street, north of Massasoit Avenue and east of Main Street. This neighborhood is where the Housing Authority is primarily located. It is residential in nature with early to mid 20th century single-family homes. The Town is currently conducting a study of this neighborhood to see if it would qualify as a Target Area for future CDBG funds.

The Town's neighborhood planning goals will:

- Facilitate infill development in neighborhoods. Who: Town, Planning Dept., Planning Board, ZBA. Cost: \$0: When: ongoing
- Concentrate development by creating new zoning bylaws. Who: Town, Planning Dept., Planning Board, RPA, Consultants Cost: \$20,000 Resources: EOEA, Town. When: ongoing
- Provide a targeted public planning process to residents of specific neighborhoods involved within their neighborhood for assessment of future target areas. Who: BOS, Planning Board, Planning Dept., other Town Depts. Cost: \$7560,000 Resources: Town, DHCD, EOEA-CPA When: Ongoing under way anticipated completion November 2013
- Provide the Town with a detailed plan that assesses needs, and sets goals and objectives. Who: Town Depts., Consultants Cost: \$50,000 Resources: Town, State, other grants When: Ongoing -
- Help to make decisions on where to direct Town resources and/or other available resources to address needs. Who: Town Depts., Consultants Cost: \$10,000 Resources: Town, State, other grants When: Ongoing -
- Fulfill several smart growth principles.
 - Principle #1 - *Concentrate Development and Mix Uses*: Town, Planning Board, and ZBA, \$0 Resources: local, ongoing; and the Town is working with the RPA on Smart Growth zoning. Town, Planning Board, RPA Cost: \$20,000, EOEA, Town, underway - completed 2013;
 - Principle #4 - *Protect Land and Ecosystems*: Town is actively working with others on land purchases and conservation restrictions. Town, Land Trust, State, Coalition for Buzzards Bay Cost: \$2,000,000, Town, Land Trust, State, CPA, APR and Buzzards Bay Coalition, Underway - ongoing as new projects arise;
 - Principle #5 - *Use Natural Resources Wisely*: Town partnered with a developer to install 2-3 windmills on Town land. Town, MTC, Community Wind, Inc. Cost: \$10,000,000 Resources: Town, MTC, Community Wind, Inc. When: ~~Being Negotiated, Special Permit issued June 2008~~ Installed 2012; the Town has issued ~~an RFP team agreement with a developer to~~ install Solar Panels on the Town's Landfill. Town Meeting approved an Article authorizing the Selectmen to negotiate a contract for the project. The Selectmen have completed negotiations with a developer and the project has been installed ~~is anticipated to start before the end of 2012 and up and running by the middle of 2013.~~
 - Principle #6 - *Expand Housing Opportunities*: Town has a Housing Rehab program, Housing Authority has ~~a P&S to purchase~~ 2 acres adjacent to their Main Street facility ~~and have with~~ funding from the CPC. The Housing Authority with funding from the CPC has completed a Housing Needs Assessment and Action Plan. The Town is working on zoning to encourage affordable housing. Town, Fairhaven Housing Auth., \$300,000; Town, DHCD, MHP, CPA, ongoing.

INFRASTRUCTURE: *The goals in this category are consistent with the sustainable development principle of #1, Concentrate Development and Mix Uses, by rehabilitating existing road infrastructure*

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in an effort to revitalize the target neighborhood, by improving existing high-traffic street intersections and by making improvements to the existing wastewater treatment plant. Additionally, #4 Protect Land and Ecosystems and #10, Plan Regionally, by combining resources with neighboring towns to improve infrastructure and local and regional wastewater treatment facilities.

Fairhaven has well-developed infrastructure systems fully capable of supporting projected future development. Access to the regional transportation system is quite good via Routes I-195, I-495, State Route 240, and U.S. Route 6. A number of neighborhood roads are in fair or poor condition due to their age and conditions. Other areas suffer from overuse and trees that have been allowed to encroach onto sidewalks. However, state and local budget cuts have reduced the Town's ability to keep up with normal repair and maintenance, and larger capital improvement road projects have been deferred maintenance. This has resulted in a backlog of road projects, which have not been funded. Several are located in the Cushman Park Target Area that need substantial repair or rebuilding such as Bridge (CDBG-2006 project), Green (CDBG-2009), Main (CDBG-2008), Spring (CDBG-2011), Middle (CDBG-2007, 2010), Park Avenue and the lower end of Main Streets (CDBG-2012). The Town and CDBG program have done an excellent job within the Cushman Park Neighborhood and the remaining streets are Water, Ferry, Union Elliot Streets. However, other neighborhoods, such as, the Anthony School and North Fairhaven Neighborhoods have experienced the same deferred maintenance and as a result there are numerous streets in need of repair or rebuilding. Anthony School Neighborhood also has numerous drainage issues that cause flooding throughout. The cause of the drainage is a combination of old clay and galvanized under size piping and the absent of drainage infrastructure all together. Some of the neediest streets within the neighborhood are Francis, Hedge, Plymouth and Green. Streets. North Fairhaven Neighborhood priority streets are Sycamore, Main and Garrison. Sconticut Neck Road and most streets within the historic Poverty Point neighborhood also have significant deferred maintenance. The village center (Cushman Park Target Area) and North Fairhaven Neighborhood were identified in the Strategic Economic Development Plan as an area in which to focus revitalization efforts so that it can become a more focal points of Town life. Storm Drainage within the Target area within these neighborhoods is critical due to the significant amount of flooding that occurs. The Pease Park pump Station Renovation Project (CDBG-2009) was greatly needed. The Town, in 2011, used Chapter 90 funds to replace a 24" clay drainage line across the former Park Motors property with a 3' x 5' box culvert. That pipe caused a significant backup of water and acted like a funnel for the surrounding neighborhood. The box culvert eliminates that restriction and allows a greater volume of water to flow to the newly renovated pump station. Another needed storm drainage project within the Target Area is a new pump station for the outfall at the Aoushnet River Boating Club marina. Other major improvements that are needed are traffic control and changes in commercial locations where there has been significant vehicle traffic growth in recent years, including Route 6 signals at Middle, Main, and Green Streets, which are all within the Target Area. Commercial developers have helped with some of these improvements recently, but there are still several signalized intersections in need of upgrade. To address this, the BPW, Police Dept., Planning Board, and SRPEDD have been working together, and SRPBDD has produced a report identifying safety issues and a list of needed improvements. As development occurs, the Town requires developers to pay for its proportional share of the improvements. In addition, the Town has dedicated a portion of its Chapter 90 funds to initiate design on various Route 6 signals, which has resulted in MassDOT funding the reconstruction of these signals. The project is currently under construction.

Fairhaven's wastewater treatment plant on Arsene Street processes an average of 2.5 million gallons of wastewater each day, including a quarter of a million gallons from Mattapoisett. The Board of Public Works (BPW) converted to ultraviolet disinfection and is seeking funds to upgrade the odor control system. In 2007, Town Meeting approved \$600,000 for a Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan, \$1,500,000 for Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements, and \$150,000 (2008 Town Meeting

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added \$500,000) for Treatment Plant Hydraulic Remediation. In 2008, Town Meeting approved \$225,000 for investigation and repairs to sewer system caused by inflow and infiltration. These projects require extensive studies and permitting and are currently in process. In 2009 the Town was awarded \$7,000,000 of federal stimulus money to build an Anaerobic Digester, which will take the methane created by the sewer plant and turn it into electricity. ~~That~~ This project is in the final stages of construction and is anticipated to be ~~became~~ operational in early-2013. As of Fall ~~2012-2013~~ there were 5,806 sewer connections to the main plant. This figure will increase over the next few years because two sewer projects, a portion of Sconticut Neck, and the Nancy/Marguerite Sewer Projects have come on line. These two projects account for 590 new sewer connections of which 481 have already connected. Other sewer improvements involve repair work to address inflow and infiltration problems that have been identified. In addition to the Arsene Street facility, there is a Rotating Biological Contactor (RBC) on West Island with 380 sewer connections. The leeching/injection wells had problems, and the Town spent in excess of \$100,000 by 2006 on drilling new wells and working with DEP to fix the problem. Fairhaven's water system currently has 6,519 metered accounts and shares a well field with the Towns of Marion and Mattapoisett, each of which holds title to its own wells. After seeing the mutual benefit in combining resources, the towns of Fairhaven, Marion, and Mattapoisett created a regional water district in 2004, which is responsible for building and maintaining a regional water treatment plant. That plant has been fully operational since the summer of 2008. Fairhaven draws approximately 1.4 million gallons of water per day from its five wells. The Town owns and operates two water towers that maintain adequate residential use pressure in high service areas. A third water tower is planned for the East Fairhaven area in the next several years to improve water pressures needed for fire-fighting purposes in that area. The Water Department is in the process of developing a water system capital improvement plan. This plan will address system improvements needed to meet the existing and anticipated future water needs of the Town. In addition, the Town, through a Smart Growth Technical Assistance Grant from Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, completed a Water Conservation Plan that is consistent with DEP guidelines.

To address these infrastructure issues, the Board of Public Works (BPW) has created a capital improvements program to assess individual projects and prioritize them so funds can best be spent. Funding comes from such sources as Chapter 90, Town Meeting appropriations, betterments, water and sewer enterprise funds, and user fees. The Town needs to seek grants and loans from state and federal, as well as, CDBG funds to help minimize the cost and local tax burden for users.

The Town's infrastructure goals will:

- Rehabilitate existing road infrastructure. Who: BPW, Town Cost: \$200,000 maintenance, Resources: \$500,000 CDBG, Town, Ch. 90, PWED. When: ongoing.
- Improve traffic controls along US Route 6. Who: SRPEDD, Town, BPW Cost: \$2,000,000 Resources: Town, Ch. 90, RPA, MassDOT, HSP. When: ~~Under Construction~~ Completed Summer 2013
- Combine resources with neighboring Towns to improve wastewater infrastructure. Who: Sewer/Water District Cost: \$3.5 million Resources: District, Towns When: ongoing
- Combine resources with neighboring towns to improve drinking water infrastructure. Who: District, DEM, Town Resources: EOEA, EPA, Town Cost: \$3.5 million Resources: District When: operation ongoing

ECONOMY: *The goals in this category are consistent with the sustainable development principles of #1, Concentrate Development and Mix Uses through the redevelopment and rehabilitation of the semi-vacant AT&T complex. Additionally, #8, Increase Job and Business Opportunities, by preserving the working waterfront and #2, Advance Equity, by streamlining the zoning/permitting process to create new or changed uses.*

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Fairhaven's economy is driven primarily by the following industries: marine repair and construction, fishing, winches and fishing machinery, hospitality, retail, agriculture, and other small industrial concerns. These industries have been hit hard by the economic downturn Massachusetts has seen over the last few years. The Town's ~~8-19.9%~~ 19.9% unemployment rate in ~~July 2012~~ August 2013 is higher than the state average of ~~6.66,8%~~ 6.8%, (Source Department of Labor and Workforce Development). The fishing and manufacturing base that once made up the largest part of Fairhaven's economy has been replaced by lower paying retail jobs that do not offer sufficient benefits to employees. Fairhaven has also been negatively impacted by the decline in the telecom industry. AT&T, formerly the Town's largest employer, sold its building in 2005 and has moved 95% of the operation to Texas. The Acushnet Company, makers of Titleist golf balls with corporate headquarters located within Town, has also been experiencing layoffs because of the current economic downturn. In July of 2011, a consortium led by Fila Korea, Ltd. and Mirae Asset Private Equity, purchased the company, which has led to speculation on the future status of the corporate headquarters in Fairhaven. Southcoast Hospitals has invested in the Town. Over the last 4 years they have built a 60,000 SF cancer treatment center and a 60,000 SF emergency-care facility. Both facilities are located on Mill Road north of the former AT&T complex.

To address these issues the Town will:

- Encourage the redevelopment of the former AT&T complex ~~and adjacent vacant property to the north-through~~ streamlined permitting that would allow mixed-use, multi-tenant reuse. Who: Town, Planning Board Cost: ~~\$3 million~~ \$0 Resources: ~~Tax Credits, PWED, private~~ When: ongoing
- Revise the zoning bylaws, (Town and Planning Board), to help preserve the working industrial waterfront, as is expressed in the Town Master Plan and the Harbor Plan. Who: Town and Planning Board Cost: \$0 Resources: Town, CDBG, DHCD, RPA When: ongoing;
- Work with local economic development groups to secure available funds for loans, training, technical assistance from state, federal and private sources, as well as CDBG funding. Who: Town, Partnership, local business groups Cost: \$50,000 Resources: CDBG, Planning grants, DEM, Business Association When: ongoing
- The Town will create an Economic Development Committee to help guide the Town on economic development issues. Who: Selectmen, COST: \$0 When: ongoing.

OPEN SPACE & RECREATION: *The goals in this category are consistent with the sustainable development principles of #1, Concentrate Development and Mix Uses, by creating a walkway/bike path along the existing railroad right-of-way and developing and improving existing recreational fields. Additionally, #4, Protect Land and Ecosystems, and #5 Use Natural Resources Wisely, by preserving open and space and #3, Be Fair by making recreational areas ADA compliant.*

The ~~2008-2010~~ 2010 Open Space and Recreation Plan has been approved by the State and is valid until September 2015. The Planning and Economic Development Department, in conjunction with SRPEDD, our regional planning agency, worked on the project. New priorities and areas to set aside for recreation were identified and included in the new plan.

The Town's Open Space & Recreation goals are as follows:

- Preserve and protect open space resources. Who: Planning Board, Selectmen, Town Mtg. Cost: \$500,000 Resources: DEM, APR program, Town When: ongoing
 - Acquire specific critically located parcels of land to prevent development in inappropriate areas.
 - Continue participation in farmland and forestry preservation programs.
 - Protect inland and coastal wetlands and wildlife habitats.
- Promote environmental awareness and appropriate conservation oriented use of natural resources Who: Planning Board, Town Commissions/Boards Cost: \$20,000 Resources: Town, DEM, When: on-going

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- Develop multi-purpose trails and paths.
- Prepare information including signs and brochures that encourage appropriate use.
- Designate 'Scenic Roads'
- Protect Fairhaven's water supply and marine resource areas. Who: Town, SRPEDD, Bay Committee
Cost: \$5 million Resources: DEM, Towns, State When: on going
 - Continue regional work with neighboring towns to protect the Mattapoissett River aquifer.
 - Administer provisions of the Water Protection Overlay Zoning District.
 - Encourage responsible land management within all water and marine related resource areas.
- Provide properly located, sized and equipped recreational and athletic facilities, accessible to all citizens. Who: Towns, Rec. Commission Cost: \$500,000 each project; Resources: Town, DEM, DCR When: ongoing
 - Develop and improve access to recreational and athletic fields.
 - Build a multi-purpose trail along the railroad right-of-way.
 - Upgrade boat launching and mooring facilities.
 - Develop pocket parks particularly in the village center.
 - Request earlier environmental clean-up of the Atlas Tack site.
 - Meet ADA requirements for access to all recreational and athletic facilities.
- Provide for adequate management of recreational and open space facilities and areas, allowing for Town recreational programs, appropriate safety standards, and upgrading and care of equipment and lands. Who: Town, Rec. Commission Cost: \$50,000 Resources: Town When: ongoing
 - Schedule facility use to allow for best growing conditions for grass, shrubs and trees.
 - Prepare overall management plan for equipment and facility maintenance and replacement.
 - Insure adequate supervision of activities to prevent inappropriate use.

CULTURAL: *The goals in this category are consistent with the sustainable development principle of #1, Concentrate Development and Mix Uses, by promoting preservation of historic buildings.*

The Town's Cultural goals as defined in the 1996 Master Plan are as follows:

- Continue to identify and preserve historic buildings.
- Limit rehabilitation requirements to promote preservation of historic buildings.
- Continue to sponsor events such as fishing tournaments, fairs, theatrical performances, and concerts to attract tourism and to provide residents a sense of community.
- Increase the number of and visually coordinate direction and point of interest signs.
- Propose a demolition delay bylaw.

Who: Cultural Council, Tourism Council, Chamber Cost: \$50,000 Resources: Mass Cultural Council, Cultural Council Grants When: ongoing

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY PRIORITY GOALS:

1. Neighborhood planning, in particular looking at North Fairhaven and Anthony School Neighborhoods as a second new Target Areas: Planning Board, Selectmen, Planning Dept., \$100,000/60,000; CDBG & Town funds/CPC; 2013 This has been funded and is expected to be completed in November of 2013..
2. Maintain and foster harbor and marine uses and undertake projects that sustain the viability of the harbor area such as dredging, business development of marine uses, and land use planning: Town, Planning Dept., \$5 million, EPA grants, Seaport Advisory Council grants, Town Funds.
3. Provide ongoing infrastructure projects throughout neighborhoods, particularly in the Cushman Park/Anthony School and North Fairhaven neighborhoods; priority streets in Anthony School Neighborhood are Francis, Hedge, Plymouth and Green and North Fairhaven Neighborhood are Sycamore Main and Garrison -are Elliot, Water and Ferry Streets, and a new pump station for the outfall

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at the Acushnet River Boating Club marina; promote Town funded infrastructure improvements in this area: Selectmen, Planning Dept., \$500,000 annually; CDBG, Town funds, ongoing, -2015.

4. Foster reinvestment in neighborhood housing stock: Town, MHP, \$200,000 CDBG housing rehab annually; explore regional housing rehab grant - Ongoing.

5. Provide affordable housing for all residents of the community; continue the efforts of the Housing Rehabilitation program: Selectmen, Planning Board, \$200,000 annually, CDBG, ongoing 2014, MHP.

6. Safe neighborhoods: \$35,000, Police, DARE, Town funds, ongoing.

7. Continue to provide adequate municipal services: Town, \$1 million per year; ongoing.

8. Redevelopment and reuse of the former AT&T complex through tax incentives and/or streamlined permitting that would allow for new uses, revising the zoning bylaws to help preserve the working industrial waterfront, and seeking training funds for town residents: Planning & Economic Development, \$100,000 RRF, MassWorks, Grant, ongoing.

9. Support efforts to provide human and social services to residents: Planning, Social Service agencies; \$50,000 CDBG, ongoing - first application for social services in 20152016.

10. The Town and Fairhaven Housing Authority will actively work on a comprehensive strategy to provide housing options for low/moderate income individuals. \$100,000, Town, MHP, CPA, ongoing.

11. Open Space & Recreation strategies include improving existing sites for recreational and athletic access: Recreation Committee, Open Space group, Planning Board, \$150,000 from Town, DEM, APR program, and CPA; Ongoing.

12. A continued preservation effort of historic buildings is the cornerstone of the Cultural and Historic strategy: Historic Commission, Tourism Committee, Planning Board, Board of Selectmen, \$300,000 from CPA, ongoing.