



Fairhaven Board of Selectmen

December 15, 2014 Meeting Minutes

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

Chairman Robert J. Espindola called the meeting to order in the Town Hall Banquet Room at 6:32 p.m. The meeting was telecast and video recorded by Government Access and audio recorded by Anne Kakley.

MINUTES

- Mr. Haworth motioned to approve the minutes of the **December 1, 2014** meeting, **open** session. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).
- Mr. Haworth motioned to approve the minutes of the **December 1, 2014** meeting, **executive** session. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).
- Mr. Haworth motioned to approve the minutes of the **December 9, 2014** meeting, **open** session. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).
- Mr. Haworth motioned to approve the minutes of the **December 9, 2014** meeting, **executive** session. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

- Tuesday, **December 16**
 - 4:00 p.m. – Capital Planning Committee
- Thursday, **December 18**
 - 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. – Forum meeting at the BBC office in New Bedford
 - 6:00 p.m. – Community Preservation Committee hearing
- Monday, **December 22**
 - 2:00 p.m. – Fire and Police Headquarters Roof Project job meeting
 - 3:00 p.m. – Selectmen's Meeting – sign for borrowing
- Tuesday, **December 23**
 - 8:30 a.m. – Retirement Board meeting
- Wednesday, **December 24**
 - 12:00 p.m. – Town Hall closing
- Thursday, **December 25**

- Town Hall closed
- Friday, **December 26**
 - Town Hall closed
- Monday, **December 29**
 - 6:30 p.m. – Selectmen’s Meeting

NSTAR GAS PERMITS

After reviewing the applications, Mr. Haworth motioned to approve the NSTAR gas permits for 14 Main Street; 19 Ocean Ave; 309 Alden Road; Howland Road at Main Street; 14 Livesey Parkway; 55 Wilding Street; and the intersection of Nancy Street and Mina Street (all previously approved by the Board of Public Works). Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

211 MILL ROAD – LETTER OF NON-EXERCISE

As a result of the December 9, 2014 Special Town Meeting vote to reject an 61A Right of First Refusal at 211 Mill Road, the Board reviewed a letter to be sent to the property owner, Philip DeNormandie, passing on the Town’s option to purchase the 61A parcel. Mr. Haworth motioned to sign the letter and return to Mr. DeNormandie. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0). (See Attachment A).

GOOD ENERGY/SRPEDD CONTRACT

The Board reviewed a contract with Good Energy and Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) for municipal energy aggregation, per vote of the December 9, 2014 Special Town Meeting. The contract had been signed by another community and reviewed by Kopelman and Paige, but Mr. Haworth and Mr. Murphy indicated that they would like Town Counsel to review as well. Mr. Haworth motioned to send the contract to Atty. Thomas Crotty for review. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

2015 RENEWAL LISTING

The Board reviewed 2015 license renewals.

Mr. Haworth motioned to approve Liquor License renewals for:

- Frontera Grill
- Friendly Farm Convenience
- The Ebb Tide
- E.J.’s Restaurant & Deli
- Emma Jean’s Cupcake Factory & Ice Cream Shoppe
- Paul’s Sports Corner
- Scuttlebutts Grocery & Spirits
- Old Oxford Pub
- Fairhaven Wine & Spirits (Used to be Little Bay Liquors)

- Bayside Lounge

Mr. Murphy seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

Mr. Haworth motioned to approve Common Victualer license renewals for:

- Brady's Ice Box
- Flour Girls Baking, LLC
- Scramblers Breakfast & Bagel
- Mystic Café
- Pumpernickles
- Dunkin Donuts (27 Alden Road)
- Dunkin Donuts (32 Howland Road)

Mr. Murphy seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

Mr. Haworth motioned to approve Car Dealer license renewals for:

- Fhvn. Gas (134 Huttleston Avenue)
- Fhvn. Gas (130 Huttleston Avenue- Valero)
- Sarkis Enterprises, Inc. (A&A Auto)
- Fhvn. Getty
- Guard Enterprises
- Howard's Auto Sales
- Alden Mazda
- Alden Buick-GMC
- Artistic Auto Body & Auto Sales

Mr. Murphy seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

Mr. Haworth motioned to approve Car Repair license renewals for:

- Fhvn. Gas (134 Huttleston Avenue)
- Sarkis Enterprises, Inc. (A&A Auto)
- Guard Enterprises
- Alden Mazda
- Alden Buick GMC
- Artistic Auto Body & Auto Sales
- Manny's Service Station
- Leban Fuel, Inc.-Fhvn. Getty
- Rick's Services
- Sullivan Tire
- Automotive Diagnostic Service
- Nice N' Clean Car Wash
- Jerry's Auto & Cycle Service

- JR's Auto Shop
- Jiffy Lube #1229
- Roland's Tire Service

Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

Mr. Haworth motioned to approve a Private Livery License renewal for Active Day Fleet, 40 Sciticut Neck Road. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

RANDALL DURRIGAN – MASC AWARD

At 6:55 p.m., the Board met with Randall Durrigan to present him with a proclamation upon the receipt of a state-wide award from MASC, the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, for his committee to his role as a School Committee member for the New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School. Present along with Mr. Durrigan were his wife Donna, his son Kevin Durrigan and neighbor Calvin Dobson.

Mr. Espindola presented a proclamation to Mr. Durrigan. See Attachment B.

Fellow Voke School Committee member (Fairhaven representative) David Darmofal was recognized by the Chairman. Mr. Darmofal said that, despite a degenerative sight condition, Mr. Durrigan has faithfully read and reviewed every document presented to the School Committee prior to each meeting with the little eyesight he still has.

The Board thanked Mr. Durrigan for his ongoing dedication and service to the Town.

UNION WHARF FEES

At 7:00 p.m., the Board met with Harbormaster David Darmofal to discuss Union Wharf fees for the upcoming year. Citing a relative being one of the contracted users of Union Wharf, Chairman Espindola recused himself from the conversation. Vice Chairman Haworth presided over the discussion.

There are 12 slips at Union Wharf and the annual rate for contracted slip use is \$1,500. The slips are intended for active fishing boats. Mr. Darmofal provided some area rates to the Selectmen and advised that there would be work on the rubble wall at Union Wharf in the upcoming year and plank replacement. He said that Union Wharf is presently taking in about \$18,000 annually to the General Fund.

Written comment from Robert Hobson was provided and read by the Chairman. See Attachment C.

Bruce Ingham was recognized by the Chairman. Mr. Ingham said that Mr. Hobson's statement – that the dockage rate was on par with New Bedford, that there was no lights or security – reflected his own beliefs as well.

Mr. Osuch said that he thought the \$1,500 annual rental rate was too low. He cited other town rates obtained by Mr. Darmofal, including Harwich and Sandwich, with higher rates than Fairhaven and added that docking at a marina in Town would cost a lot more.

Mr. Haworth said that Mr. Osuch did not include Mattapoisett or Marion in the comparative. Mr. Osuch said that docking in Marion and Mattapoisett is for leisure vessels, not working boats.

Mr. Murphy said that he would not support an increase this year, as work is scheduled at Union Wharf and may result in an interruption of services. In upcoming years, however, he would consider an increase.

Mr. Haworth asked if the Town could consider establishing a separate revolving fund for Union Wharf. Mr. Osuch said that the Board could go to Town Meeting with that request but that he would advise against reducing the General Fund by the creation of such a revolver.

Ted Lorentzen was recognized by the Chairman. Mr. Lorentzen said that he did not think that the Town was moving forward in an economic sense with Union Wharf. He said that the people docking there were working hard and their profession brings business to Fairhaven.

Mr. Murphy motioned to maintain the \$1,500 rate for Union Wharf docking in 2015. Mr. Haworth seconded. Vote carried with one abstention from Mr. Espindola. (2-0-1)

Mr. Espindola returned to the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

POLAR PLUNGE

At 7:20 p.m., the Board met with Ted Silva and Kathy Lopes to hear plans for the 2015 Polar Plunge, when residents will swim at Fort Phoenix to raise funds for Dollars for Scholars.

Mr. Silva addressed some safety concerns with the Board, including the use of “spotters” to make sure that all participants return from the water.

Ms. Lopes said that they were able to give out \$2,500 in scholarships last year from the event and that they would have a Hollywood theme this year.

Mr. Haworth motioned to support the event. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

At 7:29 p.m., the Board met with Jim Leal, Gerry Payette and George Brownell to hear additional plans to create a Veterans’ memorial park in Fairhaven.

Mr. Payette led the discussion in requesting the Board of Selectmen to commit to designating a portion of land at 87 Main Street or abutting Cushman Park, to be used as a Veterans’ Memorial Park for Fairhaven veterans killed in combat, past, present and future.

Mr. Osuch noted that there would have to be some parking provided to accompany the memorial park. Additionally, the BPW would have to be involved in the process if the plans included Cushman Park.

Mr. Espindola said it would be easier to commit to a portion of land for the park if the Veterans' Memorial Park volunteers produced developed plans, including needed square footage. He added that despite funding variables, they should request the larger amount of land that they thought they would need. After some discussion, it was decided that the volunteers would work on developing a plan, possibly with input from the BPW, and present said plan to the Selectmen at a later date. Mr. Haworth motioned to hold off on disposing of 87 Main Street until the Board hears back from the volunteers, and to support the idea of the Veteran Memorial Park. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

CRS FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM – FEMA

At 7:54 p.m., the Board met with Wayne Fostin, CRS (Community Rating System) Coordinator, to hear an update to Mr. Fostin's work on the CRS manual, which could bring lower flood insurance premiums to Fairhaven residents upon its completion.

Mr. Espindola cited a group of residents in a coastal Connecticut town who raised funds and paid a consultant to complete the CRS manual. Mr. Espindola said that a group of interested individuals, including real estate professionals, may want to create a similar group in Fairhaven for the same purpose. Mr. Espindola referenced a letter that he received from Darrin Punched of MWHGlobal, a floodplain insurance consultant service. See Attachment D.

Susan Sullivan was recognized by the Chairman. She asked how many points that Mr. Fostin had been able to obtain by this point. Mr. Fostin said that he was unprepared to answer that question but would obtain the answer at a later date. Ms. Sullivan asked who would raise the money for such a study. Mr. Espindola said that public funds could not be used and it would have to be privately raised.

Mr. Haworth said that the Building Commission is the CRS Coordinator on the side and that the position was not primary in his duties.

Mr. Murphy said that he had no problem meeting with a consultant but that a consultant will want to sell their services to the Town.

Mr. Fostin added that FEMA offers a weeklong conference on the CRS manual as well.

Mr. Haworth motioned to invite the consultant into a meeting for an interview in January. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM PAYMENT POLICY

Mr. Osuch indicated that the Town has been difficulty obtaining health/dental/life insurance premium payments for subscribers paying the Town over the counter for their coverage.

To deliberate on the matter, the Board invoked the rule of necessity, as all three members of the Board are eligible for health insurance and two Selectmen subscribe to insurance.

After some discussion, it was decided that Ms. Kakley and Mr. Osuch will compile an insurance premium payment policy for the Board to review at the next meeting.

FY16 BUDGET PROCESS

After some discussion, the Board agreed to request all departments to submit their FY16 budgets to the Selectmen's Office reflecting a one (1) percent and two (2) percent scenario. Mr. Haworth motioned to request all departments to submit their budgets with the 1 and 2 percent increases. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0). The budget will be on each agenda for the Town Meeting season.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR – HIRING

Mr. Espindola said that because the Town Administrator article had passed, he would like to consider bringing consultants in to a meeting to interview.

Mr. Haworth said that he thought it was faulty preparation that they did not include an article to appropriate funds for the hiring of a Town Administrator at the December 9, 2014 Special Town Meeting. He said that they would not be able to get movement until they were able to hire a consultant in the new fiscal year, if they choose to hire via a consultant.

Mr. Espindola said that the Town Government Study Committee had said the ballot question in April regarding the elimination of the Board of Public Works could influence the hiring of the Town Administrator.

Mr. Murphy said that they would need to have a plan in place for the position and look into the Board of Selectmen budget in the upcoming year to consider the Town Administrator hiring.

After some discussion of the hiring process, Mr. Haworth said that he thought they should hold off on a job description until April to determine if the BPW will remain. Mr. Osuch added that he had no intention of leaving abruptly and would remain until they had a suitable replacement.

Phil Washko, Chairman of the Town Government Study Committee, was recognized by the Chairman. Mr. Washko noted that if the referendum vote to dissolve the BPW does not pass at the Annual Town Election, then the Town has the ability to resubmit the referendum vote two more times within a five year period. If it is defeated three times, then it will die. Additionally, Mr. Washko noted that the Town Administrator article specified that the appointment of an Acting Town Administrator would be limited to 180 days.

Mr. Haworth motioned to meet with the Collins Center in regards to the Town Administrator hiring process. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0). It was also noted that the Personnel Board will dissolve when the Town Administrator is appointed.

RANDY MONIZ

The Board reviewed two letters from the family of Randy Moniz, regarding use of the Union Wharf slip that had been contracted to Mr. Moniz prior to his passing. See Attachments E.

Mr. Darmofal said that Mr. Moniz had been a valued, conscientious slip user at Union Wharf. Mr. Darmofal said that there was a waiting list for use of Union Wharf, but that the family has a liability policy in place until the end of November 2015 and that the Board should grant a three month extension to the family with a prorated lease amount, with a stipulation that someone checks the docked vessel daily.

Mr. Murphy asked Town Counsel Thomas Crotty if it would be lawful for the Board to transfer the contracted use of the slip to other Moniz family members using the same boat. Atty. Crotty indicated it was lawful and under the purview of the Board to make such a decision.

Mr. Haworth motioned to allow three additional months of dockage at Union Wharf at a prorated lease amount. Any future ownership issues related to the slip will come before the Selectmen at a later date. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

TREE COMPLAINT – 20 MAYFLOWER ST

The Board reviewed a letter from Edward Longo, regarding a Town tree at 20 Mayflower Street that he claims is diseased and needs to be trimmed or removed. Mr. Haworth motioned to forward the letter to the Tree Warden and request a written reply. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

POLLING LOCATIONS

The Board reviewed a memo from the Police Chief and the School Superintendent regarding the use of the public schools for polling. See Attachment F. Citing safety concerns about access to the schools by the public and traffic concerns, the Police Chief and the Superintendent requested a review to consider other locations for polling.

Mr. Haworth said that he would support inviting the Town Clerk into a meeting to discuss making changes to the polling locations. Mr. Murphy agreed, saying that some school districts close the schools on election days.

Mr. Osuch said that if the Board wanted to make changes to the polling locations, it would have to make sure that there is adequate parking for voters.

Mr. Haworth motioned to invite the Town Clerk to a January meeting to discuss changing the polling locations. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

AUTHORIZATION FOR LEGAL SERVICES – BPW

The Board reviewed a request for Authorization for Legal Services, submitted by the Board of Public Works. Mr. Haworth motioned to approve the Authorization for Legal Services for the BPW. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE

The Board reviewed a request from Health Agent Patricia Fowle via the Board of Health Chairman Jeannine Lopes, for authorization of an early retirement incentive. Ms. Fowle will retire in 2017.

Mr. Haworth motioned to grant the early retirement incentive at \$2,500 per year effective July 1, 2015 for Ms. Fowle. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

OTHER BUSINESS

Under Other Business:

- Mr. Haworth commended the Office of Tourism on putting together an excellent Old-Time Holiday weekend.
- Mr. Murphy offered condolences to Town Clerk Eileen Lowney on the passing of her sister, Noreen Parker, and condolences to Veteran's Agent Jim Cochran on the passing of his father.
- Mr. Murphy recognized the passing of Phil Tully, Director of the Department of Developmental Services. Mr. Tully did a lot for disabled people in the area, said Mr. Murphy.

At 9:09 p.m., Mr. Haworth motioned to enter Executive Session, pursuant to MGL 30A § 21:

- School Department settlement
- Health Office settlement
- Police Department settlement
- MCAD filing
- Hands Across the River – communication

Mr. Murphy 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. Haworth in favor. Mr. Murphy in favor. Mr. Espindola in favor.

Respectfully,



Anne Kakley
Administrative Assistant
Minutes approved 12/29/2014

(3 page doc.)

Return to:

Thomas P. Crotty, Esq.
Thomas P. Crotty & Associates, PLLC
388 County Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

NOTICE OF NONEXERCISE OF OPTION TO PURCHASE
G.L. c. 61A §14

The Town of Fairhaven by its Board of Selectmen hereby gives notice of its nonexercise of its option under G.L. c. 61A §14 to purchase the land described below:

Name of Record Owner of the Land:

Philip Y. DeNormandie

Description of the Premises:

Beginning at the southwesterly corner thereof at the intersection of the northerly line of Bridge Street with the easterly line of Mill Road;

thence North 10° 54' 30" West by said Mill Road eight hundred ninety-nine and 59/100 (899.59) feet to an angle

thence North 6° 37' 50" East by said Road two hundred eighty-one and 88/100 (281.88) feet to an angle;

thence North 7° 20' West by said Road one hundred six and 60/100 (106.60) feet to an angle;

thence North 17° 33' 40" West by said Road one hundred thirty-eight and 77/100 (138.77) feet to a drill hole;

thence North 58° 45' 30" East by a wall three hundred sixty-one and 54/100 (361.54) feet to a drill hole and an angle;

thence North 83° 58' 10" East partly by a stone wall and partly by a fence thirteen hundred and forty-four and 10/100 (1344.10) feet to a drill hole;

thence South 2° 39' 20" West by a wall four hundred twenty-two and 48/100 (422.48) feet to a drill hole and corner of walls;

thence South 70° 30' 10" West by a wall two hundred forty-two and 12/100 (242.12) feet to a drill hole and an angle;

thence South 69° 25' 40" West by a fence and wall seven hundred forty-three and 65/100 (743.65) feet to a drill hole;

thence South 0° 23' 30" West partly by a wall four hundred eighty-two and 15/100 (482.15) feet to a drill hole;

Property Address: 211 Mill Road, Fairhaven, MA

thence South 10° 27' 50" West by a wall one hundred sixty-five and 33/100 (165.33) feet to Bridge Street;

thence South 55° 56' 50" West five hundred seventy-three and 78/100 (573.78) feet to the point of beginning.

Containing about thirty-two (32) acres, more or less.

For title see deed dated November 9, 2001 and recorded in the Bristol County (S.D.) Registry of Deeds in Book 5229, page 131.

See also Classified Forest-Agricultural or Horticultural-Recreational Tax Lien dated June 25, 2002 and recorded in the Bristol County (S.D.) Registry of Deeds in Book 5577, page 86.

See also mortgage by Philip Y. DeNormandie to First Pioneer Farm Credit, ACA dated July 9, 2009 and recorded in the Bristol County (S.D.) Registry of Deeds in Book 9436, page 173.

See also Assignment of Leases and Rentals by Philip Y. DeNormandie to First Pioneer Farm Credit, ACA dated July 9, 2009 and recorded in the Bristol County (S.D.) Registry of Deeds in Book 9436, page 181.

WITNESS our hands and seals this _____ day of December, 2014.

TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN
By its Board of Selectmen

Robert J. Espindola

Geoffrey A. Haworth, II

Charles K. Murphy, Sr.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Bristol, ss

On this _____ day of December, 2014, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared the above-named Robert J Espindola and proved to me through satisfactory evidence of

identification, which was photographic identification with signature issued by a federal or state governmental agency, oath or affirmation of a credible witness, personal knowledge of the undersigned, to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding page, and acknowledged to me that he signed it voluntarily for its stated purpose and was his free act and deed.

Notary Public:
My commission expires:

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Bristol, ss

On this _____ day of December, 2014, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared the above-named Geoffrey A. Haworth, II and proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which was photographic identification with signature issued by a federal or state governmental agency, oath or affirmation of a credible witness, personal knowledge of the undersigned, to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding page, and acknowledged to me that he signed it voluntarily for its stated purpose and was his free act and deed.

Notary Public:
My commission expires:

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Bristol, ss

On this _____ day of December, 2014, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared the above-named Charles K. Murphy, Sr. and proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which was photographic identification with signature issued by a federal or state governmental agency, oath or affirmation of a credible witness, personal knowledge of the undersigned, to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding page, and acknowledged to me that he signed it voluntarily for its stated purpose and was his free act and deed.

Notary Public:
My commission expires:



**Town of Fairhaven
Massachusetts
Office of the Selectmen**

Attachment B

- Whereas:** Randall Durrigan received his electrical training in the Air Force. He later became an electrical contractor; and
- Whereas:** Randall Durrigan was a member of the Massachusetts Electricians Association, and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW); and
- Whereas:** Randall Durrigan was a member of the advisory board for Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School's electrical shop before becoming a School Committee member in May of 2000. He has also served as chairman of the School Committee; and
- Whereas:** Randall Durrigan has also served on the Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School Building Committees for both the 2004 addition and the 2014 soon-to-be completed addition; and
- Whereas:** Randall Durrigan is a Fairhaven Town Meeting member and has been the Wiring Inspector for Fairhaven and New Bedford; and
- Whereas:** Randall Durrigan has been awarded the 2014 MASC All-State School Committee Award, which recognizes school committee members who have demonstrated a strong commitment to the education and welfare of children and who have shown a clear understanding of their role as School Committee members.

Now, therefore, We, Robert J. Espindola, Geoffrey Haworth, and Charles K. Murphy, Sr., the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Fairhaven, proclaim and declare December 15, 2014

RANDALL DURRIGAN APPRECIATION DAY

For all the commitments he has made to our children and to our community, we honor this individual who has made Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School a better place to learn and has enriched the future through the lives of its students.

Given under our hands and seal on this day,
the 15th of December in the year two thousand and fourteen.

Robert J. Espindola

Geoffrey Haworth

Charles K. Murphy, Sr.

Attachment C

December 15, 2014

Fairhaven Harbormaster
Board of Selectmen
40 Center Street
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Re: Union Wharf Lobster Boat Fees

Gentlemen:

I would like to comment on the possible fee increase for Union Wharf:

1. Town of Fairhaven - \$1,500 per year
2. City of New Bedford - \$1,000 per year
3. No lights or security
4. Does not compare to Kelly's or Fairhaven Shipyard
5. Town of Fairhaven collected ~~\$18,000~~ ^{\$18,000.} per year for 5 years = \$90,000 and has Spent no money on the dock
6. Not fair to go up on the fee; should stay at same price next year

Thank you.

Robert D. Hobson



August 27, 2014

William D. Roth, AICP
Director of Planning and Economic Development
Town of Fairhaven
40 Center Street
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Subject: Reduce Flood Insurance Costs for Your Residents

Dear Mr. Roth:

My name is Darrin Punchard, and I am the Risk & Resiliency Practice leader for MWH Global. I'm a certified floodplain manager with many years of experience working closely with communities and the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). I'm writing to you today because I believe that the Town of Fairhaven has a great opportunity to reduce flood insurance premiums for your residents.

The Town of Fairhaven has participated in the NFIP since 1976. Today, nearly 800 property owners in Fairhaven are paying a total of approximately \$1.4 million in annual premiums for their flood insurance policies – an average of more than \$1,700 per policy, per year. There are two key changes occurring with the NFIP that may increase these figures considerably in the near future. First, due to recent legislative reform, the NFIP is phasing out premium subsidies and moving policies toward actuarial (full-risk) rates. Second, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) continues to update Flood Insurance Rate Maps which often results in more properties located in flood zones that trigger mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements.

Fortunately, the NFIP's *Community Rating System (CRS)* encourages and rewards local planning and floodplain management activities by providing up to a 45% discount in premium rates, depending on the level of participation. Currently the Town of Fairhaven does not participate in CRS and its resident policyholders receive no discounts. **By improving the Town's CRS participation level by just one Class you can save residents an estimated \$70,000 annually in total premiums paid.** Of course, additional savings are possible with greater levels of participation. In many cases, increasing your CRS Class requires very little investment in time or money. This is an opportunity for enhancement that I would be very interested in talking with you and/or your staff about.

MWH Global specializes in working with local communities to maximize the benefits and dollar savings offered through active CRS participation. Our services include conducting a preliminary assessment of CRS-creditable activities, assisting with application and certification procedures, and most importantly developing and implementing custom strategies to maximize NFIP policy discounts.

Please let me know if you are interested in learning more about CRS and the services MWH can provide. I can be reached at 857.373.9683 or by email at darrin.punchard@mwhglobal.com.

Sincerely,



Darrin R. Punchard, AICP, CFM
Principal Consultant

To whom it may concern

This letter is written in concern to my brother's estate. Randy MORIZ.

Randy has had a slip at the Union wharf for many years. The lease runs out on Dec. 31, 2014. It is still fully insured and because we are in a process of sorting things out with a lawyer in hand - we need more time.

I was told by David the Harbor master that the boat cannot stay there if not insured. My brother never fished in the winter.

My question to you is to pardon the lease stay until we get Randy boat estate in order. We are willing to pay for extended time.

Sincerely
Robin Bodreau

508 997-7257

Jatayer Bruce or maeghan

508 675-7889 - Hague-Sahady

cc: David Normafal, Harbor master

RECEIVED

2014 DEC - 11 FR 1:52

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FAIRHAVEN MASS

Ronald Moniz
35 Blossom St. RECEIVED
FAIRHAVEN, MA 0194 DEC 29 12:44

DEAR BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FAIRHAVEN MASS


My Brother Randy Passed Away
Sept 26 and has a commercial slip
on Union Wharf for Fishing Vessel LUAL.
I AM IN NEGOTIATIONS IN TRYIN TO
BUY BOAT TO FISH IT AND WOULD LIKE
TO KNOW IF THE SLIP COULD BE TRANSFERED
INTO MY NAME OR BE PUT ON WAITING
LIST. BEING WHERE MY BROTHER PASSED
AND ITS GOING TO FAMILY I AM HOPING
YOU WILL JUST TRANSFER SLIP AND NOT
PUT ME ON WAITING LIST.


Thank you

Ronald J Moniz

Attachment F

MEMO TO: Board of Selectmen

FROM: Robert Baldwin Ed.D. 
Superintendent of Schools

Michael Myers 
Chief of Police

RE: Removal of School Buildings as Polling Locations

DATE: December 5, 2014

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FAIRHAVEN MASS

2014 DEC - 8 A 9:45

RECEIVED

We are writing to express our continued concerns over the use of school buildings being utilized as polling locations. We request that the Board of Selectmen remove the school buildings as polling locations in all future elections beginning with the April election in 2015. These concerns are for the safety of our students, school personnel and members of our community. The following are some examples that have occurred:

- We had two cars at an elementary school driving the wrong way up the bus lane.
- Cars of voters were observed to be speeding through the parking lot.
- This past election one school received no less than eight calls from parents questioning why schools are polling places when voter turnout is higher in state and national elections.
- Many parents have expressed concerns for the safety of the students, as there are many voters and their vehicles in transition to and from the schools during the arrival and dismissal times for the students.
- At the Hastings Middle School, we had a vehicle attempt to enter the walkway that connects the school with Route 6 and the CVS parking lot.
- Both in November and in April athletic contests take place both after school and in the evening. The volume of vehicles and individuals on foot from our community and other community increases the risk of an accident.
- This past election, a high school student was hit by a car that was moving in reverse in the parking lot adjacent to the Performing Arts Center. The student was crossing the lot to enter the building in the morning to attend school.

The Fairhaven Public Schools and the Fairhaven Police Department spend a great deal of time and resources in ensuring that our school buildings are secure. On the most emotional and politically charged days of the year, we open our school doors and go against all of our safety protocols.

Over and above the safety and security concerns expressed above, the benefits from the Town Clerk's perspective is the effectiveness of assisting poll workers and

delivering absentee ballots, as well as, reducing the costs for police and custodial services.

School personnel, town safety personnel, and the town clerk have been discussing the concern for elections being held in the schools for some time now. Collectively, we request that the Board of Selectmen remove the school buildings as polling locations in all future elections beginning with the April election in 2015.