

**Minutes  
Fairhaven Planning Board  
September 12, 2017**

Mr. Hayward opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and noted there was no cable access recording this evening because this was a working meeting.

Present: Chairman, Wayne Hayward, Vice Chair-Rene Fleurent, Jr. (arrived at 7:00p.m.), Nicholas Carrigg, John Farrell, Jr., Clerk-Peter Nopper, Jeffrey Lucas, Cathy Melanson and Ann Richard.

Absent: None

William Roth, Planning Director, was also in attendance.

**Acceptance of Minutes:**

August 8, 2017

Ann Richard made motion to accept the minutes and was seconded by Cathy Melanson. The motion passed 6-1, with Nicholas Carrigg abstaining.

**Bills:**

1. Engineering Services - **GCG Associates, Inc.** – Carricorp Industries - \$195.00

Jeffrey Lucas made a motion to approve the \$195.00 for the SouthCoast Media Group-Advocate bill and was seconded by Gary Staffon. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Legal Ads – **Southcoast Media Group** – Southcoast Redevelopment - \$499.80

Jeffrey Lucas made a motion to approve \$499.80 to Southcoast Media Group for legal ads and was seconded by Cathy Melanson. The motion passed unanimously.

**B. Current Planning:**

Receipt of Plans:

1. Overlook Realty Trust – between 444-450 Sconticut Neck Road – Map 29, Lot 1C (PH 10/10/17)

Jeffrey Lucas made a motion to schedule the Public Hearing for Overlook Realty Trust, between 444-450 Sconticut Neck Road to October 10, 2017, and was seconded by John Farrell, Jr. The motion passed unanimously.

**C. LONG RANGE PLANNING:**

1. Master Plan – Work session with VHB

Mr. Morrison-Logan was present to hear from the Board and review their shared first draft of the Master Plan as well as discuss the October 4, 2017, last Public Hearing.

Diving right into the document, Ann Richard felt the statement “significant amount of public participation” was inaccurate. She asked Mr. Morrison-Logan if that was based on surveys as well as the Public Hearings.

Wayne Hayward agreed that other than employees, and the Board members there weren't many ‘other’ in that significant amount.

Mr. Morrison-Logan stated that the Board needs to take credit for their outreach to the Public as well. He reminded them of having the Boards at Town Meeting, Farmer's Market, the opening of Ocean State Job Lot and other avenues that the Board did outreach.

There was discussion to add “via cable access” when speaking about outreach.

Mr. Morrison-Logan asked if on page 3, recommendation number 3 should be worded as North Fairhaven or Benoit Square. Board agreed with Benoit Square.

Ann Richard initiated comments and discussion for page 7, 3<sup>rd</sup> goal – including “ALL” Departments versus signaling out one department. From page 7, #6-adding cable access and social media. And from page 8, breaking down goal #1 to add a second goal.

Ms. Richard also suggested a use of Town Buildings, including the Schools for community evening needs.

She also wanted to see a “right to farm” added somewhere in the document.

Covering pages 17-36:

- Discussion on numbering sequensetially
- Important to include pictures of ALL of Fairhaven
- Page 18-grammatical error
- Discussion on Open Space using “such as” partnerships...

### **Chapter 2 – Housing Reviews:**

Mr. Carrigg asked questions on why the Town needs more housing. Discussion on multi-family, condo's, Town Houses, and small houses. Discussion ensued on housing.

### **Chapter 3 – Economic Development Review:**

Page 47 – A reference to an encyclopedia was used and Ms Richard asked about it.

Mr. Lucas shared concerns about “working waterfront” and how he felt they should be very careful when addressing or focusing on that. Discussion ensued.

From page 151, in implementation the request was to add ‘Planning Board’.

A brief discussion was had on implementation partners and other committed in Town that would need to elaborate together to get these things completed.

From Page 61 – Fairhaven/New Bedford Bridge should word, “future” replacement.

### **Chapter 4 – Public Facilities & Services**

From Page 73 – School District “opportunity” to something that doesn't happen today.

Mr. Roth stated this reflects comments from the different Department Heads in Town, from Superintendent of DPW to the Recreation Center, Police, Fire and Superintendent of Schools and how they feel about their facilities.

Discussion on utilizing existing structures, buildings instead of using the word “NEW” building for Fire/Police.

### **Chapter 5 – Open Space, Recreation & Natural Resources:**

Mr. Morrison-Logan stated that some of the information in this section was from the Open Space Committee.

Ms. Richard asked if they were ADA compliant.

Mr. Roth explained that with Open Space there was an ADA compliant requirement.

From Page 83 – Edgewater Street has always been underwater, so not sure of the intent by putting the picture in the document.

Mr. Roth stated there would definitely be more tweaks added to this chapter as Open Space Committee meets to finalize their plan. Mr. Hayward asked that Mr. Roth keep the Board in that loop.

## **Chapter 6 – Transportation:**

Page 108 – Goal #4, Recommendation #2 – was asked how that came about.

Mr. Roth stated it was something that was used in the past and he put it back in.

Discussion around the quarry not being in North Fairhaven, but in the adjacent Town.

## **Chapter 7 – Historic & Cultural Resources:**

Discussion.

## **Chapter 8 – Sustainability:**

Mr. Hayward stated there was no direct evidence of lower power cost.

Ms. Richard stated that the Hazard Mitigation Report is referred to in this section, but it is not complete.

Page 144 – Goal #5 – adopt “Healthy, Sustainability development”, such as, reuse of buildings

Discussion ensued.

Board members asked VHB if they could think about where to use the word “re-use” as discussed. How can it be incorporated?

Discussion ensued.

## **Chapter 9 – Implementation**

The Board members agreed a separate meeting would need to be held to review this chapter in detail and how to proceed from there on.

A discussion was had regarding the October 4, 2017, Public Meeting. Mr. Morrison-Logan stated that it would be the concept of an “Open House”, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., here at Town Hall. He said that they would have the nine different chapters on tables with the concept that people could come in and review what they wanted, adding their own suggestions and comments. He said he would bring 3-4 people from his Team to facilitate the table, but would need an additional 4-5 Board Members to also be present.

Mr. Hayward recommended that Mr. Roth add the “Open House” concept to the Town’s website in order for the Public to review what’s going to happen prior.

Ms. Richard made a suggestion to leave the Boards out during the day on October 4, 2017, to entice those Department heads that can’t be at a night meeting to make their comments during the day. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Roth advised he was doing a presentation at the next Department Head meeting which was scheduled for September 19, 2017.

Mr. Hayward expressed the need for cable coverage through Bobby Brusco. Mr. Roth would speak to him and possibly put together a PSA cable briefing that can be added to Facebook as well as Channel 18.

In other business, Mr. Hayward expressed their may be a new dilemma with the Facebook Live option that Mr. Brusco is doing with meetings on LIVE facebook, what the rules of someone asking a question from the LIVE world, and how they would be handled. They needed to have more real time feedback questions answered.

Ann Richard made a motion to adjourn at 9:34p.m. and was seconded by Cathy Melanson. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectively submitted,

Patricia A. Pacella, Recording Secretary