

A G E N D A
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

FAIRHAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
128 WASHINGTON STREET
FAIRHAVEN, MASSACHUSETTS 02719

FAIRHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL
BERNARD F. RODERICK LIBRARY
12 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven
Wednesday January 28, 2015
6:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS
3. DELEGATIONS, VISITORS, ETC
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
January 14, 2015 Regular Session
5. PUBLIC COMMENT
6. REPORT OF THE STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
7. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
Receive FY'16 Preliminary Draft Budget (receive information at meeting)
Receive Fairhaven Public Schools Press Release Format
Receive update regarding Polling Locations
Discuss upcoming events
8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
9. NEW BUSINESS
10. QUESTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS
11. EXECUTIVE SESSION
12. ADJOURNMENT

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PRESS RELEASE

FPS Placed on College Board's 5th AP District Honor Roll

Fairhaven, MA, January 2015 — The Fairhaven Public Schools were informed of its placement on the College Board's 5th Annual AP® District Honor Roll for Significant Gains in Student Access and Success. Fairhaven is one of 547 school districts in the U.S. and Canada being honored by the College Board with placement on the 5th Annual AP® District Honor Roll for increasing access to AP course work while simultaneously maintaining or increasing the percentage of students earning scores of 3 or higher on AP Exams. "The devoted teachers and administrators in this district are delivering an undeniable benefit to their students: opportunity. When coupled with a student's hard work, such opportunities can have myriad outcomes, whether building confidence, learning to craft effective arguments, earning credit for college, or persisting to graduate from college on time." said Trevor Packer, the College Board's senior vice president of AP and Instruction.

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program® (AP®) enables willing and academically prepared students to pursue college-level studies — with the opportunity to earn college credit, advanced placement or both — while still in high school. Taking AP courses demonstrates to college admission officers that students have sought the most rigorous curriculum available to them, and research indicates that students who score a 3 or higher on an AP Exam typically experience greater academic success in college and are more likely to earn a college degree than non-AP students. Each AP teacher's syllabus is evaluated and approved by faculty from some of the nation's leading colleges and universities, and AP Exams are developed and scored by college faculty and experienced AP teachers. Most four-year colleges and universities in the United States grant credit, advanced placement or both on the basis of successful AP Exam scores — more than 3,600 institutions worldwide annually receive AP scores.

This recent academic distinction comes on the heels of Fairhaven being selected for the 3rd Annual AP District Honor Roll. From 2010-2012, The Fairhaven Public Schools increased the number of students participating in AP from 33 to 81 while improving the percentage of students earning at least one score of 3 or higher. Inclusion on the 5th Annual AP District Honor Roll is based on the examination of three years of AP data, from 2012 to 2014, looking across 34 AP Exams, including world language and culture. From 2010 to the present FHS has received national recognition from the College Board for increasing student participation to significant levels, while increasing achievement results in the prestigious Advanced Placement Program.

The College Board concluded its notification to the district by stating, "again, congratulations on your success! Expanding access to AP courses while improving performance is a difficult balancing act. Your commitment to providing equitable access to ALL students while improving your overall performance is to be commended."



TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN
OFFICE OF TOWN CLERK

40 CENTER STREET

FAIRHAVEN, MA 02719

PHONE: 508-979-4025 FAX: 508-979-4079

DATE: January 26, 2015
TO: Board of Selectmen
FROM: Eileen M. Lowney, Town Clerk
RE: Polling Locations

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I would like to request the following polling location changes:

- Precinct 1 - Town Hall – this polling location will remain the same
 - Precinct 2 - Move from the High School to Hastings Middle School
 - Precinct 3 - Hastings Middle School – this polling location will remain the same
 - Precinct 4 - Move from Hastings Middle School to the Fire Station
 - Precinct 5 - Recreation Center – this polling location will remain the same
 - Precinct 6 - Move from the East Fairhaven School to the Recreation Center
- Town Hall – Precinct 1
 - Hastings Middle School – Precincts 2 & 3
 - Fire Station – Precinct 4
 - Rec Center – Precincts 5 & 6

The major benefits from these changes are:

- Eliminate any concerns regarding the security at the East Fairhaven Elementary and Fairhaven High Schools.
- Allow me to assist the poll workers in several precincts at the same time.
- Save time when delivering the absentee ballots

Cost efficient:

- reduce the number of police officers needed
- reduce the cost of set-up and take-down voting equipment

Chapter 54, Section 24 attached.