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## First responders recognized for rescues



The Fairhaven Selectboard recognized first responders for the rescue of a man whose pickup truck veered off Goulart Memorial Drive and into the water in February. The Harbormaster was also recognized for a separate rescue in the harbor. ABOVE: Police officers, firefighters, paramedics, the police dispatcher, and the Harbormaster pose for a photo after they all received citations from the Fairhaven Selectboard on Monday, 3/14, in the town hall auditorium. See page 20. *Photo by Beth David.*

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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Oh, what fun we have this week.

Not only do we have all kinds of info about candidates (pages 16, 22), we have meeting coverage (pages 4 & 12), and fun stuff.

I went on a great day trip this weekend (page 19) to Old Sturbridge Village. We've been listing some of their special events for a long time, and I've been thinking for awhile that I should check out the place in person.

We had so much fun that I definitely plan on going back soon. We got to take all kinds of great pictures of sheep and the rooster, and every manner of life in the 1830s (yeah...even an out-house).

I took tons of pictures, but only had room for a few in this issue. I guess I'll just have to write up one of my famous (okay, not-so-famous) ebooks on the destination.

We have some meeting coverage for you (page 4). But we split off the police/fire commendations to page 20.

Actually, it's so late and I made so many changes, I really haven't a clue what is on which page tonight.

I can tell you there are letters to the editor, a wonderful story about the candidates night featuring brilliant journalists (I would be one of those, ahem), and candidate statements.

The Fairhaven High School Cheerleaders (page 3) are heading to nationals again. Quite the accomplishment for our little school.

It is now the middle of March. This is about the time I need to get serious about the future of my little house, my little newspaper, and my little future. I appreciate the support from my readers, but please, talk to your friends and anyone who reads our favorite little free sheet. If they haven't sent in a small donation (just \$20 will do it), ask them to do it now.

I will be getting some online options for contributing in the next day or two.

We are also working on revamping the website completely, so that should create a bit of a splash.

Also, I'd like to point you to page 24 for an update on Dave Cardin's progress after that very scary accident on Goulart Memorial Drive. The cover story is about the first responders who pulled him from the water. The VFW is holding a fund-raiser for him, so check that out

And finally, please be sure to notice who our advertisers are and tell them you saw their ads in the Neighb News. And, if you go somewhere that does not advertise with us, ask them why they don't.

Until next week then, see ya

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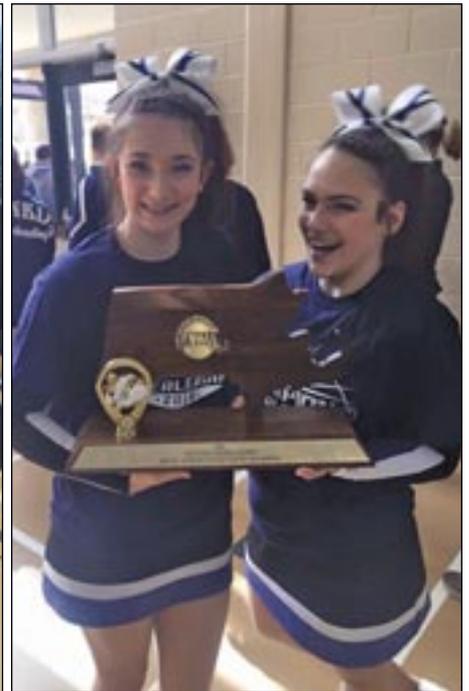
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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Oh my...in our (wonderful) story about Mr. Osuch's retirement in last week's issue, it appears we neglected to say that the building named after him is the public works administration building. We apologize for the omission.

# Fairhaven High Cheerleaders win state championship



The Fairhaven High School Cheerleaders won first place in the Mass. Secondary School Administrators' Association (MSSAA) 2016 Winter Cheerleading Small School Co-Ed State Championships on Sunday at Wachusett High School. They now head to the New England Championships this Saturday, 3/19, at Lawrence High School. Then onto the nationals in Orlando March 24-27. LEFT: The squad. RIGHT, L-R: Marissa Arujo and Darcy Rizzo pose with the trophy from the MSSAA contest on Sunday. *Photos courtesy of Susan Rizzo.*

Town of Fairhaven

# RABIES CLINIC

## Sunday, March 20, 2016



### Capeway Veterinary Hospital

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508-979-4022, Ext. 125.

# Selectboard to consider removal of Rogers School bell

By Beth David  
Editor

At its meeting on Monday, 3/14, the Fairhaven Selectboard approved the budget and the warrant for the annual town meeting. The board also voted to make Tuesday, 3/22, the deadline for articles on the special town meeting in May.

The board also voted to allow the Bell Committee to explore options for removing the bell from the tower of the Rogers School Building.

The committee handled removing the Oxford School Bell, and members said the Rogers bell is leaning to one side because the supports are rusted.

"The bell is listing pretty heavily," said Bell Committee chairperson Doug Brady. "Basically, we're looking at preventing any further damage."

He provided photos and said the committee would again ask A#1 Crane and Fairhaven Lumber, Keith Silvia, and others who donated time and services to remove the Oxford Bell.

The Oxford Bell was an historical Paul Revere creation. The Rogers bell is a little less storied.

Selectboard chairperson Geoffrey

Haworth said he would only support the idea if the bell could be removed without any destruction to the building. The Oxford bell could only be removed if the whole cupola was cut off.

"I think we can do it," said Mr. Brady, adding that a quick measure showed that the opening is wider than the bell.

Mr. Haworth said that because it was a trailer, it might fall under the same regulations as an ice cream truck, and not require the RFP.

Frank Coelho, a member of the Marine Resources Committee, asked the board to give the MRC a chance to weigh in and make a recommendation to the Selectboard.

The board voted to discuss it at their next meeting on 3/28. Mr. Rees will research the regulations.

In another matter, the board voted to approve a "pledge of license" for the Pasta House. Owner and manager Mario Ribeiro told the board that nothing is changing with the operation of the business. He said he is refinancing and the bank requires the change. No members of the public commented, and the vote was unanimous.

The board also voted to send a letter of support for the Buzzards Bay Coalition's Acushnet River Estuary Plan.

The BBC is applying for funding from the Massachusetts Environmental Trust to restore the river and expand public access.

In other business, the board:

- Appointed Michelle Potter and Patrick Souza to the Marine Resources Committee. They also appointed Michael Cordeiro to the committee, pending confirmation that he is a Fairhaven resident.
- Appointed Kevin McLaughlin of Fairhaven Shipyard, Ian MacGregor and John Seed to the Economic Development Committee, and chose Geoffrey Haworth to be the Selectboard's representative.
- Recognized Eagle Scout Dereck Goff with a citation (see related article on page 10).

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The board gave the committee permission to get more information. They will report back to the board and get approval before taking any action to physically remove the bell.

The board also briefly discussed a

proposal by Island Provisions to put a trailer at Hoppy's Landing to rent kayaks and paddleboards to the public.

Town Administrator Mark Rees said that allowing a private entity to use public land may require a request for proposals to go out to the public.

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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## FALPT Mtg.

On March 21. See ad on page 8.

## Lions Club Breakfast

The Fairhaven Lions Club Pancake Breakfast will be held on **Sat., 3/19, from 8–11 a.m. at Oxford Terrace** community center, 275 Main St. Fairhaven. **Tickets \$7. Seniors and children 5 under \$5.** Pancakes, sausage, fruit cup, juice & coffee. Accessible Sponsor: Rockland Trust. Call 508-996-3420 for tickets.

## At. St. Joseph's Mass & Dinner

**Fri., 3/18, at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph's School 100 Spring St., Fairhaven.** (Accessible) Come celebrate our Patron Saint while enjoying our parish community

Menu includes baked fish dinner, refreshments, & traditional zeppoles, **74 Spring St. (Church Basement)**

**Adults/\$10, 10-4yrs. old/\$4, under 3yrs./ free.**

Kids meal, mac & cheese, drink and cookie. Hope to see you there!

Or call/stop by the church office to reserve your tickets, 508-994-9714.

## Scallop Supper FR

The 13th annual scallop supper will be held on **Fri., 3/18, at St. Mary's Church, 440 Main St., Fairhaven, from 4:30– 7 p.m.** Tickets are \$12 and orders to-go are also available.

For tickets: St. Mary's Church rectory, M–F, 9–12, or call Robin Canastra, 508-997-9019. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door. All proceeds to benefit the Shepherd's Pantry and St. Mary's.

## Dems to Caucus

Enrolled Democrats who live in Fairhaven are invited to the Democratic Town Caucus on **Sat., 3/19, from 9:30 a.m.–noon, at the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven, MA 02179**

To elect town delegates to the Mass. State Democratic Convention. Delegates to the state convention are then eligible to run as a delegate for the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia, PA, July 25-28, 2016.

Attend the caucus to run or vote for delegates to the state convention. No cost to attend; open to members

of the public to observe. Registered Democrats, regardless of political experience, can run for delegate position.

## Boy Scouts F-R

The Pasta is House Helping Boy Scout Troop 52, St. Mary's Parish with a fundraising event on **Tues., 3/22, from 11:30 a.m. to closing**, by donating 20% of your bill (alcohol, tax & gratuity are excluded) to Boy Scout Troop 52 of Fairhaven. Includes lunch and dinner, dine-in and take-out

**\*FLYER MUST BE PRESENT OR ON MOBILE DEVICE\***. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/Troop-52-Fairhaven-MA-147027445332128> for flyer.

## School Budget Mtg

The Fairhaven School Committee will hold its budget hearing on **Wed., 3/23, at Fairhaven High School Bernard F. Roderick Library, 12 Huttleston Ave., at 7:15 p.m.**

## NFIA Egg Hunt

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association will hold its annual Easter egg hunt on **Sat., 3/26, at 9 a.m. sharp, at Livesey Park in North Fairhaven. Free.** Open to the public and everyone is welcome.

The NFIA is also looking for volunteers to help hide eggs. Donations for the raffle are also welcome. Call Fred Rafael at 508-951-0831.

## Win a Trip to Japan

The Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society is conducting an essay contest for the **students of Fairhaven High School**. The winner will accompany our local delegation to the Manjiro Festival in Tosashimizu, Japan in late October of this year. Shimizu High School in Tosashimizu is the "Sister School" to Fairhaven High School. Thus, the selected student will become a "student ambassador." Guidelines for the essay are available at the reception desk at Fairhaven High School.

Essays must be submitted to Gerald P. Rooney, President & CEO of the Society, at 11 Cherry Street, Fairhaven **by Friday, April 15, 2016.**

## Tour Guide Oppty

The Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship

Society is recruiting tour guides for its summer season. Tour guides are needed for the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Museum at 11 Cherry Street, Fairhaven as well as for the Manjiro Trail which traces the eight Fairhaven locations that were pertinent to Manjiro's life when he lived in Fairhaven.

Information sheets and scripts are provided during training/orientation sessions. Uniform and gift shop discounts also available to active tour guides. Ability in Japanese is a big plus but totally unnecessary for majority of tours. Hours are flexible and there are no age limitations.

This is a great opportunity to become familiar with a significant piece of local international history.

Those interested should contact Gerry Rooney, President, at 508-995-1219 or by e-mail to: Gerry@WMFriendshipHouse.org.

## Voc-Tech Rep

The Fairhaven Select Board Chairman, in conjunction with the Town Moderator and Fairhaven Public School Committee Chairperson, announce a **vacancy on the Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School Board**. The vacancy is for an unexpired term (expires 2019) to be a representative for the Town of Fairhaven on the GNBVTHS Board.

The selected appointee will need to be able to assume the position effective April 1, 2016.

**Letters of interest must be received by the Fairhaven Selectmen's Office by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 21, 2016.** On Thursday, March 24, at 6:30 p.m., the Select Board Chairman, the Town Moderator and the School Committee Chairperson will meet at the Town Hall Banquet Room to interview applicants and consider a joint appointment.

Letters of interest can be submitted electronically to: [selectmen@Fairhaven-MA.gov](mailto:selectmen@Fairhaven-MA.gov) or mailed to: Selectmen's Office 40 Center Street Fairhaven, MA 02719

Any questions, please contact the Selectmen's Office at 508-979-4023 ext. 2.

## Rabies Clinic

On Sun., 3/19. See ad on page 3.

# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## NB Half Marathon

The 39th New Bedford Half Marathon will be held on **Sun., 3/20, at 11 a.m. Visit <http://newbedfordhalfmarathon.com/>**

The course begins downtown and ends downtown. Being a loop course, the New Bedford Half Marathon is a great spectator race. People will have ample opportunity to watch the race in progress. Spectators can watch the beginning of the race on Purchase Street, walk down Union street to approximately the five mile mark (Rockdale Ave) and then walk back to the finish.

Another place for spectators is at the top of the County Street hill (around the 12.2 mile mark) – from this vantage point spectators will appreciate the make-or-break point for the runners as they near the end of the course.

Many make this trek between the start, the five mile mark and return to catch the County Street hill, then the finish on Purchase Street.

## Tom Lopes Doc.

For decades, Tom Lopes was dedicated to making life in New Bedford better for all residents. As the first Cape Verdean elected to the Mass. House of Representatives, Tom, who was already well known to the community for his activism, fought for the residents on the SouthCoast.

To honor his legacy, a team of students worked with Reel Serious to produce a documentary about his life. With a number of interviews from friends, families and other politicians, they tell the story about his accomplishments and the impact he made on New Bedford. The creation of the documentary was funded in part with a grant from United Way of Greater New Bedford. The documentary was first screened in October.

*Tom Lopes: Bringing Community Together* Events will take place: **Tues., 3/22, 5:30–8pm at Dennison Memorial Community Center (755 So. First St.), 3.29 5:30–8pm at Our Lady of Assumption Church (47 So. 6th St.), and 5/5 at the Cape Verdean American Veterans Hall (561 Purchase St.).**

If you are interested in attending one of the events, please contact United Way at 508-994-9625 ext. 19 or email [sellis@unitedwayofgnb.org](mailto:sellis@unitedwayofgnb.org).

## Summer Job Apps

Applications for seasonal summer employment opportunities with the City of New Bedford Department of Parks Recreation & Beaches are now available. The department hires seasonal help for 8-10 weeks during the summer months in a variety of program areas.

Applications are available at the Administrative Office of Parks Recreation & Beaches at 181 Hillman St. Bldg 3 or on the “Jobs Available” page of the City of New Bedford website ([www.newbedford-ma.gov](http://www.newbedford-ma.gov)). All applications must be returned to the Administrative Office of Parks Recreation & Beaches at 181 Hillman St. Bldg 3, Monday-Friday between the hours of 1:00pm-4:00pm. Applications will be accepted until April 29, 2016.

Positions offered include: Site Supervisors, Van Drivers, Van Aides, Beach Parking staff, Kennedy Summer Day Program staff (experience preferred), and Lifeguards (must have proper certifications). Must be 16 years of age by July 5, 2016.

Applicants must attend mandatory training; training dates are between June 27, 2016 and July 1, 2016.

For more information interested applicants may contact the Department of Parks Recreation & Beaches at (508) 961-3015 or stop by the office at 181 Hillman St. Bldg #3

## State of City Address

The Mayor of the City of New Bedford, Honorable Jon Mitchell will deliver his State of the City Address at a luncheon on **Thurs., 3/24, at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School located at 1121 Ashley Blvd. New Bedford, from 11:30AM–1:30PM.** Registration begins at 11:00 a.m., lunch will be served at 12:00 noon, and the Mayor's address will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m.

Since Mayor Mitchell has taken office, New Bedford has moved aggressively to reform its school system, modernize municipal operations, stabilize government finances, grow the local economy, and improve the quality of life for New Bedford residents.

Each year, the Mayor delivers the

State of the City address detailing past accomplishments, goals, planned policies and objectives for the largest city in the region for the coming year. Nearly 500 business, community, media, and political leaders are expected to attend this luncheon program. The event is sponsored by the New Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce, Webster Bank, the Sylvia Group, Blue Cross Blue Shield, and BayCoast Bank.

**Cost to attend the event is \$50 for individual Shamber of Commerce members, \$60 for individual non chamber members and \$500 for a table of ten.**

For more information or to register for the event, please contact the Chamber at (508) 999-5231 or visit [www.newbedfordchamber.com](http://www.newbedfordchamber.com).

## Lasagna Dinner

The Coalition for Animals will be having its 9th Annual Lasagna Dinner on **Thurs., 3/24, at the The Senhora Da Pedra Club (81 Tinkham Street) in New Bedford from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.** It's a great evening with meat and vegetarian lasagna provided by Ma Raffa's. Bread, salad, coffee and dessert are also included. There will be a cash bar, auction raffles and door prizes.

100% of all the proceeds from the event will be used to support our Seniors for Seniors Adoption Program, which allows us to help local shelters adopt senior animals to senior citizens by subsidizing the adoption fee. By offering this program, we can help people 55 years or older and shelter animals 5 years or older find the perfect, needed match!

Tickets are \$12 if purchased in advance or \$15 if bought at the door. Buy tickets online: [tp://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2488793](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2488793). Tickets can be purchased at Mellisa's Pet Depot, 83 Faunce Corner Rd. Dartmouth or 8 Sarah's Way (CVS Plaza, Rt. 6) Fairhaven. Tickets can be reserved by calling 978-509-2203. Limited tickets will be sold at the door.

Visit our website at [www.coalitionforanimals.com](http://www.coalitionforanimals.com) to learn more about our Seniors for Seniors program as well as all the other programs we offer that help local animals and provide a great resource for the community!

## Bookfair Benefit

Sat., 3/19 from Noon-4 p.m., support the Lloyd Center for the Environment at Barnes & Noble in Dartmouth. In an effort to raise funds for their environmental science programs held in schools in New Bedford, Fall River, Dartmouth, and throughout Massachusetts, the Lloyd Center is working together with Barnes & Noble Booksellers by hosting a Bookfair at the Barnes & Noble Dartmouth Towne Center store.

The Lloyd Center for the Environment will hold several events and programs at Barnes & Noble during the Bookfair, including a presentation of the Center's resident **screech owl Koko**. This up-close owl encounter will be followed by stories, other animal interactions and a scavenger hunt. This fun, family event is free and open to the public.

Barnes & Noble will contribute a percentage of every sale on 3/19 made by customers identifying themselves as supporters of the Lloyd Center for the Environment. Vouchers will be available online at the Lloyd Center's website [www.lloydcenter.org](http://www.lloydcenter.org), in hard copy at the Lloyd Center for the Environment, or by simply mentioning your choice to support the Lloyd Center when you check-out at the register. You can also support the Lloyd Center by shopping online at [www.bn.com/bookfairs](http://www.bn.com/bookfairs) from Sat., 3/19 to Thurs., 3/24 and include the Bookfair voucher ID #11805728 on the payment page during checkout.

For more info, contact Lloyd Center Outreach Specialist Jennifer Wimmer at [jen@lloydcenter.org](mailto:jen@lloydcenter.org), 508-990-0505 x14.

## Rabies Clinic

The town of Acushnet will hold a rabies clinic on **Sun., 3/20, at the Acushnet Town Barn, 700 Middle Rd., from 9 a.m.-noon. Fee is \$10/animal.** Rabies vaccine, one year only. Hosted by Acushnet Animal Hospital. All dogs must on a leash, cats in carriers.

## Candidates Night

Acushnet candidates will face voters on **Thurs., 3/24, at 7:00pm at the Acushnet Senior Center, 59 1/2 So. Main St.**

## Mattapoissett Dems

On Sat., 3/26, the Mattapoissett Democratic Town Committee will hold its annual caucus to elect delegates to the Massachusetts Democratic Party State Convention. The caucus will take place from **10:15 to 12 in the lower conference room at the Mattapoissett Library 7 Barstow St.**

All Mattapoissett residents registered as Democrats as of January 31, 2016 are encouraged to participate in the caucus. Registered voters do not have to be members of the Town Committee to be eligible to attend the convention.

Attending a state convention is a way to meet people from across the Commonwealth who share similar political views with you. Delegates will have opportunities to meet and hear from many of our elected state officials as well as those who are organizers and officials of our state party.

## Bird Club Mtg

The Nasketucket Bird Club will be presenting a program about "Grassland Birds of the Northeast — From Bobolink to Killdeer."

Lauren Miller-Donnelly, Property Manager of the MassAudubon South Coast Sanctuaries, will discuss a project that she helped organize to survey grassland birds in New England last summer.

Grassland birds are disappearing at an alarming rate. Between 1966 and 2012, they have experienced steeper, more consistent, and more widespread population declines than any group of birds in North America. In Mass., many breeding grassland birds are identified as needing urgent conservation action. Find out what wildlife advocates are doing about this and how you can help.

The event will be held at **7 p.m. on Thurs., 3/24 at the Mattapoissett Public Library, 7 Barstow St.** Free and open to the public. For more information contact Carolyn Longworth at [bvm1290@comcast.net](mailto:bvm1290@comcast.net) or visit the club website at <http://massbird.org/Nasketucket/>

## Blood Drive

March is Red Cross Month. Every donation you give helps us do more

of what we do.

The Acushnet Board of Health and Council on Aging present Community Blood Drive on Mon., 3/21, from 1-6 p.m. at the Acushnet Council on Aging, 59 Main Street

For an appointment please call 1-800-RED CROSS (733-2767) or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)

## Steam Train Jobs

Looking to work for the only steam train and riverboat connection in the country? The Essex Steam Train and Riverboat will host its first annual **Job Fair from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tues., 3/22, at the River Valley Junction, One Railroad Ave., Essex, CT**, to highlight available jobs throughout all departments. A list of these positions is available at <http://essexsteamtrain.com/about/essex-station/employment/>

Visit <http://essexsteamtrain.com/job-fair/>, or contact Ericka Whalen at 860-767-0103 ext. 217 or [ewhalen@essexsteamtrain.com](mailto:ewhalen@essexsteamtrain.com)

RSVP to the Facebook Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/970228423048103/>

## Maple Days

Old Sturbridge Village, 1 Old Sturbridge Village Rd., Sturbridge, MA 01566 (800-733-1830), [orders@osv.org](mailto:orders@osv.org), will highlight the history of New England's maple industry during its Maple Days celebrations, held on **three more weekends: 3/12-13, 3/19-20 & 3/26-27** The Village's costumed historians will demonstrate the maple sugaring process of the early 19th-century at a working sugar camp, show how maple sugaring has changed over the years through a scavenger hunt, and more. Special Maple Days packages are also available for families and couples, including a stay at the Old Sturbridge Inn and Reeder Family Lodges at the Village. The dates for Maple Days are March 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, and 26-27.

Additional activities at Old Sturbridge Village include exploring historic buildings, engaging with Old Sturbridge Village interpreters, and seeing heritage-breed animals.

For full details and to buy tickets online, visit [www.osv.org](http://www.osv.org). Tickets: \$28/adult, \$26/senior, \$14/youth, free under 3 years.

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### 2016 Annual Members Meeting

Toby Dills  
 Founding Member and Guest Speaker  
 Monday, March 21, 6:30 p.m.  
 Millicent Library Auditorium, 45 Center Street,  
 Fairhaven. Use Walnut Street entrance.  
 Open to All



Shipyard Farm on Sciticut Neck Road in Fairhaven is just one of many properties owned and preserved by the Fairhaven-Acushnet Land Preservation Trust. To learn more, visit <http://falpt.org>



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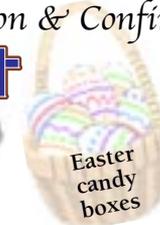
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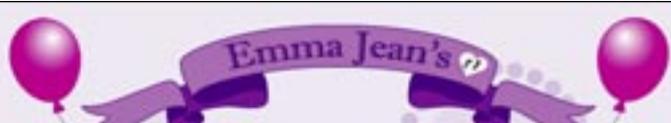
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- 1 cup flour
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1 cup raisins, craisins, chocolate or butterscotch chips

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease two cookie sheets. In a large bowl, mix together butter, sugar, honey, egg and vanilla until well blended. Add oats, flour, salt, cinnamon and baking soda. Mix until well blended.

Blend in raisins or chips, mix well.

Drop by tablespoonful onto prepared cookie sheets. Bake in a 350 oven 12-14 minutes or until cookies are a golden brown.

Cool cookies on rack.

*Submitted by Melandia Coutinho*

# Dereck Goff recognized by Selectboard

Eagle Scout Dereck Goff, who installed picnic tables at Grimshaw Park on Green Street, near Fort Phoenix for his Eagle Scout project, was recognized by the Selectboard at their meeting on Monday, 3/14.

"It was an honor to work with Anne Silvia and the town of Fairhaven on my Eagle Scout Project," Mr. Goff told the board. "I enjoyed working on the picnic tables...Thank you."

Mr. Goff received a citation from the board that recognizes his Eagle Scout project as well as his other volunteer work with the Shepherd's Pantry, delivering meals to the home-

bound, Wreaths Across America, and the Fairhaven Village Militia.

The citation recognizes him "for his service to not only improving the Town, but for his service and dedication to the community at large."

Mr. Goff's Eagle Scout project included painting 120 feet of guard rail, creating a paved walkway from the street, building and placing four picnic tables at the park, two of which are wheelchair accessible.

Mr. Goff plans to attend Bristol Community College to study art or computers. He continues to work with younger Scouts.



Eagle Scout Dereck Goff speaks to the Fairhaven Selectboard on Monday, 3/14, when they presented a citation to him recognizing his community service. *Photo by Beth David.*

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# Acushnet may sell tax liens; Eversource presents on LNG

Beth David  
Editor

At its meeting on Monday, 3/14, the Acushnet Selectboard heard more details from Eversource on the proposed expansion of the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facility on Peckham Road. The board also heard a proposal from Treasurer/Collector Kristie Costa to sell tax liens to a third party.

Appearing in front of the board with Bill Cowin, principal of Tallage LLC, a Boston-based company that buys liens from municipalities, Ms. Costa recommended that the board consider selling liens to the company to recoup back taxes owed by Acushnet property owners.

Ms. Costa told the board that she has been working with homeowners who are delinquent with their taxes. Some have honored their agreements, others have not.

She said statistics show that 30–40% of people who are delinquent will settle up with the town with just the threat of the liens being sold.

“I personally feel the town should move forward with this process soon,” said Ms. Costa.

She estimated that the town would get about \$350,000 of the \$850,000 owed.

“We’ve done our due diligence, and have done our best to resolve with property owners” said Selectboard chairperson David Wojnar.

According to Mr. Cowin the town will receive 100% of the taxes owed.

“What do they get out of it,” asked Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar if they are paying 100% of the lien.

Mr. Cowin said that by law, they are required to pay the town the full amount of the taxes owed.

He said the company does not buy the house of a delinquent resident, just the lien. Then the company attempts to collect the money. He said Tallage is a “processing company” that has investors.

He said there is “nothing we can do that the town can’t do” to collect the debts.

According to an article by the Center for Investigative Journalism published last November, Mass. law allows the investors to charge homeowners 16% interest, a series of fees and can take the homeowner to court to foreclose on the property; all options that are available to municipalities as well.

In the end, a company that bought

the lien could end up owning a valuable property for a fraction of its worth.

Ms. Costa and Mr. Cowin both stressed that the vast majority of homeowners pay their back taxes when they face the prospect of losing their homes.

Selectboard member Garry Rawcliffe expressed concern that people who are simply having a difficult financial time, particularly elderly residents, could end up homeless by the process.

Mr. Cowin said that the town treasurer had “complete authority not to sell” certain liens.

He said 98.5% of homeowners pay on time. Of the remaining 1.5%, 99% pay off the debt during the process.

He also said it takes a long time and requires lots of notification, giving homeowners lots of chances to settle before ending up in Land Court.

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Mr. Wojnar said there clearly was plenty of outreach and “backstops in place,” so he supported the concept. He said they had a “fiduciary responsibility” to do it.

“How do we collect?” asked Mr. Gaspar.

Mr. Cowin said the “winning bidder” is responsible for all taxes on a property, including keeping the taxes current.

Mr. Rawcliffe put a break on the process saying he wanted to “revisit” it before they vote to actually authorize the sale of the liens.

The board also got an update from Woodard & Curran on the infiltration study and the plan to create a Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan.

Carol Harris of W&C, said that the study “identified quite a few areas of infiltration.”

She said the next step is to pinpoint the areas and prioritize repairs.

The board also said they could use

some of the money from selling tax liens for the CWMP, estimated at \$375,000.

The CWMP does three major things, said Ms. Harris. It evaluates the system in all areas of town, prioritizes issues, and allows the town to pursue funding. Town Meeting must vote to approve the start of the process. The board voted to put an article on the annual TM warrant.

In another matter, police chief Michael Alves and Bristol County District Attorney Thomas Quinn announced the placement of a drug box, or a “Prescription Drug Disposal Program” box at the police station.

Residents can go by the station and drop off unused prescription pills.

Needles and liquid medications, however, are not accepted. Chief Alves said, in a follow-up phone interview, that residents should contact the Board of Health to dispose of those drugs.

Pills, can be dropped off anytime. The box is inside the police station with heavy security, said the chief.

“Prescription drugs are the biggest concern right now,” said Chief Alves. “The old idea of flushing them [down the toilet] is no longer okay.”

The Environmental Protection Agency has found that fish and other marine life have traces of both prescription and over-the-counter drugs, presumably due to people flushing drugs down the toilet.

The board also heard more on the proposed LNG expansion, with Dennis Galvam, Manager of Community Relations in Mass. for Eversource giving a PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Galvam said that he wanted to clarify some information.

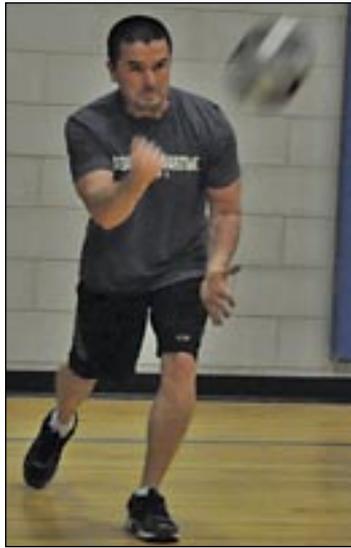
He said the expansion would help with a “reliability gap” during peak electric demand.

He said the 250 acre property on Peckham Road would not be clear-cut, as opponents have said, but will maintain an 80-acre vegetative buffer zone. The tanks, he said will be smaller than originally reported. They will be 160 feet tall (not 170), and 265 feet in diameter (not 275).

He also reiterated that at least 25 permanent jobs would be created.

He showed before and after slides of areas where pipeline had been laid in wetlands and other natural areas to show that those areas will come back to their natural states. ●●●

# Candidates compete in different arena



The Fairhaven Wellness Committee challenged all candidates for public office to join in on a friendly game of volleyball. All the Selectboard candidates showed up on Sunday, 3/13, for the game at the recreation center, along with a few other candidates and family members. The sorta-kinda organized event generally leaves it undetermined who actually won. It appears that both sides won some games. It was not known by press time if it was a winner-take-all series of contests, or if the wins would be apportioned proportionately. TOP LEFT: Selectboard candidate Dan Freitas (LEFT) battles at the net with Selectboard incumbent Geoffrey Haworth (RIGHT). TOP MIDDLE: School Committee candidate Mike McNamara grimaces as he serves the ball. TOP RIGHT: Selectboard candidate Bernie Roderick hordes the ball on the bench just long enough for a photographer to capture the moment. ABOVE LEFT: The whole crew. ABOVE RIGHT: Selectboard candidate Pattie Pacella sends the ball towards the net. *Photos by Beth David.*

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#### Senior Talent Show

The Fairhaven Rotary Club and the Fairhaven Council on Aging will be having a senior talent show on Sunday April 24, from 2-4:00 p.m. at the Fairhaven COA. We are recruiting seniors who would like to participate in this event by sharing their talent whether it be singing, dancing, comedy, magic or any other fun talent. Call the Fairhaven COA at 508-979-4029 and ask for Anne Silvia to sign up. This is a FREE EVENT for the public. Refreshments will be served and prizes will be awarded.

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# Candidates make their cases to the public

By Jean Perry

## Special to the Neighb News

Fairhaven Selectboard and School Committee candidates faced the voters and addressed the hot topics in town on 3/9 during the Government Access channel Candidates Night held at the Senior Center.

Moderators Jim Phillips from WBSM, Sandy Quadros Bowles of The Standard Times, and Beth David of the Neighb News tossed up questions tailored to each candidate.

Incumbent Selectboard Chairperson Geoff Haworth said he has helped form a more “cohesive board,” accomplishing all that he promised voters three years ago.

Mr. Haworth lauded the board’s facilitation of “a total revamp of town government” with the “successful transition” to the new town administrator. He emphasized his responsiveness to residents, using as an example the board’s stopping the fishing pier slated for the causeway on West Island.

As for the economic development committee he had on his political agenda, he said, “It’s a little late...but I’m getting on it.... And if reelected, that’s one of the first things I’ll do.”

Mr. Haworth was asked about his support for the NFIA’s acquisition of the fire station building on the Oxford School property. He defended it by pointing out the NFIA’s assiduous care of the restored fire station.



Candidates for Fairhaven School Committee give openings statements at the government access channel candidates night on Wednesday, 3/9, at the Fairhaven Senior Center. Three candidates are vying for two seats. TOP: Newcomer to politics Tatiana Andrade. MIDDLE: Newcomer to politics Michael McNamara. ABOVE: Incumbent Stasia Powers. *Photos by Jim Mahaney.*

“I feel that they’ve done all the work and without them I don’t think that building would be [standing].”

One of the panelists said the undertone of this election was about electing “political outsiders.” Why should residents reelect him instead of a fresh approach?

“I am an outsider,” said Mr. Haworth. “[Running for Selectboard] wasn’t because I wanted to be a politician.... It was because something was going on that I didn’t like and I wanted to change it.”

Selectboard challenger Dan Freitas, currently on the Board of Public Works, said he does not like how often town counsel is consulted for the board to make decisions.



Inefficiency among the board leads to meetings till midnight.

“Because the agenda is filled with items that are months old,” he said.

He criticized the time it took to hire a TA, leaving minimal time for the transition.

“We all knew...years ago that Mr. Osuch was leaving,” said Mr. Freitas. “It literally makes no sense.”

Mr. Freitas advocated for clear agendas, meeting minutes, and an accessible website for residents.

“Because knowledge is power and all of our citizens should know what their government is doing,” said Mr. Freitas.

Ms. David asked Mr. Freitas about his taking issue with the tardiness of one DPW manager who arrives to work one to two minutes late. Ms. David referred to a BPW meeting when Freitas reportedly left the meeting early in anger.

“Is this the way you’ll perform as a Selectboard member,” asked Ms.



David.

“I did not leave a meeting early. I did leave a meeting angry,” he said, pointing out that the issue was discussed over four meetings by then. “It is a pet peeve of mine that people should be on time and ready to work.... I don’t consider it micro-managing... I brought up an issue and it became an issue.”

As for the crumbling of Atlas Tack, “Should the town take it over? No,” said Mr. Freitas. “You would’ve thought that, by now, the [Selectboard] would have made this an issue by now.”

Selectboard Candidate Pattie Pacella, a temporary employee for the Planning Department and a member of the Government Study Committee, said her platform is simple: community, collaboration, and compassion.

For “community,” she proposes neighborhood public forums. For “collaboration,” Ms. Pacella suggests making town meeting more effective, perhaps with an open town meeting, and community outreach. For “compassion,” she spoke of her observations at Town Hall.

“There’s nothing wrong with saying ‘thank you, you did a good job,’” she said.

Ms. Pacella stated that her position at Town Hall ends 3/31 and would not be in conflict with a seat on the Selectboard.

Ms. Pacella started the Town Hall “Go the Extra Mile Award” for employees, and said a bond between the community and town boards “helps with my collaboration efforts.”

“I’m a positive person with a positive outlook,” she said.

Asked whether her relationships

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with co-workers make her biased on the board, Ms. Pacella said no, since personnel discipline would fall mostly on the TA.

Finally, Selectboard candidate Bernie Roderick, School Committee and Government Study Committee member and former school superintendent, said his experience working with “every single department in town” means he knows Fairhaven and how it works. He said the town has to tackle the issue of the EPA’s renewal permit for the wastewater treatment plant.

“If the EPA holds our feet to the fire, we’re talking somewhere around... \$20 million,” said Mr. Roderick.

There is a need to consider the relocation of the fire/police station, he said, and the economic development issue should be supported.

“We’ve got to be aggressive. We just cannot continue to sit on our hands and do nothing,” he said.

He was asked about Fairhaven High School being on academic probation in the 1990s and why voters should put trust in him after a “major failing under your leadership.”

Mr. Roderick rejected the notion, saying he had only been superintendent for 18 months at that time.

He said he provided the leadership to get the high school renovated, and pointed out that the high school is currently a Level-1 school.

“The wellness of a community is based on how well the schools are running,” said Mr. Roderick.

He promised to treat each department budget equally and not favor the school budget.

Moving into School Committee, three candidates are vying for two seats.

Three-term incumbent Stasia Powers said, “I want to be sure that my children and the children of Fairhaven are getting the best education there is.”

Ms. Powers said she was against imposing term limits, as she spoke against it at Town Meeting.

“If things are going well, why make somebody leave when they’re doing a good job and there’s nobody to replace them?” she said.

Newcomer Tatiana Andrade moved to Fairhaven in 2014 and has a six-year-old in the school system. From Siberia, Russia, Ms. Andrade is a certified nurse and has a degree in finance from Russia.

“I’d like to be welcomed in this community and serve my best,” she said.

Ms. Andrade also pulled papers for Housing Authority, saying that, as a landlord, she had something to offer the town, but was not sure which pursuit to follow.

She supports vocational training at the high school, saying Russia offers vocational training to students at ninth grade.

Candidate Michael McNamara said he understands that students learn differently, and each deserves a method of learning that works for him or her.

The state’s new MCAS 2.0 will be introduced in 2019, and Mr. McNamara said schools need this type of standardized testing.

“A bar has to be set. It is good to have a bar,” he said, a high bar, he added. “But the test needs to be achievable.”

He supports vocational training, although funding is limited, but guidance counselors should be more involved in helping students plan their futures.

Michele (Mike) Merolla was the only Housing Authority candidate to attend the candidates night. John Farrell, who is also on the Planning board; and Thomas Arsenault, who lives in a Housing Authority apartment, did not attend.

He was on the Fairhaven School Committee in the 1990s and was in the middle of many a controversy. He moved away, said Ms. David, and was on boards in other towns and was also controversial.

She asked if residents can expect some of his “signature controversial behavior.”

“I always told it like it was,” answered Dr. Merolla.

He said he was never “on the wrong side of issues,” and challenged Ms. David to tell him one time he was wrong.

“This might be my last hurrah,” said Dr. Merolla, noting he was 76. “And I’d like to serve the community.”

One unopposed candidate turned out to face the voters, Cathy

Melanson for the Planning Board,

Ms. David asked Ms. Melanson if being president of the Fairhaven Business Association would be a conflict.

“I don’t think it’s going to hurt. I think it’s going to help,” said Ms. Melanson. “I think there’s a lot I can add to the Planning Board.”

The event was videotaped by the Government Access Channel. It is running on Channel 18 and is available through the town’s website: [www.fairhaven-ma.gov](http://www.fairhaven-ma.gov) ●●●



ABOVE, L-R: Selectboard incumbent Geoffrey Haworth and challengers, Dan Freitas, Pattie Pacella, and Bernie Roderick face questions from the press at the government access channel’s candidates night on Wednesday, 3/9, at the Fairhaven Senior Center. The three are vying for one seat. The event is running on Channel 18 and is available online through the town’s website at [www.fairhaven-ma.gov](http://www.fairhaven-ma.gov). Photo by Jim Mahaney.



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# Day Tripping: Old Sturbridge Village

By Beth David  
Editor

Old Sturbridge Village in Sturbridge, Mass. not only looks like an 1830s rural New England village (as I imagine one, anyway), but it also takes on the rhythms of the seasons, with exhibits and activities in tune with the calendar, the weather, and the needs of the 1830s day.

This month's special feature is maple sugaring. For the two remaining weekends in March, visitors can see how sap from a maple tree is turned into maple sugar candies. Villagers in period dress, and using authentic tools appropriate to the period, will demonstrate the art of boiling down the sap to its sugary sweetness.

My friend Tori and I got there around lunch time. We discovered that the Oliver Wight Tavern at the entrance to the village was not open, so we headed inside to the Bullard Tavern, a misnomer, alas, since no alcohol is served in the village.

The food was tasty and plentiful, but not exactly a destination. It satisfied the palate and the stomach, however. We both got the special dinner plate. Tori got the ham with mixed vegetables. I got the turkey with mashed potatoes. We both got the cranberry sauce and cornbread.

It seemed to be all homemade and there was a good choice of sides and sandwiches. The meal was \$9.95 plus \$2 for a drink. They had hot dogs (\$4.95 with fries) and other kid fare — can you say mac 'n cheese (\$2.50 sm, \$5.50 lg) and PB&J (\$3)?

The village is laid out in an easy pattern



ABOVE: Joel shows the consistency of maple syrup he made by boiling sap from a maple tree at Old Sturbridge Village in Sturbridge, Mass., on Saturday, 3/12. MIDDLE: A sheep seems to say "hello" to the camera. *Photos by Beth David.* FAR RIGHT: The author cards, or combs wool under careful instruction of Joan. You can take the wool you combed as a souvenir. *Photo courtesy of Tori Tepe.*

to follow, with wide paths taking you to the "small house," where the final stage of sugaring took place, to the sheep pen and a town green.

The layout provides lots of room for young children to run around. Lots of exhibits are designed to let young hands touch, hold on, and explore.

Michael Quesnel, 11, was visiting with his five younger siblings and mom and dad.

Mr. Quesnel said he could not pick a favorite spot in the village because he liked it all, just "going back in time almost, to see what they used to do."

He said it was cool to think of how



someone figured out how to make maple syrup and sugar so long ago.

"It seems like it's too good to be true."

His little sister Mia also said she liked it all, like petting the animals.

We had a delightful visit with the sheep and took lots of pictures. We kept missing the horses pulling the wagon, though, for some reason, but we did see them.

At the syrup station, we got a great explanation of how the whole sugaring process works from Joel, who told us that it takes about 40 gallons of sap to create one gallon of syrup.

He said maple sugar was considered an "inferior sugar," used by people who did not have a lot of money. People of means bought cane sugar, he said. Maple sweetness was something people could make from their own yards, albeit with a lot of time and effort.

Back at the "small house," Shannon explained how to tell if the syrup was "done," meaning it would crystalize when cooled. Just put a drop on a cold surface, such as a ceramic plate, or better yet, drop it in the snow.

"Some people write their names in the snow," she said and then pick up the piece.

We spent several hours in the village, visiting the bulls, the general store, the gift shop, and just wandering around.

There's a building with glass exhibits (old spectacles to decorative windows), firearms (the longest single shot rifles you've ever seen), a print shop (yes, you can make paper from rags), a textile exhibit

(they used walnuts and berries to dye wool), a shoe shop showing all the stages of making a shoe, to name a few.

We did not have time to visit it all, but, when you buy your ticket, you get another visit for free within 10 days (well, if you remember to have it validated... alas, we forgot).

This is quite the place to explore for all ages, and they have special programs for school vacation weeks.

There are also two walking trails, and a pasture view of the whole village.

The villagers are friendly and helpful. The laid back atmosphere is refreshing. No one approaches you with foolishness making you feel that you have to participate in something. But they are very approachable and helpful.

This is a top-notch day trip in my book, and my friend Tori and I are definitely planning to go back.

The gift shop at the entrance to the village is open a half hour after the OSV closes. It is also open all year. Tori and I both agreed it is everything a gift shop should be. This place had just about everything, from colorful displays of old fashioned candy, including salt water taffy, to very different kitchen ware, books, and quality logowear. We are definitely going back for Christmas shopping. •••



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# First responders recognized for rescue from submerged vehicle

By Beth David  
Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard presented first responders with citations at its meeting on Monday, 3/14, for two rescues, including the rescue of David Cardin, whose pickup truck veered off into the water off Goulart Memorial Drive on 2/17.

Police officers who arrived on the scene entered the frigid waters and pulled Mr. Cardin out of his truck. Paramedics revived him and he is currently recovering at Boston hospital (see related story on page 24).

Selectboard member Charles Murphy said he could never do the job of first responders, who save lives every day.

Board member Bob Espindola said their "selfless actions were on display that day," and gave the community heartfelt pride.

Selectboard chairperson Geoffrey Haworth said he got to the scene around the same time as police and saw them "in the water, in their uniforms, soaking wet."

"It was an amazing sight," said Mr. Haworth.

Police chief Michael Myers told the crowd that the event was a testament to the cooperation of the departments in town that had to work together.

"Without the full cooperation of every single department," said Chief Myers, "that gentleman might not be alive today."

Fire Chief Timothy Francis called it a "well-oiled machine," and said they are "very proud" of both police and fire personnel.

"I think they did a great job," said Chief Francis.

Police officer Scott Coelho was the first to arrive on the scene and observed the pickup truck upside down in the water. When bystanders said they did not see anyone walking around, Officer Coelho said he knew he had to go in the water.

On the way driving on the neck, he said he was only concentrating on getting to the scene. When he realized he had to go in, he secured his

unable to open the passenger door.

Officers Alexander Kisla and Kevin Chasse entered the water and Mr. Kisla used his knife to cut Mr. Cardin's seatbelt.

Officers were able to pull him out and hand him to people waiting on the rocks.

Mr. Coelho said he is a diver and is familiar with cold water, but...

"With no wetsuit, it was a different feeling," he said with a laugh.

Mr. Kisla said the cold water was the last thing he was thinking about, until he jumped in.

He said his body was operating with "muscle memory" and he just did what he had to do

"So I guess that was the training kicking in," he said.

Officer Chasse said he, too, tried to open the passenger side door to check for another occupant, but it was stuck. He used a window punch, but it did not work. The window would not break.

"And that was frustrating," he said.

Then he heard people calling out to him that he had been in the cold water too long, to get back to shore.

He said he kept dunking under to feel around in the cab of the truck, being careful not to get entangled or trapped inside.

"You don't think of that stuff," he said, meaning both the cold water and the possibility of getting trapped.

He said getting recognized for it was "surreal," and humbling.

"It's something I would do again today, for somebody who needs help," said Mr. Chasse "That's why I do the job."

He said he was grateful for the recognition.



L-R: Fairhaven police officers Scott Coelho and Alexander Kisla speak to Channel 10 News about the rescue of David Cardin from the waters off Goulart Memorial Drive on Feb. 17. Beth David photo.

weapon and radio and waded into the water.

He opened the driver's side door and could feel Mr. Cardin in the seat, but could not pull him out.

He yelled out that someone was inside the truck but he couldn't pull him out. He then went to the other side to try to get to the driver that way, but was

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## Public Hearings/ Legal Notices

### Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall to consider the following petition(s):

**NEW HEARINGS:**

1. Petitioner: Michael Ristuccia., RE: 52 Cedar Street, Plot 4, Lot 7-7A-8; Book 10341 and Page 205; 198-18 – Short 45' of required 100' / Short 8978 sq. ft. of required 15,000 sq. ft. required in an RA District.
2. Petitioner: Donald N. & Debra L. Pincince, RE: 77 Cottonwood Street, Plot 43C, Lot 163 & 164, Cert. #22335; 198-18 – 13.5' short of required 30' front setback, 10' short of required 20' side setback northerly side and 4% over max building coverage of 15% a within an RR District.
3. Petitioner: Paul P & Barbara R. Whewell, RE: 7 Misty Bay Road, Plot 43C, Lot 91-92; Cert. #22804; 198-18: Short 2' of required 30' front setback Cottonwood St., 10' short of required 30' front setback Misty Bay Road, 11' short of required 20' side setback and 6% over max building coverage of 15% a within an RR District.
4. Petitioner: Ronald Oliveira, RE: 33 Charity Stevens Lane, Plot 40, Lot 15C; Book 11410 and Page 129; 198-28 G-1 Special Permit required for construction in the Nasketucket River Basin.
5. Petitioner: Ronald Oliveira, RE: 31 Charity Stevens Lane, Plot 40, Lot 15B; Book 11410 and Page 129; 198-28 - G-1 Special Permit required for construction in the Nasketucket River Basin.
6. Petitioner: Ronald Oliveira, RE: 27 Charity Stevens Lane, Plot 40, Lot 15; Book 11410 and Page 129; 198-28 - G-1 - Special Permit required for construction in the Nasketucket River Basin.
7. Petitioner: Analea Pierce, RE: 8 Joanne Way, Plot 31A, Lot 13A; Book 9303 and Page 241; 198-16 – Special Permit required for Livestock raising on a site under 5 acres in an RA District.
8. Petitioner: Jay S. Simmons, RE: 28 Atlas Street, Plot 6, Lot 8; Book 4573 and Page 135; 198-18 – Short 10,725 sq. ft. of required 15,000 sq. ft., 5' short of required 10' side yard north side, 4' short of required side yard south side and 4% over max building coverage of 30% all within an RA District.
9. Petitioner: Ian E. Souza, RE: 1 Hidden Drive, Plot 39, Lot 27; Book 3300 and Page 247; 198-28 – G – Special Permit required for expansion of 500 sq. ft. within the Nasketucket River Basin.
10. Petitioner: Timothy Costa, RE: 354 Scoticut Neck Road, Plot 29A, Lots 397 & 398, Book 11357 and Page 309; Special Permit required for Home Occupation as a Landscaper.

*Peter DeTerra, Chairman*

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"It does definitely make you feel good," he said.

"It's a great feeling," said Mr. Kisla. "Just to do a job you love."

He said there are a lot of things nobody hears about.

"It's nice to hear you're doing the right thing," said Mr. Kisla.

Mr. Coelho said he supposed it was "pretty cool" to be recognized.

"I certainly wasn't expecting all this attention," he said.

Citations were given to 17 police officers and firefighters, and to Emergency Medical Dispatcher Marie Burgess, Harbormaster Timothy Cox and citizen Nathan Picard.

The other recipients were: Sgt. Michael Botelho, Det. Sgt. Matthew Botelho, Det. Jerald Bettencourt, Det. Scott Gordon, Officer Kevin Chasse, Officer Alexander Kisla, Officer Scott Coelho, Deputy Chief Todd Correia, Lt. Joy Nichols, Lt. Robert Lincoln, FF Chauncey Burr, FF Antone Medeiros, FF Shawn Samanica, FF Kevin Gonsalves, FF Nicholas Oliveira, Lt G. Bourne Knowles, FF Adam Katz.

Harbormaster Timothy Cox was also recognized for rescuing a boater who had fallen into the water on January 17. The man's dinghy floated away, leaving him no choice but to pull himself back onto his boat where he was suffering from hypothermia when Mr. Cox found him. ●●●

## Fairhaven Meetings

**Bikeway Committee**  
Thurs., 3/17, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

**Board of Assessors**  
Fri., 3/18, Town Hall, 3:30 p.m.

**Board of Health**  
Mon., 3/28, Town Hall, 2 p.m.  
With DEP re: Fhvn Shipyard

**Conservation Commission**  
Mon., 3/21, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

**Finance Committee**  
Thurs., 3/17, Arsene St., 7 p.m.  
Thurs., 3/24, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

**Marine Resources Comm.**  
Mon., 3/28, at Selectboard mtg.  
Tues., 3/29, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

**Planning Board**  
Tues., 3/22, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

**School Committee**  
Wed., 3/23, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.  
BUDGET MEETING: 7:15 p.m.

**Selectboard**  
Mon., 3/28, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

## Acushnet Meetings

**Candidates Night**  
Thurs., 3/24, Senior Ctr., 7 p.m.

**Historical Commission**  
Sat., 3/19, Town Hall, 9 a.m.

**Planning Commission**  
Thurs., 3/24, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

**Rabies Clinic**  
Sun., 3/20, 700 Middle Rd., 9–noon

**Selectboard**  
Mon. 3/28, Acushnet Library, 5 p.m.

### TIDE TABLE

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	March 2016	HIGH		LOW	
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Friday	18	0456	1730	----	1227
Saturday	19	0557	1824	0044	1315
Sunday	20	0645	1907	0133	1400
Monday	21	0725	1945	0219	1443
Tuesday	22	0803	2023	0302	1513
Wednesday	23	0842	2101	0325	1425
Thursday	24	0921	2140	0246	1446
Friday	25	1000	2219	0313	1518
Saturday	26	1039	2258	0345	1552
Sunday	27	1120	2341	0419	1627*
Monday	28	----	1205	0455	1703
Tuesday	29	0029	1257	0534	1745

\* = Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft.  
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# Candidate Statements: Acushnet Selectboard



## Mike Cioper

I formally, announce my candidacy for Selectman. Born and raised in Acushnet, I am a life-long resident, and continue to raise

my children, here.

I have 29 years of experience serving the people of this great community, the most recent, four years as a Maintenance Mechanic at the Acushnet Housing Authority, and served as an elected and appointed official for six terms on the Board of Assessors, Conservation Commission, Growth Management and Board of Selectmen.

I demonstrated sound conservative values, and continue to share my love for this community. I pride myself in volunteerism and am a member of the Acushnet Lion's Club, an organization that has supported our Town and continues to help many families in need.

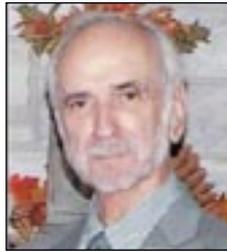
Although the Town will remain, will it be affordable to stay? I pledge to return this Town to affordability and stand tall when asked for further over-rides and exclusionary ventures or any other crazy financial wild rides! I will leave no one behind and make Acushnet affordable, again.

While I am not against moving ahead, I have learned an important lesson over the years: Today we must spend wisely, only on our needs, not our wants. Our economy is fragile and we need to secure our current services and immediate demands to maintain the way of life we all know and love.

The Board of Selectmen is a diverse group of individuals, that may not always agree, a reflection our democracy is alive and well. As Selectman, I will bring forward some important ideas and issues:

- An impact study of current sewerage needs to expand our current system for areas in need.
- Recommend moving Selectmen's meetings to 7 p.m., to enable resident's accessibility to meetings that affect their lives.
- LNG. I will investigate its safety and long term effects it would have on our community. As Selectman, my

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## Dave Costa

Dave Costa, an Acushnet resident has decided to run for Acushnet Town Selectman.

After retiring from the United States Air Force

Mr. Costa worked for several years for the Department of Defense as Deputy Chief of Police for Law Enforcement at Otis Air National Guard Base

He went on to the Department of Defense, Defense Investigative Service as a Personnel Investigator and Industrial Security Specialist.

Mr. Costa stated that the other day he received an email from a young man saying he received Mr. Costa's flyer indicating that he (Costa) was running for Town Selectman and what was his platform?

Mr. Costa said he started to think about his platform. He wasn't running for President, Governor and Mayor. So, what was his platform?

Mr. Costa stated that he has been running on his platform all of his life. He believes in equality, honesty, loyalty and dedication, to name a few. He believes that one's sexual orientation is one's business and no one else's.

He is concerned with individuals on fixed incomes that have to continually pay for higher taxes.

He believes that we should help each other whenever we can.

He is against lies, bullying, sexual harassment, be it verbally or physically.

He believes that his job as selectman is to represent all the people of Acushnet, not just a few, the best way he can.

Anyway, no drug, not even alcohol, causes the fundamental ills of society. If we're looking for the source of our troubles, we shouldn't test people for drugs, we should test them for stupidity, ignorance, greed and love of power.

*P. J. O'Rourke*



## Leslie Dakin Jr.

My name is Leslie Dakin Jr. and I am announcing my candidacy for ELECTION to the Town of Acushnet Board

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- United States Army Veteran
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- 33 years experience negotiating with union personnel with regard to working conditions and wages.
- Education: Associate's Degree in Business Administration-Bristol Community College; Bachelor's Degree in Management-Lesley University, Cambridge, MA
- Served the Town on the Board of Assessors for 3 years (2006-2009) Certified by the State Department of Revenue within 6 weeks of attaining the position.
- Served two terms (6 years) as a member of the Board of Selectmen (2008-2014)
- Extensive background in Business, Management, and Budgeting will be beneficial to me, and the townspeople, in this position.

I ask for your vote in the Town election on April 4, 2016

I welcome the opportunity to speak or correspond with anyone who wants to know more, discuss the issues, or help out!

Les Dakin Home: 508-995-2222 or Cell: 508-789-9999

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# Two Acushnet police officers recognized

By Beth David  
Editor

Acushnet police chief Michael Alves and Bristol County District Attorney Thomas Quinn presented awards to two police officers at the Acushnet Selectboard meeting on Monday, 3/14.

Louann Jenkinson received the Distinguished Service Award for her decades of dedicated service to victims and their families, especially

her work with seniors.

Derek Cathcart received the Lifesaving Award for his “decisive and quick action,” when he rescued a 62-year-old woman whose car had veered off into the Lake Street Pond and was submerged in six feet of water in 2013.

Officer Cathcart swam 75 feet from the shore and got the woman out of the car. With the help of some civilians he returned her to shore

where emergency medical personnel were waiting.

“This is for your heroism in that moment,” said Mr. Quinn.

Officer Jenkinson’s daughter Becky Jenkinson put the pin on her mother; and Officer Cathcart’s wife Debbie pinned his award to his collar.

Officer Jenkinson has been an Acushnet police officer for 34 years. Officer Cathcart has been a full time Acushnet police officer since 2004.



LEFT: Becky Jenkinson puts the pin on her mother, Acushnet police officer Louann Jenkinson, on Monday, 3/14, at the Acushnet Selectboard meeting. RIGHT: Acushnet police chief Michael Alves (left) watches as Debbie Cathcart pins her husband, Officer Derek Cathcart. Officer Jenkinson received the Distinguished Service award; officer Cathcart received the Lifesaving Award. Beth David photos.



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obligation is to be educated and do what's right and I will.

- Hire a Town Administrator. I believe my well-rounded experience will be an asset in the process of this major decision.

In closing, I enjoyed being your Selectman and always was and always will be approachable to hear and help all, whenever possible.

I respect the honor and trust the voters bestowed upon me by electing me in the past. I acted in your best interest and believe a Selectman should not only be one of the Town's leaders, but one of the Town's Caretakers.

We are elected to protect the rights of the people, and lead a government you can trust while ensuring the availability of necessary services for a good quality of life for all. I will work, tirelessly, to ensure this Town meets the needs of all our citizens, and work to assure that Acushnet's best years are still ahead.

I respectfully ask for your vote on Monday, April 4th. A vote for Mike is a vote for affordability! Thank you and God Bless the Town of Acushnet.

# Fund-raiser for Dave Cardin at VFW

By Beth David  
Editor

The Fairhaven VFW is holding a fund-raiser for David Cardin, the man whose pickup truck veered into the water off Goulart Memorial Drive on February 17. Mr. Cardin, 61, was unconscious and trapped inside and had to be rescued by police.

According to family members, Mr. Cardin suffered some sort of medical episode that caused him to veer off the road.

He was unresponsive when pulled out of the water by Fairhaven police. Paramedics revived him at the scene and he was transported to St. Luke's Hospital. After a few days, he was transported to Tufts Medical Center in Boston.

According to Denise "Dee" Belong, Mr. Cardin's long-time girlfriend, Mr. Cardin will be moved to a rehab this week. She said he was eating well and progressing quickly.

Both are well-known figures on Sciticut Neck and West Island. Mr. Cardin is a licensed carpenter and stevedore, and Ms. Belong tends bar at the Bayside and other popular watering holes in the area.

"Miracles do come true," said Ms. Belong, adding that Mr. Cardin is doing "better than anyone expected."

He ate a whole meal and "didn't leave a crumb," she said.

She added that "everyone has been wonderful," by helping out in different

ways, especially with house repairs. "You can't put a price tag on that," she said.

The fund-raiser is scheduled for Saturday, 3/26, at the VFW, 109 Middle St., Fairhaven. It will feature raffles, dinner at 6 and live music by Girl Friday at 9.

There are no tickets, but donations will be welcome. Contact the VFW, 508-997-1707 for more information, or to donate raffle items.

The family has also set up a fundraising page at <https://www.gofundme.com/peq32wek>

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## From our readers

### Haworth not responsive to complaints

If you own property or live between the area of Fairhaven Getty and the Waste Water Treatment plant on Arsene Street, you should be very concerned for both your safety and property.

Fairhaven Getty has been allowed to continue to have gas deliveries made by a large tanker carrying thousands of gallons of fuel in an unsafe manner. The tanker delivers fuel by crossing and blocking all 4 lanes of traffic on Route 6 for minutes at a time, then reversing into the Getty. This puts the entire neighborhood at risk.

Several years ago, at this same station, fuel was spilled and traveled down into the sewerage and ignited. It blew manhole covers off the street and damaged plumbing in area homes. That was a small amount of fuel compared to the thousands of gallons that could spill if there is an accident with the tanker.

Neighbors have also complained about the unsafe delivery to the selectmen. There is simply no room for safe delivery because of the overage of unregistered vehicles.

At Selectmen's meeting, Mr. Haworth's response to my concern was, "I take what I am hearing with a grain of salt," as if I am fabricating this accusation. I have proven my claim with certified letters and photographs.

In February of 2015, I provided to the selectmen 9 videos showing the unsafe deliveries of fuel. It's been over a year since I showed proof of the unsafe deliveries, and myself and the neighbors are still waiting for something to be done.

At Selectmen's meeting, Mr. Espindola was interested in "safe deliveries of fuel" to Fairhaven Getty. Mr. Murphy said that the owner of Fairhaven Getty "ran a good business in town."

The Better Business Bureau has Fairhaven Getty with a rating of "F." I've maintained an "A+," yet I'm labeled as fabricating stories. The truth is never fabricated when it's continuously backed with video and photographs I've provided.

The town bylaws are being ignored and special treatment is being given to Fairhaven Getty. In The August 15th, 2015 issue of *Fairhaven*

*Neighborhood News*, it reads that the selectmen were contemplating revoking Spring Street Garage's license for having more cars on the property than his license permits. Yet, Fairhaven Getty has more than double the amount of unregistered vehicles that he is licensed for.

Fairhaven Getty has never put the striping for parking he was ordered to have as a condition of his increase in licensure. Fairhaven Getty was approved for an increase in his dealer license (allowing for 11 cars for sale plus 3 unregistered) and a repair license for 10 cars a couple of years ago. The plan that was submitted and approved does not show parking spots for the 10 repair cars at all, yet the license was still approved. This should never have passed.

At a Selectmen's meeting in September, 2015, Fairhaven Getty applied for another increase in licensure, without even having a valid plan on record for his current licensure. The plan was opposed by several neighbors who mention the overage already and the dangers it poses with the fuel deliveries and blindspots parking causes for people pulling out of the side streets.

The selectmen did not approve the increase, and in fact, sent him to the planning board if he wanted to pursue it. This proposed plan showed congested parking for 38 vehicles outside the building, only 3 more spaces than what his current licensure holds. His current plan is supposed to show 35 cars parked that he has licensure for, and it only shows 25.

Mr Osuch told the board the proposed plan removed every square foot of greenery, grass and buffer zone in order to fit 38 cars, and that the dumpster was not even on the plan. If his current licensure is only for 3 cars less than the proposed plan he was sent to the planning board for, then it is obvious that Fairhaven Getty should be sent to the planning board now, before his license is renewed on April 30th.

Fairhaven Getty has never had a plan that shows 35 cars parked outside the building, yet he's licensed for 35. He needs one by April 30th, and the planning board should be the ones to decide if it can be achieved.

If the selectmen ignore the bylaws and renew his licensure without a plan that is constructed within the

bylaws, then every car dealer in town will be allowed to ignore the bylaws as well. If he can fit 35 on his lot, then I can fit over 400 on mine.

I'll leave you all with this thought. A few weeks ago, someone nearly slammed into the tanker while it was blocking all 4 lanes of traffic making delivery at Fairhaven Getty. If they had hit the tanker, imagine the injuries and the possibility of an explosion, plus the fuel spillage. Now imagine the lawsuit against your town, as your town officials have known this has been going on for a long long time.

It's time Mr. Haworth take both the neighbors' and my complaints seriously. It's time the "special favors" stop, and Fairhaven Getty is made to be compliant, like every other business in town. If Mr. Haworth denies these allegations, I can assure you I have proof of emails with photographs sent, as well as numerous certified letters, videos, and minutes of Selectmen's meetings proving that I am being truthful.

Let's see if Mr. Haworth finally does his job, respecting the bylaws and safety of the town, by sending Fairhaven Getty to the planning board, and putting a stop to the dangerous fuel deliveries.

*Louis Baptiste, RRR Auto Sales, Inc.*

### Roderick offers time, commitment & dedication

I am writing to express my support for Bernie Roderick in his candidacy for a seat on the Fairhaven Board of Selectmen. Bernie's resume is certainly an endorsement on its own when you consider his education, his experience as a teacher, school administrator and school committee member, his long term participation in town affairs on boards and committees and as a town meeting member and his familiarity with Fairhaven as a life-long resident.

Believe me-such long term participation requires time, commitment and dedication and Bernie has offered all three.

I would like to point out some additional qualifications that make Bernie an outstanding choice for the Select Board. Bernie and I met as a result of our participation on the Town Government Study Committee (TGSC) over the past two years. Our work on the TGSC was comparable to

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a two year intensive training course in municipal organization and management and in the technical, social and economic changes that impact towns and their management.

As part of our work we had in depth interviews with all town department heads and several town employees covering their management issues and future needs and conducted a survey of all town residents soliciting their opinions on the performance of the town departments and their views on several topics that could impact the future of the town.

In addition we reviewed the charters of about two dozen peer communities and talked with representatives of several of them to gain an understanding of the pros and cons of changes that they have seen.

We also explored the benefits of several areas including capital planning, information technology, human resource administration and town charters

It was clear through all of this work that Bernie is open to, and encourages, a thorough and open review and discussion of issues impacting the town and will seek outside input or citizen participation as appropriate. While he encourages a thorough

analysis of an issue he does not use this as a means of kicking the can down the road. He sees his role as deliberating and then acting.

In my entire career Bernie is the most agreeable person that I have ever disagreed with. I have complete confidence that he will serve us well as a selectman.

*Dick Douglass, Fairhaven*

### Consider volunteering at the Salvation Army

I was asked by Major BethEllen Parkhurst of the Salvation Army in New Bedford why I volunteered my time. After some serious thought, this was my answer:

When I think of all the teams, civic groups, business associations and committees I've been on during my 69 years of life, volunteering at the Salvation Army has been most rewarding.

Jesus, in Matthew Chapter 25:31-46, shared something vital with those in the position to help. His pleasure lies with the compassionate folks who sacrifice to meet the needs of the less fortunate. How encouraging it is to see this in action at the Salvation Army in New Bedford!

In my estimation, the local outreach ministry of the Salvation

Army superbly represents the working church of Christ and shines as our area's Center of eternal hope. For the past 131 years, it has faithfully and effectively served others, transformed lives, and brought hope. Admittedly, there are no perfect people or organizations. The highly effective missionary work of Salvation Army Majors Gilbert and BethEllen Parkhurst, however, speaks for itself. On a Christ-like basis, multitudes of the least, last, and lost among us are fed, clothed, supported, and encouraged. The labor of love saturates the atmosphere in this New Bedford service community.

My reader friend, please consider how you are investing your time, talents, treasures and energies. The work to be done in our community for those in dire need is constant, comprehensive, complex and challenging. By God's grace and your willingness to join the cause, the local Salvation Army will have the human power and resources necessary to not only fight poverty and despair, but to win the battle in dramatic fashion.

Will you consider joining me as a volunteer? I promise — you'll find it more than worth it!

*Steven J. Bouley, Fairhaven*

## Two hurt in fire started by transferring propane

*Fairhaven Fire Dept. Press Release*

Fairhaven Firefighters battled a two-alarm house fire at 17 Nancy Street on Monday, 3/14. The 9-1-1 call came in at 10:31 p.m. reporting the fire. Two engines and a ladder truck responded from the Headquarters Station on Washington Street.

Once on scene, crews found heavy fire on the first floor rapidly extending to the attic of the single family home. It took two hours to extinguish the fire and crews remained on scene for an additional two hours conducting overhaul and checking for hot spots according to Wayne Oliveira, Public Information Officer for the Fairhaven Fire Department.

Two occupants were able to escape the home but both were injured in the process. Both parties were transported to the hospital.

The home owner, William Ashworth, was transported to Rhode Island Hospital with second degree burns to his hands and legs. His wife,

Donna Ashworth, was transported to St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford for treatment. Both are in stable condition.

The fire was a total loss and investigators were still at the scene the next day. However preliminary findings show that the fire started in the basement when the homeowner was transferring propane from one tank to another in the basement. The propane flashed which ignited the structure. The fire loss is estimated to be over \$350,000.00 for the structure and contents.

Two firefighters were injured battling the fire. Both firefighters were treated at the scene and released. Mutual aid was received from New Bedford and Acushnet

Fire Departments as well as ambulances from New Bedford and Mattapoisett EMS.

One dog and one cat were saved from the fire but one dog and one cat died, as well as 30 racing pigeons. Those animals were all taken care of by Fairhaven Animal Control Officer.



Fairhaven firefighters extinguish a fire at 17 Nancy St. The house was completely destroyed. *Submitted photo.*

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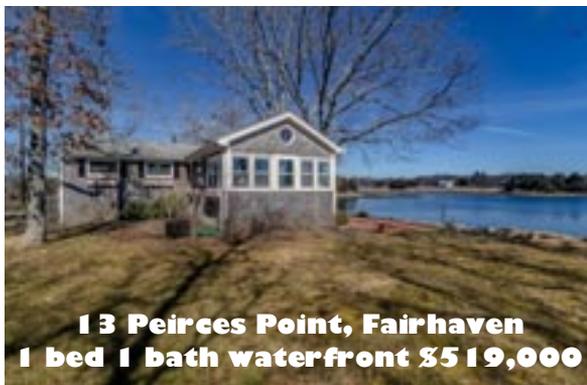
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