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Hundreds march for women's rights



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Hundreds gather in front of the New Bedford Public Library on Pleasant Street on Saturday, 1/20, for the Women's March New Bedford 2018. The day included a women's forum, a march from Customs House Square to the library, and a wrap up get-together after the march. See page 12 for story. *Photo by Glenn C. Silva.*

First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Our cover story is the New Bedford march this weekend. I know, I kind of overdid it with the detail, but...hey, it's winter. We've got pages to fill, and Glenn took such great pictures.

Plus, it was fun. If I could've transcribed the whole thing, with every word every speaker said, I would have.

But, you know me, right? This is one of my things.

So, there was a bit of controversy over a women-only event held before the march, the "Women's Forum and Persisterhood Luncheon."

No men were allowed, not even male members of the press. Both the Standard-Times and WBSM sent male reporters. Both were asked to leave. A female video operator for the ST was allowed to stay. The ST reporter briefly mentioned it in his article.

But Taylor Cormier from WBSM wrote a very long complaint, including in it that he believes his exclusion was illegal because it was held at BCC, a publicly owned building.

When he got there, Dana Rebeiro, an organizer of the event and a New Bedford City Councilor, asked him to leave. And he did.

I wasn't there, I got to the forum late, so I missed that, and I missed the first couple of segments. One of those was a #MeToo segment that encouraged women to tell their personal stories of being sexually harrassed. Ms. Rebeiro said that the exclusion of men was to make sure women felt comfortable telling their stories.

I have to admit, I'm not sure how I would've acted if I had seen a colleague getting asked to leave. Would I have been heroic and stood in solidarity with my fellow journalist? Would I have decided to stand in solidarity with other women?

I don't know, to be honest.

I knew it was for women only and I knew the organizers were disappointed that the ST and WBSM would not send female reporters. They decided ahead of time they would not accommodate that request.

I did not realize the reporters would be asked to leave, though. Would I have left, too? I don't know. Probably, if not in a well-thought-out show of solidarity, I might have left simply as a practical matter: It would've been too uncomfortable to stay if I had witnessed a colleague being removed because he was a male. On the other hand, maybe not.

The thing is, that I understand the desire to have the woman-only space.

But, reporters are not supposed to participate or interfere in events they cover. We're just supposed to observe and report. Photographers, myself included, can be a little more disruptive because they are moving around trying to get the good shot. But, for the most part, the coverage should not interfere with the event.

I don't like events that leave out men or women. But I do, as I said above, appreciate the woman-only space.

I've been a women's rights and gay rights activist for about 30 years now, and a feminist long before that. I had hoped that, by now, we wouldn't need woman-only spaces just so we could feel free to be ourselves. But, alas, here we are, with a man in the White House who brags about his shabby treatment of women, and a whole lot of enablers and explainers who dismiss his rhetoric and his behavior for their own reasons. It doesn't matter what their reasons are, the damage to women is real. So maybe men can try to understand why women need our own space sometimes. We



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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our article last week about the town of Fairhaven's new website, we neglected to include the URL. It is <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/>. Acushnet's website is: <https://www.acushnet.ma.us/> We apologize for an confusion our omission may have caused.

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are under seige, and we know it, even if the men around us do not. The attacks are real, and they are dangerous: attacks on birth control access, attacks on abortion rights, attacks on workplace protections. All those things hurt women in real and physical ways.

So, here we are, at a place when a group of women wants some coverage for an event, but still wants it to be a women-only event. Why is that so hard? The newspaper would not accommodate that request, for whatever reason. The radio station could not because they truly do not have any female reporters to send. That's the saddest part of all in this. Not a single woman at WBSM, on the air, or out in the field gathering the news, or covering features. None.

What does that say about them?

Sad, I say. Very sad.

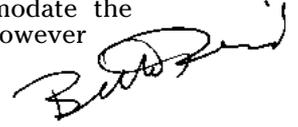
Even sadder is that Ms. Rebeiro said she saw female interns at WBSM. She told me that she asked WBSM to give one of them a chance for a good story. She goes there a couple of times a week to do a segment or two with on-air personalities and has met the interns.

So, there it is. The man who runs the show did not want to send a woman. Maybe that explains why they don't apply for jobs there, as he stated in his posting.

Maybe he wanted to make a point. And I think he did, just not the point he probably wanted to make. The reality is that he did not want to accommodate the women, for whatever reason, however righteous it may sound.

Why does that not surprise me?

Until next week then..see ya



Polar Plunge is this weekend

The Polar Plunge has been rescheduled for 1/28. This year's theme is your favorite Disney Movie. Put on your Mickey Mouse ears, Little Mermaid Costume, etc., have fun, be a plunger or a spectator!

Join us at DCR's Ft. Phoenix State Beach Reservation on Sun., 1/28, at 10 a.m. SHARP!

Net proceeds benefit scholarships in memory of Fairhaven's domestic violence victims. Part of the Dollars for Scholars/Scholarship America Program (charity navigator 4-star

charity rating).

The Plunge is a free event. We encouraged you to buy a t-shirt to donate to the cause. For your safety, we are requiring that you register for the plunge. You can register on Plunge morning from 9 a.m. -9:45 a.m.

Checks can be made payable to the: Dollars for Scholars. Please note on check: Ft. Phoenix Polar Plunge. **Donations of \$25 or more will receive a long sleeve T-shirt** while supplies last. Limited number available. Shirts may be purchased at

the Plunge

Be sure to bring towels, blankets and warm clothes to change into after the plunge. We highly recommend water shoes or old sneakers to protect your feet from rocks and cold. There are some unavoidable rocks in the area so be careful!

We will provide changing tents, Port-a-Johns, warming fire, and refreshments .

Email Kathy at lopeska@aol.com for more information, or find us on Facebook.



The Board of Selectmen invites you to share your thoughts at a Community Forum on Recreational Marijuana

**Board of Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, February 5, 2018 • 7:00 p.m.
Town Hall • 40 Center Street • Fairhaven**

In November 2016 the voters of Massachusetts approved a new law allowing the cultivation and sale of marijuana. The state set up the Cannabis Control Commission and that commission will begin accepting applications in April for licenses to operate marijuana businesses. Those licenses will include licenses to grow marijuana, licenses to produce and sell marijuana products, and licenses to consume marijuana in marijuana cafes, and in restaurants and bars.

Under the new law the town can regulate marijuana businesses. Those regulations can

include limits on the areas in town where those businesses may locate, reasonable regulation of the manner of operation of those businesses, or even out-right prohibition of some or all of those businesses.

Should the Town limit marijuana businesses? Should they be prohibited? Should there be no limitations? Whatever your thoughts are, we want to hear from you.

For more information, please contact Mark Rees, Town Administrator, at (508) 979-4023.

Selectboard continues aquaculture hearing

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard heard from a roomful of abutters opposed to a new oyster farm proposed by Matthew Loo and his father Thomas Loo, at their meeting on 1/22.

Matthew Loo already operates a one-acre oyster farm in Jack's Cove. The proposed farm is 1.8 acres in Shaw's Cove, which is east of West Island and right on the Mattapoisett line. Mattapoisett has already approved two smaller aquaculture farms right over the line.

The board received 14 letters from 18 abutters all opposed to the new oyster farm. Most of the letter writers also attended the meeting.

Michael Murphy, who said he was with the Shaw's Cove Improvement Association carried in a four-foot high, barnacled float that had washed up on shore close to where the proposed farm would be.

The Harbormaster and the Marine Resources Committee already recommended approval of the proposal. Monday was a public hearing to get public input. The

Selectboard is the licensing authority.

Matthew Loo told the board that the farm would consist of a series of buoys, similar to lobster trap buoys, and a series of pontoons. He said he is limited in where he can put an oyster farm because none can go in the areas that are closed to shellfishing after large rainfalls. It has to be in a shallow area, and cannot be too close to smarinas.

Mr. Loo told the board that the area would be about 30 feet from the shore. He would access it from the Seaview boat ramp.

Harbormaster Timothy Cox told the board that he met with the Department of Marine Fisheries, and they made a detailed map marking the area, including the two in Mattapoisett that are not operational yet. They are all in close proximity to each other and the shore.

Mr. Cox told the board that after approval by the Selectboard, the site would also have to be approved by the Fairhaven Conservation Commission, the Army Corps of Engineers, the US Coast Guard, and the Department of Marine Fisheries.

Selectboard chairperson Bob Espindola said the town had talked about zoning specific areas for shellfish farms, maybe like an overlay district, but was still looking for grant money to do it.

First up to oppose the farm was Josh Darwin, who also submitted a letter. He said he was "very opposed," to the location of the farm.

"Right on our doorstep," he said are protected natural lands, referring to several properties that have been protected from development by different entities. He said people have worked very hard to preserve them.

"This is just not the right place," said Mr. Darwin, adding that it will be a hazard to navigation and will hurt the eel grass.

"Eel grass is important," said Mr. Darwin. "I don't know why, but it is."

He said allowing the fish farm was putting an "industrial plant on the eel grass."

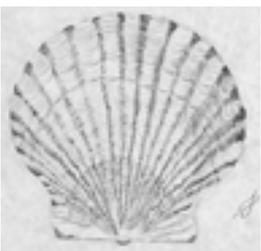
He admitted to a little NIMBYism (Not In My Back Yard), because the farm will ruin his view. He said it might not be a great argument in some

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Dinner Choices: \$15.00

- *Baked Scallops, Herb Butter, Bread Crumbs*
 - *Fried Scallops, French Fries*
 - *Scallop Primavera over Linguine*
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- *Grilled Scallops, Roasted Red Pepper Sauce, Chourico, Cheddar Cheese, Risotto Spinach*



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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Polar plunge

On Sunday, 1/28. See page 3.

Republican Comm

The Fairhaven Republican Town Committee is meeting on Wed., 2/7, at the Fairhaven Police Department (rear training room), 1 Bryant Lane, Fairhaven, at 6 p.m., to elect 8 delegates to the Mass. GOP Convention to be held on Sat., 4/18/18 at Worcester DCU Center. You don't need to be a member of the FRTC, but you do need to be a registered Fairhaven Republican. Come learn/live/enjoy/serve/participate. Snow date, 2/15).

HARC Meeting

The next meeting of local environmental advocacy group Hands Across the River Coalition, Inc. is **Wed., 1/31, from 6:00-7:45 p.m. at the Millicent Library, Fairhaven.** Open to the public. Attendees are advised to use the Walnut Street entrance on lower level. Accessible.

Hands Across the River Coalition, Inc. appeals to everyone to join them in working to protect our air, soil and water, and especially public health, by removing all PCBs safely to an offsite TSCA, approved landfill.

For more information, contact Karen Vilandry, HARC president (508) 951-1184 harcgnb@gmail.com

Dementia Friendly Fairhaven

Let's make Fairhaven a dementia friendly community. Let our Fairhaven neighbors know they have not been forgotten. Become a dementia friendly business. Fairhaven businesses, civic groups and service organizations, join us on **Thurs., 2/1, from 5-7 p.m., at Atria Fairhaven, 391 Alden Road** (snow date, 2/8), to learn more about this important effort. Cocktails and heavy hors d'oeuvres. RSVP, Tanisha J. Washington, Community Relations Specialist, Community Nurse Home Care, info@communitynurse.com, 508-717-0714.

Trainings made possible by Title III Funding through Coastline Elderly Services and the Mass. Executive Office of Elder Affairs. Training adapted from ACT on Alzheimer's® developed tools and resources.

Sponsored by Community Nurse Home Care and Atria Senior Living.

Japanese Language Classes

Sponsored by the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society, 8-week course, **Tuesdays, 2/6 to 3/27, 6-7:30 p.m., at the Whitfield-Manjiro Museum, 11 Cherry St., Fairhaven. Cost: \$87**, includes book and handouts. 10 slots available, so sign up soon.

Contact Gerry Rooney at Gerry@WMFriendshipHouse.org or call 508-858-5303 (leave message). To enroll, send name, email (or snail mail) and fee of \$87 (make check out to WMFS), to Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society, 11 Cherry St., Fairhaven, MA 02719.

West Island 5K

Registration is open for the 2018 West Island 5K and Kids Mile! This year you have the option of getting a race shirt or West Island 5K beach towel! **Come out and join us on Sun., 4/29! Visit westisland5k.org** for more information and to register.

Comedy for a Cause

Four local women comedians with national recognition are coming to the South Coast on February 10, 2018 to raise money for women and girls. The Women's Fund of Southeastern Massachusetts presents "Stand Up For Women," a fun and laughter-filled fundraiser with headliner Kelly MacFarland, a comic selected for the Boston Comedy Festival, who was seen on Comedy Central's Premium Blend. She will be joined by Andrea Henry from Last Comic Standing and Nickelodeon's Search for America's Funniest Mom, and local comic Marie Forster.

The event will take place at the Seaport Inn & Marina Grand Ballroom at 110 Middle St., in Fairhaven Sat., 2/10, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

To purchase tickets, visit <http://www.womensfundsema.org/events>.

Light appetizers and a cash bar will be provided in addition to a silent auction and raffle.

The funds generated from the event will go to the Women's Fund of Southeastern Massachusetts.

The Women's Fund is a fund of the

Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts. The Women's Fund's mission is to advance the educational attainment and economic security of women and girls in Southeastern Massachusetts.

To learn more please visit www.womensfundsema.org.

Catholic Schools Wk

Next week is Catholic Schools Week, and **St. Joseph School in Fairhaven, 100 Spring St., is holding an Open House. Join us on Sun., 1/28, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Saint Joseph School is a Catholic learning community devoted to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary and dedicated to providing a quality spiritual and academic education based on faith, values, and excellence that meets the needs of our students and their families.

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Nom Papers Avail.

Nomination papers for town elections are now available. The annual town elections will be held on Mon., 4/2/18.

Seats up for re-election are: Bob Espindola on Selectboard; Donna McKenna and Colin Veitch on School Committee; Lindsay Gordon on Board of Health; Colleen Sylvia, Commissioner of Trust Funds; Robert Hobson and Keith Silvia for Board of Public Works; John Farrell and Peter Nopper on Planning Board; Gregory Tutcik on Housing Authority; a vacant, unexpired term on HA; Mark Sylvia for Moderator; Brian Bowcock for Tree Warden.

One third of seats in all precincts for Town Meeting members will also be up for election.

Interested candidates have until Feb. 8 to request nomination papers. papers for town-wide seats require 50 certified signatures; papers for town meeting members require 10 certified signatures from your precinct.

All nomination papers must be returned by Mon., 2/12.

Tuesday, March 13, 2018, is the last day for town residents to register to vote in the town election. The clerk's office will be open until 8 p.m. that day. For more info, contact the Town

Tori Kalisz chosen as Miss New Bedford's Outstanding Teen 2018

Press Release

Ten outstanding teens competed in the 8th annual Miss New Bedford's Outstanding Teen pageant, but only one walked away with the crown, hundreds of dollars in scholarship prizes, gifts, entry to the state pageant, and the year of a lifetime.

Victoria Kalisz, a 16-year-old sophomore at Fairhaven High School, impressed the judges with her confidence, public speaking abilities, stage presence, poise, and talent — singing a jazzy rendition of *California Dreamin'*.

In addition to winning the title and a \$500 scholarship, Victoria also received the Interview Award, a \$100 scholarship, for earning the highest points in the interview competition. She also received the Fine Arts Award winning an additional \$100 scholarship. Victoria also received gifts from community partners, and paid entry into the Miss Massachusetts' Outstanding Teen pageant in April where she will compete for additional scholarships and prizes.

Throughout her year-long reign, Victoria will serve the City of New Bedford and its surrounding communities as a youth role model and active volunteer. She will dedicate her



Victoria Kalisz gives a big smile to the crowd after being named Miss New Bedford's Outstanding Teen 2018 on January 13, 2018. Submitted photo by Margaret Scott Taylor

year of service to her personally selected platform, "Rise Up; Rise In Spite of Everything" which emphasizes strength and persistence as a foundation for success.

Victoria hopes to share her personal story of battling and overcoming

challenging health issues, and the strength and drive she developed as a result.

The pageant is a "little sister" program to the annual Miss New Bedford scholarship pageant. Contestants began the competition, held at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School, on Saturday January 13th, in a private interview with a panel of five judges. At 6:00, the on-stage competition continued with the remaining phases of competition: Lifestyle & Physical Fitness, Talent, Evening Wear and On-Stage Question.

Award recipients included:

- Winner and recipient of a \$500 scholarship was Victoria Kalisz. She also received the Interview Award (\$100 scholarship) and the Fine Arts Award (\$100 scholarship) as stated above.
- First runner-up, \$250 scholarship: Alexandra Soares
- Second runner-up, \$200 scholarship: Emma Boudreau
- Third runner-up, \$150 scholarship: Rachel Perry
- Fourth runner-up, \$100 scholarship: Victoria Fernandes
- Talent Award, \$50 scholarship: Alexandra Soares

- Scholastic Achievement Award, \$50 scholarship: Rachel Perry
- Spirit of Outstanding Teen, \$100 scholarship: Rachel Perry
- Community Service Award, \$50 scholarship: Rachel Perry
- Athletic and Academic Award, \$100 scholarship: Rachel Perry
- Miracle Maker Award: Emma Boudreau

On behalf of the Greater New Bedford Scholarship Foundation, the program would like to thank its many sponsors and dedicated volunteers.

For more information on sponsorships and/or becoming a contestant, visit www.missnewbedford.org. To view all photos from this year's pageant, and to keep up with us throughout the year, search "Miss New Bedford" on Facebook.



The five top contestants of the Miss New Bedford's Outstanding Teen 2018 pose for a photo after the winner, Victoria Kalisz, is chosen. L-R: Third Runner-Up Rachel Perry, fourth Runner-Up Victoria Fernandes, Winner Victoria Kalisz, first Runner-Up Alexandra Soares, second Runner-Up Emma Boudreau. Submitted photo by Margaret Scott Taylor

Flotsam in the coves



The wild wind and icy weather has taken its toll on all manner of human-built structures along our coast. This interesting sight met drivers heading over the causeway on Friday, 1/19. The tire is upright in the water, with a pile through the middle. After a few tide cycles, it washed away. In the photo at right, bottom, a piece of blue foam is also in the background. *Photos by Beth David.*




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YTI Season Preview

Your Theatre, Inc.'s Board of Directors and Artistic Team are hosting a **Season Announcement Event on Fri., 1/26, at 5:30-6:30 pm.** Artistic Directors Lawrence R. Houbre, Jr. and Robin Richard will reveal the company's 72nd Season line-up, and will be joined by the staff directors and other guests at **136 Rivet Street, New Bedford.**

Each of the directors for the new season will give a brief overview of the show selected and why they selected it for presentation. Plays under consideration for future seasons will also be discussed.

Afterwards, YTI staff and guests will mingle for one-on-one questions and answers. Light hors d'oeuvres and coffee will be served.

I Am Not Your Negro

The New Bedford Historical Society presents "I Am Not Your Negro," film and discussion, as part of the **New Bedford LGBTQ Winter Film Series, on Sun., 1/28, 2-5 p.m., at the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, 33 William St., NB.**

Nominated for Best Documentary Feature at the 89th Academy Awards, *I Am Not Your Negro* is a 2016 documentary film directed by Raoul Peck, based on James Baldwin's unfinished manuscript, *Remember This House*. Narrated by actor Samuel L. Jackson, the film explores the history of racism in the United States through Baldwin's reminiscences of civil rights leaders Medgar Evers, Malcolm X, and Martin Luther King, Jr., as well as his personal observations of American history.

Join us at the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park from 2-5 p.m. on the last Sundays of January, February, March and April for free film screenings and discussions on gender, race, sexuality, and community health.

Co-sponsors: Greater New Bedford Community Health Center; New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks!; New Bedford Historical Society; New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park; Seven Hills Behavioral Health; South Coast LGBTQ Network; The Women's Center; UMass Dartmouth Center for Women, Gender &

Sexuality; YWCA Southeastern Mass.

monitor.

United Way Impact Fund Info Session

For over six decades, United Way of Greater New Bedford has funded community organizations that provide programs and services for residents. Traditionally this funding was set aside for select organizations. In an effort to better serve the needs in our community, United Way is moving to a Community Impact model of grant making, which will now make that funding available to organizations from across Greater New Bedford.

United Way is hosting a Community Impact Grants Information Session to discuss the grant and application process. **The information session will be held on Tues., 2/6, at 9:30 am at the New Bedford Free Public Library. Please RSVP by February 2nd to Elizabeth at 508-994-9625 ext. 219 or eracemoore@unitedwayofgnb.org.**

Contact Allison Yates-Berg with questions regarding the Community Impacts Grants, 508-994-9625 ext. 215.

To learn more about United Way of Greater New Bedford, visit unitedwayofgnb.org.

Residents can use BayCoast for bills

Effective immediately, New Bedford residents can now utilize two BayCoast Bank Interactive Teller Machine (ITM) locations for certain payments. Residents who are unable to come to City Hall during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.) can take advantage of this option to make payments at BayCoast's ITM locations at 23 Elm Street in New Bedford, 714 Dartmouth Street in Dartmouth, or at any of its other ITM locations in Fall River, Seekonk, Attleboro, and Little Compton, RI. Visit www.baycoastbank.com or call 508-678-7641 or 888-806-2872 for more information.

The ITMs accept cash or checks; the ITMs combine the convenience of a traditional ATM with the personal service of banking for customers, allowing the customer to see and talk to a real person through a video

Spaghetti Supper

Pilgrim United Church of Christ, Annual Valentine Spaghetti Supper and raffle. Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, dessert, beverages. **Sat. 2/10, 6 p.m. Donation: adults, \$10; children \$5. Pilgrim Church Home, 634 Purchase St., N.B** Proceeds benefit Holiday Meals at soup kitchen. Reservations: 508-996-1498

HFHN Open House

The week of January 27th to February 3rd has been designated as Catholic Schools Week 2018. All of the Catholic schools in the area plan special events for this week and Holy Family - Holy Name School's week of activities is something special. This year's theme is "Catholic Schools... Building a Community of Faith, Knowledge, Service, Catholic Values and Academic Excellence; "Lighting the Way as a Family you can count on to serve as Jesus did."

Included in the schedule for the week are such diverse events as a various "Intergenerational Projects" amongst the grade levels, "Spirit-Filled Days" for our students, "Academic and Spiritual Assemblies", "Catholic Challenge" and "Family Events."

One of the most significant highlights of Catholic Schools Week at Holy Family - Holy Name School is that it marks the start of registration for the 2018 - 2019 school year. It is never too early to plan your child's educational future, and to that end, Holy Family - Holy Name School is holding a **special Open House/Early Registration day for the coming school year on Saturday, January 27th from 1:00pm - 3:30pm.** There will be a Mass immediately following at 4pm at St. Lawrence Church prepared by our First Graders. The school is located at 91 Summer Street in New Bedford.

Please make plans to visit our school on January 27th and bring the whole family! Registration will continue the entire week of January 29th through February 2nd from 9 AM - 2 PM. Be sure to visit www.hfhn.org for more information!

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Memory Cafe

The Acushnet Council on Aging is pleased to announce the launch of a **weekly Memory Café, held every Friday, 10:00–11:30 a.m. (activities), 11:30 a.m. (lunch) at the Senior Community Center, 59 ½ South Main St., Acushnet.** Memory Café activities are always **free for participants, \$2.00/suggested, voluntary donation for lunch.**

A memory café is a social gathering for individuals living with dementia and their care partners. Individuals are welcome whose dementia is due to any underlying condition and at any stage of disease progression, including those with younger onset conditions. Care partners can include spouses, children, friends, and professional caregivers.

For information call 508-998-0280 or email hsylvia@acushnet.ma.us

Nomination papers

Acushnet will hold annual town elections on Mon., 4/2/18.

Nomination Papers are available for anyone interested in running for office.

Thursday, February 8, 2018 5PM: Last day to take out nomination papers. Nomination papers are furnished only to candidates or to their representatives presenting signed authorization.

NUMBER OF SIGNATURES: Not less than THIRTY-ONE (31). Must be signed by Registered Voters in person.

Monday, February 12, 2018 5PM: Last day and hour to submit Nomination Papers to the Board of Registrars for certification of signatures.

Wednesday, February 28, 2018 5PM: Last day and hour to file an objection or withdraw nomination by filing with Town Clerk a Written Request over a signature which has been duly acknowledged before a Notary Public.

Tuesday, March 13, 2018: Last day and hour to REGISTER AS A VOTER.

POLLS OPEN AT 10 AM AND REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 8 PM ON ELECTION DAY.

Photography Class

Photography Basics: The Thoughtful Approach. Everyone is welcome to a

free two-part photographer presentation at the **Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St., on Sundays, January 28 and February 4.**

Think before shooting: often the difference between a snapshot and a photograph is the amount of pre-thought that goes into shooting. This will be a short basic photography course to discuss how pre-shot decisions impact camera settings and shooting to yield the final outcome. The topics for discussion will include over-riding concepts (objectives and story lines), file formats, the holy trinity of exposure, (aperture, speed and ISO settings, and their impact), focus and composition.

The two sessions will be led by local photographer Richard Van Inwegen from 2 to 4 p.m. the library conference room. Walk-ins are welcome but registration is appreciated. Call the library at 508-758-4171.

Bruins PJ Drive

The Acushnet Public Library has teamed up with the Boston Bruins to participate in their annual pajama drive to benefit DCF Kids and Cradles to Crayons. The PJ Drive's goal is to collect 15,000 pairs of new pajamas for children and teens in need.

The Boston Bruins PJ Drive runs from **February 1 through March 15, 2018.** The library will be collecting new pairs of pajamas for babies, children and teens. Drop off the pajamas during normal library hours or attend our Pajama Story Time on Thursday, February 22, 2018 @ 6 pm. Wear your PJs to this popular children's event and bring along a pair for a child in need. For more information please visit acupl.org.

DCF estimates that at any given time the agency is working with 45,000 babies, children and teens. DCF's participation helps ensure that PJs stay in the area in which they were collected, benefitting local kids and teens.

Participating libraries will compete with other organizations for special Bruins prizes including a street hockey clinic with Bruins Mascot Blades and autographed Bruins items.

The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) works with the Boston Bruins to coordinate library participation in

the drive. Libraries from around the state use the Massachusetts Library System's delivery service typically used to send books and other library materials, to send their PJs to area collection locations which increase libraries' ability to participate in the drive.

Author Talk

Ripped from the Headlines and the Walls of the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum: The Acushnet Public Library Welcomes Pulitzer Prize-winning Author Stephen A. Kurkjian.

Join us for an author talk on Wednesday, February 21 @ 6 pm. This free event will take place in the Library Community Room at 232 Middle RD, Acushnet, MA 02743.

Pulitzer Prize winning author, Stephen A Kurkjian will visit the Acushnet Public Library and speak about his book "Master Thieves: The Boston Gangsters Who Pulled Off the World's Greatest Art Heist". His book has been said to be the most complete account of the 1990 theft from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston. As an investigative reporter for the Boston Globe he has great knowledge of the suspects, motives and details of this still unsolved theft. Come learn about his insights into the theft of over \$500 million dollars of artworks and the thieves who are still at large.

Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Brazilian director Jose Padilha has come on board to develop the art heist drama "Master Thieves" as a possible feature film for Sony.

Free Movie

Monday, February 5th, 12:15 p.m. *The Bishop's Wife.* Grab your snacks and join us at the Acushnet COA, 59 1/2 So. Main St., for a screening of this movie about an Episco-pal Bishop, Henry Brougham, who has been working on the plans for an elaborate new cathedral which he hopes will be paid for primarily by a wealthy, stubborn widow. He is losing sight of his family and of why he became a churchman in the first place. Enter Dudley, an angel sent to help him. Dudley does help everyone he meets, but not necessarily in the way they would have preferred. Cary Grant, Loretta Young, David Niven.

Recipe of the Week

Baked Jag

2 cups boiling water
1 cup rice
Dash of salt
Dash of pepper
Pat of butter (1/2 to 1 tbsp)
Dash of paprika
1 small can lima beans, shell
beans or peas
1 small onion, sautéed in butter
Preheat oven to 350°

Mix all ingredients together in a baking dish. Cover dish and place in oven to bake.

After 30 minutes, turn rice over with fork. Bake an additional 30 minutes.

Serve hot.

Submitted by Beverly Gomes

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Vendors needed for summer marketplace

Press Release

Local artists, crafters, dealers of antiques and vintage collectibles, and local food producers will have a new place to display their products for sale in Fairhaven this summer at the Huttleston Marketplace, to be held on Saturdays on the lawn of the town's Visitors Center. From mid-June and until Labor Day weekend, the marketplace will have vendor spaces available in an attractive and convenient setting at Route 6 and Main Street, next to Fairhaven High School.

"This is intended to be a vibrant little crafts and vintage collectibles fair that happens every week on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.," say Fairhaven tourism director Chris Richard, who is organizing the market. "It will provide very affordable space for crafters, artists, and other compatible merchants to set up shop, so to speak. Vendors can sign up for a single week, several weeks, or for the entire twelve-week season. Besides arts and crafts, antiques and collectible, I hope to see some fresh produce, plants, prepared foods, and maybe even a little bit of live

entertainment."

Guidelines for vendors have been created to help insure the quality of the products sold. Crafts must be hand made in New England. Imprinted clothing such as T-shirts that are not handmade, must have images created by the sellers that have local significance. Antique and vintage items must be of a certain age and condition and have collectible value. Food products must be made locally.

"The public coming here each week will see select, unique things for sale. There won't be any new mass-manufactured goods, multi-level marketing products, or garage and rummage sale items," says Mr. Richard. "Shoppers will be supporting creative artisans from our own region."

Application forms and guidelines for vendors are available now and can be downloaded from the Fairhaven Office of Tourism website at <http://fairhaventours.com/huttleston-marketplace>. For additional information about the Huttleston Marketplace, email Chris Richard at FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov or call 508-979-4085.

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Women's March draws hundreds to downtown New Bedford

By Beth David
Editor

One year after the Women's March on Washington gathered hundreds of thousands in Washington, DC, and millions more around the world to march for women's rights, women's rights activists and their supporters did it again. Millions gathered for marches in every state in the US.

In New Bedford, an estimated 500 people marched from Custom House Square to the Public Library for a short program of speeches, music, solidarity, and a call to action.

"I am so proud to be a citizen of New Bedford today," said Ann Partridge, who is a world renowned expert in breast cancer in young women, and is married to New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell.

She urged the crowd to make sure this was not just a "moment."

"We cannot let ourselves and our community unsee this," she said, as she looked out at hundreds of people, many holding signs in front of the Library on Pleasant Street.

"Thank you for being here," she said, including the "awoken grandmothers," she noted from a sign she saw in the crowd.

"And also thanks to the men who are out here, because we have to do this together," said Ms. Partridge.

She said New Bedford, the state of Massachusetts, and the United States are a great place to live "because we strive to improve, because we believe that every individual's rights are important."

She said change, big change, is uncomfortable.

"Big change is disruptive, and it's uncomfortable," said Ms. Partridge. "It's meant to be uncomfortable. And it's uncomfortable seeing what all of us have either seen for a long time or awoken to. And it's meant to be uncomfortable, unfortunately, otherwise we would've dealt with it a long time ago."

She said it is uncomfortable for both men and women.

"And I think the most important thing is we acknowledge that, feel the discomfort and move through it," she said. "And I beg of you all, let's not just make it the moment and then go back to our day-to-day lives."

Ms. Partridge urged everyone to "keep the pedal to the metal."

"We need to keep pushing

forward," she said. "See you next year."

A highlight of the day was the speech by Perman Hardy, who gained national acclaim for her efforts to register voters in Lowndes County, Alabama. For 25 years, she has passionately tried to make sure every single eligible person in her community is registered to vote and gets to the polls.

City Councilor Dana Rebeiro introduced her, saying no one had ever heard of Ms. Hardy until she was interviewed on National Public Radio. Ms. Rebeiro pointed out that New Bedford was Ms. Hardy's first speaking engagement.

She got on the national radar after Doug Jones, a Democrat, won the senate seat in Alabama's special election.

Ms. Hardy said her community of Lowndes County has about 300 people in it. When anyone turns 18,



TOP RIGHT: Ann Partridge, a world renowned expert in breast cancer in young women, and wife of New Bedford Mayor John Mitchell, addresses the crowd in front of the Library at the New Bedford Women's March on Saturday, 1/20. ABOVE: Perman Hardy, who gained national acclaim for her efforts to register votes in Alabama, tells the crowd to vote, so their voices will be heard. *Photos by Beth David.*

she finds him or her, and gets that person registered to vote.

That's what she does, she said, very simply, she gets people to vote. If you are not registered to vote, she has everything you need in her car to get it done.

"Everybody knows, when election time comes, here I go," she said.

And she started doing it long before she ever heard the name "Doug Jones."



She recounted a time when her son told her he did not know what she had done, but that he saw a friend of his who said if he did not get to the polls, "Your mamma gonna get me."

"Just think," said Ms. Hardy. "I'm only one person."

Just think of what they can do, she said if they organize, get together and worked harder.

"What can we accomplish," she said. "Ain't nothing too high that we can't. Ain't no mountain too high that we can't climb."

"And it's all for one purpose. Exercise that right to vote because if you don't speak that voice, you can't say anything," Ms. Hardy told the crowd. "Let your voice be heard"

She also said it was her first speech, and her first time on a plane. She is in demand as a speaker and will be traveling more to speak. She said she was no keynote speaker, though.

"I just do me," she said.

It doesn't stop here, she said. It is not about her or Doug Jones.

"I never looked about Doug Jones. I don't even know Doug Jones," she said. "It was bigger than Doug Jones."

She asked the crowd to pray for her safe return to her "grandboys," adding it was the longest she had been away from them.

"Let's make it happen," said Ms. Hardy. We need this force to keep on going, keep on going, keep on going."

Mayor Mitchell gave Ms. Hardy the Spinner Publications book, "A Picture History of New Bedford," for the plane ride, and City Councilor Dana Rebeiro presented a proclamation from the City Council.

US Senator Elizabeth Warren and US Senator Edward Markey were not present because of the vote on the

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government shutdown, but both sent remarks that were relayed to the crowd, as did Rep. Bill Keating.

In her remarks Sen. Warren encouraged people to run for office.

"Democracy is not something we hear about every four years," she said. "We need you now more than ever."

In a statement read by Manny DeBrito, Sen. Markey wrote that we in Massachusetts know this is a "forever fight," because we are the revolutionaries.

"It is in our blood," he wrote.

Massachusetts is where the revolution began, where the Abolitionist movement started and where the Freedom Riders left to bring civil rights to the south, he said.

"This is who we are," he wrote. "We are first in providing healthcare for everyone. We are first in LGBT rights for everyone. We are first in having the highest minimum wage for everyone. That is who we are as a state."

He said reproductive rights for women must be protected, and the wage gap must be closed.

"Your voices have been echoed in cities and towns across America and are leaving an indelible mark on our nation's history," he wrote. "Your movement, our movement, is who we are and I will never stop fighting for what Massachusetts has always been: A beacon for democracy."

Beth Fauteux, who ran for New Bedford City Councilor last year, but not get in, said, "We always have to explain why we march," and joked that maybe they can't understand abstract thought.

She said the current administration is "just a symptom" of a bigger problem, and that is why they march, not to protest Trump.

She said they need a national movement for individual women to say "me, too."

"We deserve a seat at the table," she said, when legislation directly affects women's rights and health.

Because the right to vote and work is not enough to say we are equal.

Marcelina Depina-Christian, relayed a story about her sister Millie, an Episcopalian minister who served in New Bedford. Ms. Depina-Christian said she did not know that her sister had sheltered Elizabeth Cobbs, a

woman who testified in the trial of the Birmingham Church Bombing in 1963. Ms. Cobbs testified against her uncle and hid out in Mille's dorm room during the trial.

Millie never told anyone about it. Ms. Depina-Christian said no one in the family knew until the book was published and a copy arrived in the mail.

"There were a lot of things she never told," said Ms. Depina-Christian. "She could've been killed by the Ku Klux Klan."

She said her sister lived her purpose in life as a clergy member.

"So, there were people before us," said Ms. Depina-Christian. "We will march on to victory as one."

Let's make it happen. We need this force to keep on going, keep on going, keep on going. [Perman Hardy]

The event also included a performance by the singing group Showstoppers; and poetry read by New Bedford's Poet Laureate Patricia Gomes, including Maya Angelou's "Still I Rise."

The crowd also heard from New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell, who also introduced his wife, Ann Partridge.

Joan Berglund said she attended the march to be with like-minded people who want to move the country forward.

She said the US should be a "good place for everybody."

Luvie Jean of Lynn, Mass. is a student at UMassD. She said it was important for her to be there to empower and uplift women.

"Because we're part of a community. It's important to talk about women's rights issues," she said. It starts with us, to be the change we want to see in our community."

Joe Yarmac and Heather Church were there with their children.

"We're here to stand up for everybody's rights," said Ms. Church. "And to introduce our children to

activism. We want to raise our voices and be heard, and we want them to grow up standing up for peace, standing up for equal rights for everybody."

Mr. Yarmac said he was there to show his support for all women, "And to show my children there is a better way than the current state of affairs."

In a reference to a right-wing insult towards cultural sensitivity, one of the organizers told the crowd that they were, indeed, snowflakes: Alone they were very fragile, but together they could be a blizzard.

Before the march, organizers held a women-only "Women's Forum and Persisterhood Luncheon" that caused some controversy when they would not allow male reporters in the room to cover it. Reportedly, a Standard-Times reporter and a WBSM reporter were asked to leave by New Bedford City Councilor Dana Rebeiro, an organizer of the forum and the march.

Taylor Cormier of WBSM posted a long complaint saying the women should not have been allowed to discriminate against him in a public building, and as a member of the press. He also said that WBSM does not have any females to send, that none have ever applied for the jobs during his tenure. Mr. Cormier is the News Director and anchor at WBSM.

Ms. Rebeiro said in a phone interview that WBSM does, indeed, have female interns they could have sent. She does a couple of segments a week with on-air hosts and suggested that the station send one of the interns.

"I said why not send an intern, and give one of them an opportunity," said Ms. Rebeiro, adding that the station had several weeks to figure something out.

"It's difficult," she said. "But, we as women need to have time and space to have difficult conversations."

She said one segment of the forum was #MeToo, when women were encouraged to share their personal stories.

"Women feel more comfortable if only women are in the room," she said. "It's not about leaving men out, When women are in charge, we take care of everybody."

Discussion at the forum focused on

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Fairhaven Council on Aging, Monday, February 5th, 12:00-4:30 p.m. **\$15.00 for AARP Members/\$20.00 for non Members.** Checks made to AARP Drivers Training. The training enables drivers to refresh their driving skills

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Acushnet appoints two to committees; discussing pot law

By Beth David
Editor

The Acushnet Selectboard voted to fill two open committee seats at its meeting on Tuesday, 1/23. In a joint session with the Acushnet School Committee, the two boards appointed Justin Brodeur to fill the Old Colony Regional Voc-Tech School Committee District Member appointment, replacing Paul Guilbeault.

Mr. Brodeur told the board that he has two young children and is a business owner. He said he heard about the opening and thought it would be a good opportunity for him to give to the town.

He was voted in unanimously by the full Selectboard and by the three members of the School Committee who were present: Sarah Gomes, David DeTerra, and Craig Sumner.

The Selectboard also voted to appoint Richard Debalsi to a seat on the Council On Aging, replacing Marcia Mitchell. Ms. Mitchell's letter was submitted at the same meeting. Selectboard chairperson Kevin Gaspar said that Ms. Mitchell is moving out of town.

The board also adopted two policies: The Council on Aging Building Use Policy, and the Vehicle Use Policy.

The COA use policy outlines who gets priority, such as COA programs, COA/Senior Center related organizations and other town departments, non-profits and individuals.

The policy also outlines regulations, such as what is required to use the building, insurances, responsible parties, rules governing entertainment, and the care of the building. It also sets up a fee structure and cancellation policy.

The vehicle use policy includes guidelines for employees on use of town vehicles, and use of personal vehicles for work-related travel.

Items include stipends, expense reimbursement, insurance requirements, driving record requirements, and income tax rules.

The policy also lays out when and

how an employee assigned a town vehicle may use it. Town vehicles may only be used for town business, except for incidental personal uses, such as stopping off at the grocery store or bank on the way home.

The policy also includes a prohibition on using handheld electronic devices in the vehicle.

Both policies will be posted on the town's website.

Town Administrator Brian Noble presented the board with his preliminary budget numbers.

Among the changes from last year is a request for \$13,000 to have the union job descriptions studied and written. The non-union jobs were

Everybody is feeling their way through the dark
[Brian Noble]

written last year.

Mr. Noble also said that a change in town billing will go into effect soon so that water bills will not be due on the same date as taxes.

The water bill will now be due two weeks before taxes.

"It will be good for our residents," he said.

Mr. Noble also gave the board an update on the ballot question about recreational marijuana. He said they are working with the Attorney General's office on the wording.

Acushnet's moratorium expires in June, so Mr. Noble is recommending three articles for town meeting: One to extend the moratorium, if necessary; one for the ballot question; and one for rules and regulations for

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If the rules and regulations are ready, then the moratorium

extension will not be necessary.

The ballot question will ask voters if they want to allow retail marijuana in town. Because the town voted to support retail marijuana, a townwide vote is required to prohibit them.

If the moratorium expires and here are no rules in place, then the shop can go anywhere that is not prohibited by state law (such as near schools). According to the formula, Acushnet would only be allowed one retail marijuana shop.

The state rules, however, are still not very clear.

"It's still a very fluid situation," said Mr. Noble. "There's no rule book."

Add to that the complication with the current administration in Washington, DC, vowing to crack down in states that have legal marijuana, and a pointed press release from the region's US Attorney (see *Neighb News* 1/18/18 issue) promising to do so, and the whole industry is operating under a cloud of uncertainty.

Mr. Noble said that the federal government has already handed down indictments in some cases and is pursuing more. He said they are using the RICO statute, which was designed for organized crime.

"So, it's a pretty serious charge," he said, adding that it is "silly" that the state says "yes" and the federal government says "no."

Meanwhile, people have invested hundreds of thousands of dollars in the medical and recreational marijuana industries in Mass.

"Everybody is feeling their way through the dark," said Mr. Noble. "There are a million ways to do it wrong, and only a couple of ways to do it right." ●●●



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the challenges women face in the work place and in their daily lives, and how institutional sexism keeps women down.

Several women spoke, and encouraged the very age-diverse group of women to get involved, and especially to vote.

Ms. Hardy gave her plug and encouraged everyone to vote and to get everyone they knew to vote, too.

“One person, one vote can make a difference,” she said.

Women spoke about body image, too, and how society shames women into unhealthy choices.

One woman said she remembered her grandmother, who was on a diet

“My whole life.”

She said he grandmother was the softest woman she every knew, but when she told her that, her grandmother’s response was that she needed to lose weight.

Sara Achorn, Miss New Bedford 2018, said her platform is about “body positivity and healthy lifestyle choices.”

“It’s about mental health, too,” she said, noting that depriving oneself of a sweet treat can backfire. “It’s about liking our bodies for what they’re worth, not what they look like.”

When Marlene Pollock of the Coalition for Social Justice began speaking and someone said she could not hear her, Ms. Pollock said she was surprised.

“I was always told I had a big mouth,” said Ms. Pollock.

“We all were,” said a voice from the crowd, prompting a lot of knowing laughter from the all-woman audience.

Jordan Thornlow from Planned



The leaders of the Women’s March New Bedford 2018, make their way up Union Street on Saturday, 1/20. Below LEFT: A women carries a sign at the march. Photos by Glenn C. Silva.



Parenthood of Massachusetts spoke about the importance reproductive freedom for women. She said poor women cannot afford birth control or abortion, and PPLM has an advocacy fund to help.

“We are not equal until we are all equal,” she aid.

Other speakers included Juli Parker, Assistant Dean of Students/ Director, Center for Women, Gender & Sexuality; Marcelina “Marcy” Depina-Christian; Jillian Zucco, Miss Massachusetts 2017; Bethany “Beth” Fauteux, who ran for who ran for New Bedford City Council last year.



LEFT: Marchers make their way up Union Street on Saturday, 1/20, during the Women’s March New Bedford. RIGHT: People hold a collection of banners and signs facing speakers in front of the library. Photos by Glenn C. Silva.

BPW to rescind vote on Water Superintendent hire

By Mary Macedo

Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Monday, 1/22, the Fairhaven Board of Public Works voted to hold a meeting to rescind their vote hiring Jeff Furtado (no relation to PW superintendent Vinnie Furtado) as the water superintendent.

According to Vinnie Furtado, there was a question raised about the way the item was listed on the posted agenda. It was not clear that a vote to hire would take place. After the question was raised by an unnamed person, Town Counsel advised the board to rescind the vote and re-take the vote at a new meeting.

The board has set a meeting for Thursday, 1/25/18, to rescind the vote of 1/11, hold an open-meeting to hire one of the two finalists, Thomas Weir from Foxborough and Jeff Furtado of Fairhaven, and vote again.

It is anyone's guess who will be chosen the second time.

The board caught wind of a group of people who are planning to attend the meeting on Thursday to oppose the hiring of Jeff Furtado.

A letter that has not been made public, but that the *Neighb News* has acquired, has been circulating behind the scenes and disparages Jeff Furtado's character. It questions his ability to handle the stress of being Water Superintendent.

The *Neighb News* has made inquiries to find out the author of the letter, but has been thwarted. Vinnie Furtado received the letter by email, but refused to forward it with the header to show who sent it, pending a decision by Town Counsel on whether or not it should be released. At issue are the allegations about Jeff Furtado's character and mental health.

Jeff Furtado received letters of recommendation from Fairhaven Sewer Department Superintendent Linda Schick; Henri Renauld, a member of the Mattapoissett River Valley Water District, which is where Fairhaven gets its water; Fairhaven Highway Department Superintendent John Charbonneau; Fairhaven Planning and Economic Development Director Bill Roth; the Fairhaven police and fire chiefs.

The upshot is that the discussions going on behind the scenes could be enough to change the vote.

The vote was 3-2, with Cameron Durant, Chairperson Mike Ristuccia and Brian Wotton voting for Jeff Furtado; and Keith Silvia and Robert "Hoppy" Hobson voting against, after voicing their support for Mr. Weir.

Mr. Weir also

In other business, the board met with town residents to discuss their recommendations for road work in fiscal year 2019. The board also briefly discussed FY19 budgets, which mostly stayed the same, and met with Eagle Scout Alex Sylvaria.

Mr. Sylvaria met with the BPW to ask for support with his Eagle Scout project. He said there is a building on the Fairhaven bike path that he would like to restore and make into a rest stop for his project.

Mr. Sylvaria said that he would get rid of all the weeds and brush surrounding the area, add benches,

cleaning of the vegetation in the area," board member, Brian Wotton said.

The board voted to support Mr. Sylvaria's project with whatever assistance he would like from the board.

In another matter more than a dozen residents showed up to discuss their requests for road work for FY19.

Mr. Hobson told the residents that the meeting was only a discussion about road work and no voting would be happening until the next BPW meeting.

BPW Superintendent Vincent Furtado explained that the BPW pays an engineer to do a pavement management study on the roads in town, which allows them to come up with a rating system of the roads. The BPW normally gets about \$300,000-\$350,000 to spend on road work each year. Mr. Furtado said it all depends on the severity of the roads and how often the road is traveled.

He said the gravel roads are not rated in the study because they are not pavement. Mr. Furtado said they try to pave at least one gravel road a year.

Mr. Ristuccia explained that it takes a few years for some streets to get to the top of the list.

Residents from three streets attended the meeting, representing, Billy's Way, Ebony Street, and Fir Street. Mr. Wotton explained that all three of the streets were currently on the list.

Billy's Way and Fir have been discussed to get paved this year. Mr. Wotton said the problem with Ebony Street is that it is almost a \$300,000 job, which would take up the whole budget.

Mr. Wotton suggested that they split Ebony Street into three parts and do one portion per year for three years. The residents, as well as the board agreed that was a good option.

Mr. Ristuccia noted that Blue Point Road is also very important because when it rains the gravel drains right into the harbor.

Bluepoint, Ebony and Fir are all on West Island. Billy's Way is off Scoticut Neck Road.

Residents from Billy's Way said

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tables, and fix the roof of the building. He said it would all be done with donations. He had no set date to start because he also needs Selectboard approval.

"I'm just trying to give back to the community," Mr. Sylvaria said.

Mr. Hobson explained that the building used to be a barn and people used to live there when he was a kid. He said baby cows were housed there.

"There's a lot of history to that place," Mr. Hobson said, adding that he would love to get together with Mr. Sylvaria and tell him the detailed history of the building.

Mr. Sylvaria agreed and said Mr. Hobson would be helpful because Mr. Sylvaria wanted to add a plaque to the building showing its significance.

Mr. Ristuccia told Mr. Sylvaria to contact the BPW when he plans to start the project and what the plan is.

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that the road is hard to drive on because of the holes. In their petition the residents also said that rain causes many cars to get stuck and large amounts of water to flood the street.

The board agreed that they will make a decision and vote on the roads at the next meeting on 2/5.

The board also discussed the Water, Highway, and Sewer department budgets with not too many changes being made.

The board met with Sewer Department Superintendent Linda Schick who explained that the treatment plant is now 30 years old and much of the equipment is deteriorating and is hard to fix due to its age. She said the treatment plant's equipment was only meant to last 20 years.

Ms. Schick also said that in the coming years the Sewer Department will need millions of dollars in upgrades.

The BPW briefly discussed a change in the sewer rates to help get the money for the upcoming Sewer Department projects.

Mr. Furtado said that if they raised the rates just 25 cents it could give them \$100,000 more dollars to use.

Mr. Wotton said that he would like to wait to vote at the next meeting when Mr. Ristuccia will be there because Mr. Ristuccia had to step out halfway through the meeting. Mr. Wotton suggested that Mr. Furtado come up with a few options of sewer rate changes/recommendations to be discussed at the next meeting.

Beth David contributed to this report.

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Fairhaven

Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on February 05, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. in the Fairhaven Town Hall, Purpose is for the Request for Determination of the following matters as required by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131 Section 40 as amended.

NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- Notice of Intent Applicant Brightman Family Trust Location 18 Wilbur's Point Drive Plot 43 Lot 86 & 87 Purpose construction of sloped stone rip rap seawall within a coastal bank.
- Notice of Intent Applicant Sherry L. Gomes Location 16 Wilbur's Point Drive Plot 43 Lot 85 Purpose improvements to sea wall within a coastal bank.
- Notice of Intent Applicant Chad Pompella Location 177 Ebony Street Plot 43B Lot 312 Purpose raising existing dwelling base flood elevation.
- Notice of Intent Applicant Greg Carey Location 20 Yankee Lane Plot 39 Lots 16, 23, 30 Purpose installation of 2 ground mounted photo voltaic arrays, within 100' buffer zone to BVW and within the NRB.

*Jay Simmons, Chairman
1/25/18*

Fairhaven

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall to consider the following petition(s):

NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Petitioner: Jeff Cardoza, RE: 34 Castle Avenue, Plot 14, Lots 20R & 20S, Book 2850 and Page 74. 198-22 A-1: Accessory Building over 680 sq. ft. of max of 700 sq. ft.
2. Petitioner: Patrick J. Carr, RE: 86 Middle Street, Plot 11, Lot 6E-7, Book 4268 and Page 127. 198-19: Special Permit required for fence above 6'.
3. Petitioner: Scott Snow, RE: 3 Sedgwick Road, Plot 29B, Lot 479-482, Cert. #328. 198-18: Short 21,500 sq. ft. of required 30,000 sq. ft. and 60' short of required 140' frontage within an RR District.

*Peter DeTerra, Chairman
1/18/18, 1/25/18*

Fairhaven Meetings

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Thurs., 1/25, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Board of Appeals

Tues., 2/6/18, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board Of Public Works

Thurs., 1/25, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Water Superintendent

Mon., 2/5, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 2/5, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Marine Resources Comm.

Thurs., 1/18, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 1/23, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Thurs., 1/25, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 2/5, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Town Clerk Study Comm.

Tues., 2/6, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Selectbord

Tues., 2/6, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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	Jan. 2018	HIGH		LOW	
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Thursday	25	0148	1411	0716	1930*
Friday	26	0245	1513	0821	2030*
Saturday	27	0350	1621	0930	2135*
Sunday	28	0453	1720	1043*	2241*
Monday	29	0546	1812	1144*	2342*
Tuesday	30	0636	1901	----	1240*
Wednesday	31	0725	1953	0039*	1338*

	Feb. 2018	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	1	0816	2044	0139*	1430*
Friday	2	0907	2135	0237*	1510*
Saturday	3	0955	2224	0322*	1545*
Sunday	4	1044	2315	0402*	1619*
Monday	5	1136	----	0443*	1658*
Tuesday	6	0009	1231	0534	1746
Wednesday	7	0102	1324	0811	1850
Thursday	8	0154	1416	0937	1953
Friday	9	0248	1515	1044	2240
Saturday	10	0349	1619	1137	2331
Sunday	11	0448	1714	----	1222
Monday	12	0535	1757	0006	1305
Tuesday	13	0615	1836	----	1343

*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft
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places, but in a coastal town, it is.

He also addressed the sites approved by other towns.

"Be better than that," he said. "Be better than Mattapoissett. Be better than Marion."

Mr. Darwin also said that the beach in Shaw's Cove would undoubtedly see equipment washed up in storms. The business of aquaculture, too, is not viable without grants, which come and go. He cited a Standard-Time article that quoted Mr. Loo saying he needed grants to operate.

"I believe we can be a better town than this," said Mr. Darwin.

Many of his neighbors echoed Mr. Darwin's concerns.

They cited the navigation hazards, the view, the damage to eel grass, the interference with swimmers, kayakers, paddleboarders, and small watercraft operators.

Bill Hover said the application was vague about methods.

"What are we [going to] see in Shaw's Cove at low tide," he asked.

He questioned the assertion in the application that there are benefits to the town, and noted the \$200 per acre fee. He said that was "nothing compared to the impact" on the water and the people who use the area.

The area is "pristine," he said, because of all the protected land around the cove.

"I'm not a birds and bunnies kind of guy," said Mr. Hover, but, he added, there is an abundance of birds, including Blue Heron and others not seen everywhere.

Mr. Loo was not completely without supporters, who called him a "good guy," who should be supported.

Ashlee Kirkwood, a Fairhaven resident and Vice President of the Fairhaven-Acushnet Land Preservation Trust, voiced her support for the project. She said the FALPT worked with Matthew when he created his other oyster farm in Jack's Cove off FALPT lands.

She said it is not an industrial site, it is "unobtrusive." She also said that eel grass does not grow back on its own, so the neighbors' assertion that it used to be there and might come back was faulty.

She said DMF will do an eel grass survey and navigation hazard survey, and the farm will have to pass through "12 other agencies."

She also said oysters are good for

the water.

"They vastly improve water quality," said Ms. Kirkwood, adding that each one filters 50 gallons an hour.

"This is the kind of industry we want," said Ms. Kirkwood. "We're a seaside town."

"It's a terrible location," said Barbara Burr.

She agreed that Matt was a nice person, he went to her house and explained his proposal. But, she still felt it would be a navigation hazard, and said she did not know how Mattapoissett could approve the two on their side.

Betsy Allen insisted that the proposed area still has eel grass and made a case for the eel grass, as well as the sailors, swimmers, and paddleboarders who will have to navigate around it.

Michael Murphy went armed with photos of items that have washed up on the shore, in addition to his show-and-tell prop.

Be better than that. Be
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Be better than Marion
[Josh Darwin]

Other residents noted that the cove is very small and shallow, freezes completely in winter, and is a place where people already dig for quahogs and clams.

Many of the residents stressed that they were second and third generation Shaw's Cove residents, and looked forward to passing on a pristine coastline to their children and grandchildren.

Gary Lavalette told the board that there should be a "blueprint" of the shoreline to decide where aquaculture farms should go.

"It it's not him, it will be someone else," said Mr. Lavalette.

Jay Pateakos, a Shaw's Cove resident, asked the board and the public to consider that the people in Shaw's Cove are not rich people, but working class people.

He said it sounded like a bunch of rich people who just did not want something in their neighborhood, but

it was not true.

"My dad called it 'God's country,'" said Mr. Pateakos, and begged the board to go see for themselves before voting. "We'll show you the place."

Tom Darwin told the board that the impact was not just to Shaw's Cove residents. He said a lot of people get to the cove through the state reservation lands.

He also said that he and his neighbors are often helping disabled boaters who get caught up in the wind and currents there.

He said the lands all around the cove have been preserved to keep it natural.

"This goes in a totally different direction," he said.

Cora Peirce, president of the FALPT, said she and the organization supported Mr. Loo's proposal. She said he was a "good guy," who takes care of his equipment, which is all labeled. The stuff washing up on shore is not his, she said.

"Our biggest problem is Taylor Seafood," said Ms. Peirce, adding that aquaculture can be an asset to the town.

"Please don't make [Matt] pay the price for your bad mistakes," she said, meaning Taylor Seafood.

She said Matt would "make Fairhaven proud."

"He always makes the land trust proud," said Ms. Peirce.

Frank DeNaw contributed pictures with his letter showing items that have washed up on the shore. He said the floats get loose, and the cages end up on the bottom and become a navigational hazard at low tide.

"The debris is unbelievable. It's garbage. It's plastic, it's not biodegradable. If I dumped it, I would be a criminal," said Mr. DeNaw. "I do not see any positive value to the community by allowing this garbage."

Mr. Loo was not allowed to defend his project, nor was Mr. Cox allowed to comment. Town Administrator Mark Rees told the board they should let the public speak, assemble a list of questions, then hold another meeting to answer the questions raised by residents.

Mr. Espindola told the crowd he was very familiar with the area because he kayaks there. He also said the town was in the middle of updating its rules and regulations.

In the end the board voted to continue the public hearing until March.

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