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(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

## Fairhaven Police promotions are official



FRONT, L-R: Fairhaven Police Chief Michael Myers and recently promoted police officers, Captain Michael Botelho, Lieutenants David Sobral and Kevin Kobza; BACK, L-R: Selectboard member Charles K. Murphy, Selectboard chairperson Bob Espindola, Selectboard member Daniel Freitas, Fairhaven Town Administrator Mark Rees; pose for pictures after the pinning ceremony on Monday, 3/26/18, for the recently promoted captain and lieutenants. *Photo by Beth David. See page 12 for story.*



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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

This week it's OMG, how did I do THAT time.

Geesh. I made the dumbest trio of mistakes in the story on the John Cooke lecture in last week's issue (see page 3).

Now, mistakes happen, and there are lots of reasons for them. I maybe didn't hear something right, missed a word that changed the gist of what someone said. Sometimes, it's just the rush to make deadline and I miss a word or two that can change the meaning of a sentence.

But last week's error, one in particular, is very embarrassing. I know, and have known, that Chris Richard has never disputed that the site of the John Cooke Memorial Park was once a burial ground. I have to guess that the introduction of the photo muddled my brain. But I should've called him. When he contacted me to say I made that mistake, honestly, I couldn't believe it. I re-read that portion of the article and sat staring at the screen, positively mortified.

I apologized, of course, and he was pretty upset at first, but was gracious in understanding that mistakes happen. Anyway, see page 3 for the corrections to that article. I decided it warranted more than just a line or two in the corrections box.

Alas, the old brain just ain't what it used to be.

We have some new brass in Fairhaven. Our police department has been reconfigured, and some long-time sergeants have been promoted. I know all of these guys, of course. That's the nature of having a little paper like this in a small town. I think they're good guys, so I'm happy for them.

The Selectboard also had a fun meeting. The Town Clerk Study Committee made its recommendation, and recommended that the position change from elected to appointed. See page 4 and decide for yourself. I might weigh in on this one later on, after the board makes its recommendations. Board members decided to hold off on that vote. See page 4 to find out why (don't you hate that).

And lastly, be sure to get out and VOTE on Monday. We have two contested races this year (see page 21). TWO! Wow. I know, I know, but it's better than Acushnet. They don't have any (see page 16).

And finally (which is decidedly different than "lastly"), please be sure to tell our advertisers you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*. Until next week then...see ya

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our story on the lecture about John Cooke in last week's issue, we made a number of factual errors. Please see page 3 for details. We apologize for any confusion our errors may have caused.

Don't forget to  
**VOTE**

Mon., 4/2, in Fairhaven & Acushnet

# Corrections, clarifications on John Cooke, Fairhaven's Pilgrim

By Beth David  
Editor

The *Neighb News* made a number of critical errors in last week's story, *John Cooke history lesson does not settle burial question*. (Please see Editor's letter on page 2.)

In the most glaring error, the article mis-characterizes the importance of a photograph shown by local lecturer and local historian Christopher Richard. The photograph shows that the site of the John Cooke Memorial Park in Fairhaven was used in different ways over the years.

It shows that the site was not used as a burial ground at that point in time, not that it was never used as one. The property had barns and other farm structures on it from about the 1850s to about 1900.

Mr. Richard, who is also the Director of Tourism for the Town of Fairhaven, has always said it was a burial ground at some point in history. He has a page on the Office of Tourism website devoted to John Cooke, and he also, as a private citizen and historian, maintains a website and a Facebook page on John

Cooke and his ties to Fairhaven.

Mr. Richard has always maintained that there is no proof that John Cooke was buried at the site, but also, he said, there is no proof that he was not.

The *Neighb News* article also made an error in reporting Mr. Richard's recounting of a portion of Mr. Cooke's will. He described a particular place that is located west of South Main Street in Acushnet. The will does not, however, indicate that Mr. Cooke asked to be buried there.

We also made an error in reporting the boundaries of Mr. Cooke's homestead. The house was near the intersection of Adams Street and Howland Road, and the homestead property went from about the north side of Riverside Cemetery (where Route 195 is now), to Woodside Cemetery at Glenhaven Avenue and Morgan Street.

Mr. Richard also stressed in his talk that the families of the Mayflower are among the most studied families of the United States. Books published by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants say that John Cooke's

burial place is unknown.

The *Neighb News* strives for accuracy in all our stories, and we encourage our readers to please let us know if they find any factual errors in our reporting. We also encourage our readers to send letters to the editor at [NeighbNews@comcast.net](mailto:NeighbNews@comcast.net).

We apologize for our errors and any confusion they may have caused.

For more information, visit <http://fairhaventours.com/johncooke/>, <http://john-cooke.blogspot.com>; <https://www.themayflowersociety.org>, <http://mayflowerhistory.com>

Unlike some politicians,  
I can admit to a mistake.

Nelson Mandela

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## Worship with us this Easter Season!

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**Good Friday • March 30 • Noon–3 PM**  
in the Sanctuary

**Personal Meditation/Prayer Time**

Our sanctuary will be open for anyone who wants to spend a portion of this time in meditation and prayer.

**Easter Sunday • April 1 • 10 AM**

Join with us to sing out "Christ is Risen" as we celebrate the resurrection in song, prayer, and scripture.

# Selectboard holds off on Town Clerk vote

By Beth David

Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard held off on voting whether or not to support a Town Meeting (TM) article that recommends switching the Town Clerk position from elected to appointed. At its meeting on Monday, 3/26, the board heard from the Town Clerk Study Committee and members of the public on the proposed change.

The committee was split, voting 5-3 to recommend that the town change to an appointed TC.

Committee chairperson Ann Richard explained the rationale behind the committee's decision, noting most importantly that the TC position is the only full time position in the town that is elected.

After a lot of research, a lot of reading, and speaking to other towns of comparable size that have both elected and appointed Town Clerks, the committee decided that the position was largely clerical, and not a position that set policy in any way. Therefore, they concluded, the position would best be served by someone who is appointed.

If appointed, the person would have to be qualified. As an elected position, anyone can run for it.

Ms. Richard and most of the speakers who supported the change, made it a point to say they had nothing against Eileen Lowney, the current TC. Ms. Lowney has been in the position for more than 20 years and has indicated that she will retire and not run for re-election next year.

In order to change the position to appointed, TM must approve the measure and it then must be approved by the legislature. It does not have to go to a town-wide vote.

Ms. Richard praised her commit-

tee, saying it has a diverse group of people, with varied backgrounds.

"Which was great," said Ms. Richard.

Committee member Phil Washko told the board that committee members knew they were balancing the traditions of the past with the future. He said in the end, the decision was a "no-brainer."

"This is how we do it nowadays," said Mr. Washko.

Committee member Kyle Bueno said he drew on his experience as an intern in the town of Middleboro, which has an appointed town clerk.

The work is administrative, he said. The position does not create policy, so there is no need for it to be elected. And there would be more accountability as an appointed position.

Carolyn Hurley, the current assistant town clerk, was firmly in the keep-it-elected camp.

She said the committee did contact other towns, and it was not a surprise that the places with elected town clerks said it worked for them; and those with appointed town clerks

said that worked for them. So they just cancelled each other out, she said.

Ms. Hurley said that her office is very accountable, to the public, every single day.

Voting, she said, is her right.

"I want to keep that right. I want to keep that right," said Ms. Hurley.

Bryan Wood, also in the minority, supported that sentiment.

"Nothing should supersede the right of citizens to vote," said Mr. Wood.

The third minority member, Bernard Roderick, noted tradition in his opposition to the change. He said the position had been accountable to the people for 200 years. He said the survey results were "flawed" because they were contradictory. He said he believed that people did not understand the question, because 59% said the position should stay elected, but then 51% said the matter should go to the legislature to be changed.

Mark Badwey, a majority member, reiterated that the position "makes no policy."

"It's just clerical," said Mr. Badwey.

He said he is against taking away people's right to vote, but in this case, it was "black and white" to him. A person who is not qualified could be elected.

"We want to take the emotion out of the decision," said Anne O'Brien, also in the majority.

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*The judges have made their decisions  
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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## NFIA Egg Hunt

Sat., 3/31, 9:00 a.m., Livesey Park, Glenhaven Ave., Fairhaven. FREE

Annual Easter egg hunt with separate areas for children in different age groups. Find candy eggs in the park and playground and look for specially numbered wooden eggs that can be redeemed for prizes. Visit and take photos with the Easter Bunny. Raffles. Sponsored by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association. For more info email silverado504@msn.com or call Jeff at 508-990-3534.

## Easter Sunrise Serv

Sun., 4/1, at 6:00 a.m., Ft. Phoenix, south end of Fort St., Fairhaven

The Fort Phoenix parking lot will open at 5:00 a.m. so worshipers may gather for the annual Easter Sunrise Service sponsored by the Interchurch Council of Greater New Bedford. The service takes place near the cannons and will begin at approximately 6:00 a.m. Accessible. For more information, email [connie@iccgnb.org](mailto:connie@iccgnb.org) or call 508-993-6242.

## VOTE ON MONDAY

See page 16 for Acushnet, see page 21 for Fairhaven.

## Book Club Millicent

*The General's Women* by Susan Wittig Albert. On Thurs., 4/19, the Thursday morning book group at the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven, invites you to come and share your opinion on this book. Please use the Walnut Street entrance. The book is available to you to read before the review at the Millicent Library or through the Library's web site, SAILS. Please call Norma Markey, 508-993-3745.

## Thrift Store Sale

Heavenly Treasures Thrift Store at First Congregational Church, William Street Fairhaven, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Wednesdays and Saturdays. Half Price Sale on Clothes, Shoes, & Pocketbooks. April 4 to April 28

## Homestay Families

Seeking homestay families for summer student visit from Japan, July 28 to August 4, for high school students from Tosashimizu (our

Sister City in Japan. We expect five students and a female teacher

We provide: orientation for host families; daily activities for weekdays (homestay siblings invited); on-going assistance for hosts' questions

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For more information E-mail: [Gerry@WMFriendshipHouse.org](mailto:Gerry@WMFriendshipHouse.org) or call Gerry at 508-995-1219

## Scholarship Apps

The Fairhaven Mothers' Club invites applications for two scholarships, each for \$1,000. The Fairhaven Mothers' Club Scholarship is for graduating high school seniors planning to study in any field. The Trowbridge/Whitfield Memorial Scholarship is for students planning to study in a medical field. Applicants must be residents of Fairhaven.

**Applications are available from high school counselors and are due April 15, 2018.**

The Fairhaven Mothers' Club raises funds for scholarships and for assistance to families in need from donations, from sales at the Old Time Holiday Fair, and from its annual spring party, to be held on April 17, 11 to 3, at Oxford Terrace.

## Calling ALL Seniors

Third Annual Rotary Senior Talent Showcase. Come show off your talent...we'd love to have you!

**Sunday, April 29th 2-4:00pm at Fairhaven Town Hall**

Please call Melissa for an application, 508-330-4837. All TALENTED SENIORS welcome

## NFIA Yard Sale

North Fairhaven Improvement Association, Indoor Yard Sale, Oxford School Auditorium, May 19th 9-3pm. \$20.00 10x10 Space

Please call 508.207.2123 & leave a message to rent a space. NO VENDORS. Yard Sale Items..

## SAVE THE DATES:

### 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](http://westisland5k.org) for more**

information and to register.

## Nemasket Group Walk/Run

The Nemasket Group 5K Walk/Run will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2018. The race begins and ends at Fort Phoenix, Fairhaven, MA. Dust off your sneakers and join us for a morning of fun as we wind through Fairhaven for a great cause. Coming together as a community and making new friends while raising awareness for individuals with disabilities is a sure win for all. The first 125 registrants will receive a t-shirt. Registration begins at 8:00 AM and the race starts at 9:00 AM. For more information and to register for this event please go to [www.NemasketGroup.org](http://www.NemasketGroup.org) or call 508-999-4436. We look forward to seeing you at the event.

## Bike Path Cleanup

Join us for the 5th Annual Fairhaven Bike Path Volunteer Clean Up, on Sun. 4/29, anytime from 9am-12pm. Registration behind the Rec Center

Please join us in a volunteer clean-up effort for the Fairhaven Bike Path. Together we can help keep our town looking great for residents and our visitors.

We will have some gloves and bags available to use courtesy of Rockys Ace Hardware. Pickers will be available from Operation Clean Sweep. Please bring your own gloves if you have them.

All volunteers will be entered into a raffle to win a gift card from Stop and Shop.

Free donuts and coffee will be provided by BRW Property Services.

## WMFS Cultural Series

The Whitfield-Manjiro Spring 2018 Community Cultural Series presents three workshops on the following Wednesdays in May, from 6-8 p.m., at Captain Whitfield's Home, 11 Cherry St., Fairhaven.

Cost is \$50 per evening, or \$135 for all three classes. All materials except flower container are included. Class size is limited. Send registration and check to WMFS, 11 Cherry St., Fairhaven, MA 02719, by May 6. INCLUDE: Name, phone number, email address to confirm registration, dates of workshops, and total enclosed.

Contact Gerry Rooney at [gerry@wmfriendshiphouse.org](mailto:gerry@wmfriendshiphouse.org)

# Ravens take up residence at gothic UU church

By Jim Anderson

## Special to the Neighb News

Residents of Fairhaven, especially those living near the Unitarian Memorial Church on Green Street, have been hearing strange, raucous 'Ronnnkkk' sounds from slightly

menacing large black birds.

At least one pair of ravens, far from their usual Appalachian mountain haunts, have been visiting for several weeks. Now, however, one pair has made it definite: they are staying and have chosen the south face of the

(appropriately) English gothic bell tower of the church to build a nest.

Are we to be blessed, as the Tower of London, with a conspiracy of protective ravens? As Poe might have said, "...quoth the raven, Evermore"?



Green Street residents have had a ringside seat while a pair of ravens has been colonizing the UU church. *Photos courtesy of Jim Anderson.*

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# Wood School Wonderings

By Beth David  
Editor

Students at the Leroy L. Wood Elementary School continue to wonder about the world around them. Then they are taking those wonderings to learn about the things that made them wonder. It is an "inquiry based approach to learning," that gets students engaged and excited about learning, according to principal Amy Hartley-Matteson.

The *Neighb News* will highlight some of those projects on an ongoing basis throughout the year.

This week we learn from Danika Reynolds on how electricity is delivered to our homes; Carlie Francis what would happen if we had no moon; Taylor Pacheco and Harper Mitchell how reindeer fly.

## Danika Reynolds

*How do we get electricity at home?*

The spinning turbines make the electricity and flow into power lines then to our houses. Electricity moves through the wires fast. The electric current is a flow or movement of electrical charge through copper wires.

## Carlie Francis

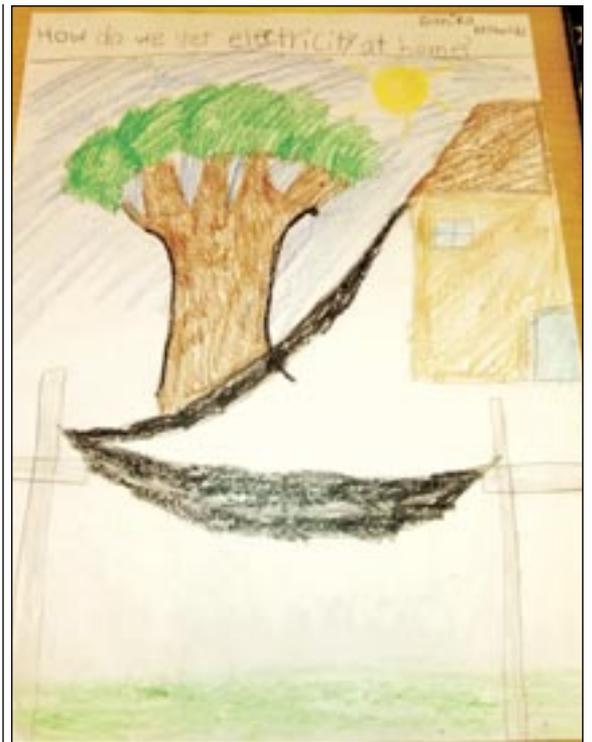
*What would happen if there was no moon?*

Of course one of the moon's most noticeable effects is (or was) the tides. With the moon no longer there, the oceans of the world become much calmer. The sun still has an effect on them (known as solar tides), so surfers wouldn't be completely devoid of waves. But the oceans would largely become serene.

## Taylor Pacheco & Harper Mitchell

*How do reindeers fly?*

Long ago Santa Claus and the elves discovered a special formula of magical reindeer food which makes reindeer fly. The reindeer eat this food all year long. It gives them enough magic to fly around the world. The magic mushrooms and special reindeer luncheon are found only where Santa lives.



Danika Reynolds illustrates how electricity flows from the wind turbines to homes through copper wires. Image by Danika Reynolds.

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# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## Cannabis Forum

The International Cannabis Physicians' Association presents the 2018 Cannabis Forum at the **New Bedford Public Library, 613 Pleasant St., on Wed., 4/4, from 5-8:30 p.m.** Featuring top physicians in the cannabis community. They will speak on such topics as Opiate Addiction, pain management, ailment-specific strains of cannabis, licensure, and the different facets of being an MMJ patient. Sponsored by Growing in Health, 508-465-6500, [www.growthinhealth.com](http://www.growthinhealth.com)

## Abolition Sympos.

A Call to Action: Abolition, Activism, and the Principled Life. **April 7, 9 am - 3 pm, Cook Memorial Theater at the Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford. \$25 for Members (Whaling Museum, Rotch-Jones-Duff, or New Bedford Historical Society), \$35 for Non-members.** For tickets and symposium details visit: [www.rjdmuseum](http://www.rjdmuseum) or [whalingmuseum.org](http://whalingmuseum.org) s.

Brought to you by the Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden Museum, in partnership with the New Bedford Whaling Museum, the New Bedford Historical Society, and the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park

## Auditions

Your Theatre, Inc. is holding auditions on Friday, March 30 at 7pm, for all roles in the upcoming 2018-2019 Season production of *Mauritius* by Theresa Rebeck. Performances run from Sep 6 to Sep 16, 2018.

Auditions are held in the playhouse located in St. Martin's Church/Hall complex, 136 Rivet Street at Country Street, in New Bedford. The auditions are open to all actors over the age of 16. For additional information call 508-993-0772 or the Your Theatre website at [www.yourtheatre.org](http://www.yourtheatre.org).

Auditions will consist of a cold reading from the script and a prepared monologue (see the web site for download). Director Lawrence R. Houbre, Jr. is casting all roles.

Characters: JACKIE: (Female, 20-29), MARY: (Female, 30-39), DENNIS: (Male, 20-29), STERLING (Male, 40-49), PHILIP (Male, 60-69)

This suspenseful thriller centers on stamp collecting, which may be far

more risky than you think. After their mother's death, two estranged half-sisters discover a book of rare stamps that may include the crown jewel for collectors. One sister tries to collect on the windfall, while the other resists for sentimental reasons. In this gripping tale, a seemingly simple sale becomes dangerous when three seedy, high-stakes collectors enter the sisters' world, willing to do anything to claim the rare find as their own.

Experience is not necessary; just the desire to participate and share the experience of live theatre and the enjoyment of collaborating with other talented individuals.

## Penny Sale

Parents and friends of Holy Family-Holy Name School will be sponsoring our 26th annual Penny Sale on Saturday, April 7. Come and buy some tickets and take a chance on winning one of hundreds of individual prizes being raffled off! They range from household items to children's toys to gift certificates. There's even a full kitchen to enjoy supper or some snacks while you play. At the end of the evening, the grand finale is our MEGA Raffle! Always a crowd pleaser!

The Penny Sale will be held at Holy Name Center, 121 Mt. Pleasant Street, New Bedford. Doors will open at 5:00 PM and food will be served all evening. For information or directions to the center, call (508) 993-3547. Please make plans to attend this exciting event with your entire family.

## SAVE THE DATE

### Ham & Bean Supper

By Pilgrim United Church of Christ, Sat., 4/14, at 6 pm, at Pilgrim Church Home, 634 Purchase St., N.B. Ham and Bean Supper with Raffle. Includes potato salad, cole slaw, beverages, strawberry shortcake

**Donation: \$10; children \$5.**

proceeds to benefit church programs. For reservations call 508-996-1498 or 508-998-1718

### Cystic Fibrosis Walk

Join us for the Great Strides walk as part of a national effort to fight cystic fibrosis, a rare, genetic disease that progressively limits the ability to breathe and causes premature death. The South Coast Walk is taking place on Sun., 5/20, at Fort Rodman/Taber.

Check-In is at 10:00 AM and the walk will start at 11:00 AM.

To get involved in Great Strides and help fight CF, please call the Massachusetts-Rhode Island Chapter at 508-655-6000 or visit <http://fightcf.cff.org>.

## Teen Art Exhibit

The New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks! announces the annual exhibition of the Teen Artist Internship Program in its Heritage Gallery beginning April 4th, 2018. Now in its 14th year the Teen Artist Internship Program (TAIP) is an exciting opportunity for young, talented, artists from local schools to connect and gain hands-on mentorship from established, professional artists from the greater New Bedford Area.

The artist mentors also take time to introduce their students to other artists and help connect them with the art community they aspire to join. Acceptance into the free program, which draws students from various SouthCoast schools, is competitive, and teens must submit an application, essay and recommendation. Each year, the program culminates in an exhibition of work by the interns and their mentors.

To learn more TAIP visit: [newbedfordart.org/teen-classes/](http://newbedfordart.org/teen-classes/)

NBAM/ArtWorks! is located at 608 Pleasant Street, New Bedford. Hours are Wed-Sun. from noon to 5 p.m. and noon to 9 p.m. on Thursdays.

For info visit [www.newbedfordart.org](http://www.newbedfordart.org) or call 508-961-3072.

## Call for Artists

The New Bedford Seaport Art Walk unites two of the city's nationally recognized cultural and commercial assets, its working waterfront and its working artists. It is the first large format outdoor public art installation along the waterfront in the city. Each summer, ten to twenty sculptures are temporarily installed.

Artists are invited to submit proposals reflecting this year's theme: "Freedom and Equality"; honoring the bicentennial of Frederick Douglass and his history in New Bedford as his first free home after escaping slavery. Visit: <http://destinationnewbedford.org/wp-content/uploads/SPAW-2018-Call-for-Artists-rev.pdf>

# HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

## MOLIFE Gala

MOLIFE Inc. presents our Formal Gala Event on **Fri., 4/6, at White's of Westport from 6pm-Midnight.** Join us for a fun night with a Buffet Dinner and Dancing. There will be a silent auction, our Gift Card Wall and a wine toss! **Tickets are \$50.**

Join us for our VIP Event and meet Miss Massachusetts Jillian Zucco! Open bar and appetizers will be served. (VIP Event is a limited ticket Event). **Tickets for both VIP and Gala Events are \$100.**

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## All About Eve

Behind the Curtain: An Actor's Life. Film. Reception. Panel Discussion. Cape Cod Museum of Art. Presented by the Friends of the Cape & Islands Theater Coalition. April 28th. Reception at 3:00. Film at 4:00 Sharp. Followed by Panel.

The Classic 1950 Film Starring Bette Davis, Anne Baxter, George Sanders, Gary Merrill, Thelma Ritter. 14 Academy Award Nominations. 6 Wins Including Best Picture.

Join us for a look at the lives of actors behind the curtain. The afternoon will start with an informal reception in the galleries of the Museum, followed by the film and panel discussion. The panel will be moderated by Michael Rader, Artistic Director at The Cape Playhouse, and features actors Jody O'Neil and John Shuman.

ALL ABOUT EVE is a compelling classic film about two vying actresses, one a tough established Broadway star, the other a young hopeful. Starring: Bette Davis, Anne Baxter, George Sanders, Gary Merrill, Thelma Ritter and a very young Marilyn Monroe; Director and Writer: Joseph L. Mankiewicz; Producer: Darryl F. Zanuck. The 1950 film was nominated for 14 Academy Awards and won 6, including Best Picture, and is ranked 28th on the American Film Institute's "Greatest Movies of All Time." Having met while shooting the film, Davis and Merrill married shortly after filming was complete.

Tickets: General Admission: \$15.00. Visit <https://web.ovationtix.com/trs/pe.c/10245995>. Museum Guild & Friends of Theater Members: \$10.00. **Advance Reservations Recommended. Last Year's Event Sold Out Early.**

Ticket Prices Include Museum Admission. Cape Cod Museum of Art. 60 Hope Lane, Dennis Village. Off Rt. 6A on the grounds of the Cape Playhouse.

Date & Time: Saturday, April 28th. Reception: 3:00-3:45pm. Film: 4:00 pm sharp.

This event is presented in association with The Cape Playhouse, the Cape Cod Museum of Art Guild, the Cape Cinema, & ArtWeek MA

## Summer Job Grants

Attorney General Maura Healey has opened the fourth annual application period for grant funding for summer jobs for youth across Massachusetts. The Healthy Summer Youth Jobs Grant Program will use settlement funds from the AG's Office to fund jobs aimed at providing young people with opportunities for employment that will impact public health this summer.

Through this program, young people throughout the state will be able to advance public health in their communities by providing health promotion and disease prevention interventions that address factors identified by the Centers for Disease Control. These factors include behaviors that contribute to the leading causes of death and disability among youth and adults, including unintentional injuries and violence, tobacco use, unhealthy dietary behaviors, and inadequate physical activity.

Examples of healthy summer youth jobs that could receive funding may include, but are not limited to: Working as a coach, team leader, or mentor for a pre-existing health/fitness activity for youth; Working at a community health center; Collaborating on a public health or a health-related environmental justice project

The AG's Office will issue grants to municipalities, other agencies and nonprofits within the state. Through this program, the AG's Office has funded more than 650 summer jobs for youth across the state.

Grant awards will fund youth employment from July 9, 2018 and through Aug. 31, 2018. Interested applicants can visit the AG's website for more information and for application instructions. **Applications must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 20, 2018.**

## Author Event via Facetime

The Acushnet Public Library invites you to participate in a community read and welcomes "Claude & Camille- a novel of Monet" author Stephanie Cowell. **The author talk, via Facetime, will take place on Sat., 4/21 at 1 pm., 232 Middle RD, Acushnet, MA 02743. FREE**

The book offers a fascinating look at nineteenth-century Paris, the bohemian lives of the Impressionists, and their struggle to create a new way of seeing the world.

Ask how you can get a copy of Claude & Camille to read or visit [acupl.org](http://acupl.org). Look for the ebook in OverDrive. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Acushnet Public Library.

## Regional Transit Pet.

Thousands of people across Mass. are at risk of losing their local bus routes, threatening their ability to get to work and school. This is a time we should be expanding transit choices. But instead, we are fighting to save what we have. Unless the state legislature and Governor act, the state budget for the fiscal year starting this July 1 will lead to cuts at Regional Transit Authorities that provide vital bus service in communities outside the MBTA service area.

Please help by signing our petition to restore funding for RTAs: [http://www.t4ma.org/rta\\_petition](http://www.t4ma.org/rta_petition)

People across Mass. deserve a public transportation system that works for them, and denying reliable, affordable bus service to people who depend on it sends our state in the wrong direction.

Level funding the RTAs as proposed by Gov. Baker, means higher fares workers and students. And that's not just a problem for people who will lose bus routes. All of us depend on a good transportation network, however we travel.

## Recipe of the Week

### Crabmeat casserole

1 med. green pepper  
1 cup chopped parsley  
1 cup shrimp, cut up  
1/8 tsp pepper  
1 cup mayonnaise  
1 cup buttered crumbs  
1 onion, chopped  
16 oz. crabmeat, flaked  
1/2 tsp salt  
1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce

Mix all ingredients together except crumbs. Put into buttered casserole dish, top with crumbs.

Bake in 350° oven for 30 minutes.

*By Mary Fontes*

## From our readers

### Mike Silvia has always served town well

I first met Mike Silvia as a fellow member of the Fairhaven Finance Committee and through his friendship with my brother John back in the 90's.

I appreciate Mike's vast knowledge of history and politics. In addition, his ability to thoroughly research issues and facts as a Finance Committee member and as a Selectman has always served the town well. Most importantly Mike's kindness and humanity to all of the Fairhaven residents he served while on various boards has been inspirational.

I think most residents would agree that Mike has always been fair, considerate and attentive to the concerns of others. Mike does not

subscribe to a deep seated ideology, personal agenda or preconceived opinion. He uses logic and reason when making decisions on issues concerning the town and has never let personalities cloud his judgment.

I recall one particular instance regarding Hoppy's Landing where during a heated debate Mike's polite and calming demeanor helped resolve the situation to a fair and logical conclusion. Along with Mike's integrity and professionalism is his ability to relate to others with respect.

It is because of these qualities that I enthusiastically support Mike Silvia for the Board of Health. Much more importantly, it is an honor for me to call him my friend.

*All the best, Mark A. Badwey,  
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# Fairhaven promotes one to captain, two to lieutenant

By Beth David  
Editor

The auditorium of the Fairhaven Town Hall was all smiles and accolades on Monday, 3/26, for the pinning ceremony for one new captain and two new lieutenants in the Fairhaven Police Department.

The re-organization of the department, which has been in the works for a couple of years, creates more steps in the chain of command. Before the reorganization there was the chief and eight sergeants. Now there is the chief, one captain, two lieutenants, and five sergeants. The extra layers of command between the chief and officers will free up the chief and the sergeants for other duties, as any issues that arise can go up the chain of command.

Most other police departments have this command structure, said Lt. Kevin Kobza, the department's public information officer.

The new structure provides for greater accountability and supervision of the department to improve effectiveness, said Town Administrator Mark Rees.

"With the very horizontal command structure it was difficult to make sure people were properly supervised and kept to the high standards we expect of our police officers," said Mr. Rees.

Fairhaven Police Chief Michael Myers told the crowd of friends and family gathered that a lot of work



TOP RIGHT: Capt. Michael Botelho gets his new Captain's badge pinned on him by his wife Jennifer at the pinning ceremony in the auditorium of Fairhaven Town Hall on Monday, 3/26. MIDDLE: Lt. David Sobral and his wife Tammy stop for a quick picture with the local free sheet after Tammy pinned the new badge on her husband. ABOVE: Carol Kobza pins the badge on her son, newly minted lieutenant Kevin Kobza. Photos by Beth David.

went into it to "get it done."

Then one by one, the three promoted officers had their new badges pinned on them by family members. All three were promoted from the rank of sergeant.

Capt. Michael Botelho has been with the Fairhaven PD for more than 23 years, and has served as a patrol officer, school resource officer (SRO), and detective. He has been involved in a wide range of duties and areas, including grant writing and managing the Animal Control Division and the Sex Offender Registry. He also implemented the on-duty training program.

Capt. Botelho holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Curry College.



"I feel very good," said Capt. Botelho after the ceremony. "Proud, excited."

He will be overseeing a lot more of the day-to-day operations of the department in his new role, and will work closely with the chief.

His wife Jennifer pinned his badge on him, with their son Harrison, just a few weeks old, nearby.

Lt. Sobral has been a member of the Fairhaven PD for more than 35 years. He was promoted to sergeant in 1995. He is trained as an Advanced Accident Investigator, is in charge of the department's ethics training, and juvenile law and procedure training. He holds a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice from Western New England College

He is well known to anyone who uses Fairhaven roads, as he takes advantage of as many details as he can, a fact noted by the chief in his remarks on Monday. He is also responsible for maintaining the breathalyzer certifications for all officers.

"Everybody recognizes him be-



cause of his road work," said Chief Myers. "He's pretty much done it all."

Lt. Sobral said it was always a goal to move up in the ranks, but things have been stagnant over the years.

"I'm looking forward to it," said Lt. Sobral. "It's a great department."

He said department personnel are well-rounded individuals, and are the best in the whole area, "as far as I'm concerned."

The department includes his son Matthew, who graduated from the police academy in 2015.

"I wouldn't want to be a lieutenant anywhere else," said Lt. Sobral.

He promised he would still be out on the road for details.

Lt. Kevin Kobza has been with the Fairhaven PD for more than 17 years. He served as a part-time SRO, a full-time community policing officer in North Fairhaven, firearms licensing officer, grant manager, court liaison officer and public information officer. He is also the accreditation manager for the department, and the new promotion will give him more time to work on getting the department accredited with the Mass. Police Accreditation Commission. Before joining the Fairhaven PD, Lt. Kobza was a Special Agent with the US Customs Service, Office of Investigations. He holds a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Political Science from Northeastern University.

Lt. Kobza said he was working hard to get the department accredited, a process that requires reviewing all policies, procedures, and regulations, and making sure they are up to industry standards.

He also said the process to get the promotion was long and more stressful than he realized. It included

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# Kids don't let the dark scare them for flashlight egg hunt

By Beth David  
Editor

The Fairhaven Recreation Center hosted 76 children and their adults for the 15th annual Flashlight Egg Hunt. The cold weather forced the event indoors this year, with children and parents scouring the gym floor for numbered eggs that corresponded with their registration numbers.

The event also included pictures with the Easter Bunny and an egg decorating contest with prizes.

Winners of the egg contest were:

**Ages 0-4**

- 1st Allyson Panek
- 2nd Max Arunsi
- 3rd Avery Camara

**Ages 5-7**

- 1st Reese Tilton
- 2nd Kaleb Braga
- 3rd Jayce Cabral

**Ages 8-10**

- 1st Ryan Leblanc
- 2nd Vincent Couto
- 3rd Aiden Arunsi



Vincent Couto took second place in the 8-10 group with this creative egg in the egg decorating contest on Friday, 3/23, at the Fairhaven Recreation Center's annual Flashlight Egg Hunt. *Photo by Beth David.*



ABOVE LEFT: Ally Panek is clearly pleased with her prize for winning first place in the 0-4 age group in the egg decorating contest at the Fairhaven Recreation Center's annual Flashlight Egg Hunt on Friday, 3/23. ABOVE RIGHT L-R: Siblings and cousins, Leah Robitaille, Kennedy Allain, Carson Allain, Matthew Robitaille show the loot they found in the egg hunt. BELOW LEFT & BOTTOM: Two boys and a girl use their flashlights to see the numbers on the eggs to match them to the numbers they received on their registration sheet. BELOW: Brothers Max (in Easter Bunny lap) and Aiden (right) pose with the Easter Bunny with their friend Aiden. *Photos by Beth David.*



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## Basketball Court Scheduled Closings

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4/11: Hyannis Mall, Xmas Shop,

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### SC Legal Services

South Coastal Counties Legal Services, Inc. Thursday, April 12th 9:30-11:30 a.m. A representative will be at the Senior Center to answer your questions concerning Social Security Benefits (SSI and/or Social Security applications, denials, terminations, or overpayments) Subsidized housing matters, (evictions, hearings, transfers, etc.) Public Benefits Cases (SNAP, Community and long Term Care Medicaid, and Medicare. Physical and financial Abuse. Nursing Home related problems (discharges, transfer, Medicaid, denial of payments. This is by appointment only. Please call 508-979-4029. This is funded in part by Coastline Elderly Services to provide free legal assistance to seniors age 60 and over.

### Got Talent?

Third Annual Senior Talent Show, Sponsored by the Fairhaven Rotary Club, Sunday, April 29, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Fairhaven Town Hall Auditorium. Do you have a special talent you would like to share? Come by the Fairhaven Senior Center to get an application to perform at this event. If you have any questions, call Melissa Kucharski at 508-330-4837 or Anne Silvia at 508-979-4029.

### Legal Clinic

Attorney Suzanne Sequin is regularly available for a free private 15 minute consultation with seniors. Call Senior Center to make an appointment at 508-979-4029.

### Free Food

Do You Qualify For Free Food From The Greater Boston Food Banks?

Fairhaven seniors, 60 and older and qualify financially, may be able to receive free non perishable groceries once a month. To see if you qualify and for more information, call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029 and ask for Anne Silvia.

### IT Lessons

Computer Technology for Seniors will be starting a new program starting on April 2nd from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029 to sign up

### Bereavement Support Group

Pathways through Grief will be held on Mondays through 4/23 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Fairhaven Senior Center. This educational Program will help adult participants to gain skills to cope with challenges of grieving.

Please contact Bereavement Coordinator John Rider at 508-324-1900 Ext. 104. This program is free.

## Ongoing Programs

**Call 508-979-4029 for days and times**

A/G Consumer Mediator; Bingo; Board Meeting/monthly; Bridge; Caregiver Support & Education Group; Chair Yoga, Computer Training; Fit Quest; Friends of Elderly/monthly meeting; Grocery Shopping; LGBT Supper Club; Line Dancing; Live Band; Medical Transportation; Nutrition Program/ meal served; Osteoporosis class; Outreach Coordinator; PACE Fuel Assistance; Pitch; Reassurance Program; Shopping; Singles Senior Supper Club; Supportive Senior Social Day Program; Tai Chi; Tap 'N' Time, Walking Clubs, Zumba.

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# Acushnet News: Voters to decide pot question

## Acushnet precincts all vote at Ford Middle School on Monday, 4/2/18

Acushnet voters will go to the polls on Monday, 4/2, to vote for all town offices. This year, all voters in all precincts will go to the same place to cast their votes.

Polls open at 10 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. In a change from previous years, all voters should go to the Acushnet Elementary School, 800 Middle Road, Acushnet. ALL THREE PRECINCTS will vote in this one location this year.

### Ballot question

In addition to voting for town officials on Monday, 4/2, the voters of Acushnet will be asked to vote on banning the retail sale of recreational marijuana in Acushnet.

A "yes" vote will PROHIBIT recreational marijuana sale and cultivation in Acushnet.

For more information, contact the Town Clerk's office, 508-998

### FMS takes traditional fund-raising "To the Mats"

The most unique fundraising

concept to come along the pike in a very long while is quickly gaining popularity across the country. National organization, Custom Fundraising Solutions, creator of "The Mattress Fundraiser," has given back over \$30 million to schools across the country. On Saturday, April 7th, Albert Ford Middle School is taking traditional fundraising to the "mats" by hosting their own Mattress Fundraiser to raise money for their School Music Programs.

Owner and founder of the "Mattress Fundraiser," Joe Matejka says the key to making the fundraisers so successful is the kids: "The concept is unusual but one that absolutely works. One in ten people buy a new mattress every single year. We offer the community a quality product they need, at a great price and the best part is that every sale benefits the school. Our one-day sale can help a group raise thousands of dollars! That is why we are in this business...to help the kids!"

Albert Ford Music will host their second annual Mattress Fundraiser on April 7th from 10am - 5pm. The

Gym will transform into a 20+ bed showroom filled with all sizes and styles. Name brands like Simmons Beautyrest are available for up to 50% off retail prices! Watch for area yard signs and for the few lucky kids who get to wear the "mattress suit" while promoting the sale to passersby.

Visit <http://bit.ly/beds4albertford>

### Students to try out saxophone and clarinet

The Ford Middle School Band will host a series of clarinet and saxophone clinics on April 9th. Rhode Island-based performer Katelain Tavares will be coaching the FMS clarinet and saxophone students in a masterclass setting. This small group format will allow the students the opportunity to work closely with a world-class musician. The clinics are sponsored by D'Addario Woodwinds, maker of woodwind reeds and accessories. In addition to the clinics and classes, the student will get a chance to try out some different reeds and sample some new equipment courtesy of D'Addario.



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# Candidate statements: Fairhaven & Acushnet



**Bob Espindola**  
Fairhaven Selectboard

I have really enjoyed serving as your Selectman over the past six years and I am looking forward to another three year term.

Three years ago I spoke about the critical time the Town was about to go through, in selecting our first ever Town Administrator to lead us through a change in our government structure. I advocated strongly for Mark Rees and I am very glad that our board eventually formed a consensus and he was hired for the job.

Mr. Rees has done a remarkable job and, in my mind, the transition could not have gone much smoother. His knowledge, experience and leadership have all played a part in allowing for a smooth transition when it could very easily have been a different story. With a Town Administrator in place, the Selectmen are now able to focus on bigger picture, policy issues.

Our board now holds an "Annual Goal Setting" session.

This has been a very healthy and productive exercise, and that process now helps guide the nuances of our budget process.

In one example, Mr. Rees has committed to working with Dr. Baldwin this year on a possible Revenue Sharing Agreement between the School Department and the Town. This was recommended several years ago by the Department of Revenue. If we are able to come to an agreement there, that will provide stability to the budget planning process on both sides and help each side project forward with multi-year plans more confidently.

Moving away from parochialism and toward collaboration is what is best for the Town and you will see this with Public Works and the Board of Health as well.

I am also proud of the direction the Town has taken with policies and with long term planning.

We now have a Capital Improvement Committee using a

**ESPINDOLA: cont'd on page 22**



**Mark Sylvia**  
Fairhaven Town Moderator

My name is Mark Sylvia, I am running for re-election as Fairhaven Town Moderator.

I am grateful to the voters of

Fairhaven for providing me the opportunity to serve as Town Moderator since 2009.

Town Meeting plays a very important role in determining the future of our town. As the legislature for Fairhaven, Town Meeting approves the annual budget and capital plan, authorizes general and zoning bylaws and makes other lasting decisions for the citizens of our Town. In support of this role, Town Moderator is responsible for ensuring that Town Meeting completes its work in an efficient and orderly fashion.

To that end, working with Town Meeting members, Town officials and the public, we've accomplished a great deal together:

- Town Meeting is more efficient and completes its business in a timely manner;
- Town Meeting members and the public receive more information about the issues being voted on at Town Meeting than ever before;
- We established a Town Moderator page on the Town's website providing important information about the town meeting process, orientation material, minutes and warrants and additional information from the state;
- We continue to offer an orientation to town meeting members;
- We started outreach with history students at FHS and community groups to encourage greater participation.

Building on these accomplishments and again working with town meeting, town

**SYLVIA: cont'd on page 22**



**Nicholas Gomes**  
Acushnet Town Moderator

Thank you to those devoted residents of Acushnet for entrusting me with the honor of serving as

your Town Moderator.

I am eager to fulfill my dedication to keeping the residents informed and administering the Town Meetings efficiently and fairly.

An informational session was held on 3/20 at the Town Hall to review the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

This session is now running on Cable Access TV in Acushnet, Channel, and is available anytime online at <http://50.252.230.113/Cablecast/Public/Show.aspx?ChannelID=1&ShowID=2236>

Please watch this meeting to learn about the article. I hope to see you all at the Annual Town Meeting on May 14, 2018.

Please contact me with any questions or requests to become involved at Town Meeting as an assistant by e-mail at [moderator@acushnet.ma.us](mailto:moderator@acushnet.ma.us).

Lastly, please note the new centralized voting poll location in Acushnet is at the Ford Middle School from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. this Monday, 4/2.

*Don't forget to*  
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*Mon., 4/2, in Fairhaven & Acushnet*

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# Greek flag flies for Greek independence day in NB



The SouthCoast Greek American Community celebrates Greek Independence day on Friday, 3/23, at 2 p.m. at New Bedford City Hall, with a raising of the Greek flag. *Photos submitted.*

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# Public Hearings/Legal Notices

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## Fairhaven Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on April 09, 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:

- Request for Determination Applicant Christopher Ingrande Location 689 Sconticut Neck Road plot 42 Lot 14A Purpose construct a wall with 2' x 4' blocks fill and loam and construct pole barn within 100' of BVW and a VE flood zone.
  - Notice of Intent Applicant Christopher Simmons Location 108 Sycamore Street Plot 20 Lot 33 Purpose demolish existing building rebuild on existing slab, within a AE EI 6 and within 100' buffer zone to BVW.
  - Notice of Intent Applicant Bradford R. & Donna L. Peirce Location 1 Peirce's Point Plot 34 Lot 28 Purpose upgrade septic system within the 200' riverfront area, VE flood zone, costal bank, and salt marsh.
  - Request for Determination Applicant David Small Location 16 Widemarsh Beach Way Plot 29 Lot 33 purpose extend front deck by 2' within a VE flood zone.
- Jay Simmons, Chairman  
3/29/18

## Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall to consider the following petition(s):

### NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- Petitioner: Dale Richter & Kim Daniels, RE: 22 Laurel Street, Plot 3, Lot 47, Book 2149 and Page 200. 198-18: Short 6.5' of required 10' side yard within an

### SELECT: cont'd from page 4

Selectboard member Daniel Freitas said he has made it clear from the beginning that he did not favor a change because it meant taking away the right of citizens to vote.

"Government is supposed to be for the people," said Mr. Freitas. "Not for a few chosen ones."

"Thank you for your time," Mr. Freitas told the committee, but "from the get go," he said, he wanted to keep it elected.

The crowd clapped.

Selectboard member Charles Murphy would not comment because he had not had a chance to read the minority opinion.

About 20 people showed up for the discussion, and those who spoke were against the change.

Lisa Plante told the board that she did not feel one person should do all the appointing.

The change to the Town Administrator form of government is new for Fairhaven, and concentrates a lot of power in that position that previously rested with the Selectboard.

Ms. Plante said it was too much change too fast.

"We should just leave it alone," she said.

Ms. Lowney, the current town

RA District.

2. Petitioner: William J. Alphonse, RE: 1 Mina Street, Plot 37A, Lots 612-615, Book 6787 and Page 246. 198-18: Short 8,256 sq. ft. of required 15,000 sq. ft. and 11' short on West side and 20' short on south side of required 100' frontage, all within an RA District.

3. Petitioner: Tina Newman, RE: 78 Narragansett Boulevard, Plot 30A, Lot 198. 198-23 - B-4: Special Permit required for Home Occupation as a contractor.

### RESCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. 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'.

2. Paul & Karen Goodhue, RE: 1 Hidden Drive, Plot 39, Lot 27, Book 3300 and Page 247. 198-16: Special Permit required for an in-law apartment in an RR District.

3. Petitioner: Scott Carvalho, RE: 54 Oliver Street, Plot 37B, Lot 044, Book 11608 and Page 186. 198-18: Short 4' of required 10' side yard; 198-22 A: 20' over max of 700 sq. ft. for an accessory building.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman  
3/22/18, 3/29/18

## FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M. on April 10, 2018, in the Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA.

This is a request by applicant, Scott Snow, for the purpose of consideration of a Repetitive Petition application, for new construction of a dwelling unit on a non-conforming lot whose grandfather rights have expired, located at 3 Sedgewick Road (Map 29B, Lots

clerk, asked why they were spending so much time on the issue when what we have is working.

Charles Hurley also spoke against the change, saying it was his right to vote.

"We're not Middleboro. We're not any town. We're Fairhaven," said Mr. Hurley, adding it is a small town, where everybody knows the clerk. "She does more than clerical. She goes above and beyond."

Cathy Melanson also spoke against the change, saying she liked casting her vote, she liked listening to candidates explain themselves at candidates nights and then voting for them. She noted the problem with the vote count a few years ago, and said Ms. Lowney handled it well.

"This is our right and I like that right," said Ms. Melanson. "I like being able to elect my town clerk."

Dawn Devlin also took issue with the claim that the job is largely clerical.

"We have so many rights being taken away from us," said Ms. Devlin. "This is one right I do not want taken away."

The idea, said Cathy Delano, is a "so-called solution to a problem that doesn't exist."

"It's our right to vote," she said, and noted that the clerk's office gets more interaction with citizens than any other office in town. "It is the face

479-482) and Reservation Rd (Map 29B, Lots 476-478) in the Rural Residence (RR) zoning district.

The procedure for a Repetitive Petition calls for the Planning Board to hold a public hearing on the petition and to make a determination that the petition before it has specific and material changes in the conditions upon which the previous unfavorable action was based.

A copy of the application is on file for public review at the Planning Board Office, Town Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. For more information or to schedule an appointment to review the application call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4082, Ext. 9.

Wayne Hayward, Chairman of the Planning Board  
3/22/18 & 3/29/18

## Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals is hereby giving notice that a meeting will be held by the Board on Tuesday, April 3rd, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Finance Committee Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street, to hold the following public hearing(s).

### PUBLIC HEARING

• Case # 2018.04.03A - Ms. Anita Davis, of 1528 Main Street, Acushnet is Requesting a Special Permit in order to add an accessory apartment to the property. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1 "B" (1) Uses allowed by Special Permit, Accessory Apartment and Section 3.4 Special Permit Requirements "A" and "B" Accessory Apartments. This request is being made to provide additional living space with bedroom on an accessible level for personal use.

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FNN, 3/22/18, 3/29/18

of Fairhaven."

The change should be voted on in a town-wide ballot, she said.

Barbara Acksen also spoke in favor of keeping the position elected, agreeing that it is the face of the town. She said it is more than clerical, and includes managing the elections. It requires the ability to interact with many different people.

Of the non-committee members, only those in favor of keeping the position elected spoke.

Ms. Richard addressed some of the concerns, and noted some of the history of the position in Fairhaven.

There was a bit of back and forth at some point, with someone saying she felt they were being "reprimanded" by Ms. Richard, who responded that she felt that her committee was being "reprimanded," by the public.

There was also a bit of tension around the fact that the minority report was not available online, but the majority opinion was. It was the main reason the board did not vote on the issue.

The article will be on the TM warrant, but without a recommendation by the Selectboard, unless they decide to hold a meeting before April 5, when the book goes to print.

Both reports are on the town's website at [www.fairhaven-ma.gov](http://www.fairhaven-ma.gov)

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interviews with the chief and human resources department, and going through the assessment center process, which includes a series of practical exercises and interviews.

"I'm extremely thrilled about the promotion and I am really looking forward to serving the department and the town in my new role as Fairhaven Police Lieutenant," said Lt. Kobza.

Selectboard chairperson Bob Espindola said the three officers were being rewarded for their years of hard work. He said the promotions speak to the character of each person.

The promotions went into effect on March 12. The police chief made the appointments, which had to be approved the Town Administrator.

### TIDE TABLE

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Saturday	31	0835	2058	0251*	1448*
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		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Sunday	1	0921	2143	0329*	1517*
Monday	2	1005	2226	0353*	1545*
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## Fairhaven Meetings

### Board of Appeals

Tues., 4/3, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### Board of Public Works

Mon., 4/9, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

### Capital Planning Comm.

Tues., 4/3, Town Hall, 3 p.m.

### Conservation Commission

Mon., 4/9, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Finance Committee

Thurs., 3/29, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

### Planning Board

Tues., 4/10 Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### School Committee

Wed., 4/4, Library, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

Mon., 4/9, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### TOWN ELECTION

Mon., 4/2, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

## Acushnet Meetings

### Board of Appeals

Tues., 4/3, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Planning Board

Thurs., 4/19, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

Tues., 4/3, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

### TOWN ELECTION

Mon., 4/2, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

## Fairhaven voters to the polls on Monday

Fairhaven voters will vote for local offices on Monday, 4/2.

The Board of Public Works has three candidates for two seats. Incumbents Robert "Hoppy" Hobson and Keith Silvia, and newcomer Albert Martin.

The Board of Health has two people vying for one open seat: former Selectboard member Michael Silvia and Commissioner of Trust Funds member Barbara Acksen, who held a BOH seat for one term.

The rest of the ticket is uncontested with: G. Bourne Knowles IV, running for an open seat as Tree Warden; Selectboard member Bob Espindola running for his third term; incumbent moderator Mark Sylvia; two seats for School Committee, with both incumbents, Donna McKenna and Colin Veitch running for re-election; incumbent Colleen Sylvia for Commissioner of Trust Funds; for Housing Authority, incumbent Gregory Tutcik will run unopposed for his seat, and sitting HA member John Farrell will run to finish out the

unexpired term he was appointed to.

For Planning Board, there is only one candidate for two seats. PB member John Farrell, is running for re-election, in addition to running for the unexpired term on Housing Authority.

Polls are open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and are located at the following places

Precinct 1: Town Hall

Precincts 2 and 3: Hastings Middle School

Precinct 4: Fire Station Meeting Room

Precincts 5 & 6: Recreation Center

If you are not sure of your precinct/voting place, contact Town Clerk Eileen Lowney at 508-97-4025, Ext. 3.

Acushnet will also vote on Monday, with no contested races on the ballot, but a ballot question on recreational marijuana. All voting will take place at the Acushnet Elementary School, 800 Middle Road, Acushnet. (See page 16 for details.)

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structured, analytical approach, with a weighted grading system, to prioritize capital projects across all departments, and projecting forward for five (5) years.

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As a result, the Town will now be eligible for matching grant funds from the State and Federal Government to help pay for infrastructure projects. Equally important, the Town will have a road map to follow, that was put together with input from all departments and any resident interested in participating in the process.

One of my priorities is listening to the community. Please contact me via the Town's web site, if you have any comments or concerns.

And please don't forget to vote on Monday, April 2nd.

**Don't forget to  
VOTE**  
Mon., 4/2, in Fairhaven & Acushnet

**SYLVIA:** cont'd from page 18

officials and the public:

- I will continue to work with the Town Administrator and other town officials to increase the amount of information provided to Town Meeting members and the public;
- I will explore utilizing social media to raise awareness about what Town Meeting does;
- I will explore the use of technology to aid Town Meeting in our deliberations and exchange of information;
- I will continue to engage with the public in an attempt to increase Town Meeting participation.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Town Moderator. I respectfully ask for your vote on April 2, 2018.

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