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Food Drive nets 3640 pounds in Fairhaven



Blanche Pepin, Shepherd's Pantry Administrator, stops packing bags for a second to give the local free sheet a smile during the National Association of Letter Carriers food drive on 5/12/18. See page 12 for story. Photo by Beth David.



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher
cycle runs, and the Herring Fest, and the start of the walking tours, and all kinds of good stuff coming up.

We've got all kinds of good stuff for you this week. Even though the weather wants it to be March, the happenings (see pages 5, 8, 9) of spring are underway. We've got motor-

This week was the annual National Association of Letter Carriers food drive. It appears that Fairhavenites had a collective memory loss. The post office collected 3640 pounds, dismally low compared to other years. But, you still have a chance to help out. There are food bins at the Millicent Library and at Stop & Shop in Fairhaven. You can also donate directly to the pantry, with a check or money order. See page 12 for details.

Speaking of donations..

I'd like to give a special thanks to the residents of Fairhaven Village. Barbara Watkinson collected \$182 from her neighbors and sent it to the *Neighb News*. It's really nice to know, as I write and type as quickly as possible to get this baby done by deadline, that there will be people out there who will actually read what I write.

Reader support is so important to little papers like this. If you notice, we do not have pages and pages of ads like some other publications do. We are a squeaking by with a little help from our neighbors. If we could get even half of our readership to donate just \$20 a year, it would make a huge difference. So, while you're in a giving mood, and before the sun hits and makes us all forget everything besides summer activities, please send a little our way.

There's all kinds of good stuff in here this week, so be sure to thumb through each page, notice who our advertisers are, and be sure to tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*.

Until next week then...see ya,

Support the Food Pantry

This bin is in the Walnut Street lobby of the Millicent Library in Fairhaven. Another bin is at Stop & Shop. All food goes to the Shepherd's Pantry, 1215 Main Street, Acushnet (508-763-9289). The pantry has seen a sharp increase in families seeking food due to the worsening economy.



The Pantry spends more than \$5,500 each month to keep the shelves stocked. It serves more than 120 families each week.

Tax deductible donations may be sent to Shepherd's Pantry, PO Box 760, Fairhaven, MA 02719. Visit www.shepherdsparntry.org

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Selectboard recognizes student “Emmy” winners

By Beth David
Editor

At its meeting on 5/14, the Fairhaven Selectboard took time to recognize the five Fairhaven High School students who won three prestigious awards in this year’s regional competition for media production. The New England Regional High School Production Awards by The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, informally known as student Emmy Awards awarded three wins, and eight honorable mentions to FHS.

Baily Cormier, Kaelyn Bourgeois, Grace Pelletier, Lexi Teves, and Molly Antone all won awards (see 4/12/18 issue). It is the first time the FHS winners are all girls, said Drew Furtado, FHS Media teacher. He also noted that the industry as a whole, is mostly male.

In another matter, the board discussed the upcoming retirement of long time town clerk Eileen Lowney, who announced she will retire on June 30. The board will have to decide on her replacement since her term does not end until 2020. The board decided not to have special election, but did not decide on how to fill the slot. The can do nothing, said Town Administrator Mark Rees in a phone interview, and by default, assistant Town Clerk Carolyn Hurley would become acting town clerk; or they could appoint someone.

The board also accepted the economic development report by FXM Associates, and reviewed the developer’s proposal for the Roger’s School for 14 condos in the old building and four single family homes on the grounds. Both are available on the town’s website.

The board also discussed the now defunct dog park committee, and asked Mr. Rees to reconstitute it.

Judge orders recount in BPW tie

A judge has ordered the town to hold a recount of the votes that resulted in a tie for a seat on the Board of Public Works. Incumbent Robert “Hoppy” Hobson and new-coming Albert Martin tied at 383 votes in the April 2 election. After receiving incorrect information on the procedure to break the tie, Mr. Hobson did not turn in the signatures for a recount by the deadline. Because of the misinformation, he filed in Superior Court to ask for an extension and also to clarify how a tie would be broken, if the tie still holds. No date had been set for the recount by press time.



Five students from the Fairhaven High School media production program and their teacher, Drew Furtado (right), meet with the Selectboard on 5/14/18, to receive recognition for winning three awards. Photo from the Government Access online video.

Friends of the Millicent Library and the
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Please join us before the discussion for the
Millicent Library Annual Business Meeting at 6 p.m.

Man gets stuck head first in Hurricane Barrier rocks

By Beth David
Editor

In a rather unusual incident, a man had to be rescued from the hurricane barrier in Fairhaven after he fell and got stuck in the rocks, head first.

On Monday, 5/14, at about 5:30 p.m.s a man climbed down the rocks of the hurricane barrier at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven to talk to some people fishing, said Fairhaven Harbormaster Timothy Cox. On his way back up, the man slipped and fell into the rocks.

Mr. Cox said the man's hands were also stuck inside the hole he fell into, so he had no way of pushing himself out.

"I only could see his waist to the top of his feet," said Mr. Cox.

A couple of women who were

jogging along the top of the barrier saw him fall and called 911.

The man had a cut on his head, probably requiring a few stitches, and there was a lot of blood because of it, but he had not broken bones.

"It took four people to pull him out," said Mr. Cox, adding that his son, an assistant harbormaster, and three responding firefighters pulled the man out.

"I've never seen that before," said Mr. Cox. "That was a first for me."

He said it was a "good thing" someone saw him. If it had been very early in the morning, or later in the evening, it could have been hours before he was found.

Meanwhile, the tide would go up.

He said the man was not yelling, but was making noises. When the

younger Mr. Cox touched his leg to let him know help was on the way, he was "relieved," said Mr. Cox.

He was taken to the hospital, but had no broken bones, according to Deputy Fire Chief Todd Correia, who spoke with news outlets after the incident.

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First Amendment Coalition

The Friends of the Millicent Library will present a panel discussion, "The First Amendment, Freedom of the Press, and the Right to Read," on Wednesday, May 23, from 6 to 8 in the Community Auditorium of the Millicent Library, 45 Center Street, Fairhaven (Walnut Street entrance).

See ad on page 3 for details.

Foxwoods

Fairhaven Lions Club presents Foxwoods Resort Casino day trip, on **Sun., 5/20, \$35/person. Pick up at 10 a.m., Fairhaven Commons Way,** return 7 p.m. Free buffet or \$10 meal voucher. \$10 slot pay.

Call Bill at 508-996-3420, or lc1914bb@aol.com

Commtly Yard Sale

Indoor Community Yard Sale hosted by North Fairhaven Improvement Association, **Sat., 5/19, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., inside the Oxford School, 347 Main Street, Fairhaven.**

Free admission to the public. Featuring 18 tables with a variety of treasures. Snack Bar. Visit: <https://northfairhavenimprovementassoc.weebly.com/event-calendar.html>.

Bike Run

Bayside Lounge and Better Community Living present third annual bike run on **Sat., 5/19. Register at Bayside, 125 Scoticut Neck Rd., Fairhaven, 11:30 a.m.** Kickstands up at noon. Proceeds benefit BCL programs. Donation: \$20, includes ride, food, entertainment. Music by DC-3 starts at 1:30 p.m. For more info call Heidi, 508-971-1699, or Bayside at 508-996-9212. Rain date 5/20.

Blessing of Bikes

NEW DATE

The annual Blessing of the Bikes was postponed due to rain. It will be held on **Sun., 5/20.** Sign up at 10:30 am until 12:00 noon. Kickstands up at NOON SHARP, from Fort Phoenix rear parking lot \$15 per bike.

Ride is about 2 hours ending at the Ice House Bar & Grill in Fairhaven. Live music on the outdoor stage by Red Handed.

For non-riders, \$8 Texas Barbeque

Selections, Outside Cash Bar, Vendors. Event Sponsored by St. Joseph School and Ice House Bar & Grill. Benefits St. Joseph School. Call Liz at St. Joseph's 508-996-1983 or Ice House at 508-992-2337

Riverside Cemetery Tour

Fairhaven's lovely Riverside Cemetery is the setting of an Office of Tourism walking tour on **Sun., 5/20, at 2 p.m.** It begins inside the cemetery's entrance at 274 Main Street. Fairhaven tourism director Christopher Richard will act as guide.

The cemetery was created in 1850, on land donated by Warren Delano II, grandfather of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. It is considered to be one of the most beautiful rural-style burial grounds in the region.

The walking tour route traces the quiet winding paths past the final resting places of some of the town's most famous residents, including the Delano family tomb designed by Richard Morris Hunt, the H.H. Rogers mausoleum designed by Charles Brigham, and the grave sites of Captain William H. Whitfield, artist William Bradford, William F. Nye, John I. Bryant, and others. At each site, the guide discusses some of the history connected with the people buried there.

Nature lovers will see a wide variety of trees such as beech, black tupelo, birch, holly, cherry, dogwood, weeping willow, ash, sugar maple and more. Those interested in tombstone art will find fine examples of monuments and early slate markers bearing carvings of angels, willow trees, urns and other traditional symbols.

The tour is free of charge and lasts about 90 minutes. There is no need for advance reservations. Walkers are urged to wear comfortable shoes and to be prepared for some hills and uneven ground. The tour will be cancelled in the event of rain. Parking is allowed on the roads inside the cemetery, however two or three car lengths must be left open directly inside the gate. There are no public restrooms in the cemetery.

For more information, call the Office of Tourism (not the cemetery) at 508-979-4085 or email FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov.

SAVE THE DATES

FHS Class Car Wash

Come support Fairhaven High School's Class of 2020 and the Class of 2019 by attending our car wash fundraiser **at the high school on May 27th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$5/car.** No advance tickets necessary! Drive-ups welcome!"

Memorial Day Parade

Monday, May 28, at 8:30 a.m.. Main Street, from Center Street north to Riverside Cemetery

Units will march from Center and Main streets north to Riverside Cemetery. There will be a pause at Fairhaven High School for the raising of the "Big Flag" with the National Anthem performed by Fairhaven High School music students. At Riverside Cemetery there will be a ceremony at the Civil War monument, followed by a cannon salute.

Encampment

Fairhaven Village Militia presents a Revolutionary War Encampment on **Sat. & Sun., 5/26 & 27, at Ft. Phoenix, Fort Street, Fairhaven., 9:00 a.m. Saturday to 3 p.m. Sunday. Cannon firing approx. 7:45 p.m. Saturday**

For more info: 508-979-4085 or visit <http://fairhaventours.com/fort-phoenix-fairhaven-ma/>.

Father's Day Road Race

43rd Father's Day 10K and 5K Road Races, **Sun., 6/17. Begins at Hastings Middle School, 30 School St., Fairhaven Start time, 9:00 a.m.**

Online entry fee is \$20 for adults, \$10 for children 13 and under and adults 70 and over, plus a service charge. For more info and to register, visit <http://fairhavenroadrace.org/> or call 508- 997-9460.

Car Wash

Come support Fairhaven High School's Class of 2020 and the Class of 2019 by attending our car wash fundraiser at the high school, 12 Huttleston Ave. (corner Rte. 6 & Main St.), on **Sun. 5/27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** No advance tickets necessary! Drive-ups welcome! \$5/car.

Homestay Families

Seeking homestay families for summer student visit from Japan, July 28 to August 4. For info E-mail: Gerry@WMFriendshipHouse.org or call Gerry at 508-995-1219

Fairhaven's John Methia recognized at alma mater: Voc-Tech

By Beth David
Editor

John Methia made a little trip down memory lane, to his days at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational-Technical High School. The Fairhaven resident received some recognition for a lifetime of success from his alma mater.

GNBRVT presented Mr. Methia with the Tech Career Achievement award at the Century House on Sunday, 5/6, at the Career Achievement and Sports Hall Of Fame combined banquet.

Mr. Methia told the crowd that sports prowess skips a generation in the Methia family, with his father a track star (and first inductee into the school's Hall of Fame) and John's three sons excelling in a variety of sports, but John...well, not so much.

"I could aim a camera, but hit the ball....run the bases, well not really my strong suit," said Mr. Methia. "I found that I had an eye for the creative. When I watched a sporting event my head wasn't in if the next pitch is a change up or fastball, my creative eye went to who the camera should focus on to capture that next play."

All three of Mr. Methia's sons are Voc-Tech graduates and he sang the praises of the school in a variety of ways. When his nephew, Andrew McCann was killed in a car accident, said Mr. Methia, the Voc-Tech "family" showed "incredible support."

"And in turn the Andrew McCann Scholarship Fund gives back to the school by way of funds raised by his friends, and that same Family," said Mr. Methia. "This outpouring of support and community makes me

proud to say that I'm a Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech Artisan. Isn't that what it's all about?"

He joked about how Voc-Tech graduates think they can do it all in the house, knowing "what end of the screwdriver goes into the screw."

He, too, he said has fallen into that trap, but, as his wife Cheryl will attest, he does not always finish the task.

He talked about his father, "a scrawny" kid wearing a "ripped and borrowed basketball jersey" competing in the nationals in track.

"He took the big stage of Madison Square Garden, he ran against the the odds and won the National title...the grand prize, and a scholarship. I know that many in this room have done the same," said Mr. Methia, noting that going to Voc-Tech was somehow considered a "consolation prize" to the grand prize of a college education.

"We've gone up against the Ivy Leaguers in job interviews, been looked down at by those who think their white collars are somehow better than our blue ones, and at times we've all struggled to win," said Mr. Methia. "It often felt like we were wearing that ripped and borrowed Basketball Jersey. But for those here



John Methia (center) with his sons and nephew at the GNB Voc-Tech Career Achievement and Sports Hall of Fame combined banquet on 5/6/18. L-R: Jared Methia (son), Ryan Methia (nephew), John Methia and his sons Justin and Jordan Methia. Submitted photo.

tonight in both business and sport, we persevered and we won."

Mr. Methia is an Emmy Award winning television executive and found of Sociable, an international television production company and social media content provider.

He has worked in a variety of broadcast producing positions at WLNE-TV, working his way up through the ranks.

He is now working exclusively with his team on the development of national television, social media, web and films projects.

He and his team discovered and produced Caught in Providence, featuring internet sensation Judge Frank Caprio. The show will go national in the fall.

To learn more about Sociable, visit <http://trendsociably.com>

Dominick Ibrahim wins Mr. Fairhaven 2018 title

On Sat., 5/5, the Fairhaven High School After Prom Committee hosted the Mr. Fairhaven contest, with FHS senior boys competing against each other for the title. Dominick Ibrahim (RIGHT) won over the judges with his performances in formal wear, dance, beachwear, casual wear, talent and a question and answer period. Judges were local business people.

Mr. Ibrahim will get a tux to wear at the prom from Main Street Formals.

Proceeds from the popular fund-raiser go to the after prom party. Submitted photo.





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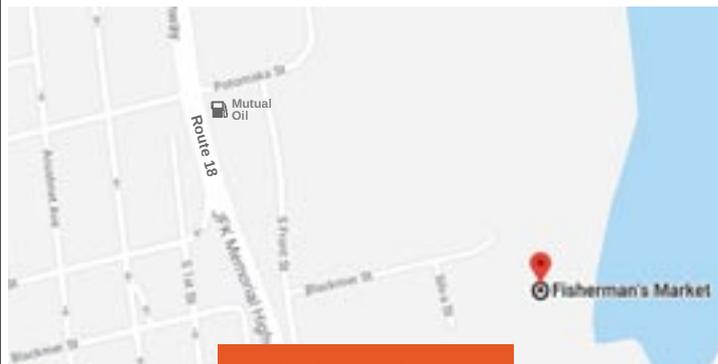
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This event is hosted by MedWell Health & Wellness with staff from a local Fairhaven Medical Cannabis Dispensary, BASK, and Peter Glantz of Howl's Tinctures joining to speak and answer questions.

This event will provide an opportunity to learn, socialize, network, and help yourself and loved ones with Medical Cannabis questions by providing access to industry professionals.

We are happy to announce that Medical Cannabis Evaluation services will be available at this event; MedWell Health & Wellness will be offering this service, on site, for those who are interested from 10A-2P (*fee does apply).

Sun., 5/20. Waypoint Event Cetner, 185 MacArthur Dr., New Bedford. Presentation: 11A-12:30P. Appointments: 10A-2P

Cannabis professionals: Ann M. Brum & Beth Dodst, RN MedWell Health & Wellness; Chapman Dickerson BASK, Fairhaven; Peter Glantz Howl's Tinctures

Endangered Species Day

At the Buttonwood Park Zoo, 425 Hawthorn St., NB, Sat., 5/19, from 11 am-2 pm. Requires Zoo admission fee Come celebrate Endangered Species Day at the Zoo! Learn about the importance of protecting endangered species through everyday actions. Discover ways you can protect animals right in your backyard and around the world. Look for Science On a Sphere® presentations, Nature Play activities and special keeper chat programs!

Visit <https://www.bpzoo.org/> or call 508) 991-6178

World Fiddle Day

Old Time Fiddle Session will be hosting a multi-cultural, interactive, traditional music event called "World Fiddle Day" at Hatch Street Studios in New Bedford on **May 20th from 12:30 to 5:30 pm.** Includes open playing opportunities for musicians,

children's activities, vendors, workshops, dancing, and a full schedule of performances by traditional fiddle music acts.

Tickets are \$15 for individuals and \$40 for family passes. Online sales are available at Eventbrite. In person sales can be found at the Hippo boutique in New Bedford, The Symphony Music Shop in Dartmouth, and Children's Art Lab in Mattapoisett.

Concert

Tis A Gift To Be Simple: **Tickets are on sale now for a Sun., 5/20, choral concert** of works, including "Simple Gifts," by American composer Aaron Copland. Presented by the Greater New Bedford Choral Society at 7pm, First Unitarian Church, 71 8th Street, New Bedford, MA. Tickets \$25; children under 12 free with accompanying adult. For more info, email info@gnbcs.org or follow us on Facebook at Greater New Bedford Choral Society.

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>.

SAVE THE DATE: Through A Portagee Gate

What's in a name? Explore identity, roots, heritage and bygone New Bedford at *Through a Portagee Gate*, a play adapted by Patricia A. Thomas from the memoir by Charles Reis Felix. Culture*Park Theatre's production of *Through a Portagee Gate* will be presented at the Zeiterion Theatre in New Bedford, Thursday, May 31, at 7:30pm. Tickets, are \$10 and \$15 and are available on the Zeiterion's website, or at the box office. A fun, fast-paced full-length play that dramatizes the immigrant experience, *Through a Portagee Gate*

is a story of the immigrant experience intersecting with the American Dream through a cobbler shop at 868 Acushnet Avenue, in New Bedford. Through a Portagee Gate will be presented locally one night only in advance of a 2019 tour to the Azores and Portugal.

For more information, please contact Culture*Park, 774-202-0588, or at culturepark.ed@earthlink.net, and the www.zeiteriontheatre.org for tickets

Free Workshop

Have you ever wondered how magicians seem to pull off the impossible? Teen magician Austin Jandrucko will be offering free shows and workshops in May entitled, "**The Art of Illusion: A Magical Experience**" at New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park. Austin will begin with his spellbinding magic show and then teach budding apprentices the basics of stage performance, improv, and the art of illusion. The magic show will take place each day from 12:00-1:00 pm, and the workshop will follow from 2:00-4:30 pm. In this class, participants can explore and learn the methods to executing the seemingly impossible themselves, using nothing but a regular deck of cards! The shows and workshops will all be free, and the public is invited to drop by on **Saturdays and Sundays in May: May 19, 20, 26 & 27.** Saturdays will be geared specifically to students aged 5th to 12th grade; Sunday sessions will be geared toward whole families. Registration is not required. All shows and workshops will take place in the park's MakerSpace at New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, 33 William Street, downtown New Bedford.

For more information, call the visitor center at 508-996-4095, or visit www.nps.gov/nebe

Karaoke F-R

Join us for a fun night of Music, Karaoke, Buffet Dinner, Raffles and Cash Bar. All proceeds will benefit Sacred Heart Home's Chapel, **Thurs., 5/31, 6-9 p.m., at Inner Bay Café & Grille, 1339 Cove Rd., New Bedford.**

Tickets: \$25 each. Please Contact Bridget Sherrod, 508-996-6751 ext. 121, or bridgerts@dhfo.org

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Herring Festival

The third annual Acushnet River Herring Festival will be held on Sat., 5/19, from 11:00am- 4:00pm, at The Sawmill, 32 Mill Rd., Acushnet.

Enjoy food, festivities, and outdoor fun. This family-friendly festival will celebrate the ongoing restoration of the Acushnet River during the annual river herring migration. The festival is free and open to all, and will feature music, live animal demonstrations, fishing and canoeing, guided walks, and kids' activities.

After the Herring Festival, all are welcome to stay for the Coalition's 30th Annual Meeting. For more info call 508-999-6363 x219, or email: bayadventures@savebuzzardsbay.org

After the Herring Festival, all are welcome to stay for the Coalition's 30th Annual Meeting to hear about the Coalition's accomplishments to protect clean water in 2017 and meet other supporters as well as Coalition board and staff.

Schedule of Activities:

- 11am-12pm: Restoration tour of The Sawmill
- 11am-1pm: Fishing demo/tent — Bret Bokelkamp of Trout Unlimited
- 11am-3pm: Canoeing
- 11am-3:45pm: Kids' tent (touch tank, arts and crafts)
- 12-1pm: Mammal Show — The Creature Teachers
- 1-2pm: Vinny the Bubble Guy
- 2-3pm: Birds of Prey — Tom Ricardi
- 3-3:45pm: Toe Jam Puppet Band
- 4-6pm: 30th Annual Meeting

Cost: Free

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Cooking Demo

Appetizers, Bite-sized and Delicious. Expand your repertoire of appetizer recipes! Come to the **Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St., on Sun., 5/20, from 2:00 pm-3:00 pm** and see a cooking demonstration by local chef and Johnson & Wales graduate Colby Rottler. Learn how to prepare seven delicious hot or cold appetizers — from meat to cheese to veggie/vegan. Have a sample taste of each and bring home the recipes!

Registration is preferred but not required. Please register by calling 508-758-4171, emailing rsmith@

sailsinc.org (provide the number of people attending & contact phone/email), or signing up in the library. Accessible.

Plant Sale

The Greater New Bedford Garden Club will hold its annual plant sale on **Saturday, May 19th from 9:00 a. m. to noon at the Acushnet Council on Aging, 59 1/2 So. Main St. Acushnet.** If inclement weather, the plant sale will be held inside the Senior Center.

Geraniums, herbs, vegetables, annuals, perennials, house plants, and shrubs will be available. There will also be a garden related yard sale. Proceeds will benefit the Rose Murphy Scholarship Fund.

Author Event

The Acushnet Public Library welcomes research author Robert C. Rocha, Director of Education and Science Programs, New Bedford Whaling Museum, to speak about his research titled: *Emptying the Oceans: A Summary of Industrial Whaling Catches in the 20th Century.*

Late 19th century technological advances for capturing whales, when combined with the expansion of processing capabilities in the early 20th century, created an industry that could catch and quickly render virtually any whale in any ocean. Using the current International Whaling Commission (IWC) database and other sources, Mr. Rocha provides the first accounting of the total global catch by industrial whaling operations in the 20th century

The author talk will take place on Wed., 5/23, at 6 pm. This free event will be held in the Library Community Room at 232 Middle Rd, Acushnet, MA 02743.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Acushnet Public Library.

Until Help Arrives

Until Help Arrives, FEMA's new hands on preparedness training program for anyone who would like to learn basic skills to keep people with life threatening injuries alive until professional help arrives. **Free, open to the public. Tues., 5/22, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Acushnet Senior Community Center, 59 1/2 South Main**

Street. Call 508-998-0280 for more information or to register.

Tour de Creme

The Mattapoisett Land Trust and the Friends of the Mattapoisett Bike Path bring you the **3rd Annual Tour de Crème on Sun., 5/20**, a fundraising event combining SouthCoast's fabulous cycling with some of its best ice cream spots. With scenic routes of 11, 19, 25, and 50 miles, there's a creamery tour for everyone. Eight participating creameries will be scooping up ice cream to fuel your ride. Your participation will help create hike and bike trails in Mattapoisett.

The creamery tours start from **Mattapoisett Town Beach between 9 am and 1 pm, rain or shine.** They end at the head of Mattapoisett Harbor, where participants will enjoy lobster rolls and hot food, beer and cold beverages, more ice cream, and live music at the post-ride party!

Advance registration is required. Visit our website <http://www.tourdecreme.org> for complete details including participating creameries and volunteer signup. See our Facebook page for the latest event updates. Contact us at info@tourdecreme.org.

Open Farm Day

Join us at our Open Farm Day on Sat., 5/19, from 10am-5pm. Free & open to the public (except for workshop fees & items for purchase). The farm is located at 92 Allen Neck Road, South Dartmouth, MA. Visit www.roundthebendfarm.org or call 508-938-5127. **Farm tours at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.** Please wear appropriate walking shoes for the farm!

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Workshop Soy Sauce: Making and Applications with Rich Shih

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Workshop begins at 3pm. Spots are limited so please pre-register at www.roundthebendfarm.org. **\$10 in advance, \$15 at the door.** Scholarships available. (Ages 12 to adult)

Recipe of the Week

Hot Fudge Ice Cream Bar Dessert

- 1 (16 ounce) can chocolate syrup
- 3/4 cup peanut butter
- 19 ice cream sandwiches
- 1 (12 ounce) container frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1 cup salted peanuts

Pour the chocolate syrup into a medium microwave-safe bowl and microwave until hot, about 2 minutes on high, stopping every 30 seconds. Do not allow to boil. Stir peanut butter into hot chocolate until smooth. Allow to cool to room temperature.

Line the bottom of a 9x13-inch dish with a layer of ice cream sandwiches. Spread half the whipped topping over the sandwiches. Spoon half the chocolate mixture over that. Top with half the peanuts. Repeat layers. Freeze until firm, at least 1 hour. Cut into squares to serve.

From allrecipes.com

Our Lady's Haven announces new administrator

Press Release

Our Lady's Haven is pleased to announce that Jo-Ann Melcher has joined our team as the new Administrator of Our Lady's Haven. A resident of Somerset, MA, she has a Bachelor of Arts in Social Welfare from Rhode Island College and a Masters in Human Services from New Hampshire College. Jo-Ann has worked in skilled nursing facilities since 1979. Among her many experiences she brings to us her experience as a licensed administrator in MA & RI as well as a licensed social worker in Massachusetts.

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NALC food drive nets 3630 pounds in Fairhaven

By Beth David
Editor

The National Association of Letter Carriers annual food drive netted 3630 pounds of canned goods and other nonperishable items on Saturday, 5/12, the lowest amount in Fairhaven since the *Neighb News* started keeping track in 2007.

Gerry Payette, the director of the

Shepherd's Food Pantry in Acushnet, however, kept it all positive. He told volunteers that it was 3640 pounds that they "didn't have yesterday."

Last year, Fairhaven residents donated 8,690 pounds, the first time since 2007 that 8,000 was reached.

Letter carriers and volunteers collected more than 21,000 pounds in the surrounding area (see letter

below). Fairhaven donations went to the Shepherd's Food Pantry, which also has food collection bins at Stop & Shop in Fairhaven and the Millicent Library. To donate, send check or money order to Shepherd's Food Pantry, 1215 Main St., Acushnet, MA 02743. To learn more visit <http://www.shepherdspantry.org> or call 508-763-9289



Some of the volunteers (the others ran away when they saw the camera) pose for a picture with the food collected in Fairhaven during the National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive on 5/12/18. The Fairhaven donations were taken to the Shepherd's Food Pantry in Acushnet.

Photo by Beth David.

A note of thanks from the pantry

This letter of thanks goes out to the folks in the surrounding communities that include New Bedford, Fairhaven, Acushnet, Dartmouth, Rochester and Wareham, who donated non-perishable food towards the 26th annual "Stamp out Hunger" food drive for the needy.

On Saturday May 12th, 2018, letter carriers and volunteer helpers from our area picked up donated food along their routes that totaled over 21,000 pounds. In Fairhaven alone, 3,640 pounds was collected. This food was left around mailboxes and on porches to help fill the shelves at the Shepherd's Pantry in Acushnet, the Damien Place Pantry in Wareham, M.O. Food, the Immigrant Assistance Center, the Salvation Army, PACE, the Red Cross and the Catholic Social

Services, all located in New Bedford.

Nationally, all 50 States and U.S. jurisdictions participated in this annual food drive to help the less fortunate. Last year, over 7.5 million pounds was collected throughout the U.S.

A very special thank you, once again, goes to the dedicated volunteers who helped out the letter carriers on that day. Also, a BIG thank you to *The Standard-Times*, *The Fairhaven Neighborhood News* and *The Advocate* newspapers. Also another BIG thank you to Skip's Marine for the use of their truck by the Shepherd's Pantry to transport their donated food. Also, a big thank you to P.J. Keating, located in Acushnet, for the use of their vehicle scale to weigh the trucks that carried the food to their respective pantries after the food drive.

Please remember that every year, the second Saturday in May will be designated for this very important food drive to help the needy. Every and all donations are appreciated and needed to make this yearly food drive the biggest one-day food drive in the nation.

And finally, the Millicent Library and Stop & Shop Supermarket, both located in Fairhaven, will continue to accept non-perishable food donations all year long that will eventually find its way to the Shepherd's Pantry located at the Long Plain United Methodist Church, 1215 Main St. in Acushnet.

Any questions please call the Shepherd's Pantry at 508-763-9289.

Gerry Payette
Shepherd's Pantry Director

Elizabeth Warren holds town hall in New Bedford

US Senator Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., held a town hall at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational-Technical High School on Saturday, 5/12. Senator Warren also met with New Bedford officials and members of the fishing

industry that morning to gain insight into the effects that fishing regulations, and especially the complete closure of Sector IX, have had on the region's economy. *Photos this page by Glenn C. Silva, except BOTTOM RIGHT.*



Between events in New Bedford, US Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) spent a little time downtown, hobnobbing with the locals, such as Cole and Saffron Hitchings, at the Green Bean around 10 a.m. *Photo courtesy of Nigel Hitchings.*

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Space is limited... sign up soon!
Ages: 9-11 Date: May 23 Instructor:
Beth Oleson Time: 6-8 p.m.

Cost: \$50 Members \$55 Non-
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Kool Kids Summer

Kool Kids is for children entering grades 1 to age 12. Children will have fun each day by participating in a variety of sports, games and art activities. Each session will also include special themed events. Children are grouped by the Grade they will enter in the Fall. Don't miss out on this great summer program. Last year's program had a waiting list every week. Sign up early! \$130 Per week for members, sibling discounts available, also non member rates. Hours: Mon-Fri 8a.m.-3 p.m., Drop off 7:45 AM, Pick up 3pm.

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6/6: Newport Grand, Middletown
Xmas Shop

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Special Activities

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Any veterans who would like to be in the parade, but cannot march, please meet at the Fairhaven Senior Center by 7:30 a.m. on Monday, 5/28. The van will bring you back to the center after the parade.

Sewing Circle

Monday 1-3:00 p.m. June 4th and
Thursday 5:45-7:45 p.m. May 17th and
the 24th.

Computer Technology for Seniors

Starting May 2nd, 9-10:00 a.m.
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Until Help Arrives

Fairhaven Senior Center, 229
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20th, 6-8:00 p.m. Bristol County
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staying safe at the scene of an
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comfort and preparing for
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all citizens and community groups
that have little or no emergency
training. Please call the Fairhaven
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Healthy Aging Fair

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HEALTHY AGING FAIR, Wednesday,
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Acushnet Town Meeting passes pot ban, rejects meals tax

By Beth David
Editor

Acushnet Town Meeting voted on \$27.5 million in operating expenses, plus \$1.97 million in other spending at the annual Town Meeting on 5/14, including \$453,417 placed into the stabilization fund. After struggling to reach a quorum of 75 in the past couple of years, the town made special efforts to get the word out this time. The efforts seem to have paid off, with 135 people showing up at the start of the meeting. Admittedly, quite a few people left before it all ended, but the work got done, finishing in just over 2 1/2 hours.

Several articles generated spirited discussion, including article 17, which sought to impose a .75% local meals tax on food prepared in restaurants.

Supporters of the tax said it would help the town fund its retirement liability, or OPEB costs (Other Post-Employment Benefits). They said that the tax would largely be paid by non Acushnet residents who are using the town's restaurants and ice cream places.

Opponents argued that the town should not be creating another tax, it would never go away, and it was bound to go up. They also said that Acushnet does not have a large tourist population, so it would be Acushnet residents who would be paying the extra.

Town officials insisted that most of the burden would be carried by non residents, but town meeting voters didn't buy it.

Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar also spoke against the measure, saying he was the only selectboard member who was against it. He said the town simply did not need a new tax.

Taking issue with being compared to Plymouth, one resident said, "We do not have a lot of tourists in Acushnet."

Selectboard chairperson Michael Cioper and board member Roger Cabral both spoke in favor of the measure, with Town Administrator Brian Noble explaining the nuts and bolts of how the tax would work.

Mr. Cabral said it was a couple of cents more for a cup of coffee. He said most municipalities in the state, including the surrounding towns, had adopted the meals tax.

"It's not a tax on Acushnet residents," said Mr. Cabral.

"We are not Plymouth," said Timothy DaCosta, adding that Acushnet does not have a lot of tourists.

"We do not need another tax," said Mr. Gaspar, adding that the town was putting \$450K into the stabilization fund, so they were in good shape financially.

Mr. Cabral seemed stunned at the assertion, stammering a bit as he tried to respond.

"I don't know how to explain," he said. The stabilization fund is the community's savings account. "Having a bank account is not something we should apologize for."

Former Selectboard member Garry Rawcliffe said he usually rounds up



David Davignon addresses Acushnet Town Meeting on Monday, 5/14. Photo by Beth David.

his purchases of coffee, etc., so it will not cost him more. But it will, he said, cost the server, who will lose out on tips.

Mr. Cioper told voters that the funds would be used to "ease the burden" of the OPEB costs, which were coming up in the next article.

David Davignon reminded residents that the surcharge for the Community Preservation Act was already costing more because the state no longer reimburses at the same rate. He said the new tax will only go up, and will never go away.

"We all pay our fair share," said Mr. Davignon. "We pay too much."

Showing a bit of ire towards first term Selectboard member Mr. Cabral, Mr. Gaspar said he worked very hard in past years to get Acushnet on a sound footing, saying he worked long hours and takes his job very seriously.

"I'm proud to say we don't need any new taxes in Acushnet today,"

said Mr. Gaspar.

Donald (Donny) Williams told Town Meeting that the \$68K the town anticipated from the new tax was not worth it, noting that TM had just voted to spend more than \$40K on furniture.

In the end the vote was "no" to the new tax, 76-28.

Town Meeting also had a bit of discussion on Article 18, to move funds, about \$197K, from the retirement account to the state run OPEB Trust Fund, and to add \$100K. The money will fund health insurance into the future for retired town employees. The state has been after municipalities to fund ahead in anticipation of rising costs, especially for healthcare.

Mr. Noble explained that the town has some money in a fund, but it is only earning about 2%. The state fund is earning better than 7%, right now, which is the average the fund has earned in past years.

Mr. Cabral and Mr. Gaspar disagreed again, on this article. Mr. Cabral supported it, while Mr. Gaspar said the town should cut benefits to retirees, at least making them pay more towards their health insurance. Some of the problem went back to some changes that set the cost sharing at 60-40%, with the town paying more, instead of a dollar amount, which Mr. Gaspar supported.

"Health care has skyrocketed," said Mr. Gaspar.

It is an existing liability that the town needs to fund, said Mr. Cabral.

Mr. Gaspar read a long article supporting his argument.

"These people were promised this," said one resident, adding that they worked hard, and most of them live in town. "This is what we told them they would get and this is what the town should deliver."

Mr. Rawcliffe asked who put the money in a fund that was only making two percent.

"The previous administration," answered Mr. Noble.

"You, Garry," said Mr. Cabral. Mr. Rawcliffe said it was not him and walked away from the mike, and town meeting got a good laugh out of the exchange.

In the end, the measure passed and the money will be moved to the state-run fund.

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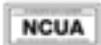
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Hastings Middle School holds intergenerational paint night

Elizabeth Hastings Middle School held an intergenerational paint night, giving seniors and students a chance to share an evening of fun and learning. This free event was a collaboration between the EHMS Learning Community and the Town of Fairhaven. About 30 seniors attended on Tuesday evening, 5/8, in the school cafeteria.

Art teacher Tim Lee facilitated the event, which gave students an opportunity to interact positively with community members and assist

them on painting techniques that they have learned.

“This was such a positive experience,” wrote principal Nicholas Bettencourt in an email. “We are planning another EHMS Paint Night this upcoming Fall.”

The evening included light refreshments and popcorn donated by Pub 99 Restaurant. The EHMS Chamber Ensemble performed and grade 7 scholar Brooke Boucher sang a song from Tom Petty.



Students of Elizabeth Hastings Middle School in Fairhaven entertain while seniors from the community paint at the first free paint night hosted by the school and the town on Tuesday, 5/8, in the EHMS cafeteria. *Submitted photos.*

Acushnet Treasurer leaves post for new opportunity



Acushnet's Treasurer Kristie Costa has accepted a position with the Town of Mattapoisett after 12 years with the Town of Acushnet. She started working in the Finance Department as an Accounts Payable Clerk, worked her way into the Collector's Office as the Assistant Collector, and then moved up and became the Treasurer/Collector within a short period of time. “Kristie has been a dedicated employee for the Town of Acushnet and we wish her all the best in her future endeavors,” wrote the Selectboard's office in an email. ABOVE: Ms. Costa with flowers presented by her co-workers last week at farewell party at town hall. *Photo submitted.*

Veoride Bikeshare program coming to Fairhaven



Keep an eye out for these distinctive looking bicycles in Fairhaven. The Selectboard has agreed to allow Veoride to place their bikes around town. The service allows users to buy 15 minutes for 50 cents. A cell phone app unlocks the bike that can be left in different areas of town, and not necessarily returned to the same place a rider took it from. Look for a more detailed story in the *Neighb News* in the coming weeks. ABOVE: Editor Beth David takes a ride on a Veoride bicycle after Town Meeting on 5/5/18. *Photo courtesy of Bob Espindola.*

An invitation to all veterans and those who support veterans

Please join us in Fairhaven for our Memorial Day Parade and ceremonies

Show your support for those who have served and sacrificed. **PARADE:** Monday, 5/28, steps off at 8:30 a.m. from the corner of Main and Center Streets, marches along Main to Riverside Cemetery



All gave some, and some gave all.

Flag Raising

On Mon., 5/28, at Fort Phoenix, Fort Street, Fairhaven at 7 a.m. The Memorial Day flag raising ceremony at the fort is sponsored by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association with the Fairhaven Boy Scouts. The flag will be lowered at 5 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend.

Join us **AFTER THE PARADE** at the Fairhaven VFW, 109 Middle St., Fairhaven, for complimentary refreshments.

Veterans are asked to gather at South and Main Streets no later than 8 a.m. Veterans and active military personnel who wish to join the parade but are not able to walk, should meet at the Fairhaven Senior Center at 7:30 a.m. Please call 508-979-4029 so they can get an idea how many riders they will have. The parade will conclude at Riverside Cemetery where a ceremony will be held. Organizers are asking spectators to line Main Street and wave small flags as the parade passes. Home owners on Main Street are asked to place flags out front to show support.

**From
George
Brownell,
Vietnam War
Veteran**

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Town meeting also had some discussion about a change to the composition of the soil board. Voters seemed to be suspicious of the change, which would add a town official to the board.

Mr. Cabral explained that the change would ensure that someone on the board had the expertise necessary to deal with the changes that PJ Keating is planning to their asphalt plant. It would give some flexibility on who could be a member, he said, and expressed surprise at how much discussion the article prompted.

In the end, it passed by the required 2/3 majority, with only one person opposed.

Town Meeting also approved the \$35K in Community Preservation Act funds to help the Buzzards Bay Coalition buy the Tripp Mill Brook Headwaters property. The project caused some controversy when the BBC said it wanted to hold back a six-acre parcel to possibly develop it to help pay for the 23 acres. A developer made an offer on the property to build 17 homes.

"This is a gross misuse of public money," said Mr. Davignon. He said if the town had known it had the option to develop some of the land to buy it, the town could have done so. He said the BBC was given the right to buy it to keep it open, not develop it. "We're being used as pawns in this case."

"It's there to be spent," said Conservation Commission chairperson Robert Rocha, speaking of the CPA funds.

"This is something we can afford to do," said Laurell Farinon, a past president of the Fairhaven-Acushnet Land Preservation Trust and a former conservation agent in Acushnet.

Mr. Cabral noted that if 17 houses were built there and each one had two children in the school system at about \$12,000 each, the costs would far outweigh the tax revenue. The property was already discounted for taxes as farm land, he said. That is why the town had first option to buy it. The town assigned that right to the BBC.

"We are gaining much more than we are losing by leaving it open space under the stewardship of the

Buzzards Bay Coalition," said Mr. Cabral.

The measure passed with only one opposed.

Town Moderator Nicholas Gomes also announced that there are vacancies on several committees: Finance Committee (1), Energy Committee (1), Historical Commission (1), Cultural Council (2), Beautification Committee (Multiple), Election/Town Meeting Tellers (Multiple). Call the town clerk's office, 508-998-0215, if you are interested.

- In other business, town meeting
- Passed a ban on recreational marijuana sales in Acushnet, with no discussion.
 - Approved all CPC funding projects, including funds for the Long Plain Museum Building, Parting Ways Building Housing Authority and Pope Park utility building.
 - Approved funding for equipment and vehicles for the Department of Public Works, Fire and Police Departments.
 - Approved funding for improvements to the school's athletic fields.

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Fairhaven Meetings

Board of Appeals

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

Board of Public Works

Mon., 5/21, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 5/21, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Economic Develop. Comm.

Thurs., 5/17, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Marine Resources Comm.

Thurs., 5/17, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 5/22, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 5/23, Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 6/4, WIIA, 41 Causeway Rd, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Board of Appeals

Tues., 6/12, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Commission

Thurs., 5/17, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 5/22, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Death Notice

Bernard L. McQuade, Jr. of W. Wareham, died on May 11, 2018 at the age of 89. A funeral service will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 19th at the First Congregational Church, 34 Center St., Fairhaven, MA.

Public Hearings/Legal Notices

NOTE: All legal notices are available on the Neighb News website, www.NeighbNews.com, under the "Legal Notices" tab on the top of the main page. Legal ads are also available at <http://masspublicnotices.org>, search under "Fairhaven Neighborhood News"

Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall to consider the following petition(s):

NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Petitioner: Hans R. Doherty, RE: 121 Farmfield Street, Plot 2, Lot 7, Book 5595, Page 13, 198-16: Special Permit required for a Bed & Breakfast in an RA District.
2. Petitioner: Michael F. Cardoso, RE: 54 Gilbert Street, Plot 29D, Lot 28A, Book 9720 and Page 170. 198-18: Short 9' of required 20' side yard west side in an RR District.
3. Petitioner: Doug Medeiros, RE: 131 Shaw Road, Plot 32, Lot 041A, Book 2518, Page 122. 198-18: Short 12' of required 30' side yard; 198-22: Accessory Buildings 308 sq. ft. over max of 700 sq. ft.

RESCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Petitioner: Richard Tavares, RE: 33 Charity Stevens Lane, Plot 40, Lot 15C, Book 12085 and Page 52. 198-16: Special Permit required to have an in-lan apartment in an RR 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: Kate Markey & David Cope, RE: 333 Huttleston Avenue, Plot 31, Lot 015, Book 12131 and Page 46. 198-16: Special Permit required for livestock raising under 5 acres) in an RA District.
4. Petitioner: George R & Sharon C Mendonca, RE: Frederick Avenue, Plot 29A, Lots 168-169, Book 2013 and Page 343. 198-18: Short 40' of required 140' frontage; short 20,000 sq. ft. of required 140; 2% over max building coverage of 15% all within an RR District.
5. Petitioner: David Small, RE: 16 Widemarsch Beach Way, Plot 29, Lot 33. 198-18: Short 12' of required 30' front setback in an RR District.
6. Petitioner: Matthew Brodo, RE: 76 Farmfield Street, Plot 04, Lot 290, Book 12197 and Page 341. 198-18: Short 7' of required 20' front setback corner lot.
7. Petitioner: Christopher J. Ingrande, RE: 689 Scotic Neck Road, Plot 42, Lot 14A, Book 12367 and Page 212. 198-18: Short 4' of required 5' setback on East & South sides. 198-22 A-1: 580 sq. ft. over max of 700 sq. ft. for an Accessory Building.

*Peter DeTerra, Chairman
5/24/18 & 5/31/18*

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Fairhaven Board of Selectmen, pursuant to Section 3.2 of the Town of Fairhaven Rules and Regulations Governing Aquaculture, will conduct a

public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on June 4, 2018 at the West Island Improvement Association, 41 Causeway Road, Fairhaven, MA on the application of John Mills, Matt Loo, and Larry Fowler, for an aquaculture license to operate a shell fish farm on approximately 6 acres of public water located in the Town of Fairhaven, filed on March 12, 2018. The coordinates of the area of operation are:

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41.3615.68-70.5048.58
41.3616.11-70.5051.66

Matt Loo

41.3625.60-70.5045.71
41.3626.24-70.5049.12
41.3622.33-70.5046.66
41.3622.97-70.5050.02

Larry Fowler

41.3622.33-70.5046.66
41.3622.97-70.5050.02
41.3619.22-70.5047.57
41.3619.85-70.5050.80

A copy of the complete application can be found on the Town's website: www.fairhaven-ma.gov and clicking on "Documents and Contracts"

*Fairhaven Board of Selectmen
5/17/18*

Hope in the harbor: A kayaker's fight for rescue

By Petty Officer Andrew Barresi
US Coast Guard

Pierce desperately dug his paddles into the choppy water.

Stroke after stroke, he fought the October wind as the waves battered him. He counted his strokes to stay focused, and set his eye on a goal — a buoy he could see. Two hours later, worn out by the seas and exhausted from paddling, he was no closer to the buoy and no closer to land.

Gary Pierce, an easygoing entrepreneur who lives in the seaside city of Winthrop, Mass., is part of a growing paddle craft community in the Northeast.

Kayaking offers adventure, exploration, and exercise all in picturesque settings, but along with those benefits comes risk and danger, both of which can be reduced by being prepared.

Before he kayaked into Boston Harbor, Pierce took measures to reduce his risk. He filed a float plan with a friend by giving him a map of his intended route, and an estimated time he would return. He checked in throughout the trip with that friend.

He also brought a life jacket, but after returning to his kayak after exploring an island in the harbor, he found it had blown away. That gust of wind was the first sign for Pierce that paddling home would be a challenge.

He contacted his friend, and asked for advice on the quickest route back to land. He set out using the suggested route, but as the wind and seas increased, his progress slowed.

Pierce recalled his strategy: he set a goal of reaching a buoy in the distance, and would do one hundred strokes and then take a fifteen second break.

"I did that for about two hours straight and I never got past the buoy," he said.

Pierce was exhausted, stuck, and the sun was setting. He decided it was time to call for help.

"When I finally made the decision to start calling 911, I couldn't do it because I was soaking wet," he said. His phone was misfiring from the moisture on the screen.

After several attempts, he got through to a 911 dispatcher who transferred him to Coast Guard Sector Boston's command center. The command center staff quickly went to work gathering essential information

such as the nature of his distress, a description of his kayak, and his location. After two hours of being pushed around by the seas, Pierce had lost his bearings and couldn't give his exact location.

Operations specialists at the SBCC got Pierce's general location from 911 based on cell phone triangulation. The watch team also asked Pierce to describe what he saw around him in order to narrow the search.

Pierce described a lighthouse on an island with jagged rocks, which the command center team identified as Boston Lighthouse. After confirming the location, the team contacted the closest Coast Guard station.

Petty Officer 1st Class Luke Schaffer, a boatswain's mate at



Gary Pierce walks the beach after an interview about being rescued by the Coast Guard 11/29/17.

Pierce was rescued after he became beset by weather while kayaking in Boston Harbor. USCG photo by Petty Officer Andrew Barresi.

Station Point Allerton was already getting underway with his 47-foot Motor Lifeboat crew for training when they received the call. They set a course for Boston Light and used their search light to try and locate Pierce. Even with the location narrowed down it was difficult to find Pierce in the dark.

Meanwhile, Pierce grew more fearful as the seas continued to build. The water was cold and he was exposed to the elements in his small kayak.

The winds and seas had picked up and the situation was dire.

The command center stayed on the phone with Pierce and relayed information back to the boat crew in an attempt to lead the crew to Pierce.

Pierce grew more exhausted and more desperate with each passing minute. He could see the boat crew's light, but they couldn't see him. Pierce tried to activate the flashlight feature on his phone but it didn't work with his wet fingers. He could

see the boat getting farther away and he feared the worst. He held his phone above his head hoping the background wallpaper, a photo of his young son, was bright enough for the boat crew to see.

Exhausted, Pierce feared he had at most five minutes left before succumbing to the elements.

"It was about that time that you start to say goodbye to your family," said Pierce. "So I just did that, personally. I just told everyone that I loved them, and I just kind of expected that was going to be the end, and that's what I told the Coast Guard."

But it wasn't the end.

No sooner had the thought of death crossed his mind, than one of Schaffer's crew members reached down and pulled him from the sea.

According to Schaffer, Pierce was close to drifting into a rocky area too dangerous for the rescue crew. If even just a little more time passed, the outcome could have been very different, he said.

Pierce said the rescue was a wake-up call. He said he went straight home and researched safety gear for kayakers. He admitted there was more he could have done to prepare.

His cell phone worked, but a waterproof handheld VHF radio is a more reliable tool for communicating with the Coast Guard. Another life saving tool is a personal locating beacon. This would have allowed Pierce to send his exact position to the Coast Guard command center with a simple push of a button.

Most importantly, according to Schaffer, is wearing a life jacket.

"The biggest risk in this case was falling into the water without a life jacket," said Schaffer. If he had fallen into the cold water he might not have made it, he added.

Pierce held onto hope throughout his experience and lived to go home. Many kayakers who don't have a plan or are less prepared don't make it home. He said his hope is that others will learn from his experience.

He said he will continue kayaking and even encourages others to take it up, but he cautions people to have a plan and be prepared.

Having the right gear is not an attack on one's adventurous spirit, according to Pierce. Instead, "these are things that make you feel like you're doing it the right way," he said.



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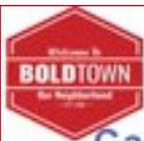
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