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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Is he elected? Is he not elected? Alas, it is a mystery. The recount of the BPW race (see page 3), did not exactly go smoothly. It appears, as of press time at least, that Hoppy has won. See the story for the details.

It's weird enough that there was a tie vote, but...ah, read the story.

Fairhaven's Memorial Day weekend was jam-packed with events (see pages 12 & 13). The parade and ceremony at Riverside Cemetery were well attended, but there were some thin spots along the parade route. Still, it was a good showing, especially with how cold it was. Honestly, I was wondering why I forgot my gloves.

I do believe, however, that summer has finally found us. At least for the next few days.

The annual encampment was also this weekend. They had a great Saturday, with lots of people, but then the rain showed up on Sunday (see page 13).

Lots of people turned out to see the cannon fire on Saturday night. It was loud and spectacular, just as I promised. If you didn't get there, the next opportunity to see them fired is on July 4.

The BPW is riling up some neighbors on Sciticut Neck with a proposal for a BMX bike track. Check that out on page 4.

We also have a bunch of happenings coming up this weekend and next weekend. Check them out to plan events with the kids, the friends, or the smoochy-other. There are artsy events, walking tours, fish tourneys, golf tourneys, all kinds of stuff coming up this month.

And don't forget to mark your calendars for the Homecoming Day Fair on 6/30. We haven't listed it yet because we had too much other stuff coming up sooner, but it's coming...be ready!

The pirates are back at the fort, the walking tours are back on their regular schedule, and the kids are itching to get out of school. Next week is the high school graduation, and that means summer activities are here, whether or not the weather cooperates.

There's other stuff in here, of course. Be sure to notice who our advertisers are as you thumb through, and be sure to tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*. Until next week then...see ya,

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our story about the unveiling of the photo portrait of Al Benac in last week's issue, we made several errors. The portrait is a photograph, not a painting; the photographer is Henry "Hank" Gatlin of Gatlin's Framing, Photography, and Art Supplies (we spelled his name wrong).

We apologize for any confusion our errors may have caused.

BPW tie: Recount missed ballots, Hoppy is winner, we think

By Beth David
Editor

If we were at the Millicent Library, we could have blamed it on the resident ghost, but we were at Town Hall on Tuesday, 5/29, when Robert "Hoppy" Hobson was declared the winner more than a month after the election. The recount, however, raised more questions than it answered. Then he was declared not the winner and another recount was scheduled, and then he was declared the winner again. It's a ping pong game and whichever way the ball lands by deadline is what the end of this article will say.

The Board of Public Works race ended in a tie on 4/2, with incumbent Mr. Hobson and newcomer Albert Martin both receiving 338 votes in April. Keith Silvia was top vote-getter with 480 votes. A total of 713 people voted, with two BPW seats up for election. After a bit of confusion about the process, a judge ordered the town to allow the recount.

After hand counting all the ballots on Tuesday, and re-counting some batches more than once, the numbers simply did not jive. The final count was Mr. Silvia with 445; Mr. Hobson with 308; Mr. Martin with 300. Then just before press time, the mystery was solved and another recount

was scheduled, but then it was cancelled.

On Tuesday, Town Clerk Eileen Lowney and Assistant Town Clerk Carolyn Hurley set up a couple of tables in the banquet room at town hall. Registrars Nils Isaksen and Kim Hyland counted out the ballots in blocks of 50 for hand counting. Town Hall worker Amanda Blais read off the votes and town hall worker Suzanne Blais marked each vote on a tally sheet for each of the six precincts.

Mr. Hobson, Mr. Martin, Mr. Silvia, two observers, Town Counsel Thomas Crotty, and Mr. Hobson's attorney Louis Badwey, along with a few members of the public also attended to watch the proceedings.

First there was confusion about counting the blanks. Then there were a few blocks that had to be recounted because of some confusion of one kind or another. Then the attorneys and the town clerk and the helpers tried to figure out if one batch of ballots or another needed to be recounted. Hence, one block of 50 votes got counted three times.

"You should've flipped a coin with me at the beginning," Mr. Hobson told Mr. Martin, who responded that even if he had a coin with two heads he would probably still lose.

As the room waited in anticipation, the

final count was announced.

"That's not jiving with me," said Ms. Lowney, because the number of ballots in the recount did not match the number of ballots counted on election day. Ms. Lowney searched each bin and envelope, pored over the original tapes from the voting machines, and compared the numbers to the recount numbers and the tally sheets prepared by the precinct workers on voting day.

"I have more faith in the machines," said Ms. Lowney. "I'm at a loss for this."

"Louie, am I paying you by the hour or a contract job?" asked Mr. Hobson.

"You don't want to see my bill," said Mr. Badwey.

"I want you to send it to the town," said Mr. Hobson.

"I'll support you in April," Mr. Hobson told Mr. Martin. "I will."

After a few more minutes of counting and puzzling over the missing votes by the town clerk, Mr. Martin said, "I'm withdrawing," although his statement was largely ignored at first.

Mr. Crotty explained that Ms. Lowney needed to submit a signed statement with the results for them to be official.

"We seem to be missing ballots

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Residents protest BMX pump track location

By Mary Macedo

Neighb News Correspondent

At its 5/21 meeting, the Fairhaven Board of Public Works heard from residents about their concerns with the new BMX bike track slated to be installed at Macomber Pimental Field (MPF) on Bernese Street.

BPW Chairperson Brian Wotton prefaced the discussion by saying he did not want to hear any arguments regarding issues to do with police and security at the park, as well as things to do with the Conservation Commission because neither involves the BPW. He said that ConCom is holding its own meeting in regards to the track.

Last November, Mike Rotundo and a few other parents appeared in front of the board to pitch the idea of a BMX park somewhere in town. BPW board members suggested using MPF, because it has fewer events and activities than other Fairhaven parks, and it has a pump station that could be helpful in creating and maintaining the dirt/clay of the bike tracks.

MPF neighbor Gilly Vieira told the board that he had a lot of concerns regarding the track. He said he was not against having a BMX track in town, but he does not believe that MPF is the right location for it.

"It is a small field," Mr. Vieira explained. "The property is not conducive for a BMX track."

He noted that there is limited parking at the park and it is in a very small, quiet neighborhood.

Mr. Vieira explained that the other BMX parks that he has seen are quite large and the activity goes on from morning until night. He also noted that ages from young kids to adult are at these parks until 10 o'clock at night in some places, which is not something they want in their neighborhood.

The most activity the park sees now is during youth baseball games or an occasional basketball game, and those only go on for two hours at a time. He said BMX goes on constantly.

Mr. Vieira also said that no neighbors of Macomber Park were informed of the BMX track being built there. They have seen no plans of what the track will look like, or where it will be.

Mr. Wotton explained that the bylaws stated the BPW did not have to inform the abutters individually, and the news about the track had been in the newspaper, as well as on Facebook. The idea of the track is not new and has been on the BPW agenda several times since November of 2017. The BPW has not been "sneaky" about the track because it has been discussed for nine months and the area of the track has been staked at Macomber for three months.

Mr. Vieira said that the abutters did not find out until one or two weeks ago, and he feels that they should have been notified to give their opinions.

"We just found out and everything's been approved already," Mr. Vieira said.

Mr. Wotton said that he understood where Mr. Vieira was coming from, but there are parks in a lot of neighborhoods in town and sports activities are something all residents who live near parks have to deal with. He said every single night there is a baseball game in his neighborhood.

Board member Mike Ristuccia said that he understood some of Mr. Vieira's concerns, and asked what is the problem with the BMX activity compared to baseball or basketball that take place at Macomber now.

Mr. Vieira explained that the BMX activity could take place all day and all night with no supervision. He said

the kids would loiter and do whatever they want, including liquor or drugs; no one knows how many kids BMX could attract, there could be 100; other sports are supervised and only have a few kids for a few hours at scheduled times.

Mr. Wotton asked if teen and adult basketball players are better at following the laws than people who ride bikes. Mr. Wotton answered that people who play sports or ride bikes are no different.

Mr. Wotton questioned that Mr. Vieira can call people who ride bikes loiterers and alcoholics but not baseball or basketball players.

"I never said that," Mr. Vieira said, adding that he just does not think that Macomber is conducive to BMX.

Mr. Wotton explained that the track will only be open from dawn to dusk, and that the track is a pump track, which is only made for little dirt hills and turns, has no big jumps or half pipes, and there will be nothing higher than four feet tall.

Board member Robert "Hoppy" Hobson said he agreed that it would have been good to notify the neighbors, but the topic had been discussed at BPW meetings for over six months and no one came forward to give their opinions. He said the BMX track is a great way for kids and parents to ride bikes together.

"But it could be bad in a small park," Mr. Hobson admitted.

Board member Keith Silvia said that the BPW gave Mr. Rotundo the idea to put the bike track at MPF because the board agreed that the park is underutilized.

"Every park should be used to its fullest potential," Board member Cameron Durant said, adding that all

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Pirates & Privateers

What is the difference between a pirate and a privateer? Did either of them ever say, "Arrrrgh"? Is there pirate treasure buried on Sconticut Neck? What happens after hundreds of British redcoats eat a hearty breakfast of baked beans?

Find out the answers by bringing the family to hear tales of pirates, Revolutionary War era privateers, and historical Fort Phoenix during the Pirates & Privateers Presentations, given **each Friday morning at 10:00 a.m., starting on June 1.** The presentations take place near the flag pole and cannons at Fort Phoenix, Fairhaven. They will be held weekly through the end of September.

The piratical proceedings are led by Greybeard, an 18th century gunner from the privateer sloop Broome, and Abigail "Abby" Black, a ship's doctor who grows herbal remedies in her village garden when she's not at sea. Also on hand will be Andrew, a ship's boy or "powder monkey," who serves on the cannon crew.

At the presentations you'll learn about the real privateers who sailed in and out of Fairhaven's harbor during the American Revolution. You will find out the difference between pirates and "legal" privateers, which "pirate facts" are really just myths based on fiction. Abby will talk about women aboard ships and how wounded or ill sailors were cared for. Andrew will explain the workings of cannons and Greybeard will demonstrate firing a real black powder swivel gun.

The popular presentation, created in 2016 by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism, is suitable for all ages. It is presented free of charge. There is free parking in the Fort Phoenix parking lots at the south end of Fort Street or Green Street. A paved, handicap accessible path leads from the parking area to the fort. The presentations are held weather permitting.

For more info, call 508-979-4085 or email FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov.

HHR Walking Tours

The story of Standard Oil Company millionaire Henry H. Rogers and the magnificent architectural gifts he gave to his hometown are the

subjects of Henry H. Rogers Walking Tours **presented on Tuesday and Thursday mornings by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism, beginning June 5. The tours start at 10:00 a.m. outside the Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street, weather permitting.** They will be held twice a week through the end of September.

Henry H. Rogers was born in Fairhaven in 1840 and graduated from the town's original high school. In 1861 he went to Pennsylvania where he and a partner started a small petroleum refinery. Eventually Rogers became a part of John D. Rockefeller's vast Standard Oil Company, assuming a top leadership role. By the time he reached his early forties, Rogers was an extremely wealthy man.

Beginning in 1885, Rogers began giving Fairhaven gifts of enormous importance—schools, a library, a town hall, a public water system, and a lovely park. He also had the magnificent Unitarian Memorial Church built in memory of his mother and the George H. Taber Lodge building built to honor a favorite uncle.

The walking tour explores the center of town where most of Rogers' gifts stand, tracing a route that includes his boyhood home and seven other places associated with him. Also viewed are the interiors of two buildings, the Town Hall and Millicent Library. Along the way you'll hear about Rogers' life, family and career.

The tour lasts about 90 minutes and is presented free of charge by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism. For more information, call 508-979-4085 or email FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov.

If you cannot take the walking tour, a map and guide to the Rogers buildings is published in the Fairhaven Visitors Guide, available for free at the town's Visitors Center, 141 Main Street. The Visitors Center is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Fish Tournery

Fairhaven Firefighters Association, Local 1555, presents a Fishing Tournament on Sat., 6/9, at West Island Marina, Fairhaven (Formerly Earl's Marina, 56 Goulart Memorial Dr.).

Start time, 6 a.m., Last weigh-in, 2 p.m. \$45 per person (boat or shore). Prizes for largest striper and bluefish. Buffet lunch, prize giveaways, raffles, evening entertainment. Transient docking and fuel service available. For info, call Tony, 774-930-6431.

SAVE THE DATES

Delano Kindred Society

The Delano Kindred Society & the Dartmouth Historical & Arts Society present "Connections: Old, New and YOU!" Organized by the Delano Kindred Family Reunion on Wed., 6/13, from 1:00 - 5:00 pm, at Fairhaven's Millicent Library Auditorium, Walnut Street Entrance. Open to the public: \$15.00. Online registration at DelanoKindred.us to reserve space OR at the door only if space allows

As the 400th anniversary of the pilgrim landing in Plymouth in 2020 is anticipated it is equally important for the South Coast region to recognize how we were distinct from the Plymouth Colony. The early settlers here will be highlighted along with the culture, land apportionment, political and government structure, was truly unique and needs to be appreciated and celebrated.

Visit DelanoKindred.us for more details, or contact Cathy Delano, delanocath@aol.com 508 364-8688

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/](http://fairhavenroadrace.org/) or call 508- 997-9460.

Caring for Ellie

Please join us for a fund-raiser for **Eleanor Art, Sat., 6/23, Noon-5 p.m., at the VFW Post 2892, 109 Middle St., Fairhaven.** Four-year-old Ellie Art was diagnosed with leukemia in April, 100% of the proceeds from this event will go to her family. Door prize: two round-trip fast ferry tickets to Martha's Vineyard. Chinese Auction: Tons of great auction items, such as gift certificates to restaurants and other area businesses, gift baskets, etc. 50/50 raffle.

Nearly 50 bikes join third annual Bayside Bike Run

By Beth David
Editor

After being postponed due to rain a week before, the third annual Bayside Bike Run benefiting Better Community Living went off without a hitch on Saturday, 5/26/18. Nearly 50 bikes joined the ride through the backroads and returned to the Bayside on Scoticut Neck Road for food and entertainment.

"So far, it's a pretty good turnout," said organizer Heidi Pereira as the

bikes started rolling in. She pointed to her volunteer crew and credited them with the smooth roll-out.

"They literally did everything," she said.

John Barboza joined the ride on his customized 1981 XS650 Yamaha Bobber. Bobbers are stripped of all their excess bodywork and even the fender to make it lighter. The bike has undergone a few changes in the four years that Mr. Barboza has owned it, including a color change from black



ABOVE: The bikes hit the road at the third annual Bayside Bike run benefiting Better Community Living on Saturday, 5/25/18. TOP RIGHT, L-R: Veronica Sullivan, Heidi Pereira, and Terry Richard stop their busy work to pose for the local free sheet LEFT: Danielle Hanoud poses with her customized Kawasaki Vulcan. Photos by Beth David.

to red in the last two years, and a rebuilt engine.

Danielle Hanoud, who was on the run for the first time, also customized her Kawasaki Vulcan with a Bobber seat, but she did not go full Bobber.

"It's got different handlebars, too," she said.

The day's activities included a barbecue, raffle, and music by Dave Charnely, Redneck Porch.

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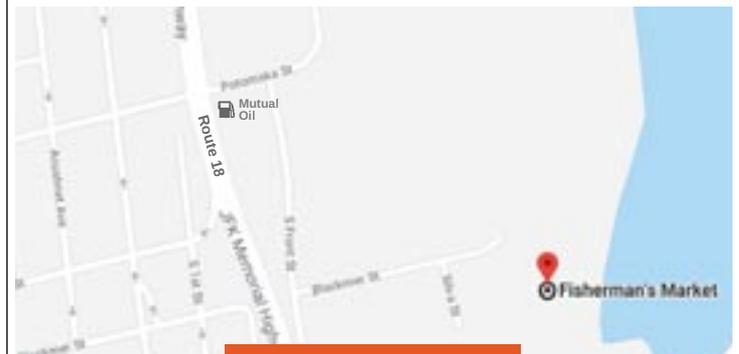
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LGBTQ pride event at Buttonwood Park, including entertainment, kids zone, and more. **South Coast Pride is Sat., 6/2, in Buttonwood Park, New Bedford from 9:30AM – 4PM.** PRIDE will be a fun packed, family friendly day with live entertainment, food vendors, artisan booths, resources, and a Kids Zone. The event is a free community event open to the public and sponsored by the South Coast LGBTQ Network.

Join yoga and fitness expert Jeff Costa for an “out and proud” all-levels Kripalu Yoga class to officially kick off Pride 2018 at 9:30am in Buttonwood Park or the 1.9 mile New Bedford WellnessWalk around the park directly following yoga. There will be live entertainment throughout the day (10am-4pm), with hostess Jacqueline DiMera from Providence, DJ Nicole Lopes, Sister Funk and a full lineup of local talent, including jazz with the SouthCoast Brass Band.

Anyone 21 or older may attend the Pre Pride Party on Friday night, June 1 at Incognito, 1606 Acushnet Ave, New Bedford; or the After Pride Party on June 2, 4pm-2am at Le Place, 20 Kenyon Street, New Bedford.

This event is sponsored by South Coast LGBTQ Network, a 501c3 nonprofit organization. Its mission is to build and maintain a comprehensive support network for LGBTQ individuals and families across the age spectrum. For more information or questions, email Eileen at eileen@sclgbtqnetwork.org or visit www.sclgbtqnetwork.org.

James Audubon Ex

The New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks! is pleased announce a new exhibit, *Birds of the First Light and Longhouses: The Prints of John James Audubon*, a glimpse into the decline and increase of bird populations in New England and New York due to immigration and industrialization.

NBAM/ArtWorks! is located at 608 Pleasant Street, New Bedford. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. and noon to 9 p.m. on Thursdays. To learn more about the exhibition, programming, and support The Audubon Preservation Partnership visit: newbedfordart.org/audubon-2018 or call 508-961-3072.

Art Reception

The New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks! will celebrate the opening of its newest exhibit, *Unusual Growth Patterns: Recent Mixed Media Paintings by Alison Wells*, on the evening of June 1st. Wells is a Trinidadian artist whose paintings have been exhibited in solo and group exhibitions in galleries and museums in the United States, the Caribbean and Europe.

This summer she will be unveiling a new body of work that touches on the female experience as well as her Trinidadian roots.

Unusual Growth Patterns: Recent Mixed Media Paintings by Alison Wells, will be on view in the Museum's Heritage Gallery at New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks! June 1 through August 19, 2018. **An opening reception is being held June 1st from 6 pm to 8 pm. There will be a closing party and artist talk on Thursday, August 9th at 6 pm featuring Alison Wells.** Additionally, the Museum will be hosting a mixed media workshop in conjunction with the exhibition on July 21 and 22 from 1 to 4 pm. For further information on the exhibition or events please contact the Museum. Advance registration is highly recommended as space is limited. To learn more about this exhibition and its upcoming programs visit: newbedfordart.org

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Beach Parking

Seasonal parking passes for the City of New Bedford's public beaches are available, covering East Beach, West Beach and Fort Taber Park. Residents and non-residents must acquire a seasonal parking pass or pay a daily rate for parking. This summer's beach season is June 23, 2018 through September 3, 2018.

Seasonal parking passes are available at the Parks, Recreation and Beaches office at 181 Hillman Street, Building 3; at the City Clerk's office, Room 118 in City Hall at 133 William Street; and at the Traffic Commission at the Elm Street Garage at 51 Elm

Street.

Seasonal parking passes are \$10 for New Bedford residents, and \$5 for New Bedford residents ages 65 years and older. Greater New Bedford residents in contiguous communities (Freetown, Acushnet, Fairhaven, and Dartmouth) can purchase a seasonal pass for \$20. The cost for other non-residents is \$50. Vehicle registration must be presented in order to obtain a resident seasonal parking pass.

Day passes can be obtained beginning June 23, 2018 at Fort Taber or East Beach for \$10. East Beach and Fort Taber have automated parking kiosks, streamlining the process in purchasing an hourly or daily parking pass. The kiosks are located in the central parking lot at East Beach and on the west side of the Fort Taber parking lot. Kiosks accept credit or debit cards only. Hourly parking is \$2/hour. West Beach offers parking for seasonal passes only. Parking hours for all three venues are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily

Portuguese Fishing Heritage

The New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center will host a variety of programs to explore and celebrate Portuguese heritage during the month of June. Resident artists Manny Vinagre and All events are free and open to the public.

Resident artist Manny Vinagre will demonstrate Portuguese decorative knot work on Saturday June 2nd and Saturday June 9th from 1:00 to 3:00 each day.

On Friday, June 15th at 7:00 p.m., The Lonely Doryman will be the featured Dock-U-Mentary film.

Resident artist Manny Catulo will demonstrate the art of model boat making on Saturday June 16th and Saturday June 30th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day.

A free concert featuring Ana Vinagre, one of the area's best known, and most respected, Fadistas will take place on Thursday June 28th from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

This series is funded in part by Massachusetts Cultural Council.

For more information, email programs@fishingheritagecenter.org or call the Center at (508) 993-8894.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

A Night of Laughter

American Legion Post 265 Acushnet presents "A Night of Laughter," on **Sat., 6/2, at 8 p.m., at Legion Hall, 71 Hope St., Acushnet. Tickets: \$20.** See page 16 for details.

Pet Photo Contest

AAA has announced an open call for photos of traveling pets as part of its national AAA Pet Travel Photo Contest. The top prize winner will receive a \$100 pet store gift card and "pet supermodel status" in the AAA online Pet Photo Gallery and on AAA social media outlets.

The competition to enter your traveling pet **began May 1 and ends December 24, 2019.** However, there are quarterly competitions with the latest contest ending June 24, 2018. Subsequent contests will end on Sept. 24 and Dec. 24 this year.

The complete set of rules and deadlines are available at www.AAA.com/PetTravel. The winner of each quarter will be determined by popular vote.

The AAA Pet Travel website contains listings for more than 12,000 pet-friendly hotels, restaurants, attractions, national park lands and animal-loving campgrounds. It also lists property fees and amenities for pets, as well as additional details from AAA's TourBooks. In addition, the AAA PetBook lists information to prepare your pet for travel, how to pack for your pet, and emergency medical clinics by state in the event your pet needs medical assistance while traveling.

Legislative Lunch

Join the SouthCoast Chamber of Commerce on **Fri., 6/1, at Rachel's Lakeside, 950 State Rd., Dartmouth, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. for our annual Legislative Luncheon. \$50 pp.** Register at <https://members.southcoastchamber.com/events/details/legislative-luncheon-2018-494740>

President of the Mass. Tax Payers Foundation, Eileen McAnney will discuss taxation and upcoming ballot initiatives throughout the Commonwealth of Mass. and the impact on the economic vitality of our local business community. The Taxpayers Foundation is widely recognized as

the state's premier public policy organization dealing with state spending, tax and economic policies. The Foundation's record of high quality research and non-partisan analysis has earned the organization broad credibility on Beacon Hill and across the Commonwealth. Our local legislators will be invited to offer their views and insight in the topic at hand!

The Chamber's Annual Legislative Luncheon is a high profile event that provides business leaders with an opportunity to have face time with regional legislators and learn about the priorities on Beacon Hill.

SAVE THE DATES:

Chicken Dinner

Join us on Sun., 6/10, at 4 p.m., at FW Post 6643, 89 Middleboro Road, E. Freetown, for a fried chicken dinner/dance, with music by Johnny Angel. Tickets: \$15 for chicken, side dishes, dessert, beverage, entertainment. Benefits the VFW and its charitable work. For more information, call 508-763-2292

Boston Pride

Celebrate LGBTQ pride with Boston, the largest pride parade in New England. The 45th annual Boston Pride Parade will be held on Sat., 6/9. Steps off at noon from Copley Square and ends at City Hall Plaza. For details on the parade route, spectator info., etc., visit <http://www.bostonpride.org/parade/>

The festival will be going on from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Boston City Hall Plaza and includes vendor exhibits and entertainment. Children's area available. Visit <http://www.bostonpride.org/festival/> for details.

Pride week includes a variety of events celebrating gay pride. Visit <http://www.bostonpride.org> for 2018 Pride Guide.

Golf Tourney

19th annual Golf Tournament to benefit Better Community Living, Fri., 6/22, Acushnet River Valley Golf Course, 685 Main St., Acushnet. 1 p.m. shotgun start. Foursome, \$400; Individual, \$125; Dinner only, \$30 pp. Visit www.bettercommunity.com (<http://bettercommunity.com/uncategorized/19th-annual-golf-tournament/>) to register. Email info@bettercommunity.com or call

508-999-4300 for sponsorship information.

Local Author Talk

Catherine McLaughlin will be signing copies of her first novel "Blue Collars" in a **pre-release event on Tuesday, June 12th, at 6:30 pm at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barsow St. Accessible.** Her book is being published by Spinner Publications later this month. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing.

Set in the South End of New Bedford, "Blue Collars" is the story of young Fiona "Finn" Kilroy who lives in a diverse immigrant neighborhood alongside other families whose relatives work in the mills. A terrible secret haunts Finn's childhood, and her determination to survive and forgive is tested in this heart-wrenching and heartwarming story.

McLaughlin grew up in New Bedford, and now lives in Dartmouth. She taught English and writing for 40 years at Framingham State University and UMass Dartmouth, and published a book of poems "Under a Circus Moon" in 2015.

Taste of Mystic

The highly-anticipated Taste of Mystic will take place from Fri., 6/8, through Sun., 6/10 in the Olde Mistick Village, Connecticut. The weekend festival event features live music and area eateries. Hours are: Friday 5-10PM; Saturday 11AM-10PM; and Sunday 11AM-5PM.

Event admission is free and tickets for food and beverages are \$1 each. A portion of this year's proceeds will go to benefit New London Youth Affairs.

For more information visit <https://www.tasteofmystic.com/> and follow the action on the Olde Mistick Village Facebook page!

Constructed in 1973, the Olde Mistick Village is home to over 40 unique shops, restaurants, services, and a luxury movie theater. Designed to represent an 18th Century New England town, the campus is complete with a small green, duck pond, and meeting house. Set on a 23-acre property in Connecticut's tourism powerhouse, Mystic, the Olde Mistick Village is located in close proximity to other popular attractions.

Recipe of the Week

Chicken Stuffed Baked Avocados

- 4 avocados, halved and pitted
- 2 cooked chicken breasts, shredded
- 4 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup chopped tomatoes
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp ground black pepper
- 1 pinch cayenne pepper
- 1/2 cup shredded Parmesan cheese, or more to taste

Preheat oven to 400°. Scoop out some of the flesh in the center of each avocado; place into mixing bowl. Add chicken, cream cheese, tomatoes, salt, pepper, and cayenne pepper; mix well to combine. Scoop spoonfuls of chicken mixture into the wells of each avocado; top each with generous amount of Parmesan cheese. Place avocado halves, face-up, in muffin cups to stabilize.

Bake avocados in preheated oven until cheese is melted, 8 to 10 minutes.

NOTE: Substitute 6 oz crab meat for the chicken; along with 1 tbsp of scallions. *From allrecipes.com*

To share a recipe with your neighbors

Mail to 166 Dogwood St., Fairhaven, MA 02719; fax to 508-991-5580; email to neighnews@comcast.net (Email preferred)

From our readers

Bikeway Committee left out of BMX track plans

I was present at the BPW meeting Monday, 5/21, and as both a resident of the Macomber/Pimental Park neighborhood and a member of the town's Bikeway Committee I have some observations about what transpired.

While I applaud the BPW for their willingness to contribute to bike awareness in town, as evidenced by their work on the Phoenix bike path, the signage around town, the sharrows painted on many roads, and the installation of bike racks and crossing lights, I feel the heavy handed manner in which the Chairman conducted this meeting, ostensibly to get citizen input, was unprofessional.

Even though they are not bound to notify neighbors about the construction of the BMX track, neglecting to do so until most decisions had been made has instantly pitted the BMX advocates and the BPW against the neighbors around Macomber/Pimental Park on Sconticut Neck.

It almost seems that they went out of their way to keep things quiet. Indeed, the BMX track was presented by the Chairman as a "done deal". However only one person spoke for it and many of the 101 petition signers spoke against. Is the citizen support for the BMX track at the proposed location not as great as I am led to believe?

The initial discussion, brought by the BMX track advocates, was last November, with a subsequent

mention in the *Fairhaven Neighborhood News*, and then almost nothing. Unless one is a BPW groupie, or a BMX advocate, you'd never know anything more.

Why was the Bikeway Committee left out in the cold on this issue? Why were they not told about this group of BMX track advocates who formed a committee? Why wasn't the Bikeway Committee Chairman told of this Monday's meeting?

To be sure, a lot of folks are apprehensive about how a BMX track will affect the admittedly "quiet neighborhood, the pristine setting by the seaside," but there are other problems as well. The park is not underutilized as characterized by the BPW. The Neck is a windy area and the dust from a dirt track promises to be considerable. Parking, or lack of it, is problematic. When it rains, the area where the track is to be located is soft as a sponge and low spots in a track will continue to be mosquito breeding grounds.

At the end of the meeting, members of all parties agreed to attempt to find a more suitable location for the pump track. One that will have much less of an impact on any Fairhaven neighborhood. Hopefully they will succeed.

The Conservation Committee will rule on the Macomber/Pimental Park location come June 11. Interested residents should attend.

Geoff Sullivan, Fairhaven

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Memorial Day services honor Fairhaven's veterans

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven held its 150th Memorial Day service on Monday, 5/27, honoring veterans, and especially those who lost their lives fighting in the nation's wars. Activities started with a parade along Main Street, from Center Street to Riverside Cemetery, where a ceremony was held.

The parade stopped at the high school for the raising of the "big flag" while the Fairhaven High School band played the national anthem. The 30x50-foot flag is an impressive sight in front of the 1906 Elizabethan-style building.

At Riverside, the ceremony included a reading of the names of veterans who have died in the past year, the reading of General Logan's Order, which created Memorial Day; Lincoln's Gettysburg Address recited by Fairhaven High School Senior Class President Eliana DaCunha; the laying of the wreaths at the Revolutionary War memorial; opening and closing prayers; musket fire and firing of the small cannon by the Fairhaven Village Militia; musical selections by the Fairhaven High School marching band and the First Congregational Community Chorus; taps; and the keynote address by Gayla M.D. Reilly (Lt. USN ret.)

Emcee George Brownell, a Vietnam War veteran, Staff Sgt., US Army, told the crowd to remember that there are people standing on the front lines 365 days a year, "protecting our freedom. God bless them."

Lt. Cmdr. Reilly made it a point to

thank the crowd for attending and remembering the men and women who have given their lives "in service to this great nation."

She said people throughout the country were gathering to remember and give gratitude.

"Our gathering is just one small spark in the flame

of pride that burns across the nation today," she said. "It is a way we can honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice so that we may live in freedom."

She noted that this is the 105th year that the country has held Memorial Day celebrations.

Lt. Cmdr. Reilly left the crowd with two points. First, she said, 150 years ago 5,000 people decorated 20,000 graves at Arlington cemetery. Second, she said, a group of veterans in Fairhaven made sure that the graves of veterans in Fairhaven would be decorated with a flag before Memorial Day.

"I want you all to know that the graves of the Fairhaven veterans that made the ultimate sacrifice to our nation are honored appropriately, and you are about to hear their names," she said. "Our presence here today is a tribute to those lost troops and to their families. It is a way to say that



we remember. God bless you, your families, and most of all, God bless America."

Mr. Brownell closed the ceremony with a thank-you to all who attended, and especially the parade committee, "who worked so, so hard."

He also thanked the first responders, saying, "My heart goes out to you. I really don't know how you do it in today's climate."

Mr. Brownell also reminded everyone of how the nation began so many generations ago.

"When England came to take this country back from us, farmers, doctors, lawyers, fishermen, stood up and fought off the greatest army of the world for their freedom," said Mr. Brownell. "We need to remember that because that's what this country is all about."

For a video of the parade and the Riverside Cemetery ceremony, visit <https://plus.google.com/+GlennSilva>.



TOP: In addition to the US Flag, veterans carry the flags of the US Army, US Marines, US Navy, US Air Force, the POW/MIA flag, and the VFW flag in the Fairhaven Memorial Day Parade on 5/27/18. The missing branches are the Coast Guard and the National Guard. LEFT: Veterans uncover their heads for the opening prayer during the Memorial Day services in Fairhaven at Riverside Cemetery. MIDDLE: Gayla M.D. Reilly, Lt. USN (Ret.), gives the keynote address. RIGHT: Larry Jones, Sr. Chief, US Navy, reads the names of veterans who have died in the past year. Photos by Beth David.

Encampment educates and wows the crowds



The Fairhaven Village Militia, the Wareham Minutemen and the Fairhaven Office of Tourism held their annual spring Revolutionary War Encampment at Fort Phoenix on Saturday and Sunday, 5/26 & 27. Men and women in period dress lived as the soldiers from the revolutionary war lived, using the same tools and equipment that they would have used. Children's games, cooking demonstrations, tin smithing, leather working, and musket firing filled the day. On Sunday, the camp got washed out, but Saturday saw big crowds, especially for the firing of the fort's five cannons at dusk. LEFT: Cannon # 2 fires at dusk on 5/26/18, at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven during the annual Revolutionary War Encampment. *Photo by Glenn C. Silva.* RIGHT: Jasmin Delbois of New Bedford tests out the pillory. She and her friend Angie DePina stumbled on the encampment during a trip to the beach. They spent about an hour walking around and learning about life in the 1700s. "The games are pretty cool," said Ms. DePina. *Photo by Beth David.*

Harbormaster threatened by shellfisher; accident on 240

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven Harbormaster Timothy Cox got help from the Fairhaven Police Department on Tuesday, 5/29, when a man who had dug some mussels allegedly threatened Mr. Cox with a knife at about 1:30 p.m. According to officials, Zachary Fournier, 26, of Pascaog, RI, was taken into custody and might face criminal charges.

Mr. Cox said he came up on Mr. Fournier at the corner of Cherrystone and Balsam Streets on West Island, as he was rinsing off mussels in water from the fire hydrant. The public works department has been flushing the system. Mr. Cox approached and asked Mr. Fournier if he had a license.

He seemed surprised that he would need one for mussels, but Mr. Cox said if he is digging in Fairhaven, he needs a town license. Mr. Fournier said the Mr. Cox was making him nervous, and Mr. Cox said he kept his distance.

"Then he said, you're making me nervous and you'd better step back or I'm going to stab you," said Mr. Cox, who decided it was wiser to call the police and not get stabbed over mussels.

The police arrived and took Mr. Fournier into custody. He said he had paddled over in a red kayak with a black seat and blue paddles that he had taken from Mattapoisett without the owner's knowledge.

But Mr. Cox and the police were unable to locate the kayak.

It is unclear what charges Mr. Fournier may face.

In another incident, a multi-car accident on Route 240 resulted in four people being injured, three of them seriously. At about 12:40 p.m. on Wednesday, 5/30, a 1997 Red Pontiac minivan, 1996 blue Toyota Corolla, and a 2006 black Nissan Frontera pickup truck, along with a small motorboat and trailer, were all involved in a crash.

Fairhaven Police spokesperson, Lt. Kevin Kobza, said the reconstruction was not complete, but it appeared that the truck hauling the boat had a blowout. Two men were trying to figure out what to do, with one inside the boat and the other alongside it, when they were hit by the Corolla.

It appears that the minivan, Corolla, and a witness, were all traveling south on 240. The minivan

changed lanes and hit the Corolla, which then hit the truck/boat on the shoulder of the road. All three vehicles and the boat ended up in the trees. The man who was inside the boat was thrown and faces the most serious injuries. The man who was on the road by the

boat got pinned under the trailer and had to be extricated. The minivan driver and the Corolla driver were also injured.

According to Deputy Fire Chief Todd Correia, three of the four were taken to Rhode Island Hospital, one by helicopter; and one man was taken to St. Luke's Hospital with minor injuries. Boston MedFlight, Mattapoisett and Fairhaven all transported one man each to Rhode Island Hospital. Acushnet transported one to St. Luke's.

The names of those involved was available by press time. They were all adult males, said Lt. Correia.

Route 240 was shut down on both sides while the helicopter landed. The south side was shut down for four hours while the state police reconstruction unit worked at the scene.



This accident on Route 240 in Fairhaven at about 12:40 on Wednesday, 5/30/18, involved a pickup truck pulling a boat, this Toyota Corolla, and a Pontiac minivan. Four adult males were taken to the hospital, three to Rhode Island Hospital, the region's trauma center; one was taken by helicopter. *Photo by Glenn C. Silva.*

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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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Until Help Arrives

Fairhaven Senior Center, 229 Huttleston Ave., Wednesday, June 20th, 6-8:00 p.m. Bristol County Sheriff Thomas M. Hodgson is pleased to announce a new program entitled "Until Help Arrives". The 2 hour course, conducted by Colonel David Gavigan, will provide you with basic skills to keep someone with life threatening injuries alive

Until help arrives if you happen to come upon an emergency situation. Topics covered include 911 calling, staying safe at the scene of an emergency, stop the bleeding, positioning the injured, providing comfort and preparing for emergencies. The program is open to all citizens and community groups

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Author Event

The Acushnet Public Library welcomes local author Cheryl Aguiar, who will share her book *Great Horned Owlets Rescue: Where There's a Will, There's a Way...*

The author talk will take place on **Wednesday, June 13 at 6:00 pm. This free event will be held in the Library Community Room at 232 Middle RD, Acushnet, MA 02743.**

Award winning author, Cheryl Aguiar, rescues a pair of Great Horned Owl babies after tragedy leaves the family homeless. The frightened

young owlets are left stranded on the ground, unable to defend themselves from predators that roam the woods.

Cheryl and her husband Jim attempt the dangerous task of relocating the owlets and provide the family with a new home. Surprisingly, these Great Horned Owls also known as raptors, with a reputation of being extremely aggressive, show a different side when faced with sudden adversity.

Cheryl shares her emotions in this captivating, personal narrative as she observes this family in the wild. She documents the details of the rescue, the journey of the two owlets and the heartwarming outcome of a courageous and remarkable rescue.

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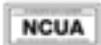
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Dollars for Scholars presents 25 scholarships

By Glenn C. Silva

Neighb News Correspondent

On Wednesday, 5/24, Fairhaven held its 10th annual Dollars for Scholars awards ceremony at the Century House in Acushnet and awarded 18 students 25 scholarships totaling over \$20,000.

The funds for this year's scholarships have been raised, for the most part, by volunteers who have passion about causes, community, and making a difference in a scholar's financial plan.

In 1958, an optometrist in Fall River, Dr. Irving Fradkin had a simple but profound idea: If everyone in his community gave just a dollar to an educational fund, it would be enough to help nearly every student in the community attend college. He called his plan "Dollars for Scholars," and it has expanded into what today is the nation's largest non-profit, private-sector scholarship and educational support organization, Scholarship America.

Since its founding, Scholarship America has distributed more than \$3.9 billion to over 2.4 million students across the country through various programs including Dollars for Scholars, Dreamkeepers, and Scholarship Management Services.

In 2017 alone over 500 volunteer-driven programs helped award over \$240 million in scholarship awards to over 125,000 students.

Benefits of Dollars for Scholars include collegiate partners, matching scholarships and renewable scholarships. Collegiate Partners are more than 390 postsecondary institutions that agree to treat scholarships awarded through Scholarship America programs fairly.

A new option for Fairhaven's



Fifteen of the 18 students who won 25 scholarships totaling over \$20,000 this year at the annual Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars award ceremony on Wednesday, 5/23/17, pose for the local free sheet. Photo by Glenn C. Silva.

Dollars for Scholars chapter is renewable scholarships. Renewable scholarships allow for a previous year's recipients to be awarded scholarships for 2018. There still is an application process and criteria to be met to be awarded this scholarship.

Here is a list of the scholarships and their recipients:

- Barton B. Leach Memorial: \$1200 Kaitlyn Costa
- Carl Lee Pacheco Memorial All Sports FHS: \$2500 each, Mathew Mitchell, Peyton Calvao, and William Elliott
- FDS Curtis L. Lopes Memorial: \$500 Camryn Kruger
- FDS Scholarship Fund in Memory of Myra A. Lopes: \$500 Luke Lariviere
- FHS Class of 1950: \$500 Makenna DaCosta
- Fairhaven Improvement Association: \$1000 Eliana DaCunha, and \$2000 Kaitlyn Costa
- FDS Fairhaven Public Safety: \$500 Kayci Sniezek

- Fairhaven Road Race FHS: \$500 Dominick Ibrahim, and \$500 Riley Tetrault
- Fairhaven Road Race GNBVT: \$1000 Steven Days
- FDS Ft. Phoenix 5K Road Race / Memory of Curtis L. Lopes, II: \$500 Bailey Cormier
- FDS Ft. Phoenix Polar Plunge: \$500 Steven Days-Merrill, \$500 Abigail Tavares, \$500 Kathryn Kenny, and \$500 Riley Tetrault
- Kathleen M. Rocha Memorial: \$500 William Elliott
- Leroy Wood/Victoria Pilling Aguiar Memorial: \$500 Kaelyn Bourgeois, and \$400 Madalena Medeiros
- Paul Powers Murphy/MOLIFE: \$400 Kaelyn Bourgeois
- Rogers School Alumni: \$400 Jill Douglas
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VOTE: cont'd from page 3 somehow," said Mr. Crotty when it was all decided. "Everybody lost votes."

"All three of you guys are on a slide," said Mr. Badwey.

"I'd like to know where the votes went," said Mr. Martin. "But from the get-go, I didn't care. I was willing to abide by it. He still beat me."

He said he had hoped, however, that the court would decide on how to break a tie. State law says that the tie is broken by a joint vote of the BPW and the Selectboard. And the Special Act that created the BPW says a vacancy will be decided by the Selectboard only, but it does not mention a tie.

"I wanted to see how the court would go," said Mr. Martin. "It's still not clarified."



"I'm just not satisfied," said Ms. Lowney on Tuesday. "It's never been like this before. It's just crazy."

Then, on Wednesday, Ms. Lowney said she had solved the mystery: The recount had not included the write-in ballots, which are placed in different envelopes for each precinct. And she set a recount date. Mr. Hobson was not happy with the change. He said he left on Tuesday night believing he won.

"They said I won, on the advice of Town Counsel, the other guy conceded, 24 hour hours later, you're telling me I didn't win," said Mr. Hobson. "If I lose with this next one, I'm going back to court and request a whole new election."

Then, just before press time, Mr. Martin reiterated that he wanted to withdraw. Ms. Lowney said Town Counsel was okay with it, and Mr. Hobson could be sworn in as soon as the paperwork was done. Then Mr. Hobson contacted the *Neighb News* and said the lawyers were arguing over it, so he was not sure.

Mr. Martin, though, for his part, is done with it. He said he was sure it would be a tie again, "and we'll be back to square one."

Then they would have to go back to Superior Court to decide how to break the tie, then scheduling a meeting to vote. By then, it will be August, he said, and he



ABOVE, L-R: Louis Badwey, attorney for Robert "Hoppy" Hobson; Fairhaven Town Counsel Thomas Crotty; Assistant Town Clerk Carolyn Hurley; and Town Clerk Eileen Lowney, try to figure out why the numbers do not match during the recount of the BPW race on Tuesday, 5/29/18, in town hall. LEFT: L-R: Robert "Hoppy" Hobson and Albert Martin share a little quiet conversation during a lull. Photos by Beth David.

might as well just run for a seat in April.

He said some of his supporters are upset, though, and they are the only reason he kept fighting as long as he did.

"It's not fair to the people who voted for me," said Mr. Martin.

"You just can't make this stuff up," said Mr. Hobson. ●●●

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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, June 12th, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street, to hold the following public hearing(s).

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- **Case # 2018.04.03A** A continuation on the case of Ms. Anita Davis, of 1528 Main Street, Acushnet who is Requesting a Special Permit in order to have an accessory apartment on 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 existing living space with a bedroom on an accessible level for personal use..
 - **Case # 2018.06.12A** Mr. Ronald Oliveira, of 5 Archer's Way, Acushnet is requesting a 25 foot variance to be able to construct a detached garage to be located outside the established 75 foot set back line for retreat lots on Map4 Lot 39H. This request is being made under the provisions of local Zoning By-law article VIII and Massachusetts General Law 40A.
 - **Case # 2018.06.12B** Ms. Leanne Pereira, of 8 Cushman Street, Acushnet, is petitioning for special permit to be able to build an accessory apartment for her son. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1 Residence A District, and Section "B.1" Accessory Apartments.
- *** Plans are available for Public view in the Town Clerk's office during their normal business hours.
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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-law 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 Scoticut 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



OPENING ON FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD

The Fairhaven Planning Board currently has a vacancy following the recent resignation of one of the eight members.

This elected position will be on the ballot in 2019, but in the interim, the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen must appoint someone to fill the vacancy until the next election. This appointment would end in 2019, when the person holding the office would have to run to finish out the full remainder of the term, which ends in 2021.

The Planning Board is responsible for the review of development applications for subdivisions and special permits, as well as long-range planning for the Town, including the recently completed Master Plan, Zoning Bylaw amendments, and recommendations on housing. The Board also sends representatives to other town committees, such as the Community Preservation Committee and the Economic Development Committee.

Anyone interested in serving on the Planning Board should submit a letter of interest to the Town Clerk by June 22, Eileen@fairhaven-ma.gov, or 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

Board of Health: All food vendors at fairs need permits

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Board of Health discussed the pros and cons of requiring separate permits for food vendors at fairs, such as Homecoming and the Manjiro Festival, at its meeting on Thursday, 5/24.

Health Agent Mary Freire-Kellogg said she brought up the issue because she could not figure out if the town charged all the vendors the \$50 permit fee, or just the organizers.

Board members agreed that all the food vendors needed permits, because they need to be inspected.

Most of the food vendors at the two big festivals, though, are nonprofits. Pretty much the same groups provide the same food each year. The board admitted that the food booths do very well at the fairs, but they were still hesitant to dig into their proceeds with the fee.

"You tell me what you want to do," Ms. Freire-Kellogg told the board,

adding she just needed direction.

Board member Michael Silvia said he wanted to be sure the town was accommodating to the smaller groups that might not realize they even need a permit.

The small nonprofits "add a lot to the quality of life in town," said Mr. Silvia, adding that they should get permits for spaghetti dinners, etc., but he did not want to cut into their proceeds.

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In the end, the board decided to require the permits, but waive the fee for 501(c)3 organizations.

In a followup phone interview, Ms. Freire-Kellogg noted that the board now has to sign off on all permits so organizations need to get their applications in early.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg also told the board that she had tried to get a booth at the Homecoming Fair to hand out information, but they "promptly denied me."

Mr. Silvia assured her it was "not personal." He said the fair is traditionally for craftspeople, and the organizers generally "discourage" handouts, flyers, etc., even for educational purposes.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg said her office is right in town hall, so she could just use her office. She said she found it "odd" that the Fairhaven Improvement Association, which runs the fair, did not want to "improve the community."

The board also discussed the possibility of starting a Facebook page for the BOH. Ms. Freire-Kellogg told the board that it would make it easier for her to get the word out quickly when situations come up. She pointed out that the Fire and Police departments have their own,

separate FB pages.

BOH chairperson Peter DeTerra said he felt people would get confused because the BOH has a page on the town's website, and Town Hall has a Facebook page.

Mr. Silvia said they were two different things.

"I'm all for it," said board member Jeannine Lopes. She said the BOH was a separate department from town hall, like the FD and PD.

"It might be helpful for emergency situations," said Mr. Silvia.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg said she would also post on the town's page.

"We can post things on the fly as they occur," she said.

Ms. Lopes noted that hurricane season was coming up.

"Let's try it and see what happens," said Mr. Silvia, but cautioned against "editorializing," on the page.

He said it might be a good way to get news out in a "timely fashion."

The board voted unanimously to start a page on a trial basis and revisit the issue in a few months.

The board was planning to discuss "personnel policy" at the meeting, but treasurer/finance director Wendy Graves was not able to make the meeting as planned. That discussion will be held at a later date.

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Board of Health

Thurs., 5/24, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Thurs., 5/31, Arsene St., 3 p.m.

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

Cable Advisory Committee

Thurs., 5/31, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 6/11, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Cultural Council

Tues., 6/26, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Marijuana Advisor Comm.

Wed., 6/6, Town Hall, 2:30 p.m.

Planning Board

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

School Committee

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

Selectboard

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

Wellness Committee

Fri., 6/1, Town Hall, 3:15 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Board of Appeals

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

Planning Commission

Thurs., 6/21, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Comm/Budget Sub

Mon., 6/4, Super. Ofc, 4 p.m.

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Thursday	14	0901	2125	0223*	1425*
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the issues about breaking laws, supervision, loitering etc., are police issues.

He said the real issue everyone should be focusing on is if MPF is truly the best location for the track. The issue should not be that there are changes to the neighborhood because all parks cause changes.

Jason and Jennifer Williams also voiced concerns about the track.

Mr. Williams started off by saying that he thought the BMX track was a "fantastic idea" and that he would love to try it out himself, however, he just did not believe that Macomber is the best location for it. He said he did not believe that MPF was underutilized and that the park is used weekly for little league games, basketball, and people going for daily walks.

His main argument, he said, is parking. He said 13 cars and the street is jam-packed and that is just for a two-hour little league game.

Mr. Williams said he was worried that the BMX activity will attract a lot more people to the park and will just add to the existing parking problem.

He also noted that BMX activity could be all day, every day, not the occasional two-hour game. The BMX Facebook page already has 300 likes and just 5% of those people would equal about 15 cars. Macomber Pimental Field is half the size of Livesey or Cushman Parks, he said.

Both Mr. and Ms. Williams said they think there are other locations in Fairhaven that would be better and are more underutilized.

Mr. Wotton said that there are already too many activities at Livesey and Cushman parks.

Ms. Williams showed the board a petition with 101 signatures of people who do not want the BMX track at Macomber. She also suggested a few other places for the BMX track such as Little Bay and Anthony Field.

BPW Superintendent Vinnie Furtado said that petitions may follow the BMX track wherever it goes if other residents do not agree with it, too.

Mr. Ristuccia asked that if there are issues with space, parking, loitering, and supervision etc, do the residents really think the BPW would not go and fix the issue?

Mr. Williams explained that they would just like to see if there is a better location and discuss the options before making it permanent at MPF. He said that he and the other residents are just looking at possible

issues before they arise.

Mr. Durant said that regardless of the BMX track being there it sounds like there is a parking issue already that the board should look into fixing.

Realtor and neighbor Sandy Martin said that the BMX track has too many unknowns and is going to be an eyesore for neighbors and future home buyers. She said there is a \$400,000 two-story house for sale right near the park and its view would be of ugly dirt mounds rather than seaside views.

Mr. Rotundo said that he placed the track behind the pump station to avoid that exact problem. He said the views would be of the pump station with or without the track.

Ms. Martin explained that a view from a two story house is quite different from a one story and the view would look right into the dirt

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mounds rather than the ocean.

"This was not what I was expecting when I proposed this," Mr. Rotundo said, adding that he wanted it to be a positive project for the town and it was disheartening to hear all the negativity surrounding the stereotypes of BMX bikers.

"It hurts to hear the reputation," Mr. Rotundo said. "We are no different (than baseball or basketball players.)"

He said a sign of all the rules has been made already and breaking those rules will not be tolerated.

"It's respected, because if not it's gone," Mr. Rotundo said, and if something goes on that should not, then people need to speak up.

He noted that BMX is popping up all over the country and the track that he wants to create is based on small tracks he has been to in Providence. He said he thought it would be good for the community and stop kids from staring at their screens.

The BPW steered him to MPF and it was ideal to place it right behind the pump station because it will help keep the dirt/clay maintained and not allow it to blow around.

Mr. Rotundo also said that baseball

games are louder than the BMX track will be. In the beginning, he said, there might be a lot of people going to the track because of the hype, but once the hype dies down it will be a few people at a time.

"This is nowhere close to what you are all thinking," Mr. Rotundo said, adding that the track is tiny and could probably fit inside the meeting room.

"I could have put it in my back yard, but I wanted to share it with the community," Mr. Rotundo said.

As for traffic, Mr. Rotundo said that he could not say if there will be a lot of cars.

"It's new, I get it," Mr. Rotundo said. "You don't know what to expect."

Mr. Ristuccia said that although the BMX track is approved for MPF he would be open to hearing about other locations. He asked Mr. Williams if he would like to sit down and discuss ideas. Mr. Ristuccia said residents should not get their hopes up that the location will change, but he was willing to hear about other locations.

Mr. Wotton said that the neighbors should work with the BMX Committee, so they can better understand the plans because the track has been approved. He dismissed the discussion and the crowd in the room left, but their chatter could still be heard outside the building.

The BMX park is on the agenda of at Conservation Commission meeting on 6/11 to work out wetlands issues.

In another matter, the BPW briefly discussed the hiring process, continuing a discussion from the last meeting while filling an administrative position. Mr. Hobson had said he wanted someone from the board to help screen applicants.

Mr. Furtado had said it was not necessary. Since that meeting, he looked into the regulations and informed Mr. Hobson that no one on the board needs to be present to screen applicants.

Mr. Hobson said he wanted to see more than one candidate, and reiterated an often stated complaint that the Selectboard gave up their power to Town Administrator Mark Rees and now he runs the town.

"I never give up," Mr. Hobson laughed.

Mr. Wotton said that Mr. Furtado should bring at least two candidates for interviews by the board and the board will have the final say, just as they have always done. ●●●



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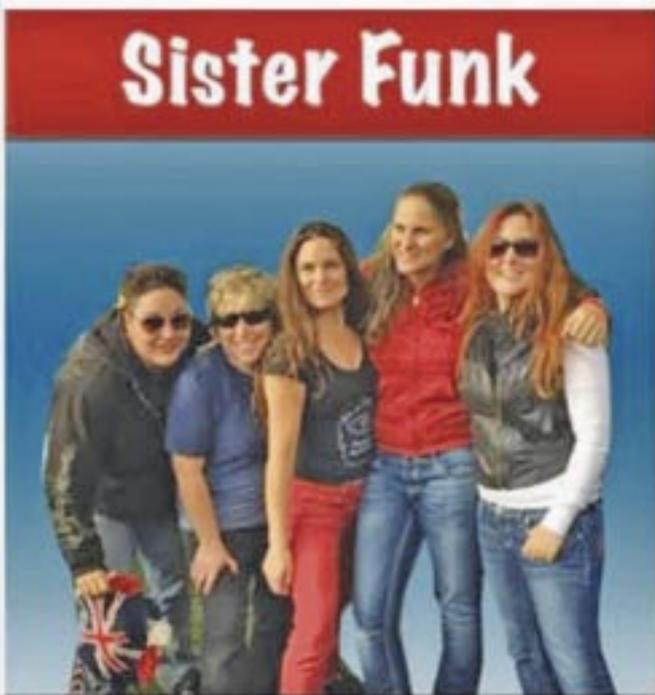
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