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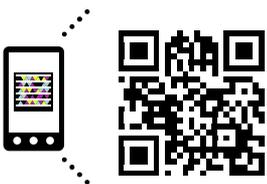
Fairhaven Selectboard member and auctioneer-for-the-day Charlie Murphy has his work cut out for him as he tries to sell this hunk of metal that was once a truck utility body, at the annual town auction on 9/15/18. DPW worker Richie Pinard bought it for \$1. See page 12 for more. Photo by Beth David

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

So, who's popcorn worthy this week? Board of Health! Big time.

You'd better make a double batch.

Honestly, I don't know where to begin, but I do believe that you should take the time to watch it, if not on TV, then online. It's a long meeting, but it goes fast, never a dull moment, trust me. I wrote a waaaay longer article than I usually do, but I just couldn't resist (see page 3), because I know most of you will not watch it.

The meeting started, right out of the chute, with sniping and hostility and body language that screamed louder than the words.

Clearly, there are issues here.

I think they need mediation, or a shrink or something.

Taking sides is futile when the toxicity is that intense, but I must say I had to chuckle at the dueling accusations of conflicts of interest and ethics violations.

One member works for the health agent's sister, but doesn't see the conflict in that. The other member has been accused publicly of tipping off his friends to when the health agent is coming to inspect restaurants, and he's whining because he doesn't know where the health agent is every single second of the day. Gee... any idea why?

Throw in the age-old rivalry between the Board of Health and....and...everybody, and it gets even more fun.

Might be time for the whole board to resign. Two of the members have been on it forever. The other one was a Selectboard member for...forever, too. Maybe it's time to get new blood, so poor Mary can do her job and poor Amanda doesn't have to feel like she's in the middle of a fight between mommy and daddy. Honestly, she should get combat pay.

In short: Grow the hell up, people. Treat each other with respect. Peter, stop cutting off Jeannine and ignoring her; your track record with how you treat women in that department is abysmal. Jeannine, let Mary fight some of her own battles, you're not her mommy. Mike, grow a spine for heaven's sake. You can't play the middle all the time.

And, all of you: Find that personnel file. It is NOT okay that it is gone. And if it turns out that a board member took it, then that needs to be made public. These are elected positions, My Faithful Readers. These are your public officials, and the decisions they make affect everyone. They should not be playing favorites just because they know people. These decisions have repercussions.

They all need to stop acting like babies. A sense of humor probably wouldn't kill any of them, either. Then again...hmm

Until next week then...see ya,



Beth David, Publisher

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Board of Health meeting sinks into sniping and accusations

By Beth David
Editor

Board of Health members resorted to sniping, snide remarks, accusations of ethics violations, and accusations of disrespect throughout their nearly two-hour meeting on 9/13/18. It appeared that months of tensions roiled to the surface with BOH chairperson Peter DeTerra clashing with Health Agent Mary Freire-Kellogg or BOH Vice Chair Jeannine Lopes on nearly every agenda item, and Ms. Lopes jumping in to defend Ms. Freire-Kellogg nearly every time she clashed with Mr. DeTerra.

BOH member Michael Silvia had abstained and Ms. Lopes had voted "no."

BOH member Michael Silvia got roped in once or twice, but mostly tried to play middle-of-the-road.

The arguments ran the gamut: From the old fight about how Ms. Freire-Kellogg logs her time, to disagreements about the duties of the chairperson and the authority of the board as a whole and as individuals.

Several bouts of yes-no-yes-no, did-so-did-not, added to the drama.

The first of the contentious items started with Ms. Lopes asking how it was that the two men on the committee were signed up to be able to log into a new time management system that she did not even know had begun. Ms. Lopes said that Finance Director Wendy Graves was supposed to set up a training for her, but it never happened.

Mr. DeTerra said he heard about it at a department head meeting that he was thrown out of by Town Administrator Mark Rees, saying that Mr. DeTerra was not a department head. He said Ms. Freire-Kellogg was in the meeting, and had not been kicked out, so she should have notified the board.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg said it was not her job to train the board, that Ms. Graves should do that. Mr. DeTerra said he went to town hall to sign payroll, but could not because the new system was in place. Ms. Freire-Kellogg said she did not know how to tell Mr. DeTerra to sign because she did not know how to do it.

The two went back and forth about who should know what and tell whom.

Ms. Lopes said it was a problem "downstairs," meaning Ms. Graves's office.

Mr. DeTerra said he tried to find out but was kicked out of the meeting.

"You're not a department head," said Ms. Lopes.

"Yes, I am, we all are, we are her boss," said Mr. DeTerra.

The two went back and forth, yes I am, no you're not, for a bit.

"No town official should get thrown out of a meeting...in this town hall," said Mr. Silvia.

And that set the stage for the rest of the meeting.

Mr. DeTerra said he had problems, too, with the system and how it works. He said he wants a system that allows him to know where the health agent is at all times.

"I don't even know if you show up," said Mr. DeTerra, and said he would make a motion for her to sign in and out for lunch, etc.

"I'm making a motion that you calm down," said Ms. Lopes.

Then they sniped about whether or not they could discuss the motion because it had not been seconded.

Ms. Lopes said that the board always seems to go back to past practices, and asked Mr. DeTerra to point out when the board needed to know every move the health agent made.

"That has never, ever, ever been required before, so why you're trying it now, I don't know," said Ms. Lopes. "And I'm going to add this to my little statement: That this is bullying and harassing and I'm..."

"It's not bully and harassing," interrupted Mr. DeTerra.

"Let me finish," said Ms. Lopes. "We have had two lawsuits with your name on them. I am not going to entertain a third."

"My name?" said Mr. DeTerra. "You were part of it too. Don't blame just me."

Then Mr. DeTerra called for a vote on his motion to have the health agent sign in and out in the morning, at lunch, etc.

He declared it passed, except that Mr.

Ms. Lopes had abstained and Ms. Lopes had voted "no."

Mr. Silvia asked that the motion be withdrawn, and tried to play the middle.

"I understand the chairman's anger and frustration," said Mr. Silvia, amid long pauses, saying that the health agent should be in the office, at lunch, or out on town business.

"This has never gone on before so I would like a logical explanation of where this is coming from," said Ms. Lopes, adding that ever since Ms. Freire-Kellogg was hired, Mr. DeTerra was micromanaging. "You want to know every waking minute."

She said he could call the office and the assistant would tell him where Ms. Freire-Kellogg was. Mr. DeTerra said he did not get an answer to his email that day and got no explanation. He also said he was tired of going to the office and being ignored: "No one wants to talk to me."

And so it went, with item after item.

During a discussion of fees, Mr. DeTerra said he did not want to raise fees at this time.

"Reason being?" asked Ms. Lopes.

"Reason being? You raise fees, you hurt business, that's why," said Mr. DeTerra raising his voice.

"Do you know what, Pete? We need to adjourn this meeting because I'm not going to sit here and talk to you like an idiot," said Ms. Lopes.

"No, I'm not going to adjourn," said Mr. DeTerra. "We've got a lot of issues."

"You need to stop," said Ms. Lopes. "You need to calm yourself down."

Mr. DeTerra went on the offensive on one agenda item, accusing Ms. Freire-Kellogg of signing a contract.

"She has no authorization to enter into a contract. It's a board decision only," said Mr. DeTerra.

"Let me tell you," said Ms. Lopes turning in her seat to face him.

"It's a board decision only," interrupted Mr. DeTerra. "She overstepped her bounds."

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Selectboard discusses role of Marine Resources Committee

By Beth David
Editor

Frank Coelho, chairperson of the Marine Resources Committee, voiced his ongoing frustration with the Selectboard and his own committee, as the boating season comes to an end and several key tasks he had hoped to accomplish remain undone.

Addressing the board at its 9/10 meeting, Mr. Coelho sought clarification on how many members his board should have, what constitutes a quorum, and what changes, yet again, would be made to its charge.

Town Administrator Mark Rees said he was redrafting the charge of the MRC for the Selectboard to review, and posted that the MRC had three vacancies. At issue is the uncertainty over how many members the MRC should have, said Mr. Rees, because he could not find the minutes from the meeting that created the committee.

Mr. Coelho complained that the committee's charge had been changed three times, including once in April.

The MRC has had contentious meetings of their own and

contentious meetings with the Selectboard over the past year as the Selectboard's representative on the Committee Daniel Freitas has complained about the meetings, has threatened more than once to quit as the Selectboard rep, but has also not consented to let Selectboard member Bob Espindola replace him, even though he has offered, all in open sessions during Selectboard meetings over the last year or two.

Three people have resigned from the committee recently, said Mr. Coelho, because they feel nothing is getting done.

"If you want me to resign, just kick me off, you did it before," said Mr. Coelho, referring to the dissolution of the Hoppy's Landing Committee that he also chaired, some years ago, but with a different board.

"I want to help the town," said Mr. Coelho, and noted some things he did on his own, such as marking Little Black Rock.

He said his committee had to argue and argue trying to come up with aquaculture rules and regulations.

"I'm trying to work with the town," said Mr. Coelho.

Selectboard member Charles K. Murphy, Sr., said the board was not trying to sideline him.

"We just reappointed you," said Mr. Murphy.

Mr. Espindola said that he had no idea what Mr. Coelho was talking about when he said he got kicked off a committee. It was before Mr. Espindola was on the board. He said it needed to be clear how many people were on the committee, so Mr. Rees had to rewrite the charge.

"We're trying to make improvements," said Mr. Espindola.

Mr. Coelho repeated his request that other Selectboard members attend his meetings. He said if Mr. Freitas misses a meeting, nothing they talked about gets relayed to the Selectboard.

The MRC is an advisory committee. It has no actual authority to direct personnel or spend funds.

Mr. Murphy noted that the board could not send more than one representative without posting the meeting because they are a three-member board, so two members constitutes quorum.

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Library Tours +

Newcomers to Fairhaven and longtime Fairhaven library patrons are invited to join the staff and Friends of the Millicent Library on **Sat., 9/22, to learn "What's Up at Your Library? More than Books."**

Tours of the library—highlighting the art collection—will be given at 10:00 and 10:15. At 10:30, Children's Librarian Jane Murphy will introduce the library's collections and services for children and young adults, including story time and summer programs.

At 11:30, Archivist Deb Charpentier will explain the library's local history resources, including the digital edition of the Fairhaven Star, the Lost Fishermen website, and the town's cemetery records.

At 12:30, library staff and volunteers will demonstrate the digital resources available through the Millicent Library (audio books, e-books, Hoopla, OverDrive), and show visitors how to acquire an e-library card from the Boston Public Library to access even more online resources.

Staff will be available throughout the day to help Fairhaven residents sign up for library cards. (See the library's website, <http://millicentlibrary.org/the-millicent-library-rules/> to find out what you need to bring.)

Visitors are also invited to join the Friends of the Millicent Library to help us support library programs.

Refreshments will be served in the Community Auditorium from 1:30–2:30.

HARC Meeting

Local environmental advocacy group Hands Across the River Coalition, Inc. meets monthly. The next meeting takes place **Wed., 9/26, from 6:00-7:45 p.m. at the Millicent Library, Fairhaven.** Open to the public. Please use the Walnut Street entrance on lower level.

HARC advocates for the safe cleanup of New Bedford Harbor and other contaminated sites in the Greater New Bedford area. The group provides information about the detrimental health effects caused to our community from toxic chemicals such as PCBs, DIOXIN, mercury, lead and others. HARC was formed in anticipation of the cleanup of contamination in the Acushnet River

that needed to be done in order to protect human health.

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

Oktoberfest

Get Tickets Now

At West Island Improvement Association community house, **41 Causeway Rd., Fairhaven, Sat., 10/6, 7–10 p.m. Tickets: \$10,** contact Marc Dunn, 774-259-5561. Serving sausages & sauerkraut. **Beer tasting and beer swap.** Each person brings a six-pack of unigue beer. Every guest swaps beers with every other guest and suddenly each person has a six-pack of six different beers.

Cultural Council Applications

Each year, the Fairhaven Cultural Council, a local organization supported by the Mass. Cultural Council, awards Local Cultural Council (LCC) grants to support arts and cultural projects that directly benefit our community. Grant monies are distributed from both state and local funds designated specifically for this purpose.

Online applications only. Available from the MCC for LCC applicants via www.mass-culture.org.

Contact chairperson Abigail Hevey for assistance or with any questions at abigail.hevey@gmail.com

Join Cub Scouts

Attend our Cub Scout Joining Event to learn more about joining Cub Scout Pack 52, at St. Mary's Parish, Main St., Fairhaven, on Thurs., 9/20, at 7 p.m. Meet in the church basement meeting room, behind the church. For more information, call Bob Dorgan, 508-264-1231.

SAVE THE DATES

Encampment

Fairhaven Village Militia, Revolutionary War Encampment, Saturday and Sunday, September 29 and 30, 2018, Fort Phoenix, Fort Street, Fairhaven, MA, 9:00 a.m. Saturday to 3:00 p.m. Sunday. Cannon firing approx. 6:30 p.m. Saturday

For more info: 508-979-4085 or visit <https://fairhavenvillagemilitia.blogspot.com/>

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The Fairhaven Village Militia and the Wareham Minutemen and Militia Companies present a two-day historical encampment at Fort Phoenix. Talk to period costumed men and women about the fort's history and life in the 1770s. See military drilling, flintlock musket and cannon firing demonstrations and camp cooking demonstrations. Children can try 18th century games and toys. Also see activities such as tin smithing, leather working, carpentry, sewing, fire starting, and more. On Sunday morning the will be a Revolution War era sermon delivered by the militia chaplain.

Saturday evening at sundown (approx. 6:30 p.m.) see a demonstration "night firing" of the fort's five cannons.

Jewelry Book & Bake Sale

Used Jewelry, Book and Bake Sale, at St. Joseph Church Damien Hall, 74 Spring St., Fairhaven, Sat., 10/6, from 11 a.m.–6 p.m.; and Sun., 10/7, from 9 a.m.–3 p.m. Proceeds benefit St. Joseph Church

Fire Dept. Open House

The Fairhaven Fire/EMS is sponsoring the annual Open House in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week, on Sun., 10/7, at Fire Headquarters, 146 Washington St., Fairhaven, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Open and FREE to the public, this event will include a variety of activities for children, demonstrations and FREE pizza. Fire trucks and police vehicles will be on display for children to explore. Activities include: "Jaws of Life" demonstration, fire extinguisher demonstration, "Sparky the Fire Dog," life fire practice session, station tour, emergency medical services display, and much more. ALL events are free and all are welcome. Hosted by Servpro of Dartmouth/New Bedford and Fairhaven Fire-EMS

Benoit Square 100 years

On Sat., 10/20, at 10 a.m., the North Fairhaven Improvement Association is sponsoring a tribute/memorial commemorating the 100th anniversary of the death of Army PFC Ernest J. Benoit, who was the first Fairhaven man killed in WW1. At Benoit Square, which is named after PFC Benoit. Everyone is invited.

Fairhaven eight-year-old to compete in national pageant

Press Release

Miss Elmire Arsenault, daughter of Kelli and Peter Arsenault, has earned the opportunity to attend the National American Miss National Pageant through her successfully scored event, Top Model, at the Southern New England State Final pageant held in July.

The National Pageant is to be held in Anaheim, CA, at Disneyland during Thanksgiving week, where Elmire will be representing the great state of Massachusetts and the Town of Fairhaven.

The National American Miss Pageants are dedicated to celebrating America's greatness and encouraging its future leaders. Each year, the National American Miss Pageants awards 1.5 million dollars in cash, scholarships, and prizes to recognize and assist the development of young women nationwide. National American Miss is dedicated to developing the success of young women across our nation with a program that is designed to be age-appropriate and family oriented.

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Find out more about National American Miss at www.namiss.com

To raise money to participate in the pageant, Elmire has been making and selling artwork (mainly cyanotype prints and canvas splatter paintings), which she has sold at various events in the region.

She will be at the Fairhaven Farmers Market, 151 Alden Road, on Sunday, 9/30, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Elmire Arsenault of Fairhaven will compete in the National American Miss National Pageant in November in Anaheim, CA. Photo submitted by NAM.



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Join us as we cut the ribbon on the new Cuffe Park, Fri., 9/21, 4:30-6 p.m., Corner of Johnny Cake Hill and Union St., NB. FREE. By NB Whaling Museum 508-997-0046

The newly expanded Captain Paul Cuffe Park and an associated exhibition are tributes to Captain Cuffe's regional impact as a prominent merchant, community leader, and advocate of equal rights. Celebrate the park opening at a ribbon-cutting ceremony outside the New Bedford Whaling Museum at the corner of Johnny Cake Hill and Union Street in New Bedford. Immediately following the ceremony, head inside to enjoy a reception and see the new exhibition "Captain Paul Cuffe: His Work, Vision, and Living Legacy." Visit www.whalingmuseum.org

Free Talk

Women in Audubon's Life: The Indefatigable Lucy, on Wed., 9/26, 6:30 - 8 PM, NB Art Museum, 608 Pleasant St., NB. Free Join historian Susan Gabert as she unpacks the history of the women in Audubon's life through a female lens.

Open House

Madeiran Museum

Museum of Madeiran Heritage, 27 Hope St., NB, 508-994-2573, Sun., 9/22, from 1PM to 4 p.m. FREE. Join us for refreshments and traditional Portuguese music.

This museum displays art and cultural artifacts from the Island of Madeira: a fascinating collection of art and fine crafts including embroidery, lace, linens, pottery and weaving. Traditional costumes of Folkloric dancers are on display along with an authentic "corca" or sled used to transport visitors from the village of Monte high atop a hill outside of Funchal, the capital city of Madeira. On the north side of the museum is the beautiful Madeira Garden, with a fountain, grape arbor

and plantings surrounding the lawn reminiscent of the garden isle.

The Museum, operated by Clube Madeirense S.S. Sacramento, Inc., sponsors the annual Feast of the Blessed Sacrament, the largest Portuguese feast in the world. Visit <https://museumofmadeiranheritage.ning.com>

Cancer Benefit

Join us for Do It For Dave, a cancer benefit for Dave Lavoie, on Sat., 9/22, from 2-7 p.m., at The Madeira Feast Grounds, 50 Madeira Ave., NB. Featuring entertainment by Something Else, Bob's Day Off, Re-Play, Route 18, and Likk, raffles, auctions, food trucks and more. Donation, \$20.

Hist. Women's Trail

Walk the new historical walking trail guided by Lighting the Way experts on Sat., 9/22, at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Start at the NB Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, NB. FREE, 90 minutes. The Whaling Museum's Emily Bourne Research Fellow, Ann O'Leary, and Lighting the Way adviser, Mary Howland Smoyer will share stories about some of the inspiring women who shaped the city's history. Learn about educators, philanthropists, abolitionists, crusaders for social justice, investors, confectioners, sister sailors, millworkers, and others as you walk through downtown New Bedford.

Download the mobile app at <http://historicwomensouthcoast.org/> Contact, NB Whaling Museum, 508-997-0046, www.whalingmuseum.org.

Indian Mariners

Jason Mancini, Ph.D., founder of the Indian Mariners Project and Executive Director of Connecticut Humanities, will share results of the project's research during a lecture at the New Bedford Whaling

Museum. He will explore their "roots" and "routes," the global social networks they formed, and their traveling histories from the objects they collected and stories they told

"Preserved on the Mighty Waters: Exploring the Indian Mariners Project" begins at 7 p.m., Thurs., 9/27, preceded by a reception at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$15, or \$10 for Whaling Museum members, and can be reserved online at whalingmuseum.org or by calling 508-997-0046. The Whaling Museum is located at 18 Johnny Cake Hill, NB.

Dock-U-Mentary

Rodman Sykes: A Life in the Fisheries, Fri., 9/21, at 7 p.m., at the Corson Maritime Learning Ctr., NB Whaling National Historical Park, 33 William St., NB. FREE. Part of a series by Markham Starr documenting the commercial fishing port of Point Judith, RI. Rodman Sykes is a lifelong commercial fisherman. He began fishing with his grandfather as a child and has pursued this career his whole life. He discusses his life in the fisheries, how it has changed over time, and what increasing regulatory pressure is doing to the industry against the backdrop of a day aboard the F/V Virginia Marise, catching both groundfish for food and skate to be used as bait by local lobstermen.

SAVE THE DATE

Indoor Yard Sale/Bake Sale

At Pilgrim United Church of Christ Church Home, 634 Purchase St., NB, on Fri., 10/5 from 5-8 p.m. and Sat., 10/6, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

For drop-off times, contact: Lora, 508-998-1718, C. 774-473-3485; Alice: 508-996-1498 (please leave message)



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HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Free Film: "RBG"

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Quilters Mtg.

Shining Tides Quilt Guild, Inc. promote social, charitable, education and cultural connections among quilters. We offer two meeting times one during the day at VFW #3260; 281 Appleton St., New Bedford (corner of Appleton St. and Ashley Blvd.). Social at 9:30 am and meeting 10-12; we meet every 4th Monday from September - June. Our night meeting meets at United Methodist Church; 67 Main St., Acushnet. Social at 6:30 pm and meeting from 7-9 pm. we meet every 2nd Monday from September to June. Visit: <http://www.shiningtidesquiltguild.com>

Next day meeting September 24; at VFW#3260; 281 Appleton St. (corner Appleton St. and Ashley Blvd.) New Bedford, social 9:30 am meeting at 10-12.

Artisan Fair

Handy House Artisan Fair, 202 Hix Bridge Rd., Westport, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sat., 9/22 (Rain date Sep 23). FREE By the Westport Historical Society, showcasing 30 local craftspeople who specialize in skills and traditional crafts commonly practiced in the 18th and 19th century. This year's fair also features a vintage wares yard sale: an opportunity to pick up unusual antiques, metalware, jewelry and textiles. Traditional craftsmanship is still very much alive in Westport. The Artisan Fair offers a rare opportunity to meet these craftspeople, learn about their skilled handiwork and human powered technologies through hands-on demonstrations. This year's fair features highly skilled woodworkers, a blacksmith, Native American crafts, indigo dyeing, and stone wall building. Some artisans will have their work for sale, so it will also be a chance to get a jumpstart on holiday shopping!

The event offers several food

options including delicious johnny-cakes by Grays Gristmill and ice cream by the Acushnet Creamery.

Supported in part by a grant from the Westport Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Bike Run

Please join Rolling Thunder Inc., MA Ch2 for a ride honoring Korean War Veterans on **Sat., 9/22, Middleboro VFW, 12 Station St. Registratin, 9-11 a.m., kickstands up, 11:30** (rain date 9/23). \$20/rider + \$10/passenger. Ride will leave and return to teh VFW. All proceeds to go to furthering our mission and assistance local veterans in need. Food, music by Bad Habit, raffles, t-shirts for sale. For more info, call 774-766-9214.

Jazz Along the Charles

Welcome autumn along the Charles River when the Celebrity Series of Boston presents Jazz Along the Charles: A Walkable Concert. 25 ensembles from Boston's thriving jazz scene will perform at a series of connected, walkable locations along the DCR Charles River Esplanade, interpreting the same curated list of Boston-related tunes in one collective free concert. **Sun., 9/23, 2-4 p.m.** Jazz Along the Charles will showcase ensembles from neighborhoods and institutions across Greater Boston, which were selected from wide-ranging styles. For more information visit www.jazzalongthecharles.org.

Family Fun Day

Septemberfest Family Fun Day, featuring, **Sun., 9/23, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., St. Julie Billiard Parish, 494 Slocum Rd., North Dartmouth.** Featuring Crafters - Book Sale - Yard Sale - Bake Sale - Portuguese Bazaar - Raffle of over 50 Fabulous Themed Gift Baskets - Children's games & activities - Food Trucks (Rain date 9/30) Visit www.saintjulies.org/sep

Emergency Preparedness

On Tues., 9/25, at 10 a.m. the Acushnet Council on Aging, 59 1/2 So. Main St., will host an Emergency

Preparedness Workshop by Doug Forbes of the Mass. Emergency Management Agency.

Mr. Forbes will provide information on emergency preparedness, how to put together an emergency supplies kit and develop a family emergency plan. Many helpful publications will be provided free of charge. Also participating will be Donna Lake from the Acushnet Emergency Management Agency. Ms. Lake is an expert in caring for pets during emergencies.

For more information or to reserve your seat please call 508-998-0280.

Eversource Mtg/ Acushnet

Eversource is proposing a joint project with National Grid to run new transmissions lines from Acushnet to Fall River. Representatives will hold their first **Public Hearing with Acushnet on Wed., 9/26, from 5-7 p.m., at the Senior Center, 59 1/2 So. Main Street, Acushnet.**

Residents are encouraged to attend the meeting and ask questions. A hotline is also available, 800-793-2202.

Trails & Sails

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Author Event

The Acushnet Public Library 232 Middle Rd., welcomes local author Catherine McLaughlin who will read excerpts and discuss her book *Blue Collars*, on **Wed., 9/26, at 6:00 pm.** Free.

Recipe of the Week

Crock-Pot Drumsticks

1/2 c. low-sodium soy sauce
1/2 c. low-sodium chicken broth
1/4 c. sweet Thai chili sauce
2 tbsp. Sriracha (hot sauce)
2 tbsp. brown sugar
Juice of 1 lime

1" fresh ginger, peeled & minced
3 cloves garlic, crushed
4 to 4 1/2 lb. chicken drumsticks
2 green onions, thinly sliced
1 tsp. toasted sesame seeds,

In a large bowl, whisk together soy sauce, chicken broth, chili sauce, Sriracha, brown sugar, and lime juice. Stir in ginger and garlic.

Place drumsticks in a large resealable bag. Pour in marinade and seal. Marinate 30 mins up to overnight.

Pour drumsticks and marinade into slow cooker and cook on high for 3 to 4 hours or low for 5 or 6.

When drumsticks are tender and cooked through, preheat broiler to high. Transfer drumsticks to a large foil-lined baking sheet and broil until golden and crisp, 3 to 5 minutes. Garnish with green onions and sesame seeds and serve hot.

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Town Auction brings in nearly \$6,500

By Beth David
Editor

Some of the stuff was pretty outdated, like VHS tapes and old TVs; but some of it had people eager to buy it, like some bicycles. By far, though, the potential deals on big equipment, like trash pumps, and vehicles were the big draw for the spenders at annual town auction on Saturday, 9/15/18, at the public works department in Fairhaven.

Selectboard member Charles K. Murphy, Sr., played auctioneer, often exclaiming, "They're killing me," as he tried to sell such dismal items as an assortment of old ink from town hall, and a couple of computer stands for the car from the police department. Still, in the end, most of the stuff went, albeit for one or two dollars, and netted the town \$6,498, total, thanks mostly to a couple of vehicles that broke the \$1,000 mark.

The biggest sale of the day was a 2002 Ford F450 Box Truck, that went for \$2900.000 to Billy Monteiro. The next in line was a 1999 Ford F350

Superduty truck that sold for \$1250 to Fernando Coelho.

Other good buys, and those of good faith can argue which was the best, included a working Toro 4000 Winged Mower that went for \$800 to Robert Morse; and a pair of two-inch portable centrifugal trash pumps with gas engines that sold for \$41, for the pair, to Wayne Morse.

Some stuff will be headed for the dumpster, as no one wanted it at all, including an old computer table, and a couple of old TVs.

A couple of child car seats also had to be abandoned to the trash because they were past their expiration date.



This 1999 Starcraft Travel Camper, complete with dirty dishes in the sink, sold for \$80 to Al Martin, who just retired. "Hopefully, the grandkids will stay young long enough till I can get it done," he said. The camper was abandoned by its owner and turned over by the police department for sale at the annual auction in Fairhaven on 9/15/18. Photo by Beth David.

The auction is held annual in the fall and includes items declared surplus by departments in town as they upgrade or replace aging equipment. Items also include abandoned or confiscated items obtained by the Police Department.



ABOVE LEFT: This Mongoose bike fetched \$16 for the town coffers at the annual Fairhaven town auction on Saturday, 9/15/18.



ABOVE RIGHT: Fairhaven Selectboard member and auctioneer-for-the-day, Charlie Murphy tries to inject some humor into the proceedings, eliciting a chuckle out of DPW workers Richie Pinard and Kim Nogueira. BELOW LEFT: This 2002 F450 Box Truck from the Sewer Department was the biggest sale of the day at \$2900.000 to Billy Monteiro. BELOW RIGHT: Robert Morse tests the Toro 4000 Winged Mower he bought at the annual town of Fairhaven auction on 9/15/18 for \$800. Photos by Beth David.



Natasha Moniz wins Miss Apple Peach 2018

Natasha Moniz, a 17-year-old senior at Fairhaven High, is Acushnet's 39th Miss Apple Peach! She was chosen at the pageant on Friday, 9/7, at Ford Middle School.

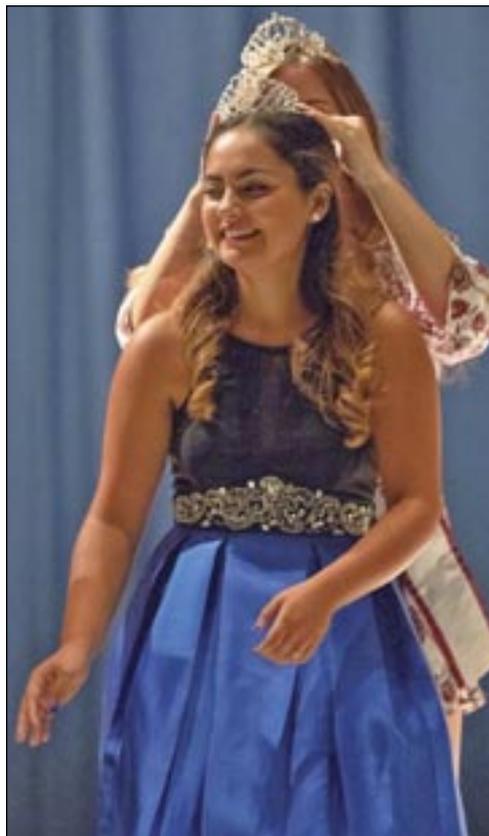
She won a crown, sash, earrings, gift certificate to Gloria & Co and \$200. Natasha was also selected as Most Photogenic.

She got busy right away, spending time at the Apple-Peach Festival on both days, and participating in the parade on Sunday.

She also attended Acushnet's 9-11 services on Tuesday, 9/11, and participated in a neighborhood clean-up on Saturday.

She looks forward to making many appearances this year.

The other contestants were Layla Almeida, 14, and Camryn Reed, 18.



RIGHT: Natasha Moniz is crowned Miss Apple Peach 2018 by Hailey Brightman, the outgoing Miss Apple Peach, on Friday, 9/7/18. FAR RIGHT: Ms. Moniz poses for a picture after being crowned. Photos courtesy of K. Garcia Productions

Fairhaven residents circulate petition for ballot question

By Beth David
Editor

Some Fairhaven residents have started a petition urging the Selectboard to put a question on the next ballot to prohibit retail marijuana shops in town.

Cathy Delano and Eleanor Crowell collected signatures last Friday in front of the Fairhaven Post Office, hoping to get enough signatures to convince Selectboard members to change their minds and put the issue on the ballot.

The group, which also includes Doug Brady and Bernard "Bernie" Roderick, believes that when people in Fairhaven voted to support the legalization of marijuana in the 2016 state election, they were not necessarily voting to have retail shops in town.

Fairhaven has a medical marijuana dispensary, but retail sales have not started yet. The town has a moratorium in place until 12/31/18. The group is also urging voters to persuade Town Meeting to pass an article extending the moratorium,

which the Attorney General's office must approve (see letter on page 22).

The Planning Board is holding a public hearing at its meeting on October 9, at 6:30 p.m., in Town Hall, to discuss the proposed bylaw that would regulate any retail marijuana shops in Fairhaven.

The group hopes to get the moratorium extended until the April election, when they hope to have a question on the ballot that would ban pot shops in town before any can open up. Only the Selectboard can put a binding question on the ballot.

Anyone who wants to sign

either petition can contact Bernard "Bernie" Roderick at Bernard_Roderick@msn.com

The group is urging people to go to the Planning Board hearing.



Cathy Delano talks to Bill Hebert outside the Fairhaven Post Office on Friday, 9/14/18, trying to persuade him to sign a petition asking the Selectboard to put a question on the ballot to ban pot shops in town, or at least to extend the moratorium. Photo by Beth David.

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10/3: Plainridge Park Casino

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Sewing Circle

Mondays 1-3 p.m. Sept. 17; & Thursdays 5:45-7:45 p.m. Sept. 13, 20, 27.

Knit & Crochet for Charity

The Fairhaven COA will be participating in a wonderful project that First Citizens Federal Credit Union is planning in conjunction with Rise Up For Homeless. We are looking for people who are willing to knit or crochet adult and child size hats and scarves for the homeless. Their plan is to hand out hats and scarves at this event. Anyone who would like to participate can drop off their items at the Fairhaven COA by October 12th .

Bereavement Educational Support Group Pathways Through Grief

Every Monday for 6 weeks beginning Monday, September 24th

and ending October 29th , 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Fairhaven Senior Center, 229 Huttleston Avenue. This educational program will help adult participants to gain skills to cope with the challenges of grieving. please contact Bereavement Coordinators John Rider at 508-324-1900 ext. 104 or Christine Soares ext. 128 The program will be offered at no cost and will be limited to no more than 12 participants.

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Acushnet asks Eversource to test lines due to quarry blasting

Statement from Acushnet Fire Chief
Kevin Gallagher, 9/14/18

Two events yesterday have focused the attention of town officials relative to the health and safety of the residents of Acushnet. First, at approximately 3 pm a scheduled, code compliant blast was conducted at the PJ Keating quarry on South Main Street. As you may know, blasting permits are issued by the local Fire Chief.

Earlier this year, the town adopted new blasting regulations designed to provide consistency with any blasting events in Acushnet. While the time of the blast was later in the day than is the normal, the blast met all the conditions found in the regulations.

The fact that the blast complied with the regulations does not mean it wasn't heard and felt by many residents, some who live a considerable distance from the quarry. We received several complaints, and rightfully so, the air concussion caused by the over-cast conditions shook our fire station.

We are posting on the town's website (www.acushnet.ma.us) and the Fire Department's Facebook page some valuable information relative to the September 13, 2018 blast.

First, a video of the blast itself (<https://www.acushnet.ma.us/home/news/quarry-blasting-september-13-2018>). The blast occurred in the northeast corner of the quarry near the property line. This video should help familiarize residents with the blast and how it looks. Each blast is recorded and forwarded to the fire department as part of the new regulations.

Second, I have posted two seismograph reports from the blast which occurred on September 9th and 13th. In common language, the line on the "Safe Blasting Level" graph

indicates the state approved thresholds. Above that line is a violation, below the line, is not. While all data points are below the line, you will notice that the report from yesterday indicates an increase in seismic activity.

These reports are from permanent seismograph machines located near the northeast property line and on Lawson Avenue. Again, these reports are required to be sent to the fire department following each blasting event.

The second event from September 13th is the tragedy which occurred in Lawrence, Andover, and North Andover. Residents have expressed concerns that the aging natural gas infrastructure in the neighborhoods around the quarry may be subject to compromise due to consistent blasts. On May 30, 2018, we requested that Eversource conduct a survey of their natural gas lines in the following areas:

- South Main Street from Pembroke Avenue south to Laura Keene Ave.
- Pembroke Avenue from South Main Street easterly to end
- Lawson Avenue from South Main Street easterly to end
- Laura Keene Avenue from South Main Street easterly to end
- All sides streets between Laura Keene Avenue and Lawson Avenue
- All side streets southerly off of Pembroke Avenue to end

The report provided to me was that the survey resulted in no leaks being detected.

Given the concerns with yesterday's quarry blast and the events in the Merrimack Valley, I have requested Eversource officials that a new survey is conducted as soon as possible and include the areas of Wing Lane and all side streets, as well as Green Meadow

and Brookside Drive. Also, I have informed the blasting company to halt all scheduled blasts until the Eversource survey is complete.

We will update the community with all the information as it is received.

Follow-up letter, 9/17/18 (edited)
[To Town Administrator Brian Noble]

As you know, on Friday, September 14, 2018, I contacted officials at Eversource Gas requesting that a gas leak survey be performed in the neighborhoods of Acushnet that are in close proximity to the South Main Street quarry. This action came after several complaints of a louder than usual blast on Thursday, September 13, 2018, and after several residents expressed concerns about the integrity of the local natural gas infrastructure given the events that were ongoing in the Merrimack Valley.

Earlier today the company, Omark, working as a vendor for Eversource, conducted a natural gas survey on those streets and added the following locations: Rivet, Enos, Dorothy, Clifford, Crowell, Thornton, Rotch, Dalton, Martell, Leboef, Belanger and Sivigny Streets along with Jane and Tillie Way.

The technician explained that both sides of each road were subjected to their leak detection protocols which measure gas leaks in the parts per million categories. The span of the area surveyed covers the width of each road and approximately five (5) feet beyond. Surveyed are the natural gas supply lines and the individual service lines at the point of connection to the supply line.

The survey resulted in no leaks being detected.

We will continue to monitor this ongoing concerns and will make future requests of Eversource Gas when appropriate. •••

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"Watch yourself, Peter," said Ms. Lopes.

"I'm telling you the truth," said Mr. DeTerra. "Watch yourself...you want me to watch myself?"

Then it was his turn to shift in his seat to face Ms. Lopes: "I feel there's a conflict of interest," said Mr. DeTerra.

"Why?" asked Ms. Lopes

"Yes, you work for her sister," said Mr. DeTerra, referring to Ms. Lopes's job at Preppy Puppy.

"So?" asked Ms. Lopes.

"That's a conflict of interest," he said.

"What does that have to do with anything?"

"Yes, it is," said Mr. DeTerra.

"You want to talk ethics, Pete?" she asked.

"Yes," said Mr. DeTerra. "Go right ahead."

"And conflict?" said Ms. Lopes.

"Go right ahead," said Mr. DeTerra.

Then they went back and forth about the signed paper, with Mr. DeTerra calling it a contract.

"I absolutely did not enter into any contract," said Ms. Freire-Kellogg, saying it was a bid letter only.

But Mr. DeTerra latched onto the word "award" in the letter and would not let it go.

The letter was seeking bids to mow the grass at the landfill, which requires special equipment, and is a job Mr. DeTerra has done in the past. Ms. Freire-Kellogg had also prepared an award letter for the board to sign if they approved of the contractor.

"You're just mad because you didn't get it," said Ms. Lopes.

"Honey, I don't want to bid it," said Mr. DeTerra.

They then argued whether or not it should be re-bid because only one bid came in, with Mr. DeTerra saying Ms. Freire-Kellogg sent it to the wrong kinds of companies, and Ms. Freire-Kellogg saying she used the information in the folder.

"You sent it to landscapers, you didn't send it to the right people," said Mr. DeTerra, adding they do not have the right equipment.

"Maybe they want to buy the right equipment, I don't know," said Ms. Freire-Kellogg.

"Just like you did," tossed in Ms. Lopes.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg left the room to get the folder she used and Mr. DeTerra turned to Mr. Silvia and asked, "So what do you want to do with the landfill?"

"Excuse me, I'm waiting," said Ms. Lopes.

"I can talk to my fellow board member," said Mr. DeTerra.

"I'm a person on this board, too, and you need to respect that and respect me as a fellow board member," said Ms. Lopes. "Instead of waving me off and always interrupting and turning your back on me. Enough is enough."

In the end they voted to rebid the landfill mowing, 2-1, with Ms. Lopes voting "no," although the matter of the folder seemed to

have been forgotten.

In another matter, Ms. Freire-Kellogg asked for guidance on sending out public notifications, and used the recent announcement by the water department that they might get water from New Bedford as an example.

"I asked for guidance, I got no response," she said. "These are very serious things. These are public health concerns. This is what the board is supposed to be doing."

She said watching her time clock was "trivial compared to someone possibly dying."

"Okay," said Mr. DeTerra.

"Can I talk about this one?" asked Ms. Freire-Kellogg.

"Talk about what?" said Mr. DeTerra. "You sit there trying to scold the board because you work all day?"

Ms. Freire-Kellogg said her personnel file was missing, and that she told the board in an email on 9/4.

"I find that extremely disturbing," said Ms. Freire-Kellogg.

Mr. Silvia said he thought that issue had

We need to adjourn
this meeting because I'm
not going to sit here and
talk to you like an idiot
[Jeannine Lopes]

been resolved, but Ms. Freire-Kellogg said it was not.

"They don't know where it is. They don't know where my file is," said Ms. Freire-Kellogg. "I would've liked to have spoken to my board about that. If it was your personnel file, and it was your social security card and your checking account..."

"Why didn't you put it on the agenda," said Mr. DeTerra.

"You keep telling me 'I'm your boss.' It flip flops, it's very hard to follow," said Ms. Freire-Kellogg.

She said she felt it was their job to write the rules and regulations and hers to enforce them.

"It seems like you guys want to get in the cruiser with me," said Ms. Freire-Kellogg and added that she is alternately accused of talking to the board too much or too little.

Mr. DeTerra and Ms. Lopes then sniped back and forth about why a temporary food permit was in his truck instead of the office.

A motion passed, but it was unclear what the board was voting on, 2-1, again with Ms. Lopes dissenting.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg said there were a lot of

policies and procedures that needed to be worked out.

"I'm not comfortable with the way things are going," she said. "I feel like I'm doing my job, but I don't feel like I have your support at all. At all."

Mr. DeTerra mumbled something about "communications," and she agreed.

Then he complained that she writes everything down and then runs to the Town Administrator.

"I didn't run to anybody," said Ms. Freire-Kellogg.

"I talked to [TA Mark Rees], too," said Mr. DeTerra, and Ms. Freire-Kellogg responded maybe they needed to get him in there, too.

"She's not done, Pete," said Ms. Lopes. "She's not done."

The final fun came at the end, when Mr. DeTerra brought up the case of 360 New Boston Road under "Other Business," so it was not listed on the agenda.

He said the owner was angry because Ms. Freire-Kellogg had made him cut out the connection of the washer machine to the septic system. Ms. Freire-Kellogg said the requirements had changed.

Mr. DeTerra, who installs septic systems, said the engineer had designed the system to take laundry water.

"He wants to be compensated for putting it back," said Mr. DeTerra, although it was unclear who gave the owners the okay to reconnect.

Ms. Lopes and Mr. DeTerra went back and forth about whether or not to use town counsel, and what Ms. Freire-Kellogg may or may not have told the owners, and what may or may not have been in the plans.

"Do you have any proof of what he told you. Do you have any proof of what he told you to be accurate. That's all I'm asking," said Ms. Lopes.

"All laundry goes to septic," said Mr. DeTerra.

"I want proof," said Ms. Lopes.

Mr. Silvia said that the board should at least get a copy of the letter to the Town Administrator if the board feared legal action.

"I will handle this and I will see the Town Administrator about this," said Mr. DeTerra.

"One again," said Ms. Lopes, Mr. DeTerra was going to "step over Mary," and it was her responsibility to do it.

"I'm the chair, and it came to me."

"So? I'm the vice chair, so give it me, let me go," said Ms. Lopes.

A few minutes later, Mr. DeTerra announced that the board had voted to send the letter to the TA, although it was unclear who seconded the motion, or if Mr. Silvia had voted at all.

"There's gonna be legal action here," said Mr. DeTerra.

And on that happy note, the meeting ended at 1:57:11. ●●●

New Bedford native honored in Rhode Island

By Beth David*
Editor

In New Bedford, back in the 1920s and 30s, she was Rose Peters, or "Rashida" to her parents. In Rhode Island, a decade or two later, she was Sr. Mary Assunta, Religious Sister of Mercy, until she was allowed to reclaim her name and become Sr. Rose Peters, RSM. To her 10 sisters, she was always simply "Rosie," and to her many nieces and nephews, she was always "Aunt Rose."

And last week, back in Rhode Island, where hundreds of her students loved and feared her, she was remembered as an energetic educator, a "Five-Foot Dynamo," who was the founding principal of St. Philip School (grades 1-8) in Greenville, RI, in 1960.

At a ceremony on Thursday, 9/13, Fr. Francis Santilli, Pastor of St. Philip Parish, dedicated the Mercy Memorial Garden, in honor of the Sisters of Mercy who taught at the school, in front of the 12-foot angel statue that once stood at the Cumberland Campus of the Sisters of Mercy. The statue needed a new home, and St. Philip Parish took possession of it.

Around the statue's base, there are memorial bricks for the Sisters who taught at the school over the years. Five ivory-colored bricks for the

principals and 34 red-colored bricks for the other nuns.

Two rooms on the parish campus were also renamed and dedicated on Thursday: "Mercy Hall" in the former convent, and "Peters Place," in the school. Both will be used as meeting rooms. Peters Place will also be available for students to work in.

About 150 people attended the ceremony, which also included remarks by the current principal, Cynthia Senenko, a scripture reading by Middle School student Emily Belvin, and music by the St. Philip School Chorus. Middle school student ambassadors then escorted many honored guests, including nuns, priests, retired staff and their families, through the school to see the rooms.

Among those singled out and honored, were Maryann (Peters) Chomak and Octavia (Peters) David, who are Sr. Mary Assunta's sisters.

Maryann's husband Walter, several of Sr. Mary Assunta's nieces and other relatives also attended to remember "Aunt Rose."

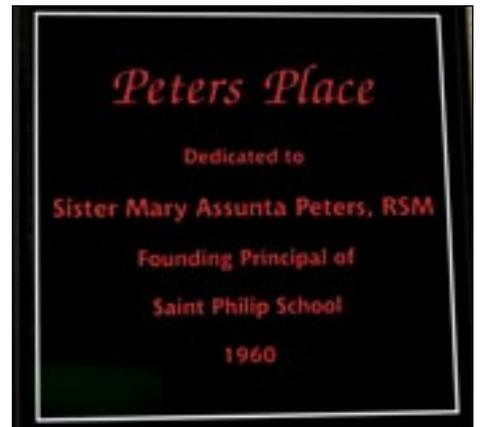
The event kicked off the annual St. Philip's Festival held all weekend.

After the ceremony, former students and staff lingered to take pictures in front of the angel statue.

A few were eager to talk about their time at the school and its first principal.

"Every single student, every single student in the whole school, loved and feared Sr. Mary Assunta," said Carolyn Vacca Pelzman, class of 1968. "We loved her. We loved her. We loved her. And we were afraid of her. But we loved her."

Fr. Francis Kayatta, who was pointed out as the only student who went on to become a priest, had Sr. Mary Assunta in the fourth grade. There were 50+ students in each



Sister Mary Assunta, RSM, aka Sister Rose Peters, in her full habit. Undated photo courtesy of Beatrice (Abraham) Long.



L-R: Maryann (Peters) Chomak and Octavia (Peters) David, visit "Peters Place" in St. Philip School in Greenville, RI, a room named after their sister, Sister Mary Assunta, Religious Sister of Mercy, who was the founding principal of the school in 1960. TOP: The plaque hanging in the room above a picture of Sr. Mary Assunta. Photos by Beth David.

class. Not only did she teach fourth grade, she was principal and superior of the convent, all at the same time.

Fr. Kayatta said he was not afraid of her, exactly.

"She ruled with an iron rod," he admitted. "But you were not afraid because you knew what the rules were."

He said in later years he became close to his former principal, later known as Sr. Rose, and he asked her how she did it.

"I told her she was multi-tasking before it was ever a word," he said. "She was so dismissive, and said she just had to do it. She said, 'it was easy to do because the parents were behind us.'"

Sr. Mary Assunta's relatives were especially happy to see her

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remembered in such a durable way. The oldest of 11 girls, she was always interested in each of her many nieces and nephews, and especially their educational goals. Several of them noted that she helped them with their higher education.

"Without Aunt Rose, I would have never been able to attend Salve Regina," said Beatrice (Abraham). "As a Mother Superior, she recommended me for a full tuition scholarship. I miss her."

Several other nieces also attended Salve Regina and credit "Aunt Rose" with helping them get there.

In the program book for the event, a story about the founding of Saint Philip School by Mrs. Virginia Friedrichs Yanyar (formerly Sister Mary Ellen Francis, R.S.M.) refers to Sr. Mary Assunta as a "five-foot dynamo."

By 1964, the school had reached its full capacity: Eight grades, eight nuns, and a minimum of 50 students in each grade, she wrote.

"The school was not only known for academic excellence but from the beginning was also an integral part of the life of the parish," wrote Mrs. Yanyar. "In large measure because

Sister Assunta reached out and welcomed all parents and families to be part of this larger faith community."

"Many a night, the light in Sister's school office would be on while she was guiding, advising, and helping [whoever] came for direction or counsel in their personal lives," wrote Mrs. Yanyar. "This atmosphere filtered down to the students themselves who often helped out in the convent — washing windows, polishing floors, shopping at the market, or just playing sports in the fields behind the convent building.

"Much could be said about the early history of this school, memories too numerous to recount. But in 58 years, it would seem that the same spirit still lives and that would make Sister Mary Assunta and all who have taught here, very happy!"

The program book included a photo of Sr. Mary Assunta in the full habit of the 1960s, which was chosen from several photos sent by the family and spanning decades of her life.

Martha Ventor, who guided the relatives on the school tour, said it was chosen above the other photos because it so clearly showed her energy and enthusiasm, the things

her students remembered most about her.

**Disclosure: Sr. Mary Assunta was the editor's aunt.*



The 12-foot Angel of Peace statue at St. Philip School in Greenville, RI, presides over the Mercy Memorial Garden, which has 34 red-colored memorial bricks for the Sisters of Mercy who taught at the school, and five ivory-colored bricks for the sisters who served as principals. *Beth David photo.*

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"We value what you do for the town," said Mr. Murphy.

Mr. Rees noted that the MRC getting things done does not include telling the Harbormaster what to do. That is the supervisor's job, who is Mr. Rees.

"We don't do that," said Mr. Coelho.

"I beg to differ," said Mr. Rees, adding that he witnessed it first hand.

It is a charge that Mr. Freitas has also made in the past about the MRC.

Mr. Rees said the role of the MRC is policy, not day-to-day management of the town's marine resources.

Mr. Coelho asked if the board could designate an alternate for the meetings the Mr. Freitas could not go to. The board, however, declined, with Mr. Espindola saying they help each other out informally, but that it was impractical to formalize it.

He offered to go to the meetings, and Mr. Freitas again was non-committal about giving it up.

Robert "Hoppy" Hobson asked why the Selectboard could not simply appoint the three new people who sent letters asking to be appointed, to replace those who resigned.

Mr. Espindola said it was an active committee, and there was no reason they could not meet.

"He's going to change the rules again," said Mr. Coelho about Mr. Rees, adding it is something that he guessed, should be done two to three times a year.

MRC member Michelle Potter said they never told Harbormaster Timothy Cox, what to do.

She said they did identify areas that needed attention at the various marine properties in town. For instance, she said, they began discussing in March that the cement boat ramp at Hoppy's Landing should be power-washed a couple of times a year, especially at the beginning of the season; and that the line down the middle needed repainting.

Ms. Potter said it was never done.

"My neighbor fell," she said. "We do not tell Timmy what to do. We ask about things."

Mr. Coelho agreed that the power-washing was a safety issue and should have been done, but he had no recourse but to wait for the other departments to do things. In the case

of the powerwashing, the Fire Department said it was too busy, and the Harbormaster did not push the issue. He noted that more than one person has fallen and gotten hurt.

"We're telling you about these issues," said Mr. Coelho, adding that he does not make up things "out of the air," that the issues are usually identified by a member of the public who brings it to the committee's attention.

He named a couple of issues they had been working on, such as parking, that the Police Department needs to do, and his committee cannot handle. He said there is nothing he can do about any of it, it all goes to the Selectboard.

Mr. Rees reiterated that the MRC should concern itself with policy.

Mr. Espindola suggested that the board accept the resignations of the three people who resigned, appoint the three people who sent letters, and set the number for the committee at five, with a quorum being three; until Mr. Rees finishes rewriting the charge.

The motion passed.

Public Hearings/Legal Notices

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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, October 2nd, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street..

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Case # 2018.06.12A** A continuation on the case of Mr. Ronald Oliveira, of 5 Archer's Way, Acushnet, who 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 Map 4 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** A continuation on the case of Ms. Leanne Pereira, of 8 Cushman Street, Acushnet, who 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.
- Case # 2018.08.07A** A continuation of the case of Architectural Consulting Group Inc., of 2206 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford, is requesting a 292 sq. ft. variance to be able to construct a garage for private residential storage that will be located on Map 24 Lot 435, Ward Street. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1 "A" (8) and regulated under subsection "E".
- Case # 2018.08.07B** A continuation on the case of Mr. Kevin Palm, of 561 Main Street, Acushnet, is requesting a Special Permit to be able to open and operate a hunting, fishing, and firearms retail store located at his 561 Main Street property. This request is being made under the provisions of Article 8, Section 3.3.1 B "11".
- Case # 2018.10.02A** Mr. Andrew Corrigan, of 18 Danielle Street, Acushnet, is requesting an 11' variance to be able to construct a dwelling located at 655 Main Street. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3 "9" (C) 3.

***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, October 2, 2018 at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall, East Room, to consider the following petition(s):

NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 160 Balsam Street** – Plot 43B, Lot 26 – Variance request from Chapter 198-18: Short 12' of the required 30' front setback, 13' short of required 30' rear yard, 10.5' short of required 20' side yard, and 14% over the maximum allowed building coverage of 15% all within an RR District.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman
9/20/18 & 9/27/188

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS Fairhaven Planning Board

Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 6:30 pm
Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street
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- PLN-19-00314 Plaza Way, Special Permit**
application by Bohler Engineering on behalf of MCZ Realty LLC, pursuant to Zoning Bylaw Section 198-27(A)(3)(a), New construction that would require a total of five or more parking spaces counting existing and new demand, and Section 198-16, Use

Regulation Schedule, Drive Through Window, for a proposal to construct a new, 2,002 sf Dunkin Donuts with drive-through window in an existing parking area, at the property located at 14 Plaza Way, Assessors Map 27, Parcel 13, in the Business Zoning District. The application includes a request to waive sections 198-27(C)(4) and 198-19(B) of the Zoning Bylaw, pertaining to an existing non-conforming landscape buffer strip and a proposed non-conforming 42 inch fence, both within the front yard setback.

- Proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Draft Marijuana Zoning Bylaw** The Planning Board will hold a public hearing to hear comments from the public on a proposed Draft Marijuana Zoning Bylaw, in order to provide for the safe and deliberate implementation of the recreational marijuana law that both protects the health and safety of Fairhaven residents and property owners, and respects the majority of Fairhaven voters who approved the ballot question. This zoning will encompass and replace the existing medical marijuana zoning.

Copies of the application and the Draft Marijuana Zoning Bylaw listed in this hearing notice may be viewed at the Office of Planning & Economic Development in Town Hall, located at 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA.

Wayne Hayward, Chairman of the Planning Board
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Monday	24	0807	2026	0116	1332
Tuesday	25	0845	2105	0147	1410
Wednesday	26	0925	2146	0224	1453
Thursday	27	1007	2228	0305	1536*
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From our readers

Vote doesn't mean we have to have retail outlets in Fairhaven

The moratorium deadline for the Town of Fairhaven to decide if they want to have retail "recreational" outlets selling marijuana to adult consumers is currently December 31, 2018. The MA Attorney General will extend that deadline for 6 months if asked. A petition for this purpose is underway even though the planning board voted 5-3 not to extend the moratorium. They are now making plans for the By-Law to accommodate up to three retail outlets and determine where these outlets will be situated. They assume that because marijuana was legalized in MA that we want recreational marijuana in our town. This is an erroneous assumption.

MA has allowed towns to decide if they want retail outlets, but that vote was never put on the ballot in Fairhaven. Thus, a second petition is underway to request that the selectmen put it on the April ballot at the town elections and let voters decide for themselves. Many of our neighboring towns have voted not to allow recreational sales in their towns. MA gives each town the option to decide for itself and we should not be duped into thinking that because it is now legal that we must sell it in our town.

The state-wide vote to legalize Marijuana, I believe, was a vote to decriminalize it so that current users, many of whom are addicted, would not be at risk of a criminal record and jail time for possession. That vote does not reflect that we want to normalize, sanction, and promote sales in our town. Sales outlets don't have to be foisted on communities that don't want it.

One has only to review the report of the National Institute of Health in its drug advisory website (<https://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/marijuana>. June 22, 2018.)

to see the litany of detrimental effects both physical and mental; short and long term: breathing problems and a higher risk of lung infections; increased heart rate which may increase the chance of heart attack; pregnant adults' risk having babies with low birth weight and increased brain and behavioral problems.

Second-hand Marijuana smoke produces dangerous toxins and tar that affects others especially vulnerable people like children, the elderly, and people with asthma.

Moreover, the effects of normalizing the use of Marijuana puts the whole community at risk. We know that driving under the influence of Marijuana compromises clear thinking and slows reaction time which greatly impairs the ability to operate a motor vehicle responsibly.

Knowing the undeniable of these ill effects, how can we possibly justify having so-called "recreational" retail shops in our community?

If you are concerned about the normalization of this substance, the damaging example it sets for our youth, and the endorsement and seeming acquiescence by our government — here's what YOU can do about it:

- Contact the Town Administrator and the Board of Selectmen's Office and tell them you want a binding vote on this issue on the April town election ballot, 508 979-4023 Ext. 2
- Sign the petitions to extend the moratorium and have a referendum vote on the April town election ballot. Contact Bernie Roderick at Bernard_Roderick@msn.com
- Attend the Planning Board meeting on Tuesday, October 9, at 6:30 in the Town Hall's Banquet Room regarding the proposed Marijuana Zoning Bylaw.

Yes, Marijuana is legal in MA but that doesn't mean

we have to lay the foundation for the growth of "recreational" drug sales in Fairhaven.

*Cathy Delano
Concerned Fairhaven Resident*

It's about recreational marijuana

Let's be Clear Fairhaven: It is about Permitting Recreational Marijuana Stores

The issue is about the retail sale of recreational marijuana in Fairhaven. If adults want to use marijuana for recreational purposes, it is their business. All they have to do is cross the bridge to New Bedford to obtain it.

Bask continues to focus on the benefits of medical marijuana. This issue is NOT about medical marijuana, it is solely about permitting retail marijuana stores in Fairhaven. The matter of medical marijuana is settled.

The position that the age of 21 is a safeguard is farcical. Minors will obtain it just as they do alcohol, and to ignore the fact that there exists a teenage drinking problem is incredulous.

The only benefit to accrue from retail sales is to the financial pockets of BASK.

While Fairhaven voted to decriminalize marijuana statewide, the voters of Fairhaven did not specifically authorize its retail sale in Fairhaven. Given the long term impact of this issue, the voters should have an opportunity to weigh in as provided for in the legislation.

Bernard F Roderick, Fairhaven

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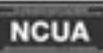
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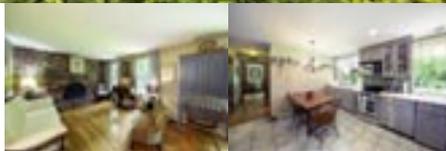
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