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## Sunny and bright, but the white stuff coming



All seems still in the New Bedford harbor in the foreground and the Fairhaven shipyard and harbor beyond on a mild winter day on 2/23/19, although the working waterfronts are never completely idle. Soon enough both harbors will be full of boats and activities. See page 12 for more photos. *Photo by Glenn C. Silva.*



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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Who needs hearings in DC for entertainment? We have our own Selectboard meetings. In the article, I had to say it was “contentious.” Y’know that journalistic decorum. But here, in my little opinion corner, I get to say that it bordered on ridiculous.

It’s another popcorn worthy show, and I encourage you all to watch it.

For Selectboard member Daniel Freitas to say that now anyone in town, including union members, can just tear up their contracts because they want more money or otherwise don’t like the terms is simply ridiculous. I don’t know how he can say that stuff with a straight face. Really.

The whole thing was a mess that did not have to be. If it had been anyone except the Sewer Superintendent (the “position” who shall not be named), it would’ve been voted on the first time.

These old feuds are getting tiresome.

We have some fun stuff in here, too. The Fairhaven Animal Shelter did a couple of renovations to make life easier for people in wheelchairs and for people washing the animals. Check out page 13 for that.

Did you see Fairhaven’s snow visitor this week? I’m sorry to say that I never did get there to see it myself, but Jim Mahaney got a few shots of it and shared them with us (see page 7). We have not had much snow this year, but some people sure do know how to make the best of what we get.

We’re in for more this week, but not much, then it’s going to get nice and warm for the weekend.

In any case, the happenings pages are starting to get filled up with more weekend events as the earth turns inevitably towards spring.

And...Daylight Savings Time is only 10 days away.  
YES!

There’s more in here, of course. Please support our advertisers, and, while you’re at it, please consider a donation to your favorite little weekly.

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

# SEMLEC warns parents of teens' 48-hour challenge

## Press Release

Somerset Police Chief and SEMLEC Search and Rescue Control Chief George M. McNeil and the members of the Southeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council would like to warn parents about a troubling new online challenge among teens "48-Hour Challenge" where they pretend to go missing for several hours and are awarded "points" for getting mentioned on social media.

It should be noted that there have not been any incidents of this trend taking place in southeastern Mass., but Chief McNeil and the SEMLEC Control Chiefs would like to make parents aware of the 48-Hour Challenge and ask them to talk to their children about the risks and consequences of taking part in such a trend.

"Missing children and teens and the effort that goes into trying to locate a person that has been reported missing is a very serious situation," Chief McNeil said. "A trend like this could be cause for SEMLEC Search and Rescue to be mobilized to a community and spend hours looking for a person that is not

actually missing or in danger. This would tie up vital resources that could be going toward dealing with real emergencies."

The SEMLEC Command Chiefs recommend that parents speak to their children about how they utilize social media and ask parents to be vigilant in monitoring their children's activities online.

"We want to make sure that parents are aware of this situation and hopefully there will not be any incidents in our communities. Of course, if you believe your child has gone missing please do not hesitate to call 911 or reach out to your local police department," Chief McNeil said. "With that said, Chapter 269 Section 13A makes it a crime for anyone who 'intentionally and knowingly makes or causes to be made a false report of a crime to police officers' and charges will be filed accordingly."

The Southeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council is a mutual aid consortium comprised of resources from the police departments of 30 cities and towns. It responds when

requested by a chief of police to assist with search and rescue, special events, or major crimes. SEMLEC also draws on some of the most talented police officers in the region to form the SEMLEC SWAT Team, which deploys when needed to save lives and protect the citizens of southeastern Massachusetts.

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# Selectboard approves new wage plan for water & sewer supts

By Beth David  
Editor

In a 2-1 vote, the Fairhaven Selectboard approved the amendment to the wage and classification plan to include the water and sewer superintendents at its meeting on Wednesday, 2/27. In a lengthy discussion that got contentious at times, the Selectboard, members of the Board of Public Works, and Public Works Superintendent Vinnie Furtado rehashed the arguments, all the while being careful not to use the name of the Sewer Superintendent, Linda Schick. But clearly, her contract was the issue.

The problem is that the two superintendents should have been included in the W&C plan from the beginning because they did not have contracts when it was adopted. The oversight seems to have come from an assumption that they had contracts. In 2018 both of them entered into contracts, with Ms. Schick's resulting in an 8% increase for her, raising her salary to \$94,326. If included in the W&C plan, her wage would be at level 20, step 7, \$98,779. The numbers are a little different than the last meeting. Town Administrator Mark Rees told the board that it should be step 7 not 9 as previously discussed, a difference of about \$3,000.

After the contracts were signed, Mr. Furtado discovered that the

contracts were invalid, that the BPW had no authority to create them. There is a provision in the bylaws, however, that allows the town administrator to request that the Selectboard accept the contract.

Mr. Rees declined to do so at the last meeting when it was discussed (Neighb News issue 1/31/1).

Selectboard Chairperson Daniel Freitas started the 2/27 discussion by asking Mr. Rees if he would recommend that they accept the contract.

He said "no."

BPW member Robert "Hoppy" Hobson said the raises amount to about 17% for the sewer superintendent. He said he is on the negotiating committee for the union and asked how could negotiated a contract for 2-3% when other people were getting so much more.

"It doesn't make any sense to me," said Mr. Hobson, adding that water and sewer rates would have to go up to pay for the pay increases. "We're passing out step raises in this town like they're going out of style."

Mr. Furtado told the board that the non-union people had been neglected for a long time. He said that several of his employees had been at the top step for many years, including the sewer superintendent who has been at the top step for 23 years.

He explained how the mistake happened and how it got caught. He said the two contracts were invalid,

and not amending the W&C to include the two positions would treat those two employees differently.

"It just happened circumstantially," said Mr. Furtado, adding that they "fell through the cracks."

Mr. Freitas, however, was not buying it. He said several times that he knew that the sewer superintendent, the "position," asked for the contract, then asked to get out of the contract when she decided the numbers were "better over there."

Then he asked what they got back when they negotiated the contract. He said when negotiating with the unions the town always asks for something back, boots, uniform allowance, something.

The two went back and forth for a bit, with Mr. Furtado seeming confused because the two positions did not have a contract to negotiate on to begin with.

"This opens up a can of worms," said Mr. Freitas. "I don't care what you say," he added, the contract was something that was not "shoved down" the position's throat, it was asked for, he said.

Mr. Freitas said anyone who does not like a contract can just go to the town administrator and say they do not want it anymore and rip it up.

Mr. Furtado reiterated that the contract was not valid, it was not because the employee did not like it.

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Fairhaven Cable Access announces the annual Government Access Candidates' Night will take place on Thursday, March 7, 2019 at the Fairhaven High School Library, 12 Huttleston Avenue, at 6:30 p.m.

Candidates have been notified. The event will be moderated by members of the local press.

Please forward any questions to Cable Access Administrative Assistant, Pattie, [ppacella@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:ppacella@fairhaven-ma.gov), 508-979-4023, Ext. 117.

## Monarch Butterflies

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Join us for special talk, Monarch Butterflies and Fairhaven: Our special summer visitor, on **Sat., 3/2, at 1 p.m., at the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven (Walnut Street entrance)**

It's winter now, but spring is just around the corner! Join Fairhaven resident and local monarch butterfly enthusiast, Louise Barteau, for an hour of warm conversation and colorful photos about one of the most interesting migrants on the planet. She'll tell her own "monarch story" while discussing the monarch life cycle, the migration, how to plant a Monarch waystation and more. Come and hear how you can help to save the monarch butterfly and one of nature's most amazing migrations, by adding just three plants to your back yard.

Louise is a local artist and naturalist, whose primary interest is coastal native plants. An active volunteer for the New England Botanical Club and a Plant Conservation Volunteer for the New England Wildflower Society, she received her Advanced Certificate in Field Botany in 2015 from the New England Wildflower Society. She is currently inventorying all the plants in the West Island Reservation for the MA DCR and the NEBC.

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## Pancake Breakfast

Fairhaven Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, **Sunday, March 3, 2019, 8:00 to 11:00 a.m., St. Mary's Church, 440 Main Street, Fairhaven**

Enjoy a breakfast of pancakes, sausage, fruit cup, coffee and juice. **Tickets are \$7.00** per person and may be purchased by calling Bill at 508-996-3420. Proceeds benefit the projects of the Fairhaven Lions Club, providing 75 years of service.

## Senior Talent Show

The Fairhaven Rotary Club is pleased to announce its **Fourth Annual Senior Talent Showcase at The Fairhaven Town Hall Auditorium, 40 Center St. Fairhaven, on Sun., 4/28, from 1-4 p.m. The event is free to the community.**

The event offers a platform for the seniors from the South Coast and Cape Cod to show off their various talents on stage. In the past we have seen Comedians, Belly Dancers, Magicians, Spoon Players, Singers, Piano Players etc. Every participant receives a gift for participating.

"We truly have a lot of talent in our region. This year we are adding an hour onto the event to allow for more talent to take the stage," said Melissa Kucharski treasurer of the Fairhaven Rotary Club and Event Creator.

Although the event is free to the community the Rotary club does depend on corporate sponsorships and advertisers for the program book, and any profit obtained from the event goes directly to The Rotary annual scholarships.

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Melissa Kucharski at 508-330-4837 or [melissa@fsuinc.com](mailto:melissa@fsuinc.com)

## SAVE THE DATES:

### Healthy Living Program

Please join Community Nurse Home Care at Our Lady's Haven Skilled Nursing Facility, presenting *New Year Healthy You!* A Healthy Living Program with Barbara Canuel, Registered Dietitian, Community Nurse Home Care, on **Tues., 3/12, at 9:30 a.m., at Our Lady's Haven, Dining Room, 71 Center St., Fairhaven.**

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### MO LIFE Gala

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There will be a VIP Event from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Limited open bar, and appetizers will be served. (Tickets are limited) **Tickets for the VIP Event are \$100 and include admission into the Gala. Tickets for the Gala Event are \$50.00 per person.**

M.O. L.I.F.E., Inc. services the vocational and community needs of individuals with disabilities in the Greater New Bedford area. ALL proceeds of this event will go toward supporting individuals with disabilities, support for the MO Food = LIFE Food Pantry located in downtown New Bedford and scholarships for local High School Seniors. Without fundraisers, M.O., L.I.F.E., Inc. would not be able to support people on a continuous basis or provide the means for additional basic needs.

Join us on April 6th for a night of dining and dancing. There will be a Gift Card Wall and a Wine Toss game! Help us to assist other members of our community to live fuller lives. We

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# Heavy winds cause road closures in Acushnet



Monday's wind storm sent a gust of 57 miles per hour in Acushnet, causing several road closures for downed trees, poles and lines. Fairhaven also had a wind gust of 57 m.p.h. LEFT: Gammons Road in Acushnet is closed down for about an hour on Monday, 2/25/19, while Eversource works on some electrical wires damaged by the wind. RIGHT: Rockress Lane is closed due to this pole going down in the wind storm on Monday, 2/25/19. Photos by Acushnet Police Department.

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# New Fairhaven resident's stay is shrinking...literally



Last week's snow may have seemed like a tidbit, but Joshua Bellevance took full advantage of it by making this huge snow sculpture on William Street in Fairhaven, at the intersection of Center Street, near the library and Town Hall. After a few days, though, it lost its head and got very, very short, according to one neighbor. We have very cold temps forecast for the next few days and some fluffy snow, about 3-5 inches, for Wednesday night into Thursday, so not much hope to reconstitute this guy anytime soon. With Daylight Savings Time just 10 days away, the number of days for making snow sculptures is, most likely, pretty low. ABOVE LEFT: Joshua Bellevance works on his giant snow sculpture on William Street in Fairhaven on 2/2/19. RIGHT: Mr. Bellevance peeks out from behind his snow sculpture to show just how tall it is. *Photos courtesy of James Mahaney.*

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Volunteer groups are encouraged to attend an information session on **Tues., 3/5, from 10-11:30 a.m. or 5-6:30 p.m. at the New Bedford Free Public Library, 613 Pleasant St. 3rd Floor, New Bedford.** Registration is required for the sessions, please call 508-994-9625 ext. 219 or email [rsilvia@unitedwayofgnb.org](mailto:rsilvia@unitedwayofgnb.org).

Applications available at [unitedwayofgnb.communityforce.com](http://unitedwayofgnb.communityforce.com) and will only be accepted electronically. Grants must be submitted by April 12, 2019.

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## Free Storytime

United Way of Greater New Bedford is partnering with the Birth to Grade 3 Partnership to expand their laundromat project, which puts free books in laundromats. The average family spends 2.5 hours in a laundromat, and many of the families that use laundromats are low-income, so it's a great way to engage families that may be missed by traditional literacy programming.

As a way to further engage, Women United is hosting Celebrate Reading! A Dr. Seuss themed literacy event. The event will include story times in English & Spanish, crafts, a raffle & more! This is a free event.

**On Sat., 3/2, from 10 a.m.-Noon, Wash World, 2112 Acushnet Ave., New Bedford. FREE for the public to attend.** Hosted by Women United Members

## Comm. Health Day

The Near North End Alliance is hosting a Community Health Day to bring community members living in the Near North End out for a fun day for the whole family. **The event is free to attend and will feature music, lunch, fun activities, and raffles.** There will be preventive health screenings provided by Southcoast Health, healthy cooking demonstrations, yoga and mindfulness demonstrations,

community resource tables and more!

**On Sat., 3/2, from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at Global Learning Charter School, 190 Ashley Blvd, NB** (\*Inclement weather date: 3/16)

Free for the public to attend. Hosted by the Near North End Alliance, New Bedford Community Connections Coalition, United Way of Greater New Bedford, Coastal Foodshed, Mass in Motion, Project Wheel House, and Southcoast Health

The NNE is a growing collaborative of community stakeholders committed to supporting families and youth in the Near North End of New Bedford.

## Fat Tuesday Party

The community is invited to celebrate Mardi Gras at the 2nd annual "Fat Tuesday" Party! The event offers live New Orleans music performed all night by the SouthCoast Brass Band, a traditional Jambalaya buffet, themed "Hurricane" drinks, Mardi Gras masks and beads, dancing and more. Proceeds from the event will benefit the New Bedford Boys & Girls Club. These funds help support the club's youth programming, and help sustain their ability to continue to serve the community for years to come.

**The event will take place on Tues., 3/5, from 6-9 p.m. at Greasy Luck Brewpub, 791 Purchase Street, New Bedford, MA 02740. Tickets are \$35** and may be purchased at [www.greasyluckbrewpub.com](http://www.greasyluckbrewpub.com) > *Concert Tickets.* You may also reserve them by email: [wcrowley@bgcnewbedford.org](mailto:wcrowley@bgcnewbedford.org).

The Boys & Girls Club is a critical organization within the community, serving children and young adults from New Bedford and surrounding towns. The club assists youth from all socio-economic backgrounds, and helps participants develop qualities of leadership and good citizenship. Each year, the club serves 1,200-1,500 members, with an additional 2,500 non-members served through various events and programs. This event will help support these programs.

## Volunteers Needed

Would you like to get more involved? The South Coast LGBTQ Network is holding a Volunteer Orientation meeting on **Sat., 3/2, from 10 a.m.-noon, Groundwork, 1213 Purchase Street** (entrance is on

Maxfield St. side of the building). Registrations are requested to plan for handouts. Register online at [www.sclgbtqnetwork.org](http://www.sclgbtqnetwork.org), click the green Register Now button on the homepage, fill out and submit the form. LGBTQ and allies are all welcome to attend.

For more information, email [eileen@sclgbtqnetwork.org](mailto:eileen@sclgbtqnetwork.org) or call 774-775-2656. Thank you for supporting the South Coast LGBTQ Network!

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## Songs of the Sea

The New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center, 38 Bethel St., NB, is pleased to host Eddie Dillon, Tom Kennedy and Joe Zajac in concert on Thurs., 3/7, at 7 p.m.

"Irish Songs of the Sea" features the trio known for their many years of concerts, festivals and performances at many, many Irish bars. This performance will highlight Irish maritime music. From whalers' chanteys to contemporary ballads, they are borrowing from their Irish roots to present an exciting evening of song, wit and story.

**Tickets: \$12/members; \$15/non-members** on sale now at the Fishing Heritage Center or on line at [www.fishingheritagecenter.org](http://www.fishingheritagecenter.org). Also available at the door. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Accessible, parking

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

## Commuter Rail Mtg.

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) and the MBTA are holding an informational open house and online survey to encourage members of the public to learn more about and comment on the MBTA's Rail Vision, a two-year study intended to identify current and future Commuter Rail needs and improvements.

**On Tues. 3/5, from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m., in the State Transportation Building, 10 Park Plaza, in the second floor Board Room.**

**In addition, a Rail Vision survey may be accessed online: [www.MBTARailVisionSurvey.com](http://www.MBTARailVisionSurvey.com).** The survey takes less than one minute to complete and will allow MassDOT and MBTA officials to become aware of what's important to respondents, what may incentivize drivers to use public transit, and what barriers may exist to allowing members of the public to use the commuter rail on a regular basis.

Project presentations and meeting summaries are posted on the website. The website includes a project contact and sign-up for project emails and notices.

The MBTA Commuter Rail system is one of the largest in the nation, operating fourteen Commuter Rail lines that serve fifty cities and towns.

## Cabin Fever Party

Rolling Thunder Inc® MA Ch2 is hosting a Mardi Gras Themed Fundraiser to help further their mission and help local veterans in need. All are welcome to join in the festivities. There will be a Cajun-style meal, games, a photo booth, raffles and entertainment by local band Miracle Maxx.

**On Sat., 3/2, from 6-11 p.m., at Middleboro VFW Post 2188, 12 Station St. Middleboro, MA.** Tickets are available for pre-sale and will be available at the door the day of the Event. **Tickets are \$20.00 each.**

For further information please call Michelle Hamilton 774-766-9214

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For more information or questions, contact Chilloa Young, Forum Coordinator at (207) 442-7700 or by email at [chilloa@taxbracket.com](mailto:chilloa@taxbracket.com). Visit [www.maineifiishermensforum.org](http://www.maineifiishermensforum.org)

## Maple Syrup Lesson

As the change from winter to spring brings warmer days with cold nights, maple trees around New England begin to flow with delicious sap. Come join the Buzzards Bay Coalition at **LaPalme Farm (Blain St., Acushnet) on Saturday, March 2 to learn how you can gather this sap for syrup, sugar, and more!**

From 10-11:30 AM, enjoy a morning stroll and learn about the history of maple tapping and sugaring, an age-old New England tradition. With the help of the Mass Maple Producers Association, we'll go over maple tapping 101 and teach you how you can get to maple sap in your own back yard. If conditions are right, we'll attempt to tap one of our maple trees on the property!

Open to kids and curious adults of all ages. Dress warmly for walking on the trails.

To learn more and register, visit <https://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/events/maple-tapping-mar-02-2019/> or contact the Buzzards Bay Coalition at (508) 999-6363 ext. 219 or [bayadventures@savebuzzardsbay.org](mailto:bayadventures@savebuzzardsbay.org)

## Maple Days

Old Sturbridge Village will highlight the history of New England's maple industry during its Maple Days celebrations, held on **four consecutive weekends starting March 2-3**. The Village's costumed historians will demonstrate the maple sugaring process of the early 19th-century at a working sugar camp, show how maple sugaring has changed over the years, and more. Special Maple Days packages are also available for families and couples, including a stay at the Old Sturbridge Inn and Reeder Family Lodges at the Village. **The dates for Maple Days are March 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, and 23-24; the operating hours are 9:30 am - 4:00 pm. Full details are available at [www.osv.org](http://www.osv.org)**

Visitors attending Maple Days will see the entire maple sugar-making process, from tapping trees to "sugaring off," and learn how maple sugar was used in early New England. Visitors can also see how maple sugaring has changed over the years with demonstrations of different tapping techniques from 19th-century New England to 20th century metal buckets, and contemporary tubing. Costumed historians will also cook period foods made with maple products.

## Historical Talk

Westport Historical Society March Program is The Giffords of Westport presented by Richard Gifford, **Sat., 3/9, at 2 p.m. Westport Public Library, 408 Old County Rd., Westport**

Contact Westport Historical Society: [www.wpthistory.org](http://www.wpthistory.org), 508 636 6011

The Giffords were among the earliest settlers in Westport and, even today, the name "Gifford" remains a common surname among local residents. Local historian and genealogist Richard Gifford discusses the English origins of the Giffords, their early Quaker experiences in Sandwich and traces their first settlements and houses in Westport. He will also highlight some famous descendants of Westport Giffords such as Lizzie Borden, Marilyn Monroe and Winston Churchill. We invite all local Giffords to share their own family histories, too, at this program. **Suggested donation \$5.** (Snow date 2 p.m., 3/16)

## Recipe of the Week

### Rocky Point Clam Cakes

1 cup all purpose flour  
1 tsp baking powder  
1/2 tsps salt  
1 egg  
1/2 cup clam juice  
4 tbsps whole milk  
6 oz. chopped clams or quahogs  
with juice.  
2 cups frying oil

Sift together the dry ingredients and set aside.

Drain clams and reserve juice. Make sure clam juice equals 1/2 cup. Add juice, if needed.

In a medium bowl mix egg, clam juice, and milk. Stir in clams. Add dry ingredients, a little at a time, stirring well until the mixture is well blended.

Drop by tablespoonfuls into hot peanut oil. Batter will be moist. Test the oil first by dropping a small amount in the oil about the size of a dime. If it sizzles rapidly, then it's hot enough. Fry until brown. Drain on paper towels.

### To share a recipe with your neighbors

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

## Icy temps cut electric car range up to 41%

AAA Press Release

As freezing temperatures plague much of the country, electric vehicle owners may experience a decrease in driving range, compounded by the use of the vehicle's interior climate control.

New research from AAA reveals that when the mercury dips to 20°F and the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system is used to heat the inside of the vehicle, the average driving range is decreased by 41 percent. This means for every 100 miles of combined urban/highway driving, the range at 20°F would be reduced to 59 miles. When colder temperatures hit, AAA urges electric vehicle owners to be aware of a reduction in range and the need to charge more often to minimize the chance of being stranded by a dead battery.

Cold weather, however, is not the only factor that can influence driving range. AAA's research also found that when outside temperatures heat up to 95°F and air-conditioning is used inside the vehicle, driving range decreases by 17 percent. Extreme temperatures certainly play a role in diminishing driving range, but the use of HVAC in these conditions, particularly the heat, has by far the greatest effect. Additionally,

an electric vehicle with a compromised driving range will require charging more often, which increases the cost to operate the vehicle. For instance, AAA's study found that the use of heat when it's 20°F outside adds almost \$25 more for every 1,000 miles when compared to the cost of combined urban and highway driving at 75°F.

Previous AAA research has found that interest in electric vehicles continues to gain momentum with 20% of drivers saying they would likely go green when considering their next vehicle purchase. With lower-than-average ownership costs, increased driving ranges and the latest advanced safety features, AAA believes there is a strong future for electric vehicles. To help "green" car shoppers make an informed choice, AAA conducts independent, rigorous test-track evaluations of plug-in hybrids, hybrid and fuel-efficient, gas-powered vehicles and releases the results every spring in its annual Green Car Guide.

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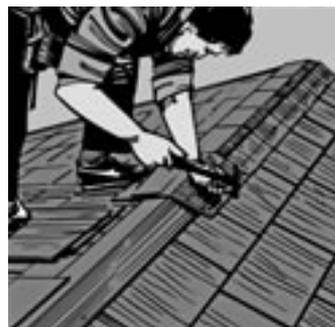
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## From the other side of the river



The view from the Zeiterion roof offers great views of the Fairhaven skyline across the Acushnet River. The bright sun has been doing little to warm up temperatures in these parts this week. Temperatures dipped into the teens, with high winds making it feel below zero at times. The region is due to get a few inches of fluffy snow Wednesday night into Thursday. The 3-5 accumulation should not cause too much trouble, but the frigid cold is forecast to stay until the weekend, when it should break 40 degrees. Daylight Savings Time is in just 10 days. We change clocks at 2 a.m. on Sunday, 3/10, marking time's march towards the warming weather of spring. ABOVE: Fairhaven High School, aka, the "Castle on the Hill" appears to be in a valley compared to the solar farm on top of the old landfill in the background in Fairhaven, in this picture shot from the roof of the Zeiterion on 2/23/19. LEFT: The Millicent Library, Fairhaven Town Hall, Unitarian Church and wind turbine appear to be next to each other with the shipyard and Union Wharf in the foreground on 2/23/19. Photos by Glenn C. Silva.

# Animal Shelter renovations help everyone

By Beth David  
Editor

Thanks to donations in memory of Michael Robinson (NeighbNews 1/17/19), the Fairhaven Animal Shelter has a couple of news features that are helping animals and people.

A new ramp connecting the main shelter building to the garage, where the food is stored, makes it possible for people in wheelchairs and others who cannot do stairs to get from one place to the next.

Mario Arteaga, 21, who is wheelchair bound and volunteers at the shelter, is especially happy about the ramp. Now he can go to the storage part of the building and get the food and other supplies stored there without having to ask for help.

Animal Control Officer Terry Cripps said that Mr. Arteaga does everything the other volunteers do, but he was unable to grab the food from storage himself, until now.

"The biggest obstacle was the step," said Mr. Cripps.

Mr. Arteaga said he just likes working with animals and is actively looking for a job in the field. The ramp means he does not have to ask for help to feed the animals. He volunteers for two full days a week.

He has worked with dogs, cats, rabbits, and a variety of birds since volunteering at the shelter starting last June.

His job includes taking care of the building, cleaning up, etc.; socializing animals; feeding and bathing animals.

"I love dogs and cats equally," said

Mr. Arteaga. "And hanging out with the animals....not so much the cleaning."

He also interacts with the public, taking applications for adoptions. Right now the shelter has two dogs for adoption, with applications still coming in, and three puppies that are still too young to adopt.

Mr. Arteaga said he'd love a job working with animals in any arena: a shelter, veterinary office, pet store, or grooming business.

"This [the step] was the only thing preventing him from doing what the rest of us do," said Mr. Cripps. "Now I really put him to work."

The ramp also makes it possible for the public to easily get to the garage, where there are also some cat cages. At open houses and other events, wheelchair users would have to go to the front door to and go around the building from the outside to access the garage.

The donations were also used to buy a new bathtub for the animals. The plastic tub was really in need of replacement, and they found a lot of rot in the wood behind it, said Mr. Cripps. The new stainless steel tub has a plastic bottom to catch the fur, and a wider drain to keep it from clogging.

Outside the large exercise yard got some new fencing so there are now three exercise yards. Before, only one dog could be exercised at a time.

In the spring, the cement will be extended so that wheelchair users will be able to get around the exercise



yards. Right now, it's okay for Mr. Arteaga, said Mr. Cripps, because the ground is frozen.

Mr. Arteaga, who hopes to have a job by then, said he will still volunteer at the shelter, though.

"I'll come on my days off," he said. "Because I like being here that much. So I don't want to stop coming."

For more information, visit <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/animal-officer>, find the Fairhaven Animal Shelter on Facebook, or call the shelter, 508-979-4028. The shelter, 200 Bridge St., Fairhaven, is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ●●●



TOP: Mario Arteaga, 21, volunteers at the Fairhaven Animal Shelter, but was unable to access the garage, where the food is stored until this ramp was installed with money from the gift account donated in memory of Michael Robinson. ABOVE LEFT: Mr. Arteaga feeds one of the puppies in the shelter. ABOVE RIGHT: This new stainless steel bathtub was also purchased and installed with money donated in memory of Mr. Robinson. Photos by Beth David.

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## Hampton Beach June 22

Come and enjoy a summer day traveling to the 19th Hampton Beach Master Sand Sculpturing Classic on June 22nd. Take delight in the sculptures and see who won all the coveted awards. It's time to laugh, play and enjoy the culinary delights the area restaurants have for you. Have fun at the Arcade, sit at the ocean and take-in all the sights and sounds while feeling a passing ocean breeze. Finally relax as your coach heads for home after having a unique experience, something to share with friends and to remember. Date June 22, 2019, bus leaves rec at 10 am leaves Hampton Beach at 5 pm. \$50.00 pp

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3/20 Providence Place, Whole Foods  
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## Special Activities

### Meet and Greet

Brad Fish, Fairhaven's New Veterans Agent, Monday March 18th 2019 from 1-2:00 p.m. at the Fairhaven Senior Center. Enjoy coffee and pastry and hear about what Brad has to offer the Veterans of Fairhaven.

### Weather Cancellations

If we have any amount of snow accumulation, there will be no shopping that day and activities may be cancelled. Call the Senior Center (508-979-4029) to confirm. So please stock up on non-perishable food items. If the Town Hall is closed because of bad weather, the Fairhaven Senior Center will also be closed.

### Southcoast VNA & Hospice

Grief Support Group, 1st Tuesday of the month Widows and Widowers Grief Support Group 5:00-6:30 p.m. 3rd Tuesday of the month General Loss Grief Support Group 5:00-6:30 p.m. Join Nancy Arnold as she provides the support you need to get through these difficult times. Call the Fairhaven Senior Center to sign up at 508-979-4029.

### Sewing Circle

Mondays 1-3 p.m., Mar. 11, 18; and Thursdays 5:45-8 p.m., Feb. 28, Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28. Call 508-979-4029 for additional dates.

### Computer Technology for Seniors

9-10:00 a.m. Participants must sign up at the main desk at the Senior Center. Bring your own laptops. The first 10 to sign up will be accepted. March 4, 6, 8, March 11, 13, 15. Unlimited number for 18, 20, 23. all classes are from 9-10:00 a.m.. Please call the Fairhaven COA to sign up.

### Got Talent?

The Fairhaven Rotary Club will be sponsoring the fourth Annual Senior Talent Showcase, Sunday, April 28 from 1-4:00 p.m. at the Fairhaven Town Hall. If you are a senior with a special talent that you would like to perform at the show, please contact Melissa Kurcharski at 508-330-4837 or [Melissa@fsuinc](mailto:Melissa@fsuinc)

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# Acushnet Selectboard starts sewer expansion discussions

By Beth David  
Editor

The Acushnet Selectboard heard from Woodard & Curran at its meeting on Tuesday, 2/19/19, to get a sense of what is involved in getting the town hooked up to sewer. Only a few hundred properties, from the center of town and along South Main Street are hooked up to a sewer line that goes to the New Bedford treatment plant. The vast majority of properties in Acushnet have private septic systems.

The town has been working for several years to create a Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP), and has systematically been working towards that goal.

At the meeting on 2/19, W&C presented different areas of town, each containing 300-320 properties that would get sewer. The problem is that the cost for the sewer hookup, called a "betterment fee," that homeowners would be required to pay is into the \$30,000 to \$40,000 range.

The way the system works is that homeowners pay for the pipe to go by their homes when the system is

initially built. Low interest loans are available, and other options for payment are also available for seniors and low income households. But, there's no getting around it: Running sewer line is expensive.

The state has been urging all cities and towns to create a CWMP. Septic systems are no longer a viable option for a number of reasons, most importantly that they discharge too much nitrogen into the soil. Nitrogen contaminates waterways, underground water systems, and the state has been enforcing ever-tighter restrictions on nitrogen discharge.

The town of Acushnet has an ownership stake in the New Bedford Wastewater Treatment Plant (NBWTP), so any sewer lines would go there for treatment.

According to Town Administrator Brian Noble, the town will try to get rid of septic systems wherever possible.

"Septic systems are not the way to go into the future," said Mr. Noble in a phone interview.

The initial design cost alone is about \$1.2 million he said; then the

cost of construction, which will be paid for by individual homeowners; then homeowners will be required to pay a water and sewer fee.

The town will embark on a public education campaign this summer, or late spring. The plan is to get public input, figure out a plan, and then get the design phase started. Town Meeting will have to approve the spending.

The board also discussed use of the enterprise funds, which are separate accounts with funds from water and sewer ratepayers, and golf course users.

The state has started pressuring municipalities to more realistically assess the types of services that departments with enterprise funds get from the operating budget. For example, the water department salaries are prepared by the finance department in town hall, now by the water department. The money for the amount of time that requires should be transferred from the enterprise fund, according to the state. Enterprise funds money should not,

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## From our readers

### Pond's letter ignores facts

Mr. Pond: In response to your letter (*Neighb News 2/21/19*), the 2019 New York Law, does not "allow killing of a late term baby who is born alive, it removes all legal requirements to keep the baby alive" as you stated in your letter. Please read below as this is what the law states. Your citing the Catholic Church is a bit hypocritical as they are now deep in sexual abuse charges and the victims, who trusted the Church, were supposed to have been protected by the Church.

What the law says

"The RHA permits abortions when — according to a medical professional's "reasonable and good faith professional judgment based on the facts of the patient's case" — "the patient is within twenty-four weeks from the commencement of pregnancy, or there is an absence of fetal viability, or the abortion is necessary to protect the patient's life or health."

In other words, women may choose to have an abortion prior to 24 weeks; pregnancies typically range from 38 to 42 weeks. After 24 weeks, such decisions must be made with a determination that there is an "absence of fetal viability" or that the procedure is "necessary to protect the patient's life or health." That determination must be made by a "health care practitioner licensed, certified, or authorized" under state law, "acting within his or her lawful scope of practice."

Previously, abortions after 24 weeks were justified only in cases where the mother's life was at risk — which was inconsistent with a part of the Roe decision.

[Franklin Graham, Billy Graham's son] also is hypocritical as his beliefs on homosexuality and abortion are not Christian in the true sense of that word. President Trump also misstates laws, ideas, etc. to use to his own end!

I would like to suggest that you read what the facts are and not blame the Democrats for all the "fake" news from the President and talk radio.

And Mr. Pond, I would bake a cake for you no matter who was in bed with you.

*Jane Brayton, Fairhaven*

### Lisa Plante is passionate about Fairhaven's future

I'm in support of Lisa Plante to a position on the Fairhaven Select Board.

I first met Lisa several years ago when my children and her children attended Wood School.

She participated in many school activities and functions, not only those which benefitted specifically her own children, but those which benefitted the entire student body.

I am convinced that Lisa is motivated to improving the integrity of Fairhaven's town government. Besides being a resident, parent, and grandparent, she recognizes and values others' interest in Fairhaven's

unique history, and interest in its community's needs.

Lisa is driven to making town issues and happenings widely known to the public. She is willing to engage in thoughtful dialogue, and not merely voting "status quo."

I know Lisa to be intelligent, and passionate about Fairhaven's future. I am voting for her because I appreciate her willingness to bring issues to light, and to debate them.

I hope Lisa's presence on the Select Board will inspire ALL residents to reconnect to "their" town government.

*Michelle Furtado, Fairhaven*

### Lisa Plante is leader in community

I encourage the people of Fairhaven to please consider and vote for Lisa Plante in the upcoming election to serve as your Selectwoman in Fairhaven.

Lisa has long been a leader in our community serving on many local committees. She will continue to be a strong voice for the taxpayers to help rein in spending.

Lisa believes in transparency in government and will be accountable to the community which she serves.

Please join me in voting for Lisa Plante for Selectwoman to help create a more fiscally conservative Fairhaven to better serve taxpayers and residents.

*Kathi Carter, Fairhaven*

## Summer job grants available by AG's office

### Press Release

Attorney General Maura Healey has opened the fifth annual application period for grant funding for summer jobs for youth across Massachusetts.

The Healthy Summer Youth Jobs Grant Program will use health-care related settlement funds from the AG's Office to fund jobs aimed at providing young people with opportunities for employment that will impact public health and wellness this summer.

"Our summer job program provides hundreds of students with an opportunity to develop leadership skills and give back to their community," AG Healey said. "We are pleased to partner with cities, towns, and nonprofits throughout Massachusetts to support summer jobs and public health."

Through this program, young people will have a direct impact in their communities by working in jobs focused on promoting nutrition, physical fitness and overall healthy lifestyles.

Examples of healthy summer youth jobs that could receive funding may include, but are not limited to:

- Working as a coach, team leader, or mentor for a sports or physical fitness program designed for youth;
- Collaborating on a public health project that focuses on food justice;
- Fostering a green environment by planting trees, building and maintaining community gardens, and installing art murals;
- Activities that directly address access to health care and/or the management/prevention of chronic

diseases among youth including diabetes, asthma, and obesity.

The AG's Office will issue grants to municipalities, other government offices, and nonprofits within the state. Since AG Healey launched the program in 2015, it has funded more than 750 summer jobs for youth across the state. Last year, the office awarded nearly \$327,000 in grant funding to 90 organizations across the state.

Grant awards will fund youth employment from July 8, 2019 through Aug. 30, 2019. Interested applicants can visit the AG's website (<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/2019-healthy-summer-youth-jobs-grant>) for more information and for application instructions. Applications must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 29, 2019.●●●

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will also hold a Silent Auction with merchandise donated from local merchants and restaurants.

White's of Westport is located on Route 6 in Westport, MA and is fully accessible. Tickets may be purchased at our Fairhaven location on 4 Lambeth Park Drive or visit our website at [www.molifeinc.com](http://www.molifeinc.com)

M.O. L.I.F.E., Inc. is a 501 (3) c recognized non-profit organization, and donations are tax deductible. This event is sponsored in part by Southern Mass Credit Union.

### **"The Little Mermaid"**

The Fairhaven High School Drama Club will present Disney's **"The Little Mermaid" Thurs., 3/28-Sat., 3/30, at 7 p.m.; and Sun., 3/31, at 2 p.m.**

Don't miss your chance to party "Under The Sea" with Ariel and friends! Relive this classic tale with this fantastic on stage adaptation!

Tickets will go fast so pick up yours today!

**Tickets are \$12 for students/seniors and \$15 for adults** and are on sale Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Fairhaven High School Box office (Larch St. entrance). For more info, contact Jeremy Young at [jyoung@fairhavenps.net](mailto:jyoung@fairhavenps.net).

## **Scholarships**

### **Livesey Scholarships**

The Thomas Livesey Club in Fairhaven is rebuilding after the fire last year that totally destroyed the building. But members want the public to know that the scholarship program is up and running. The club awards three scholarships, which vary in amount year to year depending on available funds, to area high school students who plan to further their education at a technical

school, college, or university. The club's focus was initially, and still is, athletics and how important that is to young people. But club members also quickly realized that young people furthering their education was also important, according to an email by board member David Darmofal. Despite the fire, the club does not want to miss a year of the scholarship program. Applications are available at high school guidance counselor offices. All students who plan on furthering their education are encouraged to apply. The committee will award scholarships in May.

### **Sisson Scholarship**

The FHS Class of 1986 is proud to announce the third annual David A. Sisson Memorial Scholarship established in memory of their beloved classmate. A \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating student who most exemplifies the qualities of their beloved friend.

David Sisson was a proud member of Fairhaven High School's Class of 1986, deemed by him as the "Class with Class." He passed away unexpectedly on December 8, 2016, just weeks before a pre-holiday gathering of his classmates and friends that he enthusiastically organized. His passing left many in shock and with a profound sadness.

David's larger-than-life personality, compassion for others, winning smile, great sense of humor, love for gathering with friends, and his affinity for 80's rock & roll are just a handful of the salient traits that David was known for, now greatly missed.

Once a proud member of the Fairhaven High School marching band and likely the most school-spirited student to have walked the halls at FHS, David's classmates thought it fitting to establish a scholarship to

honor his memory.

Scholarship applications are now available in the high school Guidance Department. The successful candidate will be a graduating senior from Fairhaven High School who is furthering his or her education at an institution of higher education (degree or certificate program). The student must display a high level of school spirit via participation in school activities and events and must possess a passion for music as evidenced by his or her participation in at least one of the school's music programs. **Completed applications must be returned to Guidance by the end of the day on April 6.**

### **Mariner Scholarship**

Mariner Youth Soccer is now accepting applications for its annual scholarship program. Applicants must be seniors in high school and have played a minimum of 4 years in the Mariner Youth Soccer Association program. Applications are available on the Mariner Youth Soccer website: [www.marineryouthsoccer.com](http://www.marineryouthsoccer.com).

**The deadline for applications is April 1, 2019.**

Mariner Youth Soccer provides recreational and competitive soccer training and opportunities at its Fairhaven facility to players ages 4-18, with more than 25 teams competing this spring in the NSL and Southcoast Soccer Leagues.

Fall Recreation registration will be opening up soon on our website, so don't delay in getting your child registered. Upcoming training includes a Spring Skills Clinic for players ages 4-8 and multiple summer soccer camp options in 2019. Registration for the Girls High School Summer League will also open up March 1, 2019. Visit our website at [www.marineryouthsoccer.com](http://www.marineryouthsoccer.com).



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# Empty Bowls dinner raises funds for hunger relief

*Press Release*

The Greater Boston Food Bank estimates that 1 in 11 are at risk of hunger in Massachusetts. Our Sisters' School's Students in Action Team is working with United Way of Greater New Bedford's Hunger Commission to raise awareness about hunger in Greater New Bedford and beyond.

On Friday, February 15, the Students in Action Team hosted Empty Bowls, a dinner to raise money for hunger relief efforts locally. The bowls, sold at \$10 each, served as a representation of those who remain hungry. They were provided by The Ceramic Canvas and painted by OSS students, UMass Dartmouth students, Boys and Girls Club and Dennison Community Center children on the OSS MLK Service Day in January. They were then fired by the UMass Dartmouth Ceramics Department.

Soup made by OSS families and volunteers and Destination Soups was served along with donated bread and desserts. Over 100 people attended Empty Bowls and the students raised nearly \$1,500 to purchase food items most needed

locally. Food will be delivered by United Way's Hunger Commission in the upcoming weeks.

"The OSS Empty Bowls project, and projects like it, provide a way for everyone in our community — including the younger students among us — to make a difference," said Margaret McSweeney, Volunteer Coordinator at Our Sisters' School. "We do our best to provide regular opportunities for our students to develop their roles as active members of their community. We encourage them to be responsible citizens and role models for others by working on issues that they care about and that help to make the world a better place to live."

The Empty Bowls dinner is part of a larger two-year project on hunger for the Students in Action Team at Our Sisters' School. This event, and others connected to the project that will follow, help to strengthen the community by supporting local organizations and educating people about issues that matter. Over the next few months, students will be volunteering at local food pantries, learning more

about hunger, and hosting educational sessions for the public with the guidance of United Way.

"We are thrilled to be a part of Students in Action's two-year project on hunger," said Victoria Grasela, Director of Marketing & Community

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Some of the empty bowls at the United Way and Our Sisters' School Empty Bowls Dinner, held on 2/15/19 at the school in New Bedford, that raised \$1500 for local hunger relief. *Submitted photo.*

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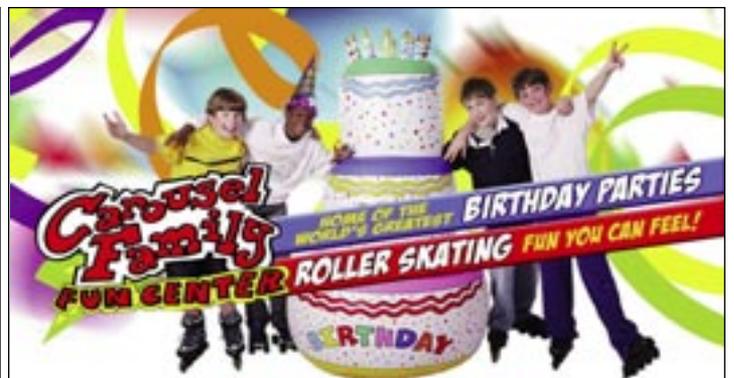
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## Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals is hereby giving notice that a meeting will be held by the Board on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street.

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Case # 2018.08.07B-** A continuation on the case of Mr. Kevin Paim, of 561 Main Street, Acushnet who 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 # 2019.03.12A-** A hearing on the case of Mr. Marc Cordeira, of 873 Main Street, Acushnet, who is requesting a Special Permit to be able to construct an accessory apartment located at his 873 Main Street property. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1 Section B "1": Accessory Apartment.

\*\*\*Plans are available for Public view in the Town Clerk's office during their normal business hours.

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Sealed bids will be accepted at the Town Administrator's office until 1:00pm on Monday, March 18, 2019

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however, be used for unaffiliated costs, i.e., water enterprise funds should only be used for water department costs, golf fund should be used only for the golf course, etc.

Mr. Noble created a list of areas that the enterprise funds could assigned to pay for. The board did not vote for any changes.

In another matter, the board also discussed a plan by a developer to build 14 houses off Maura Lane. The board said it would require the developer to construct Maura Lane, which is a paper street, and to bring water to the development and the houses that exist along the route.

The board also discussed the Senior

Work-Off program, which allows senior citizens to work off a portion of their property tax bills, by working at town jobs. Mr. Noble was directed to come up with a list of opportunities and spell out the requirements for participation in the program. It will be listed on the town's website.

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### Board of Public Works

Mon., 3/11, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

### Conservation Commission

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

### Council on Aging

Mon., 3/11, Senior Ctr., 9 a.m.

### Finance Committee

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

Thurs. 3/14, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

### Municipal Fiber Study Com

Tues., 2/26, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

### Planning Board

Tues., 3/12 Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### School Committee

Wed., 3/6, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

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

### Sustainability Committee

Tues., 3/5, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

## Acushnet Meetings

### Board of Assessors

Tues., 3/19, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### School Com Policy Com

Mon., 3/4, Super. Office, 4 p.m.

### Old Colony Budget Comm

Tues., 3/5, Old Colony Caf., 5 p.m.

### Selectboard

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

### TIDE TABLE

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	Mar. 2019	HIGH		LOW	
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Saturday	2	0504	1729	----	1232
Sunday	3	0548	1810	0035	1316
Monday	4	0627	1847	0114	1355
Tuesday	5	0704	1925	0038	1412
Wednesday	6	0742	2003	0053	1320
Thursday	7	0821	2042	0127	1348
Friday	8	0859	2120	0205	1422*
Saturday	9	0938	2159	0243*	1457*
Sunday	10	1119	2342	0421*	1632*

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Mr. Freitas reiterated that if Mr. Rees recommended it, though, the Selectboard could vote on it and make it valid.

"I know it's the position not the person," said Mr. Freitas. "That's exactly the problem."

He said it was entered into by asking and then got out of by the person asking.

"The taxpayers are paying the difference," said Mr. Freitas.

BPW candidate Frank Coelho approached the board with a number of documents that outlined the town's switch from one system to the other. Somewhere in the mix, the language is conflicting about who is in charge of employees at the BPW: is it the TA or the Superintendent?

Mr. Coelho asked the board to hold off on the vote until Town Meeting when an article submitted by the BPW would clear up that language. He said the BPW should be separate from town hall, and voters opted to keep it that way in a town-wide vote.

After more back and forth, Mr. Freitas asked Mr. Furtado if he thought the person would want the change if the numbers were reversed.

Mr. Furtado said probably not but that he would still be asking because it was the right thing to do, not to discriminate against "those two."

Mr. Freitas took issue with the word "discriminate" saying the word had been "thrown at" him.

He said it would be discrimination

to do this for the one position and not everyone in town.

The W&C however, was a town-wide plan created after a consultant was hired to study all positions.

Selectboard member Charles Murphy wanted to be sure that Mr. Furtado would still be in charge of personnel at the BPW if they voted to amend the W&C.

Mr. Furtado answered that the language was "squirrely," that is why the BPW has an article at TM.

Mr. Rees said that nothing would change at BPW, Mr. Furtado would still be in charge.

"As long as you are their supervisor," Mr. Murphy told Mr. Furtado.

Selectboard member Bob Espindola said it was not the same to compare union contracts to department head contracts. He said the W&C plan was created to compare Fairhaven town employees to other towns, not to each other.

"It's been a very long time coming," said Mr. Espindola, an early advocate of the plan, adding that salaries have been on hold a long time.

Mr. Rees noted that the fire and police department unions were also reclassified a few years ago, resulting in some substantial raises in those departments, too.

"So I see no distinctions," he said.

Mr. Espindola said the point is that the classifications were created by an unbiased consultant. Some people got significant raises, others did not.

He said he would like to wait until Town Counsel could be there, but Mr. Rees noted that TC's opinion was very clear.

Mr. Espindola asked Mr. Rees what he thought about waiting until Town Meeting.

"I think you continue to treat these two employees unfairly if you do that," answered Mr. Rees.

"I just don't know how you can say that," said Mr. Freitas.

"I didn't throw a dart," said Mr. Furtado, noting that the town hired a consultant, presumably a person with expertise in the area.

Mr. Freitas said that one person was deciding that the contract was null and void, is dead: "One person, not the board. End of story."

So we need to wait for Town Counsel," asked Mr. Coelho.

"That person is here," said Mr. Freitas.

"That person is me," said Mr. Rees.

Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve the amendment to the W&C plan. Mr. Freitas made a motion to keep the contract in force.

Mr. Espindola seconded Mr. Murphy's motion, and noted that he only got two calls on the matter. The increase in rates would be minimal, he said and Mr. Furtado did a "really good job" explaining the situation.

"It's the right thing to do," said Mr. Espindola.

The measure passed 2-1, with Mr. Freitas opposed.



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Charming West Island Cottage, built in 2012 with many creative touches. Vaulted living room with skylights and gas fireplace. First floor bathroom with laundry center. Master bedroom opens onto the back deck. Second bedroom loft with queen bed suspended from the rafters on ropes. All systems are new, including central air. This home comes with rights to the neighborhood association beach. This cottage also has a very strong rental history. Come view this beautiful home and make your plans to be on West Island this Summer! Closing must take place on or after July 1, 2019.

For further information on this property or to schedule a showing, please contact our listing agent, Tim Evans.

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**162 DOGWOOD STREET | FAIRHAVEN, WEST ISLAND | \$425,000**

Stylish custom-designed West Island home with many upgrades and breathtaking landscaping. Open-concept main level with hardwood flooring, built-ins, and modern fully-equipped kitchen. Adjoining living room/dining room along with a delightful insulated sun-room overlooking manicured rear yard and deck. A full and bone dry basement has storage, expansion space and the laundry center. The second floor offers two generous bedrooms with tons of closet space. This home has a large single-car detached garage and rear fenced in yard. To complete this home there is a whole house generator and an outdoor shower. Join us for an open house on Friday 3/1/2019 5:00pm-7:00pm and on Saturday 3/2/2019 10:00am-12:00pm

For further information on this property or to schedule a showing, please contact our listing agent, Lindsay Gordon.

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