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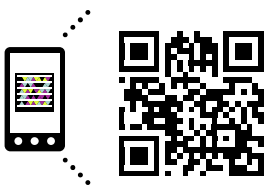
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Harvest Fun Day caps off season



A 1924 Ford Model T Depot Hack (left) and a 1930s era Ford Model A sedan are perfect bookends for the harvest display at the seventh annual Harvest Fun Day in Fairhaven on 9/21/19, held on the west lawn of Fairhaven High School. See page 12. *Photo by Glenn C. Silva*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Crazy week, huh?
Weather was all over the place, the new was all over the place...let's not go national, okay? My printer is waiting for this thing.

This Saturday is the annual fall encampment at Fort Phoenix. It's usually two days, but this year it's ONE DAY. Cannons will be fired at 5 p.m. See page 3 for details.

The town auction is also on that day, at 9 a.m. sharp (not really, right Charlie?). Looks like the town has some interesting things this year. See page 3 for details. I just might sign up and bid on something this year. Some of that stuff looks like fun.

We had some sad news around here this week. A juvenile minke whale stranded at Hoppy's Landing. Unfortunately, there is usually a reason that a whale beaches itself. This one was sick and had to be euthanized (see page 18). It was a small one, but it is still amazing to see such a large sea creature so close.

On a happier note, our cover story is always a fun event to cover, even when it rains (no, that was last year). This year, the Harvest Fun Day had perfect weather and great attendance. See pages 12 and 13 for fun pictures.

Unfortunately, it also means that summer really is over. We'll get a few warm days in before the real cold sets in, I'm sure. But...alas, nothing lasts forever.

I do love the fall, though. I just always think it gets here too soon.

Still hoping to get that boat out one more time, though. Hoping and wishing...

We have lots of happenings in this week, including some great events in the "save the date" column. So mark your calendars for the next few weeks.

Oh, oh, oh....Halloween Trail is just a few weeks away. So if you're decorating this year, be sure to let us know.

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Until next week then...see ya,

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Happening this weekend

Ft. Phoenix Encampment **NOTE TIME/DATE CHANGES**

Saturday ONLY, 9/28, from 10 a.m.– 5 p.m., Fort Phoenix, Fort St., Fairhaven. Cannon firing at 5 p.m.

Due to the threat of EEE from infected mosquitoes and official warnings from the Town of Fairhaven and Commonwealth of Mass., the militia will hold a ONE-DAY ENCAMPMENT on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. At 5 o'clock the militia will fire the five Seacoast Defense Cannon and then take down camp for the safety of all participants.

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.

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

Town Auction

The town of Fairhaven will hold its annual town auction on Saturday, 9/28, at 9 a.m., at the public works garage on Arsene Street.

The annual event allows the public to bid on surplus town property, including vehicles, confiscated and found property recovered by the police department such as bicycles, and office equipment.

Find the updated list of items at <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/home/news/bpw-annual-town-auction-saturday-september-28> or contact the Board of Public Works, 508-979-4030

Items include vehicles, bicycles, tools, office equipment, and several paddlecraft.

LAST Pirates & Privateers

Friday, 9/27, 10:00 a.m., **last one of the season.** Start at Fort Phoenix flagpole, Fort Phoenix, Old Fort Rd., Fairhaven

Hear tales of pirates, Revolutionary War era privateers, and historical Fort Phoenix presented by Greybeard, an 18th century gunner

from the privateer sloop Broome, Abigail "Abby" Black, a ship's doctor, Mr. Church the cook, and Andrew the Powder Monkey. Learn which things you think you know about pirates are myths based on fiction, the difference between pirates and "legal" privateers, and whether or not real pirates said "arrrgh!"

Presentation includes a demonstration firing of a black powder swivel gun. Weather permitting. For more information, visit <http://fairhaventours.com/category/tours/>

Walk-A-Thon

Join the Friends of SMEC on Sat., 9/28, for a Walk-A-Thon to benefit SMEC, which works with special needs adults assisting them with finding jobs, life skills, etc.

Meet at 56 Bridge St., Fairhaven. Reg. 8:30–9:30 a.m. Steps off at 9:30 (Rain date 9/29).

For questions about the event, to donate, or volunteer, contact Sherri Tetrault, at (508) 998-5599 ext 130.

To learn more about Friends of SMEC, visit <http://smecollaborative.org/friends-of-smec/>

MORE EVENTS ON PAGES 5, 8, 9



First Congregational Church, UCC

34 Center Street
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225th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

First Congregational Church Fairhaven, Mass.

OCTOBER 4–6, 2019

Friday, October 4 • 7-9 p.m.

Dessert, Coffee and *A Look Back* with Chris Richard, Fairhaven Tourism Office, providing historical perspective. A slide show will be shown.

Saturday, October 5 • 10 a.m.– 3 p.m.

Open House during Manjiro Festival
Tour our 1845 Sanctuary and view our origami peace cranes

Sunday, October 6 • 2:30 p.m.

Ecumenical Service of Celebration and
Looking Ahead — Reception following the Service

Emma Jean's to be sold; Fairhaven free cash is \$6+ million

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard approved a liquor license transfer, and received updates on grant money and other funds, at its meeting on 9/23/19.

The board also heard from Police Chief Michael Myers and other members of the Police Department leadership announcing the certification of the department by the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission (see page 7 for related story).

Chief Myers explained that the process took seven years, and is still just a step on the way to accreditation. He said it took a long time and a lot of hard work, and credited Lt. Kevin Kobza with working "extremely hard" on the process.

Lt. Kobza said it was a "department-wide initiative," that could not be completed without support from the top. He said the department met 159 standards to meet the certification, and has 98 to go to for accreditation.

Town Administrator Mark Rees said the department was being

"proactive," not just avoiding problems, and that they were bringing the entire town "into the modern age."

Selectboard Chairperson Charles Murphy said the recent changes at the department made it stronger. He thanked them all for their work, and said he was not only proud as a town, but that the family was very proud, reminding everyone that he and Lt. Kobza are cousins.

The board also approved a liquor license/package store transfer for Emma Jean's to Stephen Ward, who currently runs a food service organization on the Cape.

Attorney Andrew Upton told the board that the company has an experienced manager to run the liquor store at the location on Huttleston Avenue. He said they look forward to hosting wine tastings and other community events.

The new owners are buying the building along with the license and plan on extensive renovations to the property.

Board member Bob Espindola noted to the new owners that the

liquor license is tied to the address. Cathy Melanson, who currently owns the property told the board that she was very happy to have Mr. Ward as a buyer.

"I couldn't find a better person than Mr. Ward to sell it to," said Ms. Melanson. "I feel very comfortable selling my place to Mr. Ward."

There was no other public comment and the board approved the transfer unanimously, 2-0. Board member Daniel Freitas was absent.

Mr. Rees informed the board that the town's preliminary free-cash figure as of July 1, 2019, is more than \$6 million: \$4,393,392 for the general fund; \$1493,516 in the water enterprise fund; and \$1,196,392 in the sewer enterprise fund.

Mr. Rees also told the board that the town received a \$174,535 Green Communities grant to fund energy management systems, lighting other improvements at the Senior Center/ Rec Center, Fairhaven High School and Hastings Middle School.

The town also received a CDBG grant of \$577,000 to continue the Hedge Street project.



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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

See page 3 for more happenings

Photo Contest

See page 6 for details.

Kite Derby

Pack 52, a Fairhaven Cub Scout Pack for boys and girls, is hosting three events:

- **Thurs., 9/26 6:30-8pm, St Mary's Church Hall, Main St., Fhvn.** We will host a kite-making and get-to-know-us event. This is for families with boys or girls K-5th grade with curiosity about cub scouting.
- **Thurs., 10/3, 6:30-8pm St Mary's Church Hall, Main St., Fhvn.** Cub Scout registration night
- **Sat., 10/5, 2-4 p.m. Cushman Park, Fairhaven. Homemade Kite Derby.** This even is open to the public. Make a homemade kite and fly it in the Park. Prizes awarded for Prettiest Kite (crowd vote), Highest Flying, and Most Original Design.

For more information, visit our Facebook page (@Pack52Fairhaven) or email us at Pack52Fairhaven@yahoo.com.

Farmer's Markets

Fairhaven Farmer's Market

Sundays, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. through October 27, 151 Alden Road, Fairhaven. This privately operated farmers market has locally grown edibles, vegetables, fruits, baked goods, meat, herbs, honey, jams, eggs, plants, homemade soaps, fresh squeezed lemonade and much more. Parking is available in the lot of National Bleach, directly next door to the market. For more information, email Allnaturalbeef@comcast.net or visit the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Fairhaven-Farmers-Market-172437426741689/>

Roxann's Farmers Market

Sundays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., 189 Alden Road, Fairhaven.

Calling All Authors

The Friends of the Millicent Library invite South Coast authors to participate in the fourth annual Millicent's Book Fair, to be held at the library during Fairhaven's Old Time Holiday Fair, Saturday, Dec. 14, from 9:30 to 2. Authors may sell and sign their books, and there will be slots for

readings. Authors of books for adults and children are welcome.

There is no fee for the event, but space is limited. Applications are available by emailing friendsofmillicentlibrary@gmail.com

The deadline for applications is November 14, 2019.

Indie Writers Conf.

On Sat., 10/12, Authors Without Borders is pairing with the national *Indie Author Day* to present a one-day conference for aspiring, published, and unpublished writers. Here is your chance to listen to and speak with multi-award-winning authors and a New York book publisher open to new clients.

The program will be held in the function room of the Atria Senior Living facility, at 389 Alden Rd., Fairhaven, MA, from 11 am to 2 pm. The cost to attend is **\$20 for AWB members and \$30 for non-members.** Light luncheon refreshments will be served.

Register by 10/5. Make check or money order payable to AWB. Mail check to Alberta Sequeira, 11 Midway Park Drive, Apt 316, N. Dartmouth, MA 02747. Email questions to authorswb6@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATES:

Manjiro Festival

Sat., 10/5, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., in the historic center of Fairhaven, Center and Walnut Streets.

A Japanese-American festival commemorating Manjiro Nakahama, the first Japanese person to live in America, and the town's Sister City connection with Tosashimizu, Japan, established in 1987.

There will be Japanese and American music and food, martial arts demonstrations, taiko drummers, flower arranging, raffles, food and craft booths, a tea ceremony, and much more! There is free admission to the festival, the bus tour of the Manjiro Trail, Captain Whitfield's house, and the Old Stone School House.

Sponsored by the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society. Free. For more information email Gerry@WMFriendshipHouse.org or call 508-858-5303. Vendor applications and updated details are posted at <http://Whitfield-Manjiro.org>.

Rummage Sale

St. Joseph Parish, 100 Spring St., Fairhaven, Hospitality Annual Fund-raiser, Sat., 10/12, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun., 10/13, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Gently used books, handbags, jewelry, and baked goods.

Fire Open House

Sun., 10/6, 1-3 p.m. at Fairhaven Fire Station, 146 Washington St., Fairhaven.

Join us for our FREE and educational Open House in honor of National Fire Prevention Week. Families will learn fire safety tips, tour fire trucks, auto extrication demo, fire extinguisher demo, and enjoy free popcorn, ice cream and Papa Gino's Pizza.

225th Anniversary

The First Congregational Church of Fairhaven was founded in July 1794 and will be celebrating that anniversary during the weekend of October 4-6th, 2019. All events will be held at the church, 34 Center St. in Fairhaven. The public is cordially invited to attend any or all of the festivities. See ad on page 3.

For more information contact the church at 508-993-3368 or at firstcongfairhaven@gmail.com.

Poverty Point Walking Tour Revisited

Sat., 10/12, 10:00 a.m. Starts at Cooke Memorial Park, Pilgrim Ave. (Parking on west side of Cherry St. and south side of Pilgrim Ave.)

A revised and updated walk along a new tour route in the oldest village area in present-day Fairhaven. This area, once known as Oxford Village got the nickname Poverty Point around 1810, but the downturn of fortune was short-lived. Hear about the old burial ground and the mysterious human remains dug up in 1902. See what was once called "the most pretentious dwelling in the village." Learn about the first Japanese person to live in America, the first man to sail around the world alone, the founder of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and the woman who had a school named after her while she was still its principal.

Guide: Christopher Richard. Sponsored by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism. Free. For more info call 508-979-4085 or email FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov.

Fairhaven TV photo contest winner, week 6

LAST CHANCE TO WIN

Only one week left in Fairhaven TV's summer photo contest. Deadline is every Friday at 9 a.m. for the week's winning entry. How to Enter: Follow our Facebook page and/or Instagram @fairhaven_tv (we check!); Post and hashtag your photo #FairhavenTV (we won't see it otherwise!) Here is photo contest schedule.

- Week seven: Your fav thing about Fairhaven, deadline 9/27

Post photos at <https://www.facebook.com/fairhaventv/>

All entries have been posted to FairhavenTV's website here: <https://www.fairhaventv.com/photo-contest>

Our week 6: Favorite Summer Activity photography winner is Michaela Mello (Instagram handle: @mello_michaela), with this photo of a kayak just waiting for its human to take it out on the water.



Residents don't wait for the state, clean up Rte. 6 on their own

Submitted

By Wayne Oliveira

So, they say if you want something done right do it yourself. We complained to Mass. Highway about the conditions of the traffic islands on Rt.6 in Fairhaven. They were filled with weeds growing through the asphalt and in some places the weeds were as high as the traffic signals. So, a group of volunteers got together in cooperation with the Fairhaven Board of Public Works to tackle the task of cleaning up the unsightly traffic islands stretching from Washington Street to Narragansett Boulevard.

Fairhaven BPW arranged for a police detail on the busy stretch of highway and donated the Eco-friendly material to control the weeds after they were removed.

Efforts are underway to finish the

job from Route 240 to Narragansett Blvd. Anyone wishing to volunteer for this or any other future project should e-mail WOLiveira@Fairhaven-Ma.Gov.

Volunteers who participated in this past week's clean-up were: Tommy DeSouza and Patrick Pacheco of BRW Property Services of Fairhaven; Wayne Oliveira, Gary Lavalette, Geoff Haworth, Jayme Morin.

Special thanks to Rita Rodericks who cleaned the Washington Street/Route 6 island all by herself.



ABOVE AND BELOW: Volunteers take it upon themselves to spruce up the island on Route 6 after waiting too long for the state to get around to it. *Submitted photos.*



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Fairhaven Police Department receives state certification

Fairhaven Police Dept. Press Release

Chief Michael J. Myers is pleased to announce that the Fairhaven Police Department achieved State Certification from the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission (MPAC) on Tuesday, 9/10/19.

The department was recognized for its achievement during an awards ceremony at The Connors Center in Dover.

Certification is a self-initiated evaluation process by which police departments strive to meet and maintain the highest standards of law enforcement, and is considered the best measure of a police department against the established best practices around the country and region.

"Being certified through MPAC is a great achievement for our department and highlights the high standards that we have at the Fairhaven Police Department," Chief Myers said. "I want to commend the officers who worked hard through the certification process and we look forward to working toward earning full accreditation."

The certification process is long and rigorous. It involves both an

internal self-review and an external assessment by the Commission's team of subject matter experts.

The MPAC program requires that departments meet all 159 mandatory standards.

These carefully selected standards include: Jurisdiction and Mutual Aid, Collection and Preservation of Evidence, Communications, Working Conditions, Crime Analysis, Community Involvement, Financial Management, Internal Affairs, Juvenile Operations, Patrol Administration, Public Information, Records, Traffic, Training, Drug Enforcement and Victim/Witness Assistance.

Earlier this year, the department was evaluated by a team of



The Fairhaven Police Department is recognized for achieving state certification from the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission on Tuesday, 9/10/19, L-R: Fairhaven Police Lt. David Sobral, Lt. Kevin Kobza (Accreditation Manager), Chief Michael Myers, Captain Michael Botelho and Chelsea Police Chief Brian Keyes. (Photo courtesy Fairhaven Police Department)

Commission-appointed assessors who found the department to be in full compliance with all of the necessary standards required for certification.

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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Big Boats Little Boats/Bow to Stern

Sat., 9/28, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Concert 4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. A free celebration of commercial fishing culture in New Bedford, MA, the #1 Fishing Port in the Country.

Activities will take place in and around the New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center (38 Bethel Street) and on Steamship Pier (walking and vessel tours) from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A free shuttle will run in a loop between the Center and the waterfront.

An evening performance of maritime music at the Seamen's Bethel, (15 Johnny Cake Hill) from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. featuring the New Bedford Sea Chantey Chorus, Ana Vinagre Ensemble, and the Johnson Girls.

Through exhibits, demonstrations, walking tours, dockside vessel tours, author readings, and performances, the event will showcase industry skills, fisheries science, and sustainable seafood.

A display of model fishing boats will complement the Center's fall exhibit F/V Innovation chronicling the history of vessels and gear and honoring the contributions of local industry innovators.

Bow to Stern Fest

On Saturday, September 28, 2019 the Downtown New Bedford neighborhood will be alive with music, history, arts, and culture at the first ever William Street Bow to Stern Festival from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. spanning Upper and Lower William Street from Eighth Street to the Waterfront.

The event represents a dynamic new collaboration between the Upper William Street Neighborhood Festival, DATMA, and the New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center. Activities are free and family friendly.

Visit For full details, visit: fishingheritagecenter.org/festival/ or <https://datma.org> or <http://www.galleryx.org>

Open House

WHALE is excited to welcome family and friends to join Your Theatre and WHALE for an open house at the First Baptist Church on Sat., 9/28, with two tours available at

1:00 pm and 2:00 pm located at 149 Williams Street, New Bedford, MA 02740. Come learn about the restoration process and the history of the national treasure.

For more information visit <https://www.waterfrontleague.org/portfolio-item/first-baptist-church/>

St. Anthony Concert

At 3:00 p.m., on Sun., 9/29, Gigi Mitchell-Velasco, a concert performer, music composer and world class singer, will open the Music at St. Anthony's 2019-20 Concert and Recital series at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 1359 Acushnet Ave, NB, on the historic 107 year old Casavant pipe organ. A suggested donation of \$10 will be accepted at the door for the pipe organ fund. All are welcome.

Rummage & Bake

Indoor yard sale, rummage, jewelry and baked goods, at Pilgrim United Church of Christ Hall, 634 Purchase St. (corner School St.), NB, on Fri., 10/4, from 5–8 p.m.; and Sat., 10/5, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

SAVE THE DATES:

Chowder Fest

This year's "ChowderFest" will take place on Sunday, October 13th on Pier 3, New Bedford's historical waterfront.

Tickets are \$15 per person; \$5 ages 6–12; 5 and younger free. VIP tickets: \$35, includes drink voucher, early entrance.

Visit <https://southcoastchamber.com> for tickets.

The event's main attraction is the 25 restaurants and caterers that will be serving up sample sized portions of their best clam and seafood chowders, signature soups, and stuffed quahogs.

Digitize Photos Workshop

Old photos? It's time to digitize those memories. No, really. Just imagine the possibilities of digital photos. Put an oldie on a coffee mug. A treasured pet? Family members? Make cards. Email memories and share with family and friends. We want to make the process as painless as possible. Not to mention the fun and the wisdom of preservation of

the whole notion itself. Bring a maximum of five photos and a flash drive to store your digitized images.

Sat, Oct 5th, 10 AM – 12 PM; Sun, Oct 6th, 12 – 2 PM. Non-member: \$30 Member: \$25. Maximum number of people per day is 8 Pre-registration required. Minimum 4 days in advance. At New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks!, 608 Pleasant Street, New Bedford, MA 02740; (508) 961-3072; info@newbedfordart.org

Blessing of Pets

Bring your pets, all shapes and sizes. Stuffed animals are welcome, too! Sun., 10/6, 9 a.m., St. Martin's Episcopal Church, 136 Rivet St., New Bedford. Dog and cat food donations appreciated. Everyone in the community is invited to attend, no matter where you are on your spiritual journey! www.stmartins.me Find us on Facebook.

Paper Shred Day

New Bedford Credit Union is sponsoring the fall Paper Shredding Day on Sat., 10/5, from 9 a.m.–noon in the parking lot across from New Bedford City Hall.

Residents of New Bedford, Dartmouth, and all communities are welcome. Individuals may bring a maximum of two boxes of paper (standard size box used to hold reams of paper).

Shredding confidential documents helps to prevent identify theft, protect personal information, and prevent valuable resources from being sent to the landfill.

Participants are welcome to watch the destruction of their paper. Certificates of destruction are available, if needed.

Paper clips and staples do not need to be removed, but please remove paper from folders and binders.

Shredded paper will be recycled into new products such as paper towels.

Event is held in partnership with New Bedford's Department of Community Services and the Greater New Bedford Regional Refuse Management District.

For questions about the event please call the Department of Community Services at (508) 979-1692 or the Refuse District Recycling Office at (508) 979-1493.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Comedy Night

A Night of Laughter, presented by American Legion Post 265, 71 Hope St., Acushnet, Fri., 9/27. Doors open at 6 p.m., show starts at 8:30 p.m. Rated R. Featuring Dan Miller, Ryan Gartley, Michael Petit. Tickets: \$25. For tickets or more information, call 508-998-6935.

Bird Club Mtg.

Join the Nasketucket Bird Club on **Thurs., 9/26, 2019 at 7 p.m. at the Mattapoissett Free Public Library.**

We will be featuring a program called "The Art of Aves." Professional Photographer Arthur Rainville will share insights and delights in the world of art that birds inspire. Along the way, he'll share tips and tricks to making better images of birds with whatever your skill or equipment... even your cell phones.

The meetings, open to the public and handicapped accessible, are held at the Mattapoissett Free Public Library, south door entrance, 7 Barstow Street in Mattapoissett.

Check our website at: <http://massbird.org/Nasketucket/> or email our President Justin Barrett at jmbarrett426@gmail.com

Fall Festival

Join the Knights of Columbus for our first ever Fall Festival, at the KoC, 57 Fairhaven Road (Rte. 6), Mattapoissett, on **Sat., 9/28 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sun., 9/29, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.** Entertainment all day, craft booths, raffles, food.

Butterfly Tagging

Monarch Tagging At Allens Pond, Sat, Sep 28th and Sat Oct 5th 2019 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Mass Audubon Members \$10 & non-members \$12. Member child \$10 & non-member child \$12.

The flowers blooming in the Allens Pond fields including the bright yellow goldenrod on Beach Loop trail are a magnet for migrating Monarchs in late-summer. Timed for peak weekends for monarch migration, join us at the Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary Field Station at 1280 Horseneck Rd., Westport, MA from 12 noon until 3 p.m. to learn more about the amazing monarch butterfly, how to properly handle and tag them and

perform additional scientific investigations aimed at understanding their migration.

Please register on-line at <http://www.massaudubon.org> or call 508-636-2437, as these are a weather-dependent programs and space is limited.

Auditions

Showstoppers Musical Entertainment is seeking talented youth for its 18th season. Auditions will be held on Wed., 10/22, starting at 6:00 p.m. by appointment at the Showstoppers studio at 34 Barstow Street in Mattapoissett.

Talented boys and girls in grades 2 to 12 are encouraged to audition to perform with the community-service singing troupe. Candidates are asked to prepare two song selections, a ballad and an upbeat tune, and bring their own prerecorded accompaniment music without lead vocals.

Successful candidates will be offered an opportunity to make an impact on their community by providing musical entertainment to the elderly at nursing homes, senior centers, and assisted living facilities throughout the Southcoast.

Averaging 50 performances per year, the troupe will also perform for the community at-large through a variety of private and public venues, including fairs, festivals, schools, malls, charitable fundraisers and other civic events.

Showstoppers Musical Entertainment is a subsidiary of Showstoppers Performing Arts, Inc., an all-volunteer non-profit organization. Follow them on Facebook to keep updated on their activities: www.facebook.com/showstoppers.us.

For inquiries about the program or to book an audition slot, please contact Kelly Zucco at 508-758-4525, or email kzucco@comcast.net.

StriperFest

StriperFest 2019, Sat., 9/28, Noon-6 p.m., Falmouth Marine Park, 180 Scranton Ave., Falmouth. Hosted by The Striper Cup. For tickets: www.stripercup.com

StriperFest is the biggest fishing party on the East Coast, drawing thousands of fishermen and their friends and family to Cape Cod. Take boat demo rides, check out the

sponsors' displays, eat, drink and enjoy live music! StriperFest is way more than an awards ceremony for The Striper Cup, it's the season-capping party of the year for striped bass fishermen.

Walking Tour

A Walking Tour of African American Arts & Letters on College Hill. Experience the world of international artists and authors who lived and worked in Providence's oldest neighborhood with your guide, Rhode Island's foremost African American expert, Ray Rickman. Learn about opera diva Sissieretta Jones, landscape artist Edward M. Bannister, Harlem Renaissance author Rudolph Fisher, sculptress Nancy Elizabeth Prophet & many others.

Sat., 9/28, 9:00am. Tour originates at Stages of Freedom, 10 Westminster Street, Providence. Visit <https://www.stagesoffreedom.org/walking-tours>. Limited to first 50 registrants

Email stagesoffreedom@aol.com or 401-421-0606.

SAVE THE DATES

Octopurr Fest

Join us for our 5th annual Octopurr Fest at It's All About the Animals, Inc., 103 Marion Rd., Rochester, on Sun., 10/6, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., rain or shine. Huge raffle table, 20+ vendors, food tent silent auction, DJ, bake table, fun for all. Candy bags for children. Free admission, off-street parking. Wear a costume if you'd like. Let's have some FUN! Pets welcome on leash

DONATIONS:

It's All about the Animals, a 501c3 Cat Shelter in Rochester MA is looking for donations and vendors for Octopurr Fest. Donations could include gift baskets, restaurant certificates, food items, trips, events, or simply monetary and every type of donation is welcome.

Your items can either be dropped off to our Shelter, on weekends between 1-4 pm which are also our adoption hours, or we can arrange to have your donation picked up by one of our enthusiastic volunteers.

Just email us at ohnokitty1@gmail.com and we will contact you.

Recipe of the Week

Wisconsin Bratwurst

2 lbs. fresh bratwurst sausages
 2 onions, thinly sliced
 1 cup butter
 6 (12 oz) cans or bottles beer
 1 1/2 tspss ground black pepper
 10 hoagie rolls

Prick bratwurst with fork to prevent them from exploding as they cook. Place in a large stock pot with the onions, butter, and beer. Place pot over medium heat, and simmer for 15 to 20 minutes.

Preheat grill for med-high heat.

Lightly oil grate. Cook bratwurst on preheated grill for 10 to 14 minutes, turning occasionally to brown evenly. Serve hot off the grill with onions on hoagie rolls.

Serve with brown mustard on substantial hoagie rolls, never on hot dog buns. Mustard is important and must always be stone ground. Add warm sauerkraut and ketchup, if you like.

*Recipe by Bob Cody
 from allrecipes.com*

Millicent Sept. art by Bertha Petruski

Press Release

The September Art Exhibit at the Millicent Library is by Bertha Petruski. Bertha grew up on a farm in Western Massachusetts where her love for nature later blossomed into work as a nature guide at Northfield Mountain Environmental/Recreational Center.

In her 30's she took calligraphy lessons from Susan Moore, an art she continues to use.

A few years ago she started taking water coloring lessons from Susan Cabral in Dartmouth. Recently she has been combining the two arts.

Bertha now lives in Fairhaven with her family.

The artwork is on the main floor on the ends of the bookstacks.

The Millicent Library is open 9-8 on Mondays and Wednesdays; 9-6 on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays; and 9-3 on Saturdays.

The Library's address is 45 Center Street, Fairhaven and the phone number is 508-992-5342. Accessible entrance on Walnut Street. Website: <http://millicentlibrary.org/>



Artwork by Bertha Petruski of Dartmouth is on display at the Millicent Library in Fairhaven through September, including this watercolor of geese. The display is at the ends of the bookstacks on the main floor. Submitted photo.



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Harvest fun day caps off the season

By Beth David
Editor

Just a smidge before the September Equinox, Fairhaven celebrated the end of summer and the beginning of fall with the seventh annual Harvest Fun Day on Saturday, 9/21. The Equinox was on 9/23. And now autumn begins for real.

The annual day celebrating the harvest and all goods produced locally, included about 75 booths, with food and fun for the kids, too.

A couple of old vehicles, a tractor, a living statue, and a stilt walker, all graced the grounds of the west lawn of Fairhaven High School and the area in front of the Fairhaven Visitors Center. Live music by the Unlikely

Strummers
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phere.

Many vendors said they were extremely pleased with the crowds and the number of sales, and only wished that people would come out in similar numbers during the summer marketplace held at the same location.

Almost all the food vendors ran out of food, which means, of course, that they did very well, too.

Lisa Elliott, who sells items created on a small loom, simply pointed to the bare spots around her tent answer the question of how well she did on Saturday.

“Very well,” she said pointing. “I have empty hangers.”

Christopher Richard, Fairhaven’s Office of Tourism Director, said he was very happy with the turn out.

This year, the festival was held a little earlier in the season. The Huttleston Marketplace was held



Living statue “Snow” blows a kiss after receiving a tip at the seventh annual Harvest Fun Day in Fairhaven on 9/21/19. Photo by Beth David.

HARVEST: cont’d on next page



Fairhaven held its seventh annual Harvest Fun Day on Saturday, 9/21/19, sponsored by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism. The day included 75 vendors, antique vehicles, activities for children and live music. ABOVE LEFT: The notorious pirate Abby Black strikes a pose. ABOVE MIDDLE: Roison Griffin tries her hand at the wheel of the 1924 Ford Model T Depot Hack on display. ABOVE RIGHT: Lorenzo Ferreira seems to know just what to do with the wheel. BELOW LEFT: Members of the Fairhaven Lions Club are all smiles after selling out of most items. BELOW RIGHT: Sandy and Joe Perrone give a smile for the local free sheet, although their little pooch would not cooperate. Photos by Beth David.



HARVEST: cont'd from previous page

every Saturday during summer, and many of the same vendors joined in for the Harvest Fun Day.

It was a great way to cap off the marketplace's season and the summer season.

The warm weather on Saturday, though, made it hard to believe that summer was over. Temperatures reached close to 80, but the cool breeze from the harbor kept the

grounds comfortable.

Young Roison Griffin tried her hand at the wheel of a 1924 Ford Model T Depot Hack on display. She said she really liked the vehicle because it was so old.

At the other end of the field, children chased bubbles that were created by a living statue, "Snow" who would periodically come to life to delight children of all ages. A stilt walker, and

the notorious pirate, Abby Black also roamed the grounds freely.

The next opportunity to buy from many of the same vendors in Fairhaven, will be the Manjiro Festival on 10/5. See page 5 for details.

To learn more about the Office of Tourism and other upcoming events, visit FairhavenTours.com, email FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov, or call 508-979-4085.



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Salem MA trip

Just in time for Halloween! Come with us on a coach bus to Salem, MA. See all the haunted happenings and visit ghostly places on your own. Bus leaves the Recreation Center at 1:30 a.m., and returns to the Rec at 11:30 p.m. Must pre-register

Date: Sat., October 19. **Must register by October 12. Cost: \$40**

NYC on your own

Shopping and sightseeing in the Big Apple...why not? Enjoy a day in New York City as we travel in style in a luxury motor coach. The perfect opportunity to get that holiday shopping done early, visit local places of interest, check out a show, see the holiday decorations or just wine and dine. Drop off and Pick up at Bryant Park. Bus leaves from the Fairhaven Recreation Center where coffee and donuts will be available upon arrival. We'll provide movies on the bus. To be sure that this trip can run pre-register is required. All children must be accompanied by a parent.

Depart FHVN: 5:30 a.m. Arrive NYC: 10:30 a.m. Depart NYC: 5 p.m. Arrive FHVN: 10 p.m.

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Special Activities

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.

Sewing Circle

Starting in September the sewing Circle will meet on TUESDAYS from 1-3:00 p.m. Oct. 8 & 22. The group will still meet on THURSDAYS, Oct. 3, 10 24, from 5:45-8:00 p.m. Call 508-979-4029 for more dates.

Memory Cafe

Coming to Fairhaven COA in June. Fairhaven Council on Aging Memory Cafe will meet every Tuesday 1-2:30 p.m. At The Fairhaven Council on Aging 229 Huttleston Ave. Call 508-979-4029 and ask for Anne Silvia if you have any questions.

Attn. Knitters & Crocheters

Beacon Hospice is again asking for knitters and crocheters to make afghans for the veterans they provide hospice service to. Beacon will provide the red, white and blue yarn. They are looking for afghans about the size of the top of a twin bed or even a little smaller. Afghans can be

dropped off at the Fairhaven Senior Center. In the past this has been an incredibly heartwarming project much appreciated by the veterans. Call the Senior Center, 508-979-4029 and ask for Anne Silvia for info.

Computer Technology

Everything you wanted to know about emailing: Oct. 7 & 9; Oct. 32, 23, 25, Everything Google.

Fuel Assistance Recertifications:

Mailing for fuel recertifications begin in September. If you receive them and need help, please call Phyllis at 508-979-4029. Applications will begin in November.

Flu Shots

Walgreens will be providing flu shots to seniors on Tuesday October 8 and Tuesday November 12 at 2:30 p.m. at the Fairhaven Senior Center. Please call the COA at 508-979-4029 to sign up and please bring your insurance information with you.

Grieving During the Holidays Workshop

Wed., 11/13, at 6:00 p.m. at the Fairhaven Senior Center Provided by Nancy Arnold Southcoast, VNA Supportive Care Service. The workshop is free of charge and open to anyone in the community.

Ongoing Programs

Call 508-979-4029 for days and times

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



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Acushnet hears plan to put veteran housing at former library

By Pattie Pacella

Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on 9/25/19, the Acushnet Selectboard saw a presentation by Michael Gagne, Town Administrator of Mattapoisett, who is also president of the non-profit organization, Partners in Housing.

Mr. Gagne presented the Selectboard with architectural plans for renovating the Russell Library into a regional veterans housing facility.

He explained it would be a joint venture with the Town of Mattapoisett. There would be 13 units, at approximately 600-700 square feet each.

Mr. Gagne stated that Dartmouth has been very successful with their veterans housing facility located in the old police station. He said it would have to be under the direction of the Acushnet Housing Authority.

Mr. Gagne also explained that there are grants that may be available for the project and CPC funds could also be utilized.

Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar stated that Acushnet desperately needs more senior housing and veterans housing.

Board member David Desrochers expressed his concerns on the financial picture. He said he agreed with the concept but was not sure of the financial burden.

Mr. Gagne stated that he would be requesting permission to move forward from both the Mattapoisett and Acushnet Selectboards.

Selectboard chairperson Roger

Mr. Gagne stated that Dartmouth has been very successful with their veterans housing facility located in the old police station.

Cabral asked if Mr. Gagne would be willing to put together a written proposal and return for more discussion on the project at a future meeting. Mr. Gagne agreed.

In another matter, the Selectboard reviewed their Standard & Poor's credit rating with financial consultants from Hilltop Security Advisors. The consultants advised

that Acushnet has gone from AA to AA+, stating that the conclusion is that the Town of Acushnet is "doing everything right."

Interim Town Administrator Julie Hebert reported that the Town has received \$171,494 in a Green Communities Grant that will be used for LED lighting at the town schools.

She also reported that the Comcast license agreement ends in November and the committee will be meeting soon to review it.

Mr. Cabral asked that one of the Selectboard members consider being an appointee for SRPEDD. He stated that SRPEDD meets once a month, usually on a Wednesday, and that he would be interested if neither of the other board members wanted to do it.

Mr. Cabral also stated that he is having a casual meeting with the Mayor of New Bedford, the health agent and conservation agents from Acushnet to discuss the Lake Street Pond, as it is owned by the City of New Bedford, but is located in Acushnet.

"It's just a mess over there," Mr. Cabral stated.



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Beached whale at Hoppy's Landing is euthanized

By Beth David
Editor

A 17-foot juvenile minke whale washed up on shore at the southernmost tip of Hoppy's Landing on Tuesday, 9/24/19. Fairhaven Harbor-master Tim Cox, Animal Control Officer Terry Cripps, and other officials arrived on scene in the morning and worked to keep the whale alive. Officials from the International Fund for Animal Welfare

(IFAW) arrived on scene and assisted. IFAW personnel determined that the whale needed to be euthanized "due to suspected illness and stress," according to a press release from the Fairhaven Harbor-master's office.

Olivia Guerra, an IFAW spokesperson said on scene that: "There is an unusual mortality rate for these minke Whales."

The whale, which is believed to be about one year old, was removed

from the water with assistance from West Island Marina personnel and equipment. The whale will be autopsied to determine the nature of the stranding.

"I would like to thank everybody that came out today to help and try to save the whale," wrote Mr. Cox on Facebook. "My deputies, Fairhaven Animal Control, Fairhaven Fire, Fairhaven Police, Fairhaven TV, IFAW, and West Island Marina."



ABOVE, Left & Right: A juvenile minke whale that had to be euthanized after it beached on Hoppy's Landing in Fairhaven on 9/24/19, is lifted up out of the water to be transported for an autopsy. *Photos courtesy of Fairhaven Marine Resources Department.*



ABOVE: Fairhaven Town officials keep their distance and keep the public away from a stranded juvenile minke whale at Hoppy's Landing on 9/24/19 while waiting for officials from the International Fund for Animal Welfare to arrive. BELOW, LEFT & RIGHT: The whale, believed to be about one year old, is still alive at about 10 a.m. *Photos by Beth David.*



Minke whale, more photos



A juvenile minke whale had to be euthanized after it beached on Hoppy's Landing in Fairhaven on 9/24/19. The whale is believed to be about one year old. Local officials and personnel from the International Fund for Animal Welfare tried to save the whale, but determined it was too sick from illness and stress. ABOVE & BELOW: A Minke whale that stranded on Hoppy's Landing in Fairhaven on 9/24/19 is evaluated and eventually euthanized by personnel from the International Fund for Animal Welfare, after it was determined that the whale was too sick from illness and stress to return back to sea. ABOVE RIGHT: Members of the public and press watch as the whale is evaluated and eventually euthanized. *Photos this page by Glenn C. Silva*



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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 8th, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Case # 2019.10.08A** A case on Manuel Almeida, of 8 Wildrose Lane, Acushnet who is petitioning the Board for a Special Permit for the use and parking of more than one commercial vehicle for business use at his address. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1 Residence "A" District-Section "B" (8)- Use and Parking of More Than One Commercial Vehicle for Business Use.

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 6:30 pm
Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct Public Hearings at the above date and location.

- SP19-10 Verizon/Celco Small Cell Antenna – **Fort Street** Celco Partnership d/b/a as Verizon Wireless c/o Duval, Klasnick & Thompson LLC is requesting a Special Permit for installation of Small Cell Equipment on Utility Pole #43216 on Fort Street. The proposed installation includes (1) cylindrical antenna side mounted at a top height of 25.9' above ground level, two (2) remote radio heads and associated wires, cable, meter and junction boxes to an existing 33' tall utility pole (Utility pole #43216) located in the town right of way, adjacent to 6 Fort Street, Fairhaven, MA owned by Eversource Energy d/b/a NSTAR Electric.
- SP2019-08 **Haskell Solar Farm, 46 Charity Stevens Lane, Fairhaven, MA.** Fairhaven MA 4, LLC c/o Clean Energy Collective is requesting approval

through the Special Permit review process to install an approximately 11-acre solar photovoltaic energy facility (SPEF) on an approximately 49-acre farm in two 5-6 acre sections of ground-mounted solar arrays on the eastern and western portion of property located at 46 Charity Stevens Lane (Map 40, Lot 8) owned by the Haskell Family Revocable Trust c/o of David Haskell.

Copies of the applications are on file for public review at the Department of Planning and Economic Development, Town Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. To schedule an appointment to review the application call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4082, Ext. 9.

Department of Planning & Economic Development
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Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday, October 1, 2019, 6:00 p.m.
East Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

1. 15 Coe Street, Map 3, Lot 170: Louise Ponte. 198-19. Variance request for 3.5' short of a boundary fence in front yard area in a RA District that requires 20'.
2. 10 Maitland Street, Map 22A, Lot 029: Dawn Bourgeois. 198-18: Variance request for 1200 square feet short of 15,000 square feet in a RA District.
3. 31 Highland Ave. Map 28, Lot 294: David Rutherford. 198-22: Variance request for 1' short in rear setback, 2' short side setback and 3.5' front for a shed that requires 5' from all property lines.
4. 88 Hedge Street. Map 16, Lot 38A: Tedi Arbigaus. Special Permit request for storage of a 27' long travel camper on left side of the house in a RA District.
5. 35 Hawthorne Street. Map 22, Lot 270-271. Antone P. Silva. 198-21 (C): Variance to extend 3.6' of a non conformity for a bathroom.
6. 60 Hacker Street. Map 28A, Lot 103. James Souza. 198-23: Special Permit request for a home occupation of a landscaping business.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman
9/19/19 & 9/26/19



TOWN OF ACUSHNET PUBLIC HEARING/CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Town of Acushnet Cable Television Advisory Committee will conduct a hearing at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 9th, at the Acushnet Town Hall Selectmen's Meeting Room. The purpose of the hearing will be to ascertain the Town's cable television-related needs in connection with the proposed renewal of the Town's cable television license with Comcast and other matters related to the operation by Comcast of the current cable television license. Any applications, reports, statements, and amendments to be considered at the hearing that constitute public records under state law are available for public inspection during regular business hours and for reproduction at a reasonable fee in the Town Clerk's Office, located at 130 Main Street, Acushnet, MA 02743.

Cable Television Advisory Committee
FNN, 9/26/19, 10/3/19

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BPW. He explained that from now on residents will be able to view what can and cannot be abated and there will also be an application, and information on what documentation is needed for an abatement.

The board voted unanimously to accept the policy.

The board briefly discussed special town meeting articles. Mr. Furtado explained that they have four articles for the STM in November.

The first article is for the Sewer Department union contract.

The second article is for \$50,000 for the Highway Department's permit requirements.

The third article is for work on Robert Street, which was requested by the Selectboard.

The fourth article is tax bill for \$6,980 for the wells in Mattapoisett.

The board voted unanimously to approve the articles.

In another matter the board discussed the encampment at Fort Phoenix originally scheduled for 9/28 & 9/29. Mr. Furtado explained that the Fairhaven Village Militia is requesting permission to use Fort Phoenix for about 500 people for the weekend to

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Mr. Furtado explained that they would be sleeping at Fort Phoenix to recreate a 1770s military encampment, with campfires. He said he loved the idea of the event, but was concerned about the dangers of EEE.

Mr. Silvia suggested getting someone out there to spray the grounds for mosquitoes before the event.

BPW member Frank Coelho said he liked the idea of the event and is okay with it, but the board should definitely make the Militia aware of the EEE concerns.

Mr. Wotton agreed and said he did not want the town to be liable because the board allowed the event with the risk of EEE. He said he did not want to say no because the event is great.

Mr. Hobson suggested that they approve the event, but state it is at their own risk

The board voted to waive the fee and approve the event at their own risk, and have them sign a waiver for the EEE warning.

UPDATE: *The organizers have decided to hold the event on Saturday only and to end before dusk. See page 3 for details.*

Fairhaven Meetings

Board of Appeals

Tues., 10/1, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Health

Thurs., 9/26, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 9/30, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Commission on Disability

Wed., 10/2, FHA Commtty, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

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

Economic Develop.

Thurs., 9/26, Town Hall, 6:30

Espindola Office Hour

Tues., 10/1, Town Hall, 6:30-7:30 p

Planning Board

Tues., 10/8, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

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

Town Auction

Sat., 9/28, 5 Arsene St., 9 a.m.

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Acushnet Meetings

Board of Assessors

Tues., 10/1, Town Hall, 3:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues. 10/8, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

US Army Corps of Engineers, Cape Cod Canal/Wing's Neck

	Sept. 2019	HIGH a.m. p.m.	LOW a.m. p.m.	
30	Thursday	26 0629 1852	----	12
24	Friday	27 0716 1939	0036*	13
18	Saturday	28 0803 2027	0124*	13
12	Sunday	29 0852 2117	0213*	14
-	Monday	30 0942 2207	0303*	15

	Oct. 2019	HIGH a.m. p.m.	LOW a.m. p.m.	
Tuesday	1	1032 2257	0349*	1627*
Wednesday	2	1122 2348	0430*	1707
Thursday	3	----	1215 0509	1750
Friday	4	0045 1313	0552	1854
Saturday	5	0144 1411	0651	2146
Sunday	6	0241 1506	0953	2256
Monday	7	0338 1605	1114	2353
Tuesday	8	0441 1709	----	1211
Wednesday	9	0540 1802	0039	1255
Thursday	10	0626 1845	0117	1333
Friday	11	0705 1922	0146	1401
Saturday	12	0740 1957	0113	1328

* = Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft
** Predicted minus tides from -1.1 ft to -2.0 ft or more

BPW discusses water and sewer abatements

By Mary Macedo

Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Monday, 9/16, the Fairhaven Board of Public Works discussed water and sewer abatements, town meeting articles and the encampment event at Fort Phoenix.

The board first met with Jean Canastra about a water and sewer abatement issue. Ms. Canastra explained to the board that she had a water and sewer bill that was over \$2000 when her normal bill is usually around \$200. Ms. Canastra said the town put a pink slip on her door to notify her.

Ms. Canastra said that her toilet had to be fixed and was running without her knowing it for a few weeks. She had a plumber fix it.

Ms. Canastra said she filed for an abatement, but it was denied. She then went to court with Superintendent Vincent Furtado and the court suggested she meet with the BPW to discuss the issue.

BPW Chairperson Brian Wotton asked if Ms. Canastra had the plumber's bill and she said she did not but could get it.

Mr. Wotton explained that once the water goes through the meter it is the resident's bill unless the water meter is faulty. He asked if her water meter has been normal since and Ms. Canastra said yes.

BPW member Keith Silvia said the plumber's bill and pictures of the leak could be helpful.

Mr. Wotton suggested that Ms. Canastra bring those items to the board and also have a plumber go by and check all water in the house and report the findings.

Ms. Canastra agreed and said she would try to get all that done for the next BPW meeting.

The board also met with Allan Rego about a water and sewer abatement. Mr. Rego explained that his bill was \$1159 and was usually around \$300.

Mr. Rego explained that he had a plumber go out three times, and an employee from the water department, and both said there were no leaks anywhere.

Mr. Wotton said that the board could work with the sewer abatement but not the water.

Mr. Hobson suggested possibly

helping Mr. Rego out with the difference from the normal sewer amount to the large bill.

Mr. Wotton explained that if the hose was leaking outside their house the BPW could help with the extra sewer cost.

Mr. Wotton said it sounded like there was no leak in the house, so it must have been a leak outside. The BPW can help with outside leaks especially because Mr. Rego provided documented evidence that the plumber saw no leaks.

Mr. Wotton asked Mr. Rego to bring in three of his previous sewer bills and the board will come up with the average and calculate the difference between their average bill and the current large bill and refund them the difference.

The board voted to table the issue until the next meeting.

In a related matter, the board discussed drafting a water and sewer abatement policy. Mr. Furtado said there is currently no policy and that abatements should go directly to the

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