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

## FHS students show their talents



Arianna Dwyer uses sign language to honor fallen soldiers at the annual Fairhaven High School's Got Talent show on Friday, 2/7/20, in the FHS Performing Arts Center. See page 12 for more. Photo by Glenn C. Silva for the Neigh News.



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## From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

Woo hoo! We won awards!

Our fearless photog Glenn C. Silva won TWO awards, yup, two, at the annual banquet of the New England Newspaper and Press Association this weekend.

Glenn really goes the extra mile most of the time to get his shot, so it's really good see him get recognized for his extra efforts. See page 7 for details.

And, if you see him around town, be sure to congratulate him.

Both Acushnet and Fairhaven have police promotions this week. In Acushnet (page 13), they have a new chief of police and a new sergeant. Chief Richmond is quite the comedian, had everyone laughing at the change of command ceremony. I'm sure that sense of humor will come in handy in the new job.

Congratulations to Chief Richmond, and to Sgt. Matton.

Fairhaven also had a police promotion this week (see page 3). Detective Scott Gordon, whom you may remember from the Carter case, was promoted to sergeant at the selectboard meeting.

I'm sure Sgt. Gordon will do the job with the same attention to detail he showed as a detective. Congratulations to him, and his kids seemed to be getting a kick out of it, too. His son pinned him, and I just love the expressions on both their faces.

Our cover story is a fun event. Students at the high school got to showcase their talents in the annual FHS Got Talent show (see page 12 for that). The kids sang their hearts out, and also got creative.

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Beth David, Publisher

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# Free outdoor adventures for vacation wk

## Press Release

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You can fill up school vacation week with outdoor activities around Buzzards Bay by attending a Bay Adventure, the Buzzards Bay Coalition's signature outdoor exploration program series.

The Coalition has planned something new and exciting for each day of February school vacation break at locations all around the watershed. All ages are welcome!

Exploring the beach can be fun in winter! On these free family programs, you'll discover the plants and animals that live on Buzzards Bay in winter.

**Sat., 2/15, 10 a.m.-Noon Saturday at the Sawmill: Winter Wildlife.** The Sawmill, 32 Mill Road, Acushnet

**Mon. 2/17, 10-11:30 a.m. Make Your Own Birdfeeder,** Headwaters Conservation Area, 209 Blossom Rd., Westport

**Tues., 2/18, 10-11:30 a.m. Sandy Surprise Beach Exploration,** Fort

Taber Park, 1000 So. Rodney French Blvd., New Bedford

**Wed., 2/19, 1-3 p.m. Outdoor Obstacles,** The Sawmill, 32 mill Road, Acushnet)

**Thurs., 2/20, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Marsh Madness,** Little Bay Conservation Area, 12 Little Bay Road, Fairhaven

**Fri., 2/21, 5-6 p.m. Sunset Walk,** Monks Park, Valley Bars Circle, Bourne

**Sat. 2/22, 10 a.m.-Noon Maple Tapping,** LaPalme Farm, Blain Street, Acushnet)

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# Gordon makes Sgt.; town to use eminent domain for Knowles prop.

By Beth David  
**Editor**

The Fairhaven Selectboard held a pinning ceremony for Scott Gordon at its meeting on 2/10/20, elevating him to the rank of sergeant.

Police chief Michael Myers told the board that Sgt. Gordon has been an excellent patrol officer, and has also excelled as a detective for more than 10 years. The chief noted that Sgt. Gordon worked on the Michelle Carter case, which resulted in a conviction and an internationally known case.

He said Sgt. Gordon has done a "tremendous job" no matter what task has been assigned to him. He has been a School Resource Officer, patrol officer, and detective.

"It's my pleasure to present him" for the promotion, said the chief.

Sgt. Gordon's son Cam, with a little help from his sister Taylor, pinned the new badge on this father.

After the ceremony, Sgt. Gordon said it was a "good opportunity," and he was "looking forward to the challenges that come with it."

He said it was time for something to move in his career, so he was happy

the opportunity was available to him.

Chief Myers said Sgt. Gordon has always done a "great job" and he felt confident making recommending the promotion.

"He will do a great job for the town and the department," said Chief Myers.

"I'm very proud of him," said Sgt. Gordon's mother Jill. "Everything he does, he does an excellent job. He's a good man."

"I'm very proud. He's excellent in everything he does," said Sgt. Gordon's father Steve. "He's a good father."

Sgt. Gordon's children said it was a mixed blessing having your father on the police force. Although they do take care of each other, they can also sometimes be even harder on officers' children.

"It's a little bit of both," said his daughter Taylor, adding that she was proud of her dad.

"I'm happy for him," said Cam, noting that he knew the "hard work he's put into the job through the years."

"We love him," said Taylor.

In other business, the board decided to pursue a property by eminent domain to build a public safety facility. Last year, the town issued a request for proposals (RFP) to acquire land for the facility. Only G. Bourne Knowles responded, offering to sell some or all of the property at 267 Huttleston Avenue.

The town followed up with a feasibility study that found the parcel to be uniquely suited to the town's needs, and entered into negotiations with Mr. Knowles.

In a letter to the board that he read at the meeting on Monday, Town Administrator Mark Rees told the board that on 1/29/20, Mr. Knowles rescinded his offer in order "to pursue other offers for the land."

Mr. Rees laid out three options: to reopen the search, recognizing the town has reviewed about 30 locations and found none of them acceptable; construct two buildings, one for fire and one for police, which would be significantly more expensive and would also not be as ideal for services to the public; pursue taking the land

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### Book Group

In 1918, as the Great War — World War One — was in the early years, the Spanish flu arrived in North America killing 50 million people worldwide and the deadliest pandemic in the world “seconded to the Black Death”.

“As Bright As Heaven” by Susan Messier takes place in Philadelphia where 12,191 men, women and children of all ages were victims of the Spanish flu. The author writes a “compelling story of a mother and her daughters who find themselves in a harsh world not of their making that will either crush their resolve to survive or purify it.”

The selection will be discussed at Fairhaven’s Millicent Library, 45 Center Street on **Thursday, February 20, 10 a.m.**, in the library’s meeting room accessible through the Walnut Street entrance.

The discussion is free and open to the public. The book is available at the library or visit [www.millicentlibrary.org](http://www.millicentlibrary.org). Call Norma Markey at 508-993-37445

### Calling All Seniors

Calling All SENIORS... the Fairhaven Rotary is hosting their 5th year Senior Talent Showcase on Sunday, May, 3, 2020 (NOTE DATE CHANGE) from 2pm to 4pm at the Fairhaven Town Hall. This is a free event open to the public. If any senior would like to be in the talent showcase, please call MK at 508.330.4837 for an application. We are asking for donations/and or advertisers to get into our Program Book; please email [pmederios67@comcast.net](mailto:pmederios67@comcast.net) to inquire. It's going to be a great show!

### Scholarships

The Mariner Youth Soccer Association, which has provided soccer instruction, skills clinics and both recreational and competitive soccer opportunities to children 4-18

in the communities of Fairhaven, Mattapoisett, Marion, Rochester and Acushnet for over 25 years, is pleased to announce that it will be offering a scholarship opportunity to Mariner Youth Soccer Alumni this Spring. Criteria are at a minimum: must be a high school senior living in one of the above listed communities and must have played for Mariner Youth Soccer for a minimum of 4 years. **Scholarship deadline is April 11, 2020.**

Applications can be requested by emailing: [marinerscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:marinerscholarship@gmail.com) or on our website: [www.marineryouthsoccer.com](http://www.marineryouthsoccer.com)

### SAVE THE DATES

#### Registration Open for WI 5K

West Island 5k Run/Walk, Sun., 4/26, 11:00 a.m., 41 Causeway Rd., West Island, Fairhaven

The Fairhaven High School Cross Country program benefits from this event, run on a US Track and Field certified course. Entry fees range from \$15 to \$25. There is also a Kids Mile Run with an entry fee of \$5. Race shirt or beach towel to first 400 5k registrants. Cash prizes. For more information visit <http://westisland5k.org>, or email [westisland5k@yahoo.com](mailto:westisland5k@yahoo.com).

#### Student Concert FR

Join us for an evening of live music and finger foods on Sat. 2/22, from 7-9 p.m. at Northeast Maritime Institute’s Brigantine Hall, 15 Center St., Fairhaven. Tickets: \$10, under 15 free. Proceeds to benefit student government at NMI. Tickets at the door. Please join us for a fun time.

#### Realistic Resilience for Caregivers

Are you a caregiver for a person whose life is shaped by medical or mental illness? Dementia or Alzheimer’s disease? Hospice care? Or, do you give of yourself in challenging volunteer relationships? Janet Cromer, RN, LMHC will offer an interactive presentation for new and long-term caregivers to focus on recognizing and relieving depression, traumatic stress, and compassion fatigue. Join us to craft a personalized Realistic Resilience plan, which includes mindfulness, creativity, honesty, and wraparound support.

This FREE presentation will be held on Wed., 2/26, at 6:30 PM at

**Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green Street, Fairhaven, MA.** All are welcome

Janet Cromer, RN, MA, LMHC is a licensed psychotherapist and a national speaker on family caregiver and healthcare professional mental health. For more information, contact [janetcromer2@gmail.com](mailto:janetcromer2@gmail.com).

### Video Contest

AAA Northeast invites high school students living in AAA Northeast territory to participate in the 2020 Traffic Safety Video Contest and create a :30 second video PSA to educate motorists of any age on the risks of marijuana-impaired driving. The grand prize winner will be awarded \$5,000!

Contest rules can be found at [AAA.com/VideoContest](http://AAA.com/VideoContest). Entries should be uploaded and submitted via [www.AAA.com/VideoContest](http://www.AAA.com/VideoContest) by **midnight on April 13, 2020**. The public is invited to view students’ submissions and “like” their favorite video on that website between April 20-30th. The top five videos, determined by the number of “likes”, will be posted to AAA Northeast’s Instagram account @AAANortheast on May 1st and the video receiving the most “likes” on Instagram by May 4th will be the grand prize winner!

The contest’s goal is to educate drivers that consuming marijuana in any form, including vaping THC, will impact and impair driving ability. Research demonstrates that driving high more than doubles crash risk.

Visit [www.AAA.com/ShiftingGears](http://www.AAA.com/ShiftingGears) to learn about AAA’s free educational program for high schoolers on marijuana impaired driving.

### Youth Baseball Reg

Registration for Fairhaven Acushnet Youth Baseball is now open. FAYB offers many levels of recreational baseball open to participants from the towns of Fairhaven and Acushnet or participants who attend school in either town..

Visit <https://www.fayb.org> for more information or to register. You may also email us at [fairhavenacushnetyouthbaseball@gmail.com](mailto:fairhavenacushnetyouthbaseball@gmail.com), or message us on Facebook!

## NFIA Santa restored

This Santa Claus climbing in from the chimney is a thing of beauty for all Santa lovers who visit the decorated Benoit Square and North Fairhaven Improvement Association building across the street. The old statue had been showing signs of age, and needed some tender-loving-care. Fiona Marques from Fairhaven High School stepped in and restored the statue this year in time for it to be on

display by the door of the building during the annual lighting of Benoit Square in December. Ms. Marques wrote that she repainted and touched up the entire statue. After it was painted, she sealed it with a weather resilient Rustoleum. Ms. Marques is in the art program at FHS, and says she has had "a paintbrush in my hand ever since I was little."

She said most of her classes

consist of visual arts and a few AP courses. She hopes to get most of her college credits done before she goes to college.

"After graduation, I plan on pursuing art and possibly double majoring in illustration and political science," wrote Ms. Marques. "Hopefully I can become either a freelance illustrator or even work for the New Yorker."



LEFT: The North Fairhaven Improvement Association's statue of Santa Claus coming in through the chimney shows how it desperately needed new paint and some touch-up in this before photo. RIGHT: Fairhaven High School art student Fiona Marques stands next to the statue after she restored it.

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# **Neighb News photographer takes two at NENPA awards Banquet**

By Beth David

**Editor**

*Fairhaven Neighborhood News* photographer Glenn C. Silva won two awards at the annual banquet of the New England Newspaper and Press Association's New England Better Newspaper Competition in journalism on Saturday, 2/8/20, at the Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel. NENPA represents more than 450 daily, weekly and specialty newspapers in New England, and judged 3,000 entries for this year's awards.

It is the second time in three years that Mr. Silva has won in the general news category for weeklies with circulation less than 6,000. In 2018, he won for his photo of Michelle Carter the day the verdict was announced.

This year, Mr. Silva took a first place and a third place.

His photo of the Polar Plunge on 1/1/19 that ran in our 1/3/19 issue took first place.

He won third place for his photo of Senator Elizabeth Warren at the window looking at the crowd right before she went out to announce her

run for President of the United States in Lawrence, Mass. on 2/9/19. The photo ran in our 2/14/19 issue.

Congratulations to Glenn and to the *Neighb News* for showing that we can compete with our peers in a professional setting.

For the Polar Plunge photo, Mr. Silva got up a bit early on New Year's day, braved the cold, and ventured out onto the jetty to get the shot.

For the photo of Sen. Warren, Mr. Silva, had to rise and shine very early. He wanted to be in Lawrence by around 8 a.m., so he left Fairhaven at 5:44 a.m., and arrived at about 7:30.

He got his media credentials and stood around in 21 degree weather until the announcement. He took the winning photo at 11:44 a.m.

His extra effort and dedication to always arriving extra early, and paying attention, give him the edge when he is shooting special events.

He was one of only a handful of photographers who ventured up the elevator to where Sen. Warren was waiting with her family, getting ready to go on stage.

So, here's to another year of award-winning news gathering by our little crew.



*Fairhaven Neighborhood News* photographer Glenn S. Silva holds the two awards he won at the New England Better Newspaper Competition for journalism sponsored by the New England Newspaper and Press Association and presented at the annual banquet on 2/8/20 at the Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel. Photo by Beth David.



Glenn C. Silva's first place photo (ABOVE) and his third place win (RIGHT) in the New England Better Newspaper Competition for Journalism for 2019, presented on 2/8/20. See more photos of the day Sen. Warren announced at <https://photos.app.goo.gl/KUARnYPdTJboKzC98> Neighb News file photos by Glenn C. Silva.



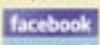
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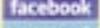
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Your donation is tax deductible. If you are interested in donating your boat or need more information, please contact Joe Pacheco, 774-328-2451, or [josephpacheco46@yahoo.com](mailto:josephpacheco46@yahoo.com)

## Three exhibits

New Bedford Art Museum/Artworks! Opens Three Exhibitions Featuring Local Artists and Curators

**Reception: AHA! Thurs, Feb 13, 6–8 p.m. (Snow Date 3/12). Free and open to the public. Light refreshments.** To learn more about the exhibitions and concurrent programming visit: [newbedfordart.org](http://newbedfordart.org)

### Excavation: Layers of Meaning

Curated by Catherine Carter Adria Arch, Tracy Barbosa, Resa Blatman, Alma Cummings, Mary Dondero, Steven Duede, Anthony Falcetta, Lisa Granata, Nancy Hayes, and Jeannie Motherwell. **On view to 5/17/20.**

### How to Make Slime

On view: Video and sculptures by Eli Brown On view: 2/12 – 6/14/20

### SHE PERSISTED: Women Artists of New Bedford, 1900-2019

Curated by Allie Copeland featuring artworks from the New Bedford Free Public Library's collection. **On view: 2/5 – 7/26/20**

## February Vacation At New Bedford Art Museum

Art is important for growing and creative minds! Let your kids express themselves in our workshops and classes. Many of our classes are on rolling admission and some are drop-

in to offer a bit of flexibility for busy lives. Check in often for any updates. Or call Deb Smook, the Education Director at (508) 961-3072. To register, visit [www.newbedfordart.org](http://www.newbedfordart.org)

### Frosty February Vacation Week Workshops 2/18 – 2/21/2020

Each February NBAM/AW! offers art-making workshops for kids 6-13+.

**Tweens on Wheels Clay:** 9 a.m.–2 p.m., Ages 9–13+ Member: \$252.00 Non-Member \$280.00 Teens learn clay skills such as hand-building and wheel working. Beginners welcome!

**Teens: Digi and Animation:** 9 a.m.– 2 p.m., Ages 9–13+ Member Price \$252.00 Non-Member \$280.00 Youth will create characters and learn how to make digital renditions to animate in Photoshop.

**Multi-Media:** 9 a.m.–2 p.m. Ages 6–9 Member: \$252.00 Non-Member \$280.00 Work in a variety of mediums such as paint, collage, and 3D using recycled materials. The theme will be chosen by students facilitated by the art instructor.

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## Absentee Ballots

The presidential primary election in Massachusetts will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, and the New Bedford Election Commission has announced that absentee ballots for this election are now available through the Election Commission Office at New Bedford City Hall.

Any registered voter unable to get to the polls on Election Day may vote by absentee ballot at the Election Commission Office during regular office hours, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., or may request that an absentee ballot application be mailed to their home address. Parents or family members can apply for an absentee ballot on behalf of their children attending out-of-city colleges and universities.

**Absentee ballots may be requested up until 12 noon on Monday, March 2, 2020.**

In addition, to allow voters to cast an absentee ballot, the City of New Bedford Election Office will open on Saturday, February 29, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon.

In the presidential primary election on March 3, voters may cast their vote for presidential preference, state committeeman and state committeewoman, and ward committees. On Election Day, polls will be open as usual from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Any resident who is uncertain about their voting status, designated polling location, has changed their address since the last election, or who wishes to request an absentee ballot, should contact the Election Commission Office at 508-979-1420.

## Call for Young Artists

The New Bedford Whaling Museum and the YWCA of Southeastern Mass. are inviting young artists between the ages of 12 and 22 to explore the impact of women in the region through original works of art created for *IGNITE: A Youth Showcase of Art Inspired by Historic Women of the SouthCoast*. Artworks in any medium will be considered for the showcase as long as they celebrate one or more of the women profiled by the history project *Lighting the Way: Historic Women of the SouthCoast*. Art selected to be a part of the Ignite showcase will be exhibited or performed at the Whaling Museum on March 12, 2020, 6–8 p.m. **The submission deadline is February 23, 2020.** IGNITE is supported in part by Mass Humanities, through a grant that was made possible by Mass Cultural Council. Details and submission guidelines: [www.historicwomensouthcoast.org](http://www.historicwomensouthcoast.org).

The Whaling Museum is offering an optional free **Lighting the Way workshop for young artists on February 17** to help artists learn about interpreting themes when creating works of art. The workshop is offered at two different times during the day: from 10 a.m. to noon, and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Advance registration is required.

Register sbly emailing [LTw coordinator@whalingmuseum.org](mailto:LTw coordinator@whalingmuseum.org) or register online at [www.whalingmuseum.org](http://www.whalingmuseum.org). Additional workshops for middle and high school students are also being offered during February school vacation as part of the Museum's Art Week. Workshops are free but advance registration is required at [www.whalingmuseum.org](http://www.whalingmuseum.org).

## HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

### Red Dress Fashion Show

YWCA Southeastern Massachusetts is holding its 17th Annual Red Dress Fashion Show to raise awareness of heart disease in women, with Dr. Patricia Andrade as this year's keynote speaker. Thurs., 2/27, at the Century House, 107 So. Main St., Acusnet; 5:30 p.m., cocktail hour; 6:30 p.m. dinner. Tickets: \$60; \$25/children; private table up to 10 seats, \$500. **Deadline to reserve tickets: 2/19. Seating is limited.** PURCHASE tickets online at <https://ywcasema.org/events/red-dress-fashion-show/>

### Census Speaker

The public has two opportunities to hear about the upcoming federal Census and to ask questions about how to complete the form. Census Partnership Specialist Jose Da Cunha will offer the presentations at the Mattapoisett Library, 17 Barstow St., on Thurs., 2/20 at 11:00 am and Tuesday, 2/25, at 6:30 pm.

Questions will be addressed such as should you include your college student who lives away? What if you reside in another state for part of the year? What if you have a post office box? How do you count your student in boarding school or a family member in the military or a tenant in your attached apartment? What if you leave some questions blank? These are just some of the particular questions that will be addressed by Mr. Da Cunha. He will go over the form in detail and explain why it is so important that everyone be counted.

Census 2020 determines the allocation of over \$1.5 trillion in federal funds for schools, libraries, roads, social programs, and much more. The data collected is used for calculating representation in Congress and the Electoral College. It is the basis for drawing districts for federal, state, and local offices. Historically undercounted groups include children under 5 years old, those people who move frequently, and residents who speak a language other than English. It is vital to include everyone in the count so funds and services reach the areas that need them.

Everyone is encouraged to attend

one or both of these free programs, co-sponsored with The League of Women Voters – Southcoast.

### Grants for Artists

The Westport Cultural Council encourages all artists, writers, scientists, musicians, historians, creative people and organizations to apply for a Helen E. Ellis Charitable Trust grant. This year the Council has an amazing \$35,000 to distribute and we are hoping for a record number of applicants.

Applications and further information can be found at <https://westport-ma.com/westport-cultural-council-wcc>. If you have questions, please attend the **next Council meeting on Wed., 3/4, at 6 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex, 856 Main Road**. You can also email [westportcc02790@gmail.com](mailto:westportcc02790@gmail.com).

Nine printed copies of the completed application can be dropped off at the Council's mailbox on the 2d floor of Town Hall, 816 Main Road, or mailed to the Westport Cultural Council, P.O. Box 4089, Westport MA 02790. **The Council must receive your application by March 20.**

The Westport Cultural Council strives to continue Miss Ellis's mission by awarding grants that support arts, music, crafts, conservation, wildlife, and history preservation projects and programs for children and adults.

### Play

Rhode Island's oldest community theater, The Community Players, currently celebrating their 99th season, is proud to present Tim Firth's delightful comedy *Calendar Girls*, from Feb. 21 – March 1.

When Annie's husband John dies of leukemia, she and best friend Chris resolve to raise money for a new settee in the local hospital waiting room. They manage to persuade four fellow Women's Institute members to pose nude with them for an "alternative" calendar, with a little help from hospital porter and amateur photographer Lawrence. The news of the women's charitable venture spreads like wildfire, and hordes of press soon descend on the small village of Knaapeley in the Yorkshire Dales. The calendar is a

success, but Chris and Annie's friendship is put to the test under the strain of their new-found fame.

This humorous and heartwarming play, which is based on a true story, will make you laugh and cry and feel better about life than when you entered the theatre.

Produced at Jenks Auditorium located on Division Street in Pawtucket, across from McCoy Stadium, performances are scheduled for February 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 and March 1, 2020 with Friday and Saturday curtain times at 7:30 pm and Sunday matinees at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$18.00 for adults and \$12.00 for students (with a valid ID). Discount rates are also available for all performances for groups of 20 or more. Those attending the opening night performance on Friday, February 21 will be entered into a drawing for a special prize! Come and experience live theater at its best!

Tickets can be purchased online at [www.thecommunityplayers.org](http://www.thecommunityplayers.org) or reserve at (401) 726-6860. Visa and Mastercard accepted.

### SAVE THE DATE: Free Movie

The Acushnet Public Library, 232 Middle St., Acushnet, is pleased to announce the screening of *Stephano: The True Story of Shakespeare's Shipwreck* with Hit and Run History on **Wed., 2/26, at 6:30 p.m.**

This one-hour film follows the story of the only Mayflower passenger who had been to North America previously. A decade earlier, Stephen Hopkins had been aboard a Jamestown-bound ship that wrecked on Bermuda, inspiring Shakespeare's final play, "The Tempest." Shot on location, the intrepid Hit and Run History crew retraces Hopkins' life crisscrossing the Atlantic.

Two-time Emmy-nominated producer and host Andrew Giles Buckley, a Hopkins descendant, and his fishermen-turned-filmmakers crew of Hit and Run History seek out the reality of a man who was everywhere at the founding of America. "Pocahontas, Shakespeare,

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Acushnet Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural

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# Recipe of the Week

## Sheet-Pan Jambalaya

1 medium yellow onion, sliced  
1 red bell pepper, sliced  
1 yellow bell pepper, sliced  
1 green bell pepper, sliced  
2 cups chicken sausage, sliced into coins  
olive oil, to taste  
1 1/4 tbsps creole seasoning, divided  
1 lb raw shrimp, peeled, deveined  
1/2 teaspoon paprika  
1 1/2 cups tomato, diced  
4 cups brown rice, cooked  
scallion, sliced, for garnish

Preheat the oven to 425°. On a large baking sheet, arrange the onion, bell peppers, and chicken sausage. Drizzle with olive oil and season with 1 tablespoon Creole seasoning, or to taste. Using your hands, mix everything together well.

Bake for 8 minutes, or until chicken sausage begins to brown.

While the vegetables and chicken sausage are cooking, place the shrimp in a small bowl. Season with 1 teaspoon Creole seasoning and 1/2 teaspoon paprika. Stir to coat.

Remove the vegetables and sausage from the oven, and add the seasoned shrimp and diced tomatoes. Mix everything together.

Return everything to the oven for 6 mins, or until the shrimp is just done.

Remove from the oven and add the cooked rice, mixing everything together well.

Garnish with sliced scallions and serve immediately.

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# Oaths of office in Acushnet ceremony

The following is the oath of office that Christopher R. Richmond took to become Acushnet Chief of Police at a change of command ceremony on 2/9/20 (see page 13 for story).

*I, Christopher R. Richmond, solemnly swear that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as the Police Chief for the Town of Acushnet, Massachusetts.*

*I will bear true faith and allegiance to, and will uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.*

*I will obey and be bound by such rules and regulations as are now, or may be established by the Town of Acushnet and its Police Department.*

*I, Christopher R. Richmond, solemnly swear that I will never betray my badge, my integrity, my character or the public trust.*

*I will always have the courage to hold myself and others accountable for our actions.*

*I will uphold the Constitution, my community and the Acushnet Police*

*Department, So help me God.*

*I, Christopher R. Richmond, hereby accept the position of Chief of Police for the Town of Acushnet.*

The following is the oath of office that Sgt. Michael Matton took.

*I, Michael A. Matton, do solemnly swear that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the United States of America and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and will support the Constitution and laws thereof. So help me God."*

*I hereby acknowledge the Rules and Regulations and Policies and Procedures for the government of the Town of Acushnet Police Department and agree to abide by their contents.*

*I, Michael A. Matton, solemnly swear that I will never betray my badge, my integrity, my character or the public trust.*

*I will always have the courage to hold myself and others accountable for our actions.*

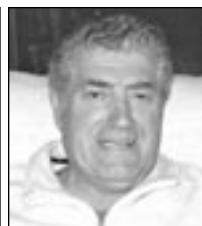
*I will uphold the Constitution, my community and the Acushnet Police Department, So help me God.*

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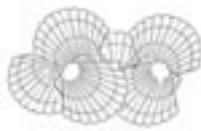
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The Fairhaven High School PTO held its annual FHS Got Talent show on Friday, showcasing 11 acts by students, who sang, played instruments, told stories/stand-up comedy, and otherwise showed the world the special talents they possess for entertaining people. The annual fund-raiser helps to support the PTO's programs, such as scholarships, and special programs and educational opportunities on topics critical to teens. ABOVE LEFT: Erin Fletcher performs "Old Town Road" by Lil Nas X at the annual Fairhaven High School's Got Talent show on Friday, 2/7/20, in the FHS Performing Arts Center. ABOVE RIGHT: Evan Pina opens the show crooning "Fly Me to the Moon" by Frank Sinatra. BELOW LEFT: Devyn Vieira sings "Hallelujah" by Alexander Burke. BELOW RIGHT: Joey Sebby sings "We Don't Believe What's on TV" by Twenty One Pilots



# Acushnet holds change of command ceremony for new chief

By Beth David  
Editor

More than 150 people packed into the Acushnet Senior Center on Sunday, 2/9/20, for a change of command ceremony to welcome new police chief Christopher R. Richmond, and give a fitting send-off to retiring chief Michael G. Alves. So many packed the room, that Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher, the emcee for the day, noted it was probably over capacity and asked everyone to note where the exits were.

Patrol officer Michael A. Matton was also sworn in as sergeant.

The speeches were short, and peppered with humor, profundity, and story telling.

In his remarks, Chief Gallagher said that first responders start the job with an invisible bag that is empty. As they go through their days on the job, with every call, they put a stone in the bag. Some stones are larger than others.

He said all first responders carry their bags with them throughout their careers. The bags can get heavy at times, and they may need help carrying them.

Now imagine, he said, that you have to carry the bag of everyone in the department.

"That, to me, is what a chief does," said Chief Gallagher. "Today, [retiring police chief] Mike Alves gets to put down his bag."

Although, he said, some stones "stay with you forever."

Now it is the new chief, Christopher Richmond, who will pick up the bags and take on the responsibility.

Selectboard chairperson Roger Cabral said it was "a little overwhelming" when he realized that he would be one of the three people choosing a new police chief for the town. But he credited Mr. Alves with preparing people within the department to take over.

"We had choices," said Mr. Cabral.

"You did a great job," grooming people for the job, he told Mr. Alves.

"We're not happy to lose Chief Alves," said Mr. Cabral. "We know the town of Acushnet is in good hands."

Mr. Alves congratulated his successor, and said he would do an "excellent job."

He said it was family and friends

that lighten the load of the bag of rocks that Chief Gallagher talked about.

He also said support from the town, the selectboard and various departments, contributed to his success as chief. The job of chief is "hard to wrap your head around."

"I could not have done the things I did during that time, without your assistance," said Mr. Alves.

He thanked the Selectboard members from those who hired him to the present board; and he thanked the members of the various organizations and regional groups that the department is part of.

"I have loved the job for 33 years," said Mr. Alves, and noted that he has served with civilian staff, as well. "I've had a fabulous career."

After he was sworn in, Chief Richmond said he was "overwhelmed and humbled by the number of people" who showed up for the ceremony. He said in the last three months, since he was selected, he has received a "non-stop stream of congratulations and well wishes."

He noted that he is the third police chief the town has had in 42 years.

Chief Richmond said that his remarks would be a collection of thank-yous because "there is no way I'd be where I am today without the guidance, wisdom, advice, and occasional kick in the pants from many people."

He said looking around the room, he became "flush with a number of thoughts and emotions."

"The first one that comes to mind, and I'm not going to lie to you, this is PRET-TY cool," said the chief. "I say that not because I stand before you as the newly sworn in Chief of Police, but because I never thought I'd ever see such a wide swath of family and friends together in the same room — except maybe at my wake. I find today's circumstances a much better option."

The new chief thanked the officers



Acushnet Town Clerk Pamela Labonte swears in Christopher R. Richmond as Chief of Police, while retiring chief Michael G. Alves watches, during the change of command ceremony on Sunday, 2/9/20, at the Acushnet Council on Aging/Senior Center. Photo by Beth David.

in the department and especially Mr. Alves.

Chief Richmond said when he started in Acushnet in 1995, Chief Alves was sergeant on the night shift.

"His straightforward, no nonsense attitude coupled with his patience and compassion helped shape me as a young officer," said Chief Richmond, adding that Chief Alves allows all personnel to take on added responsibilities, allowing them, and him, to learn new skills. This has left the department with "outstanding personnel."

"We're a family, a big family," said Chief Richmond. "A dysfunctional family at times. But it's our family."

"Most of all I would like to thank Chief Alves for his patience and commitment over the past months as he gave me a crash course in the exciting and sexy world of scheduling, payroll, billing, grant management, and all the behind-the-scenes tasks essential to running a police department," said Chief Richmond. "I also thank Chief Alves in advance for answering my future phone calls whether it be to answer a specific question or simply to blow off steam. A wise man once told me 'Only a Chief knows what a Chief knows.' In my short tenure, I've already found that to be true."

He then presented Mr. Alves with a plaque recognizing his 33 years with the department.

In closing, he thanked his family for putting him and his sister Tracy in a position to succeed in life, and always setting family as a priority. He

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2/26 Emerald Square Mall

3/4 Tiverton Casinos  
3/11 Patriots Place

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## Special Activities

### **Presidential Primary Elections**

Early voting for the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primaries will be available to all Fairhaven voters February 24,28 at Fairhaven Fire Station 146 Washington St. 8:30-4:30 p.m. Seniors that need transportation to Early Voting, call 508-979-4029 at least one day in advance.

### **Fuel Assistance and recertifications**

The Fuel Assistance program started in November for the 2019-2020 season. If you need help filling out the recertification from or a new application, Call Phyllis at the Senior Center 508-979-4029 for an appointment.

### **Foster Grandparents Program**

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The sewing Circle meets on TUESDAYS from 1-3:00 p.m.: March 10, 17; and THURSDAYS, Feb. 20, 27, March 5, 12, 19, from 5:45-8:00 p.m. Call 508-979-4029 for more dates.

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# Acushnet Selectboard finalizes TA contract

By Beth David  
Editor

The Acushnet Selectboard voted unanimously to accept the contract negotiated with new Town Administrator Julie Hebert at its meeting on Tuesday, 2/11/20. Ms. Hebert, who served as the town's finance director for three years, has been serving as acting TA since September first. Ms. Hebert will make \$122,000 per year as TA, plus benefits. She will also receive an annual stipend of \$4300 until the town hires a new Town Accountant, a process the town will start immediately. They will hold off on hiring a new finance director.

Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar said he had his "reservations" about Ms. Hebert, but after discussing it, he was "fine with supporting Ms. Hebert as Town Administrator."

He also said that he will be chairman in the "not too distant future," and she will have more responsibilities when that happens.

Chairperson Roger Cabral noted that, no, it will be a different chairperson, but "the responsibilities

won't change."

"Something's gotta change," said Mr. Gaspar.

The board also met with Christopher Clark, to consider hiring him as a consultant to help Ms. Hebert as she adjusts to her new role.

In an interview after the meeting, Mr. Cabral said that Kevin Paicos, who helped the town choose the last two TAs and also filled in as TA for the town for a time, recommended Mr. Clark.

Mr. Cabral said they wanted to support Ms. Hebert, who has never been a Town Administrator.

He said they will discuss compensation for Mr. Clark in executive session.

The board also discussed the state's response to their request to put no parking signs on South Main Street near the Dunkin. South Main is a state road, so the town does not have jurisdiction on signage.

Mr. Cabral said that trucks are unable to navigate through the small parking lot, so they are parking on the street, causing traffic problems. The board has asked DOT to replace

existing signs and add new "no parking" signs.

In its letter Mass. DOT stated that District 5 personnel will "inspect and replace existing signage in this area as needed and will install additional 'no parking' signs where appropriate."

The board also set the budget hearing schedule, which sets the budget season into full swing. The board agreed it was helpful to meet with departments, especially the school department, to understand the details of their requests.

DPW Director Dan Menard was on hand to explain a few capital items in his proposed budget, all of which were approved.

He will ask Town Meeting to approve his budget, which includes a new sign board. Mr. Menard said the current one has bulbs missing, and no longer "communicates with the computer."

He said the new one will have a keypad on the sign itself to punch in the information, so no interfacing with a computer or program is necessary.

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ABOVE: Acushnet Town Clerk Pamela Labonte fist bumps Sgt. Michael Matton after he is sworn in as sergeant at the Change of Command ceremony on Sunday, 2/9/20, at the Acushnet Council on Aging/Senior Center, as newly sworn in Chief of Police Christopher R. Richmond (LEFT), and outgoing chief Michael Alves (CENTER) look on. RIGHT: Newly sworn in Acushnet police chief Christopher R. Richmond addresses the crowd at the change of command ceremony. Photos by Beth David.

injected a bit of humor, there, too.

"As I stand in front of you today, I can finally admit that I did really drive to New Jersey with friends after my high school senior banquet in 1987," said Chief Richmond. "I also paid the citation that was mailed to the house for neglecting to pay the toll on the George Washington Bridge during the road trip."

"To my big sister Tracy, where do I begin? Thank you for helping me pick out that white tuxedo, complete with top hat and cane, for my eighth grade prom," he said, and added help with

he is not naive.

"I recognize the challenges law enforcement faces. I am also cognizant how a seemingly benign situation can go bad in the blink of an eye," he said.

"If I have one fear going forward, it is that I will not live up to the expectations everyone has of me," he said. "This job is truly an awesome undertaking. That uncertainty however is tempered by knowing I have the experience and expertise of a vast support network in those here today."

Police officers from surrounding



departments, including Fairhaven, where also there in large numbers.

After it was all over, Chief Richmond said he was "elated and truly overwhelmed" by the turnout. He said former colleagues from all over the state were there.

"I'm very proud of him," said his wife Dionne. "I know the work he put into this. It's rewarding that he's being recognized for that by becoming police chief."

Officer Michael Matton also was promoted to sergeant during the ceremony.

"I'm very happy to get the chance to lead the department under the direction of the new chief," said Sgt. Matton. "He's a great leader. I will take the lead from him."

Mr. Alves's mother Pat was there with some of her friends. She said she was "very happy" for Chief Richmond and her son.

"This is a big deal in this town," said Carole Hall, about why she was there. She said she was sure the new chief would do a good job for the town.

Lisa Alves, the retiring chief's wife laughed out loud when asked if it will be difficult having her husband around the house all day.

"I don't know because I work," she said, adding that Mike is already painting and working on house projects.

"He can make supper more often," she said, adding that he has already been doing that, too. •••



Newly sworn in Acushnet police chief Christopher R. Richmond poses with family members after the change of command ceremony on Sunday, 2/9/20, at the Acushnet Council on Aging/Senior Center, L-R: nephew Samuel Price; sister-in-law Gayle Correia; mother-in-law Lorrie Pepin; father-in-law Dennis Pepin; wife Dionne Richmond; Chief Richmond; father and mother Richard and Ann Richmond; daughters Paige and Grace Richmond. Photo by Beth David.

SEE PAGE 10 FOR THE TEXT OF  
THE OATHS CHIEF RICHMOND AND  
SGT. MATTON TOOK

## FHVN SELECT: cont'd from page 4

by eminent domain.

All three board members agreed to the third option. Town Meeting will have to approve the move.

"There are probably other options to consider," wrote Mr. Rees in his memo. "But one option that is not available is the status quo. Every day that the town's first responders are asked to work out of the current facility is [a] day where their ability to do their jobs is further compromised and, as a result, so is the Town's ability to protect the life and property of its residents." •••



ABOVE: Newly promoted police Sgt. Scott Gordon poses with family members after a pinning ceremony during the Fairhaven Selectboard meeting on 2/10/20, L-R: Stephanie St. Onge, Taylor Gordon, Steve Gordon, Sgt. Gordon, Jill Gordon, Cam Gordon. ABOVE RIGHT: Cam Gordon pins the sergeant badge on his father while the hand of Cam's big sister Taylor reaches in to help. RIGHT: Sgt. Gordon stands with his son and gets a big smile from his daughter after the pinning. Photos by Beth David.



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## TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids marked for items listed below, will be received at the Board of Public Works, 5 Arsene Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719 not later than 2:30 p.m., March 5, 2020. Bids will be publicly opened and read on March 5, 2020 at 2:30 p.m.

- 1-12: Asphalt, Concrete, & other related work
- The BPW reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids if it is in the best interest of the Town to do so.

FNN: 2/13/20

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, February 24, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Town Hall, 40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold the following **Public Hearings** pursuant to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. c. 131, s. 40) and the Code of the Town of Fairhaven Chapter 192, Wetlands:

1. CON 023-119: **333 Bridge Street** Notice of Intent filed by Acushnet Company for the construction of 900 sq. ft. modernized main entrance and 7,500 sq. ft. employee wellness amenity space and reconfiguration of portions of sidewalks, access drive, parking, site utilities, and landscaped areas at the property located at 333 Bridge Street, Assessors Map 30C, Lot 60. Work to take place in Riverfront Area, buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland, and buffer zone to Inland Bank.
2. CON 023-120: **5 Wamsutta Street** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Ethan Barnes for a septic system replacement and abandonment of the existing system at the property located at 5 Wamsutta Street, Assessors Map 42A, Lot 244. Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage.
3. CON 023-121: **55 Goulart Memorial Drive (Hoppy's Landing)** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by the Fairhaven Marine Resources Department for the installation of two paved entrance aprons at the property located at 55 Goulart Memorial Drive, Assessors Map 42, Lot 23A. Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage.

Copies of the applications listed in this hearing notice may be viewed at the Conservation Office in Town Hall, located at 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA.

Jay Simmons, Chair  
Fairhaven Conservation Commission  
Fairhaven Neighborhood News, 2/13/20

**W19-5653**

## Casey Boat Realty, LLC DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM

Notice of Public Hearing and License Application  
Pursuant to M. G. L. Chapter 91

Waterways License Application Number W19-5653  
Applicant: Casey Boat Realty, LLC

Agent: Susan Nilson, P.E., Foth Environment & Infrastructure, 15 Creek Road, Marion, MA 02738

Project Location: 7 Union Wharf, Fairhaven  
Scheduled Public Hearing: Monday, February 24, 2020,  
at 18:30 (6:30 pm)

Public Comments Deadline: Monday, March 16, 2020

**NOTIFICATION DATE: February 13, 2020**

Public notice is hereby given of the waterways application by Casey Boat Realty, LLC to construct and maintain a pier, ramp and float at 7 Union Wharf, in the municipality of Fairhaven, in and over flowed tidalands of Acushnet River/New Bedford Harbor. The proposed project has been determined to be water-dependent.

The Department of Environmental Protection, Waterways Regulation Program, will conduct a public hearing on the aforesaid project proposal on Monday, February 24, 2020, at 18:30 (6:30 p.m.) in the Banquet Room at the Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719. The Department will conduct this public hearing in order to receive information to be used in its

decision on whether to grant a Waterways License pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 91.

The Department will consider all written comments on this Waterways application received within 30 days subsequent to the "Notification Date" or no sooner than 20 days subsequent to the Public Hearing, whichever is later (thus in this case, March 16, 2020). Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more, with at least five of the 10 residents residing in the municipality(s) in which the license or permitted activity is located, to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program by the Public Comments Deadline will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c).

Additional information regarding this application may be obtained by contacting the Waterways Regulation Program at (508) 946-2873. Project plans and documents for this application are on file with the Waterways Regulation Program for public viewing, by appointment only, at the address below.

Written comments must be addressed to: Carlos T.B. Fragata, Environmental Analyst, DEP Waterways Regulation Program, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347.

FNN: 2/13/20

## Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Wednesday, March 4, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.  
Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

1. Stratford Group, Oxford School asking for an extension to their Comprehensive Special Permit to December 31, 2021.
- 2.1 Smuggler's Road – Kevin & Kimberly Decker. Variance request for 236' sq feet over 700 sq feet for an accessory structure in a RR District for a garage.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman  
FNN: 2/13/20, 2/20/20

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts County of Bristol The Superior Court

CIVIL DOCKET# 1873CV01131  
RE: Wells Fargo Bank, Plaintiff  
v. Nicholas Gautreau, et al.

### ORDER OF NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: All persons unknown, claiming any right, title, estate lien, or interest in the Locus being the unbuilt portion of the paper street formerly known as Seabec Street between Lots 126 and 127 on a certain plan of land entitled "Sconticut Brae" dated September 29, 1922 and recorded with the Bristol County (S.D.) Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 25, Page 36.

### GREETING:

WHEREAS a civil action has been begun against you in our Superior Court by **Ralph E. Wright & Barbara A. Wright** wherein they are seeking declaratory judgment from the Court that the Plaintiffs have acquired certain real property in Fairhaven, Bristol County, Massachusetts through adverse, open, notorious and exclusive possession which has been continuous for over twenty (20) years.

We **COMMAND YOU** if you intend to make any defense, that on **Tuesday, March 10, 2020**, you do cause your written pleading to be filed in the office of the Clerk of Court at New Bedford in the County of Bristol, in said Commonwealth, and further that you defend against said suit according to law if you intend any defense, and that you do and receive what the Court shall order and adjudge therein.

Henceif fail not, at your peril, or as otherwise said suit may be adjudged and orders entered in your absence.

It appearing to this Court that no personal service of the Complaint has been made on the defendant a deputy sheriff having made a return on the summons that after diligent search he can find no one upon whom he can lawfully make service, a copy of which is hereto attached and made part of this notice, it is ORDERED that notice of this suit be given to them by publishing in the **Fairhaven Neighborhood News**, a newspaper published in said **Fairhaven**, once a week for two successive weeks, the last publication to be at least 20-days before said return day.

Dated at New Bedford, Massachusetts this 24th day of January, 2020.

Marc J. Santos, Esq., Clerk of the Courts

By Dina Swanson, Esq., Assistant Clerk

FNN, 2/6/20, 2/13/20

## 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, February 18th, 2020 at 6:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street.

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Case # 2019.10.08A** A continuation on the case of 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.

2. **Case #2020.01.21A** A continuation on the case of Garrett Soucy, of 5 Williams Street, Acushnet who is petitioning for a Special Permit to be able to turn renovations or additions of his dwelling into an accessory apartment. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1 "B" (1) and Section 3.4 "B": Accessory Apartments.

3. **Case #2020.02.18A** A hearing on the case of Gary Hathaway, of 19 Westland Street, Acushnet, who is petitioning the Board for a Variance and expansion of the original Special Permit issued in October of 1989 to be able to add customer seating (waiting area) and handicap accessibility to the business, owned by Ahoy Matte LLC and located at 586 Main Street, Acushnet. These requests are being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1 E (3).

4. **Case #2020.02.18B** A hearing on the case of Katie Belanger, of 8 Archer's Way Acushnet, who is petitioning for a Special Permit to be able to run a commercial dog breeding business out of the home. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1 "B" (5).

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

### Fairhaven Planning Board

Tuesday, February 25, 2020, at 6:30 pm  
Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at **6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, February 25, 2020**, in the Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following

- **Special Permit application SP 2020 - 02 - Acushnet Co. HQ Modifications.** The applicant, the Acushnet Company, is requesting approval to construct a new 900 sf visitor entrance and a new 7,500 sf wellness area with associated infrastructure and landscaping at the Acushnet Company Headquarters. The location is 333 Bridge Street, Map 30C Lot 60, Fairhaven, Massachusetts (61.86 acres).
- A revised Notice that the originally scheduled public hearing on February 11, 2020 for **Special Permit application SP 2020 - 01 - Ocean Breezes Condominiums (Dupras)** will be continued without taking testimony to February 25, 2020. The applicant, Brian Dupras, dba Shoreline Development (Property owned by Robert & Janet Tubbs ), is requesting approval to construct a single four-unit multi-family residential building with two-bedrooms each on Huttleston Avenue. The location is 294 Huttleston Avenue, Map 31B Lot 60B (0.64 acres).

A copy of the applications are on file for public review at the Planning Board Office, 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. Information is also available on the Planning Board webpage: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/planning-board/pages/current-permits-being-reviewed-special-permits-definitive-subdivisions>

John Farrell, Chairman, Fairhaven Planning Board  
FNN: 2/6/20, 2/13/20

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## Fairhaven Meetings

### Board of Public Works

Mon., 2/24, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

### Broadband Study Comm

Tues., 2/25, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

### Conservation Commission

Mon., 2/24, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Council on Aging

Mon., 2/10, Senior Ctr., 9 a.m.

### Finance Committee

Thurs., 2/13, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Thurs., 2/20, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

### Marine Resources Comm

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

### Planning Board

Tues., 2/25, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### School Committee

Wed., 3/4, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

Wed., 2/19, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Sustainability Comm.

Tues., 2/18, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

## Acushnet Meetings

### Board of Appeals

Tues., 2/18, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Board of Assessors

Tues., 2/25, Town Hall, 5:30 p.m.

### Planning Board

Thurs., 2/27, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

Tues., 2/25, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

### TIDE TABLE

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

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Monday	24	0819	2041	0152
Tuesday	25	0858	2120	0214
Wednesday	26	0936	2158	0245
Thursday	27	1015	2238	0317*
Friday	28	1058	2324	0352*
Saturday	29	1146	----	0430
				1640*

\* = Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft

\*\*Predicted minus tides from -1.1 ft to -2.0 ft or more

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He said it also has bulbs missing and they cannot be replaced individually. The whole sign would need replacing.

The sign is used by many departments, and to promote a variety of events, including town elections, the road race, road construction, etc.

"He's picking up the expense," said Mr. Gaspar, but it's used by all the departments."

He said it was "sad" that he had to stop to read the sign because so many bulbs were missing it was hard to understand.

Board member David Desroches noted that the Rabies Clinic said "babies" clinic.

Mr. Cabral said he was under the impression that the town had another sign they could use, but Mr. Menard assured him there was none that he knew about.

Mr. Menard also discussed the water meter reading devices that the department replaces every year. Instead of replacing all 3,000, the department replaces 300 per year, so the town will not incur a huge expense every 10 years when they begin to fail.

"That's what we've been doing," said Mr. Menard. "So it's not such a burden on the water users."

That \$21,000 will come from the water enterprise fund.

Mr. Menard is also asking for \$5800 for a plate compactor. The gadget

attaches to the Bobcat so that nobody is in the trench. He said it is a safety item. The town has a lot more water and sewer projects coming up. He said the currently have hand compactors. The money will come from DPW budget and not the enterprise funds because it will be used for more than one department.

Mr. Menard is also asking for \$10,500 for a pump valve for the main sewer pump. That money will come out of the sewer enterprise fund. He said the valve will allow the workers to shut the pump down so they can work on it.

Mr. Cabral noted that there was nothing wrong with Mr. Menard's budget and said he was not sure where to "draw the line" on what is a capital item or a routine budget item.

He said he felt the Selectboard should know what the departments are buying.

"The best practice is to send a memo to us that this is what we're buying," said Mr. Cabral.

The board also approved the union wage and classification RFP, with some minor changes. The RFP asks for consultant bids to study union wages and classifications, as the town did for non-union jobs.

In other business, the board approved a soil permit for 588 Middle Road. Mr. Cabral said he believed the property was not being used to remove soil at any significant rate,

but that it was easier for the business to renew their permit than to apply for a new one if it allowed the permit to expire.

Mr. Hebert informed the board that the town had \$1,039,191 in certified free cash in the general fund for next year's budget; \$276,184 in the sewer enterprise fund; and \$399,921 in the golf enterprise fund.

In closing, Ms. Hebert thanked the board for hiring her as TA.

"I appreciate the opportunity you guys have given me," said Ms. Hebert. "I look forward to working with you."

Mr. Cabral asked board members if they had any closing items to discuss.

"I do, but not on camera," said Mr. Gaspar, without giving any clue as to the subject matter he was alluding to.

"You shouldn't be saying it like that," said Mr. Cabral.

Instead of adjourning, board recessed until the start of the PJ Keating hearing, which started about a half hour after the Selectboard meeting ended. Both were held at Ford Middle School.

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