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Black Lives Matter march held in Acushnet



Protesters march by a house on South Main Street in Acushnet that had its windows lettered with words of support for the Black Lives Matter movement on 6/13/20, when approximately 100 people marched from the Gifts to Give parking lot on Slocum Street to the intersection at Parting Ways where they were met by another 50 or so people for a rally and protest against police brutality against Blacks in response to the murder of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer, and the death of Malcolm Gracia at the hands of New Bedford police. See story on page 12. *Photo by Glenn C. Silva.*

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Judge Murray Gurfein, Pentagon Papers case, June 17, 1971:

"The security of the Nation is not at the ramparts alone. Security also lies in the value of our free institutions. A cantankerous press, an obstinate press, a ubiquitous press must be suffered by those in authority in order to preserve the even greater values of freedom of expression and the right of the people to know."



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Ah well, Mr. Silvia's "change" seems to have a vindictive streak to it. So much for the independence, and the thoughtful deliberation so many of us had hoped from him. Instead, his first move is a wish list for Dan Freitas, who is such a grownup that he hasn't answered my calls and emails for years because he thinks I was mean to him. Should be an interesting couple of years, as it sets up Mr. Freitas to get two years in a row as chair (see page 4 for story)

I do recall Dan saying many a time that he was a traditionalist. Guess that only applies for sexist stuff (remember: I am a SelectMAN...). Guess it doesn't apply in a power grab that goes to him.

Gotta just chuckle sometimes.

Oh, and the same thing happened on the Board of Health (see page 19). Only there, the slighted board member actually resigned. Really.

Can't make this stuff up.

As for Mr. Espindola, he is the epitome of professionalism and just all around being a grown-up. He kept his cool, made his case, and continued to advocate for his positions with a cool head and in his usual even-handed way. It's unfortunate that we won't see him with the gavel this year.

But, he at least, is still on the board. His voice will be heard and his vote will be counted.

I think it might be time for Fairhaven to consider a five-person Selectboard. This three-person thing has many limitations. The committee work could be spread out better and it wouldn't be a potential violation of the open meeting laws every time they run into each other at a bar.

Oh, yeah, keep an eye on those two...they are NOT supposed to talk about town business outside of the meetings. Think that'll work?

I have a bridge in Florida I can sell you,

Now, onto other news.

The beaches are open, but the BPW decided to restrict use of the own beach to residents and their renters. See page 22 for details, and prices for passes.

On another note: What's all this obsession with the "social media"? They actually made a MOTION to promote something on social media and on the website. GEESH. Out of sight, out of mind? I know certain politicians are

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delighted that newspapers have such a difficult financial situation. They'd love to see us go out of business. But we're still here. Not everyone is on social media. And those who are may not see your posts. It all depends on the algorithms on that particular day that Facebook, Twitter and other platforms use. When you pick up the paper, or decide to read it online, you are seeing what all my other readers see.

No algorithms here. We do occasionally publish more content on the website, but we always tell you in our printed story.

And thank you, Mr. Rees, for mentioning "traditional media." At least someone appreciates my readers.

And last, but not least, what IS with the fireworks this year? I LOVE fireworks. I think it's stupid that they are illegal in Mass. Lots of other states allow them, we could, too. And yes, it's usually a pain that individuals shoot

them off and make all kinds of noise around the Fourth of July, but it's also lots of fun, especially ON the Fourth.

But this year is different. This isn't fireworks we all get to see and enjoy. These are just big, loud bangs that always seem to start after midnight. Readers from all parts of town have been complaining about it.

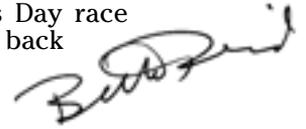
Now, really, do we want someone to get into police trouble for fireworks? Of course not (well, at least not me), but it's going to happen if you keep ruining the neighborhood all night.

Shoot 'em off, but keep it early enough for people to enjoy them. You may not be working, but others are. And the dogs...the poor dogs. They get so scared. So keep it short, too, okay?

That's it for now. No Father's Day race this year...sniff, sniff. But we'll be back (I hope).

Until next week then...

See ya (from a distance)



COVID-19 update: reopenings continue

By Beth David
Editor

Mass. Governor Charlie Baker continued to allow more businesses to open this week, including outdoor dining at restaurants and retailers, including malls.

The governor also encouraged anyone who has been to a large gathering to get tested. In addition to free pop-up testing sites, individuals may make an appointment for a test at www.cvs.com/minuteclinic/covid-19-testing to be tested at a CVS.

The governor is expected to decide at the end of this week which other businesses may open.

Phase II was split into two parts, with nail salons, massage therapists, tanning salons and tattoo parlors as part of that next step.

The governor said on Monday, 6/15, that COVID-19 deaths are down, while hospitalizations and infections have increased.

The Phase II reopening also includes day care centers and summer camps, but owners balked at

the original guidelines, saying they would not work with small children.

The governor eased some of those restrictions, such as making mask wearing a recommendation, not a mandate, to make it easier for those businesses to open. The state also dropped the requirement for an extra teacher in every preschool room. Owners said the move would be too expensive for them to successfully run their businesses.

Visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/reopening-massachusetts> for details on sector specific guidelines, and other resources for businesses.

As of Tuesday, 6/16, the total number of cases reported in Massachusetts was 105,886, with 195 new cases that day; 18 new deaths were recorded on 6/16, bringing the total deaths to 7,665 in Massachusetts.

Nation-wide, there have been 2,104,346 cases and 116,140 deaths.

According to the state website, in Acushnet there have been 87 confirmed cases, and 236 cases in Fairhaven.

According to a press release by the governor's office: "Social distancing, wearing face coverings, the frequent use of disinfectant and handwashing have been important to the Commonwealth's efforts to decrease the number and rate of newly confirmed positive cases. COVID-19 can spread easily and quickly in large groups of people who are in close contact. Some people do not have symptoms but may have the virus and could spread the virus to others, including family members."

The state continues to focus on testing, increasing tests at nursing homes and other congregate care settings.

The state currently has capacity at 45 labs to perform up to 30,000 COVID-19 tests per day.

The state has applied for federal funding that would increase lab testing capacity to 45,000 per day by the end of July; provide on-demand access to testing for all symptomatic individuals and their close contacts; build testing infrastructure to support a potential second surge.

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Keith Silvia's first motion is to block Bob Espindola for chair

By Beth David
Editor

In a three+ hour long meeting, the first since the COVID-delayed election on 6/8, newcomer Keith Silvia showed his supporters what he meant by change when he nominated Daniel Freitas for chairperson, instead of Bob Espindola. Traditionally, the person in the third year of his term is voted in as chair. For a three-person board, it allows all members to have their spot with the gavel after they have had a couple of years under their belt. Mr. Freitas has been in town government for years, so he is not a newcomer, but the move showed that Mr. Silvia and Mr. Freitas will be a voting bloc.

"I ran my campaign on change," said Mr. Silvia, adding that the time to start was "right now."

Mr. Espindola self-nominated, and made his case for the chair, saying he has been on the board for eight years and was chairperson twice.

"I do feel historically it's been kind of a tradition," said Mr. Espindola.

He said he felt he had done a good job as the chairperson and was "very fair in allowing anything and

everything that the board wished," on the agenda.

"I don't see this as being the necessary change," said Mr. Espindola.

Mr. Silvia and Mr. Freitas both voted for Mr. Freitas, and Mr. Espindola opposed. Mr. Espindola was voted as vice chair, and Mr. Silvia as clerk.

During Committee Liaison reports, Mr. Espindola updated the board on the new waterways regulations the Marine Resources Committee has been working on. He said the document was almost ready to be sent to the Selectboard for approval.

The board also reassigned members to their committees. Each board has a Selectboard member as a liaison/representative.

When they got to the Marine Resources Committee, Mr. Silvia said he wanted that board.

Mr. Espindola said he wanted to stay on the MRC because they had finally gotten to the point with the previously mentioned document for it to be finalized.

Mr. Silvia was appointed to MRC, replacing Mr. Espindola. Mr. Silvia will also be on the Dog Park Committee,

the Rogers Reuse Committee, and will be the Fair Housing Coordinator.

Mr. Espindola will remain on the Broadband Committee and SRPEDD.

Mr. Freitas will be the liaison for the Fire Apparatus Committee, Historic Commission and Library Trustees.

The board tabled the appointments for boards and committees. Mr. Espindola made a case for appointing those on the list and adding others as necessary, saying everything has already been delayed due to COVID-19.

Mr. Silvia suggested that everyone, even those who already expressed an interest, be required to submit a letter.

Mr. Freitas said he wanted to see if anyone else was interested in the boards.

The board voted to table the item until the next meeting (see page 5 for list of boards with available seats).

Mr. Freitas said he wanted each person who sends a letter of interest to meet with the board, although it was unclear if he meant new people or people re-applying to be on a board, too.

Ann Richard, who joined the

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Board vacancies

The Town of Fairhaven is seeking Fairhaven Residents to serve on various committees. Please consider volunteering to serve on a Board or Committee. By participating on a town Committee/Commission/Board you will have a voice in your local government.

A complete list and description of Committee responsibilities can be found at <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/boards>

Letters of interest may be mailed to the Selectmen's Office, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719 **by June 25, 2020** or emailed to Selectmen@Fairhaven-MA.gov

The following boards have vacancies: Agricultural Commission, Bell Committee, Bikeway Committee, Broadband Study Committee, Cable Advisory Committee, Capital Improvement Planning Committee, Commission on Disability, Community Preservation Committee, Conservation Commission, Council on Aging, Dog Park Study Committee, Economic Development Committee, Fire Apparatus Study Committee, Historical Commission, Lagoa Friendship Pact Committee, Local Emergency Planning Committee, Marine Resources Committee, Rogers Reuse Committee, Sustainability Committee, Zoning Board of Appeals, Cultural Council

In addition, there is currently a vacancy on the Board of Public Works. The Board of Selectmen will be appointing a resident to fill this vacancy until the next municipal election. Please write a letter of intent if interested in filling this vacancy.

Pirates & Privateers

Pirates & Privateers Presentation, **Friday mornings, 10 a.m., through September. Next date: 6/19, Fort Phoenix, south end of Fort St., Fairhaven, MA. Tour begins at fort**

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This fun interactive presentation includes a demonstration firing of a black powder swivel cannon, a demonstration of early medical practices and more.

There is no charge for the Pirates and Privateers presentations, but donations are accepted for the Tourism Gift Account.

You may visit Greybeard & Companie's Facebook page here: <https://www.facebook.com/GreybeardCompanie/>

Library Curbside Service

The Millicent Library has started curbside pickup for library items. Please call the library at 508-992-5342 on Monday through Friday from 9 to 3 for more information on making an appointment or reserving items.

You may reserve items online... make sure your account has the correct telephone number. We may be changing the way we do this so please call ahead. You may also email illfhv@sailsinc.org.

At this time only items inside this library will be available until the statewide delivery resumes.

The library building itself is still closed to the public. We are not accepting returns at this time and have placed a moratorium on book donations for the foreseeable future.

For up-to-date information and changes, please check our website at millicentlibrary.org. You can also find lots of online resources there as well.

Huttleston Marketplace

Saturdays, through September 12, 2020, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Fairhaven Visitors Center Lawn/Fairhaven High School Lawn, 141 Main Street, at Route 6, Fairhaven

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Senior FMNP coupons. It is held rain or shine.

COVID-19 precautions, such as social distancing and mask wearing are required.

Visit <https://fairhaventours.com/huttleston-marketplace-weekly/> for vendor information.

For further information, contact the Fairhaven Office of Tourism via email at FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov or by calling 508-979-4085. Follow us on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/HuttlestonMkt> and on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/HuttlestonMarketplace/>.

Mosquito Control

The Fairhaven Health Department reminds all residents to contact Bristol County Mosquito Control to ensure all properties have been properly sprayed for mosquitos. As we reflect on last year's problematic encounter with EEE, our awareness must be heightened during the upcoming summer months.

A note from Bristol County Mosquito Control: Residents can find information on our website www.mass.gov/eea/bristolcountymosquitocontrol including a tentative spray schedule for which towns are done each day. Also daily, an updated list of street names will be posted for residents to see if there location is on the schedule for the following spray day. All of this information is weather dependent and can change if needed due to mosquito populations or virus detections.

Bristol County Mosquito Control may be reached at (508) 823-5253.

The Fairhaven Health Department strongly recommends following these precautions to protect against the threat of EEE:

- Use bug repellent (the CDC recommends using products that contain DEET, Permethrin, Picaridin, or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus)
- Wear light-colored clothing and long-sleeved shirts and long pants when outside between dusk and dawn
- Avoid outdoor activity between dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active
- Use mosquito netting on baby carriages, strollers and playpens for extra protection

Sign of the season



Sure signs of summer include the leaves on the trees, the different animals that come out from hiding with their youngsters, and the growing of corn and hay in the fields. The hay gets harvested several times a season, and last week was one of those times in the field at Shipyard Farms on Sconticut Neck Road in Fairhaven on 6/8/20, when these giant round hay bales waited to be wrapped in plastic, to resemble big marshmallows, then be transported to Viveiros Farm, just up the road a bit. *Photos by Beth David.*



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State reminds boaters of safe boating practices

Press Release

With summer approaching, state environmental and public safety officials are urging boaters to take important steps to safely and responsibly ride and operate boats this season, including wearing a Personal Flotation Device (PFD), commonly known as a life jacket, at all times when on a boat.

“As summer approaches and more residents take advantage of opportunities for outdoor recreation, it is critically important that boaters are mindful to practice safety first and always wear a life jacket to prevent tragic accidents,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides. “We urge the public to keep yourselves and your families safe by wearing a PFD and always operating boats at a safe speed.”

According to the United States Coast Guard, there were 4,168 recreational boating accidents nationally in 2019 leading to 613 deaths, 2,559 injuries and approximately \$55 million dollars of damage to property. Of the fatalities, 77% were due to drowning. Of those who drowned, 84% of the victims were not wearing a life jacket.

“A personal flotation device, commonly known as a life jacket, is the most important piece of safety equipment for any person that operates or rides on a boat,” said Massachusetts Environmental Police Colonel Shaun Santos. “It is important that boaters take extra care to prioritize safety, always travel at reasonable speeds and never operate boats under the influence of drugs or alcohol.”

In Massachusetts, most boating fatalities occur as the result of boaters failing to wear a life jacket or

not having the appropriate life jackets onboard. In the last two weeks, there have been two fatalities and one person missing as a result of boating accidents in the Commonwealth.

“Everyone who uses motorboats, canoes and kayaks while fishing, hunting, or recreational boating must remember safety first on the water,” said Department of Fish and Game Commissioner Ron Amidon. “Wearing PFDs and learning and practicing all safe boating habits is critical to the enjoyment of boating in Massachusetts.”

“Contained within state parks and throughout the Commonwealth are pristine waterbodies that the public has great access to; however, it is vital that we all take proper precautions to ensure a safe, fun experience,” said Department of Conservation and Recreation Commissioner Jim Montgomery. “Please remember to always wear a life jacket, operate boats responsibly, and ensure water conditions are safe prior to launching.”

Boaters are reminded that operating any vessel under the influence of drugs or alcohol is strictly prohibited. Boaters are also prohibited from operating within 150 feet of public or private swimming areas. All boaters are urged to operate their vessels at reasonable speeds based upon existing conditions, including traffic density, weather, and visibility. For inland waters, operating at a speed greater than 45 mph is considered excessive.

“Boaters and paddlers in the Northeast have an incredible network of inland and coastal waters available for their use, but things can and do go wrong in a heartbeat,” said Walt Taylor, Recreational Boating Specialist for the First Coast Guard District. “In

the Northeast, over 73% of our recreational boating and paddling fatalities are the direct result of capsizing or falling overboard and, of these fatalities, about 77% were not wearing a life jacket. Bottom line, bring and wear your life jacket — life jackets save lives — when you need your life jacket, you need it on.”

Under Massachusetts law, boaters under the age of 12 may not operate a motorboat unless accompanied and supervised by an adult. Children under the age of 16 may not operate a personal watercraft. Children ages 12-15 must complete an approved boating safety course to operate a motorboat, children ages 16 and 17 must do so to operate a personal watercraft.

Boating safety ultimately starts onshore. Boaters should file a float plan with a friend or family prior to getting underway. Boaters are reminded that all boats are required to carry personal flotation devices and all passengers less than 12 years of age must be in a life jacket whenever above deck while underway.

All boating accidents must be reported to the Massachusetts Environmental Police at (800) 632-8075.

The Massachusetts Environmental Police is the primary agency responsible for enforcing the Commonwealth’s fish and game, boating, and off-highway vehicle laws. MEP officers, while authorized to enforce all general laws, focus on laws and regulations related to the protection of natural resources and public parks and land; boat and off-highway vehicle use; and hazardous waste disposal. MEP officers serve as stewards of the state’s natural resources, patrolling forests, parks, inland waterways, and coastal waters throughout the Commonwealth.

Deadliest month for teen drivers: June

AAA Press Release

As teen drivers venture out this summer, AAA Northeast is urging parents and teenagers to have a frank discussion about driving safely during the “100 Deadliest Days” between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

A recent AAA analysis of crash data between 2015 and 2019 shows that June is the deadliest month for teen drivers and their passengers in Massachusetts. Last year, more than 4,700 teen drivers in Massachusetts

were involved in crashes between Memorial Day and Labor Day. In those crashes, 631 teens were injured — a rate of one injured teen every four hours.

And it’s not just teen drivers who are getting hurt or killed. June is also the No. 1 month for crashes where teen drivers carried at least one teen passenger. AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety research shows that the risk of a crash or fatality increases dramatically when teens drive with

one or more passengers under 21. Compared to driving with no passengers, a teen’s risk of death per mile driven increases 44 percent with one under-21 passenger, doubles when carrying two and quadruples when carrying three. That’s why AAA encourages all parents and teens — not only those who have a license — to practice and promote safe driving habits, model good behavior for young drivers, and limit distractions.

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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

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Drive to Justice

Juneteenth Drive To Justice New Bedford, Car Caravan on Fri., 6/19, 11:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Meet at 13 Logan St, New Bedford, MA 02740-7326. Hosted by La Soul Renaissance,.

If you're not #DRIVINGTOJUSTICE on Friday, June 19th 2020 - then you're rolling backwards.

The Arc of Justice, SEIU/32BJ, Until Freedom, The Gathering For Justice, The Indigenous People's Movement, Yandy Smith, Kristen Scott, La Soul Renaissance, and many many others join public officials, activists, and communities around the nation to **commemorate Juneteenth with a National Day of Action.** If you or your organization would like to co-collaborate on this national actions please message us on Facebook.

We will lift up the names, legacies and families of #StolenLives from across the nation including local #StolenLIVES #LesterLima, #Morris Pina, #ErikAguilar #JosephRamos, #MalcolmGracia, #LarryRuizBarreto and any others we may not be aware of.

Juneteenth is a significant moment in African American history and is also known as Freedom Day. It is the day that Union Army General Gordon Granger entered the city of Galveston, Texas and informed the last slave holding state that indeed all of the enslaved peoples were freed.

On Friday, June 19th at 12 noon EST, cities and on reservations all across America people will be getting in their cars and driving to Justice, motorcading around their cities demanding an end to police murder and killings of Black and Indigenous men and women and rallying at the end of the day, using social distancing, to give the people their call to action.

Civic engagement and political empowerment will commence as we

join together in our motor vehicles from New Bedford to LA and throughout the nation.

#JuneteenthDriveToJusticeNB will launch from 13 Logan Street New Bedford MA and travel along the caravan route to landmarks #StolenLives from our community, and local landmarks providing specific and significant information regarding our local community.

National movement is galvanized around 5 key demands:

1. Independent and through Investigations and Prosecutions of Killer Cops and their complete personnel records released to the public.
2. Demilitarization and defunding of Police Departments.
3. Census Completion and Voter Registration & Mobilization for local, state and federal elections.
4. Federal, State and Local legislation creating standards of eligibility, screenings, training, transparency and accountability.
5. Economic sanctions against government and/or corporations that support white supremacy.

Make sure to wear your mask, gloves, create a sign, practice social distancing, and use your voice throughout

Pride Month

The spirit of Pride lives on this summer, even if we can't be together in person to celebrate what makes the South Coast LGBTQ+ community so vibrant and so special. We are celebrating Pride all month long beginning with a series of joyous Pride Day events: a "Show Your Pride" social media event, an online interview with Stonewall veteran David Velasco Bermudez, an LGBTQ+ Artist Showcase, and a "Werk It!" show featuring the fabulous drag queens and kings of the South Coast. We've even built a Pride Spotify playlist we can't wait for you to listen to. Enjoy and stay safe!

Visit <https://www.sclgbtqnetwork.org/pride-2020.html>

Zeiterion Drive-In

Welcome to the Zeiterion Drive-In! Whether you remember drive-ins fondly or if you've never been before, you're in for a real treat this summer. We've assembled a fantastic line-up of concerts and movies so we can safely

gather to sing, laugh, and smile together again.

Performances inside the theater may be paused, but having fun is not. That's why we've created this drive-in, because we'll always do what it takes to safely come together to experience the power of the performing arts — in a parking lot, virtually, and soon back inside The Z!

The Zeiterion Drive-In is located at the Seastreak Ferry "Whale's Tooth" Parking Lot (Whale's Tooth Parking Lot, 532 Acushnet Ave, New Bedford)

Thurs., 6/18, 7 p.m., Live Music with Morrissey Blvd, \$50/car

Sat., 6/20, 7 p.m., Live music with The Hipshot Band

Mon., 6/22, 8:30 p.m. Movie: "Yesterday" \$25/car

Tues., 6/23, 8:30 p.m., Movie: "Harriet" \$25/car

Wed., 6/24, 8:30 p.m., Movie: "Sonic the Hedgehog" \$25/car

Thurs., 6/25, live music: Pearly Baker Acoustic, \$50/car

Visit <https://zeiterion.org/drivein/> for full line up and details on the above events.

Tickets must be purchased in advance online. There will not be a box office on site. You can either print your ticket or display it on a phone for entry. Each ticket admits one car, regardless of the number of occupants.

Entry is one hour before showtime. Smaller cars will be directed to the front, trucks and SUVs will be directed to the back, with one empty space between cars.

You may sit or stand in the empty spot adjacent to the left of your car. No congregating with other visitors anywhere on the premises.

A face covering must be worn whenever you're out of your vehicle.

Restrooms will be available, and they will be monitored to ensure safety.

Food and beverage are permitted.

Movie sound will be broadcast to your car radio.

Virtual Tours

By Waterfront Historic Area League (WHALE) has an archive of virtual tours of their historical properties. Visit their YouTube channel to watch: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgsvAlndhBOVunXPRHJrJQ> Find them at: <https://www.waterfrontleague.org>

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

CANCELLATIONS

Editor's note: Businesses in Massachusetts are being allowed to open in phases. Large gatherings, however are still not allowed.

We will use our Happenings pages to give people ways to pass the time while they are hunkered down at home, and to inform you of smaller events that are still scheduled.

RI Women Read Maya Angelou

Fourth annual And Still I Rise: Great Rhode Island women read Maya Angelou's poetry. Visit <https://www.stagesoffreedom.org/forum/make-new-friends/listen-ri-women-reading-maya-angelou>

Keep Your Kids 6 Ft from Everything

Visit <https://www.stagesoffreedom.org/forum/covid-19/how-to-get-your-kids-to-stay-6-feet-away-from-everything> for some ideas to get kids to socially distance.

Children's Museum at Home

Boston Children's Museum has lots of ideas on its website to keep kids playing and learning at home, including: Engineering Challenge/Hoop Gliders; DIY Foil Embossing; archive of daily activities. Visit their YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXZMsYS_FXCQT4RNPixPGkA or their website at <https://www.bostonchildrensmuseum.org/learning-resources>

Pandemic Victims Service

Friday, 6/29, at 6:30 pm in the LaSalette Shrine Church and Live-streamed through Facebook

The past few months have been difficult for our country but especially for those who have lost a friend or loved one during the COVID-19 pandemic. In many cases, social distancing and other safety protocols have prevented many from coming together in mourning for their loved ones.

On Friday, June 19, 2020, at 6:30 pm, we will be holding a memorial

service for all those lost during this pandemic. Please know, this is for ALL lost during the pandemic, not only for those who passed as a direct result of the virus.

While the service will take place in the Shrine Church, it will also be live-cast through our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/nationalshrine.lasalette

Annual Clambake Take-out Style

It's time to mark your calendar and secure your ticket to one of the summer's most popular events, the Lloyd Center for the Environment's Clambake XXXV, "35 Years of Celebrating Science and Education!"

Due to concerns surrounding COVID-19, our South Coast tradition has a new format this year. Known as the unofficial "kick-off" of the South Coast's summer season, **Clambake XXXV will still take place on Friday, July 10, with our Silent Auction online, commencing on July 1**, and two delicious take-home meal options.

This year's theme is "35 Years of Celebrating Science & Education. The event will also have an online auction on BiddingforGood.com. We've been collecting a lot of fantastic items which are coming in daily! The opportunity to move the auction online is exciting!

With two dining options, supporters can order either a **lunch to be picked up on Friday, July 10 at The Back Eddy in Westport, or a dinner at Greasy Luck in New Bedford. Each \$50 meal ticket includes a generous donation to support Lloyd Center education programs.**

Clambake XXXV's Lunch Option will feature 4.5 ounces of fresh lobster meat with lemon zest & celery salt in a brioche bun with a side of house made summer potato salad and a sugar cookie. Lunch will be prepared and ready for pick up between 11:30am and 1:00pm at The Back Eddy in Westport.

Clambake XXXV's Dinner Option is a traditional clam boil with a quart of steamers, half piece of corn on the cob, 2 sausages, 2 hot dogs, 1 linguica, 2-3 potatoes, melted butter, clam juice, a cup of clam chowder, and a chocolate chip cookie from

Twisted Treats & Savories of Dartmouth. Dinner will be prepared and ready for pick up between 4:00pm - 5:00pm at the Greasy Luck in New Bedford.

Each dinner will come in a reusable, thermal Lloyd Center bag.

The Lloyd Center thanks The Back Eddy, Greasy Luck, and Twisted Treats & Savories for their support, assistance, and enthusiasm to make Clambake XXXV a success!

With a very limited number of tickets available, reserve your lunch / dinner now! **Tickets may be purchased online at lloydcenter.org/clambake or by calling 508-990-0505 x10.**

Email fcallen@lloydcenter.org, leave a message at 508-990-0505 x10 for sponsorship opportunities or go to lloydcenter.org/clambake and sign up online.

Fish Council Webinar

The New England Fishery Management Council will hold a **three-day meeting by webinar from Tuesday through Thursday, June 23-25, 2020**. The public is invited to listen live and provide input during designated opportunities for public comment. The Council still cannot hold an in-person meeting due to travel restrictions and public safety guidelines associated with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The webinar will be activated at 8:00 a.m. each day. However, please note that the meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday and 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday and Thursday. The webinar will end shortly after the Council adjourns each day.

Online access to the meeting is available at Listen Live (<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7973547681173577227>). There is no charge to access the meeting through this webinar.

For details, including a remote participation guide, visit <https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/june-2020-council-meeting>

If you want to speak during opportunities for public comment, you need to: (1) register for the webinar; and (2) actually "join" the webinar. **Contact Janice Plante at (607) 592-4817, jplante@nefmc.org with questions.**

Recipe of the Week

It's Chili by George!!

Can be made on the stove or in the slow cooker. It's quick, easy and so good.

- 2 pounds lean ground beef
- 1 (46 fluid oz) can tomato juice
- 1 (29 ounce) can tomato sauce
- 1 (15 ounce) can kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 (15 ounce) can pinto beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 ½ cups chopped onion
- ¼ cup chopped green bell pepper
- ⅛ teaspoon ground cayenne pepper
- ½ teaspoon white sugar
- ½ teaspoon dried oregano
- ½ teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 ½ teaspoons ground cumin
- ¼ cup chili powder

Place ground beef in a large, deep skillet. Cook over medium-high heat until evenly brown. Drain, and crumble.

In a large pot over high heat combine the ground beef, tomato juice, tomato sauce, kidney beans, pinto beans, onions, bell pepper, cayenne pepper, sugar, oregano, ground black pepper, salt, cumin and chili powder.

Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to low. Simmer for 1 1/2 hours. (Note: If using a slow cooker, set on low, add ingredients, and cook for 8 to 10 hours.)

From allrecipes.com

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Nationwide, more than 8,300 people died in crashes involving teen drivers from 2008 to 2018 during the "100 Deadliest Days," an average of seven people each summer day. With schools closed, many summer jobs canceled, camp activities curtailed, and COVID-19 restrictions being lifted, this summer brings heightened concern as teens take to the road.

Additionally, reduced traffic volume due to the pandemic has sparked a rise in speeding on Massachusetts roadways. Young drivers might be tempted to speed on the open road, or could encounter speeding vehicles with less time to react and avoid a potential crash. In light of this increase in speeding, complying with state law and wearing a seat belt is more important than ever.

Parents and teens should also review the new hands-free law enacted earlier this year, which prohibits holding or manipulating an electronic device while behind the wheel and requires the use of hands-free technology to place calls or interact with a navigation system beyond a single swipe or tap. Eliminating potential distractions is one of the best techniques to reduce crash risk.

Due to their inexperience, teen drivers are at a higher risk of crashes. According to the new AAA Foundation Traffic Safety Culture Index, about 72% of teen drivers aged 16-18 admitted to having engaged in at least one of the following risky behaviors in the past 30 days:

- Driving 10 mph over the speed limit on a residential street (47%)
- Driving 15 mph over the speed limit on a freeway (40%)
- Texting (35%)
- Red-light running (32%)

the dangers of distracted driving, speeding, and the impairing effects of alcohol and marijuana. But actions speak louder than words. Remember to model good behavior because your teen won't take your advice seriously if you don't follow it yourself."

To keep roads safer this summer, AAA encourages parents to:

• Talk with teens early and often about abstaining from dangerous behavior behind the wheel, such as speeding, impairment and distracted driving.

- Teach by example, and minimize risky behavior when driving.
- Establish a parent-teen driving agreement that sets family rules for teen drivers.
- Conduct at least 50 hours of supervised practice driving with their teen.

To support parents in conducting practice driving sessions during COVID-19 and beyond, AAA is providing a free four-page guide to help parents coach their teens on how to drive safely. The "Coaching Your New Driver — An In-Car Guide for Parents" AAA Parent Coaching Guide 2020 (<https://aaa.biz/aaa-campus/aaainstitute/drivertraining/ParentCoachingGuide2020.pdf>) offers behind-the-wheel lesson plans, including a variety of "DOs and DON'Ts" to make the learning experience as helpful as possible. For parents, the guide can be beneficial as they coach their teens on a variety of routes, building on their formal behind-the-wheel training.

TeenDriving.AAA.com has a variety of tools to help prepare parents and teens for the dangerous summer driving season. The online AAA StartSmart Parent Session also offers excellent resources for parents on how to become effective in-car coaches as well as advice on how to manage their teen's overall driving privileges. Teens preparing for the responsibility of driving should enroll in a driver education program that teaches how to avoid driver distraction and other safety skills.

- Aggressive driving (31%)
- Drowsy driving (25%)
- Driving without a seatbelt (17%)

"Parents remain the best line of defense to keep everyone safe behind the wheel," said Ms. Maguire. "It's never too soon to educate teens on

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RMV extends deadlines again

Press Release

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) announced further extensions to the renewal timelines for expiring motor vehicle inspection stickers, passenger plate registrations, professional credentials, and driver's licenses and learner's permits, including Commercial Driver's Licenses and Commercial Learner's Permits (CDLs/CLPs).

While the RMV has previously announced extensions for most credentials, passenger plate registrations and inspection stickers expired or expiring in March, April, and May, this action applies an additional extension to those credentials and an extension to some credentials expiring in June, July, and August.

These extensions replicate the ongoing measures the RMV has taken to reduce the need for customers to physically visit an RMV Service Center or one of its business partners' facilities, allowing for 'social-distancing' by decreasing non-essential travel and customer volume. Additional, longer-term extensions will also allow the RMV to

ensure 'social-distancing' guidelines are met as demand for in-person service and renewals resumes during the Commonwealth's reopening phases.

Some of the new changes are as follows:

- *Driver's licenses and ID cards, including Commercial Driver's Licenses (CDLs), that expired or will expire in March, April, and May 2020, will now expire in September 2020 and do not need to be renewed at this time.* Driver's licenses and ID cards that will expire in June have been extended until October 2020, those that will expire in July have been extended until November 2020, and those that will expire in August have been extended until December 2020 and do not need to be renewed at this time. The specific expiration date typically coincides with an individual's birth date. Customers holding an RMV credential marked "Limited-Term" that has expired or will expire between March 1 and August 31, 2020 should visit Mass.gov/RMV for more information and to check the validity of their credential. The RMV

also recently introduced an online renewal option for CDL holders if they are self-certified in the Non-Excepted Interstate (NI) category for medical certification.

- *Learner's permits, including Commercial Learner's Permits (CLPs), that expired or will expire in March, April, and May 2020, will now expire in December 2020.* Learner's permits that will expire in June, July, and August will also be extended until December 2020. This extension will allow additional time for permit students and driving schools to complete in-car instruction and a road test when those functions are authorized to re-start safely.
- *Road tests for CDLs are still being conducted during the State of Emergency.* Massachusetts State Police manage CDL road tests and require anyone taking a CDL road test to bring and wear a face covering for the entirety of the road test.
- The annual motor vehicle safety and emissions inspection stickers that have expired or will expire in March, April, and May 2020 have

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Black Lives Matter march and protest held in Acushnet

By Beth David
Editor

Approximately 100 people marched from the Gifts to Give parking lot in Acushnet, up Slocum Street to the intersection at Parting ways, where they were met by another 50 or so people for a protest and rally. Black speakers spoke to the mostly white crowd, and then opened it up for others to speak. Police blocked off streets for the peaceful event on Saturday, 6/13.

One of the organizers told the crowd to push kids to be police officers and in positions to be able to make change.

She addressed the allies of the movement, saying, "We appreciate you guys. You don't have to be out here, but you are for your friends, co-workers, family."

Protests have sprung up across the country, some violent and destructive, in response to police brutality against Black men in particular. After George Floyd died from asphyxiation on May 25 after a Minneapolis police officer held his knee on Mr. Floyd's neck for nearly

nine minutes, spontaneous protests, marches and riots broke out across the country and have not stopped.

"We have to hold the police accountable," said another woman. "We're not going to give up, we're not, not until we're all heard."

Jaelyn Williams told the crowd she went to Acushnet schools and "grew up with racism in this town."

She said parents need to expose their children to Black people, Black culture.

"That's the only way they're not going to have the same experience that I did," said Ms. Williams. "I'm begging you. I do not want little Black girls to feel the way I did."

She said she was made fun of because of her lips, her hair, her skin color.

"We need to do better as a town. Acushnet needs to do better," said Ms. Williams.

She said people need to stand up when they see microaggressions, such as people telling her she sounds like a white girl or acts like a white girl.

"That's offensive. Don't say it," said

Ms. Williams. "Don't call me a white Black girl. I'm not white Black girl, I'm a Black girl."

She said schools do not teach Black History so parents need to do it.

"If they're not going to do it in the schools, it's our responsibility to do it in the home," she said. "That's all I wanted to say. Please do the work at home."

Other speakers, both men and women said they had been targeted and stopped by police simply because of their skin color.

Little Paige Hamilton spoke to the crowd and simply said: "Black people don't deserve to be treated the way they're being treated right now."

Erik Andrade said that the fight was not only for Black people, but for indigenous people, and all displaced people. He said it was not just about George Floyd but about other high profile cases of police killing Black people, including Malcom Gracia of New Bedford.

He said the demands of the movement include a civilian review

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Protestors take a knee at the corner of Main Street and Wing Road in Acushnet on 6/13/2020 during the Black Lives Matter march and rally, when approximately 100 people marched from the Gifts to Give parking lot on Slocum Street to the intersection at Parting Ways where they were met by another 50 or so people. Photo by Glenn C. Silva for the Fairhaven Neighborhood News.

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board in New Bedford with subpoena power. Anything less is “window dressing,” he said.

Another man spoke and said he had an eight-year-old daughter and he did not want her to have to be out there protesting.

“Decade after decade Black people have to be out here in these streets marching just to be treated as human,” he said. “I don’t want that happening to my daughter and the next generation. But unfortunately, I have little hope that is going to be the case.”

Monique Onuoha, one of the organizers, told the story of a young man in Dartmouth who recently was being harassed and physically threatened because he is Black.

“This is continuing,” said Ms.

Onuoha. “It’s not just the older generation, it’s our generation. That’s a problem.”

She also told the world to stop sexualizing Black women, stop making fun of the clothes they wear. She said they are wearing the same clothes as the white kids, but their bodies are different.

“It is in our DNA, our bodies are typically different,” she said.

“Stop sexualizing us, stop making fun of our hair, stop trying to touch our hair,” she said. “Just be aware.”

She told the white allies that there is a lot of information online about how to be an ally.

“Thank you so much for being out here today. It means a lot,” she said. “Hopefully, you’ll continue to fight with us.”

Mackenzie McCree’s mother, who is white, also spoke, telling the crowd that she saw Acushnet through a different lens as MacKenzie grew up in town.

“Because when it’s your daughter and you see her go through pain...” she said trailing off. “I never had anyone tell me at six years old, ‘I don’t want to play with you,’ in the playground. She did.”

“I’m proud of us her, taking the first step,” she said, adding, “we as white allies need to continue to educate ourselves and not be ignorant.”

She said it will require uncomfortable conversations with family and friends, but they need to have them. Because sometimes “we can get through to them when they won’t even listen to a Black voice.”



ABOVE LEFT: Transgender speaker Lucian Breland told the crowd to be kind to people because you never know the kind of trauma they are facing that day, “never mind every day,” at a Black Lives Matter march and rally in Acushnet on 6/13/20, when approximately 100 people marched from the Gifts to Give parking lot on Slocum Street to the intersection at Parting Ways where they were met by another 50 or so people.

ABOVE RIGHT: Marchers on Slocum Street. FAR LEFT: Paige Hamilton tells the crowd that Black people don’t deserve to be treated the way they are being treated.

LEFT: People of all ages join the protest.

Photos by Glenn C. Silva.

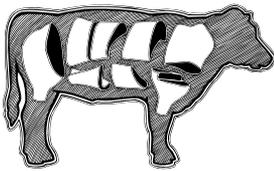
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Acushnet Town Meeting this Saturday

By Beth David
Editor

Acushnet Town Meeting will face 21 articles at the Annual TM this Saturday, 6/20/20. The meeting will be held at Ford Middle School, with social distancing measures in place.

Seats will be six feet apart, and attendees will be asked to wear masks, except when they are in their seats six feet apart.

Town Administrator Julie Hebert said in a phone interview that the room can fit 85 people with the social distancing protocols, and they have set aside an overflow room. The Selectboard was also set to meet on Wednesday (past our press time) to decide if they would lower the quorum from 75. A temporary order by the state allows towns to change the quorum to as low as 10% of their regular number, which means Acushnet could, theoretically, go as low as eight people.

If a town does lower the quorum, the temporary measure requires that no controversial articles are on the warrant.

Ms. Hebert said they have pulled

everything possible to comply with the order.

In its letter to residents, the Finance Committee said that the COVID-19 pandemic “uprooted our revenue estimates for FY2021,” and they had to start over again after beginning in January to prepare the budget.

“Town and school departments were asked to make devastating cuts to their budgets, prioritizing services and eliminating potential opportunities for needed growth,” wrote the FinCom. “With the uncertainty of our economic future, we believe that the requests for funding received from our departments are reasonable and justifiable.”

The committee also recommends funding several capital requests, but those reflect cuts in what was requested by departments. The budget also recommends a 2% increase to the school budget.

“The aggressive management of operating costs over the years has resulted in an operating budget in which there is virtually nothing left to cut unless we decrease services

currently provided to our residents,” wrote the FinCom. “The burden of supplying these services within the tax rate structure will continue to be an uphill struggle.”

The budget also allows for \$587,999 in free cash into FY21, to be used as a “revenue shortfall parachute.”

If not needed to fund the shortfall, the funds will be used for capital purchases or operating budget services that were cut.

The COVID-19 crisis has severely hit the state budget, which in turn means municipalities are not sure what cuts they can expect in state aid this year.

The budget projects revenue of \$30,762,685, which includes a projection of \$7,502,023 from the state, which is a decrease from last year’s state aid of \$7,811,920.

Projections from local receipts, such as excise taxes and permits, are \$3,447,442, a slight increase from last year’s \$3,423,537.

Ms. Hebert said the town generally has a healthy cushion for receipts, so

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meeting via Zoom, and has served on several committees, elected and appointed, said she wondered about upcoming meetings. She is on the Sustainability committee currently. She said members are generally re-appointed.

Mr. Freitas told her that it was just an extension and all current members may still vote on their committees. He said he just wanted the public to know about openings to give people a chance to apply.

Ms. Richard said most of the committees seem to have vacancies, and she would "love to see" other people show an interest.

Mr. Espindola said if this is going to be a new way of doing things, then they should notify people a couple of months ahead of time.

"We know we make appointments in April," said Mr. Espindola.

"I don't see the harm in waiting two weeks," said Mr. Freitas.

The item was tabled, along with requests to be added to the Economic Development Committee and the Bikeway Committee.

In another matter, the board amended the liquor licenses of several restaurants to allow for outdoor seating. Because of COVID-19 restrictions, restaurants have been limited to take-out only. Mass. Governor Charlie Baker allowed restaurants to open with outdoor seating and allowed municipalities to relax requirements for outdoor dining. They will have to observe social distancing protocols and specific disinfecting regimens.

The Pasta House was approved for 80 seats outdoors, including 40 under a tent and the rest around the building. The Bayside Lounge, Ice House, 99 Restaurant, Frontera, and Elizabeth's were also approved for outdoor dining.

During the COVID-19 update, Mr. Rees told the board they had a "soft re-opening" of public facilities, including town hall, starting on 6/11. Walk-in traffic is now allowed for a number of departments, including the Town Clerk and Tax Collector. Social distancing guidelines are in place, plexiglass has been installed at all public counters, and signs have been placed throughout the building. Masks are required while inside, and hand sanitizer is available.

Mr. Rees said they did not make a public announcement because they wanted to see how it would go first.

Costs of the preparations will be reimbursed with money from the Federal government. Mr. Rees said the town submitted \$218,000. He is hoping to get \$77,000 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and \$140,000 from the CARES Act.

In a COVID related matter, the board discussed at length what to do about yard sales, since they inherently hold more risk for spreading the virus due to strangers coming together and everyone touching the items.

Health Agent Mary Freire-Kellogg said she did not think they were a good thing to have in town because it brings people "directly to your door."

She said if people do have yard sales, she encourages them to have everyone wear masks and keep their distance from each other.

Mr. Espindola noted they do not typically regulate yards sales, so he could not think of how they would do it now. He said even if they made a declaration banning them, someone would have to enforce it by chasing

"I ran my campaign on change," said Mr. Silvia, adding that the time to start was "right now."

them down by looking at signs, etc.

Mr. Rees suggested that an "educational campaign" might be better than banning them.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg said that other communities are either banning them altogether or they are not making comment. She said the state has decided not to make comment because yard sales are at private residences.

The board took no action and said they might discuss it in the future.

The board also approved the hanging of the gay pride flag at town hall until 6/29, albeit after a long discussion that seemed to be going in the other direction.

Mr. Freitas said he was afraid it was a "slippery slope," that could allow other, less favorable, groups to be able to hang a flag.

School Committee member Kyle Bueno, an outspoken gay man who grew up in Fairhaven, made an impassioned plea to the board, citing

statistics on depression and suicide among gay youth, and the history of the rainbow flag.

In the end, the vote was unanimous.

The board also had a lengthy discussion about the electric aggregation contract and a survey requested by a local group. The town has joined a group of more than 20 communities to buy electricity in bulk, saving money for residents.

The contract also allows for renewable energy to be part of the mix. The group, Climate Reality has asked that the contract be changed to default to 10% renewables, which could result in an increase of about \$2 per month for the average residence.

Mr. Espindola, who has been working on the aggregation contract, said he supported the idea of the survey, but was against changing the contract. He said the contract allows people to opt in for renewables. He said the change would cost residents more.

Mr. Espindola said he also spoke with Fairhaven Housing Authority Director Krisanne Sheedy who said she was very concerned about the possible increase.

"So there are a lot of things to think about here," said Mr. Espindola, but noted he was in favor of the survey.

He said if the board did decide to go with the change that would result in an increase, that he did not want to be the person who answers the phone when residents called, because obviously it would be a 2-1 vote.

"I think it would be an amazing thing for Fairhaven to be a leader on the SouthCoast on this," said Climate Reality co-chair Laura Gardner, adding that she did not think \$2 per residence was a "significant increase, especially considering the future cost of climate change."

The board voted to support the survey.

The town moderator also met with the board and decided to postpone the annual Town Meeting to July 25, to give the town time to figure out the logistics of holding a virtual TM. Fairhaven has a representative TM with more than 400 elected members. They will all have to be able to participate remotely and be able to vote, as the town does not have a venue large enough to accommodate the 200+ members who routinely attend. The board also has the option to reduce the quorum temporarily due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Ristuccia blocks Mike Silvia for BOH Chair; Silvia resigns

By Beth David
Editor

The day he was passed over for the chair on the Board of Health, Michael Silvia posted on Facebook: "In my over twenty years of involvement in Town government I have never been treated in such a shabby manner."

During the meeting, Mr. Silvia was visibly flummoxed when newcomer Michael Ristuccia nominated long-time BOH member Peter DeTerra to be the chairperson, instead of nominating Mr. Silvia.

Mr. Silvia ran the meeting up to the point he was not chosen as chair. He joined the meeting remotely while Mr. DeTerra and Mr. Ristuccia were in the room at town hall.

After the nomination, there was a long silence, then Mr. Silvia said, "What?"

Then more silence. Then Mr. Silvia asked for a second to the motion, and Mr. DeTerra seconded the motion.

There seemed to be some audio issues, but a loud sigh unmistakably

came from Mr. Silvia.

Then he said, "Okay," exhaling loudly.

"Any other motions," asked Mr. Silvia. "Obviously not."

The vote was two in favor, it was unclear from the video how or if Mr. Silvia voted.

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He then nominated Mr. Ristuccia for vice chair and Mr. DeTerra seconded.

Then there was another silence as

Mr. Ristuccia and Mr. DeTerra looked around.

"Well, Peter, you're the chair, close the nominations," said Mr. Silvia.

Mr. Ristuccia was voted in as vice chair, but it was unclear if Mr. Silvia voted for him or simply did not vote. There was no opposing vote voiced.

For the next order of business, Mr. Ristuccia asked that the agenda items be tabled and a new meeting date set.

He said he had just received the packet by email that day at around 2:30 p.m. and did not have a chance to read it carefully. He said he felt "very unprepared" to vote on "any of the items that are on the agenda."

"Other than the one that we just voted on," added Mr. Ristuccia.

The board voted to hold a meeting on 6/16, but that was canceled. The next meeting is on Thursday, 6/18, at 5 p.m.

The meeting on 6/11 lasted just under eight minutes.

On Tuesday, 6/16, Mr. Silvia submitted a one-sentence letter of resignation to the Town Clerk's office.



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TOWN OF ACUSHNET



There will be an Annual & Special Town Meeting held on Saturday, June 20, 2020, at 10:00 A.M. at the Ford Middle School in the Auditorium, 708 Middle Road, Acushnet, MA 02743.

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FNN, 6/11/20, 6/18/20

Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday, July 7, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.
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1. **Administrative Appeal by Fairhaven Shipyard – re: 7 Union Street.** Seeking reversal of zoning deter-

mination by the Town of Fairhaven Building Commissioner dated February 20, 2020. (Application attached) – Continued from April 7, 2020 and May 5, 2020 and June 2, 2020.

2. **Administrative Appeal by A1 Crane – re: 86-88 Middle Street.** Administrative Appeal from a letter dated April 7, 2020 from the Building Commissioner stating that the operation on the site is in violation of the Mixed Use zoning regulations. (see attached-Exhibit 3) (continued per applicant's request to July 7, 2020 Meeting, see attached.)
3. **15 Bluepoint Rd. Pompile, John & RoseAnn –** Variance request for 1' on West side and a Variance request for 5' on East Side for Proposed Addition.
4. **28 Holiday Drive. Plotczyk, Carol A.** 198-22 (A): Variance for 14' short of the 30' street setback requirement to Holiday Drive and Sunrise Court (a paper street) for a 1-stall garage addition.
5. **1 Smuggler's Road. Decker, Keith & Kimberly.** 198-22 (A): Variance for 3' over the 20' maximum allowable for an accessory structure (detached garage).
6. **191 Balsam Street. Ristuccia, Daniel & Donna.** 198-18: Variance to allow front setback to 29' instead of a required 30' in a RR district for a proposed family room addition. (Variance is for 1')

Peter DeTerra, Chairman
FNN: 6/18/20, 6/25/20

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, July 7th, 2020 at 6:30 P.M. at the Ford Middle School located at 708 Middle Road, Acushnet. The following hearings will be conducted at this meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1 **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.
- 2 **Case #2020.03.24A** A case of Richard Bonville, of 71 Quaker Lane, Acushnet who is petitioning for a Special Permit to be able to convert a portion of his existing 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 #2020.03.24B** A case of Derek Sweet, of 51 Gammons Road, Acushnet who is petitioning for a Variance for the minimum setback requirements for a detached garage. This request is being made under the provisions of Article VIII Section 3.3.1 "E" (3).
- 4 **Case #2020.03.24C** A case of Jennifer Melo, of 367 Middle Road, Acushnet who is petitioning for a Special Permit to convert a single family dwelling into a two-family dwelling. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1 "B" (6).
- 5 **Case #2020.03.24D** A case of Alfred Lemieux, of 17 Hathaway Road, Acushnet who is petitioning for a Special Permit to be able to maintain his existing welding shop located at his address. A Special Permit was approved on July 19th, 1983 but never filed with the Registry of Deeds so a new Special Permit will need to be granted. The request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1 "B" (13): Light Manufacturing.

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FNN, 6/18/20, 6/25/20

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they are confident in their projections. Overall, she said, the cut about five percent across the board in anticipation of state aid cuts and other revenue shortfalls.

The budget also uses \$335,727 in free cash to balance the general fund budget.

Across the board, the FinCom recommendations are lower than department requests, except for one or two small increases.

The School Department asked for \$15,615,215, and the FinCom is recommending \$15,073,651. Last year's appropriation was \$14,782,531.

Recommended capital improve-

ments include \$85,000 from free cash to upgrade the school district's WiFi; \$15,000 from the capital expense fund for roof preventive maintenance for the school department; \$15,000 from capital expense fund for Fire/EMS vehicle refurbishments; \$25,000 from free cash for three new vehicle leases. Total for capital expenditures is \$160,000.

Town Meeting will also be asked to use \$80,000 in Community Preservation Act funds for the "Little Toy Project" at 800 Middle Road, which is the playground at the elementary school. Improvements had been made to the area a couple of years ago, but no equipment was added. The \$80,000 will be added to about

\$20,000 collected by fund-raising to equip the playground.

TM will also be asked to use \$2,000 in CPA Historic Preservation funds to paint the interior walls and ceiling, and landscaping at the Historic Fire Station on 1130 Main Street.

Zoning bylaw changes include article 12 to amend the Stormwater Management Bylaw. Article 13 to amend the floodplain overlay district will be pulled because FEMA has changed the deadline for it.

Town meeting will be held at Ford Middle School on Saturday, 6/20/20, at 10 a.m. It is an open town meeting. Any registered voter in Acushnet may participate.



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Saturday	20	0805	2023	0121	1308
Sunday	21	0848	2106	0201	1352
Monday	22	0933	2152	0246	1442
Tuesday	23	1020	2238	0332*	1533
Wednesday	24	1108	2327	0415*	1622*
Thursday	25	----	1200	0457*	1710
Friday	26	0020	1257	0543*	1805
Saturday	27	0118	1354	0638*	1915
Sunday	28	0215	1449	0744*	2033
Monday	29	0311	1546	0847	2145
Tuesday	30	0412	1649	0947	2314

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Fairhaven Meetings

Board of Appeals

Tues., 7/7, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Assessors

Thurs., 6/18, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Board of Health

Thurs., 6/18, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 6/22, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 6/22, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs., 6/18, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Wed., 7/1, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 6/23, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Selectboard

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

Mon., 6/29, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Sustainability Comm.

Tues., 6/23, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Town Meeting

Sat., 7/25, Hastings MS, 9 a.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Board of Appeals

Tue., 7/7, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Council on Aging

Wed., 7/8, Sr. Ctr./So. Main St., 10 a.m.

ELECTION

Election has been postponed to 6/27

Planning Commission

Thurs., 6/18, Ford MS, 7 p.m.

In person attendance allowed for two public hearings, masks required.

Selectboard

Tues., 6/23, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Town Meeting

Sat., 6/22, Ford MS, 10 a.m.

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BPW sets beach policies, prices: residents only, passes only

By Mary Macedo
Neighb News

At its meeting on Tuesday, 6/9, the Fairhaven Board of Public Works discussed how the COVID-19 crisis is affecting such beach capacity this year, as well as the reorganized of the board. The meeting was available to the public via Zoom, and is available on demand at www.fairhaventv.com

The board voted to reorganize, because it was the first meeting after the 6/8 election. The board also has a vacancy because Keith Silvia was elected to the Selectboard.

Board member Rober "Hoppy" Hobson motioned to keep current Chairperson Brian Wotton as the chair. Mr. Hobson said Mr. Wotton has done a great job, pays attention, is involved with the town, and Mr. Hobson said he really respects him. The motion passed unanimously.

Board member Cameron Durant made a motion to keep Mr. Hobson as Vice-Chairperson and the motion passed unanimously. Board member Frank Coelho motioned to keep Mr. Durant as the clerk and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hobson said it was great to have young people like Mr. Wotton and Mr. Durant so involved with the town.

Public Works superintendent Vinnie Furtado opened the beach pass discussion by suggesting that the town provide season passes only to residents due to the COVID-19 restrictions. Mr. Furtado said all surrounding towns are only allowing residents on their beaches. He also suggested they only sell the passes at the BPW building.

Mr. Coelho said he thought the fees should stay the same this year because people are struggling financially.

Mr. Wotton said he did not think they should limit the cars in the lot and tell people they cannot go in, especially because they paid for a season pass to go. He said they should try to fill every other parking space at first and they fill the rest as needed.

Mr. Wotton also suggested that they provide a transferable pass for people who rent out properties and might need to give a pass to their

renters or vacationers. He suggested having property owners pay extra for the transferable pass.

He also suggested they allow walk-ins because walk-ins are not a parking issue, but the resident's name needs to be printed on the pass for verification.

The board voted unanimously to sell regular season passes and walk-in season passes for \$30 to Fairhaven residents only; sell senior citizen season passes and senior walk-in season passes for \$5 to Fairhaven residents 60+ years old; and sell the transferable pass for \$75.

In another matter Mr. Furtado said that Town Meeting has been moved to July 25th because the town is hoping they will be able to hold the

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meeting in person.

Mr. Furtado said if the meeting is held in person all 50 or so articles will be discussed and there will be no need for a September Special Town Meeting.

Mr. Furtado said that the Finance Committee tried to push the Sewer Capital Fund to the September Town Meeting at first, but Mr. Furtado informed them that the article needs to go at the first Town Meeting because they need to meet the DEP timetable.

Mr. Furtado said that the Finance Committee has not voted to have that article in the first meeting yet, but it might not matter if the July 25th Town Meeting happens in person, then all the articles will be discussed.

Mr. Wotton said it does not matter what the Finance Committee thinks

or wants, the town needs that article to go through now for the DEP regulations. Mr. Wotton said the government does not care and the sewer project needs to get done by the DEP deadline. He said he will find out who is on the Finance Committee and come for them because they need to figure this out.

The board also met with Tammy Lagasse about a sewer issue at her home on Harding Street. Ms. Lagasse explained that on May 22nd her p trap was overflowing, so she called the emergency town line for town employees to come to her residence and look at the issue. Ms. Lagasse said that no one came within an hour, so she called Roto-Rooter and they were there very quickly.

Ms. Lagasse said Roto-Rooter cleaned out her line to stop the p trap from overflowing for \$514. She said the town never contacted her until about four days later and the town employees came to her residence and said there were no issues with the town sewer line.

Ms. Lagasse said she then contacted Mr. Furtado and he said that the town had the wrong phone number for Ms. Lagasse. When the town called the number before heading out to her residence they got no answer, which is why they did not go to the house.

Mr. Furtado explained that the town employees call before going out to residences to make sure someone is home or it is not a hoax call. He said that moving forward they should change that policy and the town employees should go and check no matter what.

Mr. Coelho said he agreed that they need to change the policy

Mr. Furtado said that this mistake reflects poorly on the town.

Board member Robert Hobson suggested they pay Ms. Lagasse's whole Roto-Rooter bill.

Mr. Durant said that he did not think they should pay Ms. Lagasse's whole bill because it seemed like the clogged pipe was her private line and not the town's.

Mr. Durant made a motion that they pay half the bill for Ms. Lagasse for the inconvenience and the motion passed unanimously.



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