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Arrr! See you next year, Mateys.



Pirates and Privateers concluded the 2020 season this past Friday morning. Although weather was an issue for many of the Friday mornings at Fort Phoenix it didn't stop Greybeard Boggs and his crew from sharing stories of what it was like back in the days when the cannons were booming and the british were coming. ABOVE: The mateys strike a pose at the final Pirates & Privateers of the season on 9/26/20 at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven L-R: Abby Black the doctor (Erin Hedges), Greybeard Boggs the gunner (Christopher Richard), and Caleb the powder monkey (Jordan Richard). See page 12 for story. *Photo by Glenn C. Silva*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Well, the Board of Health continues to mortify and embarrass us. "Shitshow" doesn't even begin to describe it. They fired the health agent on claims and charges that seemed not only petty, but unfounded (see page 7).

Not even getting into the substance of it, just look at the process. They all got to go through the seven points while the health agent had to be silent and wait her turn. But when she tried to address each item, she was constantly interrupted. Actually, interrogated is probably more accurate.

They would not let the former BOH chairperson speak, even though she could speak directly to at least one of the charges that the health agent was getting fired for.

And who's the chairperson anyway?

This whole mess started when they would not vote Mike Silvia in as chair and he quit (that's another story), so Peter DeTerra could be chair. But at every meeting I've seen so far, he is not running the meeting. At first it was Mike Ristuccia taking over the show, now it's Geoff Haworth.

Oh, and then the technical difficulties. I'm not faulting Mr. Ristuccia for not being there in person. I'm sure he had something important to do in Boston. But...geesh..learn how to use the phone already. It would've been comical, except a woman's career was on the line.

We should just call this meeting "Waiting for Mike's iPhone" as one of the chatters on the Livestream put it.

As for the chickens...GEESH! We are a Right to Farm Community, since 2009. It's right in the bylaws, available online, that she does not need a permit if she has more than five acres, and she does.

And you fired her over that? You called in her character over that? But, Mr. DeTerra can have a wedding on his farm in the middle of a pandemic, and that's okay.

These meetings truly are often popcorn-worthy. But this one was cringe-worthy.

And they wonder why morale is low at town hall. Stop blaming the workers.

This town needs some changes.

We need quality people to step up and run for office and take on these roles.

We also need system change in this town. But...that's a story for another week.

Until next week then...see ya
(from a distance)



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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

COVID-19 update: Phase 3 part 2 starts Monday in some places

By Beth David
Editor

Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker announced on Tuesday that the state is continuing its methodical opening of businesses and loosening up of restrictions in lower risk communities.

Performance venues and some other recreation businesses can open if they are located in communities designated as "lower risk," which is defined for this order as not being in the red for the last three weeks.

Acushnet, Marion, Mattapoissett, and Rochester all fall within that category. New Bedford is high risk, Fairhaven and Dartmouth are moderate risk, but may still go to the next phase.

The interactive map on the state's website, available at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/community-level-covid-19-data-reporting>, is color coded to show risk.

Based on the average daily cases per 100,000 residents, each city or town has been designated as a higher risk (red), moderate risk (yellow), or

lower risk (green) community. Communities with fewer than 5 cases are not given a designation.

Visitors to the site can click on a community to see key COVID-19 statistics.

Fairhaven was lower risk last week, shaded green, but this week had an uptick in cases, moving us to the moderate risk category. The town had 10 new cases in the last two weeks.

Acushnet stayed low with fewer than five cases in the past two weeks, earning a gray/no designation color, along with Marion, Mattapoissett and Rochester.

Dartmouth, in the moderate category, had 22 cases in the past two weeks. New Bedford, colored red on the map, the highest risk, had 131 cases.

Fifteen communities are in the high risk category and may not open. Only New Bedford is in that list from the local area. Four other communities have moved from red last week, to moderate this week.

Boston, also in the yellow, will not loosen restrictions, said Mayor Marty

Walsh, because they are too close to the red zone.

Step two of phase three allows indoor and outdoor performance venues to open at 50% capacity or a maximum of 250 people; arcades and indoor/outdoor recreation such as trampolines, obstacle course, roller inks and laser tag will increase capacity to 50%; fitting rooms in retail stores will now be open; gyms, museums, libraries, driving and flight schools can increase capacity to 50%.

Outdoor events will be limited to 100 people. Indoor gatherings, however, will continue to be maxed out at 25 people and outdoor private events capped at 50. Public outdoor events will also be capped at 50.

Restaurants may also open their bar seating. Group seating at tables will be expanded to 10 from six.

For the latest updates in Massachusetts, visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-updates-and-information>

As of Tuesday, 9/29, the state had 129,243 confirmed cases; 9210 deaths; and 2,219,798 people tested.

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FinCom skeptical about \$1 million+ for turf football field

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

While discussing the fiscal year 2021 Capital Budget on 9/24, not all Fairhaven Finance Committee members saw the value in adding debt for a synthetic turf football field amidst the economic uncertainty of the coronavirus pandemic.

There are eight capital projects totaling \$2.9 million slated for FY21, with only the \$1.2 million high school turf field project being financed through debt service. The \$1.4 million project has \$200,000 in "gift" sources.

"I can't for the life of me understand why the Fairhaven High School stadium athletic turf is still on there," said FinCom member Lisa Plante. "I think this is a frivolous expense at this point in time. Borrowing right now, I think, is absolutely crazy. I mean, I wouldn't go out and spend \$1,000 on a credit card right now because, I mean, the way things are... to spend over 1 million dollars on a turf field, that's absolutely absurd to me and I don't understand why that's still there. I think that could hold off, and I really think that should be held off, and I really can't even imagine people in this town going for that, to be perfectly honest with you."

FinCom Chairperson Padraic Elliott asked Town Administrator Mark Rees what the annual debt payment for the turf field would be, which was reflected in Rees's debt service funding plan. Over the 10-year life of the loan, the first payment would come in FY22 at \$171,000; year two rises to \$332,625 and then up to \$423,585 in year three. As other debt from other projects is paid off, the turf project annual payments would begin to decrease to \$410,499 and \$397,414 in years four and five, respectively.

The town's debt service ratio is currently 0.55% of the budget

"Which is extremely low," said Mr. Rees. In FY22 that would rise to 0.83% and 1.8% in FY23, then dip slightly to 1.19% in FY24 and 1.11% in FY25, still

"extremely low," he said.

Mr. Rees said that by funding the other seven projects through free cash, combined with the town's policy of placing free cash equivalent to 4% of the operating budget directly into reserve "demonstrates sound fiscal conservatism," allowing the town to borrow for capital projects such as the turf project without seeking Proposition 2 ½ overrides.

"But aren't you still borrowing \$1.2 million for the fields though?" Ms. Plante asked.

Furthermore, the town has other high-ticket capital items like a new public safety facility in the works, which will require a voter-approved Prop 2 ½ override. One FinCom member noted that the turf project is not related to public safety, and although the imminent wastewater

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treatment plant upgrades will be funded through the Sewer Enterprise Fund through sewer consumer fees, Fairhaven taxpayers are looking at significant costs.

As Ms. Plante saw it, taxes will go up for a new public safety facility, fire truck replacement, new grader, and sewer user fees will go up for the wastewater treatment project.

"So I think this [turf] debt is really not necessary at this time, in my opinion, for a football field," she said.

Perhaps \$1.2 million might not seem like much juxtaposed with a \$51 million town budget, "But it is a lot of money," said Ms. Plante.

"These are major dollar projects," said Mr. Elliott, "and to expect free

cash to be available in those years to be pay for a [\$500,000] fire truck or a grader, that's not a realistic expectation."

But, "You can competently fund those projects," said Mr. Rees as the debt service rolls over into subsequent years as projects are paid down,

"Obviously, the voters are going to be the ones who are going to vote to increase their taxes if they determine a public facility is necessary for the town," said Mr. Rees. "You've got to convince the electorate that it's something that benefits the town and them."

According to Mr. Rees, the town can stabilize debt and maintain a capital replacement budget that "prevents surprises and allows you to plan ahead for appropriate things that you need in a systematic way that maintains fiscal solvency."

As FinCom member Bernie Roderick saw it, regardless of whether the funding comes from sewer user fees or through a tax override, "[The funding] is coming out of the left pocket of the taxpayer ... [and then] the right pocket. So it's all coming out of the taxpayer one way or another ... and even the borrowing, we're going to have to pay off that debt."

Mr. Roderick said he would prefer holding off for six months on some capital spending, "And we're going to have a better idea of this pandemic issue and the economic impact it's going to have on this town."

Ms. Plante said that seeing \$200,000 being cut from the school budget while a \$1.4 million turf field is being considered, "It just confounds me."

Although Mr. Rees described it all as "good economics," Mr. Eliot said: "By increasing debt service, that is tugging at the general fund operating budget. For every dollar on debt service, that's one less you can spend on salaries...."

Mr. Rees said Superintendent of

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Espindola Office Hr

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Mr. Espindola will speak with Kyle Bueno, who is spearheading an effort to create a Charter Commission in Fairhaven. And Mr. Espindola will also speak with Paul Foley, the Director of Planning and Economic Development.

Video Contest

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is pleased to announce that the seventh annual statewide **high school video contest, Safe Streets Smart Trips**, began on 9/28/20. The contest serves as an initiative within the Massachusetts Strategic Highway Safety Plan to promote safe walking, bicycling, and driving behaviors within the Commonwealth. The contest, which began in 2014, encourages high school students to showcase their understanding of roadway safety across all travel modes to try to decrease pedestrian and bicyclist injuries and fatalities.

The video contest, which is open to all Massachusetts high school students, features a freshman/sophomore category and junior/senior category. Per contest guidelines, students are asked to write and produce a 30-60 second video that focuses on one or several of the guidelines of the "Hands-Free" law.

Complete contest guidelines were sent to high schools on September 23, 2020 and are also found at [Mass.gov/roadway-safety-video](https://www.mass.gov/roadway-safety-video). Students are required to strictly follow COVID-19 social distancing guidelines and health/safety precautions while making contest videos. Grand prize and runner-up videos in each category will be chosen by a MassDOT panel. The winning videos will be screened during MassDOT's annual active transportation conference, Moving Together, which is scheduled to take place virtually on November 17, 18

and 19. Top videos may also be used in future safety campaigns.

On February 23, 2020, the "Hands-Free" law was enacted throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/hands-free-law>). This law seeks to help reduce the number of motor vehicle crashes involving distracted driving as a result of electronic device usage. Operators of motor vehicles are prohibited from using any electronic devices, including mobile telephones, unless the devices are set to hands-free mode. Drivers under 18 are not allowed to use any electronic devices and all phone use while driving is illegal, including use in hands-free mode.

To learn more about the Safe Streets Smart Trips high school video contest, visit [Mass.gov/roadway-safety-video](https://www.mass.gov/roadway-safety-video).

For more information about the virtual 2020 Moving Together healthy transportation conference, visit www.movingtogetherma.org.

For more information about the "Hands-Free" law, please visit <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/hands-free-law>.

For transportation news and updates visit MassDOT at our website: www.mass.gov/massdot, blog: www.mass.gov/blog/transportation, or follow MassDOT on twitter at www.twitter.com/massdot.

Online Legislative Curriculum

The Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate announced the launch of "Today's Vote in the Classroom" — an online curriculum resource for helping teachers simulate the legislative process and examine real legislation in their middle and high school classrooms. Available to all educators at [todaysvote.org](https://www.todaysvote.org), "Today's Vote in the Classroom" is a two-day interactive online lesson plan that provides students the opportunity to role play as U.S. senators, discuss topics of importance, and cast their votes on real bills that have been introduced to Congress.

The online lesson plan allows teachers to choose from current and past topics supported by policy background information, bill briefs, classroom presentations, and state

and national curriculum standards. Curriculum topics include climate change, confederate memorials, voting rights restoration, minimum wage, and assault weapons, among many others. Lessons are conducted in four key steps: Explore the Issue; Create a Senate Profile; Preview the Bill; and Deliberate and Vote. Through the virtual lesson portal, teachers can also connect with knowledgeable staff members at the Kennedy Institute for guidance and support.

Full lesson plans and resources for the two-day "Today's Vote in the Classroom" legislative simulations are available for download at [todaysvote.org](https://www.todaysvote.org).

Broadband Survey

As Fairhaven's Broadband Study Committee, we have made it a key priority to research the feasibility of establishing local control of this essential infrastructure. The goals of the committee for this project include the following:

1. Lower the cost of internet access by 25%-30% for residents and businesses.
2. Significantly increase the speed and reliability of internet access.
3. Increase competition and give residents multiple options for ISPs on demand in real time.
4. Build a state-of-the-art network that will improve economic development and foster innovation.
5. Leverage the network to improve the services provided in the town including public safety, transportation, healthcare, education, emergency communications, and new services that will become possible with advanced network infrastructure.

The unfortunate reality is that the current dominant internet access model in our country is one where network operators build closed proprietary systems that are designed to maximize profit. Alternatively, construction of a Fairhaven Broadband Network utility seeks to maximize value and lower costs through competition.

We are inviting Fairhaven residents to take the Fairhaven Broadband Survey 8 simple questions, takes less than 3 minutes. Please visit www.connectfairhaven.com to learn more and take the survey.

Board of Health chair holds wedding at farm in pandemic

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven Board of Health chairperson Peter DeTerra hosted a wedding at his farm in Fairhaven for his daughter on 8/29/20, while restrictions on gatherings were limited to 50 people at outside venues.

On August 11, Governor Charlie Baker ordered that a maximum of 25 people could be gathered in an indoor space, and 50 could be gathered in an outdoor space, both limited to 8 persons per 1,000 square feet. The order specifically includes private homes and back yards, and also specifies "celebrations, social outings, and similar events that draw together groups of people."

The order authorizes local Boards of Health and local police as the enforcement agents for the order. Violations could result in a civil fine of up to \$500 per violation.

In a phone interview, Mr. DeTerra

said his daughter was married on that date, but that it was a small wedding, with only 50 people in attendance.

The celebration was held on his farm, partly in a large garage/barn, and partly outside.

"We had a wedding with 50 people. That was our limit at the time," said Mr. DeTerra, denying reports that more than 100 people were in attendance.

He said it was outside, and they did not shuttle people from their cars. Guests parked on the property.

He denied that the wedding might be part of the reason he wanted to fire the Health Agent, who would be responsible for enforcing the regulations.

"We have an assistant health agent. She could've taken the call," said.

The police were called, and Fairhaven Police spokesperson Lt. Kevin Kobza confirmed that police received an anonymous call at 6:18

p.m. on 8/29, that 100-130 people were gathered at Mr. DeTerra's farm. He said the police officer observed "at least 30-40 vehicles."

It was unclear, he said, from the log, how far onto the property the officers went. He said they spoke to the resident, who said his daughter had gotten married that day and there were "about 50 people" there.

Photos on Facebook from various attendees show a wedding party of at least five bridesmaids and grooms.

Posts include congratulations from fellow board member Geoffrey Haworth, who led the way this week in firing Health Agent Mary Freire-Kellogg (see page 7).

Ironically, Mr. Haworth cited Ms. Friere-Kellogg's alleged lack of following the rules by having chickens on her property without a permit.

A message for the times



Fairhaven residents Penny Brewer and Nate Bekemeier encourage their fellow citizens to vote by placing a this large "Your Vote Matters" sign on their property on Huttleston Avenue (Route 6).

The property often has inspirational and/or political signs revolving around current events.

The last day to register to vote is October 24 for the November 4 presidential election. Many residents can register online at <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/OVR/Welcome.aspx> or contact your town clerk or Elections Office. In Fairhaven call 508-979-4023, Ext. 3; in Acushnet call 508-998-0200, Option 2; in New Bedford call 508-979-1420

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Fairhaven health agent fired by board

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

After nearly a four-hour meeting rife with public dissent and noise interference from a board member's remote attendance via cellphone while driving a vehicle, the Fairhaven Board of Health on 9/28 voted to fire Health Agent Mary Freire-Kellogg, basing its decision on seven specific reasons that she countered despite interruptions from the board.

Fairhaven Town Counsel Thomas Crotty made a statement explaining that all three BOH members could participate despite two having Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD) filings against them. Excluding both chairperson Peter DeTerra and member Michael Ristuccia would mean there was no quorum, so the Rule of Necessity allows them to participate.

Mr. DeTerra started with reason one to fire the health agent: failure to obtain a soil evaluator's license within 12 months of her hire as stated in the job acceptance letter (not her contract, as he stated). The license is to perform percolation tests for septic system installations.

"This was in her contract," said Mr. DeTerra, adding that she failed the test and did not try to take it again.

BOH member Geoff Haworth's word of the day was "extensive," as in his extensive research on the history of the personnel matter involving Ms. Freire-Kellogg, and said he could not find evidence of her having the license.

Mr. Ristuccia noted that the previous health agent did hold the license

"And not having obtained that, to me, is an issue," he said.

The board chose to run through each point before allowing Ms. Freire-Kellogg to speak, but did not allow her the same courtesy.

When she was allowed to speak, she said a previous board that included Mr. DeTerra agreed unanimously in a public meeting that she did not have to retake the test. She offered to play the video of that 4/24/2018 meeting, but the Board refused to allow it.

Several times, members of the public spoke out demanding, "Play the video!"

According to Ms. Freire-Kellogg, the board was concerned about the time she would have to take off to take the class, and the expense. She added that having the certification was not a legal requirement in Massachusetts.

In the 2018 meeting, former board member Jeannine Lopes did express that she saw no reason for her to get the license, and Mr. DeTerra commented on how "grueling" the course was when he took it and that only someone performing the perc test would require the license. Former BOH member Michael Silvia also agreed it was not necessary.

"I don't necessarily need to hear it; my question is, was there a vote taken?" said Mr. Haworth. There was not, she replied.

"So the Board did not officially tell you you did not have to have it by a vote," said Mr. Haworth.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg said she would prefer to play the tape.

"To me, it won't help," said Mr. Haworth.

"I was there, I don't need to hear ... I was there," said Mr. DeTerra.

Back on his phone while driving, Mr. Ristuccia said: "When she took the job she knew she had to get that license. We can all talk about whether it was necessary or not ... but when she took the job she signed the letter saying that she'd get the license...."

Ms. Lopes spoke out: "This is dangerous. Play the video!"

As more members of the public spoke out demanding the video be played, Mr. Haworth instructed the Zoom operator to mute anyone who spoke without permission. At one point several people shouted, "Play the video!" "Bunch of bullies!" Mr. Ristuccia's vehicle noises drowned out some of the chaos.

So, given the option of dealing with COVID or inspecting a marina, I think it would be more prudent to deal with COVID, as did the rest of the world
[Mary Freire-Kellogg]

Reason two: "You have demonstrated a lack of oversight by allowing personnel to leave at 3:00 p.m. and remain paid until 4:00 p.m. allowing personnel to work without your direction or knowledge, allowing personnel to act without [inaudible] for hours worked," Mr. DeTerra stumbled over his words as he read.

In his "extensive" research, Mr. Haworth said interim Health Agent Sarah Dupont told him that the employee in question, former administrative assistant Amanda Blais, said she was allowed to leave early.

Mr. Haworth said he also doubted whether Ms. Freire-Kellogg adequately supervised former food inspector Dan Shea, noting that Mr. Shea stated once that he scheduled his inspections "whenever he wanted."

He said it was important for the health agent to know where all personnel are "at all times."

Mr. DeTerra said that, as a union worker, Ms. Blais was not allowed to leave early.

He also noted that "during this whole thing I never knew things being on the board."

"I do not find any of that to be true and accurate," said Ms. Freire-Kellogg.

She said Ms. Lopes, when she was the chairperson, had approved allowing Ms. Blais go leave 30 minutes early and cut her lunch by 30 minutes, so she could attend college courses. Ms. Freire-Kellogg would cover the office for that time. She said she had emails proving it, of which Mr. Haworth said he did not have copies.

Mr. DeTerra said he was told Ms. Blais would have to go before the union for permission, and Mr. Haworth continued his inquisition into whether Ms. Freire-Kellogg violated the union contract by allowing the employee to leave early.

"Did you consult the union contract?" asked Mr. Haworth. Ms. Freire-Kellogg said she discussed it with the town administrator who approved it also.

"It wasn't a problem at the time, apparently you see it as a problem," said Ms. Freire-Kellogg.

Ms. Lopes was not allowed to speak to clarify her role in the decision.

Mr. Ristuccia criticized Ms. Freire-Kellogg's handling of the matter, although his words were garbled by poor cell service.

As she described a spreadsheet she created to ensure accountability of personnel whereabouts, Mr. Haworth interrupted her to ask about the location and access of said spreadsheet.

"I think there was accountability," said Ms. Freire-Kellogg. "At any given moment I could check up on where [Mr. Shea] was... She said she did attempt to share the document with Mr. DeTerra via a Google drive but that he did not want it, telling her, 'I don't do computers.'"

"Could the board at any time view that sheet?" asked Mr. Haworth.

"Yes, absolutely," said Ms. Freire-Kellogg.

"...Obviously, the health agent had no idea which places were going to be inspected and when they were going to be inspected," said Mr. Ristuccia. "To me, that does not show leadership and control over your employees."

He launched into a diatribe over how he himself would manage employees and said, "Those things weren't done in my opinion."

Mr. Haworth questioned how Mr. Shea's hours could perfectly total 19 hours each week.

"That's what he worked," said Ms. Freire-Kellogg. "Nineteen hours, that's what he was allowed to work; that's what he was being paid to work."

Reason three: "You have failed to issue marina permits for most marinas for the 2020 season," Mr. DeTerra read.

"I just cannot understand why we can allow situations like that to exist," said Mr.

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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Scout Recruiting

For all Boys and Girls Ages 5-20

One of the New Bedford Area's oldest scouting organizations will be hosting an open house recruitment event on **Sat., 9/26, from 10:00AM-2:00PM outside the St. Joseph/St. Teresa's Parish on 51 Duncan Street in New Bedford.** Our sponsored organization represents four scouting units that span all genders and ages from five years old to 20 years old.

- Pack 24 (Boys and Girls 5-10yrs) Meets Thursday nights (64 years running)
- Scouting, BSA Troop 24B (Boys 11-17) Meets Wednesday nights (80 years running)
- Scouting, BSA Troop 24G (Girls 11-17) Meets Tuesday nights (1 year running)
- Venture Crew 24 (Boys and Girls 14-20) Meets Thursday nights (23 years running)

We will have some games and activities. Masks and social distancing will be required for all participants and our scouts and leaders will host this event outdoors and complying with all COVID-19 precautions.

The Boy Scouts of America uses uniquely hands-on learning experience and opportunities toward advancement while promoting budding interests. Youth will unlock the world of discovery around them and forge a path for the future.

Paper Shred Day

Sat., 10/3, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at New Bedford High School, 230 Hathaway Blvd. All participants and staff must wear masks. When each participant reaches the shred truck, they will remove the boxes from their vehicle and empty boxes into a wheeled shred bin. Participants will take boxes home with them. For safety purposes, participants are not able to watch the destruction of their paper. Individuals may bring a maximum of two boxes of paper. Paper clips and staples do not need to be removed, but please remove paper from folders and binders.

For more information, please visit nbcu4u.com/shred-day/ or newbedfordrecycling.org. Also, call the Department of Community Services at (508) 979-1692 or the Greater New Bedford Regional Refuse

Management District at (774) 503-0254 or email Marissa@nbrmrdistrict.org.

Art Classes

Join us for outdoor clay classes around Downtown New Bedford! Masks covering the nose and mouth are required and participants will be a distance of at least six feet from each other. If you are buying two registrations for one household, please note this during check out and we will seat you together. It can be sunny so please consider bringing a hat and sunglasses!

- Clay Al Fresco (October 3, 10) Saturday AM (10:00am-12:00pm) Adult: Members \$60, Non-Members \$54. Saturday PM (12:30-2:00pm) Youth (6+/Teens). Members \$40, Non-Members \$36
- Clay Al Fresco II: Nautical Hand Building (October 17, 24) Saturday AM (10:30am-12:30pm) Adult: Members \$60, Non-Members \$54 Saturday PM (1:00-2:30pm) Youth (6+/Teens) Members \$40, Non-Members \$36

Visit <https://newbedfordart.org/art-classes/>

At the Drive-In

Drive-Ins are back, at the Seastreak Ferry Whale's Tooth parking lot, 532 Acushnet Ave., New Bedford. Visit <https://zeiterion.org/drivein/> for details and to buy tickets.

The Saskia Laroo Band, Jazz meets Hip-Hop, Fri., 10/2, 7 p.m.; \$40/vehicle

Coined in America as "Lady Miles Davis of Europe," Saskia Laroo is a current feature on the face of 21st century trumpet artistry. Born in Amsterdam, she travels the world playing a combination of jazz, pop, world and dance with her band, often an international bunch well-versed in many styles. "I want people to have a good time, to dance when I play. I don't just play for other musicians," she says. Thus, her joy comes to life with this group: some tradition, lots of hipness, groove, ba-ad solos, bold rap vocals, and her mellifluous trumpet leading the way. The Saskia Laroo Band brings an organic mix of pure jazz and funky hip-hop. The performance will feature Saskia on trumpet, vocals, and alto sax, Warren Byrd on keyboard and vocals,

PremeAlom on rap vocals and vocals, Tang Sauce on rap vocals, Douglas 'Basszilla' Long on electric bass, and Dexter Pettaway on drums. Audiences all ages and backgrounds welcome!

Artmobile

New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks! is pleased to announce that the artMOBILE will be appearing at the New Bedford Farmer's Market at Custom House Square along with the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra on **Thursday, October 8th from 3 - 5 PM.** The artMOBILE will be handing out free art activity kits and will have their artists available for in-person activities as well!

Additionally, the artMOBILE will be at **Clasky Common Park every Saturday in October from 11 AM - 1 PM, from October 3 - October 31, 2020.** NBAM looks forward to providing weekly participatory or take-home art kits to individuals who may not have the opportunity to engage in a creative experience.

The artMOBILE is brought to you by the New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks! and is sponsored by The SouthCoast Community Foundation, The New Bedford Community Development Block Grant, and our members and patrons.

Science Cafe

Tuesday, 10/6, at 7pm Please join us for a VIRTUAL New Bedford Science Café!

Our guest Jamie Jacquart will discuss "Carbon Neutrality: How to Achieve a Net Zero Carbon Footprint by 2030."

Jamie is the Assistant Director of Campus Sustainability at UMass-Dartmouth, where he is working to create an energy master plan to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030. The Princeton Review has recognized UMass Dartmouth as a Green Campus for eight years running.

Please register in advance: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8Hiyqs54Q8WQbxYhwVdqJA

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

This Zoom presentation is made possible through a partnership with New Bedford Whaling Museum.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Watershed Ride

This is a one-of-a-kind ride along the beautiful coast of Buzzards Bay, celebrating its 14th season on October 4, 2020.

The Buzzards Bay Watershed Ride offers cycling routes that wind past bucolic farmlands, windswept beaches, and scenic harbors on the way to the finish line. This year, the ride's traditional routes have been adapted to two options—a metric century (62 miles) and a metric half-century (31 miles)—due to social distancing guidelines and restrictions.

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On the way to the finish line, you will pass more than 3,000 acres protected forever for the health of our Bay—peaceful beaches, sensitive salt marshes, and rich woodlands. Your participation in the ride will help to protect this beautiful coastline and Bay.

For more information, visit <https://www.savebuzzardsbay.org>

Call for Walkers

Register for the 32nd Annual Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai, in Boston at Marathon Start Line, October 4, 2020; Time: 7:00 am start, 4:00 pm finish (all-day event)

On Sunday, 10/4/20, thousands will participate in the annual fundraising walk for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute to support all forms of cancer research and patient care.

To register or volunteer, visit www.JimmyFundWalk.org or call (866) 531-9255. **Registrants can enter the promo code NEWS for \$5 off the registration fee.** Walkers who do not have a team to join are more than welcome to contact the Jimmy Fund Walk to connect them with other walkers in their area.

Virtual Film Fest

Sixth annual GlobeDocs Film Festival, Oct.1-12. With GlobeDocs, The Boston Globe furthers its reach as an organization dedicated to shedding light on the truth by presenting the work of filmmakers near and far who are also focused on telling important stories, large and small.

GlobeDocs holds free screenings year around to lead up to this five-day documentary festival designed to engage, promote, and celebrate film and production talent.

Films are specifically curated to include a lively, hosted post-film conversation with Globe journalists to turn screenings into an opportunity for the community to come together and have an open dialogue.

Visit <http://view.ceros.com/boston-globe/globedocs-2020/p/1>

Halloween Show

Hammond Castle Museum Offers "Horror of Abbadia Mare" a hand-crafted adaptation of **Five H.P. Lovecraft stories, Oct. 9; 16; 23; 30**

Program This Halloween season Hammond Castle Museum will offer a room to room-to-room theater performance of *The Horror of Abbadia Mare*, an adaptation of five H.P. Lovecraft stories set within the Castle and adapted around one of America's most prolific inventors of his time, John Hays Hammond Jr. The five adaptations include Lovecraft's *Dunwich Horror*, *Dreams in the Witch House*, *The Hound*, *the Color Out of Space*, and *From Beyond*. Set in the fall of 1929, Hammond falls prey to his genealogy which was cursed nearly four centuries ago. As guests move through the inner rooms of the Castle they come upon various members of the Hammond household and are drawn into a story of frantic and tragic happenings within the Castle's walls.

Performances begin at 6 pm and run every 15 minutes through 9 pm on Friday, October 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th. **Tickets are \$25 each. Advance ticket purchase is required,** at: hammondcastle.org/TheHorror. Hammond Castle Museum, 80 Hesperus Avenue, Gloucester,

Free Douglass Talk

Visit <https://www.stagesoffreedom.org/frederick-douglass>

org/frederick-douglass Fri. 10/9 at 6PM Register now.

Join us for a free virtual talk with Pulitzer Prize winner Dr. David Blight, whose book, *Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom*, is being made into a major motion picture, as he explores Douglass' long & little-known relationship with Rhode Island. The event concludes with a spiritual sung by the Schiller Chorus.

Graveyards

Welcome to the Graveyard! Cemeteries of Mattapoisett. On Thurs., 10/8 at 6:30 PM, the Mattapoisett Museum will host a fascinating online presentation by the Gravestone Girls about New England cemetery art, history and symbolism. The virtual tour, called "Welcome to The Graveyard," takes us from colonial burial grounds, through the rural cemetery movement of the 19th century, and into 21st century locations. It examines why we have cemeteries and gravestones, why they look like they do, and how styles and art have evolved over almost 400 years.

Free. Virtual event via Zoom. To register go to mattapoisettmuseum.org/events. For or more information please contact Kyle DeCicco-Carey at 508-758-2844 or director@mattapoisettmuseum.org.

Mattapoisett is home to cemeteries dating from the early 1700s including Hammond Cemetery and Barlow Burying Ground. Prior to the program date, The Girls will hit the road and go through Mattapoisett's cemeteries taking pictures to discuss during the presentation. Q&A is welcome at the end of the show!

Gravestone Girl Brenda is always the presenter of our programs, and if schedules allow, other Gravestone Girls will join us too!

This is a FREE event and will be held on Zoom. Prior registration is required to receive your Zoom link to the event. There is no charge for tickets, but donations are highly encouraged.

To register go to mattapoisettmuseum.org/events.

For questions or more information please contact Kyle DeCicco-Carey at 508-758-2844 or director@mattapoisettmuseum.org.

Recipe of the Week

Grilled Bluefish With Mustard Glaze

- 1/2 lime, juiced
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
- salt and pepper, to taste
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 pounds boneless bluefish, skin intact, cut into even-sized pieces
- olive oil, for brushing
- 1 lime, cut into wedges, for serving

In a bowl, whisk the lime juice, mustard, garlic, salt, pepper, and oil. Place the fish on a deep platter and pour the marinade over it. Turn the fish to coat it all over. Refrigerate for 20 minutes.

Prepare a charcoal or gas grill. Brush the rack with oil. When the coals are gray or the gas grill is hot, set the fish on the grill skin side down.

Cover with the lid and cook the fish for 8 to 10 minutes or until it flakes easily when you test the thickest part with the tip of a knife. It is not necessary to turn the fish.

Transfer to a platter, garnish with lime, and serve at once.

From cdkitchen.com

Shark sighting closes beaches in Fhvn

By Beth David
Editor

Beaches in Fairhaven were closed for about a day due to a reported shark sighting at Hacker Street beach.

A reverse 911 call went to all residents warning of the danger and alerting residents that the beaches were closed on Saturday, 9/26, at about 2:45 p.m.

According to a press release by the Fairhaven Police Department, the Fort Phoenix, Scotcut Neck and West Island beaches were all closed to the public due to a shark sighting off Hacker Street Beach.

All beachfront and waterfront residents were also advised to remain out of the water.

The Fairhaven Police and Harbor-master patrolled the area.

At about 6 p.m. on Saturday, a second press release stated that beaches would open on Sunday, but residents were still being cautioned to avoid the water until the morning.

"The Town of Fairhaven is expected re-open all beaches tomorrow morning as long as there are no further shark sightings in the

area," reads the press release. "The beaches were closed for the day following a shark sighting off Hacker Street Beach at 1 p.m. There have been no shark sightings since then.

"The Fairhaven Harbor Master will patrol the area tomorrow morning to ensure that the waters are safe for recreational swimming and boating.

"All beachfront and waterfront residents are advised to remain out of the water until then."

A second phone and email alert at 7:29 p.m. said that the alert had been canceled and beaches had been opened.

"The shark sighting was unfounded and the search of the waters by the Fairhaven and New Bedford Harbormasters was negative," reads the email alert. "Citizens are asked to use caution and stay vigilant when entering the water. Have a safe weekend."

In an interview with a local TV station, Fairhaven Harbormaster Timothy Cox asked people to take a picture if they see anything so the shark can be identified.

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PJ Keating quarry operation resumes in Acushnet

Acushnet Selectboard press release
9/24/20

The Town of Acushnet Board of Selectmen, Board of Health, and Soil Boad announced today that the Town and P.J. Keating have come to a temporary agreement regarding quarry operations at 72 South Main Street. The Acushnet Board of Health, Conservation Commission, and Soil Conservation Board recently issued health and environmental enforcement orders aimed at addressing serious concerns raised by Town residents and corroborated by Town officis. Quarry operations have also been [affected] by ongoing litigation between the parties in the Bristol County Superior Court.

the Town has greed to temporarily lift the enforcement orders so that P.J. Keating may continue operations at the property, in recognition of and in

to implement or improve on-site security, dust and erosion controls, environmentally responsible street sweeping practices, and waste disposal procedures. Further, P.J. Keating has agreed to cease all quarry operations on Sundays, and limit the majority of its quarry operations between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 9 p.m., Monday through Saturday. This agreement has been endorsed by the Bristol Count Superior Court.

Specifically, P.J. Keating has agreed to implement or improve on-site security, dust and erosion controls, environmentally responsible street sweeping practices, and waste disposal procedures. Further, P.J.

Keating has agreed to cease all quarry operations on Sundays, and limit the majority of its quarry operations between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 9 p.m., Monday through Saturday. This agreement has been endorsed by the Bristol Count Superior Court.

The Board of Selectmen and P.J. Keating Company are optimistic that future conversations between municipal officials, Town residents, and P.J. Keating leadership will result in an ultimate solution that not only supports local businesses and their employees, but that will also protect the health, safety, and well-being of the general public.

After extensive review of P.J. Keating's operating procedures, and cooperative and productive conversations between the parties,

exchange for commitments made by P.J. Keating. Specifically, P.J. Keating has agreed




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Weigh anchor, mateys, see you next year



Pirates and Privateers concluded the 2020 season this past Friday morning. Despite dealing with the COVID-19 crisis, the program run by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism took place every Friday morning. The fun interactive presentation included a demonstration firing of a black powder swivel cannon, a demonstration of early medical practices and and stories of pirate lore enhanced by local true stories. Be sure to look for them next year in June when the program restarts. ABOVE LEFT: Caleb the powder monkey demonstrates firing the black-powder swivel cannon during the final Pirates & Privateers presentation of the season hosted by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism on Friday, 9/25/20, at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven. ABOVE MIDDLE: Greybeard Boggs peers through the looking glass during the presentation. ABOVE RIGHT: Greybeard Boggs explains how the British came from behind to take the Fort in the 1700s. BELOW LEFT: Caleb the powder monkey explains the use of the cannons. BELOW MIDDLE: Abby Black the doctor shows how they would have removed a bullet from the abdomen. BELOW RIGHT: Abby Black the doctor (RIGHT), holds a saw to demonstrate on Greybeard Boggs (who is clearly preparing for the pain) what happened if you got a bullet in the arm in the 1700s: "Well, they just amputated the arm off by cutting the bone with a saw." To learn more about the program visit <https://fairhaventours.com/pirates-privats-presentation/>. Photos by Glenn C. Silva.



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Ristuccia, calling it a “real problem.”

Mr. Haworth said marina permits expired on 12/31 of 2019, and COVID-19 could not have been the reason why the permits were “delayed” and Ms. Freire-Kellogg should have informed the Board that permits would be late.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg said that most marinas are closed from December until June, and they do not file for permits until they are set to open. This year, with COVID-19, marinas remained closed until July 6 and were granted 45 more days to file for their permit, as per the governor’s order.

“Can you hear me?” Mr. Ristuccia interjected having lost contact with the meeting at some point in the discussion. After confirming that permits expired on 12/31 he said he saw no reason for the delay in marina permits: “To say that their business is a seasonal business so they don’t need their permit until they’re physically open.... A lot of that responsibility falls on the health agent, she’s the one that’s in charge.”

Mr. Haworth asked if she told the board of the delay, and Ms. Freire-Kellogg said it was accepted practice to wait until spring, noting that the former health agent did it that way and Mr. DeTerra agreed.

“I never knew nothing,” said Mr. DeTerra.

“The marinas were permitted and inspected in the spring, so why would I inform the Board of a practice that was customary?” she asked.

“We can talk about what’s more important, whether the people have COVID, doing inspections for COVID, would supercede a marina permit, which entails checking the bathroom and checking the trash cans and seeing if there’s a pump-out,” said Ms. Freire-Kellogg. “So, given the option of dealing with COVID or inspecting a marina, I think it would be more prudent to deal with COVID, as did the rest of the world.”

“I want to make sure that the facts are the facts,” said Mr. Haworth. “So to be clear, the Board was not informed.”

Reason four to fire the health agent: You have failed to issue bathing permits for the 2020 season for public beaches.

Mr. Haworth said he found no evidence that the Board was informed that the permits would be late.

Mr. Ristuccia disappeared from the Zoom screen and then returned, saying, “I cannot hear.” This went on for several minutes until the board recessed for 10 minutes to get Mr. Ristuccia back.

From his phone, he said, “This follows everything that I’ve said already. It’s unacceptable behavior, again, not following regulations, not [putting] the public health before our own personal time of being, or whatever, and unacceptable.”

“My goal is accountability in the office,” said Mr. DeTerra. “We work for the people of Fairhaven.”

This was common practice for every board of health, said Ms. Freire-Kellogg. Furthermore, there is only one public beach, West Island, and that had been permitted. She said the Town is not obligated to permit other beaches in town, but the ones that were permitted were granted two-year permits, expiring in September 2020.

“When did you inform the Board that they were two-year permits?” asked Mr. Haworth.

“I didn’t,” she replied.

“Thank you,” said Mr. Haworth.

“And that’s not something the Board ever wanted to know as far as I know,” she said, adding she would have happily shared the information.

Reason number five: Demonstrating the inability to work with board members, demonstrating a pattern of failing to follow directives given by the Board, and failure to provide payroll, bills, and other documents to the chairperson for review.

“What I do find is that there has been a pattern of not following directives given by

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[Mary Friere-Kellogg]

the board that concern me,” Mr. Haworth said. “It just seems like...” He let out a sigh. “In an office environment, in a town environment, I think it’s very important that staff works cohesively. If staff can’t work cohesively, then there has to be changes to the system.”

He lamented that he had never even received a “welcome” from Ms. Freire-Kellogg. “And I didn’t feel that it’s my directive as a board member to reach out to her. She is the paid staff.... The staff at town hall has always reached out to me.”

“I have not received bills, payroll, permits, to sign permits, budget ... the last two years and that’s not right,” said Mr. DeTerra.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg said Mr. Ristuccia told her not to talk to the board, and she spoke of the open harassment charges against Mr. DeTerra, who she said was instructed not to communicate with her outside email. She said he broke the agreement several times and that it was a “stressful situation” having Mr. DeTerra as the person in charge of daily operations of the Health Office. She said she still communicated via email but faced

discomfort in situations involving septic systems and Mr. DeTerra, as his business is installing septic systems.

“There were a lot of things that I was uncomfortable with,” she said. “I had conversations with Mr. Ristuccia when he came on board, I explained my concern.... He told me that he was going to try and become the chairman so that he could alleviate the situation.”

Still, she did her job, she said, even when she was ordered back to work prematurely during the state of emergency.

“I don’t think that the board was working towards a common goal, I think the board was working toward getting Mary,” she said.

She also noted that the chair sets the agenda, and claimed that Mr. DeTerra once told her, “I decide what’s on the agenda,” she said loudly, “in that tone.”

She said she spoke with many people, even at the state level asking for advice on how to work with Mr. DeTerra.

“So I think that I have done everything that I can possibly do ... and what I’ve gotten is retaliation and discrimination,” she said.

Mr. Ristuccia, who appeared physically to the meeting about two-and-a-half hours into it, read from a written statement about how Ms. Freire-Kellogg failed to perform her duties.

“It seems to me that some folks might think we’re picking on Ms. Kellogg, we’re trying to find fault with her; I’m not trying to find fault with anybody,” said Mr. Ristuccia.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg later commented, “It appears to me the board is trying to take my job away and replace me.”

She stated it was false that Mr. DeTerra did not receive payroll, given that he has to sign it weekly in order to issue paychecks.

“The chairman and the chairman alone signs the payroll,” said Ms. Freire-Kellogg.

Mr. DeTerra said he used to get emails, but no more.

“And that is not a true statement,” stated Ms. Freire-Kellogg.

Reason six: “You have failed to communicate in a professional manner with board members,” Mr. DeTerra read.

Mr. Ristuccia said he joined the board with a “very objective view.”

“I kept my mouth quiet and didn’t say much, but did a lot of looking and thinking and investigating and I found that there were roadblocks set almost everywhere I wanted to travel,” said Mr. Ristuccia, adding that her inability to get along with the board trickled down to other employees. “And that’s just something that I can’t tolerate.”

She failed to communicate with Mr. Haworth, “Period,” Mr. Haworth said.

“There’s no professional behavior,” said

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Walgreens will be Administering Flu Shots for Fairhaven Seniors 60 years old and older at the Fairhaven Recreation Center on: **October 13th at 2:30 -3:30 p.m. and November 10th at 2:30-3:30 p.m.** Please call Fairhaven Council on Aging for appointment 508-979-4029. Social Distancing will be maintained and masks must be worn. Please bring your health insurance cards with you.

Medicare Open Enrollment

SHINE appointments for MEDICARE open enrollment will be available from October 15th to December 7th SHINE APPOINTMENTS ARRANGED BY THE FAIRHAVEN COUNCIL ON AGING ARE FOR FAIRHAVEN SENIORS ONLY. Seniors from surrounding communities can call the Council on Aging in their Town for SHINE information.

If you have a Medicare Prescription Plan or a Medicare Advantage Plan

(HMO or PPO), you should receive a notice from your plan by the end of September. This notice outlines changes to be made to your plan for 2021. During this open enrollment period, you will be able to make changes to this plan.

Due to social distancing guidelines set by the state, no appointments for SHINE will be held at the Fairhaven COA, however, SHINE counselors will be working from home in an effort to meet your Medicare informational needs.

All correspondence between the seniors and the SHINE counselor will be done over the phone and email, if possible. Exchange of paperwork can be done through the senior center by calling the senior center from the parking lot. Someone will come out to get, or give, you your paperwork, SHINE feels confident that they will continue to be able to provide their outstanding service to those seeking assistance during this crazy and unprecedented time.

Please call the Fairhaven Council on Aging at 508-979-4029, for an appointment to speak with a SHINE counselor.

Acushnet town hall reopening; Selectboard promotes 2 Sgts.

Pattie Pacella

Neighb News Correspondent

The Acushnet Selectboard met on Tuesday, 9/22/20 and discussed the re-opening of town hall on October 5. The public will be allowed inside the building Monday-Friday, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Chairperson Kevin Gaspar stated that "masks will be required by both citizens stepping into Town Hall, along with employees who will be assisting residents."

Mr. Gaspar also said there will be a logbook for contact tracing with residents' names, addresses and phone numbers.

"Please be reasonable and not

argue about giving that information and things will go smoothly," he stated.

Residents will be expected to maintain proper social distancing, and everyone entering the building will be required to have their temperature taken by the kiosk in the main lobby. Guidelines apply to both town hall and the Parting Ways Building. Full guidelines are available on the town's website at <https://www.acushnet.ma.us>

The Selectboard also decided to hold a special town meeting on November 14, and will accept articles for capital expenditures only. Deadline is 10/16/20. The meeting will be at

Ford Middle School conducted under COVID-19 guidelines as they did for the special TM on June 20.

Mr. Gaspar stated he had a conversation with Police Chief Christopher Richmond, who was present, about the vacancy of Sergeant in the APD. Mr. Gaspar stated the discussion came up because there was a void of an "Officer in Charge" in the schedule.

"Basically someone right out of the academy could be put into the officer-in-charge position and that kind of scared the hell out of me," said Mr. Gaspar. "I think it scares a lot of people."

He said that he and Chief Richmond

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discussed promoting from within.

Chief Richmond stated there were two credible officers for consideration of the position: Officer Danny D'Amaral and officer Jeremy Faunce. Both officers were also present.

Mr. Gaspar reviewed their resumes briefly highlighting their qualifications. He said that Officer D'Amaral has been with the department for eight years full time, four years part-time. He has a bachelor's in criminal justice and many certifications.

Mr. Gaspar stated that Officer Faunce has worked in the detective's division, had many certifications as well and was recently deputized as a US Marshall, working with the FBI on occasion.

"I can't think of two better guys to promote to Sergeant," Mr. Gaspar stated. "I commend the both of you."

Selectboard member David Wojnar stated he had previous interaction with both officers and thanked them for their service; also stating either would be a good fit for the role of Sergeant.

Mr. Gaspar added that the two men were "prime examples of what we

want our young coming out of the police academy to strive for."

Mr. Gaspar advised that according to the civil service rules, the person with the highest civil service exam test score should be granted the position. With that being said, Mr. Gaspar stated that he was extremely happy to make the motion to promote

a sergeant and Chief Richmond recommended Officer Faunce to that position.

"The last six to seven months have certainly been a challenge to all of us and COVID19 has definitely rewritten some rules," Chief Richmond said, adding that due to shift changes, there was a vacancy, and he recommended Officer Faunce.

"I know he's earned it," Chief Richmond stated. "He has many resources through his work ethic and experiences, as well as his personality to get the job done."

The board agreed voted unanimously to appoint Officer Faunce to Sergeant in the Detective division. The Selectboard agreed to set up a date in the near future for a pinning ceremony.

In other business Town Administrator Julie Hebert had a shout out to Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher and his staff for working diligently to get testing for employees in the school system. There was a great article in the Standard-Times, she said an a picture that made it into the New York Times.

The last six to seven months have certainly been a challenge to all of us
 [Acushnet Police Chief Christopher Richmond]

Officer Danny D'Amaral to the Sergeant position. Mr. Desroches and Mr. Wojnar both approved the appointment.

In another conversation with Chief Richmond, Mr. Gaspar said there was a vacancy in the detective division for



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BPW makes changes in street paving; holds off on auction

Mary Macedo

Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on 9/21/20 the Fairhaven Board of Public Works discussed driveway waiver fines, the annual town auction, and a possible independent study of BPW finances.

The board first met with Richard Medeiros about a grease trap waiver for his new business. He explained that he is taking over the old Palace Pizza building on Huttleston Avenue for his new business O-Life, which will sell premade organic meals that are purchased frozen and stored at the customer's home to be used at their convenience.

Mr. Medeiros said he is asking for an exterior grease trap waiver because all the meals will be made at a different location and will just be sold at O-Life. He said he owns a few other restaurants including Dicky's Clam Shack.

Mr. Medeiros said that he will be making smoothies at O-Life and will possibly add seating later on when Covid restrictions diminish. He will be putting in a new internal grease trap, but nothing he will be producing in the business with have much grease or fat at all aside from possibly the yogurt in the smoothies.

Mr. Medeiros said there will be no cooking on the property and he has zero plans to turn it into a restaurant.

BPW Chairperson Brian Wotton said that when the board grants a grease trap waiver the town will do routine checks to make sure there is no grease build up in the pipes. If there is an issue with grease they would then require him to put in an external grease trap. However, Mr. Wotton said it did not seem like there would be much, if any, grease at all.

Board member Frank Coelho said he had no problem with it as long as the Board of Health approves it.

The board voted unanimously to grant the waiver.

In another matter the board discussed the annual town auction. BPW Superintendent Vinnie Furtado said that he was not sure if they should hold the auction this fall or if they should reschedule it for the spring. He they could take pictures of all the items and post them on social media/ the town website and do a silent auction type thing.

Mr. Furtado said he spoke with Town Administrator Mark Rees who

said that there is software that can be used online to facilitate a silent auction kind of like on Ebay.

Mr. Furtado explained that they could use the software to show the bidding and then also live Zoom. He said that he was not sure how much the software costs.

Mr. Coelho said that a lot of people do not use Zoom. BPW Vice-Chairperson Robert "Hoppy" Hobson said they should just reschedule the auction to the spring.

Mr. Furtado said he would find out how much the software costs and then they can discuss their options again.

In another matter Mr. Furtado informed the board that there is an issue with one of the streets they chose to be paved this year. At the recent special town meeting there was a petition to make Roberts Street a public way, but the eight abutters

BPW Superintendent

Vinnie Furtado said that he was not sure if they should hold the auction this fall or if they should reschedule it for the spring.

have to agree within 120 days and some abutters did not agree.

Mr. Hobson said they should not pave the street if it is not a public way. Board member Marcus Ferro said that other people own part of that street, so the town should not pave it.

Mr. Furtado said that if they eliminate Roberts Street they need to pick another road that fits within the budget. Bonney Street and Chase Road are the closest price-wise.

Mr. Coelho suggested paving Chase Road because it takes care of three families on the street where as Bonney Street only helps two. Board member Cameron Durant agreed that Chase Road needed the most help.

Mr. Furtado said he would cancel Roberts Street and have Chase Road done instead.

In another matter the board discussed issues with their driveway violation fines. The board agreed at the last meeting that the driveway

violation fines were too low.

Mr. Furtado explained that a bylaw change needs to be voted on by town meeting, and it was too late to add it to the special TM this fall.

Mr. Hobson said an unapproved contractor with no insurance should be fined more.

Mr. Furtado agreed that a \$300 fine was too low.

Mr. Ferro said that contractor should pay more because they are doing work with no approval.

Mr. Wotton explained that the contractor should pay much more because the contractor knows better. He said the homeowner usually has no idea that they are doing anything wrong. He added that people pay contractors around \$6000 for a driveway and then the town fines the contractor only \$300 which is not much considering the money the contractor made on the driveway. He suggested they do more research and see what other towns charge.

The board also discussed the protocol for BPW member site visits. Mr. Hobson said he thinks there should be a protocol in place, log book, etc.

Mr. Furtado said that anytime the board is not meeting the BPW board members are just regular citizens.

Mr. Wotton agreed that there should be a logbook especially for COVID contact tracing purposes. Mr. Ferro agreed that there should be a record of people going in and out.

Mr. Durant asked if, as an elected volunteer, if board members are covered under insurance. Mr. Wotton said they were not unless at a meeting, otherwise board members are just residents.

Mr. Furtado said he would get a logbook and would look into insurance regulations.

Mr. Furtado also told the board he is still looking into finding a company to do an independent finance study for the BPW. He said the Planning Department is doing a study for Union Wharf and they were able to get a grant for it, so possibly the BPW can apply for a grant.

Mr. Hobson said if they can get a grant for it then he would support it, but if the board has to pay for it he would not. Mr. Ferro agreed.

Mr. Furtado also informed the board ABC Disposal does have extra recycle bins for sale to residents but he was not sure of the cost yet.

Militia says final good-bye to Ellie Sylvaria

By Beth David
Editor

This Saturday, 9/26, the Fairhaven Village Militia and the family of Ellsworth "Ellie" Sylvaria said their final good-byes to the militia commander who died unexpectedly in March. The service was held at his beloved Fort Phoenix by the cannons, and included the firing of cannon #5, which is now known as "Ellie's Cannon."

Mr. Sylvaria loved the encampments at Fort Phoenix, and always opted to sleep out in the tent, no

matter the weather.

Around 250 people attended the outdoor service, wearing masks and maintaining their distance from each other to keep within the COVID-19 guidelines.

Ellie's son Alex told the crowd that they should not speak of how good a man his dad was, but of how great of a man he is.

"Thank you to everyone who came to the memorial service for Ellie Sylvaria yesterday. It was heartwarming to see so many people that cared about Ellie and considered him their

friend," wrote Mr. Sylvaria's wife Debra on his Facebook page. "The service was perfect, from the beautiful weather, the heartfelt speeches to the cannon firing in Ellie's honor. He was very specific about what he wanted and I think he is pleased with the outcome."

The service included a flag raising; the song "Freebird" by Lynyrd Skynyrd; and, of course, the firing of muskets.

Attendees were also encouraged to contribute a memory or memento to a memory box for his son Alex.



ABOVE LEFT: Members of the Fairhaven Village Militia fire muskets during a memorial service at Fort Phoenix on Saturday, 9/26/20, for Cmdr. Ellie Sylvaria, who died unexpectedly in March. ABOVE RIGHT: Alex Sylvaria is assisted by members of the Fairhaven Village Militia as he lights cannon #5 in honor of his father Ellie. A plaque will be added to cannon #5 naming it "Ellie's Cannon." BELOW LEFT: Alex speaks at the service for his father. BELOW MIDDLE: Pastor Dennis Barrett from Victory Baptist Church speaks at the service. BELOW RIGHT: Charlie Murphy speaks at the service. *Photos by Glenn C. Silva. To see more of Glenn's photos of this event, visit <https://photos.app.goo.gl/oWG7unQx3FoiTuMK8>*



More photos from Ellie Sylvaria's memorial service



ABOVE LEFT: Members of the Fairhaven Village Militia lower the flag that flew at Fort Phoenix during a memorial service for Ellsworth "Ellie" Sylvaria on 9/26/20; the flag had draped his casket after his unexpected death in march. ABOVE RIGHT: Wayne Oliveira, a member of the Fairhaven Village Militia, presents the folded casket flag to Debra Sylvaria, Ellie's wife. Photos by Glenn C. Silva. To see more of Glenn's photos of this event, visit <https://photos.app.goo.gl/oWG7unQx3FoiTuMK8>

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Mr. DeTerra. "You don't see bills, you don't see payroll or ... permits, you don't see a budget, it's a problem."

"I communicated in the most professional manner that I could when dealing with somebody that I have a harassment charge against by email," said Ms. Freire-Kellogg. "That didn't stop me from doing my work."

Reason number seven: Ms. Freire-Kellogg keeps chickens on her property without a permit.

"When you're in charge of a particular area, you should lead the people so that they know what's necessary, what you expect of them," said Mr. Ristuccia. "When you can't even follow the rules yourself, how can you expect other people to follow the rules also? To not get a permit and have chickens on your property knowing that you're ... the one that authorizes the chickens ... that is something that should never happen..."

Mr. Haworth said that exemplified Ms. Freire-Kellogg's unprofessional character, and it "concerns me greatly."

He also criticized the state of the garage on her property, with its "huge holes" in the doors and "the doors falling off."

The chickens aren't a big deal, he said, "The problem is professional character."

Mr. DeTerra said Ms. Freire-Kellogg needs a permit because her property is not Chapter 61A agricultural property.

According to Ms. Freire-Kellogg, Mr. DeTerra told her that if someone has property over five acres (she said she has 19.2 acres), then a permit for chickens is not required. She added that Chairperson of the Agricultural Commission Kaisa Cripps also told her she did not need a permit.

"I don't understand why the Board of Health would make a comment in reference to my garage," said. "You even saying that is yet another form of harassment to me."

Mr. DeTerra denied having told her she did not need a permit. She said he "absolutely did say it."

Ms. Freire-Kellogg's attorney defended her character, expressing the high esteem shared by her peers in New Bedford where she used to work. He referenced the MCAD she filed and the injustice of firing Ms. Freire-Kellogg as an act of retaliation.

"I wish there was some way that Mary ... could continue.... I would suggest to you that she would and she will if that can be accomplished, and it's not just for her, but it's because of her ethic, her work ethic, but her need to do her job.... Mary Freire-Kellogg is a credit, is an absolute credit to this town. The town would be well served to try to keep her in her work."

At that point, Cheryl Sbarra, executive director and attorney for the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards, asked to speak but was denied because, as Mr. Haworth put it, the public does not have all the facts that the board does.

Mr. Haworth also alluded, more than once, to unnamed problems that informed his decision, but that he said he could not discuss in detail due to legal restrictions.

After some closing remarks from the Board, Ms. Freire-Kellogg was terminated via a 2-0 vote, with Mr. DeTerra abstaining.

Nothing personal, said Mr. Haworth. "I just think that maybe it's a good time for us to part ways with Ms. Kellogg ... and the board move forward."

In a follow-up conversation with Ms.

Sbarra, she expressed what she would have said if allowed.

"I just wanted to tell them that, from my experience with [Ms. Freire-Kellogg] ... I have seen her at numerous trainings. She is an engaged, experienced health director. I think that should have been considered when they were talking about her..."

"This is about public health, especially today," she continued. "It's just a shame to see a town that can't see the forest for the trees."

In actual public health matters, there were 10 new positive COVID-19 cases within the last two weeks, bringing the year's total to 270. Despite the noise from Mr. Ristuccia's car as he phoned in to the meeting while driving, Ms. Dupont was able to announce that there is a COVID-19 survey for residents to fill out on the Town's website.

Around this time, Fairhaven resident Diane Hahn interrupted the meeting to scold the BOH members for their behavior, saying, "I would like you to stop acting like a bunch of fifth graders.... The bullying and harassment needs to end...."

The board tried to proceed with its approval of a septic plan at 16 Wilburs Point Drive, but Ms. Hahn continued.

"You need to be accountable for your actions like you had stated.... Not bullying and not having large gatherings," she said. "Grow up, boys! [Mr. Haworth] I've known you for 21 years and I've known [Mr. DeTerra] for at least 15 and I'm embarrassed by both of you."

"You're not acting very professional right now, ma'am," Mr. Ristuccia said holding his phone while driving.

"I don't have to act professional, I'm not on the board, you guys are!" said Ms. Hahn.

Public Hearings/Legal Notices

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Fairhaven Planning Board Vacancy

The Fairhaven Planning Board has a vacancy following the recent resignation of one of the eight members. The Planning Board and Select Board will hold a joint Hearing on October 19, 2020 at 7:00 pm to choose one Fairhaven resident to serve on the Planning Board until the 2021 Town Election. Letters of interest may be mailed or dropped off at Town Clerk's office in Town Hall with attention to the Planning Office, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719 by October 9, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. or emailed to pfoley@fairhaven-ma.gov

The Planning Board is responsible for the review of development applications for subdivisions and special permits, as well as long-range planning for the Town including Zoning Bylaw amendments, plans such as the Master Plan and recommendations on housing. The Board also sends representatives to other town committees, such as the Community Preservation Committee and the Economic Development Committee. Anyone interested in serving on the Planning Board should submit a letter of interest to the Town Clerk by

October 9, 2020.

Fairhaven Planning Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Tuesday, October 13, 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 October 13, 2020**, in the Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA on RZ 2020-02: **G. Bourne Knowles rezone to Business**. The proposal is to rezone the G. Bourne Knowles property located at 267-270 Huttleston Avenue from a Multifamily/ Apartment zoned district (RC) to Business (B). The Planning Board Meeting will be conducted remotely for the public. To Join the Meeting from home, Log on to:

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or call 1-929-205-6099 Meeting ID: 964 6123 4265 – Password: 441218. The meeting will also be televised live on Fairhaven TV channel 18 and streamed live on Fairhaventv.com.

The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following Rezone application: **RZ 2020-02 – G. Bourne Knowles RC to B**. The applicant, G. Bourne Knowles Co., Inc. and Leslie P. Knowles, is requesting a recommendation from the Planning Board to Town Meeting through the Rezoning public hearing review process to rezone their property, from a Multifamily/Apartment zoned district (RC) to Business (B). The location is 267-270 Huttleston Avenue, Map 31B Lots 302, 302A and 302C (22.12 acres).

A copy of the application is on file at the Department of Planning and Economic Development, Town Hall. The Department is currently by Appointment Only. To make an appointment call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4082, Ext. 122 or email pfoley@fairhaven-ma.gov.

For information on the project go to: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/planning-board/pages/current-permits-being-reviewed-special-permits-definitive-subdivisions>

John Farrell Jr., Chairman of the Planning Board
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Schools Dr. Robert Baldwin would appear at the next FinCom meeting

Other capital projects totalling \$1,118,900 include: COA/Recreation HVAC replacement, \$250,000; Information Technology (IT) computer hardware equipment replacement, \$30,000; Police/Harbor master radio upgrade, \$205,000; BPW-Highway one-ton truck replacement, \$75,000; BPW-Highway roadwork, \$375,000; Fire Department response staff vehicle replacement, \$52,000; Police Department cruisers, \$131,900.

Mr. Roderick again recommended holding off another six months on many of the projects because, he said, "We are on thin ice and we don't know how long this is going to last – six months, a year, a year and a half."

He said they should wait until the annual town meeting.

In other budget news, there were significant changes to projected new growth revenue since the earlier introduction to the budget. New growth has increased from \$250,000 up to \$300,000, and Mr. Rees said that the Assessors have suggested that amount could ultimately exceed \$400,000.

"That's' phenomenal," Mr. Rees said, commenting that he is confident in the new growth revenue projection. "That's the highest it's ever been in Fairhaven."

It means the anticipated deficit for the FY21 budget has fallen by 1.7%, lowering it to \$877,575.

Also during the meeting, the Tourism Department budget was decreased by \$2,600 despite Tourism Director Christopher Richard's request to add an additional \$7,500

instead of cutting his budget by 10%.

Mr. Elliott said he was "stuck" on the Tourism budget for two reasons: first, all other departments were asked to cut 10% from their budgets; second, he said, the Tourism Department's main objective is to entice tourists to visit Fairhaven and increase revenue for the town.

"But we're in a state of emergency with a pandemic," said Mr. Elliott. "Do we really want tourists coming into town? Is that something that should be a priority? Do we really want people from Texas and the Midwest and Florida staying in our hotels and going into our town?"

Mr. Elliott said Mr. Richard asked for an increase of \$7,500 for his advertising line item, but was only granted \$2,500. "And, again, I'm like, why would we even increase advertisement? In a normal year it might make sense to me, but I don't know why we're giving — if someone could explain to me why tourism is getting a bunch of money to bring tourism in, I'm all ears."

Finance Director/Treasurer/Collector Wendy Graves said she spoke with Mr. Richard, who said that even though there is a pandemic he is still advertising at the same level "to keep Fairhaven out there" and to maintain a presence in various printed media. He also still operates the Huttleston Marketplace that still ran during the pandemic.

Mr. Rees then suggested just cutting that budget by \$2,600 to make it comparable to other departments and have Mr. Richard use funds from a gift account if needed.

As for other changes, the 1.4% cost of living adjustments (COLA) were not included earlier in the remaining

eight months of the FY21 budget because the Selectboard had not yet voted for the COLA increases until June, according to Ms. Graves.

"So, what we're seeing is small increases in each departments' salaries for the COLA," she stated. It was, however, included in the 1/12 and 1/3 FY21 budgets that were approved during the Annual Town Meeting in July.

The Selectboard, during its most recent meeting, also increased the Zoning Board of Appeals budget by \$4,000 for added clerical support, and another \$15,000 was reintroduced to the Fire Department's overtime line item, which will be funded by ambulance receipts.

Another \$10,000 for vehicle maintenance and \$3,000 for uniforms was restored to the Department of Public Works' budget at the request of the superintendent.

A prior \$7,000 cut to the Beautification Committee's budget was later added back into the Parks Department budget to cover the cost of repairs to the leaking septic tank at the West Island Town Beach. The beach trailer, which has public restrooms, ties into the tank.

The Recreation Department budget was reduced by \$55,000 due to a reduction in expenses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The committee took an informal vote to accept the numbers as presented with the proposed changes that night in order to allow Mr. Rees to prepare the Special Town Meeting warrant, but it will take a formal vote on the remaining eight-month FY21 budget during its next meeting, and will also vote on its recommendations on the warrant articles.

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	Oct 2020	HIGH a.m. p.m.	LOW a.m. p.m.	
Thursday	1	0815 2033	0249 1504	
Friday	2	0852 2111	0212 1438	
Saturday	3	0930 2150	0234 1505	
Sunday	4	1008 2229	0305 1537	
Monday	5	1047 2309	0340 1611	
Tuesday	6	1129 2354	0415 1647	
Wednesday	7	----	1217 0452	1726
Thursday	8	0047 1312	0533 1815	
Friday	9	0144 1409	0625 1921	
Saturday	10	0239 1504	0736 2032	
Sunday	11	0336 1603	0848 2134	
Monday	12	0439 1707	0954 2236	
Tuesday	13	0539 1804	1103 2335	
Wednesday	14	0629 1852	----	1205*
Thursday	15	0714 1937	0024*	1257*
Friday	16	0759 2023	0110*	1349*

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

In-person attendance is restricted during the COVID-19 crisis. The information on how to join remotely is listed on the agendas. Most meetings also run live on the government access channels, and Fairhaven meetings are livestreamed at FairhavenTV.com

Fairhaven

Board of Appeals

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

Board of Public Works

Mon., 10/5, Arsene St., 6:30 p.m.

Community Preserv. Comm

Thurs., 10/1, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 10/19, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Espindola Office Hour

Tues., 10/6, Virtual, 6:30 p.m.

See page 5 for details

Finance Committee

Thurs., 10/1, Zoom, 7 p.m.

Marine Resources Comm.

Thurs., 9/24, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 10/13, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 10/14, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 10/5, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Sustainability Committee

Tues., 10/20, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

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