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No parade, but ceremony honors veterans



Fairhaven town officials and volunteers listen as Fairhaven Veterans Agent Brad Fish gives remarks for the Veterans Day video that the town will release on 11/11/20 in lieu of the annual parade that was canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions. *Photo by Jean Perry.*

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Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

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

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Whoa...did you feel that? The ground shook.

No, I don't mean the election. I mean...the ground shook, really.

We had an honest-to-goodness earthquake in these parts (see page 13). I heard it and felt it. It was a doozy. But, by California standards it was nothing, nothing at all. Now, that's scary.

I'm glad we don't get a lot of those. My little house would probably fall down.

We have some meeting coverage for you, including BPW on page 11 and Selectboard on page 4.

Speaking of the Selectboard, their next meeting is Monday, and I will send yet another email to the town administrator asking him to poll the Selectboard members again to let us in the room. They have kept the press out for months. At first I didn't push it because I figured it wouldn't last too long, but this thing is dragging on and on. You read last week's story. We should have been in the room for that. We are your eyes and ears in the room. They mute out stuff, so you can't hear it on Zoom or on the website, and, of course, we only get to see what the camera shows. That is not the same; that is not okay.

I just want to point out that Keith Silvia was allowed to be inside the room when he was running for Selectboard. He was not on the board at that time. He told me he didn't "do" Zoom, he's an in-person kind of guy. And, just to hammer the point home, in case you missed it, he is the deciding vote to let the press in the room. Dan Freitas, of course, said "no," because he thinks we're meanies to him; Bob Espindola, of course, said "yes," because he's an adult and understands that it's just wrong to keep the press out of the room; and Keith, well...he never answered. Yeah. He got in during the worst of the pandemic when EVERYTHING was shut down, but he won't vote to let us in. Put any name you want on that.

Hey, how 'bout that election, huh? Looks like the clown's days are numbered, 70. Yup, 70 days until inauguration. I'd like to thank my fellow Americans for joining me in saving our democracy.

This guy did everything he could to destroy everything that makes us who we are, and he did a lot of damage in the last four years. I said it four years ago and I'll say it again: Donald Trump doesn't even know what being an American really is. He sold us out at every turn, now we're kicking him out of the White House. Seems fitting.



Beth David, Publisher

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

COVID-19 update: Big surge may require field hospitals

By Beth David
Editor

Massachusetts is preparing to open field hospitals to take care of an influx of COVID-19 patients. Governor Charlie Baker said on Tuesday that Mass. hospitals are preparing to add 400 intensive care beds by switching acute care beds to ICU, to treat COVID patients. Even that will probably not be enough, so the state is planning to add field hospitals if necessary.

The rise in cases comes after a long summer of stringent measures designed to slow the spread of the virus. Since Labor Day, cases are up 300%, and 50% of ICU beds are occupied. On Tuesday, 588 people in Mass. were in the hospital with COVID. On Labor Day that number was 178.

"The trends are obviously going in the wrong direction and show no signs of changing," said Gov. Baker.

He added, however, that they "learned a lot" about the virus, how to treat it, and what they need to treat people. He said he believes the economy and schools can stay open.

In the spring, because of the surge in cases, hospitals had to restrict other procedures, but he does not anticipate

that happening again.

"We're doing everything in our power to avoid that scenario," said Gov. Baker.

Gov. Baker said controlling the virus depends on the actions of everybody. He said the residents of Massachusetts have done an "incredible job" but people have "let their guard down."

"We know folks are tired of this," said Gov. Baker. "But COVID is merciless and will grow and spread if given a chance."

He said everyone has to fight it every day, and urged residents to wear a mask, wash hands, and practice social distancing. He also reminded people that the stay-at-home order he announced last week is still in place. People need to be home by 10 p.m., unless on essential errands. Bars and restaurants have to close off seating at 9:30, although take-out services can stay open.

Gov. Baker, a Republican, also expressed hope that the new administration of Joe Biden, a Democrat, will be able to "stop the partisanship" and work on fighting the virus.

Joseph "Jody" White, president and CEO of Lowell General Hospital and Circle Health said the state's hospital system is not overwhelmed because of

the governor's office and residents doing their part.

"We're all in this together," said Mr. White, and urged people to do all the little things that officials have been advocating, such as wearing masks and washing hands frequently. He also urged residents to get a flu shot. "These small actions translate to large results."

Kate Walsh, president and CEO of Boston Medical Center, said BMC treated 1400 COVID patients in the last surge. She said they are "better prepared" to handle this surge.

Ms. Walsh said they have a year's supply of PPE (personal protective equipment), such as masks, gloves and gowns.

The governor's press conferences are available on the Governor's official YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/MassGovernor>

According to the state's website, as of 11/4/20, Fairhaven's total case count was 319, with 75 in the last 14 days; Acushnet had a total of 208 cases, with 48 in the last 14 days. Both towns were in yellow on the state's list, which is an improvement from the red last week.

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Selectboard is split on docking space to shipyard

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

The Fairhaven Selectboard on 11/2 allowed Robert “Hoppy” Hobson time to comment and question the board about its apparent readiness to grant Kevin McLaughlin of Casey Boat Realty, LLC use of a town-owned boat basin at Union Wharf that has for decades been made available to commercial lobster boats.

Mr. Hobson is a member of the Fairhaven Marine Resources Committee (MRC) and a member of the Board of Public Works.

Mr. McLaughlin has for many months been trying to secure the basin for use by the Buzzards Bay Rowing Club. He went before the Selectboard during its last two meetings to work toward an agreement with the Town to issue him a license for access to the water at Union Wharf.

Town Counsel Thomas Crotty explained the Town’s opposition thus far during those two prior meetings, saying that in 1943 when the Town sold waterfront property Casey Boat Yard that the Town maintained ownership rights to the water access point, which is recorded in the deed; however, the Selectboard has expressed a willingness over the last month to issue Mr. McLaughlin a license of sorts to grant him use of the basin without explicitly giving up ownership.

Mr. Hobson expressed his opposition to the deal in the 10/22 edition of the *Neighb News* after he was not given an opportunity to speak during the board’s 10/19 meeting when Mr. McLaughlin made statements that Mr. Hobson says were factually incorrect. According to Mr. Hobson, despite Mr. McLaughlin’s assertion that the basin has not been used by lobster boats for at least 20 years, it has; taking the spot away from commercial lobster fishing would not only rob those on the waitlist for the basin of their chance to make a living at Union Wharf, but would also result in an annual loss of the town’s \$1,900 slip fee.

Mr. Hobson asked why the board did not seek a recommendation from the MRC before indicating its cooperation with Mr. McLaughlin. He said that state and federal grant money paid for repairs and upgrades to Union Wharf over the years “for

fishermen — not recreational people,” he said.

“How could we just give this away to these people?” Mr. Hobson asked, adding he was also baffled by Mr. McLaughlin’s recent appearance before the Planning Board, and wondered how that board could issue approval before the Selectboard.

“I don’t think it’s fair,” said Mr. Hobson. “I don’t think it’s right that the Town should be giving away property from commercial fishermen.... It’s a commercial area; it’s meant for the commercial [fishing industry]. All the grants were given for the commercial fishermen; it wasn’t for any other reason.”

Selectboard member Bob Espindola referenced the Town’s Master Plan,

“Bob, we’ll send it out to any committee you’d like,” said Mr. Freitas. “We can even start a committee.... We’ll call it ‘a committee to make a decision.’”

which he said was driven by public feedback and encourages the Town to provide more public access to the waterfront in addition to supporting industrial and commercial marine business.

“Maybe [one could] make the argument that this is not the way to do it,” said Mr. Espindola.

Mr. Crotty later stated that if the Town grants permission to Mr. McLaughlin that it could be revoked at any time.

“The Town would give him a license ... but [the basin] would remain Town property. As far as we’re concerned, we’re not relinquishing any property rights,” said Mr. Crotty.

If the Town needs that space for a lobster boat, he continued, “Then we have to make that decision on whether we’re willing to give up that space, even on a temporary basis for the [rowing club boats].”

The license is not for Mr. McLaughlin’s unilateral use, he added.

“One problem I have with it is we

can’t create any more slips,” said Selectboard member Keith Silvia, “and that’s one that we have there...”

He mentioned the lobster boat waiting list and added, “The \$1,900 is a very small amount to pay to have a working boat there,” which helps out small-scale lobsterers. “If people [are] on the waiting list, I think we got to take care of them. I’m against it (granting Mr. McLaughlin use of the basin) myself, but I’m only one person.”

MRC member Michelle Potter, who accompanied Mr. Hobson, asked, “Where are these (rowing club) boats now? They have a spot, so why would they want to come here?”

“We still got a lot of work to do,” said Selectboard Chairperson Daniel Freitas. “This thing has been going on for years. We’ll take all of that into consideration when it gets to that part.”

Mr. Freitas appeared to support issuing Mr. McLaughlin a license to use the basin during the board’s 10/5 meeting and was apologetic during the board’s 10/19 meeting when Mr. McLaughlin reproached the board for not following through with its promise to send a draft license agreement to him and his attorney.

Now, Town Administrator Mark Rees suggested that the board could “revisit” its decision to grant the license.

Mr. Espindola pointed out that the Selectboard did direct Mr. Crotty on 10/5 and on 10/19 to send a draft license. On 10/19 Mr. Freitas even suggested holding a special meeting on the following Friday, 10/23, which was not held.

“If this board feels ... the appropriate thing to do [is] to reach out to the [MRC] ... and the Economic Development Committee to have them weigh-in on,” said Mr. Espindola, then it could. He noted that Mr. McLaughlin is a member of the Economic Development Committee.

Mr. Freitas was resistant to the idea, saying, “Sometimes we (the Selectboard) have to make the hard choices instead of sending it to this one and this one and this one....” This is why some matters take years to get resolved, he suggested.

Mr. Espindola asked Mr. Freitas if that was what he would prefer, to authorize the license without pausing

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Veterans Day

Fairhaven's annual Veterans Day parade was canceled due to COVID-19, but the town still held a ceremony, and created a video to honor veterans. The video features town officials and parade organizers speaking. It will be available on www.FairhavenTV.com, under Community Media starting on 11/11.

Scouting for Food

Pack & Troop 52 are having to do the "2020" version of Scouting for Food this year. We will be collecting food drop-offs in the parking lot of St. Mary's Church, 440 Main St., Fairhaven, this coming Saturday, 11/14, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. We know it's less convenient to help out the food pantry this way, but we ask everyone to please be especially generous. Thank you all in advance!

Turkey Trot

Greetings, Trotters!

This year, The Fairhaven Turkey Trot is going virtual. We hope you can help keep this holiday tradition alive by going virtual with us!

Spread the word to your family, friends and neighbors that this virtual event will help raise money for The Shepherd's Pantry located in Acushnet.

Run or walk anytime between November 14th and November 28th to complete your Virtual Turkey Trot!

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Visit <https://www.fairhaventurkeytrot.com/> Registration is \$15

Grand Opening

Family Dollar, a leading small format and convenience retailer, has announced plans for a grand opening in Fairhaven on Sat., 11/4, all day. Family Dollar stores are open seven days a week and offer everyday items for the entire family in an easy-to-shop neighborhood location. The store is located at 11 People's Way (the old Benny's building).

In addition to providing everyday low prices and a broad assortment of necessities, the new store will include \$1.00 Dollar Tree merchandise, additional freezers and coolers

and an expanded selection of food, beauty and essentials, household products, and seasonal items.

CPC Applications

The Fairhaven Community Preservation Committee is accepting applications for the 2021 funding round. The 2021 Community Preservation Plan, Submission Guidelines and Application Forms are available on the Town's Web Site on the Community Preservation Committee's page: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/community-preservation-committee>

Activities that can be funded are:

- Acquisition, creation and preservation of Open Space.
- Creation, preservation and support of Community Housing.
- Acquisition, creation and preservation of Historic Resources.
- Acquisition, creation and preservation of land for Recreational Use.

The Deadline for applications is Friday, 11/13/20 by 12:00 Noon.

Further information is available from the Planning and Economic Development Department. For information or appointments call (508) 979-4082, Ext. 122 or email pfoley@fairhaven-ma.gov.

Cultural Council

The Fairhaven Cultural Council Local Cultural Council Grant application window for 2021 projects has been **extended through November 16, 2020**. The council accepts online applications only. Online applications are now available from the MCC for LCC applicants via www.mass-culture.org.

Each year, the Fairhaven Cultural Council, a local organization supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC), awards Local Cultural Council (LCC) grants to support arts and cultural projects that directly benefit our community. Grant monies are distributed from both state and local funds designated specifically for this purpose.

The Fairhaven Cultural Council prioritizes projects that take place in Fairhaven and most directly benefit Fairhaven residents, as well as first-time applicants and new projects. Please refer to Fairhaven's official MCC page at <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/cultural-council> for full local

guidelines and council funding priorities. Contact chairperson Bill Levasseurat wjlevasseur85@gmail.com

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The 2020 Massachusetts Saltwater Fishing Derby **runs through 11/30**. Entries must be caught on rod and reel, meet minimum qualifying weights and lengths, and be caught in state waters and/or first landed in a Massachusetts port.

For entry forms and additional information about the Derby visit https://www.mass.gov/saltwater-fishing-derby?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Fairhaven Lions spruce up grounds at Academy Building



The temperature was in the mid-60s last Friday, 11/6, a great day to do some yard work. So the Fairhaven Lions Club members spruced up the grounds at the Academy building, which houses the Fairhaven Visitors Center and the Historical Society's museum. The work was originally scheduled for last week, but temperatures were in the 30s with snow.

ABOVE LEFT: John Medeiros dumps a bucket of mulch around a tree at the Academy building during a clean up of the grounds by Fairhaven Lions Club members on 11/6/2020. BELOW LEFT: Jesse Moniz trims the arborvitae. ABOVE RIGHT: Jesse Moniz and John Medeiros drag a tarp full of branches and leaves across the lawn of the Academy building. RIGHT: Bill Moniz, Jesse Moniz, Robert "Bob" Parent, and John Medeiros take a break to pose for the local free sheet. *Photos by Glenn C. Silva.*



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Old horse chestnut tree taken down at UU church

By Beth David
Editor

Nothing lasts forever, especially living things. And so, the center of town must say “good bye” to the old horse chestnut tree that was on the grounds of the Unitarian church on the southeast side.

According to a message sent to the congregation, the inside of the trunk has hollowed out, making it unstable. The trunks have been held together by a steel cable for at least 20 years.

The leaves and nuts that fall into the gutter system also cause water backups, and cost money to remove.

“If not done quickly enough, the water finds its way into the mortar and walls of the church,” reads the statement, causing structural and

cosmetic damage to the church.

“This decision was not taken lightly,” reads the statement. “In fact, we voted to purchase and plant a sapling in its honor on our campus. It will probably not be placed in the same location, but it will serve as a testament to this congregation’s ability to grow and adapt in changing conditions.”

Bob Rocha, who is president of the congregation, said no one knows how old the tree is, but the cables have been there for at least 20 years, and, presumably, the tree was old then.

“We thank you for your understanding and acknowledge any sadness you feel over the loss of this old friend,” concludes the statement.

Workers from Scarlett Tree Service

took the tree down last Thursday, 11/5, while people from the neighborhood watched and photographers got pictures of the gaping hole in the trunk. Even a hawk seemed to know that it was his last chance to sit in the branches, alighting for a few minutes while the chain saws were quiet.



ABOVE LEFT: A worker cuts limbs off the 200-year-old horse chestnut tree on the south lawn of the Unitarian Church in Fairhaven on 11/5/20, that had to be taken down due to its deteriorating condition. ABOVE RIGHT: Ken Cummins keeps an eye out as Zach Demers operates the excavator that pushes over the trunk. BELOW: Sawdust flies as Ken Cummings cuts limbs. RIGHT: An inside look at the trunk shows just how rotted it was. *Photos by Glenn C. Silva.*



HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Veterans Day Video

New Bedford will honor its veterans with a virtual Veterans Day event on Wednesday, November 11.

The ceremony will honor those who served the nation in the place of New Bedford's usual Veterans Day parade and will be livestreamed on the City's Facebook pages and aired on New Bedford Cable Access:

Other events hosted by local veterans' groups that are able to continue as planned, while no longer open to the general public, will also be recorded by New Bedford Cable Access and aired on cable and online.

Find them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/nbcablenetwork>

Virtual Concert

AHA! Night: Virtual Concert by Dave Penny, **Thurs., 11/12, on Facebook Live at 7 p.m. By The New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center.**

Tune in on Facebook Live for a virtual concert by Dave Penny! Dave Penny has been a steady presence on the local folk scene as a composer of songs that are truly unique to Newfoundland and Labrador.

This concert is a part of our series of programs related to our latest exhibit, *We Came to Fish, We Came to Work: Stories of Immigration*. Visit <https://fishingheritagecenter.org/performances/> for more information.

Mural Unveiling

Island Park Mural Celebration

Join WHALE and the Cape Verdean Association in New Bedford for our **Island Park Mural Celebration Instagram Live Event THIS Friday, November 13 at 9:00 AM!** We will be interviewing the amazingly talented Eden Soares to hear about his process in creating the masterpiece. To tune in, please make sure to follow us on Instagram: [Waterfronteaguenb](https://www.instagram.com/waterfronteaguenb) (<https://www.instagram.com/waterfronteaguenb/>).

Many, many thanks to the Community Foundation of Southeastern MA for funding the creation of the Island Park Mural and to the Community Preservation Committee for all of their support and CPA funding to help us successfully repaint the South facing wall on the Strand Theater. This historic restoration work allowed WHALE and the Cape Verdean Association to hang the

mural and continue creating this greenspace. We can't wait to share more updates with everyone as the project progresses!

Visit <https://www.waterfrontleague.org> or call 508-997-1776

YTI Performance Ten Ways To Survive Life In A Quarantine

by Don Zolidis; Directed by Eric R. Paradis, **Nov 13-15, 2020, 7:30 PM**

If you're spending a long time at home, it can be a challenge to keep yourself occupied. Luckily, this presentation is full of handy solutions, from putting on a musical with your dog, to becoming an announcer for a made-up sport, to falling in love with an inanimate object. Hey, we promised handy solutions — we never said they wouldn't be strange. Whether or not you're inspired to take up origami and squirrel observation, you will enjoy this play! The production is being presented online only. Visit <https://yourtheatre.org>

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The November 13th Community Partner Grant application deadline for funding from the Association for the Relief of Aged Women (ARAW) is quickly approaching. ARAW will contribute up to \$300,000 in support

of community organizations and programs which best support ARAW's mission and vision that elderly women will live well and with dignity. The ARAW welcomes new initiatives and meaningful ways already in existence to address the needs and challenges faced by aging women today.

The ARAW's Community Partner Grant offers nonprofits and public entities in Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, New Bedford and Westport funding to continue, maintain or expand their programs through support of activities which align with the ARAW's prioritized funding areas and targeted population. Potential use of this grant funding includes support of staff salaries, program supplies and materials and other direct costs deemed reasonable for the success of the program/project. A total of up to \$300,000 will be offered and grant awards will range from \$1,000 – \$50,000.

The deadline for submission of grant proposals is November 13, 2020 at 5:00 pm EST. The full Request for Proposal is available at www.arawofnb.org/about/grants.

Dock-U-Mentary

Performance by Aleksander Hauge, Nov. 20, 7–8:30 p.m. via Zoom. FREE. Tune in on ZOOM for a screening of a musical presentation about Norwegian immigration and cultural heritage by Aleksander Hauge. Visit <https://fishingheritagecenter.org> for link to join; Fishing Heritage Center, 38 Bethel St., New Bedford, 508-993-8894. This program will feature a performance by Aleksander Hauge which was recorded recently in Karmøy, Norway. The performance features footage of Karmøy and the Fishermen's Memorial as well as 13 songs, some of which are in Norwegian and others in English.

This concert is a part of our series of programs related to our latest exhibit, *We Came to Fish, We Came to Work: Stories of Immigration*. This exhibit explores stories of immigration and cultural heritage on New Bedford's working waterfront. Over the next 8 months, we will look at cultural heritage through a variety of programs. Thank you to BankFive for supporting our Dock-u-mentaries Series.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Vets Day Flyover

Parades are canceled due to the pandemic, including Fairhaven's annual Veterans Day Parade, and Acushnet's annual memorial service.

But Acushnet has organized a **Veteran's Day Fly-over with a USCG MH60 Helicopter, on Wed., 11/11, 10:00-10:30 a.m.**

The Fly-Over is weather contingent, and may be canceled should a USCG emergency arise.

There is ample parking at the Veteran's Memorial at Pope Park to allow many residents the opportunity to view this event.

Grand Opening

The Southcoast has an intriguing new gourmet specialty shop to explore. Ripe From The Vine, LLC, located at **119 Wareham Road in Marion**, carries an exclusive line of domestic and imported artisan olive oils, balsamic vinegars from Modena Italy, herbs & spice blends, specialty foods, and customizable gifts.

Owners Kelly & John Zucco will be celebrating their **Grand Opening November 13-15, with a ribbon-cutting on the 13th at 2:00** and raffles, refreshments, and giveaways throughout the weekend.

The store boasts over 60 varieties of the freshest olive oils and aged balsamics available in the world! Their beautiful showroom functions as a tasting room where customers are encouraged to "try before they buy," offering a true culinary experience.

The hours for the new store, which launched a soft opening last month, are Tuesday through Friday 11-5, Saturday 10-4, and Sundays, beginning on 11/15, 11-4. For more information, call (508) 810-0115 or visit www.ripefromthevine.com.

Toy Drive

My Brother's Keeper Pop Your Trunk Toy Drive looking for donations of all types of toys, especially Legos, LOL Surprise dolls, superhero action figures, arts and craft kits, science kits, board games, video games, books, scooters, infant toys, anything representing Boston sports teams. Items MUST be new, and not wrapped.

Sat., 11/14, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., My Brother's Keeper Building, 1015

Reed Road, Dartmouth, MA 02747

To learn more about getting involved with My Brother's Keeper, visit www.MyBrothersKeeper.org or call 774-305-4577.

Transportation Conf

MassDOT is virtually hosting its annual Moving Together Conference, 11/17-19. Three-day conference is being offered at no cost and will feature panel discussions on key pedestrian, bicycle, and public transportation topics and virtual site visits

Visit <https://www.umasstransportationcenter.org/assnfe/ev.asp?ID=4451> to register.

Trail Race

Despite restrictions on gatherings and events, DNRT has been able to launch their 6th Annual Trail Race! New this year: guests can walk or run up to three pre-determined race courses anytime during the month of November. Courses are marked and ready to be run at Destruction Brook Woods, the Frank Knowles/Little River Reserve, and the Ridge Hill Reserve. Each course is approximately 3.1 miles, a traditional 5K. Unlike trail races in years past, registrants will run the race on their own time, rather than in one large group.

There are two options for this year's Trail Race. The first is the "Trail Race Challenge," where registrants will choose to run or walk one of three courses to compete for a prize. The second option is the "Triple Beanie Challenge." For the latter challenge, registrants will walk or run all three courses to compete for the coveted "Triple Beanie," among other prizes.

All Trail Race Challenge registrants will receive a race t-shirt, a DNRT Trail Guide, and a Refried Apparel face mask. Triple Beanie Challenge registrants will receive the previously mentioned items, as well as a DNRT beanie, in their choice of blaze orange or forest green.

Not only will you have fun, enjoy nature, and get some great exercise, but all proceeds go towards supporting land conversation in Dartmouth.

Many thanks this year's sponsors: Concordia Company, Baldwin Brothers, BayCoast Bank, Anchor

Animal Hospital, Bask, Refried Apparel, and OZ Sportswear.

Registration is open all month. Sign up today! Learn more and sign up at dnrt.org/trailrace. **Registration is \$25 to \$50 depending on which option you choose.**

Douglass in Newport

Presented by Dr. John Rice. Frederick Douglass arrived in Newport as a fugitive slave as early as 1838. Time and again, he would return to Newport from his home in New Bedford and stay with the Rices at 23 Thomas Street, a station on the Underground Railroad, while giving lectures throughout Rhode Island. John Rice shares the thrilling story of his family's special friendship with Douglass, reveals a recently discovered letter from him, and connects us to the unique legacy of an African American family living in the same house for more than 200 years. He will also explore Douglass' association with the nation's premier Black caterer and civil rights activist, Newport's George T. Downing.

John Rice, the great great grandson of Newport's Isaac Rice, is an Engineering Professor Emeritus at the University of Mass. Dartmouth.

This lecture is presented in partnership with Stages of Freedom as part of a three-day event, "Frederick Douglass in Rhode Island," funded by the Rhode Island Council for the Humanities. To register, and for more information on the other lectures in the series please visit www.stagesoffreedom.org/frederick-douglass

Bay Adventures

There is still plenty to do and enjoy outdoors, and the Buzzards Bay Coalition is here to help you with a few ideas for fall fun.

All Bay Adventures are free, but registration is required as space is limited. To register and for more info: <http://savebuzzardsbay.org/events>.

• **Saturday at the Sawmill: Forest Bathing Sat., 11/14, 11 a.m.** A mindfulness walk and guided introduction to "forest bathing" at The Sawmill in Acushnet. The aim of "forest bathing" is to cleanse away stress through immersion in nature.

Recipe of the Week

Date Goat Cheese Basil Bites

- 1 (8 ounce) package goat cheese, slightly softened
- 1 1/2 tablespoons honey
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh basil
- 1 pound pitted dates
- 1/3 pound thinly sliced prosciutto
- Toothpicks

Mix goat cheese, honey, and basil together in a bowl until smooth and creamy; refrigerate for 20 minutes.

Preheat toaster oven or oven to 400°.

Fill dates with goat cheese filling using a small spoon. Wrap each date with enough prosciutto to cover entire date and secure with a toothpick. Arrange on a baking sheet.

Bake in the preheated toaster oven until prosciutto becomes crisp and caramelized, about 10 minutes. Flip each date and continue baking until crisp on top, about 5 more minutes.

From allrecipes.com

Acushnet to hold special TM Saturday

By Beth David
Editor

Voters will decide on 14 articles at Acushnet's Special Town Meeting this Saturday, 11/14, at 10 a.m., at the Ford Middle School, 708 Middle Road. The Selectboard decided to hold the STM largely due to a looming deadline to receive reimbursement for the roof replacement of the elementary school building.

Article one asks for authorization to acquire the funds for a partial replacement of the roof. The Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) has awarded Acushnet \$1,334,232 for the project with the balance coming from Acushnet taxpayers. The total project cost for the 67,000 square feet of original roofing, is \$2,570,759. The town will need to pay the costs and then will be reimbursed by the MSBA. Town Meeting will be asked to authorize borrowing the full amount.

The STM is needed because the MSBA deadline to hear that the town has approved the funds is 11/24.

After the project is finished and paid for, about \$1 million will be bonded by the town. Town Meeting could then vote to lower the bond amount using free cash or other revenue sources. The bond will be spread out over 15 years and paid out of the solar fund.

The Finance Committee recommended the article unanimously.

Town Meeting will also be asked to approve a number of capital projects, in a number of articles: Article 3 asks for \$15,000 for vehicle refurbishments for the Fire Department; article 6 asks for \$275,000 for a loader for the Department of Public Works; \$60,000 for a pickup truck with commercial utility cap for the animal control officer; \$80,000 from the golf fund for capital repairs and replacements at the golf course;

Other spending articles include: \$71,500 from the water fund for a risk and resilience assessment and emergency response plan that must be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by next June; \$110,000 from the sewer fund for reimbursement of the school sewer pump; \$150,000 from the water fund to replace the water pipeline on Nye Avenue; \$77,249 from the capital improvement budget for the schools for science curriculum (\$11,499), reading curriculum (\$50,000), and developmental reading assessments (\$15,750); \$50,000 for the OPEB fund; \$10,000 from Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds for repairs to recreational equipment at the Pope Park Playground; \$75,000 in CPA funds for improvements and cleaning efforts in the Lake Street lakes and adjacent recreational grounds; \$5,000 in CPA funds for improvements and cleaning efforts at the Acushnet Riverview Park.

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BPW discusses raising recycling permit fees

Mary Macedo

Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Monday 11/02/20 the Fairhaven Board of Public Works discussed 2021 recycling center permit costs, and the rising numbers of COVID-19 cases in town spurring the possibility of rotating town employees in groups again.

During the BPW's latest meeting board members Marcus Ferro and Cameron Durant attended the meeting remotely.

Mr. Durant asked the board and Chairperson Brian Wotton if it would be possible to start having the BPW meetings 15 minutes later, at 6:15 p.m., so he would no longer have a work conflict and would be able to make the meetings on time.

Mr. Wotton said he discussed the possibility of changing the meeting time with the board before the meeting started, and that all the board members agreed that they have no problem with the change.

Public Works Superintendent Vinnie Furtado told the board that with COVID-19 numbers rising, both Dartmouth and Mattapoisett have

started to rotate their town employees.

Mr. Furtado reminded the board that back in April when COVID-19 restrictions were more stringent, the department rotated employees, with two groups alternating, one week on and one week off.

Mr. Furtado said that Dartmouth and Mattapoisett have started rotating employees like that again because of the rising COVID cases.

Mr. Furtado said he just wanted to let the board know what other towns are doing just in case the board wanted to do the same.

Mr. Wotton said that there has been no advisement from the state to change the employees' schedules. He said there was no intention of the board to rotate schedules in the current situation unless otherwise noted or mandated by the governor.

Mr. Wotton said that he believed Dartmouth and Mattapoisett were just being overly cautious. Even though Fairhaven is red on the state's map, it is red mostly because of an outbreak of 30 cases in nursing homes, he said.

Mr. Wotton said until they hear otherwise to just leave the town employees schedules the way they are. The rest of the board members agreed.

In another matter the board wanted to discuss the possibility of raising the recycling center permit fees for 2021.

Mr. Furtado said that they have less revenue this year from the recycling center than in previous years, running a deficit of around \$8,000. He recommended that the board think about increasing the permit fee from \$20 to \$25 and to possibly increase the senior citizen discount age from 60 years old to 62 years old.

Mr. Wotton agreed that the board needed to increase some fees to cover the expenses. He said they are not trying to make money by raising fees, but need to raise the fees to cover the deficit.

Vice-Chairperson Robert "Hoppy" Hobson said he thought they should increase the contractor permit fees from \$400 to \$500 because they dispose of the most stuff.

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Fairhaven honors veterans, but without annual parade

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

The new “normal” this pandemic imposed upon us has permeated our everyday life with hardship, inconvenience, tedium — adversity in every sense of the word. For our veterans, past or present, whether they have served in times of combat or relative peace, adversity is the “normal” experience in every sense of that word.

“Adversity in all veterans’ minds is commonplace,” said U.S. Army Staff Sergeant George Brownell, a veteran of the Vietnam War. Although adversity for a veteran fluctuates in form and degree, it follows our men and women in uniform one way or another regardless of change. “Our location changes, but our mission stays the same.”

The 2020 Veterans Day parade has become another annual Fairhaven tradition canceled due to the ongoing risk of COVID-19. Nonetheless, the community’s collective message of thanks will be broadcast by Fairhaven TV through a recorded Veterans Day observation filmed the morning of Thursday, 11/5, at the VFW Post 2892 Memorial Park at the corner of Route 6 and Middle Street.

Fairhaven veterans and town officials gathered in front of the Fairhaven TV camera for the somber virtual event beginning with the reading of the names of all Fairhaven’s residents that served in the military.

Council on Aging Director Anne



ABOVE: Fairhaven town officials and volunteers listen as Fairhaven Council on Aging Director Anne Silvia speaks at the veterans memorial park in Fairhaven during a ceremony to create a Veterans Day video that the town will release on 11/11/20 in lieu of the annual parade that was canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions. BELOW: Veterans and volunteers listen to the speakers. *Photos by Jean Perry.*

Silvia said it has always been an honor for her to participate every year, and she hopes to enjoy the honor in with many others in person next year.

During his address, Fairhaven Veterans Agent Bradford Fish said that although not all of them have seen war, veterans express their willingness to die for their country through their commitment to serve in

the military. However, there is an ever-increasing number of tragic but preventable deaths, said Mr. Fish.

Every day roughly 20 veterans take “drastic and permanent measures” to end their life, said Mr. Fish, and in 2020 there has been a 30% increase in suicide among active duty service members.

Mr. Fish’s message to us: “Tell veterans ... that you love them, that you appreciate their service.”

It is vital that veterans feel appreciated, Mr. Fish said, “And the easiest is to say thank you for what you have done for our country.”

Mr. Fish then read Governor Charlie Baker’s Veterans Day Proclamation before welcoming Mr. Brownell to address the community.

The golden light of the low autumn sun ignited the colors of the flags flying above the group’s heads and at their feet lining the walkway; its rays cast long, narrow November shadows in front of the spectacle.

Mr. Brownell stood flanked by a few of the Fairhaven men who have served our country. As Mr. Brownell spoke, their familiar faces looked ahead toward Route 6 with its stream



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U.S. Army Staff Sergeant George Brownell speaks at the veterans memorial park in Fairhaven during a ceremony to create a Veterans Day video that the town will release on 11/11/20 in lieu of the annual parade that was canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions. *Photo by Jean Perry.*

of cars and trucks, as some of them honked their horns at the sight as they passed. Mr. Brownell led the group in a salute before concluding the event.

After the filming, Mr. Brownell said "The people that showed up for this today ... are all special. They know that to have Veterans

Day is to be acknowledged — in our town, and every town," said Mr. Brownell. "Even during 'the new normal.'"

Fairhaven TV Director Derek Frates said the Veterans Day video production would also include some recorded messages from Town Hall employees, and footage from the Veterans Luncheon To Go event planned for 11/10 at the COA.

Fairhaven Cable Access Channel 18 will air the finished production beginning 11/11 on Veterans Day. It will also be available on demand at www.fairhaventv.com and a link will be shared on the department's Facebook page.

Earthquake shakes up the region

By Beth David
Editor

An earthquake shook the region on Sunday, 11/8, and shook up residents as well. We're not accustomed to earthquakes in these parts and it was a pretty good shake that rumbled through, starting in the waters off Mishaum Point in Dartmouth, and traveling beyond our coverage area. The initial reports put the earthquake at 4.2 magnitude, but that was downgraded to a 3.6 by the United States Geological Survey, the federal agency that tracks earthquakes.

The USGS put the epicenter of the quake at 11 km from Bliss Corner. The map also moved the epicenter, with it being between Mishaum Point and Demarest Lloyd Park on Sunday (9 km from Bliss Corner), but now showing it two more kilometers south into Buzzards Bay about halfway between the point and the Cuttyhunk ferry route. It was felt as far away as New York and halfway between Nashua and Concord, NH.

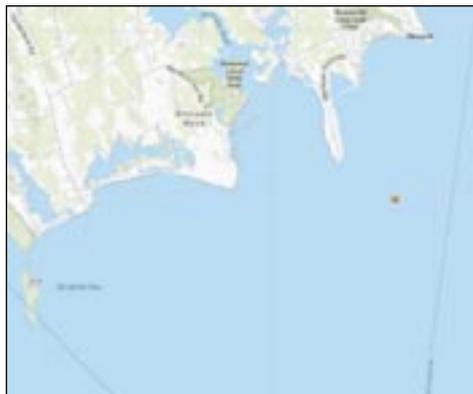
Some houses in New Bedford reportedly had damage due to the shaking, said New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell.

The shaking only lasted a few seconds, but sent people running out of their homes, many thinking their heating systems had blown up, or a vehicle had hit their houses.

"You know you're from Acushnet when you just assumed it was the quarry hah," wrote Michael Botelho on the "All Things Acushnet" Facebook page.

'Nough said.

For more information on the earthquake in our area visit <https://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/eventpage/us7000cc4d/executive>



ABOVE LEFT: This screen shot from the US Geological Survey website shows the 3.6 magnitude earthquake on 11/8/20 was 11 km off Bliss Corner in Dartmouth. ABOVE MIDDLE: This screen shot shows the earthquake was centered about halfway between the end of Mishaum Point and the Cuttyhunk Ferry route. ABOVE RIGHT: This screen shows how far the earthquake was felt. BELOW RIGHT: This screen shot shows other activity around the United States and beyond during the time of the earthquake on 11/8/20 that was centered off Mishaum Point in Dartmouth. *Screen shots from <https://earthquake.usgs.gov>*



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Fairhaven Council on Aging

The Fairhaven Council on Aging Senior Center remains closed to the public until further notice. The staff is available to take phone calls and to assist you in any way possible.

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.

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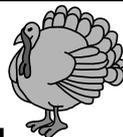


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Mr. Wotton said the board increased the contractors' permit fee from \$100 to \$400 in 2019.

Mr. Hobson said that other towns charge by the load, and \$500 is cheap for a contractor or landscaper.

Board member Frank Coelho suggested they increase both contractor and residents fees.

Mr. Wotton said in 2019 when the board changed the rates for contractors they went from selling 20 permits to only 12 permits the following year.

Mr. Hobson explained that raising the permit fees would only hopefully be for one more year or until the new recycling center is ready. The new recycling center will have scale and everyone will have to pay by the load instead.

Mr. Wotton and Mr. Ferro agreed that they liked Mr. Furtado's recommendation of increasing the permit fee from \$20 to \$25 and increasing the senior citizen discount age from 60 years old to 62 years old.

Mr. Wotton said that changing the senior citizen age from 60 years old to 62 years old is not going to hurt anyone.

Mr. Hobson said he was against raising the age.

Mr. Coelho said he hated to see any increase but he had no problem with Mr. Furtado's recommendations. Mr. Coelho said they needed to raise prices to level off the deficit.

Mr. Wotton said next year if they

find they take in more revenue than expected, they can always lower the fees.

Mr. Wotton said they would gain roughly \$3,750 if they raise the permit fee from \$20-\$25. He said then if they increase the fee for contractors from \$400-\$500 it might level off the deficit.

Mr. Hobson said he would be ok with increasing the senior citizen age if the board also agrees to increase the contractors' permit fees.

Mr. Coelho made the motion to increase the contractor permit fee from \$400-\$500, to increase the resident permits from \$20 to \$25, and to increase the senior citizen discount age from 60 years old to 62 years old.

The motion passed unanimously.

In another matter Mr. Furtado informed the board that they received a recycling grant for \$14,000 and he hopes to use it for a landfill study.

Mr. Furtado also informed the board that Sewer Department Superintendent Linda Schick will be retiring in August and they need to start preparing to find candidates for that position.

In another matter Mr. Coelho said a few town employees have asked if the town supplies face masks to town employees. Mr. Furtado said yes they just have to ask for them.

Mr. Coelho said some town employees have suggested getting masks that say BPW or something

similar to help identify them when going onto private property.

Mr. Furtado said the office staff has masks with town seals on them, and he thought it was a great idea. He asked Administrative Assistant Becky Vento to get details.

In another matter, the board met with Eric Smith of WC Smith and Son about a driveway waiver on Bridge Street for Carapace/Alden GMC which is expanding.

Mr. Smith explained that they are moving the already existing driveway to the west about 45 feet.

Mr. Wotton said the driveway is currently 80 feet and they not making it bigger.

The board voted unanimously to grant the waiver.

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for the committees' input.

"Bob, we'll send it out to any committee you'd like," said Mr. Freitas. "We can even start a committee.... We'll call it 'a committee to make a decision.'"

"Things change," said Mr. Freitas, adding that often the Selectboard listens to feedback "and we make a decision based on that."

However, he continued, "It's been two years we've been talking about this.... I don't even think it's ever gonna get done."

He recycled the proverbial can the board has been kicking down the road that Mr. McLaughlin used at the last meeting to describe the situation.

"Why don't you make a motion if you feel like we should make a decision on this?" Mr. Espindola said to Mr. Freitas. "If we're the ones who are supposed to make the decision, why don't we make a motion to go one way or another and be done with it?"

Mr. Freitas refuted the suggestion and said the board would send the matter off for committee input.

Mr. Hobson redirected the board's attention to the prior government grants used to fix up the wharf and said that those grants were to benefit those in the fishing industry, "Not a bunch of yuppies going around in a little whale boat."

"They pay their taxes too, so let's, you know..." said Mr. Freitas.

Mr. Espindola motioned to seek input from the two other committees, and the vote was 2-1, with Mr. Freitas opposed.

Planning Board member Jeffrey Lucas spoke in favor of soliciting committee recommendations "because that's what they're there to do.

That's what they're volunteering to do."

He said it offers a variety of perspectives, and he voiced support for protecting the integrity of the commercial fishing fleet at Union Wharf.

"Once you start to gentrify it ... once you start to put a restaurant on Union Wharf or a park," he said, that is when the paradigm shifts and people start complaining: "Boy, that smells like fish down there," likening it to people who move to the countryside and then complain about the smells that accompany the cows, so to speak.

When the board excludes committee recommendations in its decision making, said Mr. Lucas, "I think it makes the Town look bad."

Also during the meeting, the board voted to accept Mr. Crotty's response to an Open Meeting Law Complaint filed by Stephane Robbins. Mr. Rees did not read the response and gave no details about the alleged violation during the meeting.

At the request of the *Neighb News*, Mr. Rees shared the town's response to Mr. Robbins's complaints about the 9/21 and 10/19 Selectboard meetings. He alleged that during both meetings the number of people in attendance violated the governor's COVID-19 order, but town counsel stated that was incorrect and also not relevant to the OML.

The town also refuted Mr. Robbins's allegation that some members of the Selectboard should have recused themselves from discussion with A-1 Crane on 9/21 because there was no need to, and also that the OML does not pertain to

recusals.

The response also addressed Mr. Robbins's claim that he was not recognized to speak on 10/19, explaining that because it was not a public hearing, the board was not compelled to allow public input and therefore there was no OML violation.

In other business, the Selectboard and three members of the Planning Board appointed the one applicant to fill the vacant seat on the Planning board, Jessica Fidalgo. Serving on the Planning Board attracted Ms. Fidalgo because of "how active the board is," she said. "I figured that the best way to kind of learn how things run is to get your hands dirty in it."

The Selectboard also appointed Cory Pietraszek and John Dallen to the Conservation Commission; Wendy Drumm and Suzan Galpin were both appointed to the Cultural Council.

Mr. Rees announced that the Historical Commission will move forward with the handicap accessibility project at the Academy Building; but because of insufficient funding, will postpone a project to restore the front door entrance. The cost to bring the Academy Building, which houses the Fairhaven Visitor's Center and Office of Tourism, is \$149,000. An article to fund the other project will be added to the warrant of the Annual Town Meeting.

The Fairhaven Police Department is in the process of attaining full accreditation from the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission, and the required internal assessment should be completed by mid-December. The department was awarded initial accreditation status in September of 2019.

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From Acushnet Fire & EMS Department Facebook Page

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The home is undergoing significant

renovations. Workers informed the first responders that while soldering cooper pipes a flame shot up into the wall cavity.

The fire was contained to a small portion of the exterior wall and extinguished.

A mutual aid engine company from Fairhaven was requested due to strong winds and the old style construction of the structure. There

were no injuries.

“Given the age of the building, we were concerned that the fire would quickly travel to the attic,” said Firefighter Paul Frysinger. “The fire never made it into the home, it was kept in the wall cavity and extinguished from outside.”

The incident scene was cleared of all apparatus and personnel by 4:30 p.m.



Acushnet firefighters fight a fire at 23 Hope Street that was undergoing extensive renovations when fire broke while workers soldered copper pipes. *Photos from Acushnet Fire & EMS Department Facebook page.*



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Fairhaven

Board of Appeals

Tues., 12/1, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Health

Mon., 11/16, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 11/16, Arsene St., 6:15 p.m.

NOTE time change

Broadband Study Comm

Thurs., 11/12, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 11/23, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 11/18, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 11/16, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Sustainability Committee

Tues., 11/17, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Acushnet

Planning Board

Thurs., 11/12, Zoom/Call, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 11/17, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Town Meeting

Sat., 11/14, Ford Middle Sch., 10 a.m.

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Friday	13	0553	1816	1145*	2346*
Saturday	14	0639	1903	----	1236*
Sunday	15	0726	1953	0034*	1331*
Monday	16	0816	2044	0125*	1425*
Tuesday	17	0908	2136	0218*	1512*
Wednesday	18	0959	2229	0307*	1553*
Thursday	19	1053	2327	0351	1636
Friday	20	1151	----	0437	1732
Saturday	21	0027	1250	0538	2010
Sunday	22	0124	1344	0841	2115
Monday	23	0218	1439	0954	2214
Tuesday	24	0315	1538	1052	2301
Wednesday	25	0413	1636	1139	2337
Thursday	26	0503	1723	----	1219

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Public Hearings/Legal Notices

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Attorney General's Notice

Pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 32, as amended by Chapter 299 of the Acts of 2000
Town of Fairhaven – Case No. 9884
Annual Town Meeting of July 25, 2020
Article # 15

Attorney General's Limited Authority to Waive Procedural Defects in the Notice of the Planning Board Hearing

Pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32, as amended by Chapter 299 of the Acts of 2000, if the Attorney General finds there to be any defect in the procedure of adoption or amendment of any zoning by-law relating to the form or content of the notice of the Planning Board hearing prescribed by G.L. c. 40A, § 5, or to the manner or dates on which said notice is mailed, posted or published as required by that section, then instead of disapproving the by-law or amendment by reason of any such defect, the Attorney General may elect to proceed under the defect waiver provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32. Under those provisions, the Attorney General is conditionally authorized to waive any such defect.

Defect Determined in Notice of Planning Board Hearing

The Attorney General has determined that the planning board hearing notice relating to the above Article failed to comply with the notice requirements for such hearing established by G.L. c. 40A, § 5. Section 5 provides in part (with emphasis added):

No zoning...by-law or amendment thereto shall be adopted until after the planning board in a...town has...held a public hearing thereon...at which interested persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard.... Notice of the time and place of such hearing, of the subject matter, sufficient for identification, and of the place where texts and maps thereof may be inspected shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the...town once in each of two successive weeks, the first publication to be not less than fourteen days before the day of said hearing, and by posting such notice in a conspicuous place in the...town hall for a period of not less than fourteen days before the day of said hearing. Notice of said hearing shall also be sent by mail, postage prepaid to the department of housing and community development, the regional planning agency, if any, and to the planning board of each abutting city and town...

Based on the materials submitted to this Office, we have identified the following defects: (1) the Planning Board Hearing notice was posted on June 18, 2020 for a June 23, 2020 Planning Board Hearing and was therefore posted only five days before the Hearing, not fourteen days as required by G.L. c. 40A, § 5; and (2) notice of the June 23, 2020 Planning Board Hearing was not sent to the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Regional Planning Agency and the Planning Boards of the abutting cities and towns, as required by G.L. c. 40A, § 5. Apart from these defects, the notice appears to satisfy the requirements of the statute.

Attorney General's Election to Proceed Under the Waiver Provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32

The Attorney General has elected to proceed under the limited defect waiver authority conferred by G.L. c. 40, § 32, as amended by Chapter 299 of the Acts of 2000.

Suspension of Review of Zoning By-Law Amendments

The 90-day period prescribed by law for the Attorney General's review of local by-laws is therefore suspended in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32, as amended by Chapter 299 of the Acts of 2000.

Posting and Publication of This Notice

The Town Clerk shall post a true copy of this Notice in a conspicuous place in the Fairhaven Town Hall for a period of not less than 14 days and shall publish a copy once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Fairhaven.

Filing of Claim That Defect in Notice Was Misleading or Otherwise Prejudicial

Within 21 days of the date on which this Notice is published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Fairhaven, any resident of the Town of Fairhaven, or the owner of any real property in the Town of Fairhaven, or any other party entitled to notice of the planning board hearing may file with the Town Clerk a written statement that the notice defect was misleading or otherwise prejudicial. The statement must include the reasons supporting the claim that the defect in the

Planning Board Notice was misleading or otherwise prejudicial. This statement must be *actually on file* with the Town Clerk not later than 21 days from the date on which this Notice is published in the newspaper.

Town Clerk's Certification of Compliance with This Notice

After the expiration of the 21-day period, the Town Clerk shall submit to the Attorney General a true copy of this Notice with a certification of compliance with the publishing and posting requirements of the preceding paragraph, and a certification that either (a) no claim was filed within the 21-day period, or (b) one or more claims were filed within the 21-day period. The Town Clerk shall submit to the Attorney General true copies of any such claim(s).

Resumption of Attorney General's Review

Upon receipt of one original copy of this Notice with the Clerk's certification, the 90-day period provided for the Attorney General's review under G.L. c. 40, § 32, shall resume. If no claim is made, the Attorney General has the discretion to waive any such defect; if any claim is made, however, the Attorney General may not waive any such defect.

Note: By not filing a claim under this provision, a person shall not be deprived of the right to assert a claim of invalidity arising out of any possible defect in the procedure of adoption or amendment, as provided in G.L. c. 40, § 32, and in G.L. c. 40A, § 5.

Date: November 4, 2020

FNN, 11/5/20

TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FORMER ROGERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Town of Fairhaven solicits proposals for the sale and development of the former Rogers Elementary School that sits on a 71,751 SF site improved with approximately 46,721 SF of space in the former educational facility. The property is located at 100 Pleasant Street. The Town seeks to designate a developer subject to the Terms and Conditions contained in its Request for Proposal (RFP). The RFP will be available at the Fairhaven Town Hall, Board of Selectmen's Office, at 40 Center Street, Fairhaven MA, M-F from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Email: Voliveira@fairhaven-ma.gov. Proposal submission due December 4, 2020 by 12:00 noon, Office of the Town Administrator, Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA. 02719 The Town reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or to accept that proposal which is deemed in the best interest of the Town of Fairhaven, MA.

FNN, 11/12/20

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, November 24th, 2020 at 6:30 P.M. via Zoom Meetings:

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Case #2020.07.28A** A continuation of the case of New England Retail Development, LLC c/o Tom Pratt, who is petitioning the Board for a Special Permit to be able to open and operate a gas station and convenience store with drive-thru, within the Village Business District. The proposed location is 158, 166 Main Street, and 17 Wing Road (Assessor's Map 13, Lots 36, 38, and 38A), which are currently owned by Delta Realty, LLC (c/o Mickey Higgins) and Tony's Service Center (c/o Tony Faria). This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.2 (B) and 3.4 (A).
- Case#2020.10.20A** A continuation of the case of New England Retail Development, LLC c/o Tom Pratt, who is petitioning the Board for a Variance to be able to allow wall signs in excess of 50 square feet

and pole sign in excess of 15 feet tall. The proposed location is 158, 166 Main Street, and 17 Wing Road (Assessor's Map 13, Lots 36, 38, and 38A), owned by Delta Realty, LLC (c/o Mickey Higgins). This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.6 (E).

- Case #2020.11.24A** A case of Mike McLuskey, of 120 Mendall Road Acushnet, who is petitioning for a Special Permit to be able to park more than one commercial vehicle at his property. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1 "B" (8).

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

FNN, 11/12/20, 11/19/20

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, November 23, 2020 at 6:30pm
Town Hall, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

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

- CON 023-191: **32 Fort Street** Notice of Intent filed by Kevin McLaughlin for upgrades to an existing stone seawall and renovations to existing outbuildings at the property located at 32 Fort Street, Assessors Map 3, Lot 3. Work to take place on Coastal Bank and in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage and the 100-foot buffer zone to Coastal Beach.
- CON 023-192: **8 Bayside Street** Notice of Intent filed by The Joseph B. Melo Family Irrevocable Trust for the repair of an existing concrete seawall at the property located at 8 Bayside Street, Assessors Map 42, Lot 31. Work to take place on Coastal Bank and Coastal Beach and in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage and the 100-foot buffer zone to Coastal Beach/Rocky Intertidal Shore.

Public participation will be via virtual means only: Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Fairhaven Conservation Commission will be conducted via remote participation. The public may participate in this meeting via remote participation. Information regarding remote meeting access, listed above, will also be provided on the Conservation Agenda posted on the Town's website at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Copies of the applications listed in this hearing notice may be viewed electronically at: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/conservation-commission/pages/current-filings>

Geoff Haworth, Chair, Fairhaven
Conservation Commission
FNN: 11/12/20

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