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## Bask gives away tree seedlings for Arbor Day



L-R: Bask CEO Chapman "Chappy" Dickerson, Frank Rocha, Jon Alves, Claudia Sampson, and Kim Miska stop to pose for the local free sheet during Bask's fourth annual tree giveaway on 5/2/21 to celebrate Arbor Day at its cannabis dispensary in Fairhaven. See story on page 12. Photo by Beth David.



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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

So, I guess he's not going to resign...AGAIN.

The Recall Dan Freitas group collected enough signatures for 2521 to be certified this week by the Fairhaven Town Clerk's office (see page 4).

Of course, Mr. Freitas had posted on Facebook that he would resign if they got enough signatures, AND, he said, he wouldn't run for his seat.

So, after the signatures were certified I asked for comment from him, and...wait for it...he directed me to his attorney. Yup, he has an attorney looking at all the signatures to dispute any they think are suspect in some way.

Ah well, more on that next week. They have a meeting on Monday, too, so that should be fun.

Oh...did I almost forget? We got two emails from Mr. Freitas notifying town officials that he was going to resign back in December. Funny thing, though. He notifies Peter DeTerra in both of those emails, but not Bob Espindola. Go figure.

We have other stuff in here, of course.

Bask gave away nearly 1,000 trees this weekend as part of their Arbor Day celebration. See page 12 for that.

That's a neat thing for a local business to do. After all, they are growers, right?

We had a fire in Fairhaven that injured someone and destroyed a garage, including the cars in it. See page 13 for that. Glad the injuries were not more serious, but any injury is bad news. Here's hoping for a speedy recovery.

Acushnet had some sad news this week, too. A beloved math teacher, who had been at the middle school for 22 years, lost his battle with cancer (see page 16). He was only 44 years old and leaves behind his wife and two children. Cancer deaths are always sad, but especially so when it is someone so young.

Our thoughts are with the family and the whole Acushnet school community.

Until next week then...



Beth David, Publisher

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Nothing this week? Really? Cool.

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# COVID update: Phase 4 reopening plan is on track

By Beth David  
Editor

Massachusetts is proceeding with the Phase 4 reopening plans as set out by Governor Charlie Baker.

These are some highlights of the upcoming changes. For details, visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/reopening-massachusetts>

*Effective on May 10*

Large venues such as indoor and outdoor stadiums, arenas and ball-parks currently open as part of Phase 4, Step 1 at 12% will be permitted to increase capacity to 25%.

The Commonwealth will reopen some outdoor Phase 4, Step 2 industries including amusement parks, theme parks and outdoor water parks that will be permitted to operate at a 50% capacity after submitting safety plans to the Department of Public Health.

Road races and other large, outdoor organized amateur or professional group athletic events will be permitted to take place with staggered starts after submitting safety plans to a local board of health or the DPH.

Youth and adult amateur sports tournaments will be allowed for moderate and high risk sports.

Singing will also be permitted indoors with strict distancing requirements at performance venues, restaurants, event venues and other businesses.

*Effective on May 29, Subject to public health and vaccination data:*

Gathering limits will increase to 200 people indoors and 250 people outdoors for event venues, public settings and private settings.

Additional Phase 4, Step 2 industries will be permitted to open including: Street festivals, parades and agricultural festivals, at 50% of their previous capacity and after submitting safety plans to the local board of health; Bars, beer gardens, breweries, wineries and distilleries, will be subject to restaurant rules with seated service only, a 90 minute limit and no dance floors.

The restaurant guidance will be updated to eliminate the requirement that food be served with alcohol and to increase the maximum table size to 10.

*Effective on August 1*

Subject to public health and vaccination data, remaining industries will be permitted to open including dance clubs, and nightclubs, saunas, hot-tubs, steam rooms at fitness centers, health clubs and other facilities, indoor water parks and ball pits.

All industry restrictions will be lifted at that time, and capacity will increase to 100% for all industries, with businesses encouraged to continue following best practices.

The gathering limit will be rescinded. Depending on vaccine distribution and public health data, the Administration may consider re-evaluating the August 1 date.

*Latest numbers*

On May 3, Massachusetts had 718 new cases of COVID 19, bringing the total to 648,967; five new deaths were also recorded, bringing the total to 17,293 confirmed COVID 19 deaths in Mass. There are 516 patients hospitalized with COVID-19, 136 are in Intensive Care Units, and 85 are intubated.

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# Fairhaven Town Clerk certifies 2521 recall petition signatures

By Beth David  
Editor

Fairhaven Town Clerk Carolyn Hurley and the board of registrars have officially certified 2521 of the signatures on the petition for the recall of Selectboard member Daniel Freitas. Ms. Hurley submitted a letter dated 5/3/21 to the Selectboard, declaring that 2521 signatures have been certified by the registrars and that it is at least 20% of the total number of registered voters of preceding election.

The Recall Dan Freitas group needed to get a minimum of 2384 certified signatures to trigger the recall process. According to the group, they gathered a total of 2705 signatures. They submitted the signatures last Tuesday. The Town Clerk's office then set about certifying the signatures.

Mr. Freitas has five days to resign, in which case the board will have two members until/if they decide to hold a special election to fill the vacancy. A petition by 200 registered voters can also force a special election.

If Mr. Freitas does not resign, then the recall election must be scheduled

between 60 and 90 days of the date the signatures were certified.

In a public Facebook post, Mr. Freitas had said that it was just a small group of people who spread "numerous lies" about him.

"If they do get the signatures needed I will resign. I will not run for re-election. I have given a large portion of my adult life to helping the people in this town!" wrote Mr. Freitas on that Facebook post on April 15.

When contacted about the new development, Mr. Freitas directed the *Neighb News* to his attorney Ernest Horn.

In a phone interview on Tuesday, Mr. Horn said that they started reviewing the signatures that day and had already found "discrepancies."

They will go through all the signatures, he said, and then file for a hearing with the town clerk to review them. "If appropriate," he said, they will make a referral to the secretary of state and/or the attorney general's office for any suspected forgeries.

If there are signatures that are signed by the people named and those people did not know, "that is forgery under definition of law," he

said.

Mr. Horn also said there are other reasons that a signature may be challenged, such as if it is difficult to read.

"Some irregularities have been found," he said.

If there is a name in question, he said it will be up to the registrars if that person gets contacted to verify if he or she did sign.

Then they would go to the secretary of state, he said, then to the attorney general if anything illegal is suspected. The state authorities will look at it and conduct an investigation, which may include contacting the person.

"The first step is with the town clerk," said Mr. Horn, then "based on how widespread the problem seems to be," they will decide if it is appropriate to ask for a criminal referral.

He said he did not have a timeline because there were a lot of petition pages and they had just started looking at them on that day. Mr. Horn also said that they had not calculated how many they would need to disqualify in order for the process to

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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Tree Warden to plant trees

On Friday, May 7, at 10:30 a.m., the Fairhaven Tree Department partnering with the BPW and Eversource will celebrate Arbor Day by planting 10 new trees along Union and Laurel Streets. Arbor Day is an annual holiday celebrating the planting, upkeep and preservation of trees. Eversource donated 8 of the 10 trees and will help dig the holes and plant the trees on the morning of the event. Trees will be planted in the morning and there will be a brief ceremony at 10:30 a.m. with remarks by Town officials about the importance of trees and tree maintenance to our town, our environment, and our safety.

In the next few months we hope to plant another 10 trees throughout the town of Fairhaven. Suggestions from town residents regarding species and location are welcome.

## New Members

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association is in need of active members. We could sure use help with activities like decorating Benoit Square, the Homecoming Fair, the Car Show, The Horribles Parade, The Easter Egg Hunt and other things we have planned. You don't have to be at every event but if you could help at just one it would be great.

In the past few years the NFIA has lost some very active and important members. Please help us keep these traditions alive. We meet the third Thursday of the month at the fire house across from Benoit Square at 6:39 PM. The next meeting is May 20th. Membership is only \$10.00 a year! Find them on Facebook, or go to a meeting.

## Books & Bubbles

The Millicent Library, 45 Center t., Fairhaven will hold Outdoor Storytime: Every Wednesday in May at 11:00 am (Rain date Thursday)

Read, sing, and get up and move on the Millicent Library Lawn! This program is for families with little ones age 3+ (siblings are welcome!). Families are encouraged to bring blankets or chairs to sit on, and to dress for the weather. Advanced registration is required and spaces are limited. If you'd like to attend, fill

out our online form at [MillicentLibrary.org](https://MillicentLibrary.org). Social distancing and mask wearing are required for all attendees.

For more information about Outdoor Storytime contact Youth Services Librarian Allie Thiel at 508-992-5342, extension 112 or email [athiel@sailsinc.org](mailto:athiel@sailsinc.org).

## Dramatic Reading

South Coast Progressive Voices (SCPV), an occasional speaker series sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven, features experts in fields of broad public interest locally, regionally, and nationally.

On **Wed., 5/12 at 7:00 pm**, SCPV will host "**Voices from Behind the Wall: A Dramatic Reading**," presented by Bristol County for Correctional Justice and Friends.

Bristol County Sheriff's Office staff, on May 1, 2020 in a "calculated use of force," violently assaulted a group of 25 ICE detainees. Mass. Attorney General Maura Healey's Civil Right Division found that BCSO used excessive force and was indifferent to the risk of serious harm to detainees.

Hear what happened, in detainees' own words.

Those interested in attending this online session are asked to preregister at [scpv.tiny.us/voices](https://scpv.tiny.us/voices)

On **Wed., 5/19 at 7:00 pm**, SCPV will host "**We, the People: Reclaiming a Civic Society**," a panel discussion on the adverse impact of unregulated money in politics.

Panelists include Josh Leach, public policy and communications strategist with the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee; Coalition for Social Justice Board member Marlene Pollack; Paul Lauenstein, member of the south suburbs chapter of We the People Massachusetts; and UUSF assistant minister Rev. Paul Langston-Daley as moderator.

The panel will discuss how we, as citizens and participants in our democracy, can have a much larger influence on local and national government.

Those interested in attending this online session are asked to preregister at [scpv.tiny.us/civic](https://scpv.tiny.us/civic)

The Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven (<https://uufairhaven.org>) is committed to the pursuit of

religious freedom and to building a world that is just, peaceable and sustainable.

SCPV presentations are free and open to the public.

## Plant Sale

The Greater New Bedford Garden Club's annual plant sale is scheduled for Sat., 3/15, 9 a.m.—1 p.m. at 145 Alden Road, Fairhaven (NBC Distributors bldg.) rain or shine.

Gorgeous geraniums and coleus, annuals, perennials, tomato plants and much more will be available at sell-out prices!

Also offered is a tag sale of garden related items.

All proceeds go to the GNBGC scholarship fund and all eligible high school seniors are urged to apply. Masks required.

## Fairhaven Nature Spots

Find a nature spot in Fairhaven to enjoy the outdoors, including the Phoenix Bike Trail, Hoppy's Landing, Shipyard Farm Trails, Shaw Farm Trail, Carvalho Farm, West Island Town Beach, Little Bay Conservation Area, Pope Beach, at <https://fairhaventours.com/category/fairhaven-nature/?fbclid=IwAR3GVSS-tzSPAUQbMC34R8tTleGvEWPvFD2JqeoUOM7Fq24PpPnkXPdvPA>

Provided by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism, <https://fairhaventours.com>

## Cancellations

Memorial Day Parade, originally scheduled for May 31. Canceled

Father's Day Road Race Father's Day Road Race Committee

originally scheduled for June 20, 2021, CANCELLED

Fairhaven Homecoming Day Fair Fairhaven Improvement Association

originally scheduled for June 26, 2021, CANCELLED

Fourth of July Parade originally scheduled for July 4, 2021, CANCELLED

Visit <https://fairhaventours.com/cancellations/> for more cancellations.

Summer Concert Series, Fairhaven Improvement Association

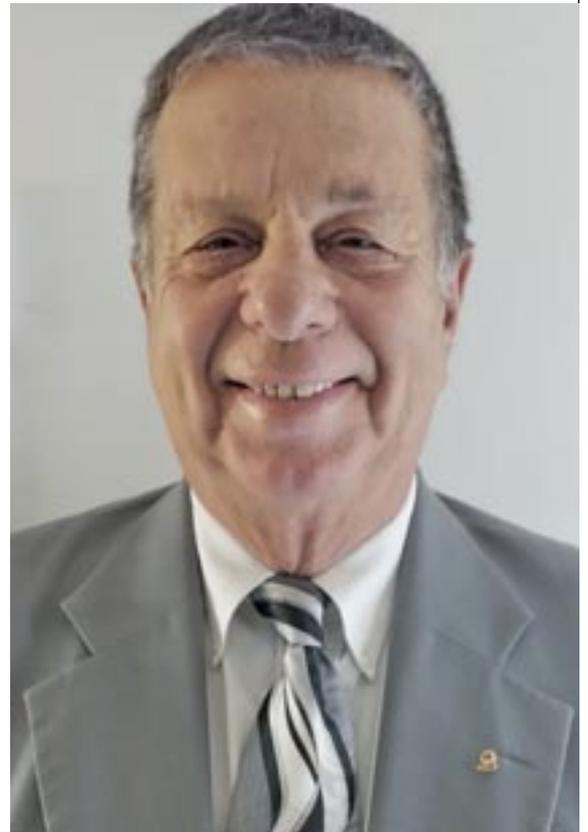
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The Fairhaven Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The museum is located at the Academy Building, 141 Main Street, Fairhaven

# Hasting Middle School teams up with Office of Tourism

## Press Release

Eighth grade artists in Mrs. Galinha's class at Elizabeth I. Hastings Middle School recently partnered with the Fairhaven Office of Tourism to dive deeper into the history of the Town of Fairhaven.

The purpose of the partnership was to learn more about community, and how postcards can help preserve a town's history.

Students engaged in the Henry Huttleston walking tour led by Office of Tourism Director, Chris Richard, and heard from Mr. Richard via Zoom. The presentation and discussion were based on "community" and what it means to be a part of a community. Some of the questions students were asked to think about were: How will the students' role change as they transition into high school? What are ways you can give back to your community?

According to surveys that were conducted after the project, one student said "community is where people come together." Another student believes "that Community means things like neighborhoods,

friends and family. I also think it means things like the town as a whole and people helping other people."

Mr. Richard also gave the students a brief evolution of postcards and showed some he had on hand.

With this knowledge, students analyzed historical postcards of Fairhaven to better understand how postcards preserve history. The

students then created their own postcards based on their own experiences and memories here in town. One student even brought in artifacts from Atlas Tack that her family had at home.

You can see the virtual showcase of the students' work here: <https://sites.google.com/fairhavenps.net/our-townfairhaven/home>



Students in Mrs. Galinha's eighth grade class at Elizabeth Hastings Middle School in Fairhaven listen to Fairhaven Office of Tourism Director Chris Richard via zoom for a joint project stressing the meaning of "community" and teaching the importance of postcards in preserving a town's history. *Submitted photo.*

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**Distribution is on Saturdays: May 8, 15 from 10 a.m.–Noon**, at New Life Church (behind the church), 1331 Cove Rd. his program will be held once a week for the foreseeable future.

COVID-19 health guidelines will be followed.

Families must register by visiting <https://mmsfi.org/farmers-to-families/> (and scroll down to find New Bedford). For information, please contact Sargent Samuel Ortega of the New Bedford Police Department at [Samuel.ortega@newbedfordpd.com](mailto:Samuel.ortega@newbedfordpd.com) or 774-510-0649.

## COVID Tests & Vax

### Testing

Project Beacon's appointment-based COVID-19 testing, part of the state's Stop the Spread, has relocated to the New Bedford Regional Airport, 1569 Airport Road. The relocated from the Whale's Tooth Parking Lot.

Anyone interested in using the new site should schedule an appointment, beginning May 1, and use the Downey Street side entrance to the New Bedford Regional Airport. To schedule a test with Project Beacon visit [app.beacontesting.com](http://app.beacontesting.com).

Other testing sites remain available in New Bedford and can be found on the state's Stop the Spread website, <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/find-a-covid-19-test>.

### Walk-In Vaccinations

The New Bedford Vaccine Clinic operated by FEMA, 40 Tichon Ave., New Bedford (south end waterfront area), offers walk-in vaccines, Sat.–Tues., 9 a.m.–4 p.m. They may be available for additional hours. Call 508-984-2661 for hours. No appointment necessary.

## Concert

"Surface Tension," Virtual Concert Still Available. Tickets are \$20 per household and available for purchase through May 24 at 10:00pm. Tickets: <https://zeiterion.org/all-shows/>

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## The Power of a Flower

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## Arts Festival

SouthCoast Spring Arts debuts a 10-day festival celebrating the arts in our communities by connecting innovative, creative, and affordable art and cultural events across the region. Events take place from May 7 to May 16. Find the events available near you or join a virtual event wherever you are by visiting <https://southcoastspringarts.org>.

This weekend

- Acrylic Dirty Pour Workshop, May 7 at 5pm: Dartmouth Cultural Center, 404 Elm Street, Dartmouth Using the color of the water that
- Contemporary Prints: Virtual Tour & Conversation , May 7 at 6PM, Marion Art Center online
- Our Sisters' School Duo Exhibition

May 7-8 & May 13-15: Dartmouth Cultural Center , 404 Elm Street, Dartmouth

- Nantucket Basket Weaving - Bracelet, May 8 at 9:30AM, Dartmouth Cultural Center , 404 Elm Street, Dartmouth
- We HeART Fall River! May 8 from 10am to 5pm, We Love Fall River 1 Government Center, Fall River
- Kilburn Mill Open House , May 8 10am to 4pm, Kilburn Artisan Center, 127 W Rodney French Boulevard, New Bedford
- Felting Workshop with Kristina Goransson , May 8 at 12PM, Marion Art Center , 80 Pleasant Street, Marion
- Spring Exhibit Opening, May 8 at 1-4pm, May 13 5-8pm, Judith Klein Art Gallery, 127 W Rodney French Boulevard, New Bedford
- Creativity and Walking: A Rich Salon Discussion, May 8 at 2pm, Midori Creativity Online
- South Coast Artists Plein Air, May 8 at 2PM, South Coast Artists, 830 Drift Road, Westport
- MonteiroBots Jazz-Funk Performance, May 8 at 7pm, Marion Art Center, 1 Island Wharf Road, Marion

## Museums Pass

New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center (FHC), New Bedford Art Museum/Artworks! (NBAM), and The Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum (RJD) have partnered to offer a joint admission pass for the summer season. "See NB in 3" is a common admission ticket providing admission to all three sites. Passes may be purchased online from NBAM's website, or in person, at any of the three sites, for the discounted rate of just \$18. See NB in Three passes go on sale June 1 are good from July 1 until redeemed through October 10, 2021.

This joint pass is perfect for residents, "staycationers," and tourists alike. Each museum offers a distinct, intimate, and educational experience.

Tourists and staycationers will find the pass appealing because they can visit all three sites in a single day and still have plenty of time for a leisurely lunch and downtown shopping or use the pass over the course of a weekend if staying overnight.

## Acushnet testing

Covid testing in Acushnet: Saturdays from 9 a.m.–noon in the parking lot behind the Council on Aging (59 South Main Street) using our trailer

## Art Exhibit

The Marion Art Center is pleased to announce its upcoming exhibit featuring Contemporary Prints by Allison Bianco and Stella Ebner. In lieu of an in-person reception, the Marion Art Center will celebrate its new exhibit with a free Virtual Gallery Tour & Conversation, one of the MAC's eight SouthCoast Spring Arts events ([marionartcenter.org/scspringarts](http://marionartcenter.org/scspringarts)). The **virtual reception will take place via Zoom on Friday, May 7 from 6:00-8:00pm.** Participants can "tour" the MAC galleries with the MAC's executive director.

Preview the works by Bianco and Ebner, and find out more about Cade Tompkins Projects at [cadetompkinsprojects.com](http://cadetompkinsprojects.com).

## Dramatic Readings

On Thursday, May 13, at 6:00pm, the bandstand at Marion Harbor will be the site for a staged reading of *LZ Bravo: A Vietnam Tour of Duty*, an original, one-act drama conceived and written by John Heavey, a local actor and the drama director at Tabor Academy. The play is based in part on *Dear America: Letters Home from Vietnam*, as well as other oral histories and writings from men and women who served in Vietnam. You'll hear the poignant voices of over three dozen characters, servicemen, and nurses who endured their year-long tour of duty in "the Nam," as well as families back home in the US. Heavey will lead a discussion with the audience following the show. **Event tickets are just \$5.**

Tickets are available at [marionartcenter.org/events/scsa-lz-bravo](http://marionartcenter.org/events/scsa-lz-bravo). Guests must follow COVID-19 guidance/protocols. Bring your own chair. The Robert O. Broomhead Bandstand is located at Island Wharf at 1 Island Wharf Road, Marion.

## Story Walk

For the month of May, Our spring StoryWalk features the children's book "Archaeologists Dig for Clues"

by Kate Duke. At the Handy House Heritage Trail, 202 Hix Bridge Road; enter at parking lot off Hix Bridge Rd.

This StoryWalk will introduce young audiences to the excitement and magic of an archaeological dig.

Visit <https://wpthistory.org/>

## Concert

"Postcards from Buzzards Bay" by Cape Cod composer Michael Donovan is a musical celebration of the body of water that shapes the lives of all who live and work in and around this wonder of nature. On Sunday, May 16 the Marion Art Center (MAC) will present an enhanced virtual encore of the Tri-County Symphonic Band performing the premiere of "Postcards from Buzzards Bay" and other evocative works about the sea. For this performance, the concert will be accompanied by compelling images of Buzzards Bay, both vintage postcards and original fine art.

After the concert, viewers can see recorded interviews with the composers and participate in a live Zoom question and answer session. The event begins at 3:00PM, when it will be broadcast on ORCTV and live-streamed through the MAC's YouTube channel. To register and receive the Zoom link, email [info@marionartcenter.org](mailto:info@marionartcenter.org) with "Postcards Concert" in the subject line.

Register for MAC events through our website at [www.marionartcenter.org/scspringarts](http://www.marionartcenter.org/scspringarts). More exciting events throughout the SouthCoast region are listed on the SCSA website at <https://southcoastspringarts.org/>.

## Young artists prog

All Things Art @ the MAC is a new, immersive weeklong program in late summer for young artists ages 10-13. The program runs Monday-Friday, August 2-6, from 9:00am-12:30pm daily. In this survey of different media and practices, young artists will experiment with drawing, sculpting, printing on fabric, working with clay, and more! Learn how to talk about art making and what inspires one's creative choices. Some class time will be spent outdoors, weather permitting. The cost is \$225 for MAC members and \$265 for nonmembers, plus a \$50 materials fee per student. Classes will take place in the

downstairs MAC Studio or on the MAC lawn. This class can accommodate 8-12 young artists.

Call the MAC at (508) 748-1266 or email [info@marionartcenter.org](mailto:info@marionartcenter.org).

## Open Air Saturdays

InDowncity/Providence starting on May 8. Each Saturday from 12–6 p.m., Westminster Street will close to vehicle traffic between Eddy and Union streets, providing more space for pedestrians to take to the street for socially distanced shopping and dining. The program will continue through the end of 2021.

View participating businesses at <https://www.indowncity.com/map>

In addition to special offerings by participating businesses, there will be live music performances in collaboration with Providence World Music and rotating food trucks along the street. Visitors to Open Air Saturdays are asked to follow COVID protocols. No-touch hand sanitizing stations will be provided along Westminster Street.

The City of Providence is extending free two-hour parking at metered spaces downtown through 2021, from 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. This includes streets bounded by Fountain Street, Memorial Boulevard, Weybosset Street, Empire Street and Friendship Street (from Dyer Street to Dorrance Street). For those who prefer a parking lot, the Biltmore Garage offers contactless payment for parking at 51 Washington Street.

## Yard Sale FR

Peace for Ponies will hold a yard sale, May 15 & 16, 12 Great Neck Rd., East Wareham. Rain dates May 22 & 23. All proceeds go directly to the rescue and rehab of these deserving animals and finding their forever homes.

## African Amer. Sites Eatonville

Learn about an all-Black township in Florida, <https://dp.la/primary-source-sets/their-eyes-were-watching-god-by-zora-neale-hurston/sources/551>

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# Recipe of the Week

## Humble Pie

### Crust

- 48 RITZ Crackers, divided
- 1 tbsp unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 6 tbsps unsalted butter, melted
- 1 tbsp creamy peanut butter

### Filling

- 4 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup creamy peanut butter
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup unsalted roasted peanuts, chopped
- 1 cup heavy cream, whipped, divided (A cup of heavy cream whips up to close to two cups whipped cream.)

Heat oven to 300°. To make the crust, pulse 44 of the RITZ Crackers in a food processor to make about 1 1/2 cups crumbs. In a medium bowl, blend together the crumbs, cocoa, and sugar. Mix in melted butter and peanut butter. Press mixture firmly into bottom and up sides of 9-inch pie pan. Bake for 6 to 8 minutes, then cool completely on rack.

To make the filling, beat the cream cheese, peanut butter, sugar, and vanilla in a medium bowl with mixer until smooth. Stir in the peanuts. Carefully fold a total of 1 1/2 cups whipped cream into the peanut mixture in three additions, until the mixture is a uniform color and no streaks remain.

Spread the filling into the cooled crust. Top with remaining whipped cream. Coarsely crush remaining 4 crackers and sprinkle over the top. Chill completely, at least 2 hours or overnight. Store covered in refrigerator.

# Dear Frankie

## Be Careful What you Wish



*Dear Frankie,*  
My Mom and I have a wonderful friend named Anne. Since I was a puppy, Anne has shopped for the gifts I give my Mom for her birthday and Mother's Day. The

other day Anne came over to hang out. When my Mom was in the kitchen and couldn't hear us talking, Anne asked me, "What would you like me to get your Mom this year for Mother's Day?"

After much thought, I decided a geranium plant with lots of flowers would be nice. After Anne left, I started thinking about Mother's Day. Suddenly it hit me; I was never going to be a mother. I know that for a fact because girl dogs have to be fixed before the shelter can put them up for adoption. Sometimes I wish I could have had at least one litter of puppies. Do other girl dogs feel the same way, or is it just me?

*Best Regards, Abigail*

*Dear Abigail,*

I'm sure many female dogs from shelters share your wish to be a mother. I'm also a rescue and have entertained similar thoughts.

Realistically, having a litter of puppies is not in the cards for us. Dogs that end up in a shelter are there for one of two reasons, either they were abandoned or surrendered. I wonder if you have ever given much thought to what your life would be like if you hadn't been adopted from a

shelter.

I have some clue what that life would have been for me. My Mom was a six-year-old street dog. Life began for my siblings and me behind a dumpster in an alley. Early on, she told us once we could fend for ourselves, we would be living on our own on the street. When we asked how were dogs able to survive without a mom, she said many dogs like herself did just fine as long as they could; forage for food, skirt danger, and find a warm place to sleep at night. Fortunately, the dog officer found my siblings and me while we were still living together, so we never did have to fend for ourselves.

When the officer was loading us into the van, he asked my Mom to come along, she refused. She said street life was in her bones, and as soon as we headed off, she had plans to head south and meet up with some of her canine friends. So, in answer to your question about having a puppy. You could, my Mom did, but I ask you at what cost?

When I read your letter, Abigail, I pictured you, your Mom, and Anne celebrating Mother's Day together. It made me think how fortunate you were to have one another. It also made me wish that all dogs could have the same good fortune to have a Mom and a friend like yours.

*Best, Frankie*

*P.S. Let me know how your Mom liked the plant*

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Comments and letters can be sent to Frankie at [dearfrankiecolumn@gmail.com](mailto:dearfrankiecolumn@gmail.com). The Fairhaven Neighborhood News publishes the Dear Frankie

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# DaCunha's

## Dispatches

News from high school in the age of COVID

By Elizabeth DaCunha



### Special to the Neigh News

Hello Readers!

As you may have heard, the state has announced that all Massachusetts schools are to be learning full-time in person by May 17th. You might also know that the last day of school is around June 17th. That means that we are only spending about a month fully in the school building.

Now, I think it's safe to say that pretty much everyone would like to see us going back to a normal world with a normal, fully in-school schedule, but is it worth it spending only the last month of school in person? Let's find out what some of Fairhaven High's students feel about this!

Student Liza Pinette stated, "I personally do not think it is a good idea to send us all back full time the last month of the school year. I see no benefit to students doing it [full time in-school] for only one month. I would rather wait until next year to go back to regular school."

Her reasoning for this was that, "It will be chaotic, and, most importantly,

stressful for students. Bigger classes may be nerve-racking to some students because COVID is still a problem, and many students aren't yet vaccinated."

She also mentioned that due to scheduling coordination problems between the two cohorts, some classes may end up with a different teacher for one or more of their classes. They also may have to relocate to another classroom, lunch period, as well as have more students in the classroom at a closer distance than has been approved by the state and the CDC.

Sophomore Shealynn Dorschied also added, "I want to go fully back but it feels pointless and rushed, and I am

The students I was able to contact felt the same way as people do want to go fully back in person, but don't necessarily see the purpose of going in for such a short amount of time.

nervous to see how our workload changes, but I am excited to see school friends I haven't seen in over a year."

The students I was able to contact felt the same way as people do want to go fully back in person, but don't necessarily see the purpose of going in for such a short amount of time.

Although she feels it may prove to be a challenge for students to adjust to a normal schedule and heavier workloads, Olivia Poulin made a point stating that freshmen like herself feel excited about getting a taste of a normal high school experience for the first time since starting at FHS.

From the perspective of an upper-classman, senior Alyssa Cabral explained how this sudden change to in person school has been purely an "inconvenience."

"Just like other students, we already have our jobs and other personal things worked around our school schedule. I was able to be very flexible with my job since school got out earlier due to COVID, and even with being back for a few weeks is going to be inconvenient. But like everything during this time, we have to be willing to move things around."

Ms. Cabral also mentioned that the school is trying to hard to plan senior activities in May and June.

"And I appreciate that they are trying to make it somewhat normal and allow us to have some fun before leaving high school," she said.

Whether or not being back in full time will affect these senior activities is unknown as most things are still up in the air.

What are your thoughts on going fully back to school this late in the year? Is it worth it? Does this mean that things are starting to look a bit brighter from here on out? I guess we'll have to see what the future holds.

Until next time!



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# Bask holds tree giveaway for Arbor Day

By Beth David  
Editor

Bask Cannabis Dispensary gave away free blue spruce seedlings to hundreds of local residents on Saturday, 5/1, in honor of Arbor Day.

The company had 1,000 seedlings on hand, and by noon had already given away about 500. In the end, they only had about 25 left.

Bask CEO Chapman “Chappy” Dickerson said the day went well. The weather started out rainy, but cleared up pretty early in the morning.

He said a blue spruce will grow up to 40 feet high, although it takes years for it to get that tall.

Mr. Chapman said he has planted a few in his yard and that they are a hardy tree. He even said he even ran one over with the lawn mower, and it survived.

“It’s a good sign that they’re

strong,” he said.

Brian Rapoza grabbed a couple of seedlings and said he got two last year, too.

“I like evergreens because they stay green all year,” he said.

He said he has three or four in his yard that he picked up from Bask over the years. One did not make it, but, he said, the others did.

Several people drove up just for the trees, although many others grabbed a couple on their way out of the dispensary.

This is the fourth year that Bask has held the event, and it was the biggest one yet, offering 1,000 trees to anyone in the community. No purchase necessary.

“As a company, we are committed to sustainable practices and reducing our carbon footprint is important,” said Mr. Dickerson in a press release.

“Getting 1,000 trees in the ground is a great benefit to the environment and a fun way to get the community engaged in the process.”

Bask’s purchased the seedlings from the Massachusetts Tree Wardens Association, contributing to the association’s annual scholarship fund.

Bask has been serving registered medical patients at the Fairhaven dispensary since 2018. A cannabis dispensary, cultivator, and manufacturer, Bask was named Best Dispensary in 2019 by south coast residents and recently expanded its cannabis retail operations in Fairhaven with the addition of recreational sales to adults 21 and older. In February of 2020, the company moved its cultivation and processing operation to a state-of-the-art greenhouse facility in Freetown, MA in partnership with AmeriCann, Inc.



ABOVE LEFT: Brian Rapoza picks up two blue spruce seedlings during Bask’s fourth annual tree giveaway on 5/2/21 to celebrate Arbor Day at its cannabis dispensary in Fairhaven. ABOVE RIGHT: The information card on each blue spruce seedling explains that Bask is committed to sustainable practices and reducing their carbon footprint as a company is important. “Getting these trees in the ground is a great benefit to the environment and a fun way to get the community engaged in the process,” reads the card. BELOW LEFT & RIGHT: Blue spruce seedlings are ready to be picked up by members of the community during Bask’s fourth annual tree giveaway on 5/2/21. Photos by Beth David.



# Fire on Brook Drive injures one, destroys garage, cars

Fairhaven Fire Department  
Press Release

At 3:43 p.m. on Tuesday, 4/27/21, the Fairhaven Police received a 911 call reporting a car fire in the garage at 10 Brook Drive. The Fire Department responded with a full first alarm assignment consisting of two Engines, and one Ladder.

Arriving units reported heavy fire coming from the garage. The fire took about 15 minutes to extinguish but

the fire damage was contained to the garage. The house sustained significant smoke damage.

The fire destroyed the garage and the two vehicles in the garage. The estimated damage for the structure and the two vehicles is approximately \$100,000.

The fire was determined to be accidental in nature. The fire originated in the garage after a family member was working on the fuel

system of one of the cars. During the repair, fuel leaked and came into contact with an ignition source igniting the fire.

There were two occupants in the structure at the time of the fire. One family member sustained minor burns to both forearms and the other escaped without injury.



ABOVE & TOP: Fairhaven Firefighters battle a blaze in the garage at 10 Brook Drive on 4/27/21. RIGHT: Cars are destroyed after the blaze. Photos courtesy of the Fairhaven Fire Department.

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be stopped.

“But more importantly,” he said. “My client’s position is anyone who has been unfairly represented should be vindicated.”

He said that is true for both sides of the issue, if people wanted to sign and “didn’t have a chance,” or if there is a name on there and the person did not want to sign.

“Open, transparent elections are very important in this country, and we are certainly very aware of that these days,” said Mr. Horn.

When contacted for comment about the possible challenge to some signatures, the Recall Dan Freitas Group sent a written statement that it also posted on Facebook.

“This is an affront to the legitimate process that was followed and a blatant insult to the 2,500+ voters who signed that petition in good faith,” reads the statement. “This group implores you, the public, to write to the Board of Selectmen to urge Selectman Freitas to resign.”

The statement says that the public has spoken and volunteers worked “diligently to follow the recall process to the letter of the law.”

They also noted that Mr. Freitas said publicly that he would resign if the 20% threshold was met.

“Once again, he is going back on his word and showing an egregious disregard for our Town’s civic process,” wrote the group.

The 4/15 Facebook post, however, is not the first time Mr. Freitas has indicated, in writing, that he would resign.

In response to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, the *Neighb News* received two emails from last December in which Mr. Freitas informed town officials that he planned to resign. He did not resign and he did not address the resignations publicly in a meeting or online. In order to resign, a town official must submit the resignation in writing to the Town Clerk’s office, which Mr. Freitas never did.

On December 5, 2020, Mr. Freitas sent an email with the subject “Resigning,” to Selectboard member Keith Silvia, Board of Health chairperson Peter DeTerra, and to himself at a second email address.

He wrote:

“To whom it may concern,

“It is with great sadness that I must

let you know that I am resigning my position as Selectman effective immediately. I have spent many years volunteering my time to the town and I believe it is time to step away and let someone else serve the needs of Fairhaven. I wish nothing but the best for those who continue to serve their community!

“Dan Freitas”

On December 13, 2020, Mr. Freitas sent an email with the subject line “Resignation,” to Town Administrator Mark Rees, Selectboard member Keith Silvia, Board of Health chairperson Peter DeTerra, and Assistant to the TA Vicki Oliveira.

He wrote:

“It is with deep regret that that I have to info you of my resignation. It has been a pleasure serving the town. My last day will be the Dec 21st meeting. I wish nothing but the best for those who continue to serve our community!

“Dan Freitas.”

The bylaw governing recalls is available online at <https://ecode360.com/10417050?highlight=recall,recalled&searchId=5903479475723192#10417050>

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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.

### GRAB and GO Meals

Coastline will be providing Grab and Go meals at the Fairhaven Senior Center every Wednesday, from April 28 through May 26 for seniors 60 years old and older. You must pre-register by calling the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029 by 10:00 a.m. the Tuesday before to be able to receive a meal. The meal will be distributed from 11:00-11:30 in front of the Fairhaven Senior Center. Just drive up to the front door and someone will bring the meal to your car. A \$2.00 donation is suggested by

Coastline, but not necessary to receive a meal.

**4/28** Buttermilk Chicken, red bliss potatoes, glazed Carrots; **5/5** Mexicali Chicken, Spanish Rice, Mexicali corn; **5/12** Spaghetti w/Bolognese Sauce, Italian Blend; **5/19** Mac and Cheese, Escalloped Tomatoes; **5/26** Pot Roast, Whipped Sweet Potatoes, green Beans. All lunches with bread, dessert and milk.

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# Acushnet middle school teacher dies from cancer

By Beth David  
Editor

An Acushnet Middle School teacher died from pancreatic cancer last week, leaving the school community mourning.

“It is with a heavy heart we share with you that our 6th grade math teacher Mr. Shane Martin passed away peacefully last night, after a courageous battle with Pancreatic Cancer,” wrote the Acushnet Public Schools on its Facebook page on Saturday, May 1. “We know he



Shane Martin died from pancreatic cancer on 4/30/21. Photo courtesy of the Acushnet Schools.

touched the lives of so many students and colleagues during his time at Ford Middle School and will be greatly missed.”

The school arranged to have extra counselors available for students on Monday.

“Please keep Mr. Martin’s

family in your thoughts during this difficult time,” read the post.

The Ford Middle School posted some photos of a stone with some flowers and a dogwood tree placed on the school grounds.

“The most deserving tribute. A spot for everyone to spend some time, right outside of his classroom,” reads the Facebook post.

The short ceremony on May 3 included remarks and stories by school officials and others who knew him. His daughter Hallie sang.

Mr. Martin, 44, lived in Dartmouth and is survived by his wife Angela, and their two children, Hallie Grace and Christian Jaydon. He was predeceased by his son and Christian’s twin Jaydon Eric Martin.

Mr. Martin taught 6th grade math at Ford Middle School for 22 years.

At he school, a stone marker reads: “See Miracles In Life [Every Day]

“Through Shane’s smile this tree was planted in honor of Shane Martin.”

The stone marker also includes a quote that was also used in his obituary: “I was born to serve people

with a smile & lift people up. I always do my best to fulfill that purpose.”

Mr. Martin’s funeral will be Friday, 5/7 at 9 a.m. at Rock Funeral Home, [www.rock-funeralhome.com](http://www.rock-funeralhome.com).



A tribute to Shane Martin, who taught sixth grade math for 22 years at Ford Middle School, includes a stone marker and dogwood tree near his old classroom. Photo from Albert F Ford Middle School Facebook Page.

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## From our readers

### Tourism Office explains Facebook history posts

I'm writing because it has come to my attention, indirectly, that there has been a complaint by a member of the community about my history posts in Facebook groups and on my personal page "Mr. History Person" and personal blog "http://FairhavenHistory.blogspot.com." This person's claim is that those things should be posted only on an official Town page. The person stated — in a non-official Facebook group — "You want to post history, do it from a town approved web site. That's all I'm saying."

Since the Office of Tourism was started by the Town in 1996, I have guided free public walking tours, presented historical programs at Fort Phoenix, and have promoted Fairhaven's most important history on Office of Tourism websites. Doing that, however, is not why the Office of Tourism was started. It was started to promote the whole town, and all its attractions and activities, in order to bring visitors into the town to help boost our economy. Fairhaven's history is only one part of that picture.

And the reason the Office of Tourism had to create and print historical brochures, guide historical walking tours, and do other historical promotion is because little to nothing was being done by anyone else.

Through all my years as Director of Tourism I have approached other people and groups in town to do this privately on their own, so the Office of Tourism would not have to spend its time and resources on history when it had other things to promote such as beaches, marinas, lodging accommodations, walking trails, special events, shopping and restaurants, bike riding, cultural activities, etc., etc. When Natalie Hemingway first developed historical walking tours for the Fairhaven Tourism Committee, before we had an Office of Tourism, she did it to prove that it could be done and that tours of Fairhaven would be popular. It was her hope that a group like the Historical Society or a private tour company would take over and give their own tours for fund-raising or for profit. It was never the intention that the Office of Tourism continue to do

that all by itself.

But that never happened.

The Town's officially appointed Historical Commission does not provide walking tours, publish historical brochures, or run a Town website promoting Fairhaven History. The non-profit Fairhaven Historical Society does not provide walking tours or publish historical brochures. It does operate a museum part-time and sometimes offers one House Tour a year at the holidays.

Other non-profit groups offer limited, sporadic historical activities with a narrow focus, and none offer general, regular public walking tours or publish much historical material, either in print or online.

The historical things that are officially promoted by the Office of Tourism are only the "big" things that are of interest to people outside Fairhaven — Fort Phoenix, the Henry H. Rogers story, the Pilgrim John Cooke, Manjiro Nakahama, Capt. Joshua Slocum, Joseph Bates, and the Delano family — people and things recognized by those outside of town.

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# Cameron Durant announces run for Fairhaven Selectboard



## Press Release

I am running as a new member to the Select Board because I have a record of delivering results as an elected town

representative. I am proud of my four years as a Commissioner on the Board of Public Works. Our infrastructure (roads, water, sewer, parks and the administration that supports these entities) encompasses an annual \$10 million dollar operating budget and another \$10 million dollars in capital fund projects at this year's Town Meeting. During my tenure some of the items I was involved with included...

- Successful negotiations with the EPA in extending the time frame to eight years for our federally mandated nitrogen removal upgrade to our Arsene Street sewer treatment plant
- Assisted with various approvals for the State Mandated Upgrade to the West island Treatment Plant

- Received numerous environmental awards for the quality of our water/sewer — the most important services the town Government provides to residents
- Assisted with the Automatic Water Meter Technology Upgrade — selecting the most user friendly options for our residents
- Have consistently kept water and sewer rates reasonable despite both Federal and State unfunded mandates
- Been a proponent to merge various Departments as a cost savings for our residents (Parks and Recreation)
- Participated in all Union Negotiations
- Received a nearly \$1 million dollar safe-to-school grant to ensure safe crossings where the bike path intersects with Sconticut Neck Rd.

While the operations and projects are impressive, I believe my greatest accomplishment reflects in my efforts to bring stability and collaboration to this once contentious board. I will bring the same healthy communica-

tions and collaboration to the Select Board. I promise to remove politics from the daily operations at Town Hall and focus on policy. This will be done through restoring the integrity behind the Town Administrator search.

A new TA search committee must vet candidates without interruption or influence. I will also ensure that a Human Resources Officer is brought back to the Town Hall. As a certified HR professional pursuing my MBA-HR, I understand that some of the best financial decisions are not ones that generate revenue, but prevent loss from various liabilities.

As the campaign unfolds, I look forward to meeting more residents and learning about the changes you think need to happen. If elected, I promise to be available, open, forthright, and above all, independent.

Follow the campaign on Facebook at Cam Durant for Fairhaven Select Board or call directly at 508-264-1557. Thank you to the people of Fairhaven for the opportunity.

# Stasia Powers announces run for Fairhaven Selectboard



## Press Release

Fairhaven: we are at a crossroads. **D i v i s i o n e s s**, discord, and stagnation has become our town's reality, and we

cannot fix the problem if we do not identify and define it.

It does not have to be this way: we can have a Select board that collaborates for the greater good, operates transparently, and earns public trust through an open exchange of ideas. We can move forward, together, in the spirit of optimism and opportunity.

My name is Stasia Powers, I am running for a seat on the Select Board. I have been serving Fairhaven for over 15 years. I began my journey as a PTO president at Rogers School. While in that position, I saw a School Committee that was losing public support and decided to step up and serve the district. I realized that the only way to make change was to be a part of the change; I ran for School Committee and won. Since that time, the School Committee has evolved

into a strong working group with diverse opinions. We may not always agree, but we are able to communicate, get to consensus and get things done, always keeping students and community at the forefront of our decision-making.

Finding a permanent town administrator will be my first priority when elected. We must restart the process and ensure an unbiased approach to finding the best possible administrator that our town so clearly deserves. In my tenure on the School Committee, I participated in the search for several of our principals. I know how a professional search process should happen and we have been successful in hiring top notch talent.

As Fairhaven receives federal funds from Covid Relief legislation, the Select Board will have a key role in making sure the funds are well spent and impactful. As a School Committee member, I have been deeply involved in the town's largest and most complex departmental budget for many years and we have been making some of those same decisions in recent months.

I have a longstanding commitment to our town's quality of life, I helped establish the Fairhaven Junior Tennis Association, serving as its first director and I served as the co-chair of the Fairhaven Community Trail Network that built hiking trails and outdoor education opportunities for both elementary schools.

My career has been dedicated to service. My work experience includes time with Buzzards Bay Coalition, fighting for a cleaner Bay, and for Community Connections, advocating for adults with disabilities. I am currently the Community Engagement and Development Director at Community Nurse Home Care, right here in Fairhaven, where I engage our community to bring the best care to patients as they heal at home.

I endeavor to use my skills to move our community forward. Thank you, Fairhaven, for giving me the opportunity to serve you for the past 15+ years. I ask for your vote for Select Board, so I can help our town continue down the path to optimism and opportunity. Please follow me on Facebook @StasiaSelectboard to learn more about me and my platform.

# Public Hearings/Legal Notices

NOTE: All legal notices are available on the Neighb News website, [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com), under the "Legal Notices" tab on the top of the main page. Legal ads are also available at <http://masspublicnotices.org>, search under "Fairhaven Neighborhood News"

## TOWN OF ACUSHNET



There will be an Annual & Special Town Meeting held on Monday, May 10, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. at the Ford Middle School in the Auditorium, 708 Middle Road, Acushnet, MA 02743.

Kevin Gaspar, Chairman  
David Desroches  
David E. Wojnar  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
4/29/21, 5/6/21

### Tree Removal Hearing

Tuesday May 11, 5:00 PM  
Fairhaven Town Hall East room  
40 Center St. Fairhaven Massachusetts 02719  
In accordance with MGL Chapter 87, Section 3  
Proposed removal of 5 trees at 28 Nancy St. 74  
Farmfield St., 4 Leeward way, 10 Eddie St.  
And 1 in the Rogers school yard on Chestnut St.  
Respectfully submitted Don C. Collasius  
Town of Fairhaven Tree Warden

FNN: 5/6/21

### Acushnet Planning Commission

#### Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given, the Acushnet Planning Commission will be holding the following public hearings via Zoom Meetings on May 10, 2021.

- 1) 10:05 a.m. – Proposal to amend Acushnet General Bylaws of Zoning Article VIII, Section 7, Flood Plain Overlay District as follows:
  - a. Replacing Section 7.2 with Floodplain District Boundaries and Floodplain Requirements
  - b. Amending Section 7.2 A by replacing the existing Bristol County Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) with new data effective 07/01/2021
  - c. Adding a new section 7.3 "Definitions"
- 2) 10:10 a.m. – Proposal to amend Acushnet General Bylaws of Zoning Article VIII, 3.3.C. 14 as follows:
  - a. Add Section "A" to include subsection numbers 1 through 8;
  - b. Change the wording of "A (8) to read:  
No common driveway shall be constructed within seventy-five feet (75') of any principal or accessory structure existing or to be served thereby.
  - c. Replace subsection number 9 with a section "B" to read as follows:  
*All principal and accessory structures shall be serviced by a driveway that is located within one hundred fifty feet (150') of those structures and which driveway must meet the minimum construction standards herein specified.*
- 3) 10:15a.m. – Proposal to amend Acushnet General Bylaws of Zoning Article VIII, by adding a subsection "H" to Section 3.3.1 and Section 3.3.2 and adding a Section "I" to 3.3.4 as follows:  
*No material or supplies shall be stored or permitted to remain on any portion of the property outside of a building constructed thereon. Any finished products or semi-finished products stored on the property outside of the building shall be confined to the rear half of the property and shall be appropriately screened on all sides, but shall in no instance be placed on that side of a building paralleling an existing or proposed street. No waste material or refuse shall be dumped upon or permitted to remain upon any part of said property outside of a building constructed thereon.*
- 4) 10:20 a.m. – Proposal to amend Acushnet General

Bylaws of Zoning Article VIII, Section 3.3.4 Subsection "E" by deleting subsection (6) and (7) and adding in their place the following section to read as follows:  
*Section 3.3.4 "E" (6) UPLAND CIRCLE: No dwelling, building or structure, having permitted use in any district, shall be erected on a lot unless the lot has an area within its bounds which encompasses an upland circle with a minimum diameter equal to 90% of the required frontage and within which the frontage, or a distance equal to the frontage at the front yard setback line, must pass.*

- 5) 10:25 a.m. – Proposal to amend Acushnet General Bylaws of Zoning Article VIII, Section 3.3.1 by eliminating subsection (13) Light Manufacturing, and renumbering those items which follow.
- 6) 10:30 a.m. – Proposal to amend Acushnet General Bylaws of Zoning Article VIII, Section 1.2 Definitions for "Street" or "Way" as follows:

*STREET OR WAY – A public way, a private way shown on a plan approved under the provisions of the Subdivision Control Law, or a private way in existence when the provisions of the Subdivision Control Law became effective in Town, having, in the opinion of the Town's Planning Board, suitable grades and adequate construction to serve the proposed use of land abutting thereon or served thereby and for the installation of municipal services to serve such land and the building erected or to be erected thereon, having a minimum pavement width of twenty-two (22) feet and a minimum layout width of thirty (30) feet.*

- 7) 10:35 a.m. – Proposal to amend Stormwater Review Board Regulations and Stormwater Bylaw  
The full text of each of the afore mentioned proposed additions or amendments are available at the Town Clerk's office at the Parting Ways bldg., 130 Main St., during regularly scheduled business hours and are expected to appear on the May 10, 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

#### Join Zoom Meeting

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Marc Cenerizio, Chairman

FNN: 4/29/21, 5/6/21

### Fairhaven Planning Board

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Tuesday, May 25, 2021 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 May 25, 2021, in Fairhaven on SP 2021-02: Crow Island Special Events Center. The Planning Board Meeting and public hearing will be conducted remotely for the public and will be televised live on Fairhaven TV Channel 18 and [fairhaventv.com](http://fairhaventv.com).

To Join the Meeting from home Log on to:

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Meeting ID: 931 6335 8101; Password: 740257

The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following Special Permit application: SP 2021-02 – Crow Island Special Events Center. The applicant, Albert Santos/New Bedford, Inc., represented by Attorney John Markey, is requesting approval through the Special Permit public hearing review process for a proposal to create a destination for events such as weddings, corporate outings, parties and other special events on Crow Island, a 2.3-acre island in New Bedford/Fairhaven Harbor, in Fairhaven (Map 44 Lot 1 - 2.29 acres).

A copy of the application is on file for public review at the Planning Board Office, Town Hall by appointment and on the Town website. To schedule an appointment to review the application call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4082, Ext. 9 or 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  
FNN: 5/6/21, 5/13/21

### Acushnet Planning Commission

Notice of Zoom Public Hearing  
Site Plan Review and Solar Special Permit  
Robinson Road – Assessors Map 7 – Lot 7,  
Acushnet MA

May 20, 2021 – 8:30 pm

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 20th, 2021 at 8:30 p.m. via Zoom Meetings in accordance with Acushnet General Bylaws, Zoning Article VIII, Sections 3.4 and 3.5, and the Acushnet Subdivision Rules and Regulations, Article III, Section 313, to process an application for a site plan review and a special permit for a solar array proposed by Robinson Road Solar LLC. The engineer is SITEC, Inc. The plans and accompanying documentation are available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office by appointment only, Parting Ways Building, 130 Main St. 1 st Floor.

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Wednesday	12	0909	2124	0237	1415
Thursday	13	0949	2205	0305	1453
Friday	14	1030	2246	0339	1534
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Sunday	16	----	1200	0451	1654

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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*

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### Fairhaven

#### Board of Appeals

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

#### Board of Assessors

Tues., 5/11, Remote, 6 p.m.

#### Board of Health

Wed., 5/12, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

#### Board of Public Works

Mon., 5/17, Arsene St., 6:15 p.m.

#### Community Preservation

Wed., 5/12, Town Hall/Remote 6:30

#### Conservation Commission

Mon., 5/10, Town Hall/Remote, 6:30

#### Rogers Re-Use Comm.

Thurs., 5/6, Town Hall Remote, 6:30

Mon., 5/10, at Selectboard mtg.

#### School Committee

Wed., 5/12, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

#### Selectboard

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

### Acushnet

#### Annual Town Meeting

Mon., 5/10, Ford Middle Sch., 7 p.m.

#### Election

Sat., 5/15, Polls open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

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#### Selectboard

Mon., 5/10, Before Town Mtg, 6:30

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And those are the primary things that are talked about on walking tours, promoted on <http://FairhavenTours.com>, and in printed brochures and the Visitors Guide book published by my office.

But residents and former residents of Fairhaven like a lot of other “smaller,” more personal history, too. They like memories of their old schools and teachers, well-known local personalities, history of long-gone businesses like the drug stores and neighborhood shops, history of old houses in town, and so much more. Those kinds of history are not “Office of Tourism” history.

So that is why, when my wife was editor of *The Advocate* in the 1990s, I started writing an “Ask Mr. History Person” column for the newspaper. When Lori and I later published the *Navigator* magazine for ten years as a business, I started researching and writing other history on my own time, under the name “Mr. History Person.” We published articles, answered questions, and let people know about historical activities going on in town. I contributed “Mr. History Person” columns to the *Fairhaven Neighborhood News*. I started a Fairhaven history blog and a “Mr. History Person” page on Facebook. And as social media became even more popular, I started posting old photos and historical tidbits in privately run Facebook groups such as “Grew Up in Fairhaven, MA,” “Hometown Fairhaven, MA,” “North Fairhaven Friends,” “New Bedford, MA, Historical Photo Club,” and others.

Not much of that history is of interest to tourists or can be used on the Office of Tourism website or Facebook pages to bring in tourists from out of town. The Office of Tourism’s advertising in magazines in Rhode Island or on the Cape will never say, “Come to Fairhaven, we used to have Browne’s Pharmacy and Frank’s Dairy Bar!” Those are just memories for us who live or came from here.

Anyone at all can research and write about Fairhaven history and publish it wherever they want to — in magazines and newspapers, on websites, on Facebook. Some do.

Fairhaven’s history should not be promoted ONLY on “town approved” media as has been suggested. Would you want your history fed to you only

by a sanctioned and approved government authority? The Office of Tourism will continue to promote the history and historical attractions that might bring tourists to town. Other official or non-profit or private groups and individuals CAN and SHOULD also continue to share stories and photos and memories of our past however and wherever they can.

*Christopher Richard,  
Fairhaven Director of Tourism*

### **Correy not quite ready to announce**

I would start by thanking the recall team for their efforts in mounting what was seemingly an insurmountable task. They did something that few thought they could do and for that the town owes them gratitude as that is a result of their passion for the town.

I am not here to announce anything. I’ve said since the winter that I plan to run for the seat currently occupied by Dan Freitas and as of the moment I write this, that seat is still occupied by him. He has served this town for many years and is still serving. There is a level of respect that comes with that. How can I speak to integrity and professionalism while declaring my candidacy for a seat that isn’t yet available to run for?

However my vision hasn’t changed and when that seat is available I will officially declare my candidacy and put energy behind those events. Until then, I have reached out to Brad Fish (Veteran’s Services Officer) to make myself available to help with his Memorial Day efforts.

*Leon Correy, Fairhaven*

### **Hahn calls for truce**

I respectfully request that Mr DeTerra and I declare a truce because as we all know the Board of Health has to get down to business and has a lot of work to do.

I am confident with our new board member, Chief Gallagher, and our new Health Agent, Mr. Flaherty, that our Board of Health will proceed with their business of protecting the health of Fairhaven’s citizens in a manner that is respectful and befitting of the office they hold.

*Diane Hahn, Fairhaven*

### **Food pantry is available**

This letter is to remind needy folks that the dedicated Shepherd’s Pantry

volunteers, located at the Long Plain United Methodist Church, 1215 Main St., Acushnet, are waiting to serve you. Before the pandemic made its way into our lives, the clients who came looking for help averaged around 90 individuals each Saturday between the hours of 9 and 11 a.m. Now, our average totals are a lot lower.

Just to remind you all, we have and continue to make sure that everyone, including our clients and volunteers are safe and we take all precautions concerning how we distribute the non-perishable food that we hand out. That is — everyone must wear masks and we limit the amount of people who enter the pantry.

So...if you are food insecure, please be advised that we are open and willing to help. Our motto has been and will continue to be, “no one will be turned away empty handed if you come looking for help.”

If you have any questions, please call the pantry at, 508-763-9289.

*God bless, Gerry Payette,  
Director/Shepherd’s Pantry*

### **New Tree Warden is “very enthusiastic”**

Fairhaven has a new and very enthusiastic Tree Warden. I’m hoping he will be appreciative of any suggestions the residents of Fairhaven have.

The Little Bay Conservation Area (about 70 acres) was acquired in 1996 for the enjoyment of all. Since then, many of the older trees have succumbed to disease, insect damage and storms, hence this area has *much* deadwood that needs to be cleared out to make room for young trees to grow.

All Don C. Collasius, our new Tree Warden, needs to do is walk from Orchard Street to Arsene Street to get a first-hand look to see this area needs a good cleaning out of dead trees and branches.

The usable wood could be stored in lots and later auctioned off at the public works popular resale bargain day.

This would be a good way to start his tenure as Tree Warden and little by little this conservation area would come alive again and look like Fairhaven *really cares* about its environment.

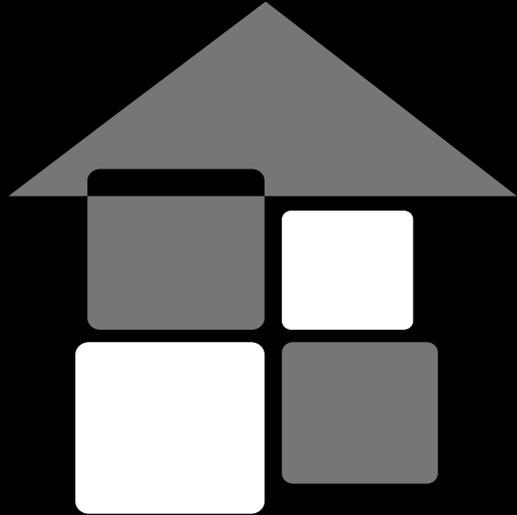
*Sallie Johnson, Fairhaven*



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