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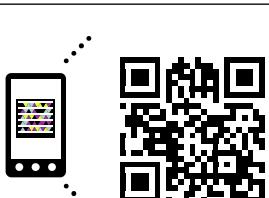
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Teeing with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Tree Warden's first project: 12 new trees



In his first project as Tree Warden Don C. Collasius is joined by workers from Eversource, Fairhaven town officials, and local volunteers on 5/7/21 as he speaks about planting 12 trees to celebrate Arbor Day. The tree in front of him is a Lacebark Elm planted on Laurel Street by Our Lady's Haven. The tree is a medium size elm, with colorful leaves and a distinctive mottled, or exfoliating bark. 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.

Well, I guess you've gotta give the guy credit for perseverance, right? Nah. Mr. Freitas did not resign. You're shocked, I know (see page 4).

The recall signatures have been certified, but Mr. Freitas has retained an attorney to scrutinize each one. No news on where they stand in that process yet.

Meanwhile, the rest of the Selectboard set the date for the recall/special election for 7/26. It's the last possible Monday that would be in compliance with the bylaws.

Nomination papers are available now (see page 5), but all the other dates and details were not available by press time. We'll have all that next week.

In any case, I think it's time to really take a look at that bylaw and find a way for recalls to be a little easier. Not too easy. Recalling a duly elected official should be difficult, but not nearly impossible. I am still impressed with the organization and dedication it took to gather those signatures in the short time frame.

I'll wait to see what the attorney comes up with before I say anything else. So far, we have two people who have announced they are running for the seat, and one who promises to send an announcement soon.

And...the shitshow continues. Mr. Freitas has decided that he will not have anything to do with the Town Administrator search that he so handily messed up. So, with Mr. Silvia forced to recuse himself, and Mr. Freitas not engaging because...well...just because, I guess...that leaves only Mr. Espindola to act. I'm not sure the Rule of Necessity will work here, but..why not give it a shot, huh?

There's other good stuff in here, of course. Acushnet had its town meeting this week (see page 16), and I must say it was refreshingly normal.

Our cover story is a fun one. Honestly, it was just a small group of us out there, but after the pandemic year, you would've thought it was a big FESTA. We were all smiles and no masks and standing near each other outside...outside (baby steps). Oh, the beauty of science. I believe in science. We had a day with NO COVID deaths this week (see page 3). That's a first in more than 300 days. THANK YOU SCIENCE! Oh yeah...see pages 3 and 7 for how to get your one-and-done vaccination, walk-in, no wait.

Until next week then...see ya,



Beth David, Publisher

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Nothing this week? Really? Cool.

COVID update: Walk-in vaccinations available statewide

By Beth David
Editor

Massachusetts is now allowing walk-ins at all seven mass vaccination sites in the state, including the former Circuit City site on Faunce Corner Road in Dartmouth. People are still able to make an appointment online, but it is no longer necessary.

For the first time in more than 300 days, Massachusetts recorded no COVID-19 deaths in the state.

The mass vaccination sites are: Gillette Stadium, Foxborough, 888-623-3830; Natick Mall, Natick, 888-990-6066; Hynes Convention Center, Boston, 888-623-3830; Reggie Lewis Center, Roxbury, 888-623-3830; Eastfield Mall, Springfield, 888-702-9042; Doubletree Hotel, Danvers, 888-702-9042; Former Circuit City, Dartmouth, 888-702-9042.

Visit <https://www.mass.gov> for more information.

Walk-in Vax in Fairhaven

The Fairhaven Board of Health and Fairhaven Fire Department are partnering with Walmart to offer Pfizer COVID-19 vaccinations to Fairhaven residents, 16+ on Saturday,

May 15 from 10AM - 2PM at the Fairhaven Recreation Center (227 Huttleston Avenue).

Interested residents are encouraged to call the Fairhaven Health Department at 508-979-4023 ext. 125 if they intend to get a vaccine on Saturday. Walk-in appointments are also welcome. Individuals will need to bring their ID and insurance card (if applicable). Minors must be accompanied by a consenting adult.

The follow-up date for the second Pfizer vaccine shot will be June 5, 2021 from 10AM-2PM at the Fairhaven Recreation Center.

For more information, contact the Fairhaven Health Department at 508-979-4023 ext. 125 or visit the website at <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/covid-19-vaccine>.

12+ can get vaccinated

The Food and Drug Administration approved the Pfizer vaccine for ages 12-15 on Monday. Ages 16+ are already eligible to receive the vaccine.

More places to get vaccine

The vaccine is also available in more places, with many pharmacies

becoming walk-in sites.

The numbers

Massachusetts had 472 confirmed cases on 5/10, bringing the total to 654,108. The state reported 17,519 active cases; 441 patients were hospitalized with COVID-19; 117 patient were in intensive care units, and 76 were intubated.

There were no new deaths reported on 5/10, the first time in 315 days. There have been 17,344 confirmed deaths in total in Mass.

The Fairhaven Health Department has started posting weekly reports on Facebook in addition to the town's website. Information is from the state's website, which is updated on Thursdays at 5 p.m., so information will be posted on Fridays.

As of 5/7/21, Fairhaven had 1,993 total cases; 1,410 tests in the previous two weeks; 42 total cases in the previous 2 weeks (active cases); and a 4.11% positivity rate. The town's color status is yellow.

In total, 16,474 Fairhaven residents had been vaccinated as of 5/7; 59% of females and 41% of males in Fairhaven have been vaccinated.

CONGRATULATE FAIRHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING SENIORS

The community is invited to join in the fun of giving the class of 2021 a special send-off into the world. They have not had a traditional senior year due to COVID-19 restrictions, so the school is sponsoring a special issue of the *Neighb News* on 6/10/21. The public is invited to purchase ads at a special rate to congratulate seniors.

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Selectboard sets recall election for 7/26

Jean Perry

Neigh News Correspondence

Fairhaven voters will have to wait until July 26 for a recall election after Selectboard member Keith Silvia insisted that the town clerk and her staff would be unable to manage an election in less time.

Selectboard Chairperson Daniel Freitas left the room during the 5/10 meeting while Mr. Silvia and board member Bob Espindola discussed setting the date for a special election for voters to decide if they will recall and replace Mr. Freitas. More than the required 20% of registered voters signed a petition in support of the recall. That petition was certified by the town clerk on 5/3, setting the clock in motion to hold a recall election between 60 and 90 days.

Mr. Espindola read a letter from Town Counsel Tom Crotty explaining that the earliest date for an election would be 7/2; however, that would mean prospective candidates would only have until 5/12 to submit nomination papers with 50 signatures.

"Probably not realistic in my view," said Mr. Espindola. The last date to

hold an election would be 7/30, a Sunday, with nomination papers due on 6/9. Town Clerk Carolyn Hurley's preference to keep with tradition and hold the election on a Monday makes 7/26 the final Monday before the deadline.

Mr. Espindola motioned for Monday, 7/12, giving just about eight weeks for the town clerk to prepare, with the due date for nomination papers 5/21. Mr. Silvia would not second it.

"I spoke with the town clerk today because I didn't know any of this, Bob," said Mr. Silvia. "She had it all figured out, and she came up with July 26."

Mr. Espindola argued that 7/26 was an informal suggestion and that candidates would have plenty of time to gather the required 50 signatures by 5/21. After all, the recall petition volunteers gathered over 2,500 signatures in under a fortnight.

"So, in my mind, that's the parameter here," said Mr. Espindola. "And, let's face it; if you have been following this, and anybody ... unless they've been living under a rock has

been following this, [potential candidates] have had plenty of time to think about it — almost two full weeks — same as the recall signature collection."

"We've had a lot of delays ... and we owe it to the community to resolve this issue as soon as possible," said Mr. Espindola.

"Yeah," said Mr. Silvia. "I have no problem with the collecting the signatures, I only was — the way Carolyn was explaining it to me, she needs all these processes to go through, and that this was, I mean, I'd like to talk to Carolyn [because] she gave me that number."

"We asked [Mr. Crotty] for all of the requirements, okay?" said Mr. Espindola. "We are the ones who make the decision ... of when the election is going to be, and not the town clerk. If she can't do it within that timeframe, then that timeframe should not have been described to us."

"I just don't know why [Ms. Hurley] came up firm with that date (7/26)," said Mr. Silvia looking to Interim

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Cam Durant for Select Board



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Clothing drive

The Fairhaven High School class of 2023 is holding a clothing drive with Savers as a fundraiser for the class. Sat., 5/15, from 9-11 a.m. at the back of Fairhaven High School.

The public is encouraged to drop off contractor bags filled with resellable clothes. So clean out those closets and help out the students at the same time.

Nomination papers

Nomination papers are available for a single seat on the Fairhaven Selectboard for the special election on 7/26. Voters will be asked to vote yes or no on recalling Fairhaven Selectboard member Daneil Freitas, and then voters will be asked to vote for someone to fill the seat.

Candidates need to get 50 signatures of registered voters in Fairhaven to be on the ballot.

Contact the Town Clerk, 508-979-4023 ext. 3 for details.

Shrub Prog ends

The 2021 Fairhaven Improvement Association Shrubbery voucher program has ended. Due to an overwhelming interest by Fairhaven residents the FIA has distributed all 100 vouchers allocated for 2021.

If you have already received your voucher you can redeem it at Kenny's Garden & Landscape center, 325 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven until September 30, 2021.

Plant Sale

The Greater New Bedford Garden Club's annual plant sale is scheduled for **Sat., 5/15 (NOTE date correction), 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.

Panel Discussion

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., 5/19 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. 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

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While you are in the library you can: Browse the stacks and pick out materials; Request reading advisories from staff; Receive reference assistance for both adults and children; Browse the DVD and magazine collections (limited to 2 patrons at time); Check out material

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Restrooms are not available for use at this time.

SAVE THE DATES:

Huttleston Marketplace

The Huttleston Marketplace will begin be open on Saturdays, 5/22 through 9/18, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on at the Fairhaven Visitors Center lawn/ Fairhaven High School lawn, 141 Main St., Fairhaven. Huttleston Marketplace is an outdoor bazaar featuring more than 65 vendors selling select hand made arts and crafts, quality antiques and vintage collectibles, upcycled items, fresh farm produce, and locally prepared foods. It is held rain or shine.

Contact the Fairhaven Office of Tourism, FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov or 508-979-4085.

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Yard Sale F-R

The Fairhaven Animal Shelter, 200 Bridge St., Fairhaven, will hold its annual yard sale on Sat., 5/22, from 11:00 to 2:00. It will be entirely outside and all COVID precautions will be taken. We have hundreds of items, including dog crates, carriers, leashes, collars, sweaters, beds, toys and much more!

New Members

In the past few years the North Fairhaven Improvement Association has lost some very active and important members. Please consider joining us to help us keep our 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. Find them on Facebook, or go to a meeting.



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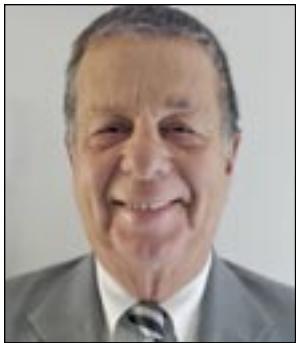
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Candidate statement: Acushnet Selectboard



**Marc
Cenerizio**

My name is Marc Cenerizio, and I am a candidate for Selectman in Acushnet in 2021. I have lived here

for 37 years with my family.

I currently serve as Chairman of the Board of Assessors, Chairman of the Planning Board, and serve as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Community Preservation Committee and several other boards. I was recognized for my love of this town and humbly accepted the Standard Times "Acushnet Man of the Year" award in 2007.

I chose to run for Selectman to continue my participation in planning for the future needs and goals of our community. Revenues obtained through taxation make up approximately half of the entire annual operating budget. I understand the

need to maintain fair and equitable taxation amongst all real estate classes.

I supported and was part of the creation of Acushnet's Initial Master Plan in 2010. Over the past decade, the Master Plan has helped Acushnet grow and improve by creating new zoning which led to economic expansion and affordable housing. One of the reasons this was possible is due to the expansion of municipal water and sewer services. This availability made the Residential Village District a reality. If a Master Plan is in place for the next 10 years, it will help navigate the town in the right direction. I believe it will be a key component for Acushnet to have a successful future.

Over the past year, there has been a strain in the town's relationship with PJ Keating since their relocation of the asphalt production plant. At this point, there is no permanent resolution as there is on-going litigation. I will work diligently for the outcome to be cost effective and favorable for the residents of Acushnet.

If elected, one of my goals will be to promote a good relationship among town departments and boards to get the job done. I will also concentrate my efforts in hiring a new full-time Town Planner to assist with the creation of a new Master Plan. A Master Plan is essential to maintain financial stability and growth by creating a checklist for objectives and goals.

I will also address the need for veteran and elderly housing. The Town of Acushnet currently does not meet the state's guidelines for these groups who are too often overlooked.

I believe my many years of experience and understanding of this town makes me the right choice for Selectman. My passion for Acushnet is evident with my dedication to be a civil servant in several capacities. I would appreciate your vote on May 15. Remember, it is all up to US to keep Acushnet the place to be and the place we love!

Editor's note: Incumbent Kevin Gaspar was invited to send a statement but did not make deadline.

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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 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.

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.

Vax One & Done

COVID-19 One-n-Done Vaccinations for All in New Bedford. The J&J single shot COVID-19 vaccination for everyone is available on **Wednesdays in May on Pier 3.** Dates are May 12,

May 19, and May 26, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

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We are excited to announce the return of Creative Courts! This summer we are going to finish painting the surrounding wall of the Clasky Common court, creating a larger immersive experience and give more context to the messages in the court. This mural will include a key to decode the message, as well as further inspiration from New Bedford's history and residents.

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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.

Open Studios

We are throwing open our windows and doors to let the light and fresh air for your visit: May 15 & May 16th, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. both days!

See how new Bedford's local north-end artists, artisans, craftspeople, and antiquers make it happen at Hatch Street Studios.

This self-guided, family-friendly, free tour is part of the Greater Southcoast Spring Arts Festival.

Masks and social distancing required. We look forward to your visit. Visit www.HatchStreetStudios.com, 88 & 90 Hatch Street, New Bedford, MA 02745

CV Parade Canceled

The Cape Verdean Recognition Committee has announced that due to the current status of COVID-19 in New Bedford, we will be cancelling this year's Cape Verdean Recognition Parade (held the beginning of July). This was a tough call to make, but it was necessary to prioritize the health and safety of our participants, vendors and our committee members that plan all year for this day. As more vaccines are made available to those in our community, we encourage everyone to get vaccinated and continue to follow CDC guidelines. Let's continue being safe and plan for an even bigger and better parade for next year.

NBSO Concert

RADIANCE Virtual concert release date: Saturday, May 15, 4pm. Florence Price: String Quartet No. 2 in A Minor A garden of musical delights!

South Coast Chamber Music closes its season with three works of particular brilliance. The second String Quartet of distinguished African-American composer Florence Price illuminates and inspires after a century of neglect. Recorded at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Dartmouth, MA. Video and audio production provided by Soundmirror, Inc.

Tickets are \$20 per household, available for purchase until 3 p.m., May 15, and include unlimited

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

VOTE in Acushnet

Acushnet's annual election is this Saturday, 5/15, from 8 a.m.–6 p.m. All precincts vote at the Acushnet Elementary School, 708 Middle Road.

There is one contested race on the ballot. Marc F. Cenerizio, who is the chairperson of the Planning Commission, is challenging long time incumbent Kevin Gaspar, Sr.

All other seats are uncontested, and three seats have no candidate.

For more information contact the Town Clerk's office at 508-998-0215.

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

Walk-in Vax

Walk-in Vaccinations, no appointment necessary, at the Acushnet Council on Aging/Senior Center, 59 1/2 So. Main St., Thurs., 5/20, from 2–7 p.m. Administering the J&J one-shot vaccine.

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.

Planting Passport

It's gardening season and the Mattapoisett Woman's Club is offering a unique way to save money on outdoor and indoor plants including shrubs, vegetables, and flowers. There are even three shops offering discounts on flower arrangements.

Proceeds from the *Pathway to Planting Passport* help provide scholarships annually for Mattapoisett students. This \$10 passport booklet offers special discounts on **May 21st, 22nd, and 23rd at:** Always in Bloom Flower & Gift Shoppe, Blossoms Flower Shop, Crystal Lake Garden Shop, Eden Florist & Garden Shop, Great Scapes Nursery, Lawrence Family Greenhouses, Nessralla's Farm and Greenhouses, Roseland Nursery, and Williams' Trading Post. Two of the vendors offer only the following special dates -

Village Gardens (May 17-23) and TomCat Daylily Farm (the month of July only).

The Pathway to Planting Passports are available for purchase at The Town Wharf General Store and Pen & Pendulum. For more information contact Carole at 774.582.1913 or info@mattapoisettwomanclub.org

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is always open to new members from the south coast area. For more information and membership application, please visit <https://www.mattapoisettwomanclub.org/members/>

Dramatic Reading

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. Guests must follow COID-19 guidance/protocols. Bring your own chair. The Robert O. Broomhead Bandstand is located at Island Wharf at 1 Island Wharf Road, Marion.

Virtual Shakespeare

Hub Theatre Company of Boston will be returning to the virtual stage this spring with William Shakespeare's *Love's Labour's Lost*, directed by local favorite Bryn Boice. Featuring the cast of Hub Theatre's critically acclaimed fall production of *Much Ado About Nothing*, this show will be performed live online Saturday, May 22, Thursday, May 27, and Saturday, May 29 at 7:30 pm and also on Sunday, May 23 at 5:00 pm. All performances are **Pay-What-You-Can**. For tickets and information please visit www.hubtheatreboston.org

Sparks, sonnets, and shenanigans

fly in Shakespeare's rollicking romantic comedy. The King of Navarre and his three idealistic lords vow to forswear food, fun, and females for three years of virtuous study. However, no sooner do they take their vow, than the Princess of France and her three lovely ladies arrive, and all bets are off! Replete with misadventures and mistaken identities, this contemporary take on the Bard" coming-of-age classic explores how we learn, how we love, and how we learn to love.

Art Items Wanted

*Gift preowned art without guilt!
Marion Art Center Seeks Artwork for
Online Auction*

Ready to downsize to a tiny house (or at least a smaller one)? Need to make room for new artwork? Ready to part with that piece of sculpture you thought you couldn't live without? Now is the time! Back by popular demand, the Marion Art Center is currently preparing for its second summer online art auction fundraiser with a request to the public for donations of well-cared-for, preowned pieces of art. Potential donations cover a broad range of categories including framed wall art, sculpture, glass, handmade ceramics, objets d'art, and more. On the suggestion of last year's enthusiastic bidders, a new category, jewelry, will be introduced to this summer's offerings.

In addition to generating much needed funding to underwrite the operating costs of this treasured Southcoast resource, the online art auction promotes MAC's mission to support and promote vibrant art experiences in the community. Donating objects for the auction provides an opportunity for the greater community to gift quality works of art, confident that they will provide years of viewing pleasure and appreciation to a new owner.

We are accepting items until June 15, 2021, but early donations to the auction are strongly encouraged

Spring is an ideal time to declutter, reevaluate and renew your interiors, including items buried deep in a closet or relegated long ago to the attic or cellar. Contact the Marion Art Center at 508-748-1266 or email info@marionartcenter.org with "Auction Donation" in the subject line.

Recipe of the Week

Wild Plum Crisp

3/4 cup old-fashioned oats
1/3 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 c plus 2 tbsps sugar, divided
1/4 cup packed brown sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
3 tablespoons butter, softened
1/4 cup chopped walnuts
5 cups sliced fresh plums (about 2 pounds)
1 tbsp quick-cooking tapioca
2 teaspoons lemon juice

In a small bowl, combine the oats, flour, 1/4 cup sugar, brown sugar, salt, cinnamon and nutmeg. With hands, work butter into sugar mixture until well combined. Add nuts; toss to combine. Refrigerate for 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a large bowl, combine the plums, tapioca, lemon juice and remaining sugar. Transfer to a greased 9-in. pie plate. Let stand for 15 minutes. Sprinkle topping over plum mixture.

Bake at 375° until topping is golden brown and plums are tender, 40-45 minutes. Serve warm.

To share a recipe with your neighbors

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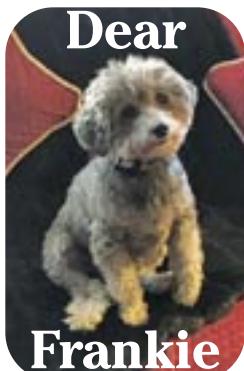
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Dear Frankie

Separation Anxiety

Dear Frankie,
I was adopted during Covid

when I was two months old. For the first six months of my life, my human siblings and parents were always home. It never crossed



my mind that we wouldn't always live like that.

The first clue I got that life was going to change was when my sibs went back to school. But the real shocker came when my Mom went to work three days a week. From the minute she left, the same question went round and round in my head: when will she come back?

My Dad understood my anxiety, and to calm me down, he gave me extra treats and let me sit on his lap whenever I wanted.

Just when I was getting accustomed to it being just my Dad and me, I heard him tell the family he was going back to work full time.

Do you understand what that means for me? I am going to be alone, in the house, all by myself two days a week. Do dogs ever have nervous breakdowns when they are left at home alone?

Scared, Madeline

Dear Madeline,

I certainly understand your anxiety about being on your own, particularly for the first time. Your situation may not be as dire as you think. There are a variety of services for dogs who live with working families. These are just a few of the services: dog walkers

who take dogs out for a run, pet sitters who come to the house to provide companionship, doggie daycares that provide dogs a place to be with other dogs.

If your parents decide you'll be fine on your own two days a week, you might reframe how you think about the time to make it more palatable. Perhaps if you thought of the time as hours before your sibs come home from school rather than two days alone might make it easier for you to swallow. I know some dogs who pass their time alone quite pleasantly by taking long naps in a sunny spot, watching TV dog shows, the soaps, or reruns of the Westminster Dog Show.

It would help if you kept in mind that there will be many weeks during the year when your family will be at home, such as holidays and school and summer vacations. There will also be times when someone in the family will stay in bed for a day or two because they are under the weather.

From what you said about your Dad, I think he and your Mom will see that you are taken care of when the family is away.

Best, Frankie

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

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BPW reorganizes board, with little change

By Mary Macedo

Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Monday 5/3 the Fairhaven Board of Public Works reorganized, and also discussed the new Sewer Superintendent and plans for interviewing for the Assistant Sewer Superintendent.

BPW Chairperson Brian Wotton was absent from the meeting. Vice-Chairperson Robert "Hoppy" Hobson chaired the meeting.

The board reorganized, voting for chairperson and other position.. Board member Cameron Durant immediately nominated Brian Wotton to remain Chairperson. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Durant then nominated Mr. Hobson as Vice-Chairperson. Board member Frank Coelho nominated Mr. Durant to become the Vice-Chair.

Mr. Hobson asked if there was a second for Mr. Durant becoming the new Vice-Chairperson.

Board member Marcus Ferro asked Mr. Durant if he wanted him to second the nomination. Mr. Durant said no he did not want the nomination.

No one seconded Mr. Coelho's nomination, so the motion died..

Mr. Hobson asked if there was a second for himself to remain BPW Vice-Chairperson. Mr. Ferro seconded the nomination and Mr. Hobson, Mr. Ferro, and Mr. Durant voted in favor, with Mr. Coelho voting against. The motion passed.

Mr. Durant, who had been the

clerk, then nominated Mr. Coelho for Clerk. Mr. Ferro seconded the nomination with Mr. Coelho, Mr. Durant, and Mr. Ferro all voting in favor, and Mr. Hobson voting against it. The motion passed for Mr. Coelho to become the new BPW Clerk.

The first appointment on the agenda was to meet with the newly appointed Sewer Superintendent Rene Robillard to introduce him, as well as discuss his salary.

BPW Superintendent Vinnie Furtado explained that the BPW voted to hire Mr. Robillard at the last BPW meeting. Mr. Furtado said that unfortunately Mr. Robillard was not be able to make it to that meeting, so they would have to reschedule.

Mr. Furtado said that Mr. Robillard was feeling sick and had planned to join the meeting via Zoom, but as the day went on he started to feel worse.

Board members agreed that it was no problem and they could reschedule the appointment

In another matter Mr. Furtado informed the board that the Livesey Club would be painting the concession stand at Livesey Park. He said they would be painting the Fairhaven High School Blue Devil on it.

Mr. Furtado also informed the board that he met with the Planning Board and they approved all the 2021 roadwork. He said he is meeting with the Planning Board again to get the 2022 roadwork approved.

Mr. Furtado also explained to the

board that they will need to start doing interviews for Assistant Sewer Superintendent now that they have promoted Mr. Robillard to Sewer Superintendent.

Mr. Furtado said they already had one candidate from outside the Department. He said he would like to bring that candidate in front of the board, as well as a candidate who is already within the Fairhaven Sewer Department.

Mr. Coelho said he had a problem with the discussion, as it was not on the agenda.

Mr. Furtado said he was just mentioning some information that he did not put in his Superintendent Report. Mr. Furtado said that is fine and they can put it on the agenda for next meeting.

In another matter Mr. Durant asked Mr. Furtado what the status of the recycling center study. Mr. Furtado said that it was on hold because the engineering company could not get access to the records they need because it has been closed due to COVID. Mr. Furtado said he would check on it.

Mr. Hobson asked Mr. Furtado when the new water meters will be getting installed.

Mr. Furtado said they are in the process of hiring a company to help with the installation process, but it looks the Water Department will start installing the new water meters by June.



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New tree warden celebrates Arbor Day by planting 12 trees

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven's new Tree Warden, Don C. Collasius, has kicked off his term by planting 12 trees to celebrate Arbor Day. On Friday, 5/7, Mr. Collasius and a crew of Eversource and public works employees planted three different types of trees on Laurel Street near Our Lady's Haven, and at Cooke Park.

Mr. Collasius said he consulted with arborists and Eversource to be sure to pick trees that would grow well, look good, but that were also "power line friendly." They planted on the side of the street without power lines and were careful to choose spots that had not lines crossing over, at least for the larger trees.



ABOVE: Eversource Arborist Kyle Barry explains that the tree just planted on 5/7/21 near Our Lady's Haven in Fairhaven, is a Lacebark Elm that is a medium size tree that will not outgrow the site and is power line friendly, but is also a beautiful disease resistant elm with colorful leaves and a distinctive, exfoliating bark. TOP: A Thundercloud Plum is one of the trees planted on Laurel Street near Our Lady's Haven. Photos by Beth David.

Eversource donated eight of the trees, said Mr. Collasius. The crew planted 12 deciduous trees, including two Kwanzan Cherry Trees at Cooke Park. The other trees included the Lacebark Elm, which has exfoliating, or mottled bark, colorful leaves, and is disease resistant.

Walkers along Laurel Street will also notice a few red Thundercloud Plum trees. The plums are not necessarily great to eat, said Eversource Arborist Kyle Barry, but the birds will like them. However, an online search quickly brought up several recipes for jellies, jams and pies for humans to enjoy the fruits of the Thundercloud Plum.

Mr. Collasius said it was a good way to "kick off" his tenure as tree warden. They chose the spots carefully, he said, working closely with Eversource's arborist.

"This is tree school for me as far as planting goes," said Mr. Collasius, noting that they planted on the side of the street with fewer power lines, and spots that looked like they needed trees along Laurel Street.

And, the residents of Our Lady's Haven will be able to enjoy them as they grow and turn colors in the fall.

He said he wants to plant thousands of trees in town.

"It's a start," he said.



"I'm pretty excited. It's really inspiring to see them go in."

He added that "so many people helped" (see note below).

In his remarks to the public, which were recorded by Fairhaven Community Access TV (www.Fairhaventv.com), Mr. Collasius acknowledged that Arbor Day was, actually, the week before.

"But the trees don't know that. I think we're okay," he said, adding that trees add to the environment, in this case the urban environment.

The whole project was a classic example of people coming together to get something done, he said and ran of a litany of groups and individuals who helped make the project happen.

Selectboard member Bob Espindola also said a few words, noting that the project showed that being tree warden was not only about cutting down trees, but restoring trees, too.

A note from the tree warden

From: Don C. Collasius Town of Fairhaven Tree Warden

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in the May 7th Arbor Day Tree Planting by Our Lady's Haven nursing home and Cooke Park. With the help of numerous companies and individuals we were able to plant a total of 12 trees, 10 by Our Lady's Haven and two at Cooke Park. It took quite a lot of cooperation and generosity from a wide variety of groups to pull this off in such a short amount of time. With that I would like to thank the following:

- Eversource for providing eight of the trees and much of the legwork and expertise. Special thanks to Paul Sellers and Kyle Barry for

holding my hand on what is the first planting of my term. As well Eversource provided the strong young backs to plant the trees, Alex, Jordan, Nick, Mike and Kevin.

- Vinny Furtado and John Charbonneau of the Fairhaven BPW for their support and patience with the new Tree Warden.
- The Fairhaven Police department who provided Phil the traffic officer who kept us all safe during the event.
- The Fairhaven BPW crew who provided the heavy equipment and logistical support, George, Chuck and Matt.
- Howe Allen Reality provided mulch for this project and was represented by Kyle Bueno.

- The Fairhaven Improvement Association for providing the fertilizer and was represented by Frank Fostin.
- Selectman Keith Silvia was kind enough provide the stakes used to support the plantings for the first growing season.
- Selectman Robert Espindola, Fire Chief Todd Correia and School Board Member Stasia Powers were on hand to help celebrate this occasion.

And most of all a big thank you to the folks in the Town Hall who have offered so much support in the first weeks of my education in how town government works.

Let's do this again soon.

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Town Administrator Wendy Graves, which he repeatedly did whenever he gave reasons for rejecting an earlier recall election date. "I don't want to put the screws to her (Ms. Hurley), you know what I mean?"

Mr. Espindola offered to change his motion to add a statement calling for 7/12 "or the soonest possible date after July 12."

Mr. Silvia picked up his pen, moved it to another spot on the table in front of him, and looked again to Ms. Graves and wondered if someone could get Ms. Hurley on Zoom.

"I have no problem," said Mr. Silvia. "I just wanted to see what she had to say ... to make sure there's no conflict."

Ms. Graves said she could try to text Ms. Hurley while Mr. Espindola pressed Mr. Silvia to explain why he would not consider his motion with the amendment.

"I just don't know why she's so far out, Bob," said Mr. Silvia, insisting on 7/26.

Mr. Espindola explained that, despite pushing the election to the farthest end of the timeframe, Ms. Hurley would nonetheless have 51 days to prepare for the election regardless of the election date. As Mr. Espindola spoke, Mr. Silvia called attention to Leon Correy, who had his virtual hand raised on Zoom.

"Carolyn has taken a real beating," said Mr. Correy, who earlier that day announced his candidacy for the recall election. He said Ms. Hurley and her staff "worked harder than anyone else in the office" and advocated for a later election date.

Linda Fredette, the Assistant Town Clerks spoke via Zoom about why the office needs the longest amount of time possible.

"The reason is, it's not really about the (nomination) papers ... it's really more about the logistics of getting the polling locations ready..." said Ms. Fredette, including coordinating the polling stations and poll workers. "There's quite a lot involved that people don't really understand behind the scenes," which is why 7/26 was "chosen."

"Suggested," said Mr. Espindola, "not chosen."

Right, said Ms. Fredette.

Mr. Espindola told Ms. Fredette that the minimum time to hold an election is 60 days, and he wondered what she thought about that.

"Oh, gosh! No!" she said.

Phil Washko, who was involved in the recall petition effort, commended Ms. Hurley and her staff for their work certifying the petition signatures so efficiently.

"Getting this done inside of the timeframe that Mr. Espindola has suggested is very doable. I commend his leadership in prioritizing the town, prioritizing candidates, and prioritizing getting that seat filled over potential logistical problems that I am sure the town clerk can overcome," said Mr. Washko.

looking again to Ms. Graves. "I don't know if it's workload or something, Bob. She actually told me ... specifically today."

"None of this is ideal for anybody," said Mr. Espindola. He pointed to his compromises of an additional week.

Ann Richard addressed the board, saying she was upset that the election would be delayed at the town clerk's request and lamented that Ms. Hurley was not present to explain why. She said regardless of the election date, the same tasks would have to be done in the same timeframe, such as printing ballots. Mr. Crotty immediately confirmed that.

"Her (Ms. Hurley's) concern was for the candidates, not for herself," said Mr. Crotty. He said the 51 days is built in no matter what day the election is held.

"Setting this date at the earliest possible time to get this over with as quickly as possible doesn't take a single day away from the amount of time it takes Carolyn to get her part of the job done," said Mr. Washko. "So that makes this decision easy and it should be the earliest date possible."

Mr. Silvia said he wanted to hear from Ms. Fredette again. He asked her if 7/19 would be enough time.

"To be quite honest, it's just — it's very difficult, and it's disheartening to hear people kind of disqualify our job," said Ms. Fredette. "It's very difficult to get this all done in that amount of time."

She talked about printing ballots and reserving the poll stations.

Ms. Espindola said he was confused because, regardless of the date, the town clerk has 51 days for the process.

Ms. Fredette repeated the same reasons, citing the printing of ballots, and mail-in voting.

"So, you've heard from the woman that works there," said Mr. Silvia. "I just feel they've expressed their opinion to me today," he said, looking to Ms. Graves again.

Mr. Espindola finally motioned to hold the recall election on July 26, which Mr. Silvia seconded.

Mr. Freitas reentered the room. "You guys all set?" He smiled and let out a laugh of sorts.

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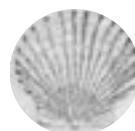
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Acushnet Town Meeting overrides FinCom on Schools

By Beth David
Editor

Acushnet Town Meeting passed a \$32+ million budget plus some capital spending items on Monday, 5/10/21, albeit with some rather heated discussions on some items.

The most passionate discussion surrounded the school budget. The district asked for a 2.6% increase from last year for a total of \$15,460,066. But the Finance Committee recommended level-funding the district at last year's amount of \$17,073,651, not including Old Colony tuition (\$2,109,632).

Most speakers supported the school department's number.

The Finance Committee defended its decision, saying that the schools had a \$700,000 surplus.

Superintendent Paula Bailey explained in a follow-up phone interview that the surplus was larger than usual due to COVID-19. She said there are transportation costs that did not get spent, but they are still negotiating with the bus company; the schools received a lot of grant money for COVID related costs; and

there was payroll money that did not get spent because positions were not filled. They did not, for example, fill an assistant principal position because of the pandemic. Other costs were also down because not as many students were in the building.

Dr. Bailey said they are not allowed to roll that money over to the next fiscal year, they have to return it to the general fund.

School Committee chairperson Jennifer Downing told Town Meeting that the proposed increase was modest and "reasonable and consistent" with past budgets. She said it took into account the learning loss and other challenges students face and will continue to face due to COVID-19, and includes positions such as a reading specialist, academic coach, and improved curriculum.

"We've known for several years that our curriculum is outdated and does not have the level of rigor to position our children to be competitive and successful as they move into high school. All of these issues have been discussed in detail at public school committee meetings,"

said Ms. Downing. "I was disappointed and frankly shocked to learn that the finance committee disregarded the district's recommendations and level funded the budget this year. Even worse, we were the only department in town that was level funded."

She called the decision "irresponsible" and said it will have a detrimental impact on the town's greatest assets: the school and children. People do not move to Acushnet to get a job or start a business, she said. They move to town to raise a family because of the school system.

"If you keep disinvesting in our schools as we've been doing now for several years, people will no longer choose Acushnet," said Ms. Downing. "Our children deserve the right to a quality education and, in a town like Acushnet, it's disgraceful that we need to be fighting this battle."

Dr. Bailey said the FinCom decision was insulting to the School Committee, which sets the budget, and it was based on two meetings with FinCom.

She said she did a survey of

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surrounding towns and found that 94% were getting an increase. She said Acushnet will be in the small minority that will not get an increase.

"I believe Acushnet is better than that," said Dr. Bailey, adding that students get "one chance at each grade level," and the town cannot afford to put it off.

FinCom member Susan Delgado said the decision was not something they took lightly.

"We care about this town and that's why we do what we do," said Ms. Delgado.

She said the police cruiser was taken out last year, but can not be put off again, and she noted some lower spending in the school district. She said \$510,000 less in spending is not explained. She also said that the town has the money this year due to COVID relief funds. It is not sustainable she said, "That will not last forever."

In the end, an amendment to take \$351,838 from reserve fund and \$34,577 from free cash passed with little opposition, giving the district the \$15,460,066 that it had requested.

Town Meeting also approved Article 10 for a number of capital expenditures totalling \$508,000 for equipment for the police and fire departments and a new loader for the DPW.

"We're spending money like gang-busters," said Norman "Norm" Fredette, who opposed the \$285,000 for a loader for the DPW. He said they should approve the next article instead, which would have appropriated \$90,000 to fix the old loader. "We're spending money here like a drunk."

He noted that at the last town meeting the argument was that the town might need a second loader for

big storms, and he said during Hurricane Bob the town "commandeered" his loader, arguing they could do that again.

"I'm going to trust Mr. Menard (of the DPW), said Sarah Gomes, adding that if he says he needs a new loader, he must be putting "a ton of work" into the old one.

Mr. Fredette insisted that a road grader would be a better way to spend the money. He also said that if the town did buy a new loader that the old one should go up for auction and not be given away to a "friend of a friend."



Norman "Norm" Fredette addresses Acushnet Town Meeting on 5/10/21. Photo by Beth David.

Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar said he, too, would like to see the public auctions return, instead of items simply declared surplus and sent to the town barn for anyone to take.

Town Meeting also approved allocation of Community Preservation Act money; and approved \$25,000 in CPA funds for the soccer fields at the elementary school and \$10,000 for the basketball courts at Pope Park.

Town Meeting also established an Infrastructure Capital Expense Stabilization Fund with \$500,000 from

free cash for use on streets and sidewalks, water and sewer infrastructure, etc.

In other articles, Town Meeting:

- Approved spending for all enterprise funds, including a new one for the public works department for the recycling center.
- Passed article 12 to spend \$20,000 from free cash to hire a professional appraisal company to perform comprehensive individual appraisals of industrial use properties.
- Passed article 13 to spend \$25,000 from free cash to hire a consultant to review the town's zoning bylaws.
- Passed article 14, totaling \$117,000 from free cash for a variety of capital improvements to the school buildings.
- Passed several zoning bylaws and changes, including the Stormwater Management Bylaw; the Floodplain Overly District required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); a common driveway bylaw for retreat lots; a new bylaw section requiring materials to be stored inside or screened from neighbors; an upland circle minimum bylaw, which would mostly affect the village district; a soil conservation bylaw that will allow the town to better regulate PJ Keating's operations; a bylaw to close town hall on Saturdays and move any deadline dates to the next business day.

Town Meeting also voted to set the cost of a certified abutter's list to \$25; put \$100,000 in the OPEB Fund; put \$45,605 in the general stabilization fund.

Town Meeting tabled a bylaw that would have changed the definition of a "street or way."



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Obituary: Hilda (Correia) Jasinski



Hilda (Correia) Jasinski

June 14,
1922–April
21, 2021
(age 98)

*This is the
day the Lord
has made; let
us rejoice and
be glad in it.*
Psalm 118.24

Hilda Correia Jasinski, 98, was born to eternal life surrounded by her children on Wednesday, April 21st at Alden Court Nursing Home of Fairhaven on the feast day of St. Anselm, Doctor of the Church. She was the loving wife of the late Mitchell S. Jasinski. Loving mother, grandmother of 10 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Hilda was born on Flag Day June 14, 1922 in New Bedford, Massachusetts daughter of the late Seraphim and Marianna (DeSousa) Correia who emigrated from both Santo Antonio, Nordestinho and Ponta Garca, Sao Miguel, Acores. She attended the Sarah D. Ottewell and Lincoln Schools and could name all the teachers she had. As the third oldest of seven Correia children, Hilda was fluent in Portuguese and had to leave her schooling in 6th grade to help her mom care for her younger siblings. In her teens and early twenties Hilda worked at the Friedman Shoe Company where she met the love of her life, Mitchell "Mickey." He was one of five men out of 200 in his infantry to survive WWII. When he returned to New Bedford they married November 23, 1946 and settled on Collette Street to raise a family.

Devoted to her Catholic faith she placed God first in her life and lovingly cared for their five children. The Mass, sacraments, rosary, and benediction were central. She attended Mass every day whether it be at Immaculate Conception, St. Killians, St. Anthony, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, or Our Lady's Chapel downtown. She never drove a car but instead walked, took the bus, or counted on family and friends for rides.

After the death of Mickey in 1970 she made a Cursillo Retreat a year later at Stonehill College. It renewed her spiritual walk with the Lord. She began attending prayer meetings at St. Patrick's church in 1971 where Fr. John Randall introduced the Charismatic Renewal in the Catholic Church to his congregation.

Hilda was a founding member of the New Jerusalem Community at Sacred Hearts Academy in Fairhaven in 1971. As a greeter and instructor of the history of the renewal to small groups, it was her responsibility to phone area priests to celebrate the Saturday night Mass at the Academy before the prayer meetings. She

also organized and notified the teams of people to serve in the kitchen for the Sacred Heart Academy retreats. She attended the 1972 Charismatic Renewal Conference at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana and later in Kansas City, Missouri. She served her beloved Immaculate Conception parish in the Parent Educators Society where every six months she and the late Frances DaSilva would bring a medal and Catholic literature to moms of newborns in the parish, helping them establish a foundation of faith in their homes.

At Immaculate Conception she was a member of the Couples Club, the Holy Rosary Society along with her mom and was delighted as a Lady of the Rosary to have her daughter and granddaughter join the Sodality making four generations.

She was also a CCD teacher and a Eucharistic Minister for many years.

Hilda served the Interchurch Council as a counselor for those who needed help and continued nurturing these people all her life. A Promoter of the Central Association of the Miraculous Medal and Member of the Legion of Mary, she wore a scapular and prayed the Holy Rosary daily. When her health no longer permitted she watched the Mass on cable TV on Eternal Word Television Network founded by Mother Angelica.

On December 8, 1994 she professed her vows as a Third Order member of the Community of Our Lady, Queen of the Seraphic Order of Our Lady's Chapel in downtown New Bedford. She took the name sister Hilda Maria Jacinta of the Five Wounds of Jesus.

She was a member of the Women's Auxiliary of Polish American Veterans. Embracing her husband's Polish heritage, golumkis, pierogies, kielbasa, and kapusta were enjoyed with her family.

Hilda loved playing the piano by ear, cooking, sewing, knitting, crocheting, playing "kings in four corners" card games, preserving piccalilli, preparing tapioca for the family gatherings, and eating a boiled lobster. Very proud of her Azorean Portuguese heritage she traveled to Saint Michael for the Feast of Senhor Santo Cristo dos Milagres. She visited Bermuda as a gift for her 70th birthday and traveled to Fatima, Portugal in September 1984.

Whenever her children left the front door she instructed them with the words "juizo na cabeca" which she translated as "brains in the head." Forever her family will remember her waving at the window on Collette Street and in the windows of Alden Court during the pandemic.

Hilda is survived by her children: Stanley Jasinski of New Bedford, Marianne Moura and her husband Tony of New Bedford, Gregory Jasinski and his wife Janet of East Freetown,

and Rita Campoli and her husband Russell of New Bedford. Ten grandchildren: Timothy Moura and his wife Kathy of Lakeville, Jennifer Moniz and her husband Christopher of Dartmouth, Anthony Moura and his wife Amy of Fall River, Carolyn Jasinski of Dorchester, Christine Dedrick of Taunton, Katherine Jasinski of Weymouth, Michael Jasinski of South Boston, Stephanie Jasinski of Fall River, John Campoli of Somerville, and Rachel Campoli of Lewiston Maine. Eight great-grandchildren: Nicholas Moura, Addison Moura, Evan, Nathaniel, and Kate Moniz, Shea Dedrick, Benjamin Jasinski, and her final joy to bless and behold Tristan Grayson Vincent Jasinski.

Hilda was predeceased by her loving husband Mitchell S. Jasinski, beloved son Vincent Paul Jasinski, infant son Raphael Jude Jasinski, brothers Joseph and Abel Correia, and her sisters Mary Cordeiro, Sara Magnant, and Lillian Spooner. She is also survived by her younger brother Arthur "Archie" Correia and his wife Barbara of Dartmouth, brother-in-law Donald Spooner, also of Alden Court, Fairhaven, and sister-in-law Shirley Correia of West Yarmouth. She was the beloved Godmother of Ann Elizabeth Rymszewicz, Marie Teresa Spooner, Peter Correia, Barbara Jean Mendell, Irene Leite Macedo, and Ronald Vaudry. She leaves behind so very many cherished cousins, nephews, nieces, and their children and so many devoted friends. Ave Maria.

The family would like to thank Father Daniel Reis, longtime Pastor of Immaculate Conception, Fr. David Lupo and his team who provided monthly Masses before the pandemic, and Fr. Matthias of our Lady's Chapel for tending to Mom's spiritual wellbeing.

The family would also like to recognize Brad Truini, Administrator of Alden Court and his entire team of amazing individuals, along with Chaplain Daryl Gray and the Team of Beacon Hospice who together answered God's call under extreme circumstances becoming more than caregivers for isolated residents and more like family for residents like our Mom who suffered not only physical pain but also the mental anguish of separation from their loved ones. Alden Court & Beacon Hospice has exemplified to us the true Christ-like mission of the song, "Whatsoever you do to the least of my people, that you do unto Me." Her Funeral Mass was held on Monday, April 26th at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Church; burial followed in Sacred Heart Cemetery. Donations can be made in memory of Mom's soul to Alden Court Activities Department, care of Sharon Jensen.

Arrangements were by Boulevard Funeral Home.

Public Hearings/Legal Notices

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, May 24, 2021 at 6:30 pm
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:

1. CON 023-227: **14 Plaza Way** Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation filed by Michael Cavounis, MCZ Realty, LLC, for the confirmation of Bordering Vegetated Wetland boundaries at the property located at 14 Plaza Way, Assessors Map 27, Lot 13. No work to take place under this filing.
2. SE 023-1354, CON 023-228: **33 Point Street** Notice of Intent filed by Wade and Wanda Cabana for the demolition of the existing house and construction of a new flood zone-compliance single-family home at the property located at 33 Point Street, Assessors Map 28B, Lot 170. Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage.
3. CON 023-229: **12-18 Rio Way** Notice of Intent filed by George Mock, Nye Lubricants, Inc., for stormwater upgrades and reductions in impervious surface associated with building upgrades at the property located at 12-18 Rio Way, Assessors Map 19, Lot 242. Work to take place in the Riverfront Area and 100-foot buffer zones to Coastal Bank and Coastal Beach.

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

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.

Geoff Haworth, Chair, Fairhaven
Conservation Commission
FNN: 5/13/21

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 fairhavenvtv.com.

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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 VII, 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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Car crash injures three in Acushnet

Acushnet Police Dept. Press Release

At approximately 2:38 p.m. on Monday, 5/10, multiple 911 calls were received regarding a motor vehicle crash with injuries in the area of 84 Mendall Road, Acushnet.

Responding emergency personnel found the crash involved a single vehicle. All three of the 22-year-old

male occupants suffered significant injuries. One was transported via Med Flight helicopter to Rhode Island Hospital. One was transported to Rhode Island Hospital via ambulance. The third was transported to St Luke's Hospital via ambulance.

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Wed., 5/19, Town Hall/Remote, 6 p

Conservation Commission

Mon., 5/24, Town Hall/Remote, 6:30

Economic Develop Com

Thurs., 5/20, Town Hall/Remote 6:30

Finance Committee

Thurs., 5/13, Arsene St./Remote, 7 p

School Committee

Wed., 5/26, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

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

Sustainability Comm

Tues., 5/18, Town Hall/Remote, 6:30

Acushnet

Election

Sat., 5/15, Polls open 8 a.m.–6 p.m.

Housing Authority

Wed., 5/19, Nate Gomes Ctr., 9:30 a.m.

Planning Commission

Thurs., 5/20, Remote, 8:30 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

May. 2021	HIGH a.m. 0949	2205	0305	LOW a.m. 1453
Thursday	13	0949	2205	0305
Friday	14	1030	2246	0339
Saturday	15	1113	2329	0415
Sunday	16	---	1200	0451
Monday	17	0019	1255	0532
Tuesday	18	0114	1350	0623
Wednesday	19	0209	1443	0727
Thursday	20	0302	1536	0831
Friday	21	0359	1636	0927
Saturday	22	0502	1735	1024*

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

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

From our readers

Once a bully, always a bully.

Remember when Selectman Freitas promised that he'd resign if the required number of signatures were gathered? He made that statement on social media, and again to WBSM radio (twice).

It should surprise nobody that his word means nothing. It should surprise nobody that he has no respect for the voter or official town policies or bylaws. He's now lawyered

up in an attempt to deny you, the voter, your right to recall an out-of-control Selectboard member before more damage is done.

Let's not let that happen. He's spent his tenure on that board bullying fellow board members, Town Hall employees and the public. Now it looks like he's turning his bullying on our Town Clerk. The Clerk and their staff did their jobs admirably and to the letter of the law. Their certified

results deserve to be honored and the thousands of signatures demanding his recall demand to be honored.

I ask you to join me in emailing the Selectboard at selectmen@fairhaven-ma.gov and demand that Mr. Freitas stop bullying the Town Clerk, resign and accept the will of the Town that just successfully recalled him.

Stop the bullying.

Phil Washko, Fairhaven

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Then Mr. Silvia left the room when the discussion started about quotes received from consultants to hire a permanent town administrator.

Ms. Graves presented four responses to her request for proposals, but Mr. Espindola noted that there was not one from Community Paradigm Associates, the firm that conducted first TA search. Ms. Graves said she did not solicit one from them, despite Mr. Espindola's specific request to get one from them.

Mr. Espindola asked Mr. Freitas to put the TA search back on the agenda for the next meeting, prompting Mr. Freitas to announce his new laissez-faire stance on the TA search.

"I have no — I will not be doing any of this town search committee," said Mr. Freitas. "There's been a lot said about this. There will be somebody sitting in my seat, I would assume, very soon, and I'm gonna leave that to them to discuss. I will leave you to discuss it with whoever the new selectman is going to be whenever the date is set."

Mr. Espindola pointed out, though, that Mr. Freitas will likely be the chairperson of the board for the next several meetings.

"Once everything's settled, we'll figure out more, but until then ... you asked for this to be put on the agenda," said Mr. Freitas. "I am not going to sit on this. I'm not going to discuss it. I'm not going to have anything to do with it since it seems to be a bone of contention for some people, so I'm not going to vote on this. I'm going to tell you right now."

He asked about the date for the recall election, 7/26.

"If there's another selectman sitting in this seat, then you can have this conversation with them," said Mr. Freitas.

"You will not allow the process to move forward until that date?" asked Ms. Espindola.

"You can try to move forward," Mr. Freitas said.

But as Mr. Crotty then pointed out, Mr. Silvia is already recused due to a conflict of interest. Mr. Freitas's refusal to participate in the matter renders it impossible for Mr. Espindola to initiate the process.

"So, effectively, you're ensuring that there will be further delay," said Mr. Espindola. "Whatever happens on the 26th in that election, there will be further delay to start that process."

"In my mind, I think you've delayed the process," Mr. Freitas said to Mr. Espindola. "I haven't delayed the process; you've delayed the process... We have somebody (Ms. Graves) who was chosen by two — even though Keith was not supposed to pick it — we didn't know it at the time, but we did not know that. But there was two of us that decided in it. Since then we've had a recall election with that, and I don't think that I should have anything to do with the town administrator search. I'm not going to get involved with it — I'm not going to do it."

Mr. Freitas's near incoherence continued as he started contradicting what he stated moments before.

"There could possibly be another election on the 26th — we don't know that, but I would say that there's probably going to be. I'm not going to get involved in it, Bob — I'm not going to get involved in it.

"People can say what they want about this, whatever conspiracies you want — this has been a bone of contention and I am going to stay out of it."

In a related matter, Mr. Espindola during the last meeting pointed out

that Mr. Crotty had advised the board and Ms. Graves that were she to involve herself in the process to solicit bids from hiring consultants for town administrator, Ms. Graves would be violating Conflict of Interest Law as expressed in the State Ethics Code due to her interest in obtaining the permanent TA position. Mr. Espindola, who since January opposed appointing Ms. Graves as the interim TA to avoid any personnel or work-related conflicts, suggested the board might have to appoint a co-interim TA of some kind to handle the TA hiring process. He again suggested it, although Mr. Freitas did not respond to the idea.

Ms. Graves was appointed interim TA by Mr. Freitas and Mr. Silvia, who should have recused himself from any participation in the TA search to avoid violating State Ethics Code as his wife is directly supervised by the TA. Mr. Silvia was also the one who motioned to grant Ms. Graves a special interview for TA after finalists were interviewed, despite the screening committee having rescinded its vote to advance her as a finalist when dubious employment history Ms. Graves omitted from her resume was revealed (See the *Neighb News* 1/14/21 edition).

According to Fairhaven's Town Administrator Act, an interim TA cannot remain in the position past 180 days, which for Ms. Graves will be on 7/7.

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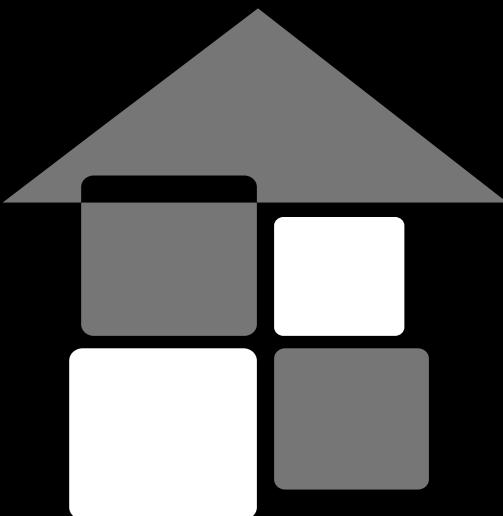


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