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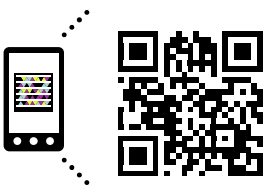
L-R: Lori Richard, Debra Almeida, and Fairhaven Director of Tourism Christopher Richard hang out by the general goods table during Early American Monday on 6/21/21, a new program that will take place in front of the Fairhaven Visitors Center this summer. See page 16 for story. *Photo by Beth David.*

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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

Well, that didn't last long. Fairhaven's relatively new flag policy was rescinded. Mr. Freitas got his little feelings hurt on Facebook. Mr. Bueno was mean to him. Sniff sniff.

See page 4 for the Select Board story from this week.

In response to the board's refusal to fly the Pride flag, residents are holding an event this Sunday (see page 3); and some wiseguy painted the crosswalk in front of Town Hall with the rainbow colors.

GAWD, I love this town!

There will be fireworks this year (see page 6), but no Homecoming. Hopefully, that will be back next year. Meanwhile, feel free to visit the Huttleston Marketplace (see page 5 for listing).

Alltrust Credit Union is officially the new name of the former SMCU. The organization is heading towards growth, and needed a new name to do it. See page 17 for details on a change in one of Fairhaven's oldest businesses.

We have the other half of the Town Meeting story this week (see page 24); and BPW on page 26.

Our cover story is a fun one (page 16). Learn about life in the 1700s all summer long.

This issue will do it for us for a couple of weeks. We are now officially on our summer break. We will not publish on 7/1 and 7/8. We'll be back on 7/15.

Meanwhile, keep this copy handy so you can check out the happenings on pages 5, 6, 7, and other events throughout to keep you busy until we get back.

And then? The recall election is still on for 7/26. So when we get back I suspect the election will be heating up. Oh...reminds me. Candidates night is this Tuesday, 6/29 (see listing on page 5). Be sure to watch it so you can learn about the candidates and make your choice to be on the Selectboard.

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Beth David, Publisher

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Our From the Editor column contained an error last week. Keith Silvia was not on the board on 2/6/20. He expressed his opinion about changing the name to "Select Board" during the candidates night, 3/19/20 issue. We apologize for any confusion our error may have caused.

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# Select Board rescinds flag policy; town clerk retires as of 6/30

Jean Perry

## Neighb News Correspondent

Interim Town Administrator Wendy Graves will continue to serve in her role beyond the 180-day maximum period after Town Counsel Tom Crotty opined in an email that the 180-day maximum for an interim TA contained within the Town Administrators Act of the Town Bylaws is only "suggestive," meaning that it directs the board as to how it should treat the appointment."

The 6/17 email between Mr. Crotty and Ms. Graves was discussed during the Fairhaven Select Board's June 21 meeting roughly two weeks before the 180 days is up.

Select Board member Keith Silvia recused himself from the discussion due to a conflict of interest, leaving Chairperson Daniel Freitas and board member Bob Espindola to decide on whether Ms. Graves should remain as interim TA.

As Mr. Freitas took up the matter, Mr. Espindola asked if Mr. Freitas would now participate in the TA discussion after he announced weeks ago that he would no longer

participate in the TA hiring process. Mr. Freitas's refusal to participate essentially stops the board from moving forward with the process of hiring a temporary TA since, without a quorum, the board cannot proceed.

Mr. Freitas advocated for Ms. Graves continuing as acting TA and said he assumed that Mr. Espindola would not second the motion. Mr. Espindola confirmed that he would not second that motion and said that, as Mr. Crotty stated in his email, taking no action would maintain the status quo with Ms. Graves continuing as interim TA.

In his email, Mr. Crotty further wrote that "there is no provision (in the act) for circumstances where the appointment runs past the 180 days. So if someone brought the issue to court, a judge would not be able to fashion a remedy."

The Town Administrator Act, approved by Town Meeting and the state legislature, states that the Select Board "shall ... designate a qualified person as acting town administrator to perform the duties of the office during any vacancy exceeding 30

days...provided, that the appointment... shall be for a period not to exceed 180 days."

Still, contrary to Mr. Crotty's opinion, Section 6 of the Act states, "The town of Fairhaven shall be governed by this act. To the extent that this act modified or repeals existing General Laws and special acts or the by-laws of the Town of Fairhaven, this act shall govern."

Also during the meeting, the board accepted Town Clerk Carolyn Hurley's intent to retire early from the elected position effective June 30. It appointed Assistant Town Clerk Linda Fredette to the position.

Mr. Freitas stated that Mr. Crotty was consulted on a potential conflict of interest for Mr. Freitas to participate in the discussion and vote, given that he had recently announced his intent to contest signatures on the recall petition that Ms. Hurley certified back in May.

"And it turns out that I can," said Mr. Freitas.

"She's done a great job," said Ms. Graves. "She's all caught up to speed,

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# Pride event, BBC swim this weekend

## Fairhaven's Got Pride

As we close our national Pride Month join your friends and neighbors on Sunday June 27th at 9:30 a.m. in a peaceful gathering to celebrate Fairhaven's Pride in being an inclusive accepting and welcoming community.

This will be a brief gathering on the sidewalk in front of Town Hall, 40 Center Street, with just a few folks saying a few words in recognition of those who strive to bring out the best in our Town's citizens, and that includes you!

Bring your sunniest disposition and an umbrella if needed and join us to share in Fairhaven's Pride!

## 28th Buzzards Bay Swim

The Buzzards Bay Coalition will hold its 28th annual Buzzards Bay Swim, a 1.2 mile open-water swim across outer New Bedford Harbor on Saturday, 6/26. The swim is a signature outdoor event held by the Coalition, a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting clean water in communities across the Buzzards

Bay region. In the past 28 years, the Buzzards Bay Swim has raised more than a million dollars for clean water.

This year's swim will follow the traditional route from the South End of New Bedford to Fort Phoenix Beach State Reservation in Fairhaven, but the field of participants has been kept intentionally small, reflecting public health precautions in place when the event was planned. In 2019, the swim drew 278 swimmers who raised more than \$170,000 for Bay protection efforts; this year, it will be limited to 50 swimmers who have participated in the past and have agreed to raise at least \$1,000.

The first wave of swimmers will leave New Bedford at 7:15 a.m. Finish Line Celebration on the beach at Fort Phoenix is from 7:30 a.m.-10 a.m., where there will be a pancake breakfast to-go, music, and Coalition merchandise for sale. Our beach party will be back in full swing in 2022! Awards ceremony will start at 9:30 a.m.

Rob Thieler, a swimmer who participates with his fellow Chappy Swimmers group members, said he is

looking forward to the event.

"We are long-time supporters of the Coalition and its mission. Water quality, conservation, and public access are all vitally important to how we enjoy the Bay. And honestly, we also love a good race! The Swim is one of the most fun and best-run events in New England," Thieler said.

During the event, swimmers pass the iconic Butler Flats Lighthouse and the New Bedford Hurricane Barrier, one of the largest stone structures on the East Coast, assisted by the U.S. Coast Guard and a local safety patrol. The participants are welcomed to the finish line by cheering supporters and a beach party breakfast complete with steel drum music and beverages by Buzzards Bay Brewing of Westport.

The 2021 Buzzards Bay Swim is sponsored by BayCoast Bank, BETA Group, Cuttyhunk Shellfish Farms, Amica Insurance, Bristol County Savings Bank, Buzzards Bay Brewing, Cisco Brewers and the Fiber Optic Center.

Visit [savebuzzardsbay.org/swim](http://savebuzzardsbay.org/swim) for more information.



Are you a Fairhaven resident looking to see our town in a new way? Consider joining the **Fairhaven Community Writers Project**, a new community writing initiative!

Meets online beginning June 24 for **writing exercises, readings, and conversations on environmental and place-based writing**. Between meetings, participants will visit accessible outdoor locations in Fairhaven and write first-hand observations and reflections.

Free and open to full-time Fairhaven residents ages 14+

Families and seniors especially welcome!

**\*\*No writing experience required\*\***

More information and registration: <http://bit.ly/fcwp2021>

Questions? Please email Stephanie Trott at [fairhavenwriters@gmail.com](mailto:fairhavenwriters@gmail.com)



This program is supported in part by a grant from the Fairhaven-Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## BBC Swim

The 28th annual Buzzards Bay Swim will be held this Saturday, 6.26. See page 4 for details,

## Fairhaven Pride

Fairhaven will hold a pride event on Sun., 6/27, at 9:30 a.m. in front of town hall. See page 4 for details.

## Farmers Market

At the Bright Yellow Farm Stand, 151 Alden Road, Fairhaven (next to National Bleach). Sundays through 10/31, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Featuring beef, chicken, produce farms, honey, eggs, herbs, jams, organic soaps and more. Accepts senior and WIC Farmers Market Coupons, SNAP.

Contact: 508-496-9209; allnaturalbeef@comcast.net

## Candidates Night

Government Access TV- Channel 18 along with the North Fairhaven Improvement Association will be hosting a Meet the Candidates Night for candidates on the ballot in the July 26, 2021 Special Town Election.

Meet the Candidates Night will be on **Tuesday, June 29 at 7:00p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium.** Each candidate will be given an opportunity to make opening and closing statements within a three-minute time limit. The NFIA will serve as moderator and ask additional questions received from residents to candidates.

This event will be filmed and aired LIVE on Government Access Channel 18 and FairhavenTV.com

We hope to see you on June 29 !

## Wellness Fair

Grand opening for Soulflower Yoga and Wellness on Sat., 6/26, from 1-5 pm at Cushman Park in Fairhaven. It will be the first annual Full Bloom Wellness Festival! There are already 20+ vendors, food vendors, games, ninja warrior obstacle course, crafts, kids activities, as well as yoga, capoeira, dance, boot camp fitness and more! The town of Fairhaven is so excited to bring a community event back and spread some positivity within the community. We are absolutely thrilled to host this event!

We really have a strong desire to bring the community together and to

remind the community members that there are tools and resources around them to live healthy conscious life.

## Huttleston Marketplace

The Huttleston Marketplace will begin be open on Saturdays 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.

Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/HuttlestonMarketplace/> or visit the webste: <https://fairhaventours.com/huttleston-marketplace/>

## Free Summer Camps

Fairhaven-Acushnet Youth Athletics FAYA Blue Devils is offering free summer camps. Come join our football/cheer family! FREE, ages 5-15.

**Football Condition Camp:** Every Sunday through August 1 at Livesey Park in Fairhaven. Water bottle, bug spray and sneakers are required. Cleats suggested but not mandatory. No registration necessary. Just show up.

**Cheerleading Camp:** Week of July 19 from 6-8 p.m. at Livesey Park in Fairhaven. To sign up, please email Jen Hessey, Cheer Coordinator.net by Friday 7/2. Water, bug spray and sneakers are required.

Let's get kids off the couch and unplugged from their devices. Follow our FAYA Facebook page for more info.

ALSO: Registration now open for our fall 2021 season. Sign up at [fayabluedevils.org](http://fayabluedevils.org), deadline is 8/1.

## Walking Tour

Henry H. Rogers Walking Tour, Tues. & Thurs., 10 a.m. through end of September. Tours begin outside the Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven. WEATHER PERMITTING

Tour size limited to 25 people. Wearing face coverings for public safety is optional.

This shortened "pandemic-

friendly' walk outlines the life of Standard Oil Co. executive Henry H. Rogers and the magnificent public buildings that he donated to his hometown. You'll stop at several "off-the-sidewalk" spots in the village area where one of the nation's most powerful businessmen grew up while you learn about his boyhood, rise to riches, and the gifts he bestowed on Fairhaven. The tour will not go inside any buildings this season. It is held weather permitting. Free.

Tuesday tours guided by Bob Foster. Thursday tours guided by Chris Richard.

For more information, call or email the Office of Tourism, 508-979-4085, FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov.

## Pirates & Privateers

Fri., 10 a.m., through September, Fort Phoenix, south end of Fort St., Fairhaven, MA. Presentations take place near the cannons. WEATHER PERMITTING

Wearing face coverings for public safety is optional. Social distancing is suggested.

Hear tales of pirates, Revolutionary War era privateers, and historical Fort Phoenix, presented by Greybeard, an 18th century gunner from the privateer sloop Broome, Abigail Black, a ship's doctor who grows herbal remedies in her village garden when she's not at sea, and Caleb the Powder Monkey, a lad who knows how to load and fire a cannon.

Learn which pirate lore is really just myth based on fiction and what stories are true.

This fun interactive presentation includes a demonstration firing of a black powder swivel cannon, a demonstration of early medical practices and more. While being fun and informative for adults, it is also appropriate for children, particularly age seven and up.

For more information, call 508-979-4085 or email FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov.

## Nautical Yard Sale

Nautical Yard sale at Acushnet River Safe Boating Club/CG Auxiliary, 80 Middle St., Fairhaven, on Sat., 7/10, from 9-3, featuring marine items only: electronics, fishing equipment, line, cleats, hardware, etc. Rain date 7/11.

# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## NB Fireworks

Thanks to the sponsorship of Hawthorn Medical Associates and BayCoast Bank, the City of New Bedford announced the details of the City's 2021 Independence Day fireworks display over New Bedford Harbor. Lead sponsor Hawthorn Medical Associates contributed \$9,000 and co-sponsor BayCoast Bank contributed \$7,500 to support the fireworks display in the city.

The City of New Bedford's Independence Day fireworks display will be staged from a barge located off of State Pier in New Bedford Harbor, beginning at **9:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 3. Lower Union Street** (east of Water Street) will be closed to vehicle traffic and will be the best spot in Downtown New Bedford to view the fireworks display.

In addition to the generous sponsorship of Hawthorn Medical Associates and BayCoast Bank, Tucker Roy Marine Towing & Salvage and AGM Marine Contractors will again support the 2021 Independence Day fireworks display this year by providing the commercial barge.

## Fish Center Anniv

This weekend, we are celebrating the Fishing Heritage Center's five-year anniversary and the official grand opening of More than a Job with an event on June 26th from 10am-4pm! The celebration at 38 Bethel Street will include demonstrations of industry skills, kids' activities, and live music by the Rum Soaked Crooks. A speaking program will begin at noon with remarks delivered by elected officials and a keynote address delivered by Brian Boyles, Executive Director of Mass Humanities. Visit <https://fishingheritagecenter.org> for a full schedule. Free and open to the public!

This event will also feature a free vaccine clinic for the COVID-19 vaccine in partnership with Fishing Partnership and Greater New Bedford Community Health Center. Vaccine offered: Johnson & Johnson for adults; Pfizer for kids 12-17. Free \$20 Dunkin Donuts cards to first time vaccinators both for child AND adult!

Funding for More than a Job: Work and Community in New Bedford's Fishing Industry is provided by a major grant from the National

Endowment for the Humanities and significant support from Bristol County Savings Bank. Major in-kind support for this exhibit was provided by Fairhaven Shipyard and Blue Fleet Welding.

Also on view, We Came to Fish, We Came to Work: Stories of Immigration is funded by the National Endowment for the Arts, the Creative Commonwealth Initiative, and the Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Mattapoisett, and New Bedford Cultural Councils.

## Pride Month

Happy Pride 2021! The South Coast LGBTQ+ Network exists to create and support a thriving LGBTQ+ community on Massachusetts' South Coast where members across the age spectrum can freely, safely, and joyously celebrate their true selves and realize their full potential. Join us for a month of Pride togetherness! Visit <https://www.sclgbtqnetwork.org/pride-2021.html>

### Beyond the Binary, Films

**June 29. SO PRETTY.** *So Pretty* is a utopic vision of a tight-knit group of trans and genderqueer artists, writers, and activists living creative and loving lives. Featuring Q&A with director-actor Jessie Jeffrey Dunn Rovinelli.

Get tickets (\$10) at <https://zeiterion.org/all-shows/> or call the box office at 508-994-2900 Tuesdays through Thursdays.

## Garden Party

With excitement and joy, New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks! will host its annual Garden Party this July with several intimate events. Guests will come together to enjoy wine and savory treats while strolling through a beautiful private garden and listening to live talks by artists and performers from across the region. New this year, guests may attend in-person or virtually via all-access recordings of each party.

With the theme of Finding the Secret Garden, this wonderful fundraising event is scheduled to be held outdoors at residential gardens across the south coast on Fridays from 5 - 7 PM throughout the month of July. All proceeds support the educational programs and exhibitions of the Art Museum, allowing it

to continue its mission of engaging audiences in relevant exhibitions, exemplary education, and creative experiences as a vital, innovative center for the arts.

Friday, July 9th - Featured Artist Talk: Dawn Spears, Former NBAM C.A.I.R. Hosts: Ralph Eustis and Family

Tickets are now available online. For more information, visit [newbedfordart.org/garden-party](http://newbedfordart.org/garden-party).

## Whaling Masters

The public is cordially invited to attend The Descendants of Whaling Masters, Inc.'s 47th Annual Meeting, scheduled for Sat., 7/17, at the Wamsutta Club, 427 County Street, New Bedford. Social hour 12 noon to 1 p.m., with luncheon and a business meeting, election of officers and program following. Lunch: \$30.00 per person (all inclusive). Guests are welcome. Keynote speaker is local historian, Bruce Barnes. Mr. Barnes will give an illustrated talk, "Mansions and Masters; New Bedford in the Age of Whaling." Bruce is a life-long area resident and retired librarian. For many years he has been active with the New Bedford Preservation Society promoting the history and architecture of New Bedford. **R.S.V.P. by July 10**, with menu selection for each reservation. Please mail check made payable to: Descendants of Whaling Masters, Inc. c/o William H. Potter, Jr., Treasurer, 194 Main Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719. 508-994-0961

## NBAM exhibits

Exhibits a New Bedford Art Museum, 608 Pleasant St. Open Thursday through Sunday from 10 AM-4 PM. Advanced booking is required and timed entry tickets may be purchased through our website [newbedfordart.org](http://newbedfordart.org) or by phone (508) 961-3072.

Animal Locomotion

June 17, 2021 - January 9, 2022

Features the historic photographic studies of animals in motion and early motion-picture projection.

From Poseidon to Paper

June 17, 2021 - August 29, 2021

The culmination of a 5-week program featuring 7th graders at Our Sisters' School (OSS) who created works of art from various types of pressed seaweed.

## COVID Testing

Fairhaven and Acushnet have partnered to provide COVID-19 testing on alternate weeks. Acushnet will hold testing from 9 a.m. to noon behind the Council on Aging, 59 1/2 South Main Street, on 6/26. Residents from both towns can use either site.

## Reading Douglass

On Saturday, July 3 at 10:00am, the Marion Art Center will present Reading Frederick Douglass Together, a public reading of Frederick Douglass's 1852 speech "What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?" in Bicentennial Park, 1 Spring Street, Marion. Bicentennial Park is located directly across the street from the MAC, at the corner of Main and Spring Streets in Marion. Guests should bring their own chairs or picnic blanket to the event and should arrive about ten minutes early to find a seat in the park. The presentation of this public reading is a statewide initiative coordinated by Mass Humanities, a generous sponsor of this free community event.

A diverse group of orators will present an abridged version of the speech and, including additional remarks, the reading will run about 45 minutes. There will be a Q&A to follow – all guests are invited to join this informal discussion.

Reading Frederick Douglass Together is free and open to the public. Additional resources can be found at [masshumanities.org/programs/douglass/douglass-resources](http://masshumanities.org/programs/douglass/douglass-resources). Please contact the MAC with questions by emailing [info@marionartcenter.org](mailto:info@marionartcenter.org) or by calling 508-748-1266.

## Harbor Days

Harbor Days kicks off on Saturday July 10 and culminates with our craft fair on Saturday July 17-18 with many great events during the week.

Questions regarding booth rental should be emailed to [mattapoisettharbordays@gmail.com](mailto:mattapoisettharbordays@gmail.com)

## Scavenger Hunt

Celebrate DNRT's 50th Birthday by finding and photographing 50 items on DNRT Reserves from among the 70 items listed on the "Discover DNRT Scavenger Hunt" checklist. Each

entrant will receive a DNRT Guide to Outdoor Recreation in Dartmouth (a \$15 value!), which contains over 70 full color pages featuring all of DNRT's reserves and trail maps, as well as other non-profit, state, and town lands. Those who successfully take and submit photos of 50 items will win an exclusive DNRT canvas boat tote bag (not available for sale elsewhere).

This is a great activity for individuals, families, and friends! Get outdoors and enjoy the lovely spring weather while discovering new places and exploring old favorites.

**Registration is \$25 per entrant (can be individual or team)** and the contest will end on October 31, 2021.

## Linens Drive

On Saturday, June 26, 2021 from 10:00am-12:00pm My Brother's Keeper will be hosting a Pop Your Trunk Spring Collection Drive for new sets of bed linens and towels.

This collection drive will support the organization's core charitable program of 33 years: furniture assistance. My Brother's Keeper can provide anything needed to furnish a bare apartment: beds, cribs, dressers, refrigerators, kitchen tables and chairs, and living room furniture, as well as household items like bed linens and towels. All items are delivered free of charge—a critical service for residents without transportation, the elderly and disabled.

- My Brother's Keeper Dartmouth Building, 1015 Reed Road, Dartmouth, MA 02747. Participants can remain in their vehicles as staff/volunteers remove donations with a pop of the trunk.

To donate or learn more about getting involved with My Brother's Keeper, visit [www.MyBrothersKeeper.org](http://www.MyBrothersKeeper.org) or call 774-305-4577.

## Fish Pier at Deer Isl

Recreational saltwater anglers value access to high quality fishing locations along our coastline. Access can mean a boat ramp, sandy beach, rocky jetty, fishing pier, and even artificial reefs. In keeping with the mission of continuing to provide and protect that access, DMF, along with the Department of Fish and Game's Office of Fishing and Boating Access

(FBA) have constructed a brand-new fishing pier in Boston Harbor. The Deer Island Pier is open and ready for anglers of all skill levels to enjoy the phenomenal sights and target a variety of species, including striped bass, mackerel, and winter flounder. You can check out the new promotional Deer Island Pier video here!

Learn more about Deer Island Public Access Area, visit [https://www.mwra.com/03sewer/html/sewdi\\_access.htm](https://www.mwra.com/03sewer/html/sewdi_access.htm)

## Concert Series

Members of the community are invited to attend the launch of FirstWorks Live — Music at Roger Williams Park free summer concert series this weekend in the gorgeous outdoor setting of "The People's Park." Presented in partnership with Roger Williams Park Conservancy and the Providence Parks Department, the six-concert series kicks off this Sunday, June 27, 2021 with Rhode Island-based dance and drum troupe Napua O'Polynesia, introducing audiences to a mix of modern and traditional hula traditions,

- Sun., 6/27, from 5:00-6:00 PM, Roger Williams Park, Dalrymple Boat-house Lawn. Park entrance located at 1000 Elmwood Aven., Providence. Follow signs to the Boathouse. Live, in-person performance is free and open to the public. Also Live-streaming to FirstWorks' Facebook page

## Fairy Tale Farm

Coggeshall Farm Museum has announced a new four-week (July 10 - August 1) immersive summer theatrical experience that will give guests the whole story of what happened after "happily ever after." Coggeshall once again partners with PJ Griffith of ClockJack Productions to introduce Fairy Tale Farm.

Tickets: [www.coggeshallfarm.org](http://www.coggeshallfarm.org).

Guests will experience an enchanted farm and meet characters from several beloved fairytales, all now living beside each other at Fairy Tale Farm. Each step out of their home for the first time in a while; from "real-boy" Pinocchio who is adulting for the first time, to a recently awakened beautiful princess-turned-Instagram celebrity, and more.

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# Pride chalk crosswalk pops up at Fairhaven Town Hall



After the Fairhaven Select Board refused to allow the LGBTQ Pride/Rainbow Flag to fly on the flag pole at Town Hall, someone decided to make a statement and painted the crosswalk in the rainbow colors. The person or persons have not been identified and have not come forward to take credit (or blame) for the move. But it seems likely that this interesting character (LEFT) had something to do with it. Everyone knows that unicorns mean peace and rainbows, right? *Photo submitted.*

RIGHT TOP AND BOTTOM. A chalked rainbow mysteriously appears in the crosswalk in front of Fairhaven Town Hall after the Select Board refused to fly the LGBTQ Pride/ Rainbow Flag at town hall. *Photos by Beth David.*



## The Fairhaven Historical Society

*Remember the Ladies*



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The Museum of Fairhaven History Announces a New Exhibit: *"Remember the Ladies — Fairhaven Women who made History."*



The museum is open at the Academy Building, 141 Main Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719, Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. during Huttleston Marketplace.

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# Recipe of the Week

## Chicken Taco Casserole

- 4 cups shredded, cooked chicken
- 2 (10.75 oz) cans cream of chicken soup
- 1 cup light sour cream
- 1 (10 oz) can diced tomatoes and green chiles, undrained
- 1 (15 oz) can of black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 (1 ounce) envelope reduced-sodium taco seasoning mix
- 5 c coarsely crushed tortilla chips
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- Chopped tomato, sliced green onion, and chopped fresh cilantro leaves for garnish

Preheat oven to 350° and spray a casserole dish with cooking spray. Set aside. Combine shredded chicken, soup, sour cream, green chiles, tomatoes, beans, and taco seasoning in a mixing bowl.

In the sprayed casserole dish, layer the chicken mixture with tortilla chips and cheese. Cover with aluminum foil. Bake casserole for 30 mins. Remove foil and bake for another 10 minutes until the cheese begins to bubble. Remove from the oven.

Sprinkle the casserole with garnishes prior to serving.

*From Cookingprofessionally.com*

## To share a recipe with your neighbors

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# Dear Frankie

## Talk about Killing Someone with Kindness

*Dear Frankie,*

My brother Davy and I are Jack Russell Terriers. We are known for being hunters. Only one of us, however, acts like

a Jack. Can you guess? Right, me!

The first thing in the morning, our dads let us out into the yard. I immediately survey the property for geckos and snakes. God help them if there is one out there. Davy, on the other hand, plays with his ball and basks in the sun.

When we go in for breakfast, we both get the same amount of food. I don't even get a treat for all my hard work. Do you think that's fair?

*Miffed, Cheer*

*Dear Cheer,*

I do think it is fair. Dogs and humans eat food for nourishment and fuel. Using food as a treat can be a slippery slope. I'm not opposed to an occasional treat here and there, but I have serious concerns about them being a regular part of a dog's diet. Have you ever noticed how many overweight dogs there are at the dog park? Many have bulked up because

their owners want to please them by feeding them treats all day long. Talk about killing someone with kindness. These dog owners mean well, but they aren't doing their dogs any favors. Obesity causes all sorts of physical and emotional issues for dogs. Fat dogs eventually have trouble breathing and walking. Some dogs become so dependent on treats they develop all kinds of negative behavior to get their owners' attention. Barking or scratching the cabinet where the treats are, is the least of their offenses.

I'm sure your dads appreciate the efforts you make to keep the family safe. The next time you pass a mirror, enjoy seeing that svelte Jack in the reflection.

*Best, Frankie*

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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 column. To receive a free online subscription, readers can email [neighbnews@comcast.net](mailto:neighbnews@comcast.net), request their name be added to the email list or visit [www.neighbnews.com](http://www.neighbnews.com) to read the paper online or to download the latest issue.

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Downtown New Bedford is ready to provide the soundtrack to the summer with the launch of a weekly outdoor live music series on Thursday, July 8, 2021.

The Summer Sound Series will welcome folks to Custom House Square Park for eight concerts from early July through late August. It will feature some of the best local musicians from the Greater New Bedford area, produced in partnership with the City and Zeiterion Performing Arts Center.

Residents and visitors are invited to bring a chair or blanket to Custom House Square Park each Thursday to hear the music, or grab a spot in a seated, limited-capacity cordoned-off beer garden, where beer and wine will be available for purchase. **Beer Garden open 2-7 p.m., Live Music 4-7.**

In addition, residents are invited to frequent downtown New Bedford's many unique eateries and bring some take-out to the park with them.

Custom House Square Park is ringed by eclectic, independent shops and dining establishments. Downtown New Bedford is also home to destination attractions such as the

New Bedford Whaling Museum, New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, New Bedford Art Museum, and the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center.

Renowned as the region's creative hub, the visual appeal of New Bedford is matched by its musical prowess. For the Summer Sound Series, the Zeiterion has recruited a diverse mix of performers, from folk music to world sounds in a variety of musical styles.

**July 8: Butch McCarthy** has performed throughout the SouthCoast for more than 50 years, blending original songs with his take on popular cover songs. Joining him on stage will be Steve Mazza on bass and JB Borges on drums.

**July 15:** For the past 36 years, **The Pearly Baker Band** has been playing their version of Grateful Dead music, with some Stones, Beatles and JJ Cale thrown in for good measure.

**July 22:** Praised as a "force to be reckoned with" by Shaquille O'Neal, saxophonist Marcus Monteiro leads **The MonteiroBots**, and he continues to impress his audience with intensity, interpretation and consummate improvisational skills.

**July 29: Guitarist Mark T. Small** is an internationally recognized musician performing his signature foot stompin' blues, boogie, early rock and honky-tonk selections.

**August 5: Prominent Cabo Verdean musician Djim Job** has performed and produced for artists like Bana, Cesária Évora, Ildo Lobo, and many more around the world. He'll be joined by a percussionist for a set of beautiful Cabo Verdean music.

**August 12:** A powerful and diverse vocalist, songwriter and guitarist, **Kim Trusty** has spent the last three decades refining her musical skills and crafting her own style of jazz, R&B, blues and original music. Joining her on stage will be Cathy Clasper-Torch.

**August 19: The Jethros** are a fixture in the local folk music scene presenting their folk/blues/alt/soul/swing jazz/bluegrass/funk/country/mariachi/klezmer stylings to one and all.

**August 26 Rebecca Correia** has been lauded as "one of the best singer-songwriters in America," describing herself as "Sheryl Crow meets Gavin Degraw."

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## No injuries in Acushnet crash



On Wednesday, 6/16, at 9:30 a.m. Acushnet police and fire responded to a single car crash in the area of 62 Hathaway Road. "The sole occupant was not injured but the pole was," wrote Acushnet Fire and EMS on its Facebook page. ABOVE: An SUV rests against a telephone pole near 62 Hathaway Road in Acushnet on Wednesday, 6/16/21. The driver was not injured, but police warned of traffic delays and power outages. *Photo from Acushnet Fire & EMS Department Facebook page.*

## Youngster honors K-9 Kitt



From Acushnet Police Facebook Page posted on 6/21/21: We would like to introduce our newest friend and young hero, Brantley!! Brantley stopped by with these beautiful homemade bracelets to raise money in K-9 Kitt's honor! Brantley has sold over 270 bracelets and raised over \$2000 which will be donated to



the Braintree Police Working Dog Foundation! It was a pleasure meeting you today and Kudos to your parents on raising a sweet, humble and heroic young man! Kitt is the police service dog killed by gunshot in the line of duty this month.

*Photos from Acushnet Police Dept. Facebook page.*

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she's been trained, and she's up for the challenge."

In other business, in a 2-1 vote, with Mr. Espindola dissenting, the board rescinded its Flag Policy and will instead refuse all requests to fly any flag at Town Hall.

The move comes as Mr. Freitas said posts on Facebook have unfairly labeled him a "bigot," and he explicitly named School Committee member Kyle Bueno, the one who requested that the pride flag be flown at Town Hall, for Facebook comments Mr. Freitas deemed were "not nice."

Mr. Freitas insisted that Mr. Crotty "was absolutely against it" when Mr. Bueno presented his first request to fly the pride flag two years ago. Mr. Freitas said Mr. Crotty suggested that once the Town started approving flag requests, all other flag requests, regardless of what they represented, would have to be flown as well.

Besides, Pride Month is in June, added Mr. Freitas, not August, although, he continued, "I have no problem with the [pride] flag."

Adopting what he said was "town counsel's advice," Mr. Freitas continued, "We should not be in the business of flying any flags as far as I'm concerned.... Call me a bigot; call me what you want."

No one flies the pride flag in August, he said.

"Not me," said Mr. Espindola, and he then refuted Mr. Freitas's version of the flag policy's history.

"Before we say town counsel was against this, we should check back into the record," said Mr. Espindola.

He clarified that Mr. Crotty was against flying any flags "without a flag policy in place."

He then read from the town's flag policy, drafted by Mr. Crotty, that would prevent any other such flags that Mr. Freitas and Mr. Silvia claimed would have had to be flown.

"Town counsel did not say he was against flying the flag," said Mr. Espindola.

"I had people approach me for it and against it, which doesn't matter to me," said Mr. Silvia. "I just feel that it's a no-win situation. Call me a bigot, whatever. The stars and stripe represent everybody, so it's covered here."

Mr. Freitas motioned to rescind the

flag policy, and Mr. Silvia seconded.

Ms. Graves asked for clarification that the Town's policy was now "no flag flying."

"It stops all this nonsense that's been going on," said Mr. Freitas.

In other matters, Health Inspector Dave Flaherty provided his input on the state of the 1950s wing of the Rogers School.

In a letter he provided the board, Mr. Flaherty stated that he observed "extensive water damage" on the ceiling and "puddling" beneath the skylights. Although he could not confirm the presence of "mold" without taking samples for testing, he wrote that "while this project is fairly extensive, it is not impossible; the cost of remediation would be the

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[Select Board  
Chairperson Daniel Freitas]

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limiting factor."

During the meeting, Mr. Flaherty did state that he observed "mold" but added that he was not sure what type.

Mr. Freitas expressed anger over comments at Town Meeting alleging that SMEC would be placing its students in an unsafe environment in the building, which he said merited an apology to SMEC. He turned to Mr. Espindola and accused him and his "group of people" of the outcome at Town Meeting: the failure of the article to lease the 1950s addition to SMEC.

He said Mr. Espindola voiced support for the project and then undermined its progress with "roadblocks."

Mr. Espindola denied Mr. Freitas's accusations and said that the failure resulted not only from the condition

of the building but also New England Preservation & Development's lawsuit against the town.

"You and so many people from your group can meet and figure something out (for the future of the building)," said Mr. Freitas. The town put a lot of work into sealing the deal with SMEC, Mr. Freitas said. "Then it gets submarined, so...."

"We have done a lot of work on this, and now they (SMEC) probably don't want to (continue to work with the town) ... because they were embarrassed," said Ms. Graves.

In another matter, Fairhaven could soon receive the Purple Heart Town designation. Resident Kathy Lopes said some time ago while in Taunton, a sign caught her eye acknowledging

Taunton as a Purple Heart city. Ms. Lopes said she knows someone in Fairhaven that earned a Purple Heart, so she researched the designation further during the pandemic when she had some spare time, and a committee, which included Mr. Espindola, Ms. Lopes, and Veterans Agent Bradford Fish, met via Zoom.

"I want Fairhaven to demonstrate our appreciation to our Purple Heart veterans and families," said Ms. Lopes.

Mr. Fish said the Mass Department of Transportation would provide signs to post at the main entrances to the town. The board read a proclamation and approved the request.

Doug Brady from the Rogers School Re-Use Committee asked the board for a letter of support to accompany the group's application to place Rogers School on the National Historic Register. It approved the letter of support and acknowledged that the board would have the opportunity to approve adding the school to the register before it is finalized.

As of June 22, masks will no longer be required inside Town Hall. Plexiglass barriers will remain in place in offices where the public interacts with Town Hall employees.

The board voted 2-0 to hold a Select Board meeting on July 28 to make up for the one canceled due to the July 26 special election to recall Mr. Freitas. Mr. Freitas abstained from the vote.

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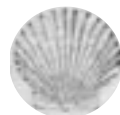
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# New program demonstrates early American daily life

By Beth David  
Editor

Did you know that block sugar really came in a huge block? Do you have any idea how early Americans tried to inoculate against smallpox and other disease? How about a demonstration on spinning yarn?

The Fairhaven Office of Tourism will offer these and many more demonstrations during Early American Monday this summer. Held at the visitors center from 12:30–3:30 p.m. through August 29, the weekly program will feature different stations on the lawn with reenactors from the late Colonial and early Federal period demonstrating and talking about public life during the late 1700s.

Volunteers will demonstrate a variety of American skills, including wool carding and spinning, quilting, 18th century medical and dental instruments and procedures.

It is likely that no two weeks will be the same, with a variety of reenactors rotating in and out as the weeks go by, so plan on going by often.

On opening day 6/21, Ann Eldridge (aka Debra Almeida) displayed some samples from the general goods store she owns with her husband Elnathan.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge owned the store at the end of Oxford Street where there was a wharf that they used to accept imported goods.

Mrs. Eldridge had on display some musket balls, gun powder, a huge block of sugar, and many other items.

“All kinds of things you would find in a store,” said Mrs. Eldridge.

She recited her history, coming from Nantucket and settling in Fairhaven with Elnathan in 1762. They had 12 children plus his two from a previous marriage.

She also had on display some local corn for planting.

“A farmer brought it to the store and wanted to trade it for some herbs I grew,” said Mrs. Eldridge, and she sold some to customers who wanted to plant some corn.

Fairhaven Office of Tourism Director Christopher Richard demonstrated a medical procedure that seems appropriate after our recent experience with COVID 19.

He held a small “ivory point” that they used to take some pus from a smallpox patient. They would scrape



it off, let it dry, and then put it on another person. The idea was that the other person would get a mild case, but, “They could die,” admitted Mr. Richard.

But, usually, they got mild case.

Lori Richard said she has not used the spinning wheel for a long time, but decided to pull it out of the attic for the new program. The wheel spins yarn or thread from fibers.

“Everybody likes the spinning wheel,” said Ms. Richard.

To learn more about Early American Monday and other programs, visit [www.fairhaventours.com](http://www.fairhaventours.com)



TOP: Debra Almeida, as Ann Eldridge, proprietor of a general goods store with her husband Elnathan, holds up a block of sugar, which is how it was imported in early America, during Early American Monday on 6/21/21, a new program that will take place in front of the Fairhaven Visitors Center this summer. ABOVE LEFT: Christopher Richard displays a device used for scraping smallpox bumps to get the fluid on the scraper, let it dry, then use it to infect another person in the hopes that the person would get only a mild case, but then be inoculated, a method used before modern vaccines were developed. ABOVE RIGHT: Lori Richard strings the spinning wheel to demonstrate yarn spinning. *Photos by Beth David.*



# Alltrust: No boundaries for growth

By Beth David

Editor

We all know change can be hard, but it can also be exciting. In any case it's mostly necessary.

Anyone driving by the new Alltrust sign on Alden Road in Fairhaven has figured out that change is afoot. But, not as much as they might think.

The former Southern Mass Credit Union did not get sold and did not merge, assures President and CEO Carmen Sylvester. It is simply a name change, and a whole lot of upgrades to go with it.

The process took at least a couple of years: just picking the name was a long process involving the board, trademarks, etc., etc., etc.

Ms. Sylvester said having "southern mass" in the name seemed to limit them in the eyes of the public. The credit union can accept members in parts of Rhode Island. Membership is open to everyone who lives, works, or attends school in Bristol, Barnstable, Dukes, Nantucket, and Plymouth counties in Mass.; Bristol and Newport counties in Rhode Island; and parts of Providence County.

"It's a mental thing," said Ms. Sylvester that people outside of southern Mass. would just naturally assume they could not join. The new name positions them for further growth and opportunity.

The name "Alltrust" says all that they want it to say, said Ms. Sylvester. "All" means they service everybody in their geographic area.

"Trust" means, "we want to do the right thing," she said.

And it takes away the boundaries of a name tied to geography.

"No boundaries for growth," said Ms. Sylvester.

Of course, a credit union in general will always have some geographical boundaries, but they are working to expand them all the time.

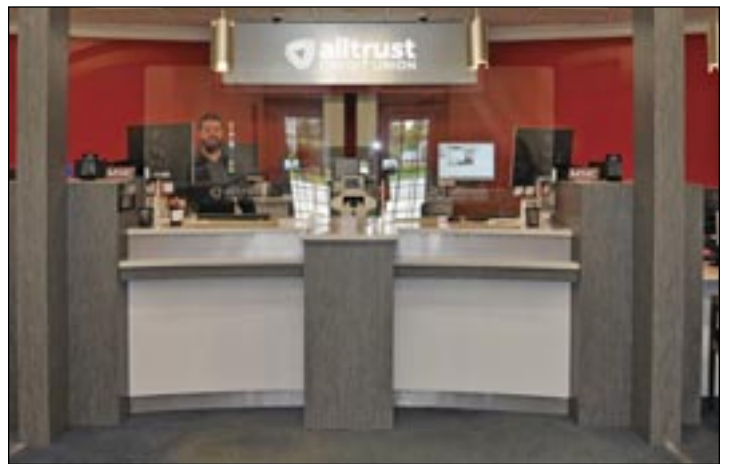
The new name is perfect for an organization looking to expand, and not just geographically, but assets membership, and services.

The new name comes along with a total renovation of the building. Anyone entering for the first time in a few months will not recognize the lobby. No more straight teller line. The new wave of teller service includes "pods." It's both more open and streamlined, but also allows for more personalized interactions. Behind the service desks, offices allow for private transactions without going too far.

The building changes utilize the space more efficiently, making more office space and expanding conference room space.

But probably the most innovative and ambitious changes are in the online services that have been, and will continue to be expanded.

Technical changes are expensive, said Ms. Sylvester, but the younger generation has expectations. Just as cassette tapes and VCRs disappeared to make way for newer and better products, all businesses must embrace technology to survive and thrive.



"That's the evolution of life with technology," said Ms. Sylvester. "Banking is evolving, too."

ITMs (Interactive Teller Machines) are a good example of that. They combine the newest technology with the human touch, although the concept of the ITM has been around for years.

"It's a live person behind the ITM," during banking hours, she said. At night, it's an ATM.

With \$300 million in assets, Alltrust is not the biggest, but not the smallest, either. They need to grow to be able to afford all the new technology, and they need all the new technology to grow.

"It's a very exciting time," said Ms. Sylvester, but adding all the new products and all the new technology is "a huge undertaking."

The company has also added staff and continues to hire for a variety of positions.

"We're on a journey," said Ms. Sylvester. "The journey doesn't end. It just evolves."

She credited the board with having the vision to start and stick with the long process.

The big tech changes are still a few months off. The current system is "sunsetting," meaning there are no new upgrades available for it.

The \$1+ million upgrade will go online in the coming months, and will include enhanced security and monitoring.

SMCU started 100 years ago, and Ms. Sylvester said she hopes the new changes will position the organization to be around for at least another 50.

"Change in this business is inevitable," said Ms. Sylvester. "We have to keep up with the changes."



TOP: Robert Dos Reis, Branch Manager at Alltrust Credit Union in Fairhaven, staffs a teller "pod" in the new lobby, which replaces the old layout as part of a total rehab of the building at 123 Alden Road. ABOVE: Carmen Sylvester, Alltrust Credit Union President and CEO, poses next to the Alltrust logo in the new conference room in the building that is being completely renovated to upgrade offices and use space more efficiently. Photo by Beth David.

## From our readers

### Lewis Landing development is too big

The proposal before the Fairhaven Planning Board to put four three-unit condominiums with their required 28 parking places is a bad project for the site, the neighborhood, Route 6, and the town.

For over two years, since town meeting in May of 2018 voted to change the zoning to allow a project of "...not more than 12 Condominium units...", we have seen this project through more than five peer reviews regarding the flooding/water issues alone. The petitioner has spent much time and money on a development whose plan has become squeezed by a problematic and difficult site. These issues could never have been known by town meeting members when the site was reclassified.

Once touted as a "Condominium" project with associated "extras", the site has dictated housing with few amenities and are now being referred to as "rental units" with no storage space (basements/garages) or outdoor space (decks/landings).

Access from both directions on Rte. 6 is dangerous.

From the west, the curve up Blossom Hill creates a difficult crossing for pedestrians and students headed to East Fairhaven School. It is widely acknowledged traffic flows at far over the speed limit on this section of Rte. 6 in spite of the blind curve.

From the east, this project would effectively open Rte. 6's four lanes to 125-plus feet of access on the south side. This includes Gellette Road, a nearly wide open entrance and exit from the Southcoast Liquors parking lot, and the proposed new entrance to Lewis Landing.

The petitioner has shown no interest in scaling back this project. The elaborate and complex water control system dictated by the project apparently leaves no money to enhance the structures. As a neighborhood we are asked to accept these flooding and safety problems.

This is unreasonable and wrong.

I hope the Planning Board considers these concerns and votes to deny this project.

*Sincerely, Nate Bekemeier, Fairhaven*

### Powers is Logical Choice

As a lifelong resident of Fairhaven I have seen many elected members of

the Fairhaven School Committee, including myself, come and go over the past 50 years, but in my estimation Stasia Powers stands out as a natural leader and a dedicated community activist. Her service on the Fairhaven School Committee for the past 14 years has prepared Stasia well for the challenges facing the Select Board, and in my opinion she is the logical choice in the upcoming election.

*Robert Foster, Fairhaven School Committee, 1971-1983*

### Powers is Logical, Open Minded

I first got to know Stasia Powers as a fellow member of the "Yes Group." This group was formed out of a grassroots effort to inform the public about the need for a new Elementary School in Fairhaven.

During our tenure on the "Yes Group" I found Stasia to be logical, fact based, and open minded when listening to the opinions of others who held a different point of view. As far as I could tell, Stasia did not base her decisions on any deep seated ideology. Stasia let the research and only the facts guide her to her ultimate conclusions on the proposed project.

What impressed me the most about Stasia was her kindness, laugh, accessibility, and her willingness to work with others for the greater good of Fairhaven. Stasia made everyone feel welcomed and valued.

Stasia's sense of humanity and civility make her uniquely qualified to be an effective public servant. I'm honored to have her as a friend.

It is because of these outstanding qualities that I will enthusiastically support and vote for Stasia Powers for Select Board. I hope you consider voting for Stasia as well.

*Mark Badwey, Fairhaven*

### Powers is Inspiration

I'm writing today in support of Stasia Powers for Selectboard. Stasia has been a friend and inspiration for 11 years. She is a person of the utmost integrity. She puts in the time, does her homework and is unafraid of taking a leadership role because she cares so deeply about Fairhaven. Stasia listens, she respects people of all backgrounds makes decisions based on what is best for all residents of this town.

As a long-time member of our amazing School Committee, Stasia has the experience to step in and get to work immediately.

We have important work in front of us. Our reputation as an employer, as a place to do business, and as a partner to developers and vendors has suffered over the last year. Stasia's experience in recruiting and hiring top managers like principals, working with the town and developers on major infrastructure projects like school construction, renovation and improvements, and dealing with a complex budget and the nuances of short and long-term financing decisions is unparalleled. Importantly, she is experienced in handling personnel issues in a lawful and professional manner designed to avoid lawsuits and make our town and schools an attractive place to work for top professionals in the state.

Election to Select Board should not just be a popularity contest. The Selectboard has serious responsibility and can position our town for success or mire us in dysfunction and lawsuits. One of Stasia's top priorities will be to work with the other board members to hire a professional Town Administrator. She understands that we cannot attract high caliber candidates if applicants see a Selectboard that is unprofessional and has no respect for people or the process.

Stasia appreciates that a Town Administrator is a specialized professional job that requires experience, and a deep knowledge base that includes human resources, management, municipal finance, and best practices in town administration from around the country. It is not a learn on the job position and we pay a competitive salary so we can attract the top candidates.

This is a pivotal time for our town and an election with consequences. Stasia can and will make a difference. Help Fairhaven be the best it can be by finishing the recall process and electing my friend Stasia Powers on July 26th.

*Carolyn Nunez, Fairhaven*

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# Recal election important dates/info for voters

The Fairhaven special town election is scheduled for Monday, 7/26

The field is set, with three candidates on the ballot: Leon Corry, Cameron Durant, Stasia Powers.

The ballot will have a question asking voters if they want to recall Select Board member Daniel Freitas, with a "yes" or "no" vote. Then voters will be asked to pick a candidate.

If the plurality of voters choose "yes" to end Mr. Freitas's term early, then he will no longer be on the board as of 7/26.

The next part of the ballot asks voters to choose a candidate. The candidate with the most votes will win the election and will be eligible to be sworn in by the town clerk.

## Important Dates

**Tuesday, July 6, 2021** Last day to register voters for the Town Election. The Town Clerk's Office will be open from 8:30 AM to 8:00 PM on this day.

**Tuesday, July 20, 2021** Last day to request a MAIL-IN absentee ballot for the Special Election. The Town Clerk's Office will be open from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM on this day.

**Friday, July 23, 2021-12:00PM (noon)** Last day/time to request an IN-PERSON Absentee Ballot in the Town Clerk's office.

Polling Places for the Town Election are: Precinct 1, Town Hall; Precinct 4, Fire Station Meeting Room; Precinct 2, Hastings Middle School; Precincts 5 and 6, Recreation Center

Polls are open from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM

You may register to vote any day from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday in the Town Clerk's Office, on-line or through a mail-in registration form.

## Mail-in/Absentee Ballots

*Important Information Regarding Mail-in/Absentee Ballots for July 26, 2021 Special Election*

*Applying for Absentee Ballots*

As always, Mail-in/Absentee ballots must be requested in writing by either the voter or the voter's family member. If you would like to request an absentee ballot, you may submit an application or a signed letter to the Town Clerk's Office. You can find the application in our office, on our webpage, on the Mass.gov website, or you can request one to be mailed to you.

- If you have already sent in a Mail-in/Absentee Ballot application for the 2021 election year, you may have indicated that you were requesting a ballot for the April Annual Town Election only, since it had been the only election scheduled for the year. If that is the case, and you wish to vote by mail for the July Special Election, you will need to send in ANOTHER application.

- If you sent your 2021 application and you indicated that you wanted a ballot for ALL elections this year, you DO NOT NEED to re-apply, however you might want to check that we have the correct mailing address listed, especially if you originally requested your ballot to be mailed to a different/seasonal address.

If you are unsure of your Absentee Ballot status, please feel free to call the Town Clerk's office to verify, or simply send in another application by the deadline date.

Mail-in Absentee ballot applications (to receive a ballot in the mail) must be received as soon as possible, but no later than Tuesday, July 20, 2021.

In-Person Absentee ballot applica-

tions (to vote in the Town Clerk's office) must be received by 12 p.m. on Friday July 23, 2021. In-person absentee voting should be arranged ahead of time.

If you are a voter with a permanent physical disability, you may file a note from your doctor to that effect with your local election official. Voters with permanent physical disabilities are sent completed applications at the beginning of each year, to be signed and returned to their local election official.

Applications may be submitted in person, by mail, fax, or by e-mail; however, the local election official must be able to view the signature of the person requesting the ballot. If the application is being submitted by e-mail, a scanned copy of the request must be submitted.

## Voting

If you plan to vote by mail, be sure to submit your application as soon as possible. Please allow enough time for the ballot to be mailed to you and for you to return the ballot by Election Day. For your convenience, you may drop off your Mail-in ballot at the Town Clerk's office, or simply drop it through the mail slot on the outside door on the east side of the front entrance to Town Hall. All ballots being mailed from inside the United States must be received by your local election official no later than the close of polls on Election Day.

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## Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.  
Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts  
Public Hearing In-Person in Banquet Room

- Administrative Appeal by Fairhaven Shipyard** re: 7 Union Street. REF#: ZBA-AA 01: Seeking reversal of zoning determination by the Town of Fairhaven Building Commissioner dated February 20, 2020. (Application attached) – Continued from April 7, 2020, May 5, 2020, June 2, 2020, and July 7, 2020, and August 11, 2020, and September 2, 2020. Asking for a continuance to December 1, 2020 per applicant's request. **Continued to July 6, 2021.**
- Administrative Appeal by A1 Crane** re: 86-88 Middle Street. REF#: ZBA-AA-02: Administrative Appeal from a letter dated April 7, 2020 from the Building Commissioner stating that the operation on the site is in violation of the Mixed Use zoning regulations. (see attached-Exhibit 3) (continued per applicant's request to September 2, 2020 Meeting, see attached.) **Previously continued to August 3, 2021.**
- ZBA-2021-021: 10 Mayflower Street. Raimondo, Marc.** 198.7(B): Request an Administrative Appeal of the Building Commissioners decision that a partially constructed shed needs to meet 198-18 (note 1), which in part reads, "Corner or through lots shall observe front yard requirements from both streets." Pursuant to 198-9, requesting a Variance from required corner lot 20' side setback to proposed 8' setback.
- ZBA-FY22-001: 62 Weeden Road. Pimental, Armand & Michaela.** Pursuant to 198-9, Variance request from the required street frontage of 140' to a proposed street frontage of 138.05' to construct a single family dwelling.
- ZBA-FY22-002. 6 Cherrystone Road. May, Alexander & Sheila.** Pursuant to 198-9, applicant's are requesting the following Variances:

From the required corner lot side setback of 30' to a proposed 20.5' setback.  
From the required rear yard setback of 30' to a proposed 28' setback.  
From the Maximum lot coverage of 25% to a proposed 25.7% to demolish and construct a new single family home.  
Applicant is also asking the Board for a filing pursuant to MGL 40, Section 6 that the reconstruction of the single family home is not substantially more detrimental than the existing nonconforming structure to the neighborhood.

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, July 12, 2021 at 6:30pm  
Town Hall, 40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

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

- CON 023-235: 19 James Street** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Dominic Caruso for the construction of a 12-foot-by-18-foot shed on sonotubes at the property located at 19 James Street, Assessors Map 2, Lot 142. Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage.
- CON 023-236: 6 Cherrystone Road** Notice of Intent filed by Alexander and Sheila May for the demolition of the existing cottage and construction of a new single-family dwelling at the property located at 6 Cherrystone Road, Assessors Map 43B, Lots 148 & 149. Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal

Storm Flowage.  
3. **CON 023-237: 1 & 2 Marsh Island** Notice of Intent filed by Buzzards Bay Coalition for invasive plant vegetation management at the property located at 1 and 2 Marsh Island, Assessors Map 15, Lot 1, and Assessors Map 17, Lot 129. Work to take place in Riverfront Area, Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Bordering Vegetated Wetland, Salt Marsh, and Buffer Zone.

Information regarding remote meeting access will be provided on the Conservation Commission Agenda posted on the Town's website at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

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

Geoff Haworth, Chair, Fairhaven  
Conservation Commission  
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Winston Churchill

## Upcoming Meetings

### Fairhaven

#### Board of Appeals

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

#### Board of Health

Wed., 7/7, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

#### Board of Public Works

Mon., 6/28, Arsene St., 6:15 p.m.

#### Broadband Study Comm

Mon., 6/24, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

#### Commission on Disability

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

#### Community Preservation

Wed., 6/30, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

#### Conservation Commission

Mon., 6/28, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

#### School Committee

Wed., 6/23, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

#### Selectboard

Mon., 7/12, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Acushnet

#### Selectboard

Mon., 7/12, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

### TIDE TABLE

US Army Corps of Engineers, Cape Cod  
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	June 2021	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	24	0808	2033	0150*	1337*
Friday	25	0901	2125	0253*	1436*
Saturday	26	0955	2217	0349*	1535*
Sunday	27	1047	2307	0429*	1624
Monday	28	1139	2359	0505*	1707
Tuesday	29	----	1234	0542	1753
Wednesday	30	0054	1329	0628	1902
	July 2021	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	1	0148	1421	0740	2134
Friday	2	0238	1510	0849	2246
Saturday	3	0329	1602	0927	2347
Sunday	4	0426	1700	1005	----
Monday	5	0526	1754	0036	----
			1049	----	
Tuesday	6	0617	1838	0119	1130
Wednesday	7	0659	1917	0201	1206
Thursday	8	0738	1955	0236	1241
Friday	9	0818	2035	0144	1320
Saturday	10	0900	2117	0217	1403
Sunday	11	0944	2200	0257	1451
Monday	12	1027	2243	0337	1540

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# Fairhaven Town Meeting: Part II

By Beth David  
Editor

*Second in a two part series*

Fairhaven Town Meeting members spent the whole day on Saturday, 6/12, and a couple of hours Monday night getting through 60 articles on the annual TM warrant.

In addition to the usual budget and capital spending items, TM voted on a number of bylaws changes, including a short term rentals bylaw.

See last week's issue for the first part of our Town Meeting coverage.

One article that received significant discussion was the short term rentals bylaw, which would require people who rent their homes on a short term basis, such as summer rentals, to register with the town (\$250 fee), and impose a 3% community impact fee, that would help with enforcement.

Mr. Foley said there are 56 homes registered with the state, but he believed there were many more operating illegally. The bylaw caps the homes at 64, but will increase every year or so.

"I am fully in support of it," said Kyle Bueno, a realtor, adding that it was needed in the industry.

Robert "Hoppy" Hobson weighed in saying he faces more regulation to have a few chickens in his yard than someone renting out their home like a hotel.

Wayne Hayward, a member of the Planning Board that petitioned the article, said precinct 5 (Scotcut Neck and West Island) could be "overwhelmed with short term rentals" if the cap is not in place.

He noted that Barnstable has 7888 registered, and Dennis has 1395.

Randy Cushing spoke against the article, saying he bought his house on West Island understanding that he could rent it. He said the cap and the 3% were "overreaching."

Mr. Foley said the town was trying to plan ahead because they have seen what happened in other communities.

"We are an affordable seaside community that is ripe for the picking, frankly," said Mr. Foley.

TM passed the new law and the community impact fees.

A petition by G. Bourne Knowles to rezone the property back to commercial use passed, but with an amendment proposed by Henry Ferreira to ensure that the portion designated as a Conservation Restriction is actually

placed in the CR, with proof required before the change takes place.

Discussion on the article revolved around the change being a return to what the property was years ago. GBK had changed the property from commercial to multi-family to allow a residential development on the property. The deal fell through.

The G. Bourne Knowles business has been operating, technically in violation of the zoning, since then.

Mr. Ferreira pointed out some omissions in correspondence and other documents to justify his amendment. He said the letter was only sent to town meeting members, and it said the details would be left up to town boards.

Mr. Ferreira said a conservation restriction is a level above.

"And he knew full well that was the case and he knew what he was writing," said Mr. Ferreira.

Planning Board member Wayne

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Hayward reminded TM that they were not voting on any specific plans. Any project going onto the property would require a special permit by the Planning Board, and probably a review and restrictions from the Conservation Commission, and possibly the Zoning Board of Appeals. But, any suggestion on what could go there is just a suggestion, and it could change.

Several neighbors voiced opposition to the change, saying the traffic from Lifestyles Plaza across the street was already dangerous, and a new business would just make congestion worse.

Ann Denardis pointed out that the CR is on very wet land so, in essence, the town is getting nothing. But it is losing a "huge swath of land" which is zoned multi-family. She noted that

there are residences on the other side of the business.

"We need to call this for what it is," said Ms. Denardis. "An opportunity for Mr. Knowles to sell this to the highest bidder."

"I don't see what the big deal is with this property," said Mr. Hobson, adding that Mr. Knowles should be able to do what he can do. "Just tell him what he can do with it."

The Community Preservation Committee received approval for all its requested spending, to the tune of \$835,112, although it was not all without controversy.

TM easily passed \$200,000 to resurface the skate park at Livesey Park; \$65,000 for the Fairhaven Housing Authority for the town's portion of a \$365,000 project to replace eight roofs at Green Meadows; \$80,000 to reconstruct the entrance to the Academy Building, where the Visitors Center is; \$15,000 for the Old Stone Schoolhouse exterior; \$70,313 for Fairhaven High School Windows, phase 4; \$136,360 for the Millicent Library chimney; \$60,000 for Whitfield-Manjiro Carriage House exterior.

The CPC project for the Unitarian Church, \$193,439, for repairs to the exterior of the building, generated a lot of discussion.

Some TM members were concerned about spending public funds on a private, religious institution.

TM member Rich Griffiths pointed out that churches already pay no taxes and, therefore, are already helped by the town. He said they do not pay in, but now want the tax money. He said it was a "slippery slope."

"Please don't take my tax money and spend it on this," said Mr. Griffiths.

"I think this is going beyond the bounds of what the community preservation was set up for," said Antone Lopes.

Diane Lopes asked if it meant that any church in town could now ask for public funds.

Others argued that the UU church in Fairhaven, a Henry Huttleston Rogers building, is iconic, and is a draw for tourists. The building makes the center what it is, along with the other Rogers Buildings: the town hall and Millicent Library, Our Lady's

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Haven.

Tree Warden Don Collasius said CPC funds are for historic structures.

"I challenge you to find one more historical," he said. "I guess it would make a pretty nice looking ruin as well."

"This is really a destination," said James Anderson, noting people take pictures there for special life events, such as weddings and proms.

"It's a wonderful building," said Beth Luey, a member of the church, adding that the money is for the building, not a denomination, not a religion.

The funds cannot be used for anything inside the building, such as benches or icons. It can only be used for the exterior.

The article passed 123-40.

After some discussion, TM voted to proceed with the creation of a municipal light plant, which is the first step in the town creating its own fiber optic internet.

The new network would be faster and cheaper than current providers and would be supported by user fees, not taxes, according to proponents.

Gary Lavalette told TM that he had done a lot of research and found that users will have other costs, so the savings may not be as big as suggested. He said the town will have to pay to use the utility poles, which could cost millions.

Select Board member Bob Espindola said the consultant the committee used took that into account.

TM passed the article by the required 2/3 vote.

Eliana DaCunha, who was allowed to speak although not a TM member, was successful in persuading TM to vote for a checkout bag charge of 10 cents. Several members objected because the money would go to the stores.

But proponents argued that the charge works to deter people from using plastic bags. The point is to get shoppers to use reusable bags.

It passed by a slim margin, 79-69.

The Historical Commission was rebuffed in its attempt to get \$25,000 for decorative street lights around town hall.

HC chairperson Wayne Oliveira said the new lights would be more in keeping with the historical nature of the center and town hall, and would

also light the area better.

But several members said it was not the year and noted that the police department was denied a dispatcher and conservation was denied an administrative assistant.

Town Meeting also rejected an article that would have changed the tree warden position from elected to appointed. Mr. Collasius, the current tree warden, said the problem with the position goes beyond how the person gets the job.

Public works superintendent Vinnie Furtado agreed and said it should be a full time department.

In a close vote, 71-86, the measure failed.

TM did vote to create a new enterprise fund for mooring fees. The town will institute a \$25 fee for each mooring. The money will go into the new fund and will be used to promote "small boat use and access to the

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coastal waters of the Town."

The new fee will not replace the waterways fee, it will be in addition to it.

Robert "Hoppy" Hobson said he did not agree with the new fee, and said commercial marinas charge a lot for their moorings and should pay more to the town than individuals.

The article passed 129-26.

An article to shuffle a couple of street lights also passed. Mr. Hobson petitioned the article for a property owner who is a summer resident, and wants a street light in front of his house. Because it is not allowed to have street lights on consecutive poles, one has to move and another added, for \$800 each.

"If you don't want to pay for it, I'll pay for it myself," said Mr. Hobson.

A female voice from the land of Zoom said, "So, I was just gonna say Hoppy will pay for it."

Both parts of the article passed.

TM also passed an article for \$30,000 as a local match for a grant from the Mass. Historical Commission to update 125 of the Historic Assets Surveys in town (of about 293 records) on the Mass. Cultural Resources Information System (MACRIS).

TM members also approved the FEMA flood maps, although not without discussion and consternation on the part of those in the new flood zone designation.

Planning and Economic Development Director Paul Foley explained that if the town did not adopt the maps by 7/6/21, home owners in the affected areas will lose their right to enroll in the National Flood Insurance Program.

Other bylaws changes included adopting a Waterways Regulation Bylaw; amendments to the town's stormwater management bylaw.

In other articles, TM approved the general fund capital plan totaling \$1,458,059 and includes borrowing for a new fire truck; road work; enterprise fund spending, including water, sewer, and cable TV enterprise funds; \$15,000 for the propagation of shellfish.

Articles that were passed over, or not taken up, included #33, which would have (A) authorized money to purchase 172 Bridge Street for a public safety facility, and (B) allowed the transfer of the pier and boat ramp at the west end of Bridge Street (at Seaport Inn); a bylaw amendment that would shorten the time trash barrels can be out on the curb; a request to accept Robert Street as a public street; 49 to create an ethics committee, 50 to set term limits for elected board members, 51 to amend the right to farm bylaw, and 52/53 to amend the recall bylaw were all passed over due to wording issues.

And the second to last article of the night, #59 (#60 was taken out of order), had some wording issues. "Always at the end of the night," quipped Mr. Sylvia.

The wording issues were fixed and the article, amending the stormwater bylaw, passed, 114-1.

TM went back to article 45 to transfer \$285,200 (which includes the \$200 moderator increase) from surplus revenue, which passed with no opposition.

# BPW discusses abatements

By Mary Macedo

## Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Monday 6/14, the Fairhaven Board of Public Works discussed another abatement, and announced a few more openings for summer help.

Board member Cameron Durant was absent from the BPW meeting due to a family emergency, and board member Frank Coelho joined the meeting via Zoom. All other board members attended in person.

The board first met driveway contractor Antone Medeiros about adding a few more feet to a current driveway he is working on. Mr. Medeiros explained that he started expanding a driveway on Timothy Street with a permit, but as they started the work the homeowner asked if they could expand the driveway another eight feet.

Mr. Medeiros said it is the last house on the street and it is a dead end, so there should be no issues with expanding the driveway.

BPW Chairperson Brian Wotton said he thought it was a great idea and will help get more cars off the street because it is right near Wood School where there is a lot of school traffic on the streets.

The board voted unanimously to grant the request.

In another matter the board met with Jessica Jeffery about an abatement. Ms. Jeffery said she received her most recent water and sewer bill and it was \$4000, almost five times their normal amount.

Ms. Jeffery explained that they have checked for leaks and water running, but there is no evidence that there has ever been a leak or anything else. Ms. Jeffery said there is no explanation as to why or how their bill was that high.

Ms. Jeffery explained that town employees have been coming to her house to check the water frequently since she received that bill, but now the water meter has been reading normally and is back down to her

normal usage.

BPW Superintendent Vinnie Furtado said that Water Superintendent Jeff Furtado denied the abatement because there was no evidence of a leak.

Vinnie Furtado said he reached out to the Town Administrator to see if they could possibly do payment plans for residents in situations like this. Mr. Furtado said that they can never abate water, but they could possibly abate sewer, but they need evidence and right now there is none.

Ms. Jeffery said she cannot afford to pay the whole bill at once, but she could pay just the water part.

Mr. Wotton said the bill looks to be about 50/50 payment wise for the water and sewer.

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Mr. Furtado also announced that there are two job openings in the Water Department, one job opening in the Sewer Department, and one more Lifeguard position.

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Vice-Chairperson Robert "Hoppy" Hobson said if they allow Ms. Jeffery to only pay half the bill it is going to open up a can of worms. Mr. Hobson said they have never allowed an abatement.

Board member Marcus Ferro said that Ms. Jeffery's situation seems different than other abatements. He said in the last abatement issue the resident had evidence of a toilet leak, but Ms. Jeffery has no evidence of anything and has no clue how her bill was so high.

Vinnie Furtado said everyone sympathizes with Ms. Jeffery, but an abatement is not possible right now. He said he would advocate for a

payment plan.

Jeff Furtado said that have had a lot of issues for this last billing period and the town should really look into allowing payment plans for these situations.

Mr. Wotton suggested that Ms. Jeffery try to get some evidence of what happened and see if a plumber could help and then come back in front of the board with her findings.

Mr. Wotton made a motion to table the issue to see if Ms. Jeffery can obtain some evidence. Mr. Wotton and Mr. Ferro voted in favor of the motion and Mr. Coelho and Mr. Hobson voted against the motion. The motion tied and did not pass.

Mr. Hobson made a motion to deny the abatement. Mr. Hobson and Mr. Coelho voted in favor of the motion and Mr. Wotton and Mr. Ferro voted against the motion. The motion tied and did not pass.

With Mr. Durant absent from the meeting there was no way to break the tie, so neither motion passed.

Mr. Wotton told Ms. Jeffery that she can still go and try to get evidence and come in front of the board if she finds anything.

Mr. Wotton said he would like to talk about the abatement policy, as well as payment plans at the next BPW meeting.

Mr. Furtado also announced that there are two job openings in the Water Department, one job opening in the Sewer Department, and one more Lifeguard position.

In another matter Mr. Ferro suggested that the board meet with the new Tree Warden to discuss how they can all work together.

Mr. Hobson said before the new Tree Warden was elected it seemed like he wanted to work with the BPW, but at Town Meeting the Tree Warden changed his story.

Mr. Ferro agreed and said the board should try to meet with the him, so they can better understand if it wants to work with the BPW.

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