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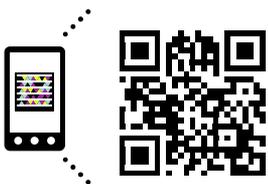
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Teeming with information you need.  
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

## Into the foggy night



James Nevells\*, going out on his first fishing trip mugs up to the camera with a strong man pose as the scalloper Karen Nicole leaves port from Fairhaven, Mass., on Sunday, 7/18/21, at around 8:15 p.m., while other crew members are on deck, and a man fishes off the dock in the background. See page 17 for Karen Nicole in the fog. Photo by James Mahaney. \*Fixes omission from previous versions (name).



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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

Well, the election is Monday and we have our last minute surprise (see page 3). The turf project has caused a bit of controversy. And we have lot of letters (pages 24,, 25, 26), and they're all about the election.

A lot of work went into getting this recall election to happen. Let's hope nothing goes wrong between now and then. On July 27, it's possible, just possible, hell, maybe even probable, that this nightmare will be over.

The Tree Warden has a lot to say about his new job (see page 13); we have BPW (page 18); and Acushnet Selectboard (page 9)...congratulations Heather!

And...oh what fun! A descendant of Henry Huttleston Rogers has decided to write a book that includes all the scandalous behavior of HHR's children and grandchildren (see page 16). Not sure how well that will go over here in HHR-worship country. But, I for one, can't wait. I hope he schedules a book signing here. Hee hee.

And a big congratulations to the FHS class of 1961 on their 60th reunion. Really, some of them have gotten together every year for the last 60 years. See page 16.

And last, but not least, our cover shot. I asked Jim Mahaney if he had a shot of a boat in the fog, or something. I never got around to getting a cover photo. HOLY MOLY! Look what he sent. See another one on page 17. My readers are the BEST! Thank you, Jim.

There's more in here of course. You'll have to thumb through to find it all. Be sure to notice who our advertisers are so you can tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*. Until next week then... see ya,



Beth David, Publisher

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our story last week on Fairhaven's pride event, we misidentified the gender of one of the speakers. Jordan Richard prefers gender neutral pronouns. We apologize for any confusion our error may have caused.

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# VOTE

Mon., 7/26, in Fairhaven Recall Election

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# Turf field project sparks election controversy

By Beth David  
Editor

The turf project at Fairhaven High School was controversial from the start, not for the project, but for the funding. Last October, the project was supposed to be funded by Town Meeting by borrowing \$1.2 million. But when it seemed like TM would not get the required 2/3 vote for borrowing, Superintendent Robert Baldwin amended the article to take the money from the town's stabilization fund, which only requires a majority vote. It passed.

Now, towards the end of the campaigning for the special election, which is Monday, a new controversy has sprung up around the project. Stasia Powers, who is on the School Committee and is running for Select Board in that special election, has been criticized for supporting the project, and also for supporting the use of \$800,000 in additional funding.

The extra funds are money from last year's budget that did not get spent due to COVID-19. According to School Committee Chairperson Brian

Monroe in a phone interview, the cuts in sports programs, staff that left and other expenses that were curtailed due to COVID-19 restrictions, resulted in the \$800K surplus.

The accusation that the School Committee purposely did not publicly acknowledge the surplus funds is simply not true, said Mr. Monroe. He said the SC was notified in January by Dr. Baldwin that some funds would be available due to COVID. The SC discussed using the funds for repairs to the wheelchair ramp at the administration building, repairing or replacing benches at the middle school, and a list of other things.

Meanwhile, the turf field project was moving along and some additional work was recommended by the consultant. Mr. Monroe said the original amount from Town Meeting, plus \$200,000 from the trust fund, was for the turf field only. The consultant recommended work to the bleachers, or at least wrapping them and using underneath for storage; fixing the fencing and updating the

lighting around the field; and adding accessible permanent bathrooms.

Mr. Monroe said the SC was led to believe that they could get away with using a trailer or portable toilets instead of building permanent bathrooms. But after all the plans were made, they were told that they needed to build bathrooms on site.

He said they discussed how to spend the money, "All along the way...starting in January."

After the SC awarded the contract, they sent the procurement to Interim Town Administrator Wendy Graves for approval.

Ms. Graves said in an email that she received the \$2,181,366 procurement form after Town Meeting. She contacted the school to ask where the additional money was coming from and Mr. Monroe responded. Ms. Graves said she also contacted the town auditor and town counsel to make sure it was all legal.

At that point, it was just a done deal.

But then information starting

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circulating on social media about the additional \$800K, with accusations and criticism about spending the money on “extras” at the field, and complaints that the public was not notified.

Ms. Powers responded to the criticism in a statement in last week’s issue, saying the extra funds were due to the “extraordinary circumstances caused by COVID-19.”

She said it was important to include some of the alternates, such as updating the lighting (\$400,00), which will reduce the impact on neighbors.

“No educational programs were cut to fund this project,” wrote Ms. Powers. “Special Ed services remain intact and in fact will be expanded to improve Social/ Emotional Services in the coming year.”

The funds will “deliver a more complete project” said Ms. Powers.

She and Mr. Monroe both stressed that school department money is under the purview of the school committee to spend.

Mr. Monroe said that the whole

controversy is due to politics and the election. In a letter in this week’s issue (see page 25) he wrote: “...most of what is being said is political noise generated from the incompetence and lack of leadership at Town Hall. The same people that are throwing rocks are the same people that criticize the condition of our facilities/fields.”

In the phone interview Mr. Monroe said that the previous town administrator had frequent meetings with the school department during budget season. The current Interim TA, he said, only met with the SC once, and that was at their request.

The first he heard of it being a controversy, he said, was when he saw posts on social media.

He said the accusation that anyone tried to hide the information is simply not true.

“All I know is the information was there,” said Mr. Monroe, adding that if there had been “trust and a relationship” between the school department and town hall, the interim town administrator and

Select Board would have known sooner.

He said Select Board Chairperson Dan Freitas’s contention that they just found out two weeks ago was not true, as the Interim TA had the information in mid-June, a timeline that Ms. Graves’s email corroborates.

Mr. Monroe said the department would have been open to listening to the town about other uses for the money.

“Of course we want what’s best for the town,” said Mr. Monroe. “We did what we were elected to do.”

He noted that all committee members live in Fairhaven.

Mr. Monroe said there is no way of knowing if the information was strategically released on social media to hurt Ms. Powers’s chances in the election. But the timing is suspect.

The recall election is on Monday, 7/26 (see page 19). Voters will decide if they want to recall Mr. Freitas, and then will decide among three candidates: Leon Correy, Cameron Durant, and Stasia Powers.



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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Cand night online

See the candidates running for Fairhaven Select Board in the special recall election (see page 19) answer questions at a forum sponsored by Fairhaven Government Access TV and the North Fairhaven Improvement Association, from 6/29/21. Find the link at <https://www.fairhaventv.com>

## Candidates on Radio

Visit <https://wbsm.com/author/marcusferro/> to hear the candidates running for Fairhaven Select Board in the special recall election (see page 19) as they answer questions from Marcus Ferro and his listeners.

## Recall Election

For two weeks in April, a group of concerned citizens collected signatures to recall Select Board Chair Daniel Freitas. Through persistence and dedication the group collected more than the required signatures needed. On July 26th the town will head to the polls to vote on this important recall. Since Freitas refused to resign even after publicly stating that he would more than once, we have a two part ballot. Residents must answer the question of recalling Freitas first and then choose the candidate that they think would best serve the town moving forward.

This group was able to educate the public about the reasons why this recall needed to happen and now urge everyone to get out and vote. The town has the opportunity to fix what is wrong and make some important changes. This is the time to change our political climate in town, hire a Town Administrator who is a leader that can work for all the residents of the town and move forward in a positive way for the future of Fairhaven. This town deserves better.

Please contact us if you have any questions at all about the election on Monday, July 26th. If you need to know where to vote, or need a ride to the polls. Call or text 508-306-1669

## Baldwin Resigns

*Dr. Baldwin Resigns as Fairhaven Superintendent after 16 years*

After 16 years of serving as the Fairhaven Public Schools Superin-

tendent and reigning Massachusetts Superintendent of the Year, Dr. Robert Baldwin will be leaving his post this August as he recently accepted a position as the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) and the Massachusetts School Administrators Association (MSAA).

Baldwin announced his resignation earlier this week in an internal email to faculty and staff. His anticipated last day of employment with Fairhaven is August 20, 2021.

## Manjiro Fest Canc.

The Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society wishes to announce that the International Manjiro Festival which has been held for many years in October on the odd numbered years will not be held this year due to concerns about international travel during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our friends should be on the lookout for a smaller autumn event to be held in Fairhaven later this year.

Inquiries may be made by calling the Society at 508-858-5303 or e-mailing Gerry@WMFriendshipHouse.org

## Millicent Events

The following events will be held at the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven. Accessible. To register, or learn more call the library at 508-992-5342, email [athiel@sailsinc.org](mailto:athiel@sailsinc.org), or visit <http://www.millicentlibrary.org/events>

- **Baby Storytime** Every Tuesday, 9:30 AM Bond with your baby over books! Each weekly Baby Storytime includes early literacy fun with stories, songs, play, and lots of snuggles and love. Baby Storytime happens outside on the library lawn. Families are encouraged to bring blankets, chairs, shade or whatever you need to be comfortable. This event is weather dependent, we will call you if storytime is canceled. Recommended 0-18 months.
- **Animal Trivia: Deserts** Friday, July 23, 2:00 PM. Join us for trivia on the library lawn! Play as a team to answer questions about desert animals like fennec foxes, burrowing owls, horned lizards and more. We will be using the Kahoot app. This event is for families and kids, recommended 8+ (younger siblings are welcome!).

- **Bottle Rockets** Wednesday, Aug. 5 at 10:00 PM Join Toby Dills and learn the science behind bottle rockets. Construct your own rockets and watch them blast-off on the Unitarian Church lawn. Rain date is the following day, Friday, at the same time. We will call you if the event is rescheduled.

- **Animal Trivia:** Thursday, Aug. 12 at 2:00 PM Join us for trivia on the library lawn. This event is for families and kids, recommended ages 8+ (younger siblings are welcome!). Play as a team to answer questions about the most biodiverse region of our world, and its many wonderful and colorful creatures! We will be using the Kahoot app.

- **Millicent Library's Annual Teddy Bear Parade - Saturday, Aug. 14 at 10:00 PM** Bring your favorite teddy bear (or any stuffed animal), and enjoy the fun! This year's Teddy Bear Parade will feature snacks, bubbles, and a show from Daisy D. Dotts.

## SAVE THE DATE

### Car Show

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association and the Legendary Street Rods Car Club present a Car-Truck-Bike Show on Sun., 8/15, from 9 a.m.–3 p.m. at Livesey Park, Fairhaven. Featuring raffles, awards, food, music and more. Vehicle registration, \$15 fee plus one canned good for the food pantry. Interested non-food vendors should email [northfairhavenimprovement267@gmail.com](mailto:northfairhavenimprovement267@gmail.com)

Proceeds will benefit local veterans organizations, food proceeds to benefit the NFIA.

## Early American Mon

Monday afternoons, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., through August 9, Fairhaven Visitors Center lawn, 141 Main Street, Fairhaven WEATHER PERMITTING

A new weekly program for history buffs called "Early American Monday." Reenactors late Colonial and early Federal period will be set up at different stations on the lawn of the Academy Building to talk to the public about life during the late 1700s and to demonstrate early American skills. For more information, email [FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov) or call 508-979-4085.

# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## Sonata Saturdays

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Join us for art, music, flowers, & bubbles on the 4th Saturday of the month, through September.

On these select dates, New Bedford Symphony Orchestra musicians will be on the Front Porch of The Drawing Room treating the neighborhood to an outdoor performance from 4-6pm.

There will be wine tastings, locally-grown flowers in the bouquet bar, and, of course, artful treasures inside The Drawing Room. Stop by and experience something beautiful this Summer In The Seaport!

Musician Schedule:

- **July 24:** Raluca Dumitrache, violin and Antoaneta Anguelova, violin
- **Aug. 28:** David Rubin, violin and Maureen Heflinger, viola
- **Sept. 25:** Fariba Hunold, violin, Maureen Heflinger, viola, and Shawn Wang, violin.

Note: We'll have some chairs set up around the block, but you may want to bring one of your own to secure a seat!

## Free Concerts

Summer Sound Series presents free concerts, Thursdays, 2-7 p.m., at the beer garden in Custom House Square in downtown New Bedford. Bring food, meet friends, grab drinks, enjoy music. Bring a lawn chair and lounge in the park, or sit under the tent and have a drink from the on-site bar.

- **July 22** Monteirobots, Jazz
- **July 29** Mark T. Small, Blues
- **Aug. 5** Djim Job Cabo Verdean
- **Aug. 12** Kim Trusty, R&B/Soul/Jazz
- **Aug. 19** The Jethros, Bluegrass
- **Aug. 26** Rebecca Correia, Indie Pop

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### Frozen Polish Food Sale

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Learn more about Coastal Foodshed at [coastalfoodshed.org](http://coastalfoodshed.org), or find them on social media at [@coastalfoodshed](https://twitter.com/coastalfoodshed).

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- **Fri., 7/23:** New Bedford Whaling Museum. Concert 1, 6 pm; Concert 2, 8pm
- **Sat., 7/24:** Marion Music Hall. Concert 1, 5:30 pm; Concert 2, 8pm
- **Sun., 7/25:** Church of the Good Shepherd Wareham Concert 1, 3 pm; Concert 2, 5pm

**Session II** with Cynthia Roberts and Ariadne Daskalakis, baroque violins, Sebastian Gottschick, baroque viola and Phoebe Carrai, baroque cello, performing works by Haydn, Bach, Frescobaldi and Scarlatti

- **Friday, August 13:** New Bedford Whaling Museum, Concert 1, 6 pm; Concert 2, 8pm
- **Saturday, August 14:** Marion Music Hall Concert 1, 5:30 pm; Concert 2,

8pm

- **Sunday, August 15:** Church of the Good Shepherd Wareham. Concert 1, 3 pm; Concert 2, 5pm

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Everyone in attendance should break out their pinstripes and flapper dresses because not only is this a show, it's a 1920's themed garden party! Let's all dress up like it's 1921 and have some drinks and food while we watch the show. Audience can bring food and snacks for a picnic while you watch. Beer, wine and soft drinks will be available for purchase.

In partnership with the Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden Museum, and The Allen C. Haskell Public Gardens, The Collective will perform these live shows at both of these privately owned, public gardens and local gems of New Bedford, MA.

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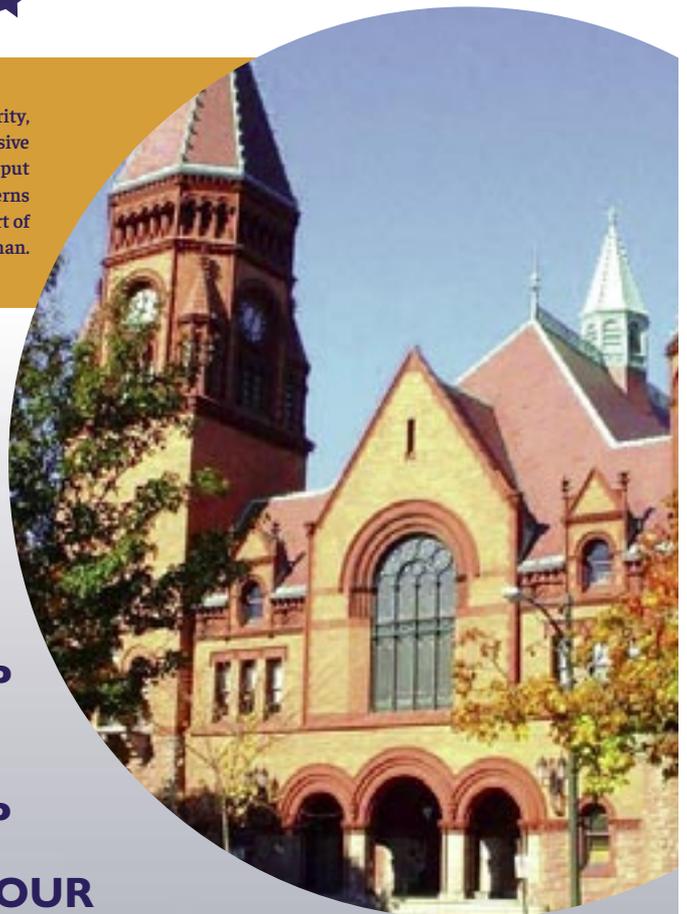
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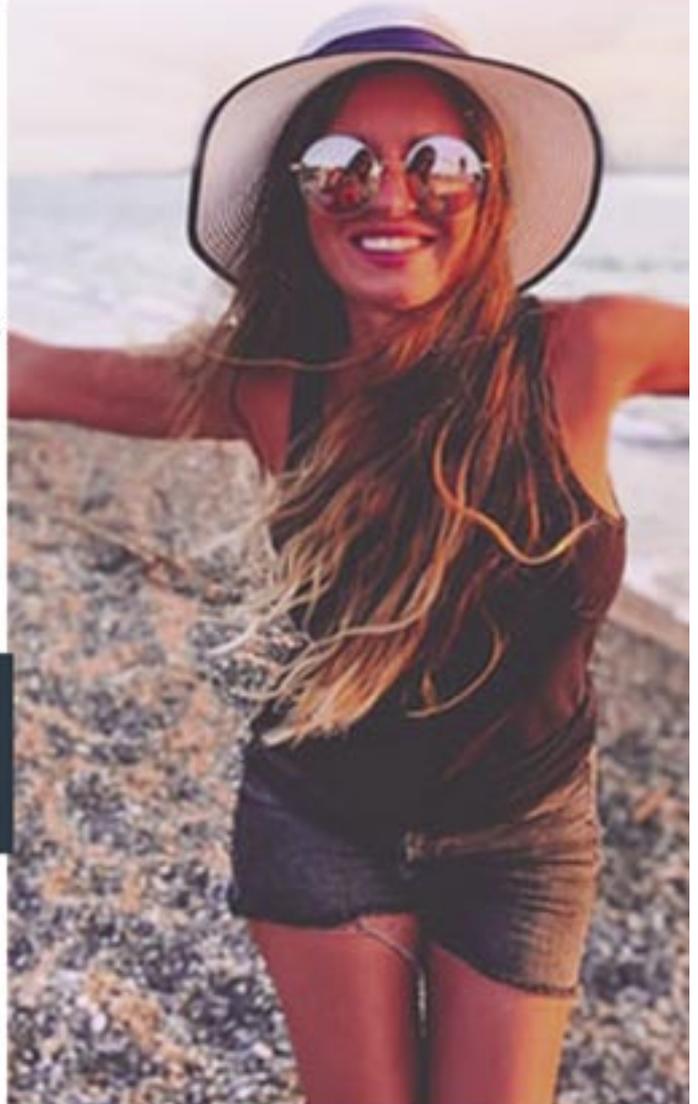
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# Acushnet Selectboard recognizes several residents

By Mary Macedo

## Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Monday 7/12 the Acushnet Selectboard recognized police officer James Costa on his retirement, and recognized Fairhaven High Valedictorian Sean Brown, and Council on Aging Director Heather Sylvia.

The Selectboard first announced

some resignations. Selectboard Chairperson David Desroches announced the resignation of Ray LeBlanc from the Bylaw Review Committee. Mr. Desroches said Mr. LeBlanc has served the town for 30 years and appreciates all he has done for the town.

Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar said they should send Mr. LeBlanc an

appreciation letter.

Mr. Desroches also announced that Roger Cabral would be resigning from his position as Town Moderator. Mr. Desroches said Mr. Cabral is moving to a neighboring town and they appreciate his time serving Acushnet. Mr. Desroches said August 21st will be Mr. Cabral's last day as Town

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LEFT: State Rep. Chris Hendricks (center) and Acushnet Council on Aging Director Heather Sylvia hold the Massachusetts Heroine Award she received that was presented to her at the Acushnet Selectboard meeting on 7/12/21. L-R: Acushnet Selectboard members David Wojnar and Kevin Gaspar, Rep. Hendricks, Ms. Sylvia, Acushnet Selectboard chairperson David Desroches. *Photo courtesy of the Acushnet Selectboard.* RIGHT: Acushnet Police Officer Jimmy Costa has a little fun on what was presumably his last day of work on 7/16/21, wearing a hat that says "the legend has retired." Mr. Costa was recognized at the Acushnet Selectboard meeting on 7/12/21. *Photo from the Acushnet Police Department Facebook page.*

## At the Museum of Fairhaven History

"The Colonial Club" painted wooden sign



The Colonial Club, of Fairhaven, was organized in 1912 from a nucleus consisting of the "Colonial Dames" who took part in the centennial celebration of the town. In 1916, the building at 6 Cherry Street was left in a trust by Martha Coggeshall for use by the club. The club is still in existence but no longer is housed at the Coggeshall House.

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

## Peach Cobbler

- 4 cups peaches ripe, peeled, pitted and sliced
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 tablespoon lemon zest
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice

### Cobbler:

- 1/2 c butter unsalted, cut in cubes
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup sugar granulated
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup milk

Preheat oven to 375°

To make the filling, add peaches, sugar, cornstarch, lemon zest, and lemon juice to a medium-sized saucepan. Bring the mixture to a simmer for 5 mins. Stir continuously until peaches start to soften.

Melt the butter in a 9x9 baking dish in preheated oven.

To create the cobbler batter, add the flour, baking powder, salt, sugar, egg, vanilla, and milk to a bowl and whisk until the flour is just combined.

Pour the peaches into the baking dish over the melted butter and pour the batter evenly over the peaches.

Bake in the oven for 40-45 mins or until golden brown. Serve immediately with some ice cream.

# Dear Frankie



## When is a Family a Family?

Dear Frankie,  
My family and I were in the Texas flood. The water had risen to the second story of our house by the time the rescue boat arrived. My parents and sib-

lings had to climb out the window on the second floor to get into the boat.

When I jumped onto the windowsill to follow them, the man who came to rescue the family told me his boat was only for families and another rescue boat would come for the dogs. I stood on my hind legs at the window for two hours, watching and waiting. The whole time I stood there, the same question kept repeating in my head, "Why didn't my mom or dad tell the boatman I was a member of the family?"

The next day my mom came to the dog shelter to tell me our house was inhabitable, and the family had to move away to my grandma's house.

That's when she told me, "We can't take you with us, but I promise I will help the shelter find you a good family."

She did keep her promise. I now live with a lovely family. When I

arrived that first day, they told me that they knew how upset I was about losing my family. They promised me that they would be my forever family. I want to believe them, but I'm not sure I can ever trust another family, no matter how nice they seem.

*Fearful, Boomer*

*Dear Boomer,*

I can only imagine the terror you experienced facing a devastating, life-threatening event and losing your family on the same day.

It will take time and ongoing caring for you to trust your new family will be yours forever. From what you say about your family, it seems they understand what you have been through and your need to trust that they will be your family forever.

Families who adopt dogs who have been in a disaster are different than other adoptive families. These families chose to adopt traumatized dogs because they want to help them recover from past hurts and live happy lives. Your family has committed to providing you the time, patience, and understanding so that you will eventually come to trust them. I hope knowing that you live with a family that wants you to believe in them as much as you do might offer you some comfort.

*Best, Frankie*

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## ACUSH: cont'd from page 9

Moderator, as well as his last day as an Acushnet resident.

Selectboard member David Wojnar thanked Mr. Cabral for his outstanding service and said Mr. Cabral was a jack of all trades and voice of reason within the town.

Mr. Desroches said that there will be an opening for Town Moderator and they will leave the position open for a month and decide on an appointment at the next meeting.

Anyone interested in the position should send a letter of interest to the Selectboard.

Mr. Desroches said whoever is chosen as Town Moderator will hold the position until the next election in May, 2022, when the person can run for reelection.

In another matter the board acknowledged the retirement of police officer James Costa. Mr. Desroches said that the town appreciated his service for the last 33 years.

Police Chief Chris Richmond said he wanted to celebrate Mr. Costa for his years of service and wished him the best of luck in his next chapter.

Mr. Richmond thanked Mr. Costa for his patience and commitment.

Mr. Gasper also thanked Mr. Costa for his years of service.

"Let me know when the retirement party is," said Mr. Gaspar laughing.

Mr. Richmond asked if the Selectboard would allow Mr. Costa to be a special officer, so he can still help out the police department occasionally with police details.

The board voted unanimously to make Mr. Costa a special officer.

In another matter the Selectboard presented Fairhaven High Valedictorian Sean Brown with an official citation of congratulations for his academic achievement from the Selectboard.

Mr. Brown said he will be attending the University of Massachusetts Amherst to study computer engineering and he will be living on campus.

Mr. Wojnar said he has had the good fortune of knowing the Brown's family and he is so proud of Mr. Brown's accomplishments.

Also at the meeting, Council on Aging Director Heather Sylvia was presented with the Commonwealth

Heroine of Massachusetts Award from State Representative Chris Hendricks. Mr. Hendricks said he was presenting the award to Ms. Sylvia for her outstanding work during the COVID-19 crisis.

Mr. Hendricks thanked Ms. Sylvia for all she has done, adding that the people at the Council on Aging absolutely love her and that she has made such a difference in their lives.

The Selectboard commended Ms. Sylvia on her outstanding work.

In other business, Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher appeared in front of the board to get approval for the Assessment Center and Deputy Officer position. At the last Selectboard meeting Mr. Gallagher presented the information and the board members wanted time to think/look it over.

The board voted unanimously to approve the new position and assessment center.

The board also discussed the AFCSME union wage and classification plan. Mr. Desroches said he wanted more time to look it over. Mr. Gaspar agreed and the board tabled the issue until the next meeting.

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## Art Auction

Summer Art Auction Days at the MAC (Marion Art Center), July 28-31, 300+ auction items displayed salon-style in the MAC galleries. While registration and bidding will take place online only through the MAC's website ([marionartcenter.org](http://marionartcenter.org)), you can view all the auction items - original oils, watercolors, jewelry, ceramics, sculpture, antiques, and more - during this four-day event with extended viewing hours. Both the online auction and MAC galleries open on Wednesday, July 28 at 4:00pm. All bidding closes online and in-person viewing ends at 5:00pm on

Saturday, July 31.

For more information, visit [marionartcenter.org](http://marionartcenter.org), call the MAC at 508-748-1266, or email [info@marionartcenter.org](mailto:info@marionartcenter.org).

## Free Vax Clinic

COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic, quick and easy vaccination at no cost to you, Sat., 7/31, 9 a.m.-noon, Acushnet Council on Aging, 59 S. Main St., Acushnet. Pfizer vaccine; individuals 12+ are eligible. Walk-ups welcome or register at <https://curative.com/30583> to register.

## Summer Flicks

Patriot Place invites you to Summer Flicks, a free outdoor movie series, located on the Enel Plaza outside of Patriots ProShop and the Patriots Hall of Fame presented by Raytheon Technologies on Wednesday nights throughout the summer. **Reserve your seats beginning at 6:00 PM.** The film will begin at sunset. At Two Patriot Place, Foxborough MA 02035; Phone: (508) 203-2100; <https://www.patriot-place.com/>

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## Art Exhibit

The Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St., is hosting an exhibit of local artist Kim Barry's paintings and pottery in the library from July 28-August 20. Mattapoisett artist Barry has a bachelors and masters of Fine Arts. She was head of Visual and Performing Arts at CATS Academy Boston for eight years. Additionally, she has taught many classes in the arts, including an introductory ceramics class and classes in drawing, painting and other fine arts in a number of schools and programs. She is the owner of Clay Trout Pottery ([claytroutpottery.com](http://claytroutpottery.com)), where she specializes in custom plant containers and sculpted tile. She has exhibited her work in numerous galleries. Free. Accessible.

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# Hello from the Fairhaven Tree Department

*Submitted*

Sorry to have been out of touch for a bit but we have been busy with trying to spend end of year funds removing dead and diseased trees as well as finish this year's planting. Any funds I had for that not spent by June 30 would have been lost. We have removed about 30 trees and planted 30. I would like to do better. I have been working very closely with the BPW with both them helping us, and our team them. Our department has gotten some praise in the last three months and some criticism as well. All expected, and most deserved.

The current funding for the entire Tree Department is a little over \$70,000 dollars per year. The Department has myself the Tree warden, whose compensation is \$7200 per year and two part time employees who can work up to 19 hours per week each at a current rate of \$17.67 per hour with no other benefits. We have a very nice bucket truck purchased a little over a year ago and a wood chipper that can chip up to a 16" tree. Very impressive and

cool to see.

The current expectations of the department and Warden do not equate to its funding and staffing levels. This is why we have not addressed some tree related issues you have requested. As well the expectations do not align with Massachusetts General Law in regards to the powers and duties of a Tree Warden.

The mandate of a Tree Warden according to Massachusetts General Law is "the care and control of all public shade trees", with exception to those along state highways and in parks. There is more to it than that but that's the big part.

Current expectations from the other town agencies and the public are that the Tree Department is responsible for any issue regarding a tree for a town of 12 square miles and 16000 residents. I get calls that include 24/7 365 emergency response to blocked roadways, branches in the road, broken curbs cracked sidewalks, roots in pipes, stained driveways, and clogged pool filters to mention a few.

It is expected the Tree Warden is the first responder to a tree blocked roadway any time of day or night every day.

The Tree Department cannot come close to keeping up to demand in regards to current expectations. We fall further behind each week despite the 25 hours a week I have been putting into customer service, managing my team and trying to fix a broken system.

Every week we do not do preventive maintenance to the town's tree canopy, which is our state mandate, we create

more opportunities for tree failures and tree related safety issues.

This doesn't seem logical to me and the only explanation I have gotten to date is that's how it's always been. I have worked at what many folks would consider dangerous jobs: Commercial fisherman, Submersible pilot, tall ship sailor. All have come with life insurance as well as health. The Tree Department has none. This seems like a big liability to the town should someone in my department get badly hurt or mortally injured. I am trying to get answers to this and failing.

As a publicly elected official and taxpayer I can't let this current system stand. The financial risk to myself, my employees who are both young parents, and the town are too great. I have been talking to numerous public officials about this. Some want it better and understand the problems, others choose to ignore requests for information and help.

During town meeting I opposed the Tree Warden position of becoming an appointed, rather than elected one. That is because it was not articulated as to how that would fix anything. If there were logical solid reasons this were to fix things, it should have been presented to the town meeting and the current sitting Warden for their support, which would have most likely swayed the vote in favor.

I believe the Tree Department needs to be merged with the BPW. They are responsible for maintaining and keeping clear our town's roadways. The BPW also has a park department and if you have looked into the canopy of our parks you will see a dire lack of maintenance. The BPW already has an insured 24/7 on call staff who deal with road emergencies.

I made a campaign promise of fixing a broken system. I had hoped to do this by means of hard work, logic and cooperation. I had hoped to prevent change driven by crisis. Things are going to get messy for a bit. But as it's said sometimes it's got to get worse before it gets better.

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Thank you,

*Don Carlos Collasius  
Fairhaven Tree Warden*

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## Fairhaven Council on Aging

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### Financial Help

Financial Help might be available if: you are a woman over 70 years old. You live in Fairhaven, You live alone. you have unpaid bills due to low income. Call the Fairhaven Council on Aging at 506-979-4029 if you meet these criteria and ask for Lucille. All information obtained will remain confidential.

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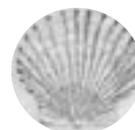
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# New Book by HHR descendant exposes family scandals

*Press Release*

Andrew Coe's latest book, "Pirate's Gold: A Gilded Age Saga of Family, Money and (Maybe) Murder," tells the story behind one of America's greatest old money fortunes, unveiling the colorful lives, scandals and tragedies of Fairhaven's Rogers family.

Heavily illustrated, "Pirate's Gold" unreels like one of those old pre-Code Hollywood movies. The Rogers family fortune was amassed by its patriarch, one of the great Gilded Age Robber Barons. Henry Huttleston "Hell-Hound" Rogers helped found Standard Oil and gained renown as a notorious Wall Street "pirate." His

early life in Fairhaven and generosity to its townspeople are amply documented in the book.

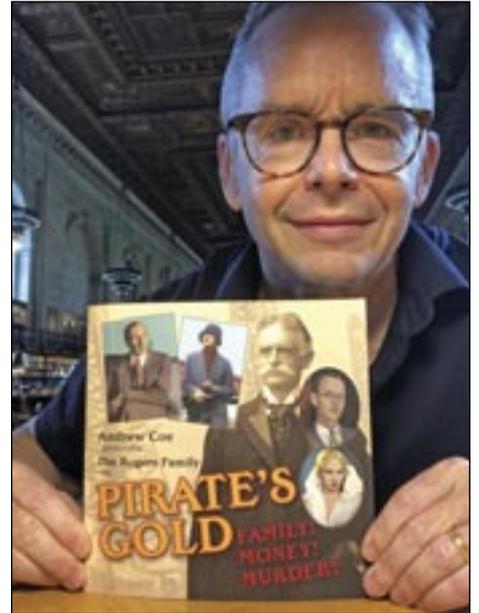
In 1909, his children inherited \$49,000,000 (billions in today's dollars). "Pirate's Gold" looks beneath the tabloid headlines to uncover the lives of his son, Colonel H. H. Rogers Jr., and grandchildren Millicent and Harry. Their struggles over money, love, and control left a trail of heartbreak and tragedy in their wake.

Millicent's troubled marriage to Count Ludwig Salm was one of the top news stories of the 1920s. In 1935, her brother Harry was implicated in the notorious shooting of a Broadway star. Perhaps, suggests the book, being born into wealth isn't all it's cracked up to be.

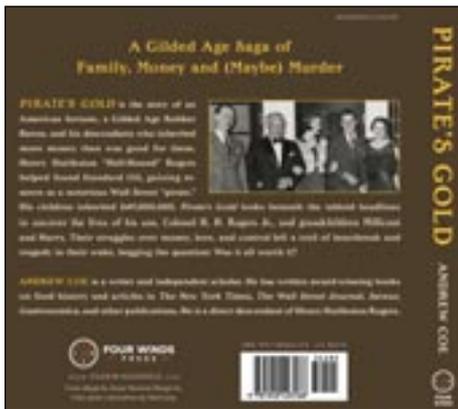
Andrew Coe is a writer and author of award-winning books on food history and articles in The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, Saveur, Gastronomica, and other publications. He is also a direct descendant of Henry Huttleston Rogers.

"Pirate's Gold" will be published on August 10 by Four Winds Press. It will be sold at area bookstores and all online outlets. The 362 page, heavily

illustrated book is \$24.95. Visit <https://www.fourwindspress.com/pirates-gold> for a sneak peek.



ABOVE: Author Andrew Coe, a direct descendant of Henry Huttleston Rogers, holds up a copy of his book, "Pirate's Gold," being released on 8/10/21, about HHR's fortune and the Rogers family scandals. Photo submitted. BELOW: The back cover of the heirs of Henry Huttleston Rogers, Fairhaven's famous son and benefactor.



# Fairhaven HS 1961 grads have 60th annual get-together

The ladies of the Fairhaven High School class of 1961 celebrated their 60th reunion with a luncheon at Seaport Inn and Marina on 7/25/21. They traveled from across the country to celebrate their long friendships.

"We were a special class, reuniting every year, but this one is a big one!" wrote Betsy Lebeau to the *Neighb News*. "Our lasting friendship is so important to us. Many are friends since first grade. Only in this beautiful

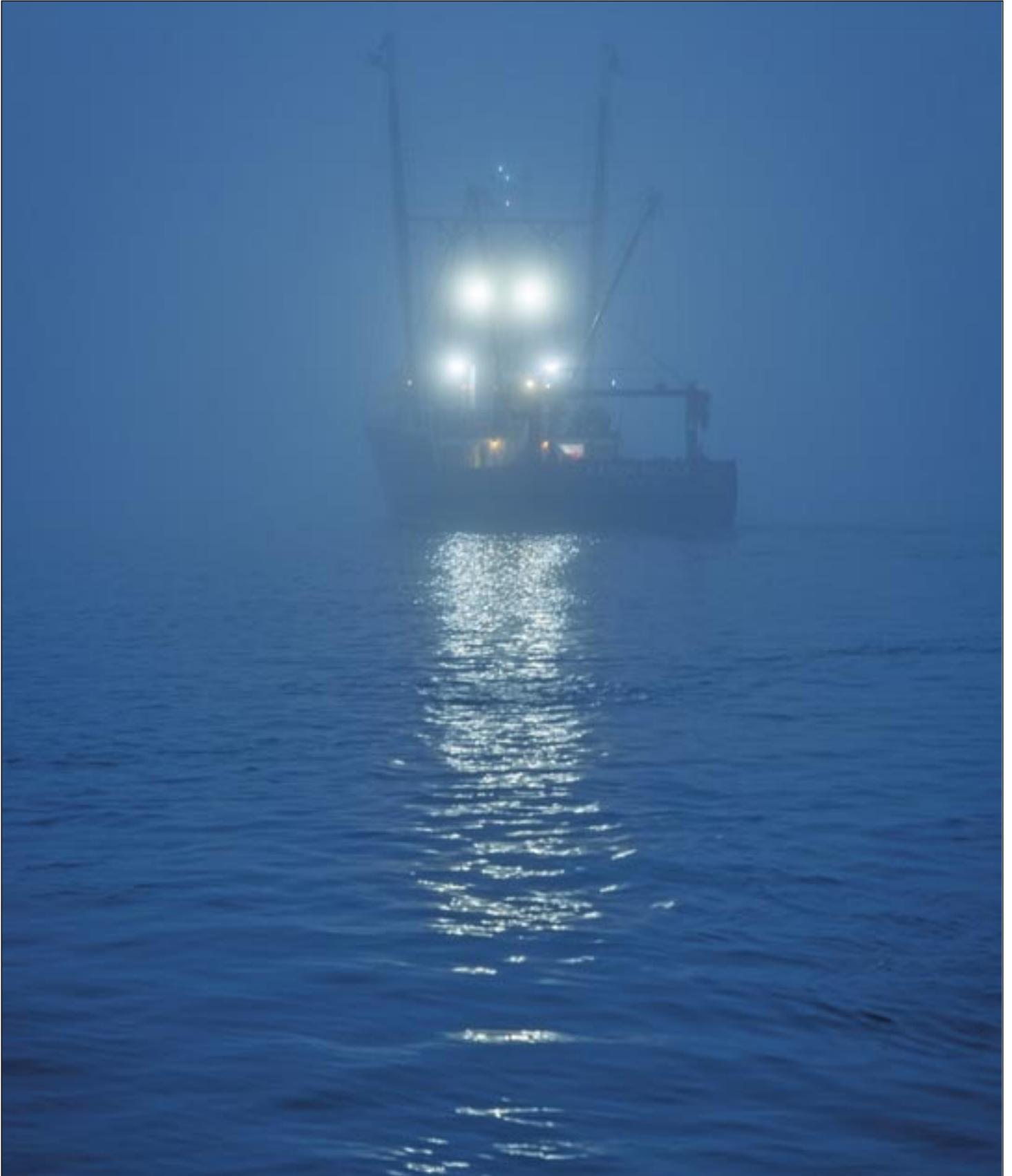
town could this last sixty years. we went through Brownies, Girl Scouts and Junior High. We still love and remember our wonderful teachers."

She added: "It was the best of Fairhaven High School. Full of love."



The ladies of the Fairhaven High School Class of 1961 celebrating their 60th reunion at a luncheon at Seaport Inn Marina on June 25, 2021. PICTURED: Vicky Pelezia Green, Beverly Snow, Nona Smith, Nancy Moss Lacerda, Marsha Muracho, Joan Dellecese, Cathy Kearly, Joanne Longden, Diana Bangs Tate, Carolyn Martin, Edna Cushing Ayotte, Betsy Medeiros Lebeau, Joyce Lombard, Betty Jane Martin, Maureen Cunningham, Peg Chase, Carolyn Deblois Sylvia, Carole Labadie Hall. Photo courtesy of Betsy Lebeau.

## Karen Nicole chugs off into the fog



The scallop boat, Karen Nicole, disappears into the night fog around 8:15 p.m. on Sunday, 7/18/21, after leaving port from Fairhaven, Mass. *Photo by James Mahaney.*

# BPW discusses Anchor décor at Cooke Park; paving BMX track

Mary Macedo

## Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Monday 7/12 the Fairhaven Board of Public Works discussed moving/asphalting the BMX pump track at Macomber Park, and adding an anchor to the décor at Cooke Park.

The board met with Michael Rotondo, of the BMX pump track at Macomber Park. BPW Chairperson Brian Wotton said he has heard about Mr. Rotondo's big plans.

Mr. Rotondo said he is looking to move the BMX bike track to a different location in the park where ground is higher to prevent it from flooding when it rains. They are also looking to pave the pump track as well.

Mr. Rotondo explained that they will start fresh with a new track, level it out, restore everything back to grass, and then put the new track on higher ground at the park and then asphalt the new track.

Mr. Rotondo said this track would be more permanent, easier to maintain, and allow bikers to use it all year round.

Mr. Wotton said where the track is now it is a very damp area and constantly gets flooded. Mr. Wotton said it is a great idea to move it to higher ground.

Mr. Wotton said that he loves to see the pump track getting so much use. He recently spoke with some of the neighbors who originally opposed the pump track when it was built a few years ago, and Mr. Wotton said the neighbors love the track now and think that Mr. Rotondo has done a great job with it.

BPW Superintendent Vinnie Furtado said he requested some money from the town to hopefully help out with the paving of the track. Mr. Furtado said if the BPW gets the money they have requested they will definitely help Mr. Rotondo with some of the cost.

Board member Cameron Durant said he supports the pump track 100%.

Vice-Chairperson Robert "Hoppy" Hobson said that Macomber Park is one of the most underutilized areas in town and he is so glad the pump track is bringing more residents in to use the park.

Mr. Wotton said he has loved the community involvement and the

fundraising that has gone into the track.

The board voted unanimously to allow Mr. Rotondo to relocate the BMX pump track, as well as pave it.

In another matter the board met with Joseph Ingoldsby about using money from the Cooke Park gift account to hire a temporary employee to water the flowers.

Mr. Ingoldsby also wanted to thank the neighbors of Cooke Park, other volunteers, and Gary Lavalette for helping plant and maintain the flowers at the park. He also thanked Mr. Lavalette for his donation of seashells.

Mr. Ingoldsby said it has been hard for him to water the flowers by himself so has been paying a college student \$15 an hour to do it. It takes about two hours each day.

Mr. Ingoldsby asked if they could

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use the Cooke Park gift account money to pay the student.

The board voted unanimously to hire the student as a temporary employee and pay him out of the gift account.

In a related matter the board discussed the possibility of putting a memorial anchor at Cooke Park. Mr. Furtado explained that an old anchor was found in Fairhaven. Mr. Lavalette, who is a member of the Historical Commission, asked if it could be placed at Cooke Park as a memorial.

Town Resident Karen Vilandry attended the meeting to voice her concerns about the anchor being placed at Cooke Park.

Ms. Vilandry explained that a few years ago research was done at Cooke Park to see if bodies were

buried there. She said a scientist came out and did ground penetrating radar at the park in 2017 and said that there could potentially be 60 burial graves at the park.

Mr. Wotton stopped Ms. Vilandry, and told her that there is no need to bring up all the Cooke Park issues from years ago.

Ms. Vilandry then explained that a man name William Wood could possibly be buried there and in Mr. Wood's Will it says his burial ground should not be defaced in anyway.

Mr. Wotton said no one is disputing that there are burials at Cooke Park, but said they were there to talk about the anchor.

Mr. Wotton said Mr. Lavalette wants to put the anchor in the drainage area.

Ms. Vilandry said she is opposed to the anchor being placed anywhere at the park, and suggested they put it somewhere else, like Fort Phoenix or at the entrance to town near the Seaport.

Mr. Hobson said he did not understand what the big deal was about putting the anchor there.

Ms. Vilandry said it is a problem because the park is a burial ground.

Board member Marcus Ferro said he did not see how putting an anchor there would be defacing the burial ground. The anchor is a memorial itself and was found in that area of town.

Ms. Vilandry said it would not be following the legal Will of William Wood.

Mr. Ferro said that that is a matter of interpretation or practicality.

Mr. Wotton said the anchor is supposed to be a memorial for people lost at sea.

Ms. Vilandry said Mr. Lavalette wanted the anchor to be in memorial of Captain Whitfield.

Mr. Wotton said that that had not been decided and that the assumption was that the anchor was going to be in memorial of anyone lost at sea.

Ms. Vilandry said to put the anchor at Fort Phoenix.

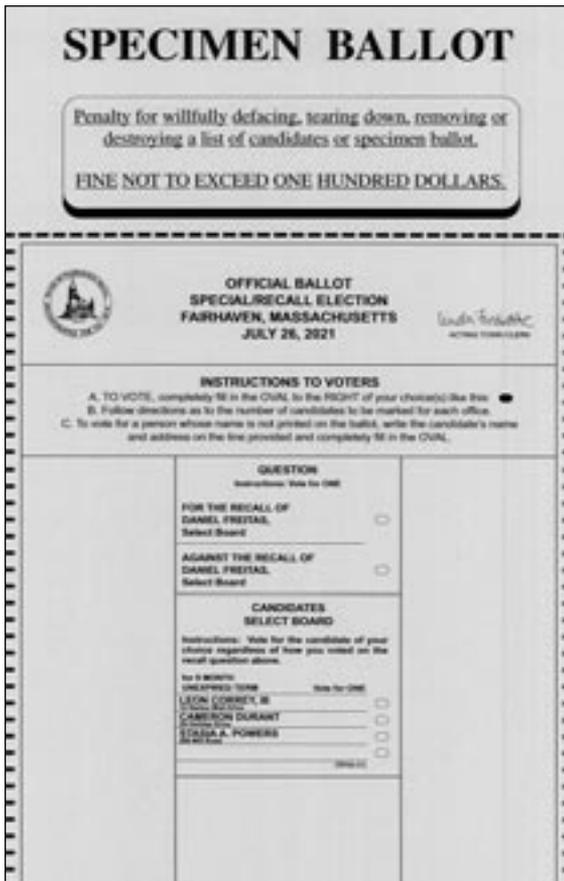
Mr. Wotton said there is already an anchor at Fort Phoenix.

Ms. Vilandry said to put another anchor there.

Mr. Wotton asked why this anchor

**BPW: cont'd on page 22**

# Recall election is Monday



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.

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

## Polling Places

Polling Places for the Town Election are: Precinct 1, Town Hall; Precinct 4, Fire Station Meeting Room; Precincts 2 & 3, 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.

## Voting By Mail

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.

**RECALL BALLOT INFORMATION:** The Special/Recall Election ballot will look a little different than the usual ballot. First: Voters will be asked to choose whether they are FOR or AGAINST the Recall of Select Board Chairperson Dan Freitas. If you are FOR the Recall, which means you wish to have him REMOVED from office, then you will fill in the FOR THE RECALL oval. If you are AGAINST the Recall, which means you wish to have him REMAIN in office, then you will fill in the AGAINST THE RECALL oval. Second: That question will be followed by the list of candidates who wish to fill the vacant seat should the recall pass. Voters will be asked to choose ONE of the candidates listed — OR write in a candidate of their choosing — to replace Mr. Freitas, should the recall pass. ABOVE: A sample of the actual ballot for the 7/26 election in Fairhaven.

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## Acushnet

### Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals is hereby giving notice that a meeting will be held by the Board on Tuesday, August 3rd, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. via Zoom Meetings:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85991461766?pwd=UjAvL1gvRUFQZldpTERzVUJ6dlUyZz09>  
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- Case #2021.04.20B** A continuation on the case of Daniel Furtado who is requesting two Variances from the Board for construction of a two-car garage with living space above located at 22 Ludlow Street, Acushnet; owned by Barbara Piche. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1 "E" (3) and 3.3.1 "E" (5).
- Case #2021.08.03A** A case of Randall DeTerra, of 193 Leonard Street, Acushnet, who is petitioning the Board for approval to be able to construct an additional dwelling on his 193 Leonard Street lot. This request is being made under the provisions of Zoning By-Law Section 3.3.1, which allows "One Single Family Dwelling per Lot".
- Case #2021.08.03B** A case of Laureano A. Costa, of 175 South Main Street, Acushnet, who is petitioning the Board for a Variance to be able to construct a second-floor apartment over the 20% floor area ratio. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.4 "E" (5).  
\*\*\*Plans are available for Public view in the Town Clerk's office during their normal business hours.\*\*\*  
FNN: 7/22/21, 7/29/21

## Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street

Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Public Hearing In-Person in Banquet Room

or via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94115137952?pwd=MXp0VWpKTFBEUmluT1pWScTtVzJQQT09>

or call 1-929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 941 1513 7952

Passcode: 361259

- 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. Asking for continuance to August 3, 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.
- 7 Delano Street. Leblanc, Karen.** REF #: ZBA-2021-028. 198-16: Special Permit request for 5 chickens, not to exceed 6 chickens, in a RA District. Continued from June 1, 2021.
- 133 Chestnut Street. Guillotte, Kevin & Willow Hawk.** REF #: ZBA-2022-005. 198-9: Variance request from the required setback of 10' to a proposed 7.5' for a proposed sun deck.
- 33 Chestnut Street. Hebert, James.** REF #:ZBA-2022-006. 198-9: Variance request from the required rear setback of 30' to the proposed side addition rear setback of 14'7". Variance request from the required rear setback of 30' to the proposed rear sundeck setback of 8'1"  
The applicant also seeks a finding from the board the existing non-conforming structure may be extended to include the side addition, front addition and rear sundeck and that the alteration is not substantially more detrimental than the existing non-conforming use to the neighborhood.
- 77 Cottonwood Street. Pincince, Debra L.** REF #: ZBA-2022-007. 198-16: Special Permit request to park a 28' recreational vehicle (RV) on the property at 77 Cottonwood Street, Map 43C, lots 163 and 164 year round.
- 33 Point Street. Cabana, Wade & Wanda.** REF #:ZBA-2022-008 Determination from the Zoning Board that the increase in height (current 14.1' to proposed maximum of 35') and square footage (838 sq feet to 1009 sq feet) is not more detrimental to the neighborhood, pursuant to MGL 40 section 6.
- 123 Weeden Road. Aguiar, Kyle J.** REF#: ZBA-2022-009  
198-9: Variance request from the required front lot setback of 50' to a proposed 23.5' setback.  
198-9: Variance request from the required rear lot setback of 50' to a proposed 15.1' setback.  
198-9: Variance request from the required side setback of 30' to a proposed 14.0' setback.  
198-9: Variance request from the minimum lot area of 50,000 sq feet to a proposed 7.225'  
198-9: Variance request from the minimum frontage requirement of 200' to the current and proposed 85'.  
198-9: Variance request from the maximum lot coverage of 25% to the proposed 29.1%  
198-9: Variance request from the maximum building coverage of 10% to the proposed 29.1%  
Proposing a 1200 finished square foot addition to extend kitchen and living room.  
The applicant also seeks a finding from the board that the existing non-conforming structure may be extended to include the side addition, front addition and rear setbacks; as well as the height to the maximum of 35' and that the alteration is not substantially more detrimental than the existing non-conforming use to the neighborhood, pursuant to MGL 40, Section 6.
- 159 Sciticut Neck Road. Gendron, Roy.** REF#: ZBA-2022-010. 198-23 (B): Special Permit request for a Home Occupation Plastering Business.  
FNN: 7/22/21, 7/29/21

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, August 2, 2021 at 6:30 pm

Remote

Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, these public hearings will be conducted via remote means.

Members of the public who wish to access the meeting may do so in the following manner:

<https://zoom.us/j/94206482500?pwd=ZEXZ5UlhWRIBQVlVWVjNoeWxNaVlrQT09>

or CALL 1-929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 942 0648 2500

Passcode: 353006

No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, and public participation in any public hearing conducted during this meeting shall be by remote means only.

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 023-238: 1 Bay Street** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Gerald Corkum for the paving of the existing driveway at the property located at 1 Bay Street, Assessors Map 28A, Lot 412. Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage.  
Information regarding remote meeting access, listed above, will also be provided on the Conservation Agenda posted on the Town's website at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.  
Copies of the applications listed in this hearing notice may be viewed electronically at: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/conservation-commission/pages/current-filings>

Geoff Haworth, Chair, Fairhaven Conservation Commission  
FNN: 7/22/21

## Town of Fairhaven Notice of Public Hearing FY 21 Community Development Block Grant Application

Town of Fairhaven will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 P.M. on August 9, 2021, Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA. The purpose of the hearing is to seek public comment on the Town's FY2021 CDBG application, which will request funding for reconstruction of Hedge Street (Phase 3), from Main Street to approximately House #70. The Town intends to apply for up to \$800,000 for this project and general administration. The grant will be administered with private consultants. The performance of prior year's CDBG awards may be discussed.

Any persons or organizations will be given the opportunity to be heard. The public may attend in person or via Zoom. Written comments may be submitted to Paul Foley, Director of Planning & Economic Development, [pfoley@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:pfoley@fairhaven-ma.gov), 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719. The meeting room is handicap accessible and the Town will make reasonable accommodations for the disabled with prior notice to the Select Board's Office. Remote access is available per below:

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Daniel Freitas, Chairman, Fairhaven Select Board  
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### Fairhaven

#### Board of Appeals

Tues., 8/3, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

#### Board of Health

Wed., 8/4, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

#### Board of Public Works

Mon., 7/26, Arsene St., 3 p.m.

#### Conservation Commission

Mon., 8/2, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

#### Economic Development

Thurs., 7/22, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

#### School Committee

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

#### Selectboard

Wed., 7/28, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

#### Special Election

Monday, 7/26  
Polls open 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

### Acushnet

#### Selectboard

Mon., 8/16, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

#### Board of Appeals

Tues., 8/3, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

## TIDE TABLE

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

	July 2021	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	22	0705	1929	0100	1236
Friday	23	0754	2017	0200	1332
Saturday	24	0844	2107	0304*	1432
Sunday	25	0935	2157	0348*	1530
Monday	26	1024	2243	0417*	1612
Tuesday	27	1111	2330	0441	1647
Wednesday	28	1159	----	0507	1722
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Friday	30	0110	1342	0617	1900
Saturday	31	0201	1431	0708	2023

	Aug 2021	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Sunday	1	0250	1520	0807	2309
Monday	2	0343	1616	0859	----
Tuesday	3	0444	1717	0008	----
			0949	----	----
Wednesday	4	0545	1809	0053	----
			1043	----	----
Thursday	5	0633	1852	0130	----
			1137	----	----
Friday	6	0714	1932	0111	1221

\*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft  
\*\*Predicted minus tides from -1.1 ft to -2.0 ft or more

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was any different than all the other memorials at Cooke Park. Mr. Wotton said he saw no issue with it.

"I am so done with this park," Mr. Wotton said.

Ms. Vilandry said there needs to be respect that the park is a burial ground. She said they would not put that anchor at another cemetery.

Mr. Hobson said he does not understand why Ms. Vilandry and Mr. Lavalette are always against each other, and they have been hearing about Cooke Park issues for 10 years.

Mr. Hobson said he thought the anchor would look beautiful as a memorial.

Resident Doug Brady voiced his thoughts via Zoom, saying they should compromise and satisfy both sides. Mr. Brady suggested putting a plaque at Cooke Park stating what the memorials are sitting on. He also suggested putting up signage stating that it is a burial ground.

Mr. Durant said he agreed that they should put up some signage, and noted they were supposed to put a sign there years ago, but it just never

got done.

Mr. Durant suggested they wait before taking a vote to talk to the Historical Commission.

Mr. Hobson said he did not think they should vote on signs when there is nothing about it on the agenda.

Mr. Durant suggested they postpone the topic until next meeting and discuss it with the Historical Commission.

Mr. Wotton said he thought they should just approve the anchor at the park and move on. He said that Ms. Vilandry and the Historical Commission should work together to come up with a memorial plaque to be placed at the park.

Mr. Wotton also said that Ms. Vilandry is very passionate about the park and he could appreciate that.

Mr. Coelho said he agreed with Mr. Hobson that they should not vote or discuss putting a plaque at the park because it was not on the agenda and there might be some residents who would want to speak about it.

"We will table this and go through this rigmarole again," said Mr.

Wotton, adding that he makes a motion to move on because they have better things to do.

The board voted to table the signage and anchor discussion until the next meeting.

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## From our readers

### Not a Done Deal - Yet

Voting Mr. Freitas out of office on July 26 will clear a path for one of the three worthy candidates and return civility and reason to Fairhaven government.

I do not know the candidates personally, but I have heard good things about them all. So, I listened intently during the "Meet the Candidates" livestreamed on FairhavenTV.com and did a close read of their published statements. They all correctly listed the issues/problems Fairhaven faces and conveyed all the right sentiments and wish lists — who could disagree?

But Cam Durant went beyond the identification of the problems and gave clear-eyed insights about "HOW" he would approach the challenges and HOW he has successfully handled similar issues during his career. In doing so he demonstrated his expertise — not simply by saying "I have expertise" — but by showing HOW that expertise was (and will be) deployed to approach and solve problems.

Likewise, all have impressive educational credentials and backgrounds, but I was looking for not simply that they had acquired the requisite knowledge but HOW they would put that knowledge into action.

What impressed me most about Mr. Durant was that he was direct and detailed in his concrete examples regarding Fairhaven's priorities. In every instance he offered a more in-depth perspective. All his answers were deeply thoughtful — not simply "we need this or that" — but well-reasoned and circumspect as to the challenges at hand and the immediacy needed to course correct.

He made a compelling case — ably

connecting his skill set to what is needed most in Fairhaven.

Moreover, I think it is imperative that Mr. Espindola become the Chair of the Selectboard going forward. Every positive initiative he brought before the board was intentionally blocked to the detriment of Fairhaven. Fairhaven would be in a decidedly better position had Mr. Espindola been chair as tradition dictated. Despite all the insults, put-downs, and abuse that Mr. Freitas hurled — Mr. Espindola was steadfast and determined in advocating good government practices. His dedication and leadership have been truly stellar, and Fairhaven is indeed fortunate and honored by his endurance and example.

Likewise, the candidates have the best interests of Fairhaven at heart, and they will be worthy contenders as Fairhaven moves forward. But for this election I am voting for Mr. Durant because he has demonstrated a depth-of-understanding on the issues. He clearly has the management skills, dedication, and passion to help implement the change Fairhaven needs NOW.

The Recall of Mr. Freitas is not a done deal until this Special Election removes him. For the sake of Fairhaven, and the civility we hold dear, please make your presence felt by voting on July 26.

*Cathy Delano, Fairhaven,  
Concerned Citizen*

### Terry Pereira Supports Durant

In my 87 years, I never thought I would get the opportunity to write a letter of support for my grandson, "the candidate." I have enjoyed being involved in many aspects of the

Town, as a past President of the West Island Improvement Association, Recording Secretary of the Fairhaven Improvement Association, and a proud Red Hatter, etc. As such, I know a good leader when I see one.

Over the past 30 years of his life, Cam was lockstep with my husband, Manny Pereira, and me volunteering in Town. We spent many times together at Sunday breakfasts, Chinese auctions, Candidates Nights, FIA summer concerts, seasonal beautification efforts in the center of Town, among other activities, instilling in him a strong work ethic and a kind heart.

I know why Cam works as hard as he does — my three great-granddaughters. I once worked to make my neighborhood on West Island a better place, and Cam now works to make all of Fairhaven better.

In the past few years, the BPW has fulfilled their decades old promise to pave dirt roads (and our bay thanks them!), worked to protect our kids by adding stop signs on Causeway Road, and was a part of a town-wide team to make the bike path safer with the new traffic barrier.

I could go on and on (and for those who know me personally you know how true this is) but to simplify things, please vote Cam Durant for Select Board on July 26.

*Terry Pereira, West Island, Fairhaven*

### School Committee Chair supports turf choice, recall

As the Chair of the Fairhaven School Committee (SC), I have stayed out of the recall. I felt it was inappropriate given my role. Unfortunately, due to the climate in town, I feel I have no choice but to say

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something.

Fairhaven taxpayers may agree or disagree with how the SC expends funds. MGL Chapter 37 gives SCs the sole authority to determine how their budget is spent. SC members are elected to be stewards of those funds. Budget and funding discussions are held at public meetings where public comment is always taken. This was especially the case this year due to the extraordinary circumstances with COVID-19.

The Fairhaven SC wants to provide the best facilities for our students. We have done this by advocating for two new elementary schools, rehabbing Fairhaven High School with window restoration, technology upgrades, the restoration of Room 7, installing a state of the art lighting system in the Performing Arts Center, and new windows, doors, roof, and tiles at the middle school. We feel that our students deserve the same facilities as nearby communities. Most currently have turf fields. GNBVT has two!

In addition, Fairhaven has an amazing school district that has received several accolades. Our Superintendent has recently received several prestigious awards. FHS earned high national and metro-area rankings in the 2021 Best High Schools (US News and World Report).

The bottom line is there is an election happening and most of what is being said is political noise generated from the incompetence and lack of leadership at Town Hall. The same people that are throwing rocks are the same people that criticize the condition of our facilities/fields. Some questioned the process taken by our contractors. They have used leaked and false information all of which is wrong or incomplete.

We hired some of the best contractors in the business and they are unfortunately being treated just like the firm that was hired for the TA search. This is the Fairhaven we live in right now. It is an environment created by a leadership vacuum. It is an environment created by Dan Freitas. When he doesn't like something, he uses his bully pulpit, sends messages to try and intimidate, or he has his political goon squad attack.

I will not apologize for the decisions I have made. I will not be bullied or intimidated. I can say with

pride that I have never lied and that the 1000's of hours I have given to my town have been with dignity and respect. If the people feel that I made wrong decisions for our schools, they can speak at the ballot box. I am fine with this as it is the right of the people. Regardless of what my future holds, one thing I know is that Dan Freitas is bad for Fairhaven. We must move beyond middle school behavior and bully tactics that have become commonplace. We must hire the best TA for our town, not one that will be his puppet. Recall Dan Freitas!

*Brian Monroe, Fairhaven  
School Committee Chair*

### **Manzone Supports Durant**

While I do realize there is an upcoming recall vote, I do understand Town Meeting voted to expand our existing Select Board members to five. I will say we do have a group of good people interested in serving in this capacity. I would like to recommend Cam Durant for a position on the board. Having served as a Selectman in the past, I do understand the responsibilities of running this community. A person needs to be kind, respectful, smart, have knowledge of the community, understand the function of our town government and above all, know how to bring people together. I do believe Cam Durant has the right stuff to do great things in our town.

Cam's service on the Board of Public Works has given him the total knowledge of our infrastructure, our town above ground and below. He understands the major issues like the federally mandated nitrogen removal upgrades, and many other needed upgrades regarding our services. These issues will need real knowledge and the understanding to solve them. Cam's done a great job on the Board of Public Works and deserves our confidence in him.

Cam will bring his knowledge in human resources with him to the Select Board. Cam is a Certified Human Resource professional and that knowledge is so important to all of us. Understanding personnel issues, hiring process, diversity, employment laws, the list is long. In regards to diversity, I personally feel great about what he will bring to the office. We have long awaited a person with this type of knowledge. One of the major

issues facing our town employees are the high costs of health insurance, and Cam is well versed in finding real solutions. Please give Cam consideration, he is the right person at the right time for the right reasons.

*Ronnie Manzone, Fairhaven*

### **Durant Explains His Plans**

As Election Day approaches, I would like to share my vision of the Town and some of the great accomplishments we can achieve together.

*Our Future Starts With a Strong Base:* All residents of Fairhaven are the owners of the Town; they have a right to be heard and to have the best services provided. The Select Board should protect the residents' investments in the Town. We must protect every tax dollar from frivolous spending to ensure a strong financial future. I believe we should reexamine the approach to how we engage with residents and business, and I plan to do so as a member of the Select Board.

In addition, our valued Town employees have not been properly supported. Too many times they have been used as political pawns and publicly criticized. That will not happen with me. As an Operations Manager and certified HR professional, I know the Town's success is achieved through supported, engaged and valued workers. When elected, I will safeguard a system where we will create a cohesive atmosphere of job collaboration and satisfaction which will benefit all in Town.

*My role as a Select Board Member and Leadership Task of a Town Administrator:* This is why the Town Administrator search is so crucial to the present and future success of Fairhaven. We will find a leader who works from the trenches rather than one who delegates from a desk. The TA is the chief culture officer at Town Hall. We must ensure daily operations and avoid undue internal and external influences, including the Select Board itself. The Select Board's role is to set policy, the Town Administrator's role is to manage our employees in a responsible way. With an engaged Town Administrator in place, we will provide stability, and stop the attrition of employees seen

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over the past few years.

*First Responders — Our Town Heroes.* Our first responders should be acknowledged. The Police and Fire Departments must have the best equipment and a secure environment to work and live. Currently, the public safety building is cramped, the police station does not have the proper holding facilities, and the building is plagued with mold.

As we acquire more details concerning the future public safety complex (learning about costs and negotiating the purchase of a parcel of land), I make this promise: I will be completely transparent. I will not allow a single dollar to be wasted in the course of this project, while at the same time ensuring every need of our first responders is met.

I believe, as advocated by [Police] Chief Meyers, a public safety Social Worker is needed for residents that require advocacy instead of the judicial process. This position is fiscally responsible and moves us in the right direction. Having a social worker assist during the current mental health and opioid crisis is a much needed position, and will also decrease the Town's liability. Further, our fire fighters need more dispatchers — trained public safety professionals are the vital first step in saving lives.

*Responsible Common Sense Approach and My Role as a Member of the Select Board.* As a member of the BPW, I see firsthand how hard our employee's work. As a collective bargaining team member, I am proud to have protected tax dollars and achieved a fair agreement when some exempt workers were receiving unprecedented five figure pay raises in a single year. The general fund allocations do not fully support infrastructure and our public infrastructure employees.

I will bring ingenuity and think outside the box and apply a common-sense approach. We will explore a merger of our Highway/Parks Departments with the Recreation Department. This will eliminate duplicate spending and allocate more towards our green space. When this was proposed to the current Select Board, the response was that nothing could be done without a DOR report. While I fully support an external review of our municipal operations, the Town

of Fairhaven must learn to walk and chew gum at the same time. Cost savings cannot wait.

When we focus on working together by rebuilding our base of strong, unified employees, we will once again have smooth operations. Together we will move forward with one common goal, doing what is best for Fairhaven and all its people.

I look forward with great excitement in leading that charge as a member of the Select Board. I respectfully ask for your vote on July 26th.

### **Espindola Supports Powers**

I appreciate all three candidates who have put themselves out there for this special election. It is not easy to do what they are doing. And would look forward to working with any one of them.

I am writing in support of Stasia Powers.

There has been enough divisiveness in Fairhaven recently and I believe in building bridges and better communication among our boards and committees.

This area is so important that our Select Board "Goals and Objectives" document (which can be found on line under the Town Administrator section of the web site) lists "Identify and advance opportunities for cooperation between Town departments, Fairhaven Public Schools, neighboring municipalities, non-profit organizations and regional governments as ways to improve services and reduce costs"

I have stated my interest in having the Town move forward with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Town and the School Department, who has the largest budget in Town. The Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) recommends this for our Town and I believe this should be a top priority moving forward. In my opinion, lack of cooperation and communication between the Town and the School Administration (including the Select Board and the School Committee) has recently resulted in significant controversy that could have been avoided if there were such an agreement in place between the Town and the School Department. We have an opportunity for very significant improvement in this area but it will take willingness

for our School Committee to cooperate and find common ground. This will not be easy.

I believe that, with her demonstrated leadership and knowledge of the School Department budget, staffing and operations, Stasia Powers will be the perfect complement to our Select Board. She can help us build the bridge we need and move Fairhaven into an MOU that will provide budget certainty and eliminate the types of surprises, lack of communication and misinformation we have experienced in the past year.

Stasia understands that, as a member of the Select Board, she will need to view Town Finances through a different lens. Whereas in the past, her only focus was on the needs of the children in our School system, Select Board members must consider the needs of our School Department alongside those of our Town Hall, Public Works, Public Safety, Recreation, Council on Aging, Harbor Master, Tourism ... the list goes on. She has pledged to see the needs across the Town and to do what is in the best interest of the Town on the whole.

And let's not lose sight of the very critical process that has been placed on hold, screening and hiring of the Town's next Town Administrator. Stasia has the experience and critical thinking skills required to ensure the Town makes the right move in this extremely important decision.

I believe that she is the perfect candidate to serve as the first woman on our newly named Select Board and that she will leave a very positive impression on the Town, if given the chance. My wife Ann and I will be voting for her on Monday, July 26th and we hope that you will consider doing the same.

*Bob Espindola, Fairhaven  
Mr. Espindola is a member of the  
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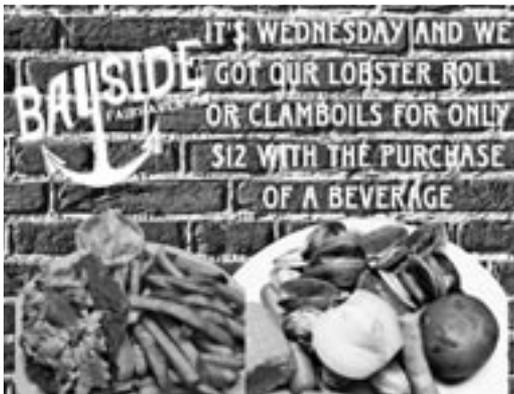
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*“She has experience in non-profits, local environmental organizations, budgets, managing volunteers and staff. I know that on day one she will be able to start in this important role with the background and experience we need for our community.”* **Ann Richard - Sustainability Committee Chair**

*“Her service on the Fairhaven School Committee for the past 14 years has prepared Stasia well for the challenges of the Select Board, and in my opinion she is the logical choice in the upcoming election.”* **Bob Foster - President, Fairhaven Alumni Association**

*“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.”* **Carolyn Nunez**

*“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.”* **Mark Badwey**

*“A vote for Stasia is a vote for the well-being and future of our community.”* **Ken Pottel**

*“Stasia has shown through her 14 years on the school committee that she has the background and necessary knowledge to guide the town in the proper direction.”* **Peggy and John Rogers**

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