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Acushnet will always remember



Acushnet held a 9-11 remembrance ceremony on 9/11/21, commemorating not only the 20th anniversary of the 9-11 terrorist attacks, but also the 20th anniversary of the creation of the Acushnet 9-11 Memorial at the Fire Department at Parting Ways. ABOVE: Acushnet resident and former New Bedford Fire Chief Roger Nadeau addresses the crowd during the 10th anniversary remembrance of the 9-11 attacks on 9/11/21 at the Acushnet 9-11 Memorial. Behind him seated in front of the memorial, which features a 2700-pound steel beam from the Twin Towers, L-R: Rev. Ryan Healy of St. Francis Xavier Church in Acushnet, Acushnet Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher, State Rep. Chris Hendricks, Miss Apple Peach Tori Kalisz, Acushnet Selectboard member David Wojnar, Selectboard Chairperson David Despres. See story on page 12. *Photo by Beth David.*

First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

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

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

"The security of the Nation is not at the ramparts alone. Security also lies in the value of our free institutions. A cantankerous press, an obstinate press, a ubiquitous press must be suffered by those in authority in order to preserve the even greater values of freedom of expression and the right of the people to know."



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

What is it with these people? Everyone needs a babysitter. The new Tree Warden took down 63 trees without any public hearings, no posting on the trees....nuthin'. He says it's legal because he had Eversource do it.

I think not.

Really, guy, this isn't why you were elected.

Now, if you don't know that and you watch the Select Board meeting (page 4), you're halfway through the agenda item before you even know what they're talking about. Nobody explains WHY they are talking to this guy. Then they just gloss it over...he said he won't do it again. Sixty-three big trees gone forever without any notice to the neighborhood or the public.

And the Select Board just ho-hums it.

Here we go again...

I am SOOOOO excited that we'll have a five-person board (SOON, please). Maybe it there are five people, one of 'em will have some courage to stand up to this foolishness. Sixty three trees.

I think he should be fined for every single one.

Okay, let the you-know-what fly. I can take it. The question is, can our Tree Warden?

This weekend is the last Huttleston Marketplace (see page 5), so if you haven't gotten there yet this year, this is your chance.

Our cover story is a serious one this week. The 20th anniversary of the 9-11 attacks (see page 12). Acushnet has a great memorial. If you haven't seen it yet, you should take a ride out to the fire station in Parting Ways and check it out. It's also the 10th anniversary of the creation of the memorial. The Fire & EMS Department has been posting lots of pictures and information on its Facebook page about how it came to be created. So if you can, take some time to check that out.

Meanwhile, fall chugs along. Still hoping to get out fishing a couple more times!

Until next week then..see ya,



Beth David, Publisher

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Nothing this week? Really?
Cool.

Town Auction is this Saturday

Fairhaven will hold its annual town auction this Saturday, 9/18, at 9 a.m., at the public works garage, 5 Arsene Street. No credit or debit accepted.

Items include several vehicles, tools, office equipment, athletic equipment, furniture, etc.

Vehicles include a 2008 Ford Starcraft 14-passenger van with 118,377 miles from the Council on Aging; 2002 Ford utility truck from

the Highway Department; 2002 Chevy C6500 with 66,334 miles from the Tree Department; two Ford vans (2003 & 2006) from the Water Department.

Tools include three welders and three jack hammers.

Other items include: two surf boards; a truck bed liner, two new tractor tires; lots of analog clocks; two portable compressors; a generator; power washer; water

pump; plate compactor; two flat screen TVs;

Sports equipment includes batting helmets, leg curl machine, bench press, barbells, quad extension machine, glute/ham/ab station.

Office furniture includes desks, chairs, filing trays, cabinets, ink, etc.

The list is available on the town's website at <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/home/events/223471>

Hazardous Waste Day scheduled for October 23

Time to start cleaning out those sheds and basements to be ready for Fairhaven's Hazardous Waste Day, scheduled for Saturday, 10/23, from 8 a.m. to noon at the public works building, 5 Arsene Street. Fairhaven residents only, proof of residency required.

From the Garage & Workbench

Oil-based paint, Stains & Varnishes, Wood Preservatives, Solvents & Glues, Fiberglass Resins, Gasoline & Kerosene, Antifreeze & Motor Oil, Brake Fluid, Carburetor Fluid, Car Wax & Polishes, Driveway Sealer, Roofing Tar, Swimming Pool Cleaners

From the Yard

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Sunday September 19, 2021
10:00 am – 3:00 pm

This is an outdoor event with a rain date of September 26, 2021

Fairhaven Council on Aging parking lot
229 Huttleston Ave, Fairhaven MA

30 plus crafters and vendors including many talented local crafters of soaps, By the Bay Farms — cannabis pain salve, gnomes and fashion wraps, soy candles, deco mesh wreaths, Gray's Blankets — flannel baby blankets, Tupperware, Scentsy, Paparazzi Jewelry, Mary Kay and many more. Raffles. 50/50 Raffle, you keep half of money raised.

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Tree Warden removes 63 trees without hearings

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

Tree Warden Don Collasius went before the Fairhaven Select Board on September 13 in response to what Chairperson Bob Espindola referred to as “some questions about some trees that were removed.”

After Mr. Collasius’s short video presentation, he said that he had coordinated with Eversource to remove a number of dangerous trees under his jurisdiction, saying, “We got a lot of the bad trees that we need to out of the way.”

The process he used fell under M.G.L. Ch. 87, he continued, the law that pertains to tree wardens and public shade trees, which he said he had learned much about through access to a Massachusetts Tree Wardens and Foresters Association tree warden qualification class.

“Taking those trees down was the right thing to do,” said Mr. Collasius.

“I did it legally,” he continued, but then added that if he were to do it all over again, he would do it differently and “use another vehicle” or “chapter under the law.”

He promised that he would hold duly posted public hearings for trees to be felled in the future but said, “I truly believe that they (the trees felled) were all quite dangerous.”

Under Ch. 87 Section 14, the law states that no public hearing is required when a utility removes a hazard tree, exempting it from the requirements of Sections 3 and 5, provided that the utility company has submitted an annual hazard tree plan outlining hazard tree work to be performed in the town and subsequently approved by the tree warden.

When Director of Planning & Economic Development Paul Foley addressed the matter, he said the current tree warden legislation was written in 1899, and the procedure for working with utility companies on hazard trees “isn’t spelled out.” He referred to Eversource’s and Mr. Collasius’s list of 63 trees, saying that only three were categorized as “dead,” and five were listed as “dying.” He said he would not consider that list a “plan,” though.

In a followup phone interview, Mr. Foley also noted that the utility and

Mr. Collasius did not wait the required 90 days between creating the plan and cutting down the trees.

He also noted that according to Section 6 of MGL Chapter 87, violations of Sec. 3, 4, or 5 should result in a fine of \$500 per tree/violation.

Mr. Foley gave a visual presentation outlining what he wants to see happen, starting with a survey he hopes to fund through a 50/50 grant to provide the Town \$20,000 with a \$20,000 match. That survey would include an inventory and lead to a management plan and subsequent bylaw surrounding public trees. In his presentation, he opposed any future public tree removals without public hearings or professional oversight. He said the Select Board should review the tree cutting that has taken place and create a memorandum of

I still think you should look at exactly what happened, because 63 trees is pretty outrageous, as far as I’m concerned, and I’m certain that it wasn’t done by the law.
[Paul Foley, Director of Planning and Economic Development]

understanding for procedures until a local bylaw is in place.

“We don’t want to see what just happened recently,” said Mr. Foley. “There’s a process that needs to be followed, and the process was not followed properly, and I don’t want that to happen again.”

He further suggested that the Town needs a full-time arborist, which a study from 15 years ago also recommended, to develop a long-term management plan.

Mr. Foley also suggested creating a local tree bylaw to strengthen notification requirements and accountability for all tree work and clarify definitions, require record keeping, establish jurisdictions (such as emergencies), and provide methods and input for planting, maintenance, protection, and removal of trees.

The deadline to submit a letter of intent for the matching grant is October 1, Mr. Foley said, with a

November 1 deadline for the application. The board’s vote was unanimous in support of the application.

Mr. Foley reiterated that tree removals require public notice, a hearing, and a posting on the tree.

“He (Mr. Collasius) just stated that he was going to do that, so that’s a good thing,” said Select Board member Stasia Powers.

Mr. Foley added that a solid protocol in writing should be put in place.

Ms. Powers commented, “I am so glad to see this happening ... Nothing’s been proactive (in the past), so this is great that [you all] are being proactive.... We’ve never done a canopy survey, so this is fantastic.”

Mr. Espindola brought up Mr. Collasius’s past concerns about resources, given that he only has a \$3,200 budget for tree removal.

“Eventually, we’re going to need to figure out a way to have the resources available so this work can be done on an annual basis,” said Mr. Espindola.

“I still think you should look at exactly what happened,” said Mr. Foley. “Because 63 trees is pretty outrageous, as far as I’m concerned, and I’m certain that it wasn’t done by the law.”

“Once we have a plan and we bring it before the voters, I’m sure that they’ll give him more money to do what he needs to do – if he has a good plan,” said Interim Town Administrator Wendy Graves.

In closing, Mr. Collasius thanked the Police Department for its assistance during a recent midnight emergency call requiring the removal of a large limb that fell onto communication cables.

Mr. Foley’s full presentation was not shown at the meeting; to access it, visit our website, www.neighbnews.com, and go to 2021 archives to find this week’s issue. It includes the list of 63 trees removed.

In another matter, Paul Zekos from Zekos Group Auctioneers, which is organizing the Town’s tax possession auction on September 28, gave an overview of the bidding process for the various vacant lots and two properties with buildings, one commercial and one residential.

Conservation Agent Whitney McClees spoke briefly about her

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Town Auction

On Sat., 9/18. See page 3 for details.

Name The K9

Fairhaven Police Department is very excited to work with Maranatha Farm Kennels. Since 1998 they have proudly provided municipal, state, and federal agencies with working dogs. One of those agencies, being Massachusetts Task Force 1. MA-TF1 is most notably known for their deployment to Ground Zero of the World Trade Center after the 9/11 attacks.

Next Thursday Officers from FPD and Bristol County Sheriff's Office will travel to Maranatha Farm Kennels in Maine to select our K9. In the mean time we would like your help. If you have a suggestion for our K9's name, we want to hear it! Keep in mind we will not know the gender of the dog until next Thursday. So put some of your best names forward! (Two names per person)

Post your submissions on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/fairhavenpdK9/> in the comment section of the post asking for names. Submit your Names by Mon. Sept. 9/20. Prize to be determined

SMEC Walkathon

Donations needed

Friends of SMEC, a 501(c)3 organization, is hosting the second Annual Health and Wellness Walk-A-Thon on September 25th at 9:30AM. The Friends of SMEC would be very grateful if you could contribute to our event. All donors will be featured at the event. All of the funds raised will go directly to support the activities of SMEC's students and individuals.

For questions about the event, contributing a gift, making a donation, or to volunteer to be part of the Friends of SMEC, please contact Sherri Tetrault, at (508) 9985599 ex 130. Please send sponsorships by September 3, 2021.

Huttleston Marketpl ONE WEEK LEFT

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 website: <https://fairhaventours.com/huttleston-marketplace/>

Artisan Fair

An Artisans Fair on 9/19 will benefit the Fairhaven Lions Club. See ad on page 3.

Climate Change

How We Get to Zero Carbon in Massachusetts: The Green Future Act

A presentation and discussion on the Green Future Act with Carrie Katan, Massachusetts Organizer for Climate Xchange Education and Research. (Via Zoom) on Wed., 9/22, at 7 p.m. via Zoom by advance registration: <https://scpv.tiny.us/climatebill>

To understand this important state climate bill and the need for increased advocacy to create a green future for Massachusetts.

South Coast Progressive Voices is an occasional speaker series on issues of broad public interest, locally, regionally, and nationally, and presented by the Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven (#CathedralByTheSea).

"How We Get to Zero Carbon in MA" takes place in cooperation with Climate Reality Massachusetts Southcoast and Climate Xchange.

Please join us!

Pickleball for Beginners

Free Pickleball clinic for Beginners Sun., 9/19 & 9/26 at 1:00 p.m. at Cushman Park in Fairhaven. We may add an additional clinic depending on demand. To sign up e-mail us at fairhavenpickleball@gmail.com Include your name and cell number on the e-mail.

For further information contact

Ken at 508-280-3150. Today, pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the United States.

Pet Photo Day

Who doesn't love photos of their pets? Join us for a pet photo day to help the Humane Society and Shelter SouthCoast, on Sun., 9/19, from noon-3 p.m. at Rose Homes LAER Realty Partners Office, 208 Washington Street Fairhaven.

Professional photos will be taken by Kelly Smith Studios. **Photos are \$15/each** (Cash or Venmo). The Humane Society and Shelter Southcoast will receive a donation of \$10.00 for every photo!

Stop by and meet some local pet friendly businesses or take a chance on one of our raffles! Don't have a pet but still want to help? Drop off some pet food to help those less fortunate feed their pets! Pet food will be donated to the Acushnet Pet Food Pantry.

SAVE THE DATES

Fall Encampment

Fairhaven Village Militia Revolutionary War Encampment, Sat. & Sun., 9/25 & 26; Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to sunset, Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Fort Phoenix, Fort S., Fairhaven, MA

Cannon firing is Saturday evening at 6:45 p.m.

The Fairhaven Village Militia and the Wareham Minutemen and Militia Companies present a two-day historical encampment at Fort Phoenix. Talk to period costumed men and women about the fort's history and life in the 1770s. See military drilling, flintlock musket and cannon firing demonstrations and see period activities such as tin smithing, leather working, carpentry, sewing, fire starting, and more. At sunset on Saturday, (about 6:45 p.m.) the fort's five large cannons will be fired.

Free admission. Accessible.

Walking Tour

Historical center of Fairhaven is setting of September 25 tour

The historical Fairhaven center is the scene of a walking tour presented by the town's Office of Tourism on **Saturday, September 25, at 1:00 p.m.** The tour, guided by Christopher Richard, will begin in Leonard E.

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Sunken vessel raised from Nye's Ledge

From Mattapoissett Harbormaster Facebook page

****Incident Update****

On Saturday, September 4, the vessel "Lady Hawk" sank in the vicinity of Nye's Ledge. The vessel was located earlier this week with the assistance of the Massachusetts

Environmental Police in the vicinity of Nye's Ledge.

The hazard to navigation was removed from the waterway late on Friday afternoon, 9/10/21.

We would like to thank and commend the Mattapoissett Fire Rescue, Massachusetts environ-

mental police, Mattapoissett Boatyard and Tucker Roy Marine Towing & Salvage [for] your assistance with this incident.

Six were aboard when the boat sank on 9/4 and were saved by a Good Samaritan.



ABOVE AND BELOW: Officials raise the Lady Hawk on 9/10/21, after the vessel sank on 9/4 near Nye's Ledge in Mattapoissett, with six people aboard, who were all saved by a Good Samaritan and had no injuries. Photos from Mattapoissett Harbormaster Facebook page.



On Display at the Museum of Fairhaven History

Bronze Bell

Bronze bell, cast by Henry N. Hooper and Company of Boston, 1850. Hooper purchased the former Paul Revere foundry in Boston where he had worked as an apprentice.

This bell originally hung in the steeple at the Union Chapel on North Street in Fairhaven.

The Union Chapel was a non-denominational meeting house and stood until the early 1960s.



The Museum of Fairhaven History is located in the Academy Building at 141 Main Street. For membership information, please see fairhavenhistory.org. The museum is open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. during Huttleston Marketplace.



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Mass Maritime cadets perform community service

Press Release

As cadets return to campus for classes, the Regiment, athletics, extracurricular activities, and time with old and new friends, they have another opportunity awaiting them — the chance to serve their community. Service is required of every cadet at Massachusetts Maritime Academy (MMA), but many students embrace the opportunity to give back well beyond their service requirements.

All cadets are expected to participate in Community Service regardless of year, rank, or seniority. Simply put: if you are not willing to serve, you are not willing to lead. Students can acquire service hours through programs on campus such as Big Brothers Big Sisters, by participating in events in the community like the Town of Bourne trash cleanup, or by volunteering in their hometowns.

“Service is an important part of our culture,” said Rear Admiral Francis X. McDonald, USMS, President of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy. “We believe in experiential learning and volunteering in the community provides a wonderful way for our cadets to learn about the world around them and how they can make a difference. It’s also a great way to develop leadership and teamwork skills and acquire empathy.”

MMA’s culture of service is so strong that every year a Regimental Community Service Operations Officer is appointed to lead the service efforts for the Academy. This year’s officer is 1/C Alec Goldenberg, a senior from Douglas, MA, who is studying Energy Systems Engineering with a minor in Facilities Engineering. In addition to his Community Service role, he is a rate of the Energy

Systems program where he will be aiding the department where his major will lead, captain of MMA’s Track & Field Team, and Vice President of MMS’s Student Athletic Advisory Council.

“I’ve always been inspired to make a difference in the world, and I’ve been able to experience elements of that at MMA,” Goldenberg said. Starting as a freshman, he participated in events in his hometown and helped coach the Douglas High School track team. When COVID hit, he spent time running and noticed immense amounts of trash on his small street in Douglas, so he set out to clean it up. “For a week straight, I spent hours collecting trash on my little road. It seemed that I hardly made a dent, but I was hooked.”

When Goldenberg returned to campus last year, he got involved in all the events he could and worked as a Volunteer Coordinating Assistant. “I got to experience organizing events and it felt great to have an impact,” he said.

The 2021-2022 academic year is off to a strong start under Goldenberg’s leadership. MMA cadets can participate in six service events scheduled in September alone; with more being added as the semester is kicking off:

- Plymouth Maritime 400 Salute (Sept. 4-5):
- Heroes Run (Sept. 11):



Mass Maritime Academy Cadet Volunteers in front of Mayflower II at the Plymouth 400 celebration in 2021. Submitted photo.

- ALS Cliff Walk (Sept. 12):
- American Lung Association Annual Bike Ride (Sept. 25-26). Cadets will be assisting in the setup and running of the event. The annual event is held in Sandwich.
- StriperFest (Sept. 25) The biggest fishing party in the Northeast held at Marine Park, Falmouth, MA. Cadets will help fishermen of all experiences learn about boater safety, awareness of overfishing hazards, rules of the road, and other crucial knowledge for fishermen.
- Pumpkin Patch at Bourne Methodist Church (Sept. 26). Cadets will be assisting with the unloading of pumpkins at this annual event that helps the community with the sale of their pumpkins.

“Many of the organizations we’re partnering with have long-standing relationships with the Academy, but we’re always looking for new organizations so we provide a variety of opportunities that will appeal to all the cadets,” Goldenberg said.

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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Lebanese Festival

Our Lady of Purgatory Church presents Summer Lebanese Festival, Sat., 9/18, from noon-11 p.m. Come Celebrate the end of Summer and enjoy delicious Lebanese food, pastry, music and hospitality at the OLOP Summer Lebanese Festival. Live entertainment by George Maalouf and Band. Also featuring food, bar, saj, hookas, raffles, dancing. Monday raffle prices: \$1000, \$500, \$200. On the church grounds, 11 Franklin St., New Bedford.

YTI Production

Three Viewings, by Jeffrey Hatcher, directed by Lawrence R. Houbre, Jr.

A mild-mannered undertaker with a passion for a local real-estate woman, a beautiful Los Angeles drifter making a living by stealing at showings, and a widow whose husband has left her in deep debt, reveal their stories in this presentation of three comic and dramatic monologues.

Fri., Sat., 9/17, 18, 24, 25, at 7:30 p.m.; Sat. & Sun., 9/18, 19, 25, 25, at 2:30 p.m. (Thursday Productions have been discontinued) Tickets: \$18 gen; \$15 seniors and students. At YTI, 136 Rivet St, New Bedford, MA 02740

To make reservations please call 508-993-0772 or email info@yourtheatre.org

Cleanup/Volunteer Appreciation

Sat., 9/18, 9 a.m.-noon. Meet at the Harbor Walk parking lot, 126-128 Gifford St, New Bedford.

Schedule: 9 a.m., Coffee & Doughnuts; 9:00-11:00, Cleanup South End; 11:00 - Raffle; 11:30 - Pizza; 12:00-2:30 - Optional Visit to Palmer Island

Free t-shirts, breakfast, lunch, and a raffle ticket to all volunteers

Gloves and tools provided; Wear closed-toe shoes; Bring a reusable water bottle; If unvaccinated, wear a mask; Optional, Bring a blanket or chair

Dock-U-Mentary

September Dock-u-mentaries:

Conversations with the Lobster Lady, Fri., 9/17, 17th at 7:00pm, New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park Garden, 33 William Street, New

Bedford

New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center and New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park present Conversations with the Lobster Lady. Arguably the world's oldest licensed lobster fisherman — 101-year-old Virginia Oliver is a one of a kind. This film gives viewers a chance to meet this inspiring woman, who was 99 when the film was made, and ride along as she and her 74-year-old son Max haul their lobster traps in Spruce Head, Maine.

The film will be shown outdoors in the National Park Garden. In the event of inclement weather, we will move indoors with limited seating available on a first come, first serve basis. Masks will be required indoors.

Dock-U-Mentaries is a co-production of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park and the New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center. All programs are open to the public and presented free of charge.

This program is part of "Women's Work," a year-long series of programs funded by grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Women's Fisheries Network, Mass Cultural Council, and the Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett, New Bedford, and Westport Cultural Councils.

Sea Scout Ship

Join our Sea Scouts division of the Boy Scouts of America that will be based around aquatics. Orientation meeting on **Sat., 10/2, from 1-4 p.m., at New Bedford Low Tide Yacht Club, 1000 S Rodney French Blvd.** (Fort Taber/Rodman), New Bedford.

Sea Scout Ship 1930 is open to all interested leaders and youth who would like to learn about knots, how to swim, sail, handle small boats (canoes, kayaks, sailboats). We will meet inside our facility throughout the winter, and hit the water next spring.

Contact Wyndell Waldon for more information at 803-683-2369, or wyndell.waldon@scouting.org

NBSO Opening Night

Celebrating American composer Adolphus Hailstork's 80th birthday, we open with his virtuosic and

colorful *American Port of Call*. Brilliantly orchestrated, Hailstork's piece depicts the busyness and excitement of an American port city. Astounding violinist, Karen Gomyo, joins the orchestra in Tchaikovsky's violin concerto, one of the most popular pieces in the repertoire due to its captivating melodies and demanding virtuosity. Sibelius' uplifting 5th Symphony is a hymn to the human spirit - the perfect piece to celebrate the return of live music.

Please plan to arrive early as admittance may take a bit longer than usual. House doors will open at 6:30 PM for seating.

Join Yaniv and the musicians for a free outdoor social with lemonade and cookies, in front of the Z from 6-7 pm! (Weather permitting)

New Bedford Symphony Orchestra, at the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, 684 Purchase St., NB.

Blues Concert FR

A soulful blues affair on Sat., 10/10, Nightstage Performance Center at The Kilburn Mill, 127 W. Rodney French Blvd., NB; 978-337-1414; john@yellowboxentertainment.com

An evening with Blues Legend Saron Crenshaw Saron Crenshaw to support the Cape Verdean Recognition Parade in New Bedford. Sponsored by the Colonial South Auto Group and the Cape Verdean Recognition Committee. Special guest performance by The Authentics.

Sat., 10/10. Doors open 6 pm. Showtime 7 pm. Tickets \$35 at <https://nightstageperformancecenter.com> Full Menu. Cash Bar

Walk-in Vax

To expand access and raise awareness of availability of vaccinations, walk-in appointments are now accepted to receive an immunization at more than than 250 of Stop & Shop's pharmacy locations across the Northeast, however customers can still schedule appointments on Stop & Shop's website. Customers can simply walk-in to their nearest pharmacy to receive either the Moderna and Pfizer series, or single-dose Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccine.

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Comedy Night

American Legion Post 265, 71 Hope St. Acushnet, presents a Comedy Night on Sat., 10/9, featuring Pete Costello, Michael Petit, Grandma Martha. Showtime is 8 p.m., tickets are \$25. RATED: Funny! Get tickets from bartender at the Post.

Artisan Fair

DATE CORRECTION

Handy House Artisan Fair and Vintage Market, 202 Hix Bridge Road, Westport MA, Sat. 9/18, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. (rain date 9/19). FREE.

The Handy House Artisan Fair showcases many local craftspeople who specialize in skills and traditional crafts commonly practiced in the 18th and 19th century. This year's fair also features a vintage market – an opportunity to pick up unusual antiques, jewelry and textiles.

The Artisan Fair offers a rare opportunity to meet local craftspeople and learn about their skills through hands-on demonstrations.

Enjoy refreshments by Westport Bootleg BBQ, some of the BEST smoked BBQ in this region.

We encourage all visitors to wear a mask. Your health is worth preserving!

Newport Boat Show

The Newport International Boat Show (NIBS), one of the largest and most prestigious boat shows in the country, spans over 13 acres of historic downtown Newport, RI. Walk the docks and view a spectacular display of shiny new sailboats and powerboats, some making their first-ever debut in the United States. On the land side, you'll find hundreds of marine products, services and accessories to enhance the boating lifestyle. Also on deck are educational seminars, in-water boating courses and daily giveaways.

Thurs., 9/16 to Sat., 9/18, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.; Sun. 9/19, 10–5. Newport Yachting Center Marinam 20 Commercial Wharf, Newport, RI 02840; The Best Place To Park Is Easton's Beach, 175 Memorial Blvd, Newport. Shuttle service available.

Visit <https://newportboatshow.com>

Pot Rally

MassCann's 32nd annual Boston

Freedom Rally is happening on Boston Common, in-person, Saturday, 9/18, from Noon until 8PM.

The sixth panel on our Education Village stage will start at 6:30 PM and cover the topic of Medical Cannabis, Parenting, and You.

Featuring panel moderator Dr Marion McNabb, along with panelists Kellie Roy, Kristen Kenny-Simonelli, Bobby Nuggz, Jodi Chapin, Katherine Desmond, Chandra Batra.

MassCann is honored to be able to present this year's lineup of Education Village panels and we look forward to an edifying experience for all involved.

Visit <https://masscann.org/>

Yard Sale FR

Yard sale to benefit Peace for Ponies, Sat. & Sun., 9/25 & 26, 10-2 (rain date 10/2 & 3), 12 Great Neck Rd., E. Wareham. Annual Yard Sale to support our rescued animals. Can't make it? You can still help. Donations of items that are new and in good condition can be made the week before unless otherwise arranged. Call 508-295-7637. SAVE THE DATE: Join us for our Open House on 10/24, 11–3

Free Concert

The FirstWorks Live—Music at Roger Williams Park series offers park visitors a chance to experience artists representing a global range of genres and background for free in the gorgeous and welcoming setting of “The People's Park.”

Featuring performing-songwriter Thea Hopkins bringing her program, “In the Roundhouse,” a celebration of traditional and contemporary Indigenous music, to the FirstWorks stage, Roger Williams Park, Dalrymple Boathouse Lawn. Park entrance located at 1000 Elmwood Avenue, Providence.

Live, in-person performance is free and open to the public. Also Livestreaming to FirstWorks' Facebook page. The FirstWorks Live—Music at Roger Williams Park series offers park visitors a chance to experience artists representing a global range of genres and backgrounds for free in the gorgeous and welcoming setting of “The People's Park.”

Hopkins was inspired to create “In

the Roundhouse” after performing at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. on a day chosen to honor Native American artists as part of the grand opening of their REACH theater complex in September 2019. A member of the Aquinnah Wampanoag tribe of Martha's Vineyard, Mass., Hopkins describes her music as “Red Roots Americana.” Her song, “The Ghost of Emmett Till” won the Grand Prize of the 22nd Great American Song Contest in March 2021 and her EP “Love Come Down” was nominated for a 2019 Indigenous Music Award in the folk category. Honored by the Western Arts Alliance in 2019 as a Native Launchpad Artist, she's performed on prestigious stages in the U.S. and Europe, from The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. to the Summertyne Americana Festival in Newcastle, England.

Register NOW

The Martin Richard Foundation, in partnership with the Boston Bruins Foundation, New Balance and DMSE Sports, today announced it will host the fourth annual MR8K. The race will again return to the home of our presenting sponsor, Boston Landing on Sat., 12/4. Registration is now open at <http://mr8k.org/>.

Since 2014, the Martin Richard Foundation has worked to advance the values of sportsmanship, inclusion, justice and peace by investing in programs that encourage young people to engage as community leaders.

At the MAC

New Children's Art Lab Program at the MAC The Marion Art Center has added a new program for young children. Art + Play, taught by Aylin Cetik, is a one hour class for children ages 3, 4, and 5 and their caregivers. During class, kids will explore various art materials, natural elements, art tools, and creative processes. Children will have the opportunity to discover and learn through art, while making new friends in a safe and nurturing environment. Classes meet Wednesday mornings from 9:30-10:30am in the MAC Studio. The 8-class program runs the following dates: September 29, October 6, 13, 20, 27, November 3, 10, and 17. Cost

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Recipe of the Week

Peach Cobbler

Filling

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 unsalted butter cut into 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 minutes. Stir continuously until the peaches start to soften.

Melt the butter by placing the cubes in a 9x9 baking dish and putting it into the 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 the cobbler is golden brown. Serve immediately with some ice cream.



Dear Frankie

London Bridge is Falling Down

Dear Frankie,

I live in a condo on the sixteenth floor. My parents love where we live because they can see and hear the ocean and swim in our

community pool.

Unfortunately, I saw on the news that an apartment building in Florida that looks a lot like ours collapsed. So many people, children, dogs, cats, birds, maybe even gerbils, got hurt and even worse than that.

My parents don't seem concerned, but how do they know that our building won't collapse?

Confused, Howie

Dear Howie,

Glad you wrote in about this Howie. The collapse of that building has been a concern for many dogs, cats, and, as you note, gerbils that live in high rises with swimming pools.

News of the collapse of that building was all over the news. People were horrified by the number of humans and animal lives that were affected. It's a shame that it took an accident of this proportion before the

owners of similar buildings got on the stick and brought in inspectors to check their facilities were structurally sound.

When they did inspect buildings like yours, they found most were safe and sound; few needed repairs. So, if you are wondering why your parents aren't concerned, it's likely that when they inspected your building, it passed all safety regulations with flying colors.

From your description of your condo, it sounds like you live in some fancy digs. If I were you, I would enjoy the view and the delicious smell of those ocean breezes.

Best, Frankie

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I think luck is the sense to recognize an opportunity and the ability to take advantage of it.

Samuel Goldwyn

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Acushnet 9-11 ceremony: Acushnet will always remember

By Beth David
Editor

The overriding theme of Acushnet's 9-11 ceremony on the 20th anniversary of the attacks was "Acushnet will always remember."

Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher noted that this year is also the 10th anniversary of the creation of Acushnet's 9-11 Memorial. He has been posting photos and other details on Facebook, recounting the creation of the memorial in 2011.

Chief Gallagher told the crowd that September 11, 2001, was a bright sunny fall day; 10 years ago it was also "crystal clear with blue skies," as it was this year, on 9/11/21.

"There's something special about this day," he said.

Chief Gallagher said the memorial is housed on town property, and maintained by the Acushnet Fire Department, "But this is your memorial. This is your memorial to that horrible day. This is your remembrance ceremony."

He noted that the song they started with was a U2 song, "Hands that Built America," a tribute to immigrants who build skyscrapers. He said the ceremony that day would be a tribute to the Acushnet hands that built the memorial.

Miss Apple Peach Tori Kalisz sang the National Anthem and the Boy Scouts of Troop 11 led the crowd of several hundred in the Pledge of Allegiance to get things started.

Selectboard chairperson David Desroches told the crowd that two numbers, 9-11, became a phrase "forever ingrained in our American language."

"It became a phrase that invoked



TOP: Acushnet Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher speaks on 9/11/21 at the Acushnet 9-11 Memorial at the Fire Station in Parting Ways for the 20th anniversary remembrance of the 9-11 attacks. MIDDLE: Mason and his dad Firefighter Paul Frysinger walk back after placing flowers at the Acushnet 9-11 memorial. ABOVE: Acushnet Firefighters ring the bell 5-5-5 times, a traditional code tapped out when a firefighter is killed in the line of duty. Photos by Beth David.

unimaginable horrors of burning skies, clouds of black smoke, and fractured lives and families," said Mr. Desroches. "But it also became a phrase that reminds us that regardless of race, religion, political differences, we are all united as one nation, we are all united as one America."

He called all those who were killed "patriots."

"Firefighters, police, EMTs, workers from stockbrokers to custodians, the true fabric of America, died that day," said Mr. Desroches, adding that we should not forget our military personnel who defend our liberty and are the "reason we stand free from tyranny and oppression."

He said the memorial is a reminder to future generations of the tragedy of that day, and he read the numbers of those who were killed that, numbers that are etched in the memorial.



"Acushnet will always remember the fallen," said Mr. Desroches.

Chief Gallagher pointed out a project by Acushnet resident Jayden Taylor a Project 351 student, who painted rocks with the names of "local heroes" and those killed in the 20-year war on terror. Chief Gallagher said Ms. Taylor "very quietly" placed the rocks in an "unassuming way" earlier in the week.

Chief Gallagher then surprised Ben Sonnenburg, a member of the US Army, by hiring him on the spot as a Call Firefighter. Chief Gallagher noted that Mr. Sonnenburg was nine months old when the 9-11 attack happened.

Chief Gallagher said he was "struck" by Mr. Sonnenburg's character when he knocked on the door and met with the chief.

Mr. Sonnenburg signed his employment papers at the ceremony, establishing his "date of hire" as 9/11/21.

Chief Gallagher told Mr. Sonnenburg he would learn of many traditions. Then he



explained that the "fire signal" tradition was started in 1870 in New York. A bell is rung five times, paused, then five times, paused and five times again, to announce a line of duty death.

Chief Gallagher recounted the steps to creating the memorial, including a unique building permit issued by Building Commissioner James Marot.

"I don't know if building permits can be beautiful, but this one is," said Chief Gallagher.

For fee paid, Mr. Marot wrote "2977 lives." In Area of Structure, he put: "equal to the hearts of all Americans." Next to "owner" he wrote "Acushnet Fire Department and all Residents of Acushnet." For Estimated Value, he wrote "priceless." After Conditions of Permit he wrote, "Eternal remembrance of all who lost their lives by Terrorists from a foreign land."

Chief Gallagher said he came across the permit as he was looking for some photos.

"I was absolutely touched 10 years ago when you handed this to us," said Chief Gallagher to Mr. Marot. "And was equally touched when we printed it out 10 years later. So thank you, Sir. Thank you for your kindness."

Acushnet resident Roger Nadeau also spoke at the event, explaining how he came to create a special truck for transporting the remains of fallen firefighters. The truck was also used to transport the 2977 pound steel beam used in the Acushnet memorial from Fairhaven to Acushnet.

Mr. Nadeau, now retired, served in the Acushnet Fire Department, and rose through the ranks in New Bedford to become Fire Chief there. His brother Gerry was also a firefighter and died in the line of duty from lung failure.

Mr. Nadeau said he always wanted to

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build a fire truck, and he was involved in the National Fallen Firefighters Association. He said they helped with some funerals, but there were not many good trucks. One year they did three funerals: one truck ran out of gas because the gas gauge was broken.

So he wanted to get a truck. All the ones he wanted he could not afford, the ones he could get for free were "buckets of rust," said Mr. Nadeau.

He eventually got one from the Town of Weymouth, which donated it to the foundation he created in his brother's name.

They made it into a memorial truck. They also got a small piece of steel from 9-11, to keep on the truck.

He also told the story of getting permission to put Father Mychal Judge's picture on the truck. Fr. Judge, the chaplain for the New York Fire Department, is listed as the first recorded casualty of the 9-11 attacks on the World Trade Center.

Mr. Nadeau had to meet with Fr. Judge's twin sister. She allowed him to take a picture and gave him Fr. Judge's badge, which travels with the truck. Mr. Nadeau said the badge has healing properties, and he is documenting the healing stories of the badge.

Chief Gallagher called Fr. Judge one of his heroes. He encouraged people to read anything they can find about him. A flawed man who wrestled with alcoholism, Fr. Judge earned the loyalty of every member of the FDNY. He went to the towers, aware of the danger, even though he did not have to be there.

"He earned the respect of the firefighters of New York and they loved him, despite his failings," said Chief Gallagher.

He also said that media outlets often ask for comment because of the memorial. He said it "always" comes back to the community; it was a community effort. And he thanked the many people involved in creating the memorial and keeping it maintained.

He said there were many different levels of involvement and named the many people who helped design and construct the memorial.

Chief Gallagher concluded by thanking the police department noting how their job is challenging, especially on yard sale Saturday. He also thanked the fire and EMS department, and the public "for supporting this memorial, for loving this memorial, and thank you for the years of support of our department."

He also said he would be "in the crowd" next year, as he is retiring. He said it's time for the next generation to "carry forward this tradition to make sure future generations remember what occurred on 9-11 and to carry forward that sense of community that we showed 10 years ago and that we show every single day...They will make sure moving forward that Acushnet will always remember."

James and Andrea Souza attended the event because Ms. Souza lost a cousin in New York on 9-11. Mr. Souza said they attend the ceremony every year.

"The feeling is still the same," said Ms. Souza.

"People who lost their lives are still loved and should be recognized," said Mr. Souza.

Elizabeth Pell was there with her young grandsons, Ben and Eli, so they could have some idea what happened on 9-11 and learn a little of the history, and "how sad and heartbroken we were."

"And we are so lucky to be able to be



ABOVE: James and Andrea Souza attend the 20th anniversary remembrance of the 9-11 attacks on 9/11/21 at the Acushnet 9-11 Memorial at the Fire Station in Parting Ways. Ms. Souza lost a cousin in the attack on the World Trade Center. Photos by Beth David.

together, and how people died because of wrongdoing," said Ms. Pell. "

Ben said he had some idea of what 9-11 was, but both boys were too young to have learned about it in school yet.

"I love learning about it," said Ben, adding that he hopes to visit the memorial again.

Eli said he understood that people died because of what other people did.

The ceremony also included an invocation by Fr. Ryan Healy of St. Francis Xavier church; the singing of several songs, including the National Anthem by Miss Apple Peach Tori Kalisz; placing of a wreath by the memorial by Firefighter Paul Frysinger and his son, Mason; remarks from Rep. Chris Hendricks.

To watch the entire ceremony, visit Acushnet's YouTube page at <https://www.youtube.com/c/AcushnetCable>. To learn more about the Gerry Nadeau Memorial Foundation, visit <http://www.gerrynadeau.org/>



ABOVE: Acushnet Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher announces the hiring of newly minted Acushnet Firefighter Ben Sonnenburg on 9/11/21, a surprise to him that he was just then hired, during the 20th anniversary remembrance of the 9-11 attacks at the Fire Station in Parting Ways. RIGHT: Mr. Sonnenburg signs his employment papers moments later. Photos by Beth David.



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Home Alone Safety Class

This course is designed to encourage children to be more independent. Topics covered will be basic first aid, door and telephone protocol, accident prevention, first aid for choking and safety measures. Pizza will also be provided. Space is limited... sign up soon.

Ages: 9-11 Date: September 13th Instructor: Beth Oleson Time: 6 PM-7:45PM. Cost \$55 members, \$65 non-members

Babysitting Class

This is a comprehensive 3 hour course for 11-14 year olds. Topics will include first aid, choke saving techniques, mealtime, bedtime, diapering, discipline, contracts and ethics. Pizza will be provided. Ages: 11-14 Date: October 4th Instructor: Beth Oleson Time: 6 PM-8:15PM

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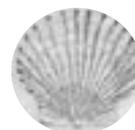
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CPC Applications

The Fairhaven Community Preservation Committee is now accepting applications for the 2021 (FY23) CPC

funding round. **The deadline for full applications will be October 15, 2021.** The CPC will also be accepting Letters of Interest from parties who want feedback before submitting a final application. Letters of Interest for consideration for FY23 should be submitted to the Planning Department in Town Hall by September 17, 2021.

The FY23 Letters of Interest forms, Submission Guidelines and Application forms are available on the Town's Web Site on the Community Preservation Committee's page: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/community-preservation-committee>

The FY23 revised Community Preservation Plan will be reviewed and approved at the September 22, 2021 CPC Meeting and a draft plan for public comment is also available on the Fairhaven CPC website.

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Cultural Council Applications

The Fairhaven Cultural Council is pleased to announce it is currently accepting grant applications for the 2022 calendar year. Applicants can apply online at <https://massculturalcouncil.org/local-council/fairhaven/>. **Applications are due no later than October 15, 2021.**

Each year, the Fairhaven Cultural Council, a local organization supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council and Town of Fairhaven, awards Local Cultural Council grants to support arts and cultural projects that directly benefit our community. Grants are made possible by funds from the Commonwealth and Town of Fairhaven.

Priority is given to:

- First-time applicants in Fairhaven
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- Grants for programs or projects that take place in and/or are specifically related to the culture and history of Fairhaven

If you have any questions, please contact Abigail Hevey, Chair at abigail.hevey@gmail.com.

More information can be found at <https://massculturalcouncil.org/communities/local-cultural-council-program/>

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for the full session is \$125 for MAC members and \$145 for nonmembers. There is a one day drop-in option for \$20 per child. Find out more and register at marionartcenter.org/art-lab.

MAC's Fall Youth Theater The Marion Art Center's youth theater program continues with Autumn Stages, starting on Thursday, September 16. The program is led by Jacob Sherburne. Autumn Stages is a fall theater company consisting of young adults ages 12-18. The company meets for three hours on Thursdays (5:30-8:00pm) and four hours on Saturdays (10:00am-2:00pm) for seven weeks, culminating in a single end-of-session Halloween weekend performance of the Greek mythology story of Oedipus the King. Students must be fully vaccinated to

participate in the program. Cost is \$525 for MAC members and \$575 for nonmembers. Monthly payment plans are available upon request. To learn more or to register, visit marionartcenter.org/stages.

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Phantoms & Fire will return to Old Sturbridge Village (OSV) this year, taking place every Wednesday through Sunday, Oct. 13-31 from 5:00-8:30 p.m. Public tickets are on sale now with "early bird" rates through Sept. 30.

Phantoms & Fire brings theatrical and family-friendly Halloween activities to the Village in October, including Clues & Candy, an outdoor twist on Trick-or-Treat at the Village, live music with the Mysterious Melodies of Lawrence Trailer, and

themed food and beverage offerings in the ghoulishly transformed Prospero's Tavern.

Also coming to Coggeshall Farm Museum in Bristol, R.I., Oct. 20-31. More details at: <https://www.coggeshallfarm.org/event/phantoms-and-fire-2021/>

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Join us on YouTube LIVE, for Illuminating the Abyss, Inspiration and Discovery in the Ocean Twilight Zone, by Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Tues., 9/21, 7:30-8:15 p.m. Register, at <https://www.whoi.edu>

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Charter Committee holds first meeting, vows transparency

Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

Fairhaven's first appointed Charter Committee held its first meeting on September 9 to discuss its mission, conceptualize a process, and establish its values and expectations of itself. The consensus was that transparency was critical to the committee's success.

The committee voted on a list of nine values/expectations: keeping an open mind, maintaining respect, acting in the best interest of the town, "listen to understand," complete transparency, accessibility, emphasizing public engagement, keeping open communication, and proactively seeking public input throughout the entire process.

One of the committee's first debates centered around how and when to provide a time for public comment during each meeting. Appointed Chair Kyle Bueno suggested limiting each participant from the public to two minutes, but there was some concern from other commission members that two minutes could lead to an hour should 30 members of the community wish to speak.

Committee member Kevin Gallagher said he thought the public comment section should be offered at the beginning of the meeting, saying that he has often seen other boards and committees place it at the end of the agenda to deter public comment, given that longer meetings often lead to citizens leaving before the end and giving up.

Committee Vice-Chair Cathy Melanson, however, disagreed but then later changed her mind after Town Moderator Mark Sylvia echoed Mr.

Gallagher's sentiments.

"Let's not get too dug in here," said Mr. Sylvia. "You all talked about transparency; we promised transparency...and this is a very small way to be transparent."

Mr. Sylvia said that while he would not be attending every meeting, he would be available as a resource any time the commission requested. He congratulated all nine members he appointed as per the Town Meeting article.

"This is a diverse committee," said Mr. Sylvia, and that will drive its

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[Kevin Gallagher]

success, he commented.

He emphasized the historic nature of the committee and reviewed its mission, saying it goes beyond "just looking at what exists and what we should do differently."

"It's really more about giving us more local control," said Mr. Sylvia. "Town Meeting's expectation is that you will take what exists and create a charter," which, at a minimum, would provide citizens with one document they can refer to "to understand how the [town] government functions and gives us local control over what happens in the future."

The ultimate charge: to create a

charter through due diligence while looking at the entire picture with recommendations on what the committee believes needs to be implemented to make it a "modernized government reflective of the community," as Mr. Sylvia put it. "The best government that you think we should have if it's not what we have right now."

This will be a lot of hard work, Mr. Sylvia said: "Town Meeting is supporting your efforts and looks forward to taking up a charter sometime in the future based on your effort."

Still, it is not a process to be rushed, emphasized Mr. Gallagher: "The community is best served if we do not rush to meet the deadline."

Mr. Sylvia added that a report on the status of the committee's progress would suffice at the next Annual Town Meeting.

"I don't think...anybody wants you to rush this," said Mr. Sylvia, and the committee agreed that it would likely not have a completed draft of a charter by next spring.

The committee concurred it would likely need to act with "aggressive transparency" by actively seeking out public comment on a number of different platforms so that come the time for a vote, nobody can say that they were excluded from the process.

The group also discussed the possibility of hiring a consultant, which committee member Robert Grindrod was not so fond of.

"I will say, right upfront, I don't want a consultant," said Mr. Grindrod. "We were not given this task to hand it over to a consultant."

Nonetheless, the consensus was

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More 9-11 photos from Acushnet 9-11 ceremony

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A stone (TOP) from the field in Shanksville, PA, the site of the crash of Flight 93 on 9/11/01, and (ABOVE) a piece of the Pentagon from the destruction caused by Flight 77 crashing into it on 9/11/01 are part of the Acushnet 9-11 Memorial at the Fire Station in Parting Ways. RIGHT: Boy Scouts from Troop 11 Acushnet lead the Pledge of Allegiance on 9/11/21 during the 20th anniversary remembrance of the 9-11 attacks at the Acushnet Fire Station at Parting Ways. Photos by Beth David.



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that the committee should at least listen to potential consultants on how they would guide the committee along the process while keeping in mind that the committee has only been appropriated \$10,000.

"I'm okay with having my hand held by a [consultant] who has experience putting charters together in other committees," said Mr. Gallagher.

Committee member Morgan Dawicki said the need to hire a consultant might not come until much later in the process after the committee performs its research, consults with other towns that have a

charter, and conducts interviews with town officials, department heads, staff, and the public.

The committee agreed to meet every other Thursday, setting its next meeting for September 23 at 6:30 p.m. with an alternate date of 9/30.

Before adjourning, Mr. Gallagher cautioned the group, saying, "If you spent five minutes involved in any Fairhaven-related governmental task, you realize how shark-infested the waters can get rather quickly.... I think it would be naïve for us to think that at some point we're going to [avoid doing] something that gets people worked up. There's a small

percentage out there that's is going to be negative and aggressive simply because that's in their DNA, but I think it's important that how we respond to those ... sharp elbows will reflect on our good work."

He recommended committee members refrain from responding to criticism on social media and allow the chair to speak on behalf of the committee as a whole, to which the committee agreed.

Other committee members include Ronnie Medina, Lilia Cabral-Bernard, Brendalee Smith, and Marybeth Vargas.

From our readers

Hats off to tree warden

I would like to say "hats off to our new Tree Warden," Don Collasius! He has been very good taking down old rotten trees. You can see the center after they are cut, how rotten they are! And he is diligent, planting new trees.

Our town is certainly lucky to have him, a tree warden who is attentive to our trees. Keep up the good work!

I agree with his idea that the tree warden job be included in the [public works department] and have insurance for the workers. It can be very dangerous climbing and cutting trees.

Sonja Sovik, Fairhaven

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Some people love to be out picking up garbage while others prefer to serve food to the homeless, mentor younger students or coach an athletic team. According to Goldenberg, "What's important is that everyone has the opportunity to get out in the world and contribute their time and talents."

And the organizations are pleased with the support. "I can say that all the organizations we've worked with have been happy that the cadets were there to assist," Goldenberg said. "These service opportunities enrich so many lives; whether you view it from the aspect of aiding the community or from how the cadets' lives are impacted through service. Civic engagement is critical in all of our lives; to make this world a better

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Board of Health

Wed., 9/29, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 9/20, Arsene St., 6:15 p.m.

Charter Committee

Thurs., 9/23, Town Hall/Remote, 6:30

Conservation Committee

Mon., 9/20, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Economic Development

Thurs., 9/16, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 9/22, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

Select Board

Mon., 9/27, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Sustainability Committee

Tues., 9/21, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Town Admin. Search Comm

Thurs., 9/16, Remote, 6 p.m.

Town Auction

Sat., 9/18, BPW Barn, 9 a.m.

See page 3 for details

Acushnet

Board of Assessors

Wed., 9/29, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Planning Commission

Thurs., 9/16, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 9/28, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

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Tuesday	21	0846	2106	0306	1526
Wednesday	22	0927	2147	0307	1533
Thursday	23	1007	2228	0324	1552
Friday	24	1047	2308	0350	1619
Saturday	25	1129	2353	0420	1650
Sunday	26	----	1216	0453	1725
Monday	27	0044	1310	0529	1809
Tuesday	28	0139	1405	0615	1911

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interest in a number of those parcels containing wetlands that she would like to see transferred to the Conservation Commission.

"I don't understand why we don't retain those instead of auctioning them because we want to maintain that open space," said Ms. Powers.

Mr. Zekos then suggested that the board only discuss the matter in executive session because such a conversation could "devalue your assets."

Resident Martin Lomp, accompanied by his wife, Janice, asked to present his case for adverse possession of the abutting lot(s) to his residence at 21 Buist Avenue. According to the Lomps, they have been maintaining and using the grassy parcel next door for 23 years since they bought their house.

However Ms. Graves advised the board that the Town cannot legally convey a tax possession property privately to an individual; it can only be done through a process that allows for public bidding, she said.

Mr. Lomp said he had a legitimate claim for adverse possession and was working on filing one in order to acquire the abutting lot to make his lot conforming. He asked if the Town could resolve the matter with the Lomps before the auction.

"Mass General Law does not allow us to sell a tax title property to an individual, there's no way around that," Ms. Graves said.

"So, that answers that question," replied Mr. Lomp. He further stated that if they cannot buy the lots, then they would pursue an adverse possession claim against the new buyer and asserted that the Town should at least disclose that the lots were being contested ahead of the auction to caution any potential buyers, saying, "[That] would be helpful to our cause."

Mr. Zekos again emphasized the need to discuss these real estate matters in executive session, adding, "This isn't about what doesn't sell will go to [the Conservation Commission]; it's about properties that were held back that were more sizable."

He referred to some lots that were 2, 3, and 6 acres in size that were all excluded from the auction.

"It's important for people to

understand a lot of time and effort went into putting the sale together," said Mr. Zekos.

He emphasized the importance of fairness and transparency in the matter and said putting it out there for anyone to participate in the auction is essential.

"This is a good thing that you're doing for the community," said Mr. Zekos.

He reiterated that the Lomps stated that they would not buy the property for \$50,000 at auction but that they would be prepared to file a lawsuit over it.

"What do you think a lawsuit is going to cost?" he asked, prompting the Lomps to become vocal, leading to Mr. Espindola's pounding of the gavel to regain order.

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Ms. Powers repeated her desire to hold an executive session in the near future to discuss the conservation interest in the unspecified properties Ms. McClees alluded to, saying she needed to understand the properties that were pulled from the auction versus the ones that were not. That executive session was not scheduled that evening.

Also during the meeting, Ms. Graves said she has refinanced the \$5,225,000 Wood School bond. When she originally borrowed the money back in 2013, Ms. Graves said the interest rate was between 2.5-4%. This time, she said she sold the bond for 0.9999%, the lowest of eight bids received. This will save the Town \$861,207 over 12 years, or roughly \$72,000 a year. The board voted to

sign the bonds.

The board also voted to support submitting the state application to place the Rogers School on the National Register of Historic Places. Once the state receives the packet and approves it, the Town will receive the federal application the board will need to sign. By adding the old school to the National Register, a developer could receive 20% tax cuts for qualifying renovation projects.

The board also voted 2-1, with Mr. Silvia opposed, to sign a letter in support of H.3948, the act under state legislative review to increase the Select Board from three members to five.

In other business:

- The board set a tentative date of Tuesday, December 14, to hold a Special Town Meeting. Once the board receives input from other town boards and entities, a date will be solidified.
- Mr. Silvia reported that the Historical Commission has received donations for the new streetlamp to be installed near Town Hall, the \$25,000 streetlamp that Town Meeting declined to fund during the 2021 Annual Town Meeting. According to Mr. Silvia, commission member Wayne Oliveira, and Vicki Oliveira created a brochure to solicit donations for the historical reproduction-style streetlamp, while Town Accountant Anne Carreiro set up a gift account to receive the donations.
- The Police Department accepted a \$7,500 donation from BASK to help fund the department's new K-9 program.
- The board approved a free public screening of resident Alyssa Botelho's newest short film in the Town Hall auditorium on October 1 at 7 p.m. "To Dust All Return," is a 9-minute film set in the early 1700s with a theme of witchcraft. A hundred attendees maximum, and mask-wearing will be enforced.
- Leon Correy, Greg Weider, John Hinds, Diane Hahn, Kylie Bateman, Geoffrey Haworth, and Jessica Fidalgo were all appointed to the Belonging Committee. Natalie Mello was appointed to the Historical Commission as an associate member.



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