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Horribles parade returns



The Boy Scout Troop 52 float leads the North Fairhaven Improvement Association Halloween Horribles parade past the cemetery on Main Street in Fairhaven on 10/24/21. The parade was canceled last year due to COVID 19. See story on page 12. *Photo by Beth David.*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Well, this is fun.

Power went out in the middle of the night. Of course, I wasn't done with this baby yet.

Did a few things on the laptop, but not enough to make a difference.

So, paper is getting to the printer pretty late this week. We should still have them to you on Thursday sometime, which is, actually, our publication date. We've been spoiled getting them out on Wednesdays the last year or so.

Thanks to my neighbors for coming by to get my new (old) generator going. I never used one before. Funny thing is, Cottonwood Street has power, Ebony Street has power, we don't. Eversource, as I write this is not making any estimates on when they'll ever get us back up and running.

The generator, though, is like magic. Very, very LOUD magic, but magic nonetheless.

Great neighbors. Thank you SOOOO much.

So, this is the part where I pretend it will all be fine... just fine.

Here we go...

This week I got to cover one of my favorite events. You all know how much I LOVE Halloween, right? Well, the big Horribles Parade is one of my absolute favorites. All manner of ghouls and ghosts and cutie-pies march down Main Street every year. Then they get to parade around and win prizes for the best costumes (see page 12).

We also had the Household Hazardous Waste Day this weekend. That would've been worthy of the cover, but...not when Halloween is available, right? See page 13 for that.

The Selectboard had a meeting this week (see page 4); BPW is on page 18; the new turf field got officially opened (see page 6). Oh, and the Governor's signature is all that's needed now for our three member Select Board to officially become a five member board (see page 17). He needs to hurry up so we can make it in time for the next election.

And last, but definitely not least, the case of Christine Mitchell has come to an end. The case has been bouncing around the courts for a year or more, but I admit, we kind of dropped the ball on this one, and didn't follow it. Ms. Mitchell stole money from the school system, including student activities accounts, to the tune of \$100,785. See page 3 for that. There are a lot of lessons to be learned in this little saga. It appears to be an epic fall from grace.

Well, that's it as I write mostly in the dark. The wind is not howling as bad as it was last night.

Next week we'll have some storm pics. Some will make you wince!

Until next week then...see ya,

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Former Fairhaven School Dept employee embezzles \$100+K

By Beth David
Editor

Christine Mitchell, 55, the former Business Office Manager of the Fairhaven Public Schools, pleaded guilty last Tuesday, 10/19/21, to stealing more than \$100,000 from the school department. According to a press release from the Bristol County District Attorney's Office and court documents, Ms. Mitchell stole \$89,893 from Student Activities funds and Preschool funds, and took \$10,892 in checks written to herself, for a total of \$100,785.

She was sentenced by Judge Patrick Malone to two years in the Bristol County House of Corrections, but due to her serious medical condition, the judge suspended the sentence for five years, which means she will be on supervised probation for five years. She must also pay \$1,000 in restitution, which is the amount of the school department's insurance deductible.

"She deliberately went around the systems that she was entrusted to uphold," said Superintendent of Schools Tara Kohler in a phone interview. Ms. Kohler said that Ms. Mitchell was a trusted member of the team, "But she definitely created the scheme to go around the system to steal cash from student activities accounts."

Ms. Mitchell worked in the public schools for 15 years. In 2018 she took an unexpected

medical leave, and discrepancies were found in her absence. When she returned, school officials confronted her. She would not provide explanations, but handed over a resignation letter that ended in "I'm so sorry," according to the DA's press release.

A forensic audit showed she stole \$89,893 from student activities accounts and the preschool fund from 2015 to 2018, and also wrote unauthorized checks to herself in 2011 to 2012. To steal from the activities accounts, Ms. Mitchell received checks and cash but only deposited the checks. She then manipulated internal documents to cover up the theft.

"She really knew the system so well that she had people come around and deal with her directly and that's how she was able to do it," said Ms. Kohler.

In a written statement, Ms. Kohler, said the conviction "brings an end to a difficult chapter for the Fairhaven Public School District."

The ruling affirms that Ms. Mitchell "knowingly stole funds intended to provide programs and services for the students of this town," she said. "We are grateful to the Bristol County District Attorney and the New Bedford District Court for bringing this matter to a fair conclusion."

According to court documents, Ms. Mitchell was able to write checks to herself because

then-Business Manager Paul Kitchen signed blank checks.

In a police interview on 4/26/19, Mr. Kitchen told Detective Janis Guerreiro that there was no stamp with his signature on it, that he did not have any knowledge of checks written out to Ms. Mitchell, but the checks did have his signature.

"Kitchen believed this was because he put too much faith into her," reads the report. "Kitchen said that he had signed blank checks for Christine so that she would have them in his absence as he would take family vacations and other leaves of absence."

Mr. Kitchen told Det. Guerreiro there was no reason for Ms. Mitchell to receive any money other than her paycheck.

Checks written out to Ms. Mitchell totaled \$19,865.20 according to the forensic report by Melanson Heath Accountants and Auditors.

According to the DA's press release, consideration was given for Ms. Mitchell's health due to the seriousness of her condition.

"The defense argued that a jail sentence was effectively a death sentence based on her current state of health," reads the press release. "Assistant District Attorney Madalyn Fairbanks argued that years of deception and theft warranted jail time, but a shorter period was recommended in light of the defendant's health issues."

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Selectboard chooses Steve Riley for BPW opening

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Select Board had three candidates to choose from to fill an opening on the Board of Public Works, and decided to go with former BPW member Steve Riley, who was also recommended by BPW members. The appointment is only until April, 2022, when it will be on the ballot and the person will have to run for election to keep the seat.

Al Martin, who ran for the office twice, once tying with Robert "Hoppy" Hobson, and once losing to Frank Coelho, told the board that he was an Army veteran and was truck driver with the BPW, retiring a few years ago.

He said he knows a lot about what's going on and watched a lot of board meetings in his day as shop steward.

"I'm retired. I've got nothing else to do," said Mr. Martin. "It'll keep me out of trouble."

He told the board he would run in April if appointed.

Mr. Riley touted his nine years on the board. He said he retired three

years ago and wants to get back "serving the town."

He said he could "walk seamlessly into the position."

He noted that he served with two of the current board members and he and Mr. Hobson were on the board that hired public works superintendent Vinnie Furtado, who still holds the position.

Mr. Riley did note that he was unlikely to run for the position in April because he is also a deputy shellfish warden and he cannot hold both positions simultaneously. That is a seasonal position in the summer.

Louis Dutton told the board that is the Superintendent of Water and Sewer in Braintree. He moved to Fairhaven five years ago.

"I absolutely love it here," said Mr. Dutton, adding he has wanted to give back for a long time. "I feel this is right in my skill set."

He said he tried twice before when there were vacancies, but did not succeed. He would run in April.

BPW Chairperson Brian Wotton addressed the Select Board saying that Mr. Coelho, who resigned for

health reasons is "adamant" about getting the right person to replace him.

"The next six months are critical," said Mr. Wotton, adding that all three candidates are "phenomenal."

He said the board was recommending Mr. Riley because he most likely will not run in April. It means they will have an experienced person and then the election will choose a new person, which is the normal schedule.

"I don't have time to train up and bring a new member up to speed," said Mr. Wotton, adding he needs someone who can make a "educated decisions. "I'm hiring for six months."

BPW members Marcus Ferro and Mr. Hobson also addressed the board and voiced their support for Mr. Riley.

The board voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Riley to the position.

"Steve," said Harbormaster Timothy Cox, "I really need you next year, so..."

In another matter, BPW Superintendent Vinnie Furtado also briefed

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Boil water order lifted

The boil water order for Fairhaven that was put in place on 10/7, has been lifted. The Board of Public Works sent out an alert on 10/23 saying "after satisfying the State's sampling requirements, the boil water order has been lifted."

An explanation on the website states that the September incident and the October incident were related to a "breach" in the well casing of the Tinkham Lane Well eight feet below the surface. The breach

"was detected via investigatory camera work and repaired."

The town will continue to sample and will add sample days to its "already aggressive schedule to ensure that the drinking water remains safe. Also, chlorination and flushing will continue for an extended period of time per the Department of Environmental Protection," reads the statement.

The town will continue to chlorinate and flush water for an

"extended period of time" as ordered by the DEP.

Residents are also advised to flush their lines and have filters replaced.

"We sincerely appreciated everyone's patience and understanding," reads the statement.

Residents should contact the Water Department at 508-979-4032 with any questions.

Visit <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/home/news/boil-water-order-lifted-10-23-2021> for details.

AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Scary Stories

Special Halloween Storytime – Goblins and Giggles, Sat., 10/30, at 10 a.m. on the Library Lawn, 45 Center St., Fairhaven.

A FREE spooky, silly family storytime at the Millicent Library! Join master storyteller, Rona as she tells tales of monsters, ghouls and more that will delight littles of all ages. Visitors are encouraged to come in costume! Suitable for young children, all ages fun for families!

To attend, register on our website: millicentlibrary.org/events. Storytime will be canceled in the event of rain.

SAVE THE DATES:

Fhvn Veterans Day Parade

Thurs., 11/11, 9 a.m. Main Street from Benoit Square south to Fairhaven High School

Annual parade to honor all veterans is followed by a brief ceremony, including raising the "Big Flag" and cannon-firing in front of Fairhaven High School. Veterans and other marching groups are welcome to line up at Benoit Square at 8:30 a.m. Parade steps off at 9:00 a.m. The parade is coordinated by the Fairhaven Veterans Services department.

After the parade veterans and the public are invited to the Fairhaven VFW, 109 Middle St., for a buffet.

The Fairhaven Council on Aging will have a COA van in the parade. Call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029 to sign up if you wish to be a veteran who wishes to ride in the van.

Buck a Book Sale

The Friends of the Millicent Library are holding a huge outdoor used book sale on Saturday, November 6, from 10 to 2. (Rain date, November 13.)

Mysteries, romance, history, biography and memoir, science fiction and fantasy, politics and current affairs, cookbooks, children's books, gardening, sailing and sea, art books — just about anything you can think of — plus an extensive selection of large-print books. Hardback books are \$1, and children's books and paperbacks are 50¢. A selection of recent bestsellers is priced at \$2.

All proceeds will go toward Millicent's Tech Lab — a facility providing hardware, software, and instruction for creative computer use — and a mobile, bicycle-powered techmobile that will travel around town.

Blue Devils Craft and Vendor Fair

Please join us for our craft and vendor fair, a fundraiser for the Fairhaven High School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) and the Fairhaven High School Class of 2022, at Fairhaven High School gym, Sat., 11/20, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Free admission.

Come and support 50+ local crafters and vendors. Get a head start on your holiday shopping with unique gifts made locally. We will have a raffle table featuring items from our vendors. Join us for some fun and shopping for a great cause.

Visit our Facebook page for a list of vendors.

Alerts sign up

Some people did not get notified of the boil water order. To sign up to receive alerts on your landline, cell phone and/or by email, visit the Fairhaven Fire Department's web page, www.fairhavenfire.org and click on "Fairhaven Emergency Alert" and follow the prompts. Or call the Fire Department at 508-004-1428, or call the Fairhaven Senior Center and ask

for Anne Silvia, 508-979-4029.

Farmers Market LAST WEEK

At the Bright Yellow Farm Stand, 151 Alden Road, Fairhaven (next to National Bleach). Sundays through 10/31, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

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Light-A-Light FR

As we kickoff the 2021 Light-a-Light season, please help us light up the beautiful Colorado Blue Spruce Tree on the west lawn of Fairhaven High School. The generous donations from 501 donors last year totaled \$25,876, which is the second highest amount that we have raised in the 36 years of this fundraiser.

The funds that were raised helped the Fairhaven Alumni Association support FHS teachers, to purchase a new multi-sport scoreboard at FHS Alumni Stadium, and provide scholarships to college bound seniors.

Please help us as we strive to reach our goal of \$30,000. Donations can be made by writing a check to "FHS Alumni" and mailing it to: FHS Alumni, P.O. Box 6, Fairhaven, MA 02719

Also, this year donations can be made by using Venmo, PayPal or Zelle by using our email address: FHSAlumni12@gmail.com

Visit <http://fairhavenalumni.org> for details, including last year's donors.

You can follow our weekly progress on our Fairhaven High School Alumni Association Face Book page.

School department dedicates new field with ribbon cutting



The Fairhaven School Department dedicated the new athletic field with a ribbon cutting on Friday, 10/22/21. The \$2+ million field uses state-of-the-art materials designed to lessen injuries for athletes. The old field at Fairhaven High School washed out and filled with water so often that athletes had to cancel practices and games. The new field started being used at the beginning of October. The FHS Alumni Association donated a new scoreboard to go with the new field. LEFT, L-R: Fairhaven High School Athletic Director Chris Carrig; student athlete Campbell Costa; School Committee Chairperson Brian Monroe; Alumni Association Vice President Lynne Gautreau; former Superintendent of Schools Robert Baldwin; Business Manager Nicole Potter cut the ribbon on the new turf field at Fairhaven High School on 10/22/21. The Alumni Association donated the scoreboard. RIGHT: Superintendent of Fairhaven Schools Tara Kohler tells the crows she feels like she's an honorary alum at the official ribbon cutting. *Photos by Glenn C. Silva for the Fairhaven Neighborhood News.*

Coach gets shower after big win for FHS



In their second game on the new turf field, the Fairhaven High School football team handed a decisive loss to Seekonk, 35-3. After the game, players grabbed the Gatorade cooler and promptly doused coach Derek Almeida. The win makes the Blue Devils the SCC Gold champions. ABOVE: Fairhaven football players give coach Derek Almeida the traditional Gatorade shower after their win against Seekonk on 10/22/21, which made the Blue Devils the SCC Gold Division champions. *Photos by Glenn C. Silva.*



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NB Voc-Tech opens school store “The Den” to public

Press Release

Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech’s highly anticipated school store will now be open to the student body and to the public.

The Den is a project that is the culmination of years of hard work by GNBVT staff, faculty, and students over a variety of programs who were involved throughout the entire process.

“We are extremely fortunate to work with and have access to a multitude of resources and in house career and technical programs. Thank you to everyone who made our vision become a reality” instructors Jenn Carreiro and Crystal Vasconcelos remarked.

The process of opening The Den represents the true meaning of what it means to be an Artisan, and embodies our core values: Preparation, Passion and Perseverance. The store will be operated mainly by the Business Technology instructors and students to create an ongoing, real-world business operations experience.

The Den hosted its soft opening on October 20, 2021 following the Fall

School Advisory Dinner. Attendees had the opportunity to shop our new merchandise for the first time.

With an amazing turnout, Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech is proud to announce that the store will host its grand opening to students on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 from

8am-2pm. Following the grand opening, The Den will be open regularly every Friday starting on October 29, 2021 from 8-2. The Den accepts cash, checks, and credit cards. Be sure to check out our school’s social media for ongoing updates.



Faculty and staff of Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech cut the ribbon for the opening of the new school store, “The Den.” Submitted photo.

Fairhaven Holiday Door Decorating Contest

Looking for some holiday cheer this year? Get into the spirit by decorating your front door!



The Fairhaven Historical Society is sponsoring a front door decorating contest in December. Watch this space for more details!



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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Boo at Zoo

Now in its 20th year – Boo at the Zoo will satisfy all your fall, Halloween and cool weather cravings. With campus wide daytime trick-or-treating, there are five more chances to enjoy Boo at the Zoo this year. Want to show off your little ghosts and goblins? Baby Boo is for you! Baby Boo is geared towards children 5 and under, but any age is welcome!

Our slightly spooky theme will include mazes, plenty of trick-or-treat stations, free carousel rides, endless photo opportunities including a photo costume contest, Halloween themed animal enrichment, and up-close meet and greets with the Zoo's Animal Ambassadors. Don't forget to stop into the Café to enjoy festive, fall favorites – who can resist kettle corn and apple cider!

Families are encouraged to bring their own "trick or treat" bags. All proceeds from Boo at the Zoo support the Zoo's education and family programs.

The Zoo will be open exclusively for Boo at the Zoo all day on October 23, 24, 30 and 31. As well as October 29 until 2:00pm. Special admission rates apply. Visit <https://www.bpzoo.org/whats-new/boo-at-the-zoo/>

BPZOO Member: \$12 Adult, \$8 Child; Non-member: \$17 Adult, \$13 Child; Under 2 is free. By purchasing your event ticket, you agree to: Abide by social distancing rules and do your best to give space between families. Wear a face mask whenever indoors – this means masks are required upon entry into the Zoo, to use the restrooms, indoor café and the Rainforest building.

We strongly encourage purchasing your tickets online in advance. **Entry is limited each hour** and we cannot guarantee that tickets will be available at the door.

Boo at the Zoo is proudly sponsored by Bristol County Savings Bank.

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Moderna and Pfizer series, or single-dose Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccine.

Silent Movie Halloween

At the Zeiterion, 684 Purchase St., New Bedford. Sun., 10/31, 3 p.m. Tickets \$10. Visit www.zeiterion.org for tickets.

Organist Bernie Anderson will play the soundtrack on The Z's Mighty Wurlitzer Organ for Biston Keaton's *The Haunted House* (1921) and the *Nosferatu* (1922).

Prostate Cancer

Virtual Educational Event, Prostate Cancer Awareness in Times of the COVID-19 Pandemic: Know Your Risks & Take Charge of Your Health

Hosted By: New Bedford NAACP in conjunction with AdMeTech Foundation. Join this Facebook Live and Zoom Event on November 4, 2021 at 6:30pm on Facebook.

Prostate Cancer Discriminates. Black men are 2.5 times more likely to die. Are you ready to fight back?

The goal of this event is to address your questions and concerns. What is the status of COVID-19 in New Bedford and related community resources? What can you do today to protect yourself and your family? How do you take charge of your prostate health in the face of the pandemic? What are the cutting-edge advances in prostate cancer care?

Visit www.admetech.org for more information.

Art Exhibit

Beethoven in New Bedford

In honor of Beethoven's immortal symphonies, we present Beethoven in New Bedford An Art Exhibit by Olivia Coucci. A fun way to imagine Ludwig hanging out in New Bedford

Yaniv got to know Olivia Coucci's work after she attended one of our concerts and doodled our musicians. Her art is beautiful, charming, and funny, and he immediately knew he wanted to collaborate with her. Since we're playing two Symphonies by Beethoven in our upcoming concert, Yaniv thought it would be fun to show the great composer visiting familiar places in New Bedford. It has been

inspiring to see what Olivia has come up with!

Join Yaniv at the pre-concert talk, 6:30 PM in the theatre to view all eight artworks and learn more about them. If you have questions about these original and one-of-a-kind framed prints, please email Olivia. All will be available for purchase from the artist at \$250 each in the Z lobby, via PayPal, Venmo, or cash only.

Visit www.zeiterion.org for details.

Women in Fishing

In conjunction with its latest gallery exhibit, *Women's Work: At Sea, On Shore, At Home, In the Community*, New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center will present a variety of programs highlighting women in commercial fishing communities. All programs are free and open to the public, 38 Bethel St., New Bedford.

VIRTUAL PANEL DISCUSSION

Thursday, November 11, 7:00 p.m. Women in Fisheries Science - Then and Now. Five women will share their experiences working in the field of fisheries science. Panelists include pioneering scientists Linda Depres (the first female chief scientist on bottom trawl surveys at NOAA), Pat Gerrior (New Bedford's first female port director) and three current graduate students from SMAST: Alison Frey, Aubrey Ellertson Church, and Patricia Perez. All of these women are featured in the Center's Women's Work exhibit. The program will be presented via ZOOM.

IN PERSON FILM SCREENING

Friday, November 19, 2021 - 7:00 p.m. A Fish Story a film about two women who lead their communities in a battle against a coalition of national environmental groups for control of the ocean. Three hundred years of fishing tradition and the health of the ocean hang in the balance. The film features Angela Sanfilippo of Gloucester and Shareen Davis of Chatham, both of whom are included in the Center's exhibit. The film will be shown at the Center (38 Bethel Street, New Bedford).

Please contact programs@fishingheritagecenter.org with any questions.

Halloween Parade

HALLOWEEN PARADE RETURNS!

Join us on Sunday, October 31st beginning at 6pm for the return of the annual Halloween Parade (canceled last year). Please meet in front of the fire station on Russell Street in Acushnet at Parting Ways.

The route: Russell St to John St, to Garfield St., to James St., to Wind Rd., to John St. back to Russell Street.

To keep everyone safe, the Fire Department will be distributing candy bags and apples outside the fire station. To keep our staff safe the station will be closed to the public.

Happy Hauntings

Saturday, October 30th, from 12-4PM, Happy Hauntings at the Mattapoisett Museum, 5 Church St. Join us for spooky stories, a scavenger hunt, tarot card readings, and crafts. Registration is strongly suggested at www.mattapoisettmuseum.org.

Halloween Bash

Join American Legion Post 265, 71 Hope St., Acushnet, for our Halloween Bash on Sat., 10/30, 7-11 p.m. Costumes encouraged. Featuring DJ, 50/50 raffle, cash prize for Best Costume. Feel free to bring a snack or a dish. The ghouls will appreciate it.

Halloween Hike

Saturday at the Sawmill: Halloween Hike Parade, Saturday, October 30, 2021, 1:00pm, The Sawmill, 32 Mill Road, Acushnet, MA 02743

Hike a half mile loop through the swamp, forest, meadow, and over the bridge and parade your best seasonal costumes at the Acushnet Sawmill. Expert Photographer James Correia will be there to capture this moment and share photos with you after.

Halloween crafts and light refreshments will be provided.

Registration is required. Participation is limited to 20 families. All ages are welcome. The learning center, with bathrooms and a water refill station, will be open 10am - 1pm for the general public. Cost: Free

For more information: Email: jennings@savebuzzardsbay.org

Register at <https://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/events/saturday-at-the-sawmill-halloween-hike-parade/>

Halloween at the Marion Art Center

The Marion Art Center is committed to the health and safety of members in our community. As such, the MAC will not run the annual Marion Halloween Parade this year. However, the MAC is offering another day of Halloween festivities on Sunday, October 31. Show up in costume from 3:00-5:00pm to have your photo taken in an outdoor photo booth, by professional photographer Corinna Raznikov. Web-ready photos will be available for download in early November. Draw your favorite creatures and critters on the MAC's Halloween message board or make your own Halloween craft. Check out the decorations inside the MAC and on the grounds, especially after dark. The friendly witches of the Marion Art Center will pass out goody bags of candy from 3:30-5:30pm outside. In case of rain, there will be no photos, but trick-or-treaters may pick up candy inside (masks must be worn while inside the MAC).

Autumn Stages performs at the Bandstand

Autumn Stages, the MAC's young acting troupe, will perform Oedipus Rex (also known as Oedipus the King) at the Robert O. Broomhead Bandstand at Island Wharf*, Marion on Saturday, October 30 at 4:30pm. Tickets are a suggested \$10 donation or pay-what-you-can at entry. Guests should bring their own chairs to this event. Hot apple cider will be provided. Tickets can be purchased online until Saturday, October 30 at 12:00pm at marionartcenter.org/events. After this time, donations can be made with cash only at entry.

Synopsis: The people of Thebes are fighting a plague and have come to their king to save them from doom. The king promises his life to do so but soon discovers, with the help of the community, that he is the monster that is haunting his people. The story is told in a family-friendly, educational style by an ensemble of talented high school students, whose costumes and voices will start your Halloween weekend off with just the right amount of fright!

*In case of rain, this performance will be held indoors at the MAC Theater and will be limited to 40

guests. Currently all indoor theater guests must be fully vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus or submit proof of a negative test (PCR test within 72 hours or proctored/administered antigen test within 6 hours of attending a show) to enter the MAC Theater. No at-home tests will be accepted. Anyone unable to meet these requirements will not be allowed entry. Each guest must wear a mask that covers the mouth and nose at all times while inside the Marion Art Center. Ticket holders who cannot attend the indoor performance due to these requirements may request a refund.

Concert

Women Trailblazers

Judith Lynn Stillman's "Women Trailblazers in Music" takes us on a journey with tunes and tales by — and about — pioneering women composers who were all but expunged from history. Commissioned by FirstWorks and Artists & Activists Productions, the movie features stories rarely heard, and music not often played. The "quarantine" film was produced remotely by Stillman in 2021 during the COVID-19 pandemic and features twenty-five celebrated performers. The premiere will take place at Rhode Island College's Sapinsley Hall in the Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts on Thursday, November 4th at 7:30 PM. A live concert showcasing additional music composed by women and featuring performers from the film will follow the screening.

"Women Trailblazers in Music" will also stream on the FirstWorks Virtual Stage on Friday, November 5 at 8 PM. Stillman will join viewers on live chat during the stream.

Tickets are free and reservations are required for access to both the live and streaming events. Visit <http://firstworks.org> to reserve tickets.

Award-winning Rhode Island-based pianist and composer Judith Lynn Stillman is the filmmaker, pianist, writer, and artistic director of "Women Trailblazers in Music." Actor Becky Bass plays the role of Florence Price, the first Black woman composer to have her music played by a major symphony orchestra.

Recipe of the Week

Harvest Pumpkin Soup

- 2 small sugar pumpkins
- 3 cups chicken stock
- 1/4 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon ground sage
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 4 tablespoons sour cream

Preheat oven to 400°.

Cut pumpkins in half and scoop out seeds.

Spray a cookie sheet with non-stick cooking spray. Place pumpkins, flesh side down on the cookie sheet and roast until soft to the touch, about 45 minutes. Remove pumpkins from oven and let cool. Once pumpkins are cool scrape flesh from skins into a food processor. Discard skins.

Add chicken stock to the pumpkin and puree. Pour soup into a large saucepan and bring to a simmer over medium heat. Stir in cream, nutmeg, sage and salt. Mix well and remove from heat. Serve garnished with a dollop of sour cream

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Dear Frankie

Winter's Saving Grace

Dear Frankie,
I usually dread the thought of the weather getting colder. The only saving grace is I don't have to attend those outside summer cocktail parties with my parents.

The parties would be fine if they lasted for an hour. All I need is about an hour to con my parent's friends into sneaking me a treat or two.

Unfortunately, when a party drags on, the alcohol consumption tends to rise, along with the guests' bad manners. I can't tell you how many times one of them has had the nerve to pick me up, look me in the eye, and breath their stinky breath on my face.

Where do these people get off mauling someone else's dog? Does this happen to other dogs, or is it just the people my parents have as friends?

Jaime

P.S. My dad is a nondrinker, and my mom only drinks one glass of wine at parties.

Dear Jaime,

Your letter is the second one I received this week about inebriated guests mishandling dogs at parties.

Unfortunately, your experience at cocktail parties seems to be pretty much par for the course. There's no getting around it: heavy drinkers are a pawful for canines. I find the martini drinkers the worst.

The TV has recently had stories on the rise of alcohol consumption related to COVID. My strategy at cocktail parties is to get as much food as you can, stake out an out-of-the-way bush to hide under, and stay there until it's time to go home.

I'm glad you clarified your parents' drinking habits. I would hate to think you had to ride home with a driver under the influence.

Best, Frankie

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Comments and letters can be sent to Frankie at dearfrankiecolumn@gmail.com. The Fairhaven Neighborhood News publishes the Dear Frankie column. To receive a free online subscription, readers can email neighbnews@comcast.net, request their name be added to the email list or visit www.neighbnews.com to read the paper online or to download the latest issue.

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Horribles Parade includes adorables

By Beth David
Editor

The Norrh Fairhaven Improvement Association's annual Halloween Horribles Parade drew hundreds to North Fairhaven. The group marched down Main Street from Benoit Square to the parking lot at St. Mary's Church where costumes were judged and treats shared.

In a statement, the NFIA wrote: "Thank you to all of the volunteers and organizations who make this event possible.

"Thank you to our judges Miss New Bedford Megan Sylvia, Miss New Bedford Outstanding Teen Kieyana Fleming and Miss Whaling City Teen Hannah Lima, Miss New Bedford Scholarship Program

"Thank you to Troop 52 Fairhaven, MA and Arnie Corsair from Umass Dartmouth for leading our parade along with the antique fire trucks from the Fairhaven Protecting Society driven by Alex Kuechler and Matt Paulson.

"Thank you to Fairhaven Emergency Management for providing a parade escort, lighting and support.

Thank you to our prize, decoration and candy sponsors: Dr. Brian Bowcock, Galaxy Pizza House, Dorothy Cox Chocolates, J&L Beaulieu Farm Stand.

"Thank you to St. Mary's Parish Fairhaven, MA for allowing us to take over their parking lot.

And last but not least THANK YOU

to the hardworking members of the NFIA for your continued support and dedication to making our events a success."

Winners of the costume contest are:

Toddler to 4 years old

Most Beautiful

- 1st: Everli as Princess Elsa
- 2nd: Emma & Sofia as twin Princesses
- 3rd: Mikaela as Doc McStuffins

Most Original

- 1st: Easton as Shrek
- 2nd: Eljay as Lightning McQueen
- 3rd: Jasper as the Ducky

Most Adorable (Should be Most Horrible, but they were TOO cute)

- 1st: Savannah as a Ghost
- 2nd: Eliana as Moana
- 3rd: Hazel as Cookie Monster

5-8 years old

Most Beautiful

- 1st: Brooklun as a Wintry Witch
- 2nd: Caroline as Evie
- 3rd: Kalyee as an Angel

Most Original

- 1st: Adella as a Jellyfish
- 2nd: Max as Elliott from ET
- 3rd: Twins Nora as Morticia and Saoirse as Wednesday

Most Horrible

- 1st: Sage as a Zombie Bride
- 2nd: Abby as Cruella
- 3rd: Noah as a Wraith

9-12 years old

Most Beautiful

- 1st: Brianna as Marvel
- 2nd: Emma as Daphne
- 3rd: Elizabeth as Skeleton Bride



Most Original

- 1st: Bradley as Grandma
- 2nd: Liam as Poseidon
- 3rd: Caleb as Marshmallow Man

Most Horrible

- 1st: Grayson as Plague Doctor
- 2nd: Aseun as Freddy Kruger
- 3rd: Laylie as Himeko

13-16 years old

Most Iconic

- 1st: Jaxon as Tinkie Winkie the Teletubbie

- 2nd: Declan as the Penguin
- 3rd: Lily as a Cow

Most Original

- 1st: Patrick as Ghostbuster
- 2nd: Charles as Wizard
- 3rd: Declan as Penguin

Most Horrible

- 1st: Charlotte as Shigaraki
- 2nd: James as Crazy Person
- 3rd: Vincent as Pirate

Adults

- Most Beautiful: Debbie as Pirate
- Most Original: Ashley as a Guitar
- Most Horrible: Sean and Jen as Clowns



LEFT: A princess and a leather-clad cutie pie share a moment as judging gets underway in the toddler to 4-year old category after the North Fairhaven Improvement Association's Halloween Horribles parade on 10/24/21. RIGHT: Shrek, aka Easton, who won first place for Most Original in the toddler to four category, stands by his cave as the judging begins. TOP: Moana, aka Eliana, shows her excitement at receiving her treat bag for winning second place for Most Adorable in the toddler to four category. Photos by Beth David.

More photos from the Horribles Parade



ABOVE LEFT: Winners for Most Original in the 13-16 age group, L-R: Declan as the Penguin (3rd place); Charles as a Wizard (2nd place); Patrick as a Ghostbuster (1st place), after the North Fairhaven Improvement Association's Halloween Horribles parade on 10/24/21. ABOVE RIGHT: Winners for Most Original in the 9-12 age group, L-R: Bradley as Grandma (1st place); Caleb as Marshmallow Man (3rd place); Liam as Poseidon (2nd place). BELOW LEFT: Princess twins Emma and Sofia dig into their treat bag after winning second place for Most Beautiful in the toddler to four years old age group. BELOW MIDDLE LEFT: Twins Nora, as Morticia, and Saoirse as Wednesday, who won third place as Most Original, stay in character as they march around during the judging. BELOW MIDDLE RIGHT: Max, as Elliott, with ET in his basket, checks out his treat bag after winning second place for Most Original in the 5-8 years old age group. BELOW RIGHT: Brianna as Marvel shows her excitement at winning first place for Most Beautiful in the 9-12 years old age group. Photos by Beth David.



Hazardous Waste Day collects from 228 cars

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven's Household Hazardous Waste Day collected a variety of hazardous chemicals from 228 cars

that took advantage of the option to properly dispose of hazardous waste for free on Saturday, 10/23/21 from 8 a.m. to noon.

A joint effort of the Health Department/Board of Health and the Board of Public Works, the day allowed Fairhaven residents to clean out their sheds, basements, and houses of pesticides, harsh cleaners, oil based paints and stains, fertilizers and batteries.

Health Agent Dave Flaherty and board of Health Chair Peter DeTerra both said the cars were lined up all along Arsene Street straight out to Route 6 by 7:30 a.m.

"It's going really, really well," said Mr. Flaherty at about 10 a.m.

He said it was no surprise that it would be so busy since

last year's day was canceled due to the pandemic.

Denise from MXI, the company collecting the waste for disposal and/or recycling/reuse, said they were mostly seeing oil and oil-based paints.

"Nothing too weird," she said.

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ABOVE: An MXI worker pours oil into a large barrel from a smaller jug that was turned in during Household Hazardous Waste Day in Fairhaven on 10/23/21. RIGHT: Denise of MXI holds up a jug of the toxic cleaning agent Muriatic Acid. Photos by Beth David.



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End Date: Saturday January 29th

Time: Grades 1 through 4, 8 a.m.-9 a.m. Grades 5 through 8, 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

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All Children must be accompanied by an adult. Date: Saturday, October 23rd, 2021 Cost \$60 per person **Deadline for registration is October 10th** to ensure trip runs or until full.

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Jack Dempsey

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Fairhaven Council on Aging

Veterans Day Luncheon

The Fairhaven Council on Aging will be hosting their Veterans Day Luncheon at the Fairhaven Senior Center on November 9th at 11:30 for Fairhaven Veterans and their spouses. Coastline will be providing a roast pork dinner. Alltrust Credit Union, (formerly Southern Mass Credit Union), has agreed to sponsor the event again this year. If you are a Fairhaven veteran and would like to attend, please call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029 by Thursday November 4th to sign up.

Veterans Day Parade

The Fairhaven Council on Aging will have a COA van in the Veterans Day parade November 11th. The parade steps off from Benoit Square at

8:30 a.m. Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029 to sign up if you wish to ride in the van.

Computer Lessons are Back

at the Fairhaven Senior Center. Mondays and Wednesdays 9:00-10:30 a.m. Kraig Perry from Fairhaven High School will be giving computer lessons to seniors 60 years and older starting November 1st at the Fairhaven Senior Center. The classes will be held according to the participant's level of experience. You can bring your own Windows 10 computer or borrow one of ours for the lesson.

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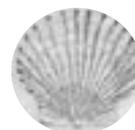
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Acushnet news

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the board on the contaminated water situation. Fairhaven was the last town to be allowed to lift its boil water order because it is geographically the farthest from the plant.

Mr. Furtado told the board that the Mattapoissett River Valley Water District, which includes Marion, Mattapoissett, and Rochester, has 12 wells that feed into the water plant. Four are owned by Fairhaven.

The district has never had to disinfect water from the wells because the water is of good quality.

He reviewed the problems with the sampling from the September incident and the October incident.

The second incident was widespread, affecting 75% of the town, he told the board, whereas the September incident involved a single sample.

The district found a breach in the well casing and repaired it. The plant will, however, continue to disinfect the water with chlorine, and the town will continue to flush hydrants.

Mr. Furtado also told the board that the plant is due for an upgrade, and the district is hoping to be able to add "permanent disinfection." He said he would like to see it be a non-chemical option, such as ultraviolet light.

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can go to your landline, cell phone, email, or all three.

Acting Town Clerk Linda Fredette also addressed the board, explaining that the precinct map has a small change due to the national census results. She noted that the national numbers are "much higher" than her local numbers because census takers go door to door, but she relies on people mailing in their annual census forms.

It is one block that includes Atlas Street and Allen Street, changing some houses from precinct one to precinct four.

"Previously the line for Precinct 4 began on the east side of Atlas Street between Church and Farmfield Streets," wrote Ms. Fredette in a follow-up email to clarify. "Now it begins on the east side of Pleasant Street and now includes all of Atlas Street and Allen Street."

Ms. Fredette told the board that the number of houses is less than 50 and each household will be notified their new polling location. The individual addresses will not be available until the state approves the documents.

The board voted to sign the documents to send to the state.

In other business, the board held a public hearing for a liquor license transfer from the former Ebb Tide, 47 Middle Street, to "Bar on Middle." Lars Vinjerid II, who owns the Ice House, Fathoms, and Fleet Fisheries, has bought the property.

Attorney John Markey, representing the Bar on Middle, said there is no change in location for the

license. The owner is upgrading the building they are working with the Fire Department and Building Department to get the building operational.

The license will be transferred to Bar Manager Pedro Nunes, who currently works for Mr. Vinjerid in another capacity.

Mr. Markey said he was asking the board to forward the application to the ABCC in Boston not to expedite matters, expecting that by the time it is approved, the renovations to the building will be completed.

The board approved the application with the stipulation that it will not be released until the fire department and building department sign off on the building upgrades.

The board also approved a request by Blue Stream Shellfish LLC, which abuts Hoppy's Landing, to run a feed for electricity from Hoppy's Landing.

A representative Blue Stream said the company has been waiting for Eversource to provide electrical service to the property. The company wants to move its operation from across the street to the property it owns at 53 Goulart Memorial Drive.

The company will assume all costs of installation and removal, and will pay for all electricity, including at Hoppy's Landing, while they are tapped in.

Harbormaster Timothy Cox told the board that the Marine Resources Committee supported the proposal.

The Select Board voted unanimously to approve the proposal for six months, with a six month extension.

Five-seat Select Board legislation is on governor's desk

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven's bid to change the Select Board from three to five members is very close to being a done deal. The Mass. Senate and House have both passed the legislation necessary to make it happen. On 10/21/21, the Senate passed the bill, according to a statement by Sen. Mark Montigny's office.

Town Meeting voted in June to make the change. Both chambers of the state legislature then had to pass the bill, and the governor needs to sign it.

"We're very happy to get this bill

through the Senate in less than four days," said Senator Montigny. "This immediate action ensures that we remain on track to carry out this historic change in time for the next election."

According to Rep. William Straus's office, the bill is now with the governor for his signature.

"I am pleased with the House and Senate final passage today of the bill to expand the Fairhaven select board from three to five members," said Rep. Straus in a statement. "This was initiated at the local level by Town Meeting and I was happy to expedite

the necessary state approval."

Under the terms of the bill, three members will be elected at the first annual town election following the effective date of the legislation. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall serve a three-year term. The candidate receiving the second highest number of votes shall serve a two-year term, and the candidate receiving the third highest number of votes shall serve a one-year term. After this initial election, successors shall be elected for terms of three years, ensuring staggered seats on the board.

BPW discusses Cherrystone Road sewer connections

By Mary Chasse

Neighb New Correspondent

At its meeting on Monday 10/18 the Fairhaven Board of Public Works conducted interviews for a Principal Clerk in the Sewer Department, and met with owners of land on Cherrystone Road about tying into sewer.

BPW Superintendent Vinnie Furtado informed that board that current clerk would be retiring in December, and eight people applied for the position. Two finalists were chosen to be interviewed by the board.

Gabrielle Almeida told the board that she currently works as a clerk in Mattapoisett assisting the Board of Health and Building Departments, but the position is not full time. Ms. Almeida said she is looking for a full time, long-term position.

She said she also has experience with permitting, and writing minutes.

BPW Vice-Chairperson Robert "Hoppy" Hobson said that Ms. Almeida seemed very qualified and noted she is a Fairhaven resident.

Ms. Almeida said she has lived in Fairhaven for four years and grew up in Mattapoisett.

The board then interview Sharon Mills, who said she has lived in Fairhaven her

whole life. She said she was looking to better invest her future years.

Board member Marcus Ferro asked if she would want to be in this position long-term.

Ms. Mills said she sees herself working in the position for a long time.

Board member Cameron Durant asked if she had technical skills with Microsoft Office Suite. She responded that she has experience with a lot of different office programs.

Mr. Hobson said Ms. Mills is qualified like the other candidate and it would be a hard decision. He noted that Ms. Mills has been with her current company for a long time.

Both candidates were dismissed from the meeting and at the end of the meeting the board revisited the discussion.

Mr. Hobson said he thought he would choose Ms. Mills even though both are highly qualified. Mr. Hobson said Ms. Mills has a history of staying with her job for many years.

Mr. Durant agreed that both candidates were great, but said that Ms. Almeida was the top choice for the hiring committee.

Mr. Furtado said both candidates would do amazing, but Ms. Almeida has

the municipal experience and was the only candidate to pass an Excel Spreadsheet test.

Mr. Hobson made a motion to hire Ms. Mills. The motion was not seconded.

Mr. Durant made a motion to hire Ms. Almeida, and the vote passed 3-1 with Mr. Hobson voting against.

In another matter the board met with John Kalife and his wife Danielle about lots 313 and 315 that they own on Cherrystone Road.

Mr. Kalife said that they are hoping to build a home on those lots and want to connect their property to the sewer.

He told the board that he has documents from the 1990s that show that the previous owner went through all the steps to get a sewer stub to tie into the sewer, but never actually built a house on the property.

Mr. Kalife said in the 1990s the previous owner got a permit to build on the land and went to the Board of Health to get permission to connect to the sewer, which was approved. He said he had all the documentation to prove that a sewer stub was approved.

BPW Chairperson Brian Wotton asked if they know if the sewer stub was ever

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Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

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- 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, July 7, 2020, August 11, 2020, September 2, 2020, December 1, 2020, August 3, 2021, September 7, 2021 and October 5, 2021. **Previously continued to October 5, 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) **Previously continued to October 5, 2021.**
- REF#: ZBA-2022-009: **123 Weeden Road. Applicant and Owner: Aguiar, Kyle.** The applicant seeks a finding from the Board that the existing non-conforming structure may be extended to include a proposed 1,200 sq ft addition; and that the alteration is not substantially more detrimental than the existing non-conforming use to the neighborhood pursuant to MGL 40A, Section 6. **Previously continued to October 5, 2021.**
- REF#: ZBA-2022-018: **101 Ebony Street. Applicant: John M. Motta; Owner: John M. and Diane**

M. Mota. Applicant seeks a Special Permit pursuant to Zoning by Law 198-8 and 16, to request the storage of a 28.5' mobile home on the premises. **Previously continued**

- REF#: ZBA-2022-019: **32 Cherry Street. Applicant and Owner: Edward E. Dorschied** Applicant seeks a finding from the Board that the existing non-conforming structure's rear sundeck may be extended from 4' x 14' to 8' x 20', that this extension will not be more detrimental to the neighborhood pursuant to MGL 40A, Section 6.
- REF#: ZBA-2022-020: **48 Glenhaven Avenue. Applicant and Owner: Matthew Roderiques.** Applicant seeks a Special Permit pursuant to 198-23 for a home occupation landscaping business at 48 Glenhaven Avenue.
- REF#: ZBA-2022-021: **21 Grove Street. Applicant and Owner: David and Jodie A. Hollinrake.** Applicant seeks a variance request pursuant to Zoning by Law 198-9 from the required 30' rear yard setback to proposed 29.3' rear setback for a proposed addition.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman, Fairhaven ZBA
FNN: 10/21/21, 10/28/21

TOWN OF ACUSHNET REAL ESTATE CLASSIFICATION HEARING

In accordance with Chapter 369 of the Acts of 1982, the Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on the issue of allocating the local property tax among the following: residential, open space, commercial, industrial, personal property.

The hearing will be held at the Acushnet Town Hall Meeting Room at 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, for the purpose of determining whether or not Acushnet shall remain with a classified tax rate as in past years.

All interested taxpayers are invited to attend and provide input to the Board of Selectmen, who must

decide if Acushnet will have one or more tax rates. The Board of Assessors will be in attendance to provide information and data relevant to making that determination.

Board of Selectman, David Desroches,
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"Wherever we can, we try to recycle s much as we can," said Mr. Pawlowic.

Nancy Alves said she mostly had household cleaners to dispose of, some old bug sprays and garden chemicals, that came from her basement.

"I'm very, very, very glad they are having this," said Ms. Alves, noting it had been "a few years" since she had disposed of hazardous waste.

Fernando Lemos said he cleaned out his basement, mostly disposing of

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"It's been really good," said Mr. DeTerra, as he directed cars to the recycle center or the hazardous waste disposal site behind the BPW garage.

Since the BPW took over the recycle budget, it is actually their responsibility to hold the Hazardous Waste day, but the Board of Health still helps out, he said.

Mr. Flaherty said he is hoping the event can become yearly instead of every other year.

Meanwhile, the Fairhaven Recycling Center accepts batteries and some other items for a fee. Contact the BPW, 508-979-4030, or the Health Department, 508-979-4023, Ext. 125, for information on what is accepted and what is not. Visit the health department online at <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/board-health> or the BPW at <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/public-works-department>

Upcoming Meetings

Fairhaven

Board of Appeals

Tues., 11/2, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Health

Wed., 11/10, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 11/1, Arsene St., 6:15 p.m.

Charter Committee

Thurs., 10/28, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Committee

Mon., 1/1, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Espindola Office Hour

Tues., 11/9, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 11/10, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

Select Board

Mon., 11/8, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

Housing Authority

Thurs., 10/28, Nate Gomes Ctr., 11 a.

Selectboard

Tues. 11/3, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

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		HIGH		LOW	
	Oct. 2021	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	28	0202	1423	0640	1939
Friday	29	0255	1516	0756	2045
Saturday	30	0350	1614	0905	2141
Sunday	31	0450	1715	1009	2236
	Nov. 2021	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Monday	1	0545	1807	1113	2328
Tuesday	2	0631	1852	----	1208*
Wednesday	3	0713	1935	0015*	1255*
Thursday	4	0756	2020	0059*	1343*
Friday	5	0843	2109	0145*	1435*
Saturday	6	0933	2201	0236*	1529*
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put there.

Mr. Kalife said they do not know.

Mr. Wotton said that they will do the best they can to help, but they need to find out if there is a sewer stub there, and noted they had a similar issue with another lot on Cherrystone, but that lot did not have a stub.

Mr. Durant said it was different from the other property because that property had nothing. Mr. Durant said if they can find documentation of a betterment fee being paid or find out if there is a stub or pipe there that would help.

Board of Health member Mike Ristuccia was in attendance at the meeting and asked to speak.

He said he was not there representing the BOH, but that he did have knowledge about the property's history with the BOH.

Mr. Ristuccia said that since the 1990's the Board of Health has been in charge of approving properties to be tied into the sewer and the BPW is in charge of granting the properties permission to dig into the street,

He said they were not there to ask for permission for a sewer stub, they were there asking for permission to dig in the street because the Board of Health

already authorized that property to tie into the sewer.

"You're here for the Board of Health," Mr. Hobson said. "You're speaking for the Board of Health."

Mr. Ristuccia reiterated that he was not there representing the Board of Health. He said he had knowledge because he is on the BOH and because he used to be on the BPW and he knows the distinctions between the two. He said he was just there to read the facts from the Board of Health documents.

Mr. Hobson said he would like a copy of the rules and laws from the Board of Health

Mr. Ristuccia explained that the Board of Health approved of the sewer tie in to the previous owner back in the 1990s and the owner at the time went through the whole process to get everything approved.

The health agent was Patricia Fowle who retired in 2015. Mr. Ristuccia said Ms. Fowle left very detailed notes for future employees and left a list of addresses that were allowed to tie into the sewer and addresses that were not allowed according to the DEP agreement.

Mr. Hobson asked if since 1998 there has been a sewer stub there that has not been used.

Mr. Ristuccia said that a sewer stub

was approved in 1998 so there should be one there. Mr. Ristuccia said either way it is irrelevant because the sewer stub was approved.

Mr. Wotton said he wanted to table this discussion and request that Mr. Kalife and Mr. Ristuccia send the board all the documentation so the board can review it and revisit the matter.

Mr. Hobson also suggested they get an opinion from Town Counsel on the matter.

Former BOH agent Ms. Fowle joined the meeting via zoom and confirmed that she did all that work for the property in the 1990s and Town Council was involved then. Ms. Fowle also said she wrote the letter with the approved addresses for sewer tie in and these lots on Cherrystone were approved.

Ms. Fowle said it was the last property approved under that DEP parcel and whether the stub was actually put in she does not know.

Ms. Fowle offered to attend the next BPW meeting when they revisit the conversation about the property.

A motion was made to table this issue until the board reviews all the documentation and gets advice from Town Counsel. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Fowle did not disclose that she is Mr. Kalife's aunt.

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