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## Complaints about PJ Keating increase



The asphalt plant, with its huge tanks, at PJ Keating Company on South Main Street in Acushnet is in the front of the property, closer to the street and closer to residences than when the asphalt operation was in the back of the property, and the move has prompted complaints from neighbors about increased dust and an acrid stench in the air. 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.

Okay, so...technically, this is the 11/11 issue. So, that means it's too late to tell you about the Veterans Day parade on the same date at 9 a.m. right? Well, not really. Some of you will get this baby a day early, so I'm reminding you. Details were in last week's issue: Parade steps off from Benoit Square at 9 a.m., and proceeds along Main Street to the high school. Be there to support our veterans and to see the big flag get raised. That's cool stuff.

We're going to have a five-member Select Board (woo hoo!!!). See page 4 for the SB story on the details. The legislation was signed by the governor, and...we're good to go. Hopefully, this will help spread out some of the work/committee assignments of each member. But, more importantly, maybe it will help avoid the kind of nutcase-crazy baloney we had to put up with last year. One person should not be able to gunk up the works that much. Here's to the future!

Our cover story is something that has been brewing for a while now. We've covered some of it off and on as meetings have happened. But, the PJ Keating Company is really....um...ticking off? The neighbors (see page 12). The town of Acushnet and the neighbors are putting up with a lot of dust, noise, and odor. This is what happens when town meeting members don't pay attention to what they are voting for. A bylaw change from a few years ago made this use change possible. It has made life miserable for neighbors.

People need to be involved in their local politics and the doings of boards and committees. I was surprised when it passed, even though some people spoke against it. Acushnet is an open Town Meeting, so hundreds of people could have voted on it. Unfortunately, they struggle to get a quorum of 75. And, well, this is what happens.

Well, there's other good stuff in here, of course. Be sure to thumb through each page and notice who our advertisers are so you can tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*.

Until next week then... see ya,



Beth David, Publisher

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9:00 p.m. Only exterior decorations on a front door or entryway for the address side of a property will be judged.

Entry deadline is Friday December 3rd. An optional entry fee of \$10 per household is gladly accepted and will be donated to the Greater New Bedford Food Pantry. Checks for the entry fee should be made out to the Fairhaven Historical Society. All entries must be sent to the Fairhaven Historical Society, P.O. Box 212,

Fairhaven, MA 02719 by the deadline. The official entry form can be found here: [www.fairhavenhistory.org](http://www.fairhavenhistory.org)

Winners will be announced by December 17th. Three prizes will be awarded and yard signs will be bestowed upon the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place properties.

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# Fairhaven moving along with TA search; five-member SB

By Beth David  
Editor

At its meeting on Monday, 11/8/21, the Fairhaven Select Board discussed the Town Administrator search, saying they were on track to interview candidates within the next two to three weeks, and hopefully hire someone who could start as soon as mid-December. The board also announced that the legislation changing the board to a five-member body has been signed by the governor.

Select Board chairperson Bob Espindola told the board that the Collins Center informed the board that the screening committee has chosen finalists for the board to interview for the Town Administrator position. The Collins Center is still conducting background checks on the candidates, but should be ready with the names soon. He said the board would probably need to set up a special meeting for the interviews.

Mr. Espindola thanked screening committee members by name for their work.

SB member Stasia Powers said it

was a “good group of people,” adding, “Well done.”

SB member Keith Silvia recused himself and left the room for the discussion due to a conflict of interest as his wife is the Council on Aging Director and the TA is her direct supervisor.

In another matter, the board approved the Seasonal Population Increase Estimation Form to be sent to the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission. Attorney John Markey spoke to the board, explaining how he estimated the increase in seasonal population, using the 2010 census and information from the two hotels and one B&B. Based on that information, he estimated a population increase of 1,570.

The form will be submitted with the annual filing to the ABCC. It will allow the Select Board to add seasonal liquor licenses. Filing the form does not automatically grant the licenses, it just gives the town the option to do so.

Mr. Markey said the seasonal licenses will not affect the number of

marijuana facilities allowed because that is based on package stores.

The board also discussed next steps for the Broadband Committee’s work to get a town owned fiber optic system in town.

A pilot project would be first, with three access buildings and up to 100 homes volunteering to test out the system. The final system would be six stations to be able to provide service to every home in town. The consultant is in the process of identifying town owned buildings and properties that are suitable for the project.

The whole project would cost \$21 million, but costs to individual home owners would depend on how many people opt into the system. The plan is to get a private entity to build out the system.

Mr. Espindola said the service would still be cheaper than the currently available internet access in Fairhaven, and it would be much faster. Estimated cost per household is about \$4,000, that could be spread out over 10 years.

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## SAVE THE DATES:

### 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.

### Gridiron Bonfire

Join the fun and support the Fairhaven High School Blue Devils football team, at their annual bonfire at Cushman Park on Wednesday, 11/24, from 6:30–8:30 p.m.

The event is free and the public is encouraged to attend. The next day, 11/25, at 10 a.m., the Blue Devils will face their annual Thanksgiving Day Rival, Dartmouth High School, at Dartmouth.

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means of promoting the return of books, and in some cases may actually work against that goal.

The Millicent Library is joining a growing number of libraries that have eliminated fines to expand access to library services.

### What does this mean for you?

There will still be late fines for some library materials such as museum passes and non-traditional library material such as Wi-Fi hotspots.

If you lose, damage, or do not return an item you will still be charged the replacement cost.

If you have items that are overdue, please bring them back and you will not be charged for them.

If you have items that are LONG overdue, bring those back too. You will not be charged late fines!

You may still owe fines at other libraries where you have checked out materials, including materials owned by Millicent Library.

If you have any questions about late fines or replacement fees please contact us as Millicent@SailsInc.org or 508-992-5342.

## Food Drive for Vets

Bask, Inc., a locally owned cannabis dispensary in Fairhaven, Mass., has announced plans for their 4th annual Food Drive for Veterans. Donations will be collected at Bask's adult-use and medical dispensary through Sunday, November 21st, at 2 Pequod Road in Fairhaven, MA.

Bask, which is Veteran owned and operated, continues its commitment to the community with donations going directly to the Veterans Association of Bristol County (VABC). The VABC provides resources including a food pantry, counseling services, and support to the area's Veteran population.

Bask will be collecting non-perishable food, hygiene products, and grocery store gift cards. Donations can be dropped off at either entrance during regular business hours. The medical entrance is open from 9am to 7pm and the adult use entrance is open from 9am to 9pm daily.

## Street Lamp FR

Help Light Up the Town Hall Sidewalk!

The Fairhaven Historical Commission is currently conducting fundraising efforts to privately fund the Historic Street Lamp Project around Town Hall.

Six decorative Victorian Street Lamps will be installed around the Fairhaven Town Hall Block. Two in front of Town Hall, two on William St. and two on Walnut St.

The generosity of six sponsors has already made it possible to purchase the street lamps.

Additional funds are needed to purchase all the necessary supplies to make the electrical connections. (wire, electrical boxes, lamp foundations and other assorted supplies).

Underground pipes are already in place to support the electrical feed for these lights.

Please consider a monetary donation of any size to make this worthwhile project a reality.

Checks can be made payable to: Fairhaven Historical Commission Gift Account, c/o Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719

For additional information email Chairperson Wayne Oliveira, Woliveira@Fairhaven-MA.gov

## Light-A-Light FR

Annual fund-raiser for the Fairhaven High School Alumni Association. Please help us light up the beautiful Colorado Blue Spruce Tree on the west lawn of Fairhaven High School. Funds support FHS teachers and provide scholarships.

Send check to "FHS Alumni," P.O. Box 6, Fairhaven, MA 02719. Or use Venmo, PayPal or Zelle by using our email address: FHSAlumni12@gmail.com. Visit <http://fairhavenalumni.org> for details, including last year's donors. Find us on Facebook to follow our progress.

## 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](http://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.

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Mr. Espindola also told the board that the town was officially notified that the governor signed the legislation changing the SB from three to five members. He also said Acting Town Clerk Linda Fredette informed the board that the change can take place for the April election. She submitted a list of questions and answers explaining the process.

In April three seats will be up for election: the seat that is expiring in 2022 and the two new seats.

The new expiration dates will be determined by number of votes. The person with the most votes will receive a three-year term, the second a two-year term, the third a one-year term. After that all seats on the board will have three year terms.

At the special town meeting in February, an article will be submitted to allocate funds for the two new positions.

The board acknowledged the work of state Sen. Mark Montigny and state Rep. William Straus in pushing the legislation through so quickly in the legislature; and town moderator Mark

Sylvia who also wrote and worked on behalf of the town.

Acting Town Administrator Wendy Graves told the board that town officials had a meeting with state Rep. William Straus to discuss federal money expected to filter down to the municipalities. Ms. Graves said the four major areas of grant money the town will most likely pursue are upgrades to both water and sewer, the project at Union Wharf, and town owned broadband.

Select Board chairperson Bob Espindola said that Rep. Straus gave concrete advice on how to structure a grant application to maximize the town's chances of winning a grant. Mr. Espindola said the process is "extremely competitive" despite the amount of money available.

The board also briefly discussed inquiries by residents who had damage to cars and property by town trees that fell on their property during the last storm. Mr. Espindola explained that even though it is a town tree, if it falls on private property, the property owner is

responsible for damage. Ms. Graves said residents can still send a claim to her office and they will forward to the insurance company for a determination on liability.

The board also voted to support the Polar Plunge on January 1, 2022. Organizers are keeping the event low key, eliminating the music and other activities that encourage lingering on the beach. Participation is still encouraged for the plunge, which will take place at 10 a.m. on 1/1/22, at Fort Phoenix.

In other business:

- The board set a public hearing date to discuss the 61A property at 732 Scoticut Neck Road for the next meeting on 11/22. The board is not required to publish another legal notice because it is a continuation.
- Set February 15, 2022 for a special Town Meeting, providing the town moderator agrees with the date. Articles would have to be submitted by 1/16.
- Voted to send a thank-you letter to the town of Franklin for mutual aid rendered during the last storm.



### Our Lady of Purgatory Church



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## Lebanese Holiday Bazaar

Sponsored by Our Lady of Purgatory Maronite Catholic Church, Sat., 11/13 from 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sun., 11/14, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Lebanese Center, 89 Merrimac St., New Bedford.

We are delighted to invite you along with your family and friends to this festive event, which promises to please all who enjoy delicious Lebanese food, desserts, money raffles, and our caravan auction.

## Voc-Tech Drama

Voc-Tech Theatre Company Returns with MTI's *All Together Now!* A Global Event Celebrating Local Theatre, Fri. & Sat., 11/12, 13 at 7 p.m.; Sun., 11/14, at 2 p.m., at GNB Voc-Tech auditorium, 1121 Ashley Blvd., New Bedford. Tickets: \$10, call 508-998-3321, ext. 424. Featuring songs from a variety of musicals including *Mamma Mia*, *Mary Poppins*, and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.

After over a year long hiatus due to the pandemic, the Voc-Tech Theatre company is proud to announce their performance of *All Together Now!* – musical review brought to us by Music Theatre International (MTI). Participation in this performance is an opportunity for schools and theatres around the world to locally produce and perform an exclusive musical revue featuring songs from a variety of classic shows.

MTI's *All Together Now!* is entirely free-of-charge to license with no royalty or rental fees. This performance is being used as a fundraiser for the Theatre Company's future shows. It is being used as a fundraiser for the VTTC.

## Jazz Fest

New Bedford JazzFest (NBjF) is back to LIVE performances for its concert of regional and national jazz, Sunday, November 14, from 2:00-5:00 pm (door @ 1:30pm).

Jazz @ Kilburn Mill features two jazz bands, and full bar and pub food available for purchase. The event takes place at Kilburn Mill, 127 West Rodney French Boulevard. The bands scheduled to perform are: Rebecca Cline Trio at 2pm, then Ron Murray Trio featuring Arti Dixson at 330 pm.

Tickets are \$25, and are available at <https://nbjfbpt.me>, or by calling the Your Theatre Box Office at (508) 993-0772. Seating is General Admission for all tickets. The event is a rain or shine fully indoor event. Proof of COVID-19 vaccine or negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours of show required at door. Guests under 21 allowed when accompanied by a 21+ adult.

Kilburn Mill Event Center is a new and exciting repurposed historic mill that will be the location for this special event. Their floor to ceiling windows, exposed brick and rafters give you the sense of the history that our region boasts, while providing an airy and safe place to host an indoor event.

JazzFest is produced by Your Theatre, Inc., New Bedford's 75-year old community theatre group. For more information, go to [www.yourtheatre.org](http://www.yourtheatre.org). New Bedford JazzFest Presents: Jazz @ Kilburn Mill <https://newbedfordjazzfest.com/> <https://www.facebook.com/NewBedfordJazzFest>

## YTI Play

Your Theatre Presents *The Good Doctor*, By Neil Simon, Directed by Robin Richard

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## Grief Group

Grace Church to offer Grief

Support During Holidays. "Living with Loss Through the Holidays," a free weekly grief support group offered by Grace Episcopal Church in New Bedford, will begin on Saturday, November 20th at 3:30 pm. It will meet at the church, each Saturday through January 1st, excluding Christmas Day. Each meeting will be about one hour.

The gathering is for anyone who has lost a loved one. Not surprisingly, the first holidays after such a loss can be especially difficult times as families and friends gather, but with an empty chair at the table. This group is an opportunity to share our sorrow, consider ways to mark and even celebrate the two important holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas, and support each other.

Peter Converse, MDiv, who for the past 11 years has served as a hospice chaplain and bereavement counselor, will facilitate the group. He is a lay minister at Grace Church and has a private counseling practice that includes grief counseling and support for families.

Seating is limited to no more than 10 persons, and reservations are required. Please call the facilitator at 508-748-0286 to reserve your place, or email him at [peterconverse.compass@gmail.com](mailto:peterconverse.compass@gmail.com). Masks will be required to be worn while in the church building, and they will be provided if you need one. The church is located at 133 School Street in downtown New Bedford.

## In-Home Vax Avail.

The city of New Bedford and state are offering in-home COVID-19 vaccinations, particularly for elderly residents or those not able to travel to a clinic. To schedule an in-home vaccination (Moderna or J&J) with the New Bedford Health Department, call the department's main line, 508-991-6199, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday to Friday.

To schedule an in-home vaccination (Moderna, Pfizer or J&J) through the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, call the In-Home Vaccination Central Intake Line at (833) 983-0485, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday to Friday.

For more information: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-in-home-vaccination-program>

## PJK Report Line

The Acushnet Board of Health is asking residents to report complaints about noise, dust, traffic, and odor from the PJ Keating asphalt plant and quarry. Call the Acushnet BOH at 508-998-0275, at any time of day and leave a message if no one answers; or use the portal on the Town of Acushnet website: <https://www.acushnet.ma.us/home/webforms/pj-keating-concern-complaint-portal>. Be sure to note the time and day of the violation.

The BOH needs to document complaints in order to get the company to comply with regulations, or to issue violations.

## Stone Wall Workshop

The Mattapoisett Land Trust invites you to a demonstration workshop on "How to Build and or Restore Stone Walls," on Sun., 11/14, at 10:30 a.m. on the MLT site of the Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. Preserve off of Prospect Rd on Angelica Ave. Peter Davies, with over 35 years of experience, and Board of Director, for the Land Trust has been building and restoring walls as a desired craftsman. On site you will see his finished work of art and learn just how he constructs and designs for the space. The workshop will last an hour and a half, you should bring sturdy shoes and work gloves.

For more information and registration email [davies.peter@gmail.com](mailto:davies.peter@gmail.com).

## Local Columnist

Long time Standard-Times columnist Susan Pawlak Seaman will speak on 11/16, at 4 p.m. in the Grand Reading Room of the Claire T. Carney Library, UMASS-Dartmouth. Public invited. No Admission Fee.

After 45 years editing and writing for the new Bedford Standard-Times, Susan Pawlak Seaman posted her final column "Live and Learn" on May 3, 2020. Her own story began at Apponequet HS where she posted articles about learning through a student's eyes. Eagerly working in the paper's Middleboro bureau, Susan fell in love with journalism there, charting a new course as an English Major at Stonehill College, graduating in 1974.

She earned journalistic kudos for her steady, sensitive reportage in Middleboro through the seventies. After a tour of duty for the S-T in

Fairhaven, she at last emerged as an editor/columnist, married to the multi-talented S-T photographer Hank Seaman in October of '78. Their life together, along with extraordinary personal stories about life in the city of Melville and Douglass became a precious narrative for readers.

## Toy Drive

On Sat., 11/13 from 10:00am-12:00pm My Brother's Keeper, 1015 Reed Rd, Dartmouth, MA 02747, will be hosting a Pop Your Trunk Drive to collect new, unwrapped Christmas toys for local families in need.

Please join us for our Pop Your Trunk Toy Drive and help us bring the joy of Christmas to 3,000+ local families in need. Bring unwrapped gifts to our drive-through and volunteers will gladly collect your donations with a pop of your trunk!

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

If you live in a community we serve and need Christmas assistance, please call the Christmas Helpline at 508-238-2562.

## Bendiksen in Miss America

On Thursday November 18, 2021, Southcoast native Ashley Bendiksen will compete for the title of Miss for America Strong at the Westgate Resort and Casino in Las Vegas, NV. The competition is the "Miss" division within the Mrs. America Organization, engaging single women of all ages who represent diverse personal, professional, and community achievements. Bendiksen will compete in a private interview with a panel of judges, swimsuit, evening wear, and an on-stage question to which she will demonstrate her readiness to take on the role of Miss for America Strong.

With hopes of winning the national competition, Ashley aims to utilize the title and platform to serve on an even greater scale. She will continue her work to eradicate gender-based violence and empower women, girls, and youth. Additionally, she will serve as an advocate for Victoria's Voice Foundation (VVF), the organization's national charity, to

help combat opioid abuse.

To watch the live stream of the competition, visit [www.mrsamerica.com](http://www.mrsamerica.com) for more information.

## Sons of Providence

Set against a colonial backdrop teeming with radicals and reactionaries, visionaries, spies, and salty sea captains, "Sons of Providence" is the biography of brothers John and Moses Brown, two classic American archetypes bound by blood yet divided by the specter of more than half a million Africans enslaved throughout the colonies.

Enjoy a cup of coffee and join Ray Rickman, consultant on Charles Rappleye's astonishing book, "Sons of Providence," for a compelling talk about the Browns and slavery. And view a never-before-seen 1700s letter written by John Brown about his involvement selling humans.

Sat., 11/13, at 10am, at Stages of Freedom, 10 Westminster St., Providence. Tickets: \$15/Limited Seating. Proceeds pay for swimming lessons for Black youth. More info at 401-421-0606, [StagesofFreedom@aol.com](mailto:StagesofFreedom@aol.com)

## Free Film Online

Members of the community are invited to watch a new performance film presented by FirstWorks: Vincent Hsu & Soy La Ley Afro-Cuban Jazz Band's "Jazz Changed, Jazz Changes, Jazz Changin'", streaming free and on-demand from November 12-19 at [FirstWorks.org](http://FirstWorks.org). Vincent Hsu (徐崇育) is an award-winning Taiwanese bassist and composer and a devotee of Afro-Cuban music. Hsu made "Jazz Changed, Jazz Changes, Jazz Changin'" to showcase his original compositions, and to share a glimpse of everyday and traditional life in his native Taiwan.

The jazz film is a tribute to this uniquely African-American art form, as well as an acknowledgement of the indelible impact it has left on people and societies around the world.

Join the watch party, Friday, November 12, 2021 at 8 PM on FirstWorks' Facebook page. Reserve free tickets to the streaming event at <http://firstworks.org>

Or stream on-demand at <http://firstworks.org> from November 12-19, 2021

# Recipe of the Week

## Classic Chili

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium yellow onion, diced
- 1 pound 90% lean ground beef
- 2 1/2 tablespoons chili powder
- 2 tablespoons ground cumin
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 tsp ground black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cayenne pepper, optional
- 1 1/2 cups beef broth
- 1 (15 oz) can petite diced tomatoes
- 1 (16 ounce) can of red kidney beans, drained and rinsed

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1 (8 ounce) can tomato sauce  
Add olive oil to a large stockpot or dutch oven over medium-high heat. Cook onion for 5 mins until tender. Add ground beef and cook until browned while breaking apart with a wooden spoon.

Add chili powder, cumin, sugar, tomato paste, garlic powder, salt, pepper, and cayenne, if using. Stir until the spices are fragrant and the beef is well-coated.

Add broth, diced tomatoes with broth, drained beans, and tomato sauce.

Bring contents to a boil, then reduce heat to medium-low. Gently simmer for 20-25 minutes uncovered, stirring every so often. Serve hot.

From [www.cookingprofessionally.com](http://www.cookingprofessionally.com)

# Dear Frankie



## It's the Thought That Counts

Dear Frankie, Paris invited me to her birthday party. The party will be at the barn where she keeps her horse.

When I got to the park the next day, every-

one was talking about what to get Paris for a birthday present. Olivia showed us a horse magazine and said we could look over the ads and order something a rider might like.

I almost fainted when I saw the prices. Even a riding cap with a pompom on top was super expensive. So, I asked my mom what she thought I should get for a present. She said a gift that was thoughtful and affordable.

Do you think Paris will think I am cheap if I don't bring a present from the horse magazine?

Addie

Dear Addie,

Paris invited you as a friend to celebrate her birthday. She didn't ask you as a donor to fund her equestrian wardrobe. Remember, it was Olivia's, not Paris's idea, to get a gift from the magazine.

If you decide to get her a gift related to horses, there are many

affordable options. How about a book or a video about a horse, or an adult coloring book that features horses? Another idea is to make her a beaded bracelet with her horse's name on it.

For a fun gift, bring an old horseshoe (a symbol for good luck) with a card wishing her a blue ribbon at her next horse show.

There is a saying, "It's the thought that counts."

I'm with your mom. A gift should be more about the thought that went into selecting it and less about how much it cost.

Best, Frankie

PS: The more I think about it, the more I like the horseshoe idea, but it's your gift, not mine

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

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# Acushnet Board of Health hears from neighbors on PJK

By Beth David  
Editor

The Acushnet Board of Health met with about 30 neighbors of the PJ Keating Company quarry and asphalt plant on Saturday, 11/6/21, at the Senior Center, and heard about a host of complaints, including dust, odor, and noise that neighbors say have been getting worse.

A change in the bylaw governing the property several years ago allowed the company to move the asphalt operation to the front of the property, closer to residences. The new asphalt plant only started operating about a month ago, and complaints have increased since then.

One of the changes allows liquid asphalt to be stored in large tanks that now can be seen from the road. The town halted that part of the operation, so the company is only allowed to truck in the amount of asphalt it will use each day.

BOH chairperson Thomas Fortin opened the meeting and noted that the town is in litigation with PJK, so some questions, may not be answered in full.

Diane Abrams began the discussion, saying that on that very morning the smell was so bad that her nose was burning. She said people are worried that taxes will go up if they stop operation of the company, but her granddaughter's health is worth more than \$100 or \$200 more in taxes.

"This is still America, and we still have a voice," said Ms. Abrams.

She urged the "town fathers" to do something to stop the company, adding that PJK has millions of dollars so they feel they can do what they want, even if it is not legal.

Town Counsel Jeffrey Blake urged her and others in the room to use the portal on the town's website to report



violations.

"The town will take every complaint you have seriously, very seriously," said Mr. Blake.

Linda Skapik said her asthma had been kicking up again. She said this summer, when the plant was not operating, her asthma was not acting up. She also said a group of neighbors online had the same complaints.

Ms. Skapik and several other residents referenced the lawsuits between the town and PJK. Mr. Blake assured residents that the lawsuits do not prohibit the BOH from acting on any health/nuisance complaints related to the operation of the plant. He said the company has a right to due process, so the court cases are proceeding. He also said the asphalt plant only "fired up" a month ago so none of the litigation involves it.

Several residents complained that



their cars were damaged from tar. Mr. Blake told them that is a matter between them and PJK, not the town.

Kevin Smith said he has been fighting and going to meetings for more than 20 years. Sometimes, he said, no one was at the meetings besides him and board members. He said people need to get involved and stay involved.

Mr. Smith asked about air quality monitors. He said the people who work at PJK or visit there are in their vehicles, but the residents are exposed to the bad air. He said the state should have taken air quality samples while the plant was not in operation to get a benchmark.

"DEP [Department of Environmental Protection] has left us hanging," said Mr. Smith.

Mr. Blake said there are air monitoring stations on the property.



PJK is also required to spray piles to keep the dust down, and wheel wash trucks.

Mr. Smith said it is not mandatory, and the wheels on the trucks clearly have not been washed. Basically, he said, PJK has said, "screw all you neighbors," because it is a big company, and can do what it wants. He said the company has never been honest with them before, so it cannot be trusted now.

Cheryl Hall said that PJK reported there was no silica in the particles, prompting laughter from the residents. She said her gutters are clogged with silica dust. This was the first summer she did not have to run her pool 24 hours a day, because the plant was shut down.

"I am frustrated," said Ms. Hall, adding she did not expect them to shut down. "But I expect them to be good neighbors."

She noted that when the plans for the new plant were revealed, the new equipment promised to make the operation "odor free," prompting more laughter from the residents.

That was what they proposed, she said, and they proved in less than a month that they will not work collaboratively.

Doug Thomas said that the "parade" of trucks started at 5:15 a.m., which is a violation of the company's hours of operation.

One resident said that a puff of smoke or steam can often be seen hanging over the plant.

Residents also asked about DEP and questioned whether or not the agency was taking the matter seriously.

Mr. Blake noted that it's a "by-right" use of the property. DEP had to

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# Fairhaven welcomes four new firefighters, promotes Burr

By Beth David  
Editor

Fairhaven welcomed two full time firefighters and two call firefighters to the ranks on Monday, 11/8/21, with the official swearing in during the Select Board meeting. The Department also promoted Chauncey Burr to Lieutenant.

Fire Chief Todd Correia said the department had lost 38 years of experience due to retirements in the last five years. He said 75% of the department has less than five years of experience. It is important, he said, that they hire and promote from within to educate and train new firefighters.

The department has seen “historic numbers in run volumes,” in the past year, said Chief Correia, so it is “important and imperative” to find and hire the best qualified candidates.

He introduced Chauncey Burr, saying he joined the department in 1993 as a call firefighter, and went full time in 1995, the same time as Chief Correia.

“He doesn’t always see eye to eye with me,” said Chief Correia, adding it was “advantageous” to him because it helped him see different sides and opinions.

He said Mr. Burr has “vast experience and a lot of knowledge behind him,” is an excellent paramedic and a born leader.

Acting Town Clerk Linda Fredette swore in Lt. Burr, and then his father pinned on his new badge.



L-R: Just-about-to-be-hired full time Fairhaven firefighters Todd Sexton and Spencer Espinola; and on-call firefighters Heather Lopes and Matthew Foster listen as Acting Town Clerk Linda Fredette reads the oath they must agree to in order to be hired during the Selectboard meeting on 11/8/21. Photo by Beth David.

Lt. Burr thanked his dad for not stabbing him in the chest, and noted his father was a call firefighter in Fairhaven.

Lt. Burr also thanked his wife, saying “without her direction, this wouldn’t happen.”

Chief Correia introduced the new firefighters: Todd Sexton, Spencer Espinola, Heather Lopes, Matthew Foster.

Mr. Sexton is a firefighter in Carver and has a background in construction. He will attend the fire academy in December of this year and

paramedic school in March, 2022. He was sworn in as a full time firefighter.

Spencer Espinola was also sworn in as a full time firefighter. He works in the New Bedford fire department and for Brewster EMS. He will attend the fire academy in March of 2022.

Heather Lopes and Matthew Foster were sworn in as call firefighters. Both graduated from the academy for call firefighters this past Monday.

Ms. Lopes is the daughter of retired police officer Tony Lopes; Mr. Foster is the nephew of Sgt. Foster of the police department.



LEFT: Fairhaven Acting Town Clerk Linda Fredette (left forefront) reads the oath to Chauncey Burr for his promotion to Lieutenant in the Fairhaven Fire Department during the Select Board meeting on 11/8/21, while town officials look on, L-R: Select Board members Stasia Powers, Bob Espindola, Keith Silvia, and acting Town Administrator Wendy Graves. RIGHT: Chauncey Burr’s father pins his son’s badge to his uniform after he is sworn. Photos by Beth David.



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## Fairhaven Council on Aging

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### Computer Lessons

Kraig Perry from the Fairhaven Technology Department is holding computer lessons for Fairhaven and Acushnet Seniors, 60 years old and older.

The classes are given by skill level and include computer safety, internet browsers, the cloud, email/gmail,

Google, word processing and smart-phones. Sign up for the classes must be done in person at the senior center to be sure you are signing up for the appropriate skill level being offered. An entire list of classes, dates and skill levels can be found in the Fairhaven COA newsletter or pick up a copy at the senior center.

### Fairhaven Emergency Alert System

The Fairhaven Fire Department has an Emergency Alert System which provides phone, cellphone and email alerts to the public. If you did not get a call about the boil water order, you need to sign up for alerts. Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center and ask for Anne Silvia at 508-979-4029. She will be happy to enroll you.

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issue the permits as long as the company complies with regulations.

DEP is the enforcement agency for the use of the property. The BOH is the enforcement agency for "nuisance" issues, such as odor and noise.

He assured residents that DEP is frequently updated on complaints.

"We're keeping this on the front burner," said Mr. Blake.

Allan Baker told the board that he has seen stone dust in the woods and in places where the trucks never unload, so it is clearly from airborne dust.

Deborah Polchlopek told the board that while other people are outside enjoying the "crisp, fall air," PJK's neighbors are afraid to go outside

The horrible odor smells like burning rubber, oil and "God only knows" what chemicals are in the air, she said, adding that the smell is "lingering" and "traveling," prompting complaints from other parts of town.

Recently, asphalt has joined the dust in yards, in pools, on children's toys outside, she said. The company has blamed the asphalt and odor on nearby repair work, but never identified where.

"They are responsible for the invasion of these toxic odors," said Ms. Polchlopek. "We all know it."

They are neglectful and are ruining "our beautiful town," she said. "It's a shame. It really is. It's a shame what's taking place here. I'm disgusted."

She asked if they knew for sure that it is asphalt in the air and how it can be monitored.

"We don't know what we're smelling. All we know is, it's horrible. My throat's burning, my eyes are burning," said Ms. Polchlopek. "We have residents becoming sick because of it. I'm afraid to go outside. I'm beginning to lose my voice."

Conservation Agent Pat Hannon



Deborah Polchlopek

answered that they are working with an air quality expert to come up with a plan to detect volatile compounds.

Roland Pepin agreed with Ms. Polchlopek that the odor is traveling. He said it was like someone was burning electrical wire in his back yard, but it was a half mile away. He said he has a pool and his grandchildren swim in it every summer.

"I'm fearful of their life because of this odor," said Mr. Pepin.

Doug Thomas told the board that the company "literally rubbed this community's face in it" when they moved the asphalt plant to the front of the property.

"They've created the ultimate monster," said Mr. Thomas, adding

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live our normal lives  
[Chuck Schestak]

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that they have not been good neighbors. Trucks lined up at 5 a.m. that very morning he said. "This is like a punch in the gut."

"We're fed up," said Mr. Thomas. "We're fed up as residents of this community. And we want action."

Mr. Blake asked Mr. Thomas to use the portal to report the 5 a.m. trucks because it was news to the town, as trucks are not supposed to be going into the plant that early.

The two went back and forth about the building permit and other permits for use, and whether they were acquired properly or not.

"This is a toxic business," said Mr. Thomas. "They're destroying this community."

Mr. Blake noted that the plant did not operate all summer because DEP did not accept the company's assertion that the changes were minor. DEP finally issued the permit just about three weeks before the meeting and already there were numerous complaints. He reiterated that it is important for residents to

lodge their complaints so the BOH has documentation to take action on the nuisance complaints, and to send to DEP for possible action on the permit.

Mr. Thomas said the company has not shown a history of playing by the rules.

"We should not have to ask them to do their jobs," he said.

Mr. Smith also noted that the company is not locally owned, so owners do not care about the local community. He said the community needs to stick together and support the BOH in their efforts to hold the company accountable.

"If we self destruct, they win," said Mr. Smith, adding that things will only get worse if the community does not keep at it. "We have to stick together and stick to our guns and support the Board of Health and Board of Selectmen."

He said people need to show up at the meetings.

The board also discussed the change in the bylaw that allowed the expanded use of the property. Town Meeting struggles for a quorum each year, they noted, so a small number of people approved the new bylaw with the required 2/3 vote.

"The odor is real," said Chuck Schestak, noting that PJK representatives have called him a liar by denying the odor exists at all, a charge also made by other neighbors. "I do not want to be here today. No one does. We just want to live our normal lives."

Neighbors also told the board that they felt they were left in the dark and not notified about meetings or updated on any action the town is taking. Mr. Fortin said the BOH would post weekly updates on the town's website and find other means to keep residents updated.

To report a complaint against PJK, call the Acushnet BOH at 508-998-0275, at any time of day and leave a message if no one answers; or use the portal on the Town of Acushnet website: <https://www.acushnet.ma.us/home/webforms/pj-keating-concern-complaint-portal>. Be sure to note the time and day of the violation.

You can find a video of the meeting on the town's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y9Ws9od-g>

# BPW to allow tie-in at one of the Cherrystone props in question

By Mary Chasse

## Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Monday 11/1 the Fairhaven Board of Public Works conducted interviews for a Special Motor Equipment Operator for the Highway Department, and met with owners of land on Cherrystone Road again to discuss allowing a sewer stub on a new house.

BPW Chairperson Brian Wotton first started the meeting by welcoming the newest board member Steve Riley back to the BPW board. Mr. Riley was on the board years ago and is back to fill the vacancy left by Frank Coelho.

The board first interviewed Matthew Girouard for Special Motor Equipment Operator for the Highway Department. He explained that he has been working in the Fairhaven Highway Department for three years, and has all the licenses needed for the HMEO job, and he knows how to run almost all the equipment

BPW Superintendent Vinnie Furtado explained to the board that the other candidate being interviewed, James Lawrence, was the most senior employee, but Mr. Girouard meets all the qualifications and Mr. Lawrence does not.

Mr. Furtado said that the contract says to hire the most senior, qualified employee.

BPW Vice-Chairperson Robert "Hoppy" Hobson asked if Mr. Girouard has his backhoe license.

Mr. Furtado said that Mr. Girouard has all of his licenses, but has not run all the equipment yet.

Mr. Girouard said he has had his licenses for over a year and it only took him a couple of months to obtain them.

"You are the most qualified, but not the most senior," Mr. Wotton said. "It says to hire the most senior qualified person... we are split either way."

Mr. Lawrence told the board he has been working for the Highway Department for seven years and has one of the licenses needed for the job. He said knows how to use most of the equipment, he wants the chance to move up, and he wants to be in the department for the duration.

Mr. Wotton explained to him that he is not a shoe-in for the position because he does not have all the licenses.

Mr. Lawrence said he paid the \$150 to take the license test but he is wait-

ing to hear back to schedule the date.

Board member Marcus Ferro asked what licenses Mr. Lawrence needs.

Mr. Lawrence said he needs two licenses and he already paid to take the tests. He said he will know the test date within the week and would know if he passed the tests a few hours after.

Mr. Wotton said that employees need to be prepared when job openings come up. He said if you want a job you should go and get your licenses so you are ready when a job opening comes up.

Board member Cameron Durant suggested that they go with the recommendation of the Highway Superintendent John Charbonneau, who recommended Mr. Girouard for the position because he said he needs the employee to be able to use the equipment immediately; if the

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employee does not have the licenses then they cannot use the equipment.

Mr. Furtado explained that they could hire Mr. Lawrence and give him two months to past the tests and if he does not, they could replace him with Mr. Girouard.

Mr. Durant said they could also hire Mr. Girouard as interim while Mr. Lawrence works gets his licenses.

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

Mr. Durant made a motion to hire Mr. Girouard. The motion passed 4-1 with Mr. Hobson voting against it.

"Both are good employees," Mr. Hobson said.

In another matter the board brought back the discussion of granting a sewer stub to lots 313-315 on Cherrystone Road.

At the last meeting the board met with lot owner John Kalife, Board of Health member Mike Ristuccia and retired Board of Health agent Patricia

Fowle. The three of them had a lot of documentation from the previous owners of the lots.

Ms. Fowle explained at the last meeting that Mr. Kalife's property was the last property of 380 properties that were approved for a sewer stub back in the 1990s.

After the last BPW meeting the board requested copies of all the documentation to review and discuss with Town Counsel Tom Crotty.

At the 11/1 meeting Mr. Wotton explained that all the documents were reviewed by the board and Town Counsel and Mr. Crotty verified that the property is the last available sewer stub and has the right to tie into the sewer.

Mr. Furtado explained that they have denied everyone else because no other property has met the criteria.

In his email, Mr. Crotty said in his opinion the property satisfies all the requirements and does not violate the sewer deal they have had with the state since the 1990s.

Mr. Crotty also explained that the Board of Health regulation states that any property that had an existing house or building permit on or before January 28, 1998 is allowed to tie into the sewer system. The documentation of this property from the previous owner proves that a building permit was issued to that owner before the 1998 deadline.

Mr. Wotton said it was clear that Mr. Kalife's property should be allowed to tie into the sewer, but Mr. Wotton said there is no evidence of the betterment fee ever being paid.

Mr. Riley also asked if Mr. Kalife has gotten a building permit yet.

Mr. Kalife said he thought he had to get approved to tie into the sewer before applying for a building permit.

Mr. Riley said he was all for it, but Mr. Kalife needs to make sure he gets a building permit before they start cutting into the road to tie into the sewer.

Mr. Wotton said the board needed to vote to allow Mr. Kalife to dig into the street to tie into the sewer pending receipt of a building permit.

Mr. Hobson said that Mr. Kalife would also have to pay the betterment fee, and expressed his concern that allowing Mr. Kalife to tie into the sewer is going to open a can of

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# Pickleball popularity continues to grow in Fairhaven

Pickleball is a paddleball sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong. It is suitable for people of all ages and abilities, which accounts for its rapidly growing popularity in the US.

Fairhaven has two locations with pickleball courts: four courts each at Cushman Park and Fort Phoenix. All are open to the public, but there are scheduled play times, and the courts at Cushman are blended with the tennis courts, which are used by the

Fairhaven High School tennis team, limiting public availability during their season.

Organizers say more than 100 people play in Fairhaven each week. This past weekend more than 50 played on Sunday alone.

Lessons for beginners are free. If you are interested in learning how to play, contact Ken Pottel, at [farihavenpickleball@gmail.com](mailto:farihavenpickleball@gmail.com). Lessons are held at Cushman Park on Saturday and Sunday mornings

Advanced/Intermediate players are at Fort Phoenix on Sunday, Wednesday and Friday, 8–11 a.m.; Thursday, 2 p.m. to dusk.

Novice/All Play/Beginners are at Fort Phoenix Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday from 2 p.m. to dusk; and Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday from 3:30 p.m. to dusk; at Cushman Park Sunday–Saturday from 8–11 a.m. and Thursday, 3:30 p.m. to dusk.

Visit <https://usapickleball.org/>



A group of pickleball players who played at Cushman Park (LEFT) and Fort Phoenix (RIGHT) in Fairhaven on Sunday, 10/31/21, pose for a group shot. Submitted photos courtesy of Debbie Almeida.

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## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, November 15, 2021 at 6:30pm  
Remote

Fairhaven, Massachusetts

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

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83644473873?pwd=WU5WczVqd0JUbHpscVRlRlRjg2QXhBdz09>

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

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

Wetlands:

1. SE 023-1365, CON 023-250: **86-88 Middle Street** Request for Amended Order of Conditions filed by Patrick Carr, A1 Crane Company, for the installation of concrete on 100% of the lot, installation of a permanent structure, and associated stormwater at the property located at 86-88 Middle Street, Assessors Map 11, Lots 6D, 6E & 7. Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage.
2. SE 023-1309, CON 023-110: **1 Bella Vista Island** Request for Amended Order of Conditions filed by Heiam Alsawalhi for the revision and clarification of special conditions for the Order of Conditions issued August 13, 2021 under both the Wetlands Protection Act and Fairhaven Wetlands Bylaw. No change in approved work is proposed.
3. CON 023-252: **184 Balsam Street** Notice of Intent filed by Robert and Karen Sullivan for the construction of a fixed pier, gangway, floating dock, and hydraulic lift at the property located at 184 Balsam Street, Assessors Map 43B, Lots 40 & 41. Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Salt Marsh, Land Under Ocean, Land Containing Shellfish, Coastal Beach, and the 100-foot buffer zone to Salt Marsh and Coastal Beach.

4. CON 023-253: **36 Monondach Avenue** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Jen Foley for the installation of a 45-foot-by-32-foot seashell driveway at the property located at 36 Monondach Avenue, Assessors Map 42A, Lots 229 & 230. Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage and Coastal Beach/Coastal Dune.

5. CON 023-254: **0 & 277 Bridge Street** Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation filed by Bridge Street Holdings LLC, requesting confirmation of all jurisdictional resource areas under the Wetlands Protection Act and Fairhaven Wetlands Bylaw at the property located at 0 and 277 Bridge Street, Assessors Map 30A, Lots 87 & 87A.

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

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

Geoff Haworth, Chair, Fairhaven  
Conservation Commission  
FNN: 11/4/21

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worms. Other residents have asked the board about the same issue, and have been denied.

Mr. Furtado explained that the other residents who appeared before the board have not had the documentation that Mr. Kalife had and have not had the approval of Town Counsel.

The board voted unanimously to

approved the sewer tie-in on the conditions that Mr. Kalife pays the betterment fee and receives a building permit.

In another matter Mr. Furtado and all the board members thanked the Water Department and Water Superintendent Jeff Furtado for all their hard work during the boil water order.

They also thanked the Sewer, Park, and Highway Departments for all

their hard work during the recent storm.

Mr. Furtado said it has been a busy time and all hands have been on deck and he appreciates everyone's efforts.

Mr. Furtado also said the recycling center hours will be extended for the next week with no permit needed to allow residents to dispose of debris, brush, leaves, and branches from the storm.

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### Fairhaven

#### Board of Health

Fri., 11/12, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

#### Board of Public Works

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

#### Conservation Committee

Mon., 11/15, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

#### Cultural Council

Mon., 11/15, Remote, 6 p.m.

#### Planning Board

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

#### School Committee

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

#### Select Board

Mon., 11/22, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

#### Sustainability Committee

Tues., 11/16, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

### Acushnet

#### Selectboard

Tues., 11/23, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

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Wednesday	17	0616 1836	0032 1334	
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Friday	19	0729 1952	0031 1342	
Saturday	20	0808 2032	0100 1355	
Sunday	21	0848 2114	0136 1426	
Monday	22	0929 2156	0216 1500	
Tuesday	23	1012 2242	0257 1536	
Wednesday	24	1059 2334	0337 1614	
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Saturday	27	0123 1341	0622 1903	
Sunday	28	0214 1434	0735 2000	
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## From our readers

### Commission on Disability Looking for Members

Hello. My name is Marcus Ferro, I am one of your five elected Commissioners on the Board of Public Works. But I'm writing to you today as a sibling of an individual living with autism and as the Chairperson of Fairhaven's Commission on Disability.

Commissions on Disability are established in participating municipalities across the Commonwealth by town or city council vote. CoD's advocate for policies and projects that make municipalities more accessible for residents living with disabilities. As a sibling of an individual living with autism, the work of ensuring our town's accessibility is a cause very close to me, and I am fortunate to chair a commission that is composed of passionate and dedicated residents.

Our last meeting covered a broad list of topics and projects we are working on regarding town accessibility, including but not limited to: expanded handicap parking at town-sponsored events, purchasing accessibility mats for the town beach, helping to provide access to resources for parents who are advocating for a child with special education needs, organizing a coalition of volunteers to shovel bus stops during and after snowy weather, and re-establishing a working committee to decide on how to make the Tax Collector's office more accessible at Town Hall.

Unfortunately however, our membership is waning. We are in need of a more robust membership that features town residents from all aspects of the community. So if you are a Fairhaven resident living with a disability, a loved one of an individual with a disability, or just want to engage in the gratifying and necessary work of advocating for members of the disability community in Town, then I urge you to consider sending a letter to the Selectboard expressing your intention to be appointed to the Town's Commission

on Disability.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me at [marcusferrolaw@gmail.com](mailto:marcusferrolaw@gmail.com). Thank you and enjoy your holiday season.

*Marcus Ferro, Chairperson, Fairhaven  
Commission on Disability.*

### Tree Warden Recaps Last Storm

*Greetings from the Tree Department*

It was a dark and stormy night, to say the least. At 3:45 a.m. John Q. Public was driving to Fairhaven from Acushnet on Alden Road. At that same time the Nor'Easter that had been hitting us pretty hard all night ramped it up a bit and a gust knocked over a large tree. John was probably driving the speed limit or less and when he got to 350 Alden he found himself stopped dead in his tracks and fully covered by the canopy of said tree.

John somehow managed to extricate himself from the car and dense foliage. The police and tree department arrived shortly after.

The next three days are a bit of a blur to me now.

That was just one of so many things that happened during our bout with what is now called Wanda. This was a first time big storm for a number of town officials and workers.

I'm pretty low on the command chain but from my perspective the response was impressive and efficient. We all started a plan worked out in the aftermath of some much smaller spring storms. Those provided an excellent learning opportunity as this last one will be for a major hurricane should one hit. The emergency response best practices we all utilized will only get better as we digest what went right and what could make it better.

I personally want to give thanks to all of the town's departments for coming together so well and working together during a trying time. The Police Department, the Fire Department, the Board of Public Works, and of course my two tree guys who came out at 4:00 a.m. in 25 knots of wind

and driving rain, Mike Lewis and Joey Borges. And as well the residents of Fairhaven deserve credit for their patience and resolve.

I want to in particular thank the Police Dispatchers who were my only contact for the first several hours of the storm and allowed us to react in an efficient way. [Fire Chief] Todd Correia's leadership did an outstanding job of bringing technology and personnel together to really get a unified response moving along at a rapid rate. Becky Vento in the BPW deserves a big shout out for her work and organizational skills as well as Vinny and his entire gang. It was truly all hands on deck.

Everyone really came together and I feel really good about the direction this town's government and administration is going in. We still have a lot work to do. A lot of deadwood needs to be picked up and stumps removed. That will take quite some time.

Lastly I want to publicly acknowledge Brutus Cantoreggi who is the Head of the DPW in Franklin Massachusetts. A call went out to MEMA (Massachusetts Emergency Mutual Aid) and Mr. Cantoreggi and the town of Franklin sent a three-man crew on Thursday and Friday to help get roads open. Thank you Brutus, John, Jim, Brandon, Mike, Vito and Jared.

Let's replant,

*Don C. Collasius, Fairhaven Tree  
Warden*

Throughout history, it has been the inaction of those who could have acted; the indifference of those who should have known better; the silence of the voice of justice when it mattered most; that has made it possible for evil to triumph.

*Haile Selassie*



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