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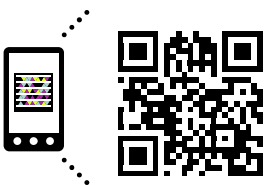
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Teeming with information you need.  
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

## You call that a snowstorm?



The region saw another snowstorm this week, with snow starting to fall after midnight on Saturday and continuing on Superbowl Sunday and into Monday morning. Accumulations were nothing compared to the blizzard in January, but several inches of snow did drop in some places and required shoveling/plowing, etc. The storm was followed by frigid temperatures in the teens on Monday, with wind chills getting below zero in some places. See page 12 for more photos. *Photos by Beth David.*



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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

Well, it looks like we have three contested races in Fairhaven this year (see page 4).

Select Board has six people running for three seats. No more griping that people don't want to run or serve in office.

Board of Health is also contested, and Planning Board. I'm happy to say there are a couple of news names in there, too.

The Select Board hired a new Town Administrator (pending contract negotiations, of course). Angie Lopes Ellison will be our new TA providing she can make the deal. So, our second TA of all time will be a woman. And a Cape Verdean woman to boot.

Ah, Fairhaven, the times they are a changing, and I am tickled. Read the story on page 3, but you might take the time to watch it on demand, too.

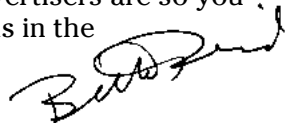
The BPW never fails to entertain (see page 11). They're still at odds with the Tree Warden.

We have a couple of political letters/press releases this week. Let the games begin!

If you want to send a letter to rah-rah your favorite candidate, send it in soon (neighbnews@comcast.net).

And while you're looking for all the good stuff in here, be sure to notice who our advertisers are so you can tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*.

Until next week then...  
see ya,




Beth David, Publisher

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our story on the blizzard in our 2/3/22 issue. The last blizzard before that on was in March of 2018. 2015 was the last January blizzard to hit the season.

In last week's election story, we made a couple of errors: Louise Ponte returned her papers on 2/7; Cameron Durant and Cathy Melanson had also returned papers on 2/3 and 2/4 respectively; Andrew Romano had taken out papers.

We apologize for any confusion our errors may have caused.

## Countdown to DST

**Only 24 more days** before Daylight Saving Time begins, when we re-set our clocks and spring forward, to get an additional hour of sunlight. Get ready!



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# Selectboard offers top job to Angie Lopes Ellison

By Beth David  
Editor

The Fairhaven Select Board interviewed and offered the Town Administrator job to Angelina “Angie” Lopes Ellison, who has strong ties to the region. Ms. Ellison told the board she has family in New Bedford, and attended UMassDartmouth.

“I think I might have come to one or two parties in Fairhaven,” said Ms. Ellison.

The board voted to interview only Ms. Ellison after the other two finalists withdrew at the very end of the process. Board members decided that Ms. Ellison had risen to the top of the group, so she deserved an interview.

SB chairperson Bob Espindola was hesitant, but board members Stasia Powers and Keith Silvia were insistent on granting the interview.

Mary Alcardi from the Collins Center asked most of the questions that were chosen by the board members.

Topics included ARPA funds (American Rescue Plan Act); various personnel/human resources issues; her approach to handling conflicts; her approach to dealing with the public; her ability to interact with other officials on the state and federal levels; economic development, and waterfront issues.

Ms. Ellison told the board that she is comfortable working in collaboration with different parts of a community, and has worked on regional approaches to issues.

She said her “strategic vision” is based on the town’s Master Plan. Her job as the TA is to work to get the plan implemented as much as possible. She said her strategy is to break things down into manageable pieces.

Ms. Ellison said she believed that Human Resources is an important function and that she enjoyed that aspect of her work in previous positions.

“I think it’s important for people to feel welcome and valued in their work environment,” said Ms. Ellison, noting

that COVID has made being an employee anywhere difficult, and that municipal employees have had an “undue” burden.

She would meet individually with employees and department heads to find out more about the current state of morale in town hall.

Ms. Ellison has worked in a variety of positions in Higher Education, including Dean and Assistant Dean of Student Affairs.

She said she would rely on her experience in higher education. It is important to rebuild trust, she said and will work to do that.

Her approach is to get employees to perform at a higher level, and that improves morale.

Answering a question about “underperformers,” Ms. Ellison said employees have an ability to grow and develop. As a manager, it will be her job to find out what is going on with an underperforming employee, because very often it is due to personal issues.

She said it is important to “be kind to people because we don’t know what goes on in their lives,” and the assumption that they are okay, may not be true.

Many times, a person does not understand the job, or does not like the job, so there is an opportunity to learn and grow.

However, sometimes it is just not a good fit, she said, and she is willing to do what is necessary to remove someone who is not capable of doing a good job.

Every municipality should have an HR person, said Ms. Ellison, even if it is regional. She detailed some of the functions of HR beyond payroll and benefits.

“It’s become more complicated,” she said, and is too detailed oriented to have another position just do it by default.

The board also asked a series of questions about capital planning and expenditures, discussing the pros and cons, and various configurations of a capital planning committee.

Ms. Ellison said she has worked with different configurations.

A five-year plan is good she said. Anything beyond five years is not a capital project, it’s an RFP (Request for Proposals). She told the board she had experience getting large capital projects completed.

The board also asked questions related to ARPA funds and the requirements for projects to qualify. Ms. Ellison said she is working on ARPA funds at her current job in North Adams.

“So I’m familiar with the process,” she said.

Ms. Ellison also said she watched the four-hour goals and objectives meeting the board held on a Saturday. The list is long, she said, but doable.

“I believe in setting goals and accomplishing goals,” said Ms. Ellison, adding that if it keeps getting put back on the list, “That’s not a goal, that’s a wish list.”

She said she would break it down to tangible tasks.

She agreed with the board’s stated top three goals, telling the board that they are the “vision.”

“You give me the guidance and direction and I make it happen,” said Ms. Ellison.

As for her top goals short and long term, Ms. Ellison said her first task will be to let everyone know she is there. She will work with employees on staff development and morale to develop trust.

She also said it was important to develop trust with the residents and voters. She noted that Fairhaven had a recall election, a result, she said, of people not trusting their government.

In response to a question about improving the perception of government with the public and business, Ms. Ellison said it all ties in with transparency and communication.

“I really love engaging with the citizenry,” said Ms. Ellison, adding that residents often do not know how government processes work.

It is important for residents to

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# Fairhaven election has contests for three races

By Beth David  
Editor

Unless someone withdraws at the last minute, it looks like Fairhaven will have contests for Select Board, Board of Health, and Planning Board in the next election.

Six candidates will vie for three seats on the Select Board. And Peter DeTerra faces a challenger for his seat on the Board Health.

Leon Correy, Cameron Durant, John Farrell, Cathy Melanson, Charles Murphy, Sr., and incumbent Stasia Powers will be on the ballot for the three Select Board seats.

This year there are three seats available because Town Meeting voted in 2021 to increase the number of seats on the to five, from three. The seat now held by Stasia Powers will be up for re-election as scheduled, and two new seats will also be on the ballot. The person with the most votes will serve three years, the second place person will serve two years, the third place person will serve one year before needing to run again. After this year, all seats will be three year terms.

In the Board of Health race, Heidi Hacking returned her papers with the required signatures and will challenge long time BOH member Peter DeTerra.

School Committee incumbents Kyle Bueno and Erik Andersen will be unopposed for their seats.

Cathleen Marchessault had also taken out papers for School Committee, but did not return them.

On the Planning Board, incumbents Geoffrey Haworth and John Farrell did not pull papers. Mr. Farrell is running for Select Board.

Three candidates will be on the ballot for the two PB seats: Kevin Grant, Andrew Romano, and Sharon Simmons.

Incumbent Barbara Acksen will be on the ballot or her seat as a Commissioner of Trust Funds; Louise Ponte will also be on the ballot for the seat she holds on the Commission, which is an unexpired term she was appointed to recently.

On the Board of Public Works, only the unexpired term held by Steven Riley is up for election. He did not take out papers for the seat.

Anne Morton Smith will be the only one on the ballot for that seat. Ronnie Medina had taken out papers, but did not have enough certified signatures when he returned them.

Acting town clerk Linda Fredette will be unopposed for her seat. And Gary Souza will be unopposed for a seat on the Housing Authority.

The Annual Town Election will be held on Monday, April 4, 2022. Polls will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Deadline to register to vote is 3/15/22.

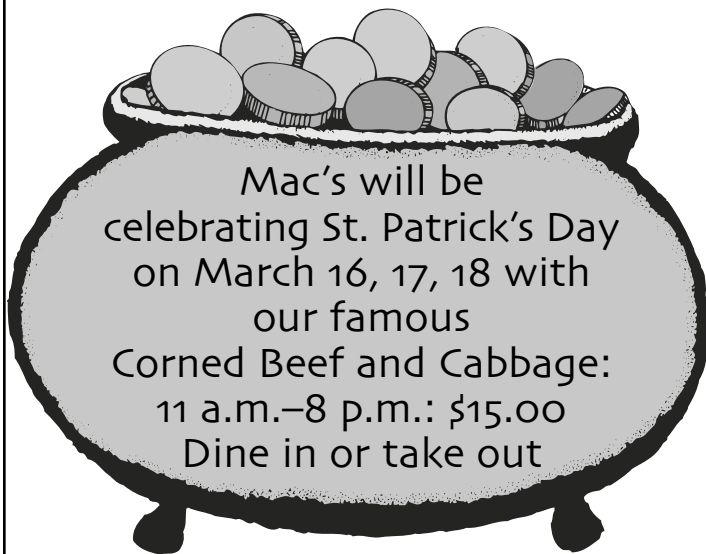
You may register to vote any day from 8:30 a.m.-4:30p.m. Monday-Friday. Mail-in Voter Registration Forms are available at the Town Clerk's Office, the Millicent Library and State and Federal offices.

## Where do I vote?

The Town of Fairhaven Precinct Boundary Map can be found at (<https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf3131f/uploads/fairhaven2010.pdf>). This map will be updated with the 2020 Census Re-precincting information as soon as we receive the final approved informa-

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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Working Two Miles Deep

A talk and slide presentation by Don Carlos Collasius will be held on Thursday, Feb. 17th from 7:00 to 8:00 pm at the Fairhaven Town Hall Auditorium, 40 Center St., Fairhaven, at no charge. Don is the current Tree Warden in town and has a deep appreciation for our Earth, both on land and in water.

From 1981 to 1988, he worked for the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute in the Deep Submergence Group, which operates the research vessel, ALVIN, a 3 person mini sub, tasked with exploring some of the world's deepest, darkest and coldest places.

During his 100 dives in the submersible as "Pilot in Command", Don visited many bizarre geological features and life forms. He will recount some of those dives as well as present a broad picture of what it takes to get a submersible safely down to 4,000 meters deep and back again.

The talk will begin and end with current information about the Fairhaven Tree Department's endeavors to sustain the beauty and health of its trees, and how our town citizens can support him to maintain those trees that are so much a part of the historic aesthetics of our town.

## March Madness

Sixteenth annual March Madness Party to benefit the Matty Oliveira Memorial Fund, funding new and impacting existing sports programs. Sat., 3/5, Town Crier, Maitland St., Fairhaven. Registration, 10 a.m.-noon; \$110 per person. Book now, limited to 100 seats. Includes snacks, lunch (cold buffet), fun and games, prizes, door prizes, raffles, giveaways. Cash bar.

Please make checks payable to the Matty Oliveira Memorial Fund. Tax ID#14-1896392

For more info, contact Matt Oliveira, 508-207-8463.

## Join the NFIA

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association will be meeting on Thursday, February 17th at 6:30 in the Firehouse at Benoit Square. Please wear your mask. We are

looking for new members to join us this year. Our current Officers are: Pauline Parker President; Heidi Hacking Secretary; Debbie Davis Treasurer. Our Board of Directors are: Gail Konerth, Roseanne Cordeiro, Jodi Duval, Ed Rose and Jeff Lucas.

We would love you to join us as we make plans for our upcoming events. Everyone has a voice and a new idea!!

Please consider joining our little family to continue to improve our little corner of the world.

Find us on Facebook for more information.

## SB Members Office Hours

Select Board members Bob Espindola and Stasia Powers will be holding an Office Hour once a month.

Both will be available to take calls from the community and do their best to answer them live.

**Bob Espindola:** virtually on the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm, via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/91663445267?pwd=ZVJoaWdrTG5NUGlWZzhlc1FDS3JLZz09> or call 1-929-205-6099; Meeting ID: 916 6344 5267; Passcode: 661050

**Stasia Powers:** the fourth Wednesday of each month in the Town Hall Banquet room and via Zoom, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm, via Zoom Meeting, <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89823499160?pwd=NVRuYnNoNVNLTmVoRENWV0Z0bVhLUT09> or call 1-929-205-6099; Meeting ID: 898 2349 9160, Passcode: 034355

Visit <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/home/news/select-board-office-hour>

## Free COVID Test Kits/New Phone #

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For those who have questions about eligibility, the online ordering form, shipping, or delivery, you can contact the USPS Help Desk at 1-800-ASK-USPS (1-800-275-8777).

## Youth Boating Class

Fairhaven Harbormaster Timothy Cox and Environmental Police will be hosting a Youth Boater Safety Class this March at the Coast Guard Auxiliary in Fairhaven.

Boat Massachusetts is a recognized safety course that meets the National Boating Education Standards and is approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators.

All graduates in the 12 through 15 year-old age group will be issued a safety certificate allowing them to operate a motorboat without adult supervision, as required by state law. The same is true for 16 and 17 year old youth who wish to operate a personal watercraft.

This class is for students ages 12-17. Space is limited. Please follow the link below to sign up!! Because space is limited, parents and guardians are not permitted to stay during class hours. Please drop your student off. Light refreshments will be served.

All State Covid-19 protocols will be in place.

March 12, 13 & 19, 8:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m., U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Station, 80 Middle St., Fairhaven, MA 02719. Visit <https://www.mass.gov/forms/mep-boating-safety-course-online-enrollment-form> to sign up. Course ID: FAIRHAVEN

## OLOA Dinner

Our Lady of Angels Club annual Bifana/Chicken Dinner, Sat., 3/26, 5-8 p.m., \$12.00. Eat in or pick up. Call Joe Mello, 508-733-4608, or find him on Facebook.

## Cold? Who's cold?



Two swans seem to be enjoying the warm weather just as the humans did last Thursday, 2/10/22, as they leisurely swim in the Acushnet River where it runs under Coggeshall Street on the Fairhaven/New Bedford line on 2/10/22. The warm weather gave way to frigid temperatures in the low teens just a few days later, with wind chills below zero in some spots. *Photo by John Maciel.*

John

Farrell



Select Board  
Town of Fairhaven

# Coast Guard medevacs fisherman from New Bedford boat

*USCG Press Release*

The Coast Guard conducted a medevac of a fisherman 58 miles southeast of Nantucket, Mass., Wednesday, 2/9/22.

Coast Guard Sector Southeast New England watchstanders received a

notification from the fishing vessel Jean Marie, reporting that a crewmember was having trouble breathing, and were requesting assistance.

A Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod, Massachusetts, MH-60 Jayhawk

helicopter crew launched, safely hoisted, and transferred the fisherman to Hyannis Airport, where local EMS transported him to Cape Cod Hospital, for treatment.

The Jean Marie is homeported in New Bedford, Massachusetts.



Air Station Cape Cod MH-60 Jayhawk crew medevacs a fisherman having trouble breathing from the fishing vessel Jean Marie, 58 miles southeast of Nantucket, Massachusetts, Feb. 9, 2022. The Jean Marie crew requested Coast Guard assistance reporting the fisherman had some chest congestion and trouble breathing aboard the vessel. Screen shot from U.S. Coast Guard video by Air Station Cape Cod/released.

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**Fri., 2/18:** PAACA (360 Coggeshall St.) – 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Pfizer, Moderna, J&J, boosters, w/ pediatric vaccines for children 5 – 11 years old & boosters for teens 12-17

**Sat., 2/19:** Andrea McCoy Recreation Center (181 Hillman St.) – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Pfizer, Moderna, J&J, boosters, vaccines for children 5 – 11, boosters for teens 12-17

Access your vaccine records at <https://myvaxrecords.mass.gov/>, and find local listings at <https://vaxfinder.mass.gov/>.

## COVID Testing

Testing sites in New Bedford and surrounding towns can be found on the state's Stop the Spread website, [www.mass.gov/info-details/find-a-covid-19-test](http://www.mass.gov/info-details/find-a-covid-19-test). Upcoming testing locations in New Bedford include:

**Fri., Feb. 18:** Seven Hills at Former Fire Station 11 (754 Brock Ave.) – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Sun., Feb. 20:** Project Beacon at New Bedford Regional Airport (1569 Airport Road) – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Mobile Food Market

United Way of Greater New Bedford will provide free produce, soup, and non-perishable food to people in need at Winter Mobile Markets in February.

Markets will take place on Tuesdays from 5:30 to 7 p.m. alternating between New Bedford and Wareham locations. No registration, ID, or proof of residence is needed to receive food. Face masks are required for anyone who attends.

New Bedford Mobile Markets will be held at BankFive located at 1724 Acushnet Ave. in New Bedford on Feb. 15. Wareham Mobile Markets will be held at Wareham Middle School, located at 4 Viking Drive on 2/8 and 22. Markets are held when weather

permits, and people can check at [unitedwayofgnb.org](http://unitedwayofgnb.org) or United Way of Greater New Bedford's Facebook page. Visit [unitedwayofgnb.org](http://unitedwayofgnb.org).

## Dock-Umentary

**Fri., 2/18.** Seating will be limited to 25. Masks are required. Doors open at 6:30 PM. At the Fishing Heritage Center, 38 Bethel St., New Bedford.

In this special double feature, we will be showing two films from the 1930s.

“Towed in a Hole” (1932) starring Laurel and Hardy follows the shenanigans of successful fish-mongers Stan and Ollie as they try their hand at becoming fishermen, but they soon learn making a boat seaworthy isn't as easy a task as they think. (20 min runtime)

“Tugboat Annie: (1933) features Marie Dressler as Annie, a skipper on the tug Narcissus. Annie steers through the Pacific Northwest waters and through troubles with her hard-working, adoring son Alec (Robert Young) and her hapless, boozing husband Terry (Wallace Beery). There are plenty of laughs, but also lots of familial strife, until life-threatening danger at sea brings out the best in Terry... and puts everyone's priorities in order. (86 min runtime)

## Hollywood Pops

Hollywood Pops, Sat., 2/19, 7:30 PM, at the Zeiterion. Yaniv Dinur, Conductor and Emcee

Join us for our ever-popular “movie night” concert! This season we explore unforgettable music from three iconic film composers of our time: John Williams, Hans Zimmer, and Danny Elfman. With the added commentary (or should we say comedy) by your favorite Maestro, this entertaining voyage to movieland is definitely worth the trip!

PROGRAM Danny Elfman: The Simpsons Main Title (arr. Alf Clausen); Beetlejuice Suite, original orchestration by Steve Bartek; Edward Scissorhands Main Title, orchestrated by Steve Bartek; Batman Suite, original orchestration by Steve Bartek, adapted for performance by Christopher Bankey

Hans Zimmer: Lion King Suite for Orchestra; Interstellar Suite for

Orchestra; Music from Gladiator (arr. John Wasson)

Klaus Badelt: Pirates of the Caribbean (arr. Ted Ricketts)

John Williams: Star Wars (Main Theme); Harry Potter & the Sorcerer's Stone (Hedwig's Theme); Home Alone; Raiders of the Lost Ark March

Masks and proof of vaccination or a negative COVID 19 test, along with a photo ID will be required for all ages before entering the Zeiterion. Doors to the theatre will open at 6:00 PM for patrons attending Yaniv's pre-concert talk at 6:30 PM. Doors will open at 7:00 PM for the concert.

Please visit the Zeiterion's website, <https://www.zeiterion.org/>, to view complete details on all Health & Safety protocols.

The stage extension will be used for this concert and covers the first 5 rows of seating.

Tickets: \$10-65. For \$5 student tickets, please visit the Zeiterion Box Office.

## Whale Exhibit

*One Whale Makes Seven Shores Prosperous* February 11, 2022 - June 26, 2022, New Bedford Art Museum, 608 Pleasant St., New Bedford

In this new exhibition from the New Bedford Free Public Library's art curator, Allie Copeland, we get a new look at whaling from a Japanese perspective. Beginning in the 18th century, feudal lords who oversaw whaling efforts commissioned emakimono, or picture scroll, to illustrate whale hunting methods as well as anatomically describe the known species of whales.

Our hours are Thursday through Sunday from 10 AM - 4 PM. Advanced booking is preferred and timed entry tickets may be purchased through our website [newbedfordart.org](http://newbedfordart.org) or by phone (508) 961-3072.

## Bias Workshop

Break the Bias: Addressing and mitigating implicit bias, a virtual workshop, will be held on Tues., 3/8, from noon to 1:30 p.m.. Register at <https://bit.ly/IWDBIASWORKSHOP> Or <https://www.facebook.com/ywcase ma/>

For questions, please contact Raelyn at [rmonteiro@ywcasema.org](mailto:rmonteiro@ywcasema.org) or 508-999-3255



## Play

Rhode Island's oldest community theater, The Community Players, presents *A Tree Falls in Brookline* by local Rhode Island award-winning playwright David Christner from February 18–27, 2022. This comedic play tells the story of Cormac "Mac" McIntyre, a largely unproduced and unrecognized playwright whose work is beginning to get some recognition abroad, when a tree falls in Brookline, leaving him with a traumatic brain injury and only a shadowy recollection of his past. Could the key to his recovery be through the characters he created in his plays? Does every character he created represent some aspect of his persona, which could help him piece together his fragmented memory? Mac's roller-coaster ride through his tumultuous past to discover who he is in the present is a trip you'll not soon forget.

Memberships and individual tickets can be purchased online at [www.thecommunityplayers.org](http://www.thecommunityplayers.org). Visa and Mastercard accepted. Individual tickets may be reserved by calling (401) 726-6860.

## At Mattapoisett Museum

The following events are at the Mattapoisett Museum, 5 Church St, Mattapoisett, MA 02739; [director@mattapoisettmuseum.org](mailto:director@mattapoisettmuseum.org); 508-758-2844

### Open Mic

February 18, 6:00 pm - Southcoast Lessons presents Open Mic Night - The mic is yours! All ages and all genres welcome - sing a song, play an instrument, read your favorite poem, tell a story, and enjoy what your community has to offer. FREE

### Fiddle Session

February 27, 1:00 pm - Southcoast Lessons presents Old Time Fiddle Session - Join us for a gathering of traditional string band musicians and music lovers. Bring an instrument if you play, a seat if you've got one you love, and yourself whether you play and own seating or not!

All events are free but donations are always appreciated. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Contact Mattapoisett Museum at [info@mattapoisettmuseum.org](mailto:info@mattapoisettmuseum.org) or Jeff Angeley at [southcoastlessons@gmail.com](mailto:southcoastlessons@gmail.com).

com for more information.

## History of Lees Mkt

A History of Lees Market presented by Al Lees III, 2 PM Saturday February 19, 2022 (presented via Zoom)

For 70 or so years, Lees Market has carved out a unique place within the town of Westport and surrounding communities. Part grocery store, liquor store, employer to thousands, and unofficial "town center" (among other things), this fixture in our community has a story to tell ... a story that is worth telling. For the story of Lees Market is really a reflection of our town and its changes over more than seven decades.

Join us to hear Al Lees, former owner of the market and current WHS President, speak about the evolution of an 800 square foot general merchandise store to an over 50,000 square foot building that contains not only food and adult beverages but more importantly memories for so many of us for so many years.

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## Satirical Play

As part of its annual Student Repertory Theater Festival, Bridgewater State University's Department of Theater presents *Sensitive Guys* by MJ Kaufman. Set at a liberal arts university in the northeast, this satire takes aim at student support groups and their well-intentioned missteps to improve the world. *Sensitive Guys* performs Wednesday, February 23 at 8pm; Friday, February 25th at 8pm; and Saturday, February 26, at 2pm. All performances are held on the BSU campus in the Rondileau Student Union Auditorium at 19 Park Ave in Bridgewater. Tickets are available online at [www.BSUtix.com](http://www.BSUtix.com) and at the door while supplies last.

Contact the BSU box office at [boxoffice@bridgew.edu](mailto:boxoffice@bridgew.edu) for further information.

*Sensitive Guys* chronicles a Women's Survivor Support Group and a Men's Peer Education Group, played by an all-female and non-binary cast as they lampoon university bureaucracy, masculinity, and the idealistic zeal of Gen-Z. Conflict erupts between the groups when they naively attempt to eradicate all sexual

violence everywhere within five years. The relationships, individuals, and ideologies comprising them grow complex, personal, and intertwined.

The cast and crew of *Sensitive Guys* consist of students from all corners of the Commonwealth and beyond

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## Singers Wanted

It's not too late to join in! Sing the winter blues away.

Rehearsals began Feb. 7 for the Sippican Choral Society's springtime "Mostly Mozart" concert, but dropping in a week late is not a problem. Everyone is invited—with proof of vaccination.

"Everybody can sing with us," said SCS President Mike Chaplain. "Rehearsals start at 7:30 pm every Monday, at the St. Anthony's Catholic Church at 26 Hammond Street in Mattapoisett."

The group wants to re-recruit all the members who understandably chose to "duck and cover" as a result of pandemic restrictions, as well as newcomers—as many as possible.

This will be the Sippican Choral Society's 58th year of making music. It draws its members from towns all over the South Coast of Mass.

To protect everyone involved, the group's rehearsals are limited to 45 minutes, masked, in a large, well ventilated church with room for everyone to keep their distance, Chaplain said.

The Sippican Choral Society is a volunteer organization, with a professional music director who can help all singers to develop their skills. You do not have to read music.

Proof of vaccination will be required at the door, and masks are essential. Specialized "singing masks" are available.

# Recipe of the Week

## Gazpacho Soup\*

- 1 1/2 pounds vine-ripened tomatoes, peeled, seeded and chopped
- Tomato juice
- 1 cup cucumber, peeled, seeded and chopped
- 1/2 cup chopped red bell pepper
- 1/2 cup chopped red onion
- 1 small jalapeno, seeded and minced
- 1 medium garlic clove, minced
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 lime, juiced
- 2 teaspoons balsamic vinegar
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon toasted, ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 tablespoons fresh basil leaves, chiffonade

Fill a 6-quart pot halfway full of water, set over high heat and bring to a boil.

Make an X with a paring knife on the bottom of the tomatoes. Drop the tomatoes into the boiling water for 15 seconds, remove and transfer to an ice bath and allow to cool until able to handle, approximately 1 minute. Remove and pat dry. Peel, core and seed the tomatoes. When seeding the tomatoes, place the seeds and pulp into a fine mesh strainer set over a bowl in order to catch the juice. Press as much of the juice through as possible and then add enough bottled tomato juice to bring the total to 1 cup.

Place the tomatoes and juice into a large mixing bowl. Add the cucumber, bell pepper, red onion, jalapeno, garlic clove, olive oil, lime juice, balsamic vinegar, Worcestershire, cumin, salt and pepper and stir to combine. Transfer 1 1/2 cups of the mixture to a blender and puree for 15 to 20 seconds on high speed. Return the pureed mixture to the bowl and stir to combine. Cover and chill for 2 hours and up to overnight. Serve with chiffonade of basil.

\*Not Gestapo.

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

# Dear Frankie



## Can Someone Be Too Healthy?

Dear Frankie, I'm concerned that my mom is too focused on my health. Once a month, she gives me pills to prevent heartworm and fleas

and ticks. I'm OK with that; no one wants to have a heart attack or Lyme Disease.

She also gives me a medicine chew once a day for my hips and joints. I won't eat the chew unless it is smothered in peanut butter. My mom thinks she is fooling me, but whatever, the point is I get a daily peanut butter snack.

She cooks my food because she says you can't trust the dog food companies. Every time there is a recall notice because of a toxic ingredient, she posts it on Facebook. She wants to make sure her friends, see what she has been telling them all along. My food is cooked once a week and divided into 14 meals. She insists that two meals a day are necessary for my digestion.

A typical meal is organic ground chicken cooked in organic bone broth, mixed with salt (dogs also need sodium), a powdered vitamin supplement, and fresh green beans.

When it comes to exercise, she is a fanatic. She sends me four days a week to doggie day care for strength training and yoga classes. In addition, she walks me three times a day for nature calls and fresh air.

I won't go into the monthly grooming appointments or the semi-annual physicals where I get a dental exam and cleaning.

Don't you agree that this focus on health is a bit overkill?

Marcia

Dear Marcia,

I agree; the two pills are essential. What's your beef otherwise?

Delicious home-cooked meals twice a day sound like heaven to me. It sure beats food poisoning.

Maybe grooming every six weeks would be more appropriate. If you have hair instead of fur, grooming goes with the territory. Nothing worse than a dog with matted and dirty hair.

If it's the exercise that gets you, what's so bad? In your golden years, you can look back and remember when you looked like a Greek Goddess.

I do think having your teeth cleaned twice a year is a little over the top. Anesthesia shouldn't be taken lightly and should be avoided whenever possible. Maybe it's time for a new vet. Be sure to growl, whimper, shiver, and whine when you see your vet at your next appointment. Maybe your mom will get the hint.

Best, Frankie

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# BPW discusses Pickleball and BMX

By Mary Chasse

## Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Monday 2/7 the Fairhaven Board of Public Works discussed the location of the new Pickleball Courts and BMX track. The board also discussed beach permits for this upcoming summer.

The board first met with Community Preservation Committee member Gary Lavalette about the new Pickleball courts and BMX track. Mr. Lavalette informed the board he was not there representing the CPC, he was there representing himself.

He said he was in favor of both projects, but that one issue is the cost of the projects. Mr. Lavalette said the CPC used \$200,000 for the skate park. Th Pickleball courts are supposed to cost \$240,000, and the BMX track is supposed to cost \$150,000.

He said the other issue is using up more green space. He said the Select Board is currently voting on reactivating the [Open] Space Committee.

Mr. Lavalette said that he thinks condensing some of the activities could help, such as combining the

BMX track with the skate park and combining the use of the hockey rink and the pickleball courts.

He said that the people that use the rink do not skate, they play hockey on foot, so possibly the pickleball courts could be used for hockey as well. He said combining the activities would save space and money.

Mr. Lavalette also said the rink is in tough shape, and is not used that much. He claimed that if they combine activities they could save \$150,000. The CPC budget is \$651,000, according to Mr. Lavalette.

BPW Superintendent Vinnie Furtado said the BPW could help save money, by helping with demolition for the projects.

BPW Chairperson Brian Wotton asked where the \$650,000 budget would go if the pickleball and BMX projects weren't there.

Mr. Lavalette said the money can be saved for other years or they could buy property.

Mr. Wotton asked what properties the CPC would buy and what would

they be used for.

Mr. Lavalette said they could possibly buy waterfront property for people to use boats or canoes, etc.

Mr. Wotton said that there are plenty of waterfront properties. He said he just did not see the point in taking money from one activity to give to another.

He also noted that more than 400 residents in town are part of the pickleball group.

Mr. Lavalette agreed and said that the pickleball group is continuing to grow. He explained that if the rink and pickleball courts could also be an area for hockey, they would save a lot of money and if they combined the skate park with the BMX track they could save even more money.

Mr. Lavalette said it cuts the cost, but would still allow all the residents to get what they want.

Mr. Wotton asked Mr. Lavalette where CPC gets their money.

Mr. Lavalette said the money is formulated from taxes and the state matches [some] of the money.

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## Latest snowfall is a pretty nuisance



The region saw another snowstorm this week, with snow starting to fall after midnight on Saturday and continuing all day Sunday, with brief periods of reprieve. The light snow took a long time to accumulate, ending with just 3-4 inches. Snow continued all night Sunday to early morning on Monday, when frigid temperatures took hold. The single digits, combined with wind chills brought some places below zero on Monday, 2/14/22. Roads were treacherous, but plows were able to clear it a lot easier than the blizzard snow, which reached 18 inches in some places. The forecast shows several warm days that should completely melt the snow, with temps getting into the 40s this week. Those warm temps will also bring some heavy rain and wind, maybe even thunderstorms. The weekend should be sunny and warm at about 40 degrees. Visit [westislandweather.com](http://westislandweather.com) for weather info. ABOVE: The Bike Path at Shaw Road shows some pavement after a small snowstorm dropped just a few inches on Fairhaven, followed by frigid temperatures in the single digits on Monday, 2/14/22. BELOW: The Fishing Vessel Raaileen Michelle passes by the snowcapped rocks of the Hurricane Barrier as it passes through the gates to Fairhaven-New Bedford Harbor on Monday, 2/14/22, after a snowstorm dropped 3-4 inches on the region and temperatures dropped into the single digits.





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believe and trust their government, she said. because “ultimately, at town meeting, you’re asking for their vote.”

She said it is important for all public information to be readily available, with as much as possible being easy to access on the website.

The board also asked about an article in the Telegram and Gazette about her departure from a “rocky tenure” in Uxbridge, where she was town manager.

“It wasn’t a good fit,” said Ms. Ellison.

She explained that she found some financial discrepancies with the town accountant. Ultimately, he was charged with embezzlement in two towns. She did not tell her board, she said, so as not to compromise the Attorney General’s investigation. That, she said, was a mistake.

“It was my mistake,” said Ms. Ellison.

When the board members found out, “our trust was broken.”

“I learned from the experience,” she said, adding that it is unfortunate she chose a field where, “when you make a mistake, it becomes Google-able.”

“I own it,” she said.

And now her model is lots of communication.

“I’ll give everybody any information you want and I can’t own what you do with that information,” said Ms. Ellison.



TOP: Angelina “Angie” Lopes Ellison gestures as she responds to a question during her interview for the Town Administrator job in Fairhaven on 2/10/22, when she was offered the job by the Select Board. ABOVE: Ms. Ellison shares a laugh with the board during her interview. Photos by Beth David.

As for dealing with contentious situations with the public, Ms. Ellison gave an example of how she de-escalated a situation that was on track to having the police called. A resident was extremely upset about her tax bill. Ms. Ellison made sure someone explained how the process works and why her taxes went up.

“You’ve got to meet people where they are,” said Ms. Ellison, and not assume to know what they are going through.

She said she returns every call or email she gets, even though it may not be the answer they want.

“But I make sure that people are at least heard,” she said.

As for how to deal with conflict, Ms. Ellison said that conflict is a good thing because it actually helps people develop and grow.

“Conflict resolution is something I constantly do,” said Ms. Ellison. “I believe that I’m level headed.”

She said she understood that most people on various boards live in town, they know each other, they have a history. Sometimes that history is not known to government officials or employees.

Other topics included Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI); climate change; and the Board of Public Works being independent from the TA.

When asked why she wanted to come to Fairhaven, Ms. Ellison said she sent to school in Dartmouth and has family in New Bedford. She is



familiar with the community, and sees a lot of positives as well as challenges.

She said she recognizes we have an aging population, and wants to find ways to keep young people here.

The board deliberated in open session while Ms. Ellison stepped out.

Ms. Powers said she loved Ms. Ellison’s approach, and believed she has the ability to bring the town together. She was well-informed and “did her homework,” said Ms. Powers.

She was confident, she said that if Ms. Ellison does not know something, she will find out.

Mr. Silvia said she was very knowledgeable, and rose to the top three out of 39.

“I don’t think you can go wrong,” said Mr. Silvia.

Mr. Espindola said he was impressed that she actually watched the whole goals and objectives meeting.

“She has a nice, diverse background,” said Mr. Espindola, and noted she has a working knowledge of five languages (English, Cape Verdean Creole, Portuguese, Spanish, and French).

The board voted unanimously to offer her the position. In a followup interview the next day, Ms. Ellison said she was, indeed, still interested.

She and the board will need to negotiate the terms of the contract. She can start in about a month’s time, she said.

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## Fairhaven Council on Aging

### Grief Meeting Virtual

Adult Grief Education and Support Group Thursdays Feb. 17, 24 and March 3, 10, 17, 2:30-4:00 pm. To register contact email-info@communitynurse or call 508-992-6278.

### Weather Cancellations

If we have any amount of snow accumulation, there will be no shopping that day and activities may be canceled. Call the Senior Center 508-979-4029 to confirm. So please stock up on non-perishable food items.

### Financial Help

Financial Help might be available if you are a woman over 70 years old,

live in Fairhaven, live alone, have unpaid bills due to low income. Call the Senior Center, 508-979-4029 if you meet these criteria and ask for Lucille. All information is confidential.

### Computer Classes

Next Series of Computer Technology Classes starting February 7-April 22, 2022. To sign up please call the Fairhaven Senior Center, 508-979-4029. Classes are open for Fairhaven and Acushnet Residents

### Tax Return Preparation

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# Acushnet News

## Acushnet Residents COVID Testing

Covid Testing will be held every Saturday, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Acushnet Senior Center/Council on Aging, 59 1/2 So. Main Street. Open to Acushnet residents only. Proof of residence will be required.

### From the Fire Chief

*From the Acushnet Fire-EMS Facebook Page*

The first 10 days of January we tested 797 people with 148 being positive (18.5%). The first 10 days of February we have tested 113 people with only 8 being positive (less than 1%).

Reminder – the first few days of January testing was open to all. It has since been limited to Acushnet residents only. But still....good news!

On Tuesday, 2/8, 34 people were tested with no positive results. This is the first time in “forever,” according to the FB page.

### From the School Dept.

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parking allowed north side of street running east and west and parking allowed on west side of streets running north and south. Violators subject to being towed away at owner's expense. (Authority, Article 17, March 11, 1970 Annual Town Meeting, which adopted Chapter 40, Section 22D of the General Laws.) Parking restriction is from January 1, 2022 to April 15, 2022.

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## From our readers

### Support Powers For Re-Election

The move to a five-member Select Board gives Fairhaven an incredible opportunity for forward movement, and we are all pretty jazzed about our choices in a race that is really starting to heat up. We get to choose THREE! Such richness.

Which brings me to my point: I submit that we should all consider choosing just TWO new members for the Select Board. We made a choice just last summer to send Stasia Powers to Town Hall. She has really only just begun to show us what she can do. I firmly believe we should give her a chance to advance our town as a member of this board.

Like many, I am deeply appreciative of the work that the three individuals at that historic Town Hall table have been able to come together on. Where once was discord, we now watch this positive three-way relationship unfold productively. It doesn't happen without active discussion, and Ms. Powers is no "yes woman" or shrinking violet. She is not shy about bringing her ideas and opinions forward respectfully and helpfully, encouraging discourse and progress. As these three have worked together, a solid foundation for the addition of two new members from our strong cohort of candidates has been built.

We are all relieved that there is light at the end of the Town

Administrator Hiring Process Tunnel. My spirit leapt when Ms. Powers firmly stated that there was no reason to delay the process any further, and it was time to interview the fully qualified candidate without waiting for more options. Outside this hottest of topics, Ms. Powers is clearly committed to Fairhaven's advancement, thoughtfully setting goals with her colleagues and taking steps toward their implementation.

The work of the past seven months has been blessedly quiet, but if you'll forgive the pun, it has also powered us toward our brightest future. Let's stay the course even as we widen the road. Please vote Stasia Powers for Select Board on April 3.

*Anne Morton Smith, Fairhaven*

## Heidi Hacking announces bid for Board of Health

Dear Members of the Fairhaven Community,

My name is Heidi Hacking and I am excited to announce my candidacy for the Board of Health. I am a lifelong resident of Fairhaven with more than 30 years of experience as a registered nurse and currently work for Southcoast Hospitals Group as a Risk Manager.

I have been a member of numerous community groups and now is a good time to offer my knowledge and skills to the town in a different capacity.

My philosophy has always been to move forward and give back. As our town government is evolving to better serve our residents, I believe I can contribute.

As a registered nurse, I've practiced in a variety of settings including acute care, chronic care, quality and management. My healthcare background offers diversity to the board and can lend a fresh perspective. At Southcoast, in my current role, I work to identify risk and I have oversight in creating policy and assuring its implementation. I have certifications in many quality improvement methods, some of which use statistical analysis to help reduce variation and waste while promoting standardization.

In my roles as both a nurse and a healthcare administrator I have interacted with the general public, colleagues and patients with immediate critical needs and I am dedicated to treating all people with

both courtesy and respect.

As a board member, I realize I will be serving the people of Fairhaven. While we may not always agree, we can be respectful in our disagreements. This is imperative, as without respect there is no prospect of achieving success.

My original motivation to join the Board of Health was to be of service to my community during a pandemic, but there is so much more I can offer. My critical thinking skills, leadership ability and common sense are valuable not only during this deeply stressful time, but as we move forward toward normalcy — or a new normal.

I've taken the time to delve deeper into the world of "public health" and all it encompasses. I've discovered it goes beyond sewer inspections and COVID. The foundation of Public Health is in maintaining current policies on domestic animals, sewer, sanitation, food service, nuisances and contagious disease.

In looking over the past year of minutes from the current BOH I can see that these topics are important as they have strong impact on people's lives. The minutes of the meetings also identify areas for improvement and I believe the BOH can do more in protecting the public. COVID may be front and center now, but let's talk about tick and mosquito borne diseases, mental health issues in the community, the opioid crisis and supporting our colleagues to assure

clean drinking water. Most important, let's talk about what concerns you and your families.

Finally, I am committed to collaboration. As Fairhaven moves forward, we need to learn to work better together, as a team. Each team player may have their assignment — be it offense, defense, or special teams — but they must work together to win the game. Similarly, the departments and boards of Fairhaven need to work collaboratively and not in silos. Working together we can help the community we serve thrive.

If elected to the BOH, I will help the community explore and implement ways to prepare for problems, protect against disease and provide education.

I look forward to earning your vote on Monday April 4, 2022.

If you would like to learn more about me or be in touch, please follow me on my campaign Facebook page: Heidi Hacking for Fairhaven Board of Health

Thank you

*Heidi Hacking  
BSN, MA, MS, CPHQ, Risk Manager  
Candidate for the Fairhaven Board of Health*

### Have an opinion to share?

Send by email to [NeighbNews@comcast.net](mailto:NeighbNews@comcast.net) (preferred) or 166 Dogwood St., Fairhaven, MA 02719.

# February is Black History Month

*Third in a series for the month of February*

February is Black History month, an annual celebration of the achievements of African Americans. The 2022 theme is Black Health and Wellness, to explore the legacy of Black scholars in Western medicine and the traditional healing arts. Black History Month began in 1915, by the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, now the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH). Visit <https://asalh.org>

The organization is holding a virtual festival all month long, with workshops and seminars, author events, the announcement of the ASALH Book Prize, and more.

Most major networks will run special programming for Black History Month.

Learn more about these prominent African Americans and places of significance at the links provided.

Many of these came from <https://www.stagesoffreedom.org>.

## **Black RI Literature**

Presentation on Black Rhode Island Literature and the African American Free Press.

*Disappearing Ink: Rhode Island Black Literature & The Black Press in Rhode Island* A Conversation with Robb Dimmick and Ray Rickman on Stages of Freedom's Latest Project Broadcasted via Crowdcast February on 9, 2022

In this illustrated event we shared our new online Black Rhode Island bibliography and forthcoming project on the Black Press in Rhode Island.

Watch for free at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SOUJVNlfqro>

## **RI Author**

After graduating at the top of his class from Classical High School, Rudolph Fisher (1897-1934) attended Brown University, where he gave the commencement oration for the Class of 1919 upon completion of a dual major in Biology and English.

A career in medicine and writing made him one of the pioneers in the use of radiation (exposure to which sadly took his life) and earned him a reputation as one of the Harlem Renaissance's wittiest writers and the inventor of the Black detective novel.

Visit <https://news.brown.edu/articles/2011/02/fisher>

## **Master Juba: Inventor of Tap Dancing**

Charles Dickens called him the "greatest dancer known."

Master Juba's real name was William Henry Lane. He was a free black man in RI in 1825. He played banjo and tambourine in minstrel shows. He was the first black performer to get top billing over a white performer in a minstrel show.

Visit <https://masterjuba.com>

## **Fritz Pollard: A Founding Father of the NFL**

Playing for Brown University in 1915, he faced death threats and other abuse because he was not white.

His team at Brown did what they could to protect him and stand by him, once threatening to leave a hotel that would not let him stay. The hotel relented.

Pollard was the first Black player in Rose Bowl history, not the only barrier he broke. He signed on with the Akron Pros in 1920, "the inaugural season of the American Professional Football Association, the forerunner of the NFL," according to the WBUR link below.

Visit <https://www.wbur.org/onlyagame/2018/01/12/fritz-pollard-football>

## **Dr. Moddie Daniel Taylor**

He worked as an associate chemist for the Manhattan Project. He received a Certificate of Merit from the Secretary of War.

He served as a professor of chemistry; published chemistry book; and was recognized as one of the top six chemistry professors.

Visit <https://prabook.com/web/moddie.taylor/3755018>

## **Rabbi Heschel**

Rabbi Heschel became friends with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., at a conference in 1963, where Rabbi Heschel gave a famous speech.

Read the speech at <https://www.blackpast.org/african-american-history/1963-rabbi-abraham-joshua-heschel-religion-and-race/>

## **CeCe Winans**

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## **Bishop Marvin Sapp Gospel Singer**

A preacher who is a "Passionate orator and biblical teacher," according to his website (below). He is the Co-Founder of the Lighthouse Full Life Center Church in Grand Rapids, Mich. He oversees more than 100 churches in his role as Bishop. He is a multiplatinum selling artist with 13 Grammy nominations, 24 Stellar Awards, and many other awards.

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## **Wiregrass**

### **Sacred Harp Singers**

According to the link below: "African American Sacred Harp singing conventions in southeastern Alabama began near the last third of the 19th century. While singing, for the most part, the same repertory of Sacred Harp music as their Anglo American counterparts, a vocal stylistic difference is clearly apparent."

Visit <https://www.singers.com/group/Wiregrass-Sacred-Harp-Singers/>

### **Black Gospel Greats**

The roots of Black Gospel music trace back to the spirituals sung by slaves. Slaves were not allowed to speak their native languages, or read or write. Spirituals were a way to communicate information.

Learn more at <https://sanantonioreport.org/nothing-but-love-the-significance-of-black-gospel-music/>

## **James Forten Sailmaker**

Born in 1766, James Forten was the grandson of slaves. He became a wealthy businessman in Philadelphia, PA as owner of a sailmaking business. He used supported temperance, women's suffrage, and equal rights for African Americans. He was a leader in organizing a petition to free all slaves in the US in 1800.

Learn more at <https://www.blackpast.org/african-american-history/forten-james-1766-1842/>

## **Warren Brown Cupcake Crusader**

A former educator and lawyer, Warren Brown is a baker, chef, author, host, entrepreneur...and more. See <http://cakelove.com> and <https://cupcakecrusaders.com/tag/warren-brown/>

# BPW: cont'd from page 11

Board member Marcus Ferro said that with combining all the activities his concern was with all of them being at Livesey Park. Mr. Ferro said he loved that the BMX track is at Macomber Park because that park does not get utilized. The track brings people to the park. Mr. Ferro also said having all the activities at Livesey Park could cause issues with parking, traffic, and space.

Vice-Chairperson Robert "Hoppy" Hobson agreed with Mr. Ferro, saying it was too much for one park. Mr. Hobson said it makes more sense to use other parks that are less used.

Mr. Furtado said they would be discussing the issue more at the upcoming CPC meeting and see what the committee, as well as the pickleball and BMX groups think.

In another matter the board discussed Town Beach permits for this summer. Mr. Lavalette suggested to the board that this year maybe they should put aside 150-200 beach passes for out of town beachgoers in neighboring communities like they used to do before COVID. He said opening it up to other towns will help increase revenue.

Mr. Wotton, but Mr. Hobson did not. He said he did not think it was fair that on a busy holiday weekend, when it is full to capacity, that out of towners could get into the beach over town residents.

Mr. Ferro said the beach used to be open to the rest of the SouthCoast.

Board member Steve Riley asked about doing a daily beach pass.

Mr. Furtado said they did do daily passes before COVID, but they stopped doing that because they did not want the young parking attendants to have to deal with handling money.

Mr. Furtado said before COVID they also sold season passes to non-residents for \$100 for the season.

Board member Cameron Durant said he also liked the idea of selling passes to other towns. Mr. Durant suggested charging out of towners \$150 for a season pass. He asked Mr. Lavalette what he thought the capacity was for cars at Town Beach.

Mr. Lavalette said they could fit about 240-260 cars. The most cars they ever had last year was around 220 cars. The lot was never at capacity.

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The Tree Warden  
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to a three-hour class that  
he's now God's greatest  
gift to trees [BPW chair  
Brian Wotton]

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Mr. Wotton said he would like to sell 100 out of town season passes for \$150 a pass.

Mr. Hobson suggested they only sell 50 out of town passes.

Mr. Wotton noted that they sold 1400 passes last year and never hit capacity.

Mr. Ferro made a motion to sell 100 out of town season passes at \$150 a pass and to keep regular fee structure the same.

The motion passed with Mr. Hobson voting "no."

The board also discussed a letter from the Tree Warden. Mr. Furtado said he received an email from Tree Warden Don Collasius asking if the board would allow him to remove/prune trees in the park.

Mr. Wotton said the BPW has never had to do anything with the trees in the parks until this Tree Warden. He said all previous Tree Wardens maintained the trees in parks because they are town trees, but this Tree Warden says park trees are not town trees anymore.

Mr. Wotton said he saw the Tree Warden's nice letter in the *Fairhaven Neighborhood News*. He said the BPW is putting in article on the town meeting warrant to make the Tree Warden an appointed position, so that the Select Board can choose someone qualified.

"The Tree Warden thinks because he went to a three-hour class that he's now God's greatest gift to trees," Mr. Wotton said. "And he doesn't do crap...he hired Eversource to cut down trees and calls us butchers when he cut 100 trees in town without talking to anyone."

Mr. Furtado said for as long as he has been here all the Tree Wardens have always taken care of all trees no matter where they were. Mr. Furtado said that the Massachusetts general law does say that the BPW is responsible for park trees, and the Tree Warden is responsible for trees in the public way.

Mr. Furtado said regardless, the Tree Warden is just asking for permission to take care of some park trees.

The board voted unanimously to allow the Tree Warden to prune any trees in the parks.

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## Fairhaven Planning Board NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 6:30 pm Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday March 8, 2022, in Fairhaven for two public hearings. The Planning Board Meeting and public hearings will be conducted both live and remotely and will be televised on Fairhaven TV Channel 18 and [fairhaventv.com](http://fairhaventv.com).

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or Telephone 1-929-205-6099; Meeting ID: 931 6335 8101; Password: 740257

- The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following Special Permit application: **SP 2022-01 – 128 Huttleston Car Wash.** The applicant, Team Ventures Two, LLC (DBA Wash Ashore Car Wash), is requesting approval through the Special Permit public hearing review process for a proposal to redevelop the site with a new car wash and automobile detailing facility, including associated parking, access drives, vacuum stations, landscaping, stormwater measures and utility infrastructure at 128 Huttleston Avenue (Map 25 Lots 240C and 243 – 1.55 acres).
- The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following Special Permit application: **SP 2022-02 – A&A Car Sales Expansion.** The applicant, SAKO Properties, Inc. (DBA A&A Auto), represented by Doug Schneider of Schneider, Davignon & Leone Inc., is requesting approval through the Special Permit public hearing review process for a proposal to convert the existing building on the site into a sales office for the Used Car sales and to utilize the existing paved parking and gravel parking areas for display and storage of vehicles for sale at 200

Huttleston Avenue (Map 30A Lots 82 and 85 – 0.57 acre).

Copies of the applications are on file for public review at the Planning Board Office, Town Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and all information is accessible at the Planning Board webpage: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/planning-board>  
To schedule an appointment to review the application call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4023, Ext. 123.

John Farrell Jr., Chairman of the Planning Board  
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## Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.  
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Meeting ID: 941 1513 7952  
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- REF#: ZBA-2022-022: 184 Balsam Street. Applicant & Owner: Robert and Karen Sullivan. Applicant seeks a Variance to construct a dock greater than 75 feet in length due to shallowness of docking area pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-32.2(3)(a). **Continued from December 2, 2021.**
- REF#: ZBA-022-023: 2 Elliot Lane, Map 12, Lots 196-198. Applicant & Owner Sandra Gifford. Applicant seeks a Special Permit under the Fairhaven Bylaw 198-16, to construct a two-floor addition, for the purpose of an in-law suite of approximately 1,400 square feet. **Continued from December 2, 2021.**
- REF# ZBA-2022-002: 10 Littleneck Road, Map 43A, Lot 86 & 87. Applicant and owner: Paul Federico.

Applicant seeks a finding from the Board under MGL 40A, Section 6 for the expansion of a nonconforming use by 297 square feet and that the alteration is not more substantially detrimental than the existing nonconforming use to the neighborhood. **Continued from February 1, 2022.**

- REF# ZBA-2022-004: 27 Charity Steven Lane, Map 40, Lot 15. Applicant: Timothy Bachand. Owner: Scott & Deidre Monize. Applicant seeks a Variance from the Board to exceed the maximum square footage of 700 square feet for an accessory structure and construct a garage that is 36'x36' feet (1296 square feet), pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-22 A. (1).
- REF# ZBA-2022-005: 40 Sedgewick Road, Map 29B. Applicant and Owner: Henry & Pam Tilton. Applicant seeks a finding from the Board under MGL 40A, Section 6 for the expansion of a nonconforming use to finish the second floor with dormers and add a side sun deck, and that the alteration is not more substantially detrimental than the existing nonconforming use to the neighborhood.
- REF# ZBA-2022-006: 100 Center Street, Map 10, Lot 163. Applicant and Owner: Elise Tetreault. Applicant seeks (1) a finding from the Board under MGL 40A, Section 6 for the expansion of a nonconforming use by 270 square feet and that the alteration is not more substantially detrimental than the existing nonconforming use to the neighborhood and; (2) Variance from the minimum front setback of 20 feet to the 19.4 feet proposed, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18.
- REF# ZBA-2022-007: 2 Meadow Lane. Applicant and Owners: Jose & Kelly Rebelo. Map, 30B, Lot 25. Applicant seeks (1) Variance for a rear setback of 27.8 feet of the required 30 feet and; (2) Variance from the minimum side setback of 20 feet to the 17.1 feet proposed, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18.

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Saturday	19	0940	2205	0250*	1508*
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Tuesday	22	----	1210	0504*	1716*
Wednesday	23	0043	1308	0607	1818*
Thursday	24	0141	1408	0722	1929*
Friday	25	0243	1515	0838	2039
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## Upcoming Meetings

### Fairhaven

#### Board of Appeals

Tues., 3/1, Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.  
NOTE CORRECTED DATE

#### Board of Assessors

Tues., 2/15, Remote, 6 p.m.

#### Board of Public Works

Mon., 2/28, Arsene St., 6:15 p.m.

#### Conservation Commission

Mon., 3/7, Remote, 6:30

#### Finance Committee

Thurs., 2/17, Remote, 7 p.m.

#### Office Hours

Select Board member Stasia Powers:

Last Wed. of the month  
via Zoom, Noon-1 p.m.

Select Board member Bob Espindola

First Tues. of Month  
via Zoom, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Visit <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/home/news/select-board-office-hour-for-zoom-links>

#### Planning Board

Tues., 2/22, Town Hall, 4:30 p.m.

#### School Committee

Thurs., 2/17, Remote., 6:30 p.m.

Wed., 3/9, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

#### Select Board

Mon. 2/28, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

#### Sustainability Comm

Tues., 2/15, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

### Acushnet

#### Board of Assessors

Wed., 3/2, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

#### Planning Commission

Thurs., 2/17, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

#### Selectboard

Thurs., 2/17, Town Hall, 3:00 p.m.

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