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

## Let the games begin!



Political signs are dotting the landscape in Fairhaven as the election season heats up. ABOVE: Signs from two of the three contested races in the April 4 election. See story on page 3. Photo montage by Beth David.



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

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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

WOOHOO! We change the clocks this weekend. LIGHT is on the way.

It seems the temperature hasn't received the memo yet, but, it's only a matter of time.

This week's issue is jam packed with election stuff. Candidate statements from all five Select Board candidates (page 17) and both Board of Health candidates (page 16). Hopefully, we'll run a few more next week for the other races.

We've also got a bunch of letters from our readers, mostly about the various candidates (see page 22).

We even managed to sneak in some other news, too.

You'll have to run through to find it all.

The Happenings pages are really filling up, too. As spring approaches and the COVID threat diminishes, I predict a rip-roaring outdoor event season. Be sure to check back every week to find out about great stuff to do each weekend.

Meanwhile, Ukraine is still holding off one of the biggest, most well-equipped armies on the planet. The Ukrainians are begging for help, but so many things limit our participation. Gas and oil prices are skyrocketing. But that's the greed of the big companies, so let's stop blaming anyone else, okay? And if one more person says "turn on" that stupid pipeline, I might pull my hair out. 1) The pipeline was never "on." It was never completed, so there's nothing to turn on. 2) Pipelines don't produce oil. They just carry it from one place to another. In this case from Canada to Mexico. We get none of it. 3) The Canadians have assured us that every drop is getting to customers just fine over land.

As for gas prices. Hah...it's private enterprise, folks, maximizing profits. I thought you all believed in government getting out of the way of business. Make up your minds.

Meanwhile, the Ukrainians are giving us all a lesson in the price of freedom, how precious it is, and how important it is to fight for it.

*Glory to Ukraine!  
Glory to the heroes!*



Beth David, Publisher

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## Countdown to DST

Only 3 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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# Election update: Let the games begin

By Beth David  
Editor

The Fairhaven election is less than a month away, and the campaigning is in full force.

John Farrell dropped out of the race for Select Board last Wednesday, 3/2, the last day to withdraw.

That leaves five candidates are running for the three seats on the ballot for Select Board: incumbent Stasia Powers, who won the seat in a special election last year; Leon Correy, Cameron Durant; Cathy Melanson; Charlie Murphy.

Long time Board of Health member Peter DeTerra faces a challenge from Heidi Hacking for the one seat up for election this year.

The Planning Board also has a race, with three candidates vying for two seats: Kevin Grant, Andrew Romano, and Sharon Simmons. Both incumbents are not running for re-election.

The Board of Public Works has one seat up. 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. He has publicly announced that he is running a write-in campaign.

The rest of the ballot will have only uncontested races: School Committee incumbents Kyle Bueno and Erik Andersen will be unopposed for their seats; incumbent Barbara Acksen will be on the ballot for her seat as a Commissioner of Trust Funds, and 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.

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.

See pages 16 & 17 for candidate statements for Board of Health and Select Board.

## Where do I vote?

The Town of Fairhaven Precinct Boundary Map can be found at (<https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif3131/f/uploads/fairhaven2010.pdf>). This map will be updated with the 2020 Census Re-precincting information as soon as we receive the final approved information from the State.

- Precinct one: Town Hall, 40 Center Street
- Precincts two and three: Elizabeth Hastings Middle School, 30 School Street
- Precinct four: Fire Station Meeting Room, 146 Washington Street
- Precincts five and six, Recreation Center, 227 Huttleston Avenue

For information on registering to vote, visit <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/town-clerk/pages/voter-resources> or call the Town Clerk at (508) 979-4023 ext. 3

For more information on Fairhaven's local election, visit <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/town-clerk/pages/election-resources> or call the Town Clerk at 508-979-4023 ext. 3.

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# Select Board approves \$50k for Bridge Street site study

By Beth David  
Editor

At its meeting on 2/28, the Fairhaven Select Board approved the use of \$50,000 for a feasibility study to use the Bridge Street landfill property for a public safety facility.

Former Town Administrator Mark Rees, who is consulting for special projects for the town, said the site is enough to accommodate a public safety facility and the recycling center.

The town's current fire and police departments are in an obsolete building. Town officials have been looking for a site to relocate it for years. The main impediment, said Mr. Rees, has been finding a suitable site.

The Bridge Street property, adjacent to the animal shelter, has several advantages, he said, one being there is no need to negotiate a sale. The negative part is the landfill operation that has not been active for decades.

Mr. Rees said they used grant money from the state to conduct an analysis and it came back that the site may be a suitable site. But further study is necessary to see if any remediation of the site is necessary.

The cost of the feasibility study is \$69,000. The town can use some funds from the Route 6/240 Redevelopment Target Area grant. Mr. Rees was asking for \$50K in ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds, for the study.

Select Board chairperson Bob Espindola expressed some doubt that the site would be large enough.

Fairhaven Planning and Economic Development Director Paul Foley told the board that the site is eight acres. The first 200 feet from Bridge Street would be used for a public safety building. The recycling center can go anywhere on the site, he said. The landfill hill is not included in the eight acres.

The recycling center is currently located at Arsene Street, near the Wastewater Treatment Plant, which needs a major upgrade and expansion in the next few years. The recycling center needs to be moved to accommodate that upgrade at the site.

The town is supposed to get between four and five million dollars in ARPA funds. Mr. Rees said he will have a presentation ready for the next meeting about ARPA funds.

"We are fortunate to have ARPA funds to utilize for this," said Mr. Espindola.

The board voted unanimously to approve the funds.

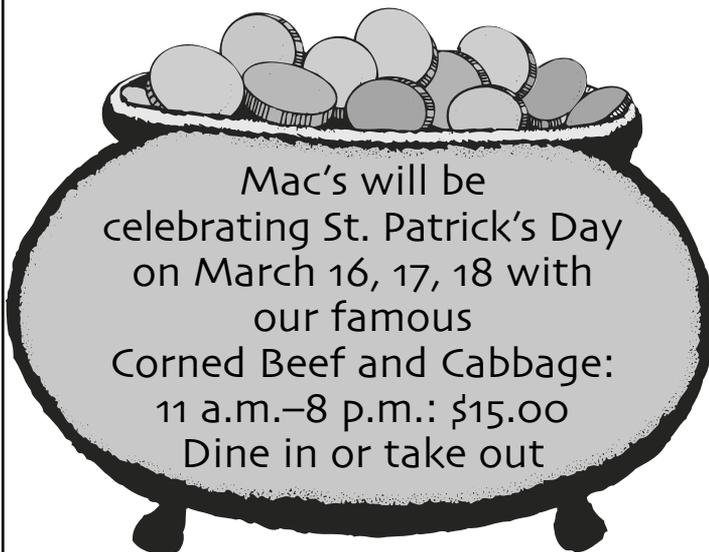
In other business, the board voted to support a statement of interest by the Conservation Agent to Mass. Emergency Management Agency to be included in their Hazard Mitigation Plan update grant.

The board also discussed general fund capital improvement projects for FY23 to FY27.

Select Board member Stasia Powers questioned the wisdom of putting 3-5% of the free cash into stabilization funds. She said departments need more for their operating budgets.

Mr. Espindola and Acting TA Wendy Graves explained that one time money should not be used for ongoing expenses. Ms. Powers still questioned the wisdom of the extra savings. Mr. Espindola then listed several long term, expensive liabilities the town is facing, such as retirement funding, the WWTP, and the safety complex. A healthy stabilization fund means the town will get favorable borrowing rates.

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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Book Group

N.Y. Times, Washington Post contributor Richard Louv and author of seven previous books is the author of "Last Child in The Woods: Saving Our Children From Nature Deficient Disorder" and is the selection for March's discussion group.

The book discusses the increasing divide between young children and nature that can lead to many childhood disorders. The author offers "effective measures to healing the divide. He also said that being in nature "stimulates creativity."

The book will be discussed at Fairhaven's Millicent library, 45 Center Street on Thursday, March 17, at 10 a.m., in the library's meeting room accessible through the Walnut Street entrance.

The discussion is free and open to the public. The book is available at the library or visit [www.millicentlibrary.org](http://www.millicentlibrary.org). Call Norma Markey at 508-993-3745.

## Candidates Night Questions Needed

The Fairhaven Government Access channel is hosting a "Meet the Candidates" night on Thursday, 3/24, at 6 p.m., Town Hall Auditorium, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven. The event will also be live on Channel 18 and on at [FairhavenTV.com](http://FairhavenTV.com)

Residents are asked to submit questions in advance to be asked anonymously to candidates. Each candidate for a particular seat will have an opportunity to answer the same question, with a rotation of who answers first.

Please submit your questions to [FairhavenTV@gmail.com](mailto:FairhavenTV@gmail.com) by **March 18**. Please specify which position the question is intended for.

## Homecoming Fair

After a two year hiatus due to Covid, the Fairhaven Improvement Association's 44th Annual Homecoming Fair is scheduled for Saturday 6/25/22. The Annual Homecoming Fair has long been Fairhaven's largest and most popular event with 175 craft and food vendors, an art show and all day live entertainment.

"We have missed our vendors, volunteers and the many town departments who help us put on the

Fair," said Barbara Acksen Chairperson of the Homecoming Fair Committee. "Most of all we have missed the community. Everyone has missed the opportunity for connection with others in a fun and joyful atmosphere. The Fair has long provided that sense of community and all of us on the Committee are excited to be working on restoring it."

Applications for the Fair are currently available at the Town Hall, the Millicent Library, and the Tourism Office. Applications are also available at <https://www.facebook.com/FairhavenImprovementAssociation/> or <http://fairhavenimprovement.org>

## Climate Talk

*Climate Change and How to Create a Better Future.* It's happening. It's happening now. The changing climate is already affecting ecosystems and communities across the globe, but it is not too late to take action.

The League of Women Voters Southcoast elected climate change as an action priority for Southcoast communities, and they aim to bring all residents up to speed on climate change and its impact by way of an educational session with guest speaker Ms. Laura Gardner, on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven.

Ms. Gardner is a local Climate Reality leader and the chair of Climate Reality Massachusetts Southcoast.

Come join Laura Gardner, and the LWVSC to learn about the local and global effects of climate change, as well as what you can do to help create a better future for the planet.

For more information contact the League @ [lwvsouthcoast@gmail.com](mailto:lwvsouthcoast@gmail.com)

## Thesis Survey

Local residents are invited to participate in a survey for a college thesis. This is a qualitative arts-based research study on the effects of socially-engaged art on the perceptions of New Bedford Harbor and the cleanup efforts (or lack thereof) by the EPA. The survey seeks information on public perceptions/knowledge about contamination in local waters/shorelines.

This is not a formal, published theses, but will still be used towards the student's degree.

Find the survey at this link, or use the QR code: <https://forms.gle/sZKy3AqCnvXNwB57> Heather Martin, Fairhaven

## Scholarship App

Awarded by the Fairhaven Historical Society annually, The Enrique Goytizolo Scholarship recognizes a Fairhaven-resident graduating high school senior planning to pursue post-secondary education at an accredited institution of higher learning. The scholarship is given in honor of Enrique Goytizolo's dedication to preserving the history of the Town of Fairhaven and his vital role in leading the Fairhaven Historical Society for many years.

Open to any graduating high school senior who resides in Fairhaven and plans to matriculate to an accredited institution of higher learning in the fall. Amount: \$1,000

For further info email: [historical.societyfairhaven@gmail.com](mailto:historical.societyfairhaven@gmail.com)

## SAVE THE DATES:

### 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.

### West Island 5K

Sun., 4/24. 5K race 11:00 a.m., Kids Mile Fun Run, 10:00 a.m., 41 Causeway Rd., West Island, Fairhaven

The Fairhaven High School Cross Country program benefits from this event, run on a US Track and Field certified course. Entry fees for the 5K range from \$15 to \$25. Kids Run: \$5. For more information visit <http://westisland5k.org>, or email [westisland5k@yahoo.com](mailto:westisland5k@yahoo.com).

### 5K Walk/Run

Register now for our 5K Walk/Run on Sat., 5/7/22, at Ft. Phoenix State Reservation, Fairhaven. Registration Begins 8:00 am Race Begins 9:00 am. \$15 Registration fee includes event T-shirt. T-shirts are limited, register early.

For more info and to register, visit our website at [www.NemasketGroup.org](http://www.NemasketGroup.org) Donations Appreciated.

Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Male; 1st, 2nd & 3rd Female; Largest Team; Largest Fundraiser.

# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## Vaccination Clinics

Free, walk-up COVID-19 clinics in New Bedford offer CDC-approved booster shots, in addition to first- and second-dose vaccines and, at most locations, pediatric vaccines and boosters for teens 12-17. Please bring your vaccination card when getting a booster. Visit [vaxnb.com](http://vaxnb.com) for updated schedules of local COVID-19 vaccination and testing locations. Upcoming vaccine locations in New Bedford include:

**Fri., 3/11:** 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

**Fri., 3/11:** Immigrants' Assistance Center (58 Crapo St.) – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Pfizer, Moderna, all vaccines and boosters for those 5+; walk-ins welcome

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., 3/11:** Seven Hills at Former Fire Station 11 (754 Brock Ave.) – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Sun., 3/13:** Project Beacon at New Bedford Regional Airport (1569 Airport Road) – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Live Performance

Your Theatre Inc., presents "The Outsider," Fri., Sat., March 11, 12 at 7:30 p.m.; Sat. & Sun., March 12, 13, at 2:30 p.m., at YTI at St. Martins, 236 Rivet St. (County Street entrance), New Bedford. Tickets: General admission, \$18; Seniors and students, \$15. To make reservations, please call 508-993-0772, or email [info@yourtheatre.org](mailto:info@yourtheatre.org)

Ned Newley doesn't want to be governor. He's terrified of public speaking and his poll numbers are impressively bad. To his ever-supportive Chief of Staff, Ned seems destined to fail. Political consultant Arthur Vance sees things differently. He believes Ned might be the worst

candidate to ever run for office, unless the public is looking for the worst candidate to ever run for office. A timely and hilarious comedy that skewers politics and celebrates democracy.

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COVID protocols will be observed. Visit [www.yourtheatre.org](http://www.yourtheatre.org) for updated information

## AHA! Night

AHA! (Art, History, Architecture) provides a free platform for New Bedford's creative community to showcase their talents collectively; making arts, culture, and creative expression accessible to all. AHA! Night offers a meeting place for community partners on the 2nd Thursday of the month, when artistic expression is everywhere and open to everyone: encouraging fun, provoking thought and nurturing the soul. Join us and come downtown for your own AHA! moment!

### Thursday, March 10th AHA! Night Women's Work: Celebrating Women's History Month

A Free + Festive Night in Downtown New Bedford

- Live Event New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center, 38 Bethel Street *Women in the Wheelhouse*, 6:30 pm. Female captains, mates and deckhands who work on commercial fishing boats will share firsthand experience of life at sea.
- VAHA! (Virtual AHA) New Bedford Whaling Museum Local History Guild, 18 Johnny Cake Hill Virtual Event, 6:00pm: *A Closer Look at the Work of Women Throughout History*. Join the museum's Lighting the Way's Project Coordinator, Cathy Saunders, the Curator of Maritime History, Michael P. Dyer as they explore three familiar New Bedford Whaling Museum galleries through a new lens – the work of women.
- Live Event The Women's Fund Southcoast *Growing Strong Girls and Allies through Reading!* 5:00 pm A night for parents and grandparents! Join us for an evening of refreshments and receive a reading list that inspires your children to become strong allies in the movement for justice and equity. Select a book from our

library to take home!

Complete Schedule of events is online at: <https://ahanewbedford.org/events/march-aha-2022/>

## NB Mobile Tours

Just in time for spring, New Bedford Preservation Society (NBPS) has created New Bedford Pathways, free mobile tours of the city's historic neighborhoods. These tours reflect the scholarship undertaken by the past and present NBPS Board members. For city residents and visitors these tours will give a sense of place by providing context for the role of history and architecture in the city's growth and prosperity. The tours are available on the app builder PocketSights®. Download the app on your smart phone, search for 02740 and scroll down to "New Bedford Pathways", then get walking! There may also be taken virtually.

**New Bedford — More than Colonials** Most of the homes on this walking tour are the result of enormous growth in manufacturing, transportation, and commerce in New Bedford from 1850 to 1900. The homes which grew up along these quiet residential ways are characteristic of the diverse architectural styles of New Bedford.

**Old Bedford Village** The area bounded by the Acushnet River, Union, and County Streets forms part of the original tract of land, which in 1760 defined what would become the city of New Bedford. The homes in this area built by whaling captains, who had become international merchants, still line the streets of New Bedford. New Bedford also attracted formerly enslaved men and women seeking freedom being a stop in the Underground Railroad and the presence of the Anti-Slavery Society.

**Downtown New Bedford** This tour describes the development of the Central New Bedford Business District and the subsequent urban renewal of the historic buildings. The Central New Bedford Historic District possesses many buildings of architectural significance reflecting the wealth and prosperity of the thriving textile industry in New Bedford at the turn of the 20th century.

**The Historic Waterfront** This tour

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# March is Massachusetts Maple Month

*From press release materials*

Governor Charlie Baker has declared March as Massachusetts Maple Month in the Commonwealth, and in celebration of this declaration, Mass. Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) Commissioner John Lebeaux, state and local officials, and representatives from the Massachusetts Maple Producers Association visited Grand Maple Farms in New Braintree, MA to raise awareness of the state's many maple producers and to encourage residents to purchase locally-produced maple products. The visit to Grand Maple Farms included a tour of their facility along with a ceremonial tapping of a maple tree to commemorate the start of the sugaring season. Owners Justin and Paul Schur began their business with 23 taps in 2011, which has now grown to over 900 taps including sugar maple and red maple trees.

In the past six years, the Baker-Polito Administration, through MDAR, has awarded \$341,785 in Agricultural Energy grants to maple producers throughout the state.

These grants have been used to offset the costs of installing updated, environmentally friendly equipment, including high efficiency evaporators, heat recovery and reverse osmosis equipment.

"Maple syrup is a delicious local product that is part of our agricultural heritage in Massachusetts and maple sugar producers are true stewards of our land, protecting over 15,000 acres of woodland," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides. "The Commonwealth's maple sugar producers have also been pioneers and innovators, adopting cutting-edge energy efficient and environmentally-friendly technologies for harvesting and managing their

maple groves."

"As we shake off another winter season and as residents are eager to venture out, I can't think of a better way to usher in a new growing season than to bring the family out to a local sugarhouse this month for a pancake breakfast complete with some freshly produced local Massachusetts maple syrup," said MDAR Commissioner

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Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) Commissioner John Lebeaux, Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Undersecretary Beth Card, and state and local officials visited Grand Maple Farms in New Braintree, MA to celebrate March as Massachusetts Maple Month. *Submitted photo.*

## CAMPAIGN COCKTAILS!

**Ice House Sports Bar  
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**Saturday, March 12th  
3:00-5:00 PM**

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# March is Women's History Month: The women of NOAA

*From NOAA Press Release Materials*

Each March we celebrate a few of our science center's women scientists by highlighting them and their work.

This year we asked five of our women scientists to share what got them interested in science, why they decided to become scientists, and what advice they have for the next generation of women scientists.

First up we have Valerie Ouellet, a diadromous species scientist in our Protected Species Branch, and Michelle Passerotti, a fish biologist with our Apex Predators Program. Tune in each Monday to read the latest Women's History Month profile as well as the rest of these interviews and more profiles at: [https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/northeast-womens-history-month-series?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/northeast-womens-history-month-series?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

## Jui-Han Chang

"My journey to science was not the shortest, but it was the luckiest. I grew up in Taiwan, a small but beautiful island country about 100 miles off the coast of southeastern China. It's surrounded by spectacular oceans and full of rugged mountains. My dad is an amateur ecologist and my mom is an environmental advocate. It seemed all the cards were lined up for a career in the natural sciences, but nothing particularly inspired me until later.

"During college I went scuba diving, which was part of a swimming coach training. It was love at first sight, my first glimpse into the mystery of the ocean.

"There are many fields of science that you can pursue as a career. Find one you love and go for it. If you're unsure which field is for you, don't be afraid to try different ones. Take

classes in college. Be a volunteer. Do an internship. Or just experience different things in life. At the moment, it might seem like a waste of time or completely unrelated to science as a career. But these experiences might come into play one day, sometimes when you the least expect it. I never thought that my business degree would make me stand out from the crowd and help me get into a Ph.D. program in a completely unrelated field, but it did. And who knows, if I didn't take that dive trip, I might not have found a career in fisheries science."

Learn more at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/feature-story/womens-history-month-talking-jui-han-chang>

## Valerie Ouellet

Here is some of what Ms. Ouellet told NOAA (edited).

"I grew up on a farm in a small rural town called Padoue in Quebec, Canada. As far as I remember, I have always been interested in science. The farm provided plenty of opportunities to explore and learn.

"I became a scientist because I wanted to understand how ecosystems are changing and how this is affecting aquatic species. I strive to find solutions to reduce our negative impacts on ecosystems and play an active role in conserving aquatic species and water resources. I want people to understand how vital these resources are!

"Although there are real challenges for women in sciences, don't let that stop you. Remember there is always something to learn from a bad experience. Be bold! Go after opportunities that interest you. The worst that can happen is that it doesn't work out. You still learned something and you

can always try again!"

For more visit <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/feature-story/womens-history-month-talking-valerie-ouellet>

## Michelle Passerotti

Here is some of what Ms. Passerotti told NOAA (edited).

"I grew up in Perry, Florida...My childhood was spent snorkeling the seagrass beds of Apalachee Bay picking up bay scallops, fishing for spotted seatrout and red drum with my dad, and generally being barefoot and outside. The vast array of critters I encountered during my dips into the Gulf of Mexico piqued my interest in marine biology. By age eight I knew I wanted to be a scientist.

"I became a scientist because science, especially biology, is captivating. It's alive. It moves and breathes. We can know every foundational principle, then life adapts and we have a thousand new things to learn. I've never wanted to do anything else.

"I encourage all aspiring scientists to push aside the idea that career paths are a zero-sum game. It's not an all-or-nothing or one-size-fits-all... Especially for women, there tends to be this idea that having a family predisposes you to a certain schedule or secondary tier of choices when it comes to a career....Never discount the value of your personal skill set and experiences. I didn't start my doctoral degree until I was 36 years old with two elementary school-aged children and an active duty military husband who traveled and moved a lot."

For more visit <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/feature-story/womens-history-month-talking-michelle-passerotti>



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## Apple Pork Chops

- 3 tablespoons butter, divided
- 4 bone-in pork chops, approx. 5-6 ounces each
- 1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons apple cider, divided
- 1 tablespoon dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon fresh sage, chopped
- 3 apples, cored and thinly sliced
- salt and pepper, to taste

Preheat oven to 400°. In a large skillet, melt 1 1/2 tablespoons of butter over medium heat. Generously season the pork with salt and pepper, cooking for 6 minutes on each side, or until you achieve a deep golden brown.

Add 1/2 cup of cider to pan, place in oven for 10-15 mins. Cooking time depends on the thickness of the pork chops and your desired level of doneness. For medium-well, bake for 10 mins. For well done, bake for 15 mins.

While pork is cooking, using a separate skillet, cook the sliced apples for 5 mins. in the remaining butter over medium-high heat.

Add in the remaining 2 tablespoons of apple cider, increasing the heat to high, cooking for an additional 1-2 minutes. Season the apples with salt, to taste.

Once cooked to your desired doneness, remove the pork chops from the oven transfer to a plate.

Whisk the sage and mustard into the cider drippings, seasoning to taste with salt and pepper.

Set the apples on the plate with the pork, pouring the sauce over the top. Serve with extra sauce, if desired.

*From cookingprofessionally.com*



Brian whenever my family went out of town.

Last year he started dating a lady named Emily. Once things started getting heated up, he wasn't around as much as he had been in the past.

I missed our times together, but I was also glad he had found a special friend. Recently Brian told me that he and Emily were getting married. That's when he broke the news that I wouldn't be invited to his house anymore because Emily was allergic to dogs.

He tried to soften the blow by saying that didn't mean we still couldn't go for walks and play catch. Even if we did, it wouldn't be the same. I'm beyond sad.

*Rusty*

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# Dear Frankie

## Dumped for a Dame

*Dear Frankie,*  
For years, I have been hanging out with my neighbor Brian. He's a bachelor. He often invited me over when he came home from work and made his dinner. I also stayed with

*Dear Rusty,*

It is sad when a friend's life circumstances change, and you don't get to spend as much time together or in the same way as you did before.

You are right. Going for walks isn't the same as sleepovers and having dinner together.

As sad as it might be, if you want to have a relationship with Brian, you have no choice but to accept that the time you spend together in the future will be different. Have you considered that Emily might see how much Brian enjoys being with you and might also take you for a walk?

*Best, Frankie*

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## HAPPENINGS STILL OVERTOWN

encompasses the original ten-acre lot purchased by Joseph Rotch in 1785 from Joseph Russell's farm to the "Ten Acre Plot." It was the commercial hub of the early whaling industry. Many of the support businesses of the whaling industry that were in this area included coopers, ship chandlers, insurance brokers, candle house and oil factories. The New Bedford Waterfront Historic District received its designation as a 40c Historic

District in June of 1981.

**North Bedford Historic District**  
This tour describes Kempton's Corner, now designated as the North Bedford Historic District that consists of lands north of Kempton Street, south of Clasky Park. The upper reaches of the Acushnet River became the shipbuilding center of Old Dartmouth, and the first homeowners who came to North Bedford were the craftsmen who served this industry. Those who built

homes in the North Bedford area were likely to be coopers, sparmakers, and shipwrights

The Preservation Society is a private, 501 (c) (3) nonprofit. NBPS Programs include a Historic Markers, self-guided architectural walking tours, urban landscaping (New Bedford Re-Leaf), summer walking tours, and lectures on local history and historic preservation. For more information: <http://www.nbpreservationsociety.org/>

## HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

### Bags of Kindness

Southcoast residents are invited to attend Hannah's Bags of Kindness – a fundraiser hosted by Dartmouth High School junior and Miss New Bedford's Outstanding Teen 2022, Hannah Lima. The event offers guests an evening of food, live entertainment, auction items, and more - all for a critical cause.

Sat., 3/19, from 6:00pm to 11:00pm at the Century House, located at 107 South Main Street in Acushnet. Proceeds will directly benefit foster and adoptive children, with a portion also being donated to celebrate and honor local healthcare professionals.

Tickets are \$50 each. Attendees are also encouraged, but not required, to bring new backpacks and duffle bags to help a child move between homes. Additionally, Lima seeks new blankets and basic toiletries to support homeless and transitional youth. Any donated item will entitle the guest to a free raffle sheet. To purchase tickets or make a donation, email [kindness.hannah22@gmail.com](mailto:kindness.hannah22@gmail.com).

This event is just one initiative hosted by Lima during her dedicated year of service. As a passionate volunteer, Lima hopes to empower others to donate their time and perform acts of kindness to improve their communities. Lima is being supported by her volunteer committee within the Miss New Bedford Scholarship Organization.

### St. Pat Day parade

After a two-year absence due to the Coronavirus pandemic, The South Boston St. Patrick's Day/Evacuation Day Parade returns to take place on Sunday, 3/20. Parade begins at 1pm and will be broadcast live on NECN

In recognition of ongoing challenges to public health and safety caused by the pandemic, the parade will follow a shorter route that has been used in the past in circumstances of inclement weather. It will start at Broadway T Station and will continue down the entirety of Broadway, concluding at Farragut road.

For details visit <https://southbostonparade.org>

### Cape Verdean Gala

The 11th annual Cape Verdean Recognition Committee Gala Celebration in honor of John B. Cruz III, Sun., 4/3, 3-7 p.m., White's of Westport, 66 State Road, Westport. Featuring Jackie Santos and Friends, Stran Strickland and Joel Hiller, along with Ponta d'Sol, The KG Express featuring Kevin Gomes and Angella Kronillis.

Donation: \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door. For tickets call Diane Gomes, 508-994-7625; or Celia's Boutique, 508-525-9490, 11 William St., New Bedford. Proceeds to benefit the Scholarship Fund and Annual Cape Verdean Parade.

### A Wedding Dress Retrospective

Do you have a wedding dress stored somewhere in your attic? Would you consider loaning it for a special exhibition?

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This summer the Westport Historical Society plans a special exhibition of wedding dresses. We

seek assistance from members of the community willing to loan wedding dresses for this exhibition. We would like a variety of wedding dresses from different time periods that illustrate a diversity of styles and associated personal stories.

The exhibition will be located at the Handy House, June – September 2022. All dresses will be returned to their owners.

This exhibition will be curated by clothing and textile historian and conservator Blair Walker.

Guidelines for the possible loans: Does the dress have a connection to Westport? This connection could be as simple as the wearer of the dress lived in Westport or the person loaning the dress has connections to Westport. Is the dress in good condition? Can it be displayed safely? Please note the exhibition will be open for 3 months. Is there information about the wedding dress, such as who wore it and other information such as photographs?

We would be happy to provide you with more information about the exhibition. Please respond by email at [westporthistory@westporthistory.net](mailto:westporthistory@westporthistory.net) or call 508 636 6011. Westport Historical Society, [www.wpthistory.org](http://www.wpthistory.org)

### Rummage Sale

St. Julie Billiard Church Hall, 494 Slocum Rd., Dartmouth. Friday, March 25, 1-7 p.m. & Saturday, March 26, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Clothes, shoes, accessories, toys, household, bedding, books & more. New & special items in the Specialty Corner. Saturday drastic reductions. Face masks required.

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Date: April 8th, 7:30PM Fairhaven Recreation Center.

Ages: 10 and under \$7 due at registration. No Refunds Deadline to register is Tues., 4/5. No late registrations will be accepted. No walk-ins will allowed on the night of the event.

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### Support Groups

**Community Nurse Caregivers Support Education Group:** FREE respite, 1st Wednesday of the month from 1-2 p.m.

**Southcoast VNA and Hospice Support Group, Widow and Widowers Grief Support Group:** 2nd Thursday of the month, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

**General Loss Grief Support:** 3rd Thursday of the month 5:00-6:30 p.m.

### Blood Pressure Clinic

Is back at the Fairhaven Senior Center starting March 9, from 1-3:00 p.m. then every other Wednesday.

### Grief Meeting Virtual

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# Candidate Statements: Board of Health



## **Peter DeTerra**

I'm Peter DeTerra and I'm running for re-election to the Fairhaven Board of Health. A little about me for those of you who don't know me. I grew up on the family farm in East Fairhaven and married the love of my life Melissa. We have four beautiful children together. I own an excavating company and I'm a

parishioner of Saint Joseph Church in Fairhaven.

For the past 18 years I have been a member of the Fairhaven Board of Health. I have engaged in training and certifications related to serving the public health needs of Fairhaven. Being properly educated in public health related issues has given me the ability to work with the board and department personnel to properly serve the residents of Fairhaven.

My education and training consist of Title V Inspector, Soil Evaluator, OSHA Certified, NIMS 700, National Certified Food Manager and other certifications and classes related to public health. I am currently the only board member certified to do soil evaluation, restaurant inspections and septic inspections. In the absence of the Health Agent I'm the only member of the board certified to do these inspections. This provides seamless services to our town residents and businesses.

I believe education is critical. Education in the right field related directly to the Board of Health. That is why I have spent the past 18 years taking the proper classes and training courses to serve on the Board of Health.

Going forward if re-elected I will continue to work on education, training and public outreach. The last two years have been trying times for everyone. Life as we knew it has changed. We had ever changing mandates, updates, and regulations. We spent the past two years learning how to effectively manage this pandemic. I look forward to using the lessons I have learned, good and bad to re-evaluate our town's response to the pandemic and work with my fellow board members and the Board of Health Staff to adjust our SOP's and response to future pandemics.

The pandemics isn't the only thing we have to focus on at the Board of Health. Working with our Food Establishments to make sure Fairhaven has top quality food choices with clean sanitary facilities. I will use my training as a Title V Inspector and Soil Evaluator to make sure quality septic systems are installed in our community protecting the sensitive eco systems of our town. I will work will the board to provide continued community outreach and address residents' concerns in a timely manner.

If re-elected to the Fairhaven Board of Health I will continue to work with the board and the Health Agent to protect the public health of Fairhaven. I will continue to listen to and work with the residents of Fairhaven. I will use my training and experience on the Board of Health to do what is needed to keep Fairhaven a safe and healthy town to live in. I invite you to reach out to me on my Facebook page "Peter DeTerra Fairhaven Board of Health" or email me: peterdeterraboardofhealth@gmail.com. I want to earn your trust and your vote on Monday April 4th.



## **Heidi Hacking**

As Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "The First Wealth is Health".

Since deciding to run for the Fairhaven Board of Health, I've been asked why. My answer has been to give back, but it is also to move forward.

I believe the town of Fairhaven is moving forward and the Board of Health needs to be a part of its progress. I hope to bring to the board not only my knowledge of healthcare but also my experience in team building and quality improvement. I want to open a dialogue about many public health issues facing the town.

Covid has been front and center for two years now, but it's time to talk about more. I've mentioned my interest in tick and mosquito borne illnesses, the opioid crisis and mental health issues. I hope to investigate ways to protect and educate the community about these public health issues.

I would like to examine how the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards can be a resource to us. Since we are a member, we should put that membership to good use. I want to explore how the Fairhaven Board of Health can increase effective communication with the community.

Mostly, I want to work collaboratively with others. I want to be able to have an open, respectful and productive dialogue with others. I'm not an expert on everything but my role will be to research and seek out those who have the knowledge that will assist us in our mission. I believe we can best serve the people of Fairhaven through cooperation, good communication and teamwork.

Also, we need to think about the future of Fairhaven. We need to think about the next generation and how we can be good role models. Participating in town government shouldn't be intimidating or exclusive. It should welcome all people, ideas and involvement.

We may not agree on everything but the more ideas we can generate the better chance we have of developing a better plan. My promise is to treat people respectfully and listen to your ideas. I was recently asked in a virtual Meet and Greet what would be the first thing I would bring to the Board of Health. My response was dialogue. Let's talk!

Lastly, remember to exercise your right to vote. I hope you will support me with your vote on April 4th.

If you have specific questions, please email me at HackingBOH@gmail.com or to see more information about me follow me on my Facebook page" Heidi Hacking for Fairhaven Board of Health.

If you would like to meet me and ask me your questions in person, please join me on Sunday, March 13th from 1pm-3pm at 42 Main Street in Fairhaven. Soups, Sweets and Music! \$20 donation.

Thank you.

## Candidate Statements: Select Board



**Leon Correy**  
Dear Fairhaven, Seven months ago I made a promise to you. That promise was no matter

what happened you wouldn't be rid of me. I would be here to serve you in some capacity, no matter the result. I promised to serve you; I promised to support you; I promised to put your needs before my own.

When the end came, there was no time to sit and remember what was. You see, there were promises that were made. Not being a member of the Select Board didn't change the commitments I made or the corrections I felt were needed. I had spent the better part of the prior months telling you how I was different and why you should vote for me. I listened to your issues, answered them where I could and committed to helping be the

CORREY: cont'd on page 24 column 1



**Cameron Durant**  
As Election Day approaches, I am excited to offer my service leadership experience as a candi-

date for Select Board. I am running as an example for my three daughters, that we all have a duty to ensure our community reaches its fullest potential. The Board will soon have five members and a new Town Charter is being constructed for approval at a future Town Meeting. I offer residents a collaborative communication style while never wavering from my values. This is needed now more than ever.

My experiences reflect my ability to deliver on these goals. My past two terms on the Board of Public Works have been a great source of pride. Managing the BPW's nearly \$10 million dollar operating budget, and millions of dollars of capital projects, is the

DURANT: cont'd on page 24 column 2



**Cathy Melanson**  
Hello, my name is Cathy Melanson and I am a candidate for select board. I am a dedicated

lifelong resident of Fairhaven and currently serve on the Planning Board, Economic Development Committee, and Capital Improvement Committee. As a businesswoman, and an active participant in town government, I will bring a unique perspective and real-life experience to the Select Board as I join with your voice to move Fairhaven forward.

We have several challenges facing us in the future and number one is fiscal responsibility. I see capital spending and budget line items fitting into two categories — wants and needs. Simply put, the key to budgeting is to become aware of how money is being spent. In our little

MELANSON cont'd on page 24 column 3

## Candidate Statements: Select Board



**Charlie Murphy**  
I am honored to place my name for service to the Fairhaven Select Board. I am eager to continue to listen to the concerns of our citizens and implement an action plan wherever needed to assist the citizens of Fairhaven. We have faced tough times and will continue to focus on the

positives to be Fairhaven Strong!

Professionally speaking, I am the CEO of M.O., L.I.F.E., Inc. which began in 1995. We now have 70 employees and are building our way back up throughout these trying times. This 27-year-old organization focuses on the need for teenagers and adults with disabilities to work towards achieving their highest potential in life. Additionally, I founded a Food Pantry in the year 2000 to fulfill the needs of the less fortunate. We have fed, with the assistance of the Rotary Club of Fairhaven during the heat of the pandemic, over 600 people per month and we continue to do so with many volunteers. As a Licensed Mental Health Counselor for Gosnold and MOLIFE, I am professionally trained to be a good listener and to assist others with quality results. This background has prepared me for the numerous issues that I deal with daily.

I have a strong investment in this town and have worked hard to assist other departments in meeting and

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**Stasia Powers**

Thank you, Fairhaven, for giving me the opportunity to serve you on the Select Board for the past 7 months. It has been my honor and I hope you will allow me to continue in this important role.

When I was elected in July, my number one goal was to get a new Town Administrator hired as soon as possible. I am proud to say we reached that goal this week, appointing Angie Lopes-Ellison, a highly qualified manager. I look forward to working with her as we continue to move our amazing town forward.

There have been many other items crucial to the Town that I have been glad to help advance, including the following: supporting the Rogers School Re-use planning effort, culminating in an RFP that is accepting responses right now; building relationships with our County, State and national representatives and their offices; and securing a position on the Bristol County Advisory Board executive team and discussing projects important to our town with that board as well as our legislators to get Fairhaven on priority lists for future legislative opportunities.

I have worked hard to build relationships among and between our Town departments, creating an atmosphere where everyone is treated kindly and professionally. My

POWERS: cont'd on page 23 column 2

# Acushnet ends weekly testing, with a nostalgic look back

By Beth David  
Editor

"Folks, you have defined what it means to be Acushnet strong!" said Acushnet Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher in his last weekly phone update about COVID on 3/4/22. The town has been conducting weekly testing since September 2020. The last day was 3/5/22.

"With fingers crossed, we are standing in the light at the end of a two-year tunnel," said Chief Gallagher, who posted his message on Facebook.

Acushnet conducted 3,492 rapid tests and 13,102 lab based PCR tests. He thanked the various departments and volunteers who worked together to get the testing done every week.

"We've reported on good news and bad. We encouraged residents to double down when necessary and to exhale when appropriate," he said. "As we end this message we would ask everyone to remember the 3,151 Acushnet residents who contracted COVID 19 to date and especially those 21 residents that died from the virus. May their memory, and the collective memory of what we all have endured together over these past two years, never be forgotten."

Acushnet's Office of Emergency

Management posted on its Facebook page that 22 people were tested on the final day. Chief Gallagher later posted that there were no positive tests from that day.

"It was an honor and pleasure to have worked side by side with the men and women of the Acushnet Fire and EMS Department during the past two years," wrote the Acushnet EMA on the Acushnet Fire and EMS Facebook page. "During that time we have developed new friendships, and in addition, a stronger bond was created between the two agencies. Although different uniforms were worn, we always remained One Team, One Mission! #TeamAcushnet."

EMA posted a video created by Eric and Heather Chew with photos from the testing days. Find it on the



Our last test of the day and a very long two years, our very own Jerry Sounik sitting down ready to be tested on 3/5/22, with Acushnet Office of Emergency Management Deputy Director Ed Caron (left) and Director Jerry Bergeron (right). Photo from Acushnet MA Office of Emergency Management Facebook page

EMA Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/acushnetema/videos/455360456086028>

Due to falling numbers and changing guidelines from the federal government, many weekly testing programs have stopped. Testing and vaccination clinics in New Bedford are continuing (see page 6). Testing sites 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).



ABOVE: The Team Acushnet video features photos from the weekly COVID testing that the town of Acushnet conducted from September 2020 through March 5, 2022. Screen shots from video posted on Acushnet MA Office of Emergency Management Facebook page.



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**WHEN: Wed, March 16, 2022**

**6:00pm Members  
Business Meeting**

**6:30pm Guest Speaker**

**WHERE: Millicent Library  
45 Center Street  
Fairhaven, MA**

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# Public Hearings/Legal Notices

NOTE: All legal notices are available on the Neighb News website, [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com), under the "Legal Notices" tab on the top of the main page. Legal ads are also available at <http://masspublicnotices.org>, search under "Fairhaven Neighborhood News"

## Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals is hereby giving notice that a meeting will be held by the Board on Tuesday, March 22nd, 2022 at 6:30 P.M. via Zoom Meetings:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85949713931?pwd=OHFudWtSNuXvNU5JZnJya1lFSU5Udz09>

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- Case #2021.12.07A** A case of John M. LeBlanc, of 13 Priscilla Drive in Lakeville MA, who is petitioning for a modification to the Special Permit originally issued for 1315 Main Street from a small retail landscape business with attached garage space for use by Northeast Property Services and DBT Landscaping to be used as contractor bays for the storage of materials and equipment, and the possible use of associated office space.
- Case #2022.03.22A** A case of Seth Desroches, of 88 Mill Road, who is petitioning the Board for a Special Permit to be able to allow parking for five additional commercial vehicles, with GVW under 15,000, at the property. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1 "B" (8).
- Case #2022.03.22B** A case of Laureano A. Costa, of 175 South Main Street, Acushnet, who is petitioning the Board for a Variance to be able to construct a second-floor apartment for storage to support the first-floor bakery. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.4 "E" (5).
- Case #2022.03.22C** A case of Jeremiah Katz, of 19 Arsene Way Fairhaven MA, who is petitioning the Board for a 10.2' Variance to be able to construct a 12' X 18' addition of the east side of the existing dwelling located at 46 Hayes Street. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.4 "E" (3), Section 4.1, Section 5, and Section 6.2 (3).
- Case #2022.03.22D** A case of Gregory and Amy Caswell, of 280 Main Street, who are petitioning for a Special Permit to be able to construct an accessory apartment above their barn/garage. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1 "B" 1 and Section 3.4 "B".

\*\*\* Plans are available for public view in the Town Clerk's office, 130 Main St., Acushnet, during their normal business hours \*\*\*

FNN, 13/3/22, 3/10/22

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, March 21, 2022 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/86136658044?pwd=c01PZyMrMTdzcTJlQjJlN3NPeUdwUT09>

or CALL 1-929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 861 3665 8044

Passcode: 928862

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 023-1378, CON 023-266: **148 Main Street** Notice of Intent filed by the Diane G. Tomassetti Revocable

Trust and Ames Family Living Trust for the construction of a pile-supported timber pier, aluminum gangway, and float at the property located at 148 Main Street, Assessors Map 12, Lot 12A. Work to take place in Land Under Ocean, Land Containing Shellfish, Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, on Coastal Bank and Coastal Beach, and in their 100-foot buffer zones.

2. CON 023-267: **5 Fisherman's Road** Request for Determination of Applicability filed after-the-fact by Caitlin Hychko for the replacement of an existing shed, addition of a deck, removal of some trees and shrubs, and addition of a seashell driveway, stone walkways, and plantings at the property located at 5 Fisherman's Road, Assessors Map 43A, Lots 119 & 120. Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage.
3. CON 023-268: **475 Bridge Street** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Bryant and Alice Ribeiro for an addition to the existing residence with a small portion of the work within the Riverfront Area and a deck at the property located at 475 Bridge Street, Assessors Map 31, Lot 5B. Work to take place in Riverfront Area.
4. SE 023-1290, CON 19-036: **Torrington Road, Map 29B, Lot 128** Request for Amended Order of Conditions filed by Christopher and Laurie Stevens for changes to the scope of work and reconfiguration of the site layout at the property located at Torrington Road, Assessors Map 29B, Lot 128. Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage and the 100-foot buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands.

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will also hold a Public Hearing to seek **public comment on the proposed changes to the Fairhaven Wetlands Bylaw (Chapter 192)** prior to Annual Town Meeting.

Any persons or organizations interested in providing comments and/or asking questions will be given the opportunity to be heard. If unable to attend this public hearing, please direct questions and comments to Whitney McClees, Conservation Agent at either [conservation@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:conservation@fairhaven-ma.gov) or (508) 979-4023, ext. 128.

The proposed bylaw changes may be viewed electronically at: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/conservation-commission/files/proposed-2022-bylaw-changes>

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: 3/10/22

## TREE REMOVAL HEARING

Tuesday March 29 6:30 PM

Fairhaven Town Hall Banquet Room  
40 Center St, Fairhaven, MA, 02719

In accordance with MGL Chapter 87, Section 3.

Proposed removal of 6 trees located at corner Spring and Pleasant St., Raymond and Sconticut Neck Rd., Massasoit and Green St., 219 Main St., corner Howland and Garrison St., 327 Main St.

Anyone opposed to the removal of these trees should do so in writing per MGL at said hearing.

FNN: 3/10/22, 3/17/22

## PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

March 10, 2022

Town of Fairhaven, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719. Contact Person: Robert J. Espindola, Environmental Certifying Officer. Telephone: (508) 979-4023 Ext. 2

On or about March 22, 2022 the Town of Fairhaven will submit a request to the Massachusetts Dept. of Housing & Community Development for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) as amended, for the purpose of the following FY21 CDF project:

## Hedge Street Infrastructure Improvements Project, Phase 3:

The project will undertake the reconstruction of 485 LF of Hedge Street between Main Street to approximately #70 Hedge Street. The project includes full-depth reconstruction of 485 LF of roadway; replacement of 810 LF of sidewalk and 230 LF of driveway aprons and wheelchair ramps; replacement of 740 LF of curbing; replacement of 530 LF of sanitary sewer main; and repair of the road drainage system by replacing 50 LF of drain pipe as well as consisting of 210 LF of PVC piping, 1 manhole and 2 catch basins. Two street trees will also be replaced.

The project will meet the National Objective of Prevention or Elimination of Slums and Blight.

Estimated cost: total of \$618,771: \$610,050 CDBG funds for construction and engineering oversight; and \$8,721 CDBG funds for program delivery.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 Section 58.35 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. The project also involves construction oversight and general administrative activities (both exempt CFR 58.34 (a) (3)).

Additional information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Office of Planning and Economic Development, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719 and may be examined or copied by appointment between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Fairhaven Office of Planning and Economic Development at the above address. All comments received by March 21, 2022, will be considered by the Town of Fairhaven prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION:** The Town of Fairhaven is certifying to the Commonwealth of Mass. that Robert J. Espindola, in his capacity as the Environmental Certifying Officer, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The Commonwealth's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under the NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Town of Fairhaven to use Program funds.

**OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS:** The Commonwealth will accept objections to its release of funds and the Town of Fairhaven's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases:

- a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Town of Fairhaven;
- b) the Town of Fairhaven has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58;
- c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the Commonwealth; or
- d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58.76), and shall be addressed to the Mass. Small Cities Program, Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development, 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 300, Boston MA 02114. Potential objectors should contact DHCD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Signed: Robert J. Espindola, Environmental  
Certifying Officer, Town of Fairhaven, 40 Center Street,  
Fairhaven, MA 02719

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Volodymyr Zelensky

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**FREELANCE REPORTERS NEEDED** Write for the *Neighb News*. We need reporters for evening meeting coverage. Reporting experience not required, but must have a solid grasp of grammar, good writing skills, and an understanding of what news writing is vs. your Great American Novel. Freelance only. Email Beth at [NeighbNews@comcast.net](mailto:NeighbNews@comcast.net) or call 508-979-5593.

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strongly that they all should be resourced to be able to do what is necessary to serve our community.

Stasia's actions thus far have proven her ability to be a strong, effective leader in our town. I look forward to what her steady hand on the Select Board will bring to our community going forward. For all of those reasons, and many more, I ask for your support of my friend Stasia Powers for Select Board when you vote on April 4. Let's continue this positive momentum to ensure a strong future for our community!!

*Pam Kuechler, Fairhaven*

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**MAPLE: cont'd from page 7**

John Lebeaux. "Like with so many other aspects of our culture, the history of Massachusetts is tied to the history of maple, and when you buy Commonwealth produced products, you are not only supporting local farmers but you are honoring the history and legacy of our agricultural past."

According to the United States Department of Agriculture's 2017 Census of Agriculture, Massachusetts is home to approximately 300 maple syrup producers who produce over 70,000 gallons of syrup each year.

Producers help to maintain thousands of acres of open working landscapes across the Commonwealth. Maple sugaring profits allow many farms to stay in business year-round by serving as a secondary crop and supplemental source of income.

Maple is one of the region's unique agricultural foods, and visitors come from all over the world to buy products during the sugaring season. Farms, restaurants, bed and breakfasts, country inns, and other tourist businesses share in this income, which primarily flows into small towns and farm communities, helping the local economy. Massachusetts ranks among the top 10 maple producing states in the U.S.

"The basics of sugarmaking haven't changed in hundreds of years," said Massachusetts Maple Producers Association Coordinator Winton Pitcoff. "Take one ingredient - pure maple sap - and boil it down until it's the perfect density for maple syrup. Sugarmakers have adopted modern techniques though, and use sustainable management and production practices to make the highest quality products efficiently and safely. And consumers have learned about what a versatile product maple syrup is, using it as a sweetener in their coffee, as an ingredient in baked goods, marinades, dressings, and of course, on pancakes!"

## Upcoming Meetings

### Fairhaven

#### Board of Appeals

Tues., 4/5, Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.

#### Board of Health

Wed., 3/16, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

#### Board of Public Works

Mon., 3/21, Arsene St., 6:15 p.m.

#### Broadband Study Comm

Thurs., 3/10, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

#### Commission on Disabilities

Thurs., 3/10, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

#### Conservation Commission

Mon., 3/21, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

#### Marine Resources Comm

Thurs., 3/3, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

#### Planning Board

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

#### School Committee

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

#### Select Board

Mon. 3/14, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

#### Sustainability Comm

Tues., 3/15, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

### Acushnet

#### Council on Aging

Tues., 3/16, St. Commty Ctr., Noon

#### Housing Authority

Thurs., 3/17, AHA Comm Rm, 11:30 a

#### Selectboard

Tues., 3/15, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

## TIDE TABLE

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

	Mar. 2022	HIGH		LOW	
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Saturday	12	0313	1547	1113	2049
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Monday	14	0611	1836	----	1314
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Tuesday	15	0654	1915	----	1246
Wednesday	16	0732	1952	0039	1308
Thursday	17	0810	2031	0119	1340*
Friday	18	0851	2112	0201*	1419*
Saturday	19	0933	2155	0248*	1501*
Sunday	20	1017	2240	0334*	1543*

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

## From our readers

### Competencies and Commitment

As a community Fairhaven values the legacy of participation in our town's governance; at the same time, our lives are largely on the fast track and the complexity and the challenges of town governance here and elsewhere have increased exponentially. To meet the needs of our community, local government isn't just local anymore. Our leaders need to be able to navigate local, regional, state, and federal regulations and resources; to understand and weigh specialized and technical data that underlie effective decision making; and to collaborate with others to get things done. This reality requires us to be deliberate about the qualities and competencies we want in our Town leaders. With these things in mind, I am supporting Leon Correy for Fairhaven Select Board.

Leon Correy chose Fairhaven as the community in which he wanted to raise his family. Perhaps, you have met Leon and his family at a town activity or event. While he is a relative newcomer, he has already become part of the fabric of life in this community, serving on the Town Administrator Screening Committee and organizing the Town's diversity and inclusion initiative Belonging. He is also a supporter of Fairhaven Forward and previously served on the Town's Sustainability Committee.

Leon is open minded and willing to listen to others and is principled, qualities that we need in our leaders. He brings to the table professional expertise in finance and management that make him uniquely well equipped to look out for the Town's financial interests in the deliberation of the mega-million dollar top priority projects ahead of us that include the EPA mandated sewer rehabilitation project and the proposed Public Safety Complex. While the big picture issues are important, he is someone who doesn't lose sight of the day-to-day things that are important to people — securing a portable restroom for the Bike Path, advocating the needs of the EMT's, and advocating traffic concerns at an Alden Road intersection.

We have the opportunity to elect someone to the Fairhaven Select Board who will bring fresh thinking and unique competencies to the

issues we face as a town. He is someone who will put the interests of Fairhaven at the center of his role on the Select Board.

Please join me in voting for Leon Correy on April 4th. To learn more about him go to [leoncorrey.com](http://leoncorrey.com)

*Margaret Roderick, Fairhaven*

### Stepping Up, Moving Forward

We need another new voice on the Board of Health. At this moment we have someone willing and qualified to serve the town on this very important board. Heidi Hacking is a great choice for this board. She is very qualified to serve our town and will bring new ideas, different perspectives, and thoughts to our board. She is a Health Care Professional who will use her career experience to help us during this pandemic and guide us through other mental or public health issues that may arise.

Along with educating our town about these critical health issues, she is also aware of the many other aspects of being on the BOH. She is thinking of all the ways that this board can be improved, and she is very willing to listen to hear what community members need and want.

Heidi has some great new ideas and thoughts about how the BOH can work with other board in town as well. She is willing to work with other members of the community to come together with respect and move the town forward in a more positive way. We are very lucky to have her as a candidate this year for BOH and we should also get out and vote on Monday, April 4th.

*Ann Richard, Fairhaven*

### Durant is Prepared

I would like to express my support for Cam Durant in the race for Select Board. As a former Planning and Conservation board member, I know the challenge of balancing family and service. I also know that Bridget and their three girls are the reason Cam has worked so hard on the BPW for the past five years.

He is responsible for the oversight of our infrastructure — the things every resident uses each day. This multifaceted department encompasses budgeting, capital planning, HR, policy, and other functions that mirror the responsibilities of the Select Board. He is prepared for the role.

I can also attest to Cam's character. We have been friends since Bishop Stang High School, Providence College, and now are neighbors. He is always there to lend a hand and is devoted to helping his neighbors in times of need. For example, Cam volunteered for Meals on Wheels as a Driver throughout the pandemic.

Fairhaven needs more officials who understand service leadership, and I encourage you to vote Cam Durant for Select Board.

*Nicholas Carrigg, Fairhaven*

### Hacking Checks All Boxes

Whether we are in the midst of a pandemic or just managing the day-to-day issues in more normal times, the members of our Board of Health play a critical role in protecting the well being of our community. The policies they set and the actions they take directly affect all of us. For that reason, I am pleased to endorse Heidi Hacking for the Fairhaven Board of Health.

Fairhaven citizens need and deserve a BOH team comprised of highly-skilled professionals with experience in policies, regulations, and risk management. They need to be critical thinkers, effective communicators, and role models who behave in ways that exemplify standards and practices set by the Board. They need to make all decisions based on empirical data, policy, and risk/benefit ratio. Their ethics and integrity must be beyond reproach.

Ms. Hacking checks all of these boxes and more. Her credentials and healthcare experience are stellar and would add new levels of professionalism and effectiveness to our Board of Health. She brings with her a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, a Master of Arts in Social Rehabilitative Counseling, and a Master of Science in Management. Heidi also holds certificates in Outcomes Management and Healthcare Quality.

Her clinical healthcare experience includes working in an Intensive Care Unit, Emergency Room, Medical/Surgical Units, Geriatric-Psychiatric Facility, and a Chronic Care Facility. Her management experience includes the roles of Nurse Manager, Supervisor, Educator, Quality Improvement Specialist, and Peer Review Coordinator. Ms. Hacking also has experience working with regulatory agencies

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such as Department of Public Health.

Heidi currently holds the position of Risk Manager at Saint Luke's Hospital. Just a sample of her current responsibilities include identifying risks and developing plans to address opportunities to improve the quality of patient care as well as monitoring events and working to provide a safe environment for patients, visitors, and employees.

It is clear to me that Heidi Hacking would bring the perfect blend of knowledge, education, and experience to our Board of Health and would be a huge asset to our town at large. Local public health policy impacts all of our lives. Given the public health issues our community currently faces and will face in the future, we deserve the best.

Heidi Hacking will give us exactly that.

*Greg Burns, Fairhaven*

### **Kuechler Supports Powers**

If you can be anything, be kind. We have seen and heard this phrase

often in recent times in reference to many things. This is a tenet that I know my friend Stasia Powers lives by, and our community has benefitted greatly from that. Stasia's approach to problem solving is open and fair, and she works hard to understand all sides of an issue to help bring resolution. She believes in people, and makes an effort to get to know them, respecting opinions that are different from hers. She can appreciate when disagreement takes place that it comes from strong feelings of those on either side. And she confidently tackles those tough loggerhead situations by believing that resolution can take place. She sees no reason for people to tear each other down, knowing full well that when efforts are made to understand, solutions follow. And she is not shy about sharing her views on something, articulating those views in ways to help others understand where she is coming from. And at the very core, if the effort to be kind drives what is

being done, success is almost guaranteed. This has been Stasia's recipe for success.

When Stasia first ran for Select Board, this was what she believed was missing. She was right, and her steady and compassionate presence has helped move forward some important efforts in the seven short months she has served. She has helped us hire a new Town Administrator. She enthusiastically engaged in the strategic planning effort the Select Board held recently, and is anxious to help move the many goals set forward. She has been an ardent advocate with our county, state, and national representatives to make sure Fairhaven's projects and activities are being recognized and considered. She has looked for ways programs and departments can collaborate to make the most of the resources of our town. She sees the important roles that all the departments play in making our town great, and believes

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exceeding their goals in the past and hope to continue this vision for the future. It is this teamwork that makes our government work. We need to have a strong focus on Public Safety, Public Works and of course Education, which are a part of my top priorities. Further, we must have a Town government that works for its residents, while emphasizing the values of our Town. Another priority is to keep Fairhaven affordable to its residents with a lower area tax rate.

Keeping the focus on the positives in Fairhaven, we re-established the public access show, "The Magazine," produced by David Fauteux. Our goal is to show the good in Fairhaven and the many positives that we have in this great community.

I am committed to this Town and take this position and its impact on people very seriously. My family history in this town has given me this example to live by. I have enormous respect for our quality of life and the concerns to all individuals in our Town and plan to continue to take in the facts and make decisions with compassion and common sense. By working together, through all our departments, we can accomplish many goals. I am blessed to have a very supportive family, great friends and a great campaign team and I am truly fortunate to live in this community.

I'm here to listen to your ideas and work on action plans and have an open-door policy for your concerns. Let's bring the fun back to Fairhaven! I respectfully ask for your vote on Monday April 4th.

Yours in Service

**It always seems impossible until it's done.**

*Nelson Mandela*

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belief is that if we disagree, we don't need to set out to destroy each other. This tactic will not be rewarded. We need to discuss issues and find common ground.

As we evaluate the budget for FY 2023, I will prioritize funding the support and resources for our Police and Fire departments. We need a new public safety facility, and I will make sure we make prudent decisions to move this forward in a responsible way. All departments should have the resources they need to sustain and advance programs that are necessary to our community and its safety.

It was exciting to sit with my fellow Select Board Members to set goals and objectives for FY2023. It was a productive, respectful exchange where we settled on a pretty large list of what we'd like to achieve. Among those goals are strengthening the Town's human resources by formalizing easy access to policies, while providing additional training opportunities for both staff and elected officials. Together we also commit to deepening our collaboration with the school department on allocating shared resources. Our future looks promising, and I am thrilled by the opportunity to achieve these goals and follow through on the many things I have been able to help move ahead since July.

If you have any questions or feedback, please join me for my monthly office hours at Town Hall from noon-1 on the last Wednesday of each month

I am truly excited by the opportunity to serve on a board of five members. The diversity of opinion and exchange of ideas can only lead to better decision making. Ultimately, the winner of this historic election will be the Town of Fairhaven.

I ask for your vote. Let's keep our positive progress going strong.

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change to resolve them. So I started with the one I was told couldn't be done because it wasn't a town matter.

After Representative Straus and I settled on a solution, I moved on to the rest of the list. Vice Chair of the Town Administrator Search Committee; Chair of the Belonging Committee; and I didn't stop there. I stood in front of both the Select Board and the Board of Public Works. I continued to spread the message of our safety being jeopardized because our Fire Department is understaffed.

Although there is more, I'll stop there. You see this letter isn't my opportunity to brag or tell you how great a person I am. This is me telling you I am who I say I am. I am the person I told you I would be, which is a man of my word. Running for Select Board isn't just politics for me because I'm not a politician. I am a person who recognized a problem and stepped up to try to fix that problem. I want to be the catalyst to push the town forward, just enough for you to do the rest. I want to be the glue that brings Fairhaven back together, because that's when Fairhaven is at its best.

I am here to serve the town of Fairhaven and all its residents. I have knocked on more doors and rang more doorbells; and I will continue to do so. These aren't just the doors of people who voted for me. I want to stand in front of the people who didn't and understand why. I want to know what I could do differently and what you specifically feel the town needs in order to be the best.

If there is one thing you can take away from this, it's that I do what I say I'll do, and I am the person you have seen, and heard.

I am Leon Emanuel Correy III... Every day.

There is a certain  
enthusiasm in liberty,  
that makes  
human nature  
rise above itself,  
in acts of bravery  
and heroism.

*Alexander Hamilton*

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experience necessary for success on the Select Board. Also, I believe policies must be people-centric. As an Operations Manager and SHRM-CP certified HR professional, I know results come from fully engaged employees who are treated with respect and operate under clear policy goals. If given the opportunity to serve this April, I will help set the policies to assist Ms. Ellison, our new Town Administrator, in her task of municipal governance.

Public Safety is the chief concern. We must properly staff the Fire Department to ensure we can handle emergency medical calls and respond to fires simultaneously. Our Police Department is tasked not only with law enforcement responsibilities, but also with providing social services during an opioid and mental health crisis. Funding a department social worker will remove further liability from our fine officers and the Town.

We must also make plans for a modern public safety department that is worthy to house our first responders while being fiscally responsible. As the Town looks at the feasibility of a public safety complex at the site of the former landfill on Bridge Street, we must also plan on relocating the Recycling Center adjacent to the complex due to the Town's federally mandated expansion of the Sewer System. Negotiation with the DEP will be critical. We cannot delay this move, without a recycling center, the Town would be subjected to hundreds and thousands of dollars in additional fees from ABC Disposal.

Finally, with a new TA at the helm, it is time to examine changing the structure of Town positions. After more than a year, it is time to reinstate a HR professional. This person will not only be responsible for coordinating benefits, but also ensuring the Town is compliant with employment law. Alongside Ms. Ellison, they will foster a respectful work environment. In addition, I would also seek to explore and implement a departmental merger between the Parks, Recreation and Tree Departments. These areas need a reorganization to best serve residents.

These are the mechanisms I will work towards to promote change. I thank the Town for their consideration and humbly ask for your vote on Monday, April 4.

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town, we must plan how revenues (of approximately 69 million dollars) are spent. To discern which category is appropriate will require a bit of foresight along with a strong fiscal sense and a working knowledge of permits, buildings departments, and state, environmental and government parameters. Tough decisions will have to be made, and they are not always popular ones. Various town departments will propose individual projects that they believe are desperately needed. But, timing, and available funds and other pertinent issues must be examined. Then, after a list of needs are prioritized, the most pressing, necessary project(s) can be addressed. For example, a "need" is the federally mandated upgrade to our sewer system. We have put this project off and it's now time to complete it.

We must keep Fairhaven affordable for our seniors and those on fixed incomes. I plan to explore the possibilities of a reduction of taxes or at a minimum, a gradual increase. In order to save money, we must explore ways to encourage and support new startup businesses to fill our vacant store fronts. An incentive plan should be created to assist our new businesses.

Of utmost importance is to ensure our historical buildings are being properly maintained. These gifted treasures define our skyline and history of our town. Routine historical maintenance must be supported to avoid spending large sums of tax dollars for repairs. Then, we must create a plan for a healthy balance between our green space and development.

We must support and work cohesively with Ms. Angie Lopes Ellison, our new Town Administrator, on the goals and future of Fairhaven. We must ensure transparency and collaboration among all boards and committees.

I am asking that you give me the opportunity to serve the town I love. With your vote, together we can face these challenges head-on. I welcome positive, constructive conversations. I promise to be open to the questions, comments and concerns of the citizens of our town. I will be your voice.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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and I am a candidate  
for Select Board.



**Working Together We Can:**

Build a stronger future for Fairhaven! It is my intention to provide full support and assistance to Ms. Lopes Ellison, our new Town Administrator. The journey has been a long one, but our reward is having such a qualified and skilled person to help guide our town as we face several challenges ahead.

**I will:**

- ☆ Ensure we begin the task of hiring an experienced Human Resource Director with specific expertise in municipal government, because all employees deserve the right to work in a positive and safe environment.
- ☆ Work with all Select Board members to create comprehensive policies that guide the new Town Administrator in achieving the town's vision and goals.
- ☆ Collaborate with Ms. Lopes Ellison in discussions about the challenges we face with the Federal Government's mandatory required upgrades to our sewer system. This action will also affect our recycling center and will require a full review of funding, research new locations, and creation of a comprehensive timeline.
- ☆ Review funding requests for a new public safety complex for our Police and Fire Departments and ensure our Police and Fire Departments have the needed personnel and equipment now without delays.
- ☆ Join Ms. Lopes Ellison in creating a municipal government that is transparent and open full time for all residents.

I will be **YOUR** voice

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