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

Hacking pulls off huge upset in BOH race



Candidates and supporters listen as Fairhaven Town Clerk Linda Fredette reads off the unofficial numbers in the Banquet Room of Town Hall after the polls closed on Monday, 4/4/22. Newcomer to politics Heidi Hacking beat long-time Board of Health member Peter DeTerra 1725 to 822. For Select Board, voters chose incumbent Stasia Powers; Leon Correy, who won a seat after his second try at the office; and former SB member Charlie Murphy. See page 12 for story. *Photo by Beth David.*

First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

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

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

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Well, that didn't last long.

Despite all the talk about how civil and courteous the candidates have been to each other throughout the campaign, the good sentiments clearly did not spill over to at least one pol who backed losing candidates. Sitting Select Board member Keith Silvia publicly and clearly refused to shake Mr. Murphy's hand as he went around the table after his remarks on Monday night. Mr. Murphy won a seat on that board. Mr. Silvia won his seat on the SB by beating Mr. Murphy two years ago.

That's when all the BS really got out of hand, the regular shitshow (oh NO...bad word) and nastiness got in full swing, with Mr. Silvia starting out his tenure by snubbing Bob Espindola for the chair, putting in his buddy...the guy who finally got recalled because his behavior was so utterly outrageous.

Yeah, we still have some of that stuck to our shoes.

Maybe next year it'll be gone.

See page 3 for a screen shot from the video. I admit, I was in the room and I missed it. I was using pen and pad, but as you can see by the pic, I was just simply not looking in the right direction. I mean, really, who would've thought there would be anything extraordinary to see? Keith shook everyone else's hands. Honestly, if I HAD seen it, I would've said something to him afterwards. But it wasn't until someone brought it to my attention later in the evening that I realized what he did.

Hmmm...on second thought, maybe it was better that I didn't see it.

Maybe next year.

Meanwhile, we have an upset!

Heidi Hacking walloped longtime Board of Health member Peter DeTerra.

And...

The Fairhaven Select Board has its first non-white person on the board with the election of Leon Correy. Well, at least we think so. We can't be 100% sure, but no one has been able to find another African-American or Cape Verdean member of the board. If you know of any, please let us know

We did have a Cape Verdean member of the School Committee a ways back. Ann Pinto served eight years, from 1993 to 2001 (she resigned with one year left). She is no longer with us, she died in 2008. According to her obituary, she was the first minority to serve on the School Committee. I have to say, I think she was also the last. Again, correct me if I missed someone.

So congratulations to Mr. Correy for making history. I do believe you are in good company with Mrs. Pinto.

See page 12 for all the election stuff.

Until next week then..see ya



Beth David, Publisher

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Um...did we just see that?



Charlie Murphy reaches out to shake the hand of Fairhaven Select Board member Keith Silvia, who clearly rebuffs the gesture, after the election on 4/4/22 when Mr. Murphy won a seat on the board, a spot he lost two years ago when Mr. Silvia unseated him. *Screen shot from Fairhaven Cable Access TV video.*

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Fairhaven resident announces primary challenge to Straus

From Press Release Materials

Mr Rick Trapilo of Fairhaven announced on WBSM 1420 with radio celebrity Mr Phil Paleologos that “I am a candidate for the Democratic nomination for State Representative Bristol 10 th District.”

Mr Trapilo stated: “With my business leadership and experience, I will make our community SAFE and economically viable. Because of my business experience, I understand the importance of responsible government spending.”

Mr Trapilo also commented “I would vote to repeal the Mass gas tax to support all families and businesses hurt by this significant inflationary period.”

Mr. Trapilo commented that his opponent Mr. Straus, a 22 year career politician, voted NOT to reduce the gas tax because of his concern for our bond rating.

“This is a major difference between caring for families and seniors in need of help vs a long term politician’s lack of concern to this significant inflationary period and harm caused to our communities families,” Mr

Trapilo stated

It’s time for new and innovative business leadership to support all residents of our community, including Seniors, Veterans, Families, Police, Firefighters, EMT’s, Teachers and Health Care Professionals!

- **Public Safety:** I will support the FULL funding of our communities’ police departments. Our South Coast must be safe for our children, families, seniors, business people, visitors, etc.
- **Education:** I will advocate for our communities’ share of all state funding. We are judged by how we support the education of our children.
- **Jobs:** I will work to support the #1 fishing seaport in the USA: New Bedford. I will develop a welcoming climate for businesses to come to our community to create NEW high paying jobs.

About me:

- Dedicated family man of four children and grandchildren, Husband of an incredible woman, Margaret, Founder of Margaret’s Boutique in New Bedford

- Built 2 successful businesses including Pub6T5 in New Bedford and employed hundreds of people within these businesses
- President of Global High-Tech Manufacturer based in Japan, General Manager of a Global High-Tech Manufacturer based in the New Bedford Business Park
- Served on Public and Private Boards including EDSF (Educational Scholarship Fund)
- Served as a Town Meeting member and a Finance Committee member
- Fairhaven Democratic Town Delegate
- Education and Certificates: MBA, BA International Studies and Mass Real-Estate Broker
- I will be your voice for the South Coast!

The 10th Bristol District covers Precinct 1 & 2B in Acushnet; Ward 1, precincts A, B, C1 in New Bedford; all of Fairhaven, Rochester, Marion and Mattapoisett.

Reach me at Ricktrapiloelect@gmail.com or visit Ricktrapiloelect.com
The primary is on September 6.



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Charles K. Murphy, Sr., Fairhaven Select Board

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Rabies Clinic

Town of Fairhaven will hold a Rabies clinic. \$15, cash only. All animals must be leashed or in a carrier.

April 10: New England Animal Hospital, 66 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven, 10 a.m.–Noon.

Sponsored by the Board of Health: 508-979-4023, Ext. 125 or BOH@Fairhaven-ma.gov

EFS Trail Day

EFS Trail Spruce-Up Day. Please join us as we clean up the East Fairhaven School Trail for all to enjoy. Sat., 4/9, 10 a.m. to noon.

The EFS Trail, located at the Northwest corner of East Fairhaven School is a hiking trail, an outdoor classroom, a StoryWalk trail, science classroom and more.

Please bring your rakes, gloves and yard equipment. Contact Emily with any questions, 508-441-1778, or email CHOO1783@DiscoverChampions.com

Community Gardens

Have you ever wanted to try gardening but didn't know where to start? Perhaps you're interested in saving money by growing your own organic vegetables? Maybe your yard is too small or too shady for a garden? Or maybe, you just want to be part of a "growing green" community?

If you've answered yes to any of these questions, you're in luck. The Fairhaven Community Garden has garden beds available at three locations in town: East Fairhaven Elementary School, Hastings Middle School and Wood Elementary School. The annual fee is \$10 per 4x8 foot bed. All gardeners agree to use organic practices only.

If you are interested or have a question, visit our website at fairhavencommunitygarden.org where you'll find more information and the 2022 gardening application, or you can email the site coordinator at sitecoordinator@fairhavencommunitygarden.org.

Vax Clinic

Booster vaccine clinic, Wed., 4/13, 2–6 p.m., Fairhaven Council on Aging/Senior Center, 229 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven. Pfizer vaccine will be offered.

Sponsored by Fairhaven Health Department and Southcoast Community Wellness Program. Call the Fairhaven Health Department at 508-979-4023, Ext. 125, or visit <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/board-health>

Easter Egg Hunt

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association invites the public to join us for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Sat., 4/16, 9 a.m. SHARP, Livesey Park, Fairhaven/Glenhaven St., behind the Oxford School.

Children from toddler to age 12 are invited to participate. Categories are: Toddler to 4; 5–8; 9–12. Bring your Easter basket and come out to welcome the Easter Bunny! FREE.

SAVE THE DATES:

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.

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 Donations Appreciated.

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

Refreshments will be on site and police detail will be present to ensure the safety of our participants.

The Nemasket Group, Inc. offers personalized, flexible supports to families and individuals with disabilities to live, work, and develop relationships within our communities.

FHS Class of 1960 Reunion

IT'S HAPPENING !!!

The Fairhaven High School Class of 1960 will be holding it's 60th class reunion FINALLY after a two year

delay because of the pandemic.

The reunion banquet is planned for Saturday, June 25, 2022 at the Reservation Golf Club, Reservation Rd., Mattapoisett. Festivities will begin at 4 p.m., class photo at 5:45 p.m. and buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m. More information about the reunion banquet and weekend activities will be sent out to classmates in May. SAVE THE DATE !

Cherry Blossom Friendship Festival

Cherry Blossom Friendship Festival, Sun., 5/1, 0:00 a.m., Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship House, 11 Cherry Street, Fairhaven

This traditional festival celebrates cherry blossoms and our friendship with Japan. Activities include names written in Japanese, origami (paper folding) instructions and demo, Japanese taiko drumming and martial arts, and displays of bonsai, quilts and kimonos, and a museum tour. Free admission.

A Bento picnic box lunch (no raw items), with green tea and cherry cheesecake, is available (limited number) at \$20 for adult, \$10 for child under 12.

Sponsored by the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society. Funded in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Councils' Festivals Program. To reserve tickets, call Gerry at 508-995-1219 or email Gerry@WMFriendshipHouse.org.

Militia Encampment

Fairhaven Village Militia, Revolutionary War Encampment, Sat. & Sun., 5/28, 29. Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to sunset, Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Fort Phoenix, Fort Street, Fairhaven, MA

Cannon firing is Saturday evening at 7:45 p.m.

The Fairhaven Village Militia and the Wareham Minutemen and Militia Companies present a two-day historical encampment at Fort Phoenix. Talk to period costumed men and women about the fort's history and life in the 1770s. See military drilling, flintlock musket and cannon firing demonstrations and see period activities such as tin smithing, leather working, carpentry, sewing, fire starting, and more. At sunset on Saturday, about 7:45 p.m.) the fort's five large cannons will be fired.

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...to everyone who supported my
campaign. I am excited to see what
the future holds!

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Jackson's Variety: Farewell to a Fairhaven icon



Workers dismantle the second floor of the former Jackson's Variety convenience store at 114 Scoticut Neck Road in Fairhaven on Monday, 4/4/22. The store had been in operation for more than 50 years when a fire on 2/3/20 destroyed the building and nearly took the life of Colin "Jack" Jackson, who lived upstairs. He was able to escape thanks to some passersby who got him out of the building. The family sold the building and the new owners are rehabbing the structure. According to the Fairhaven Building Department, the owner received a variance to add a third floor, and is seeking to rezone the commercial site to multi-use, which is, essentially, how it was being used in the past. *Photos by Beth David.*



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Bunny Shoot

Food, fun prizes! The New Bedford Rifle and Revolver Club, 246 Bolton St., New Bedford, will sponsor a Bunny Shoot on Sun., 4/10 from noon to 4 p.m. No...no actual bunnies are harmed in this event, honest.

All ages are accepted, no license required. Door prizes, caravan auction, 50/50 raffle.

All profits benefit Troop 3 for camp scholarships.

Cost: \$1 per target; 3 shots/target.

Visit <http://www.nbrcc.com/clubevents.html> or email secretary@nbrcc.com; 508-990-2523.

Azorean Art Exhibit

The New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, NB, announced that the first-ever American exhibition of the work of Domingos Rebêlo, one of the premier modernist painters of the 20th century, will be presented at the Whaling Museum beginning March 31, 2022 through September 22, 2022.

The Azorean Spirit: The Art of Domingos Rebêlo will be the seminal exhibition of the work of Domingos Rebêlo (1871-1971). Organized by his grandson, researcher and Guest Curator Jorge Rebêlo, the exhibition brings together over seventy paintings and works on paper from collections in continental Portugal and the Azores.

For more information on the exhibition and the surrounding events, visit <https://www.whalingmuseum.org/exhibition/domingos-rebelo/>

Scholarship Opportunity

The Greater New Bedford Garden Club is offering two \$1,800 scholarships to residents of the Greater New Bedford area who are high school seniors graduating in June and who are planning to attend a four-year college and pursuing a degree in horticulture, landscape design or agriculture, forestry, conservation or environmental science.

The goals of the Greater New Bedford Garden Club are to offer educational and inspirational programs and to encourage the advancement of gardening, flower arranging, horticulture and the

beautification of the community and the conservation of natural resources. Scholarships are given out each year as a way to encourage and support these objectives.

The scholarship applications are available for high school seniors in the guidances offices of the following high schools: New Bedford, Fairhaven, Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical, Dartmouth, Westport, Old Rochester Regional, Old Colony Regional, Bishop Stang, Bristol County Agricultural, Global Learning Charter School.

The deadline for applications and required paperwork is April 23, 2022 and must be postmarked by that date.

For further information, contact VirginiaSheehan427@comcast.net

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 for updated schedules of local COVID-19 vaccination and testing locations. Upcoming vaccine locations in New Bedford include:

Sat., 4/9: 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

Sat., 4/9: Buttonwood Park Zoo (425 Hawthorn St.) - 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., Pfizer, Moderna, boosters, vaccines for adults and children *Any child age 5 - 18 who gets vaccinated at the clinic will receive free admission to the zoo's Easter EGG-Stravaganza for that day, April 9*

Mon., 4/11: Former Fire Station 11 (754 Brock Ave.) – 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Pfizer, Moderna, J&J, boosters, vaccines for children 5 – 11, boosters for teens 12-17

Wed., 4/13: Community Economic Development Center (1501 Acushnet Ave.) – 3 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. Upcoming testing locations in New Bedford include:

Sun., 4/10: Project Beacon at New Bedford Regional Airport (1569 Airport Road) – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tues. 4/12 Project Beacon at New Bedford Regional Airport (1569 Airport Road) – 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tues. 4/14 Project Beacon at New Bedford Regional Airport (1569 Airport Road) – Noon. to 7 p.m.

Yard Waste Coll.

Collection for Yard Waste in New Bedford began on Monday, 4/4, and continues through Friday, 12/16/22. Collection is the day after trash day. Yard waste should be placed in store bought barrels or biodegradable leaf bags ONLY! Do not use city issued trash and recycling carts.

Collection for Brush & Branches begins Wednesday, 4/27, through Wednesday, 11/23, 2022 by appointment ONLY. (508) 999-2619

Yard waste, brush & branches can also be brought to the Recycling Center at 1103 Shawmut Ave during normal business hours:

Monday, noon to 5:00 PM; Wednesday, noon to 5:00 PM; Friday, noon to 5:00 PM; Saturday, 7:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Portuguese Studies

The Center for Portuguese Studies and Culture will host an international colloquium, the theme is "Social Movements and Civic Engagement in the Lusophone World". The colloquium will open on April 8th at the Whaling Museum with 3 panels and a formal dinner. The next day the colloquium will be held on the UMassD campus with 1 more panel and 2 roundtable discussions. The colloquium will bring together writers and scholars from across the Lusophone world, such as Lidia Jorge, Noemi Jaffe, Victor Barros, Marçal Paredes and Yvette dos Santos

For further information, contact 508-999-8255 or email portuguesestudiesctr@umassd.edu

Mattapoissett Mus.

Upcoming Events at Mattapoissett Museum, 5 Church St. Mattapoissett

April 1, 6 pm - *New Sounds of Silents* Southcoast Lessons' silent films set to live music series returns! Our fourth edition will feature the very real surreal documentary work of Jean Painlevé, amazing early animation, comedy, and drama. Come on out for an evening of short films set to both improvised and newly composed pieces brought to you by Southcoast Lessons performers. FREE

April 2, 12 pm - *The Real Life of New England Vital Records: Secrets to Finding Them Today*- Lecture with Diana MacLean Boumenot Understanding when, where, and why vital records were created, and the changes in those practices over the years can help us find them today. What additional abstracts have been created for the southern New England states? What forms of these records are available online? What kind of records might take the place of a vital record? Improve your family history research today by maximizing your ability to locate the records that tie generations together. **There is a \$5 suggested donation.** Register at www.mattapoissettmuseum.org/events

Historical Items

Items with a connection to Fairhaven are available at an antiques auction on Sat., 4/9. Brad Hathaway has submitted several items that might be of interest, including a blackfish spear from one of his relatives. During the 1938 hurricane it was thrown from the house and found. From the late 1880s, the spear has been handed down to Mr. Hathaway and appears to be handmade.

Also available are several paintings by Priscilla Aldin Hathaway.

Marion Antique Auctions, The Ancient to Modern Sale, Sat., 4/9, 10 a.m., 13 Atlantis Drive Marion, MA

Viewing: Thursday & Friday 10am to 5pm & Saturday 8am to 9:30am

To see items, visit <https://marionantiqueauctions.com>

Fish Meeting

The New England Fishery Management Council will hold a three-day

hybrid meeting from Tuesday, April 12 through Thursday, April 14, 2022. This will be an in-person meeting coupled with a webinar option for individuals who cannot or prefer not to attend in person.

Starts at 1:00 p.m. on Day 1 and 9:00 a.m. on Days 2 and 3. The webinar will end shortly after the Council adjourns each day.

Visit <https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/april-2022-council-meeting> for agenda and other info.

Deaf in 19th Cent.

Lydia Macomber's Letters: Exploring the history, culture and lives of deaf people in 19th-century New England Sat., 4/9, at 2 p.m. Presented by Professor Rebecca A.R. Edwards

This program will be offered via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6pa4q20zT7STTp5Y1TZkLQ

"I am deprived of hearing and speech but remember that God has been merciful to me because he has provided a way for my education so that I can read, write and talk." (Lydia Macomber, 1837).

A collection of letters written by Westport resident, Lydia Macomber, who was born deaf, opens an invaluable window into the lives of Deaf people in the maritime world of antebellum New England. She and her sister Olive Macomber attended the American School for the Deaf from 1832 to 1836. She regularly visited members of the Quaker community on Nantucket including astronomer Maria Mitchell. Her letters also record her involvement in producing silk by raising silkworms.

Rebecca A.R. Edwards, Professor of History at the Rochester Institute of Technology, New York will provide an introduction to Deaf history, as seen in these letters, and to Lydia and her friends. Professor Edwards' current research focuses on recovering the historical experiences of ordinary deaf people. Her research into American Deaf history has led to two books, *Words Made Flesh: Nineteenth-Century Deaf Education and the Growth of Deaf Culture* (2012) and *Deaf Players in Major League Baseball: A History, 1883 to the Present* (2020).

Lydia Macomber's letters can be

read at www.wpthistory.org/2014/11/lydia-macomber/

If you missed any of our public programs, you can view them here: <https://wpthistory.org/westport-historical-society-programs/>

Westport Historical Society, 508-636-6011, westporthistory@westporthistory.net; www.wpthistory.org

Weaving Exhibit/Demo

Come to the Mattapoissett Library, 7 Barstow St., from April 15–May 14 to see an exhibit of beautiful hand woven wearables and home accessories by local artist Lisa Elliott. Fairhaven resident Elliott comes from a family of artists: her parents, siblings, husband, and children. She received her BFA in Graphic Design from the Rhode Island School of Design and later completed four semesters in weaving at UMass Dartmouth.

After several years of weaving on her four-harness floor loom (where she's currently working on rag rugs) she discovered the joy of creating wearables and home accessories on the simple rigid heddle loom. The simplicity of plain weave puts emphasis on color interactions. Finger-controlled techniques and the use of a pick-up stick can add subtle or dramatic textural details.

She teaches beginner Rigid Heddle Weaving classes at the Marion Art Center and at the Dartmouth Cultural Center. She sells her hand-woven shawls, scarves, hand towels, and table runners at the artist cooperative Made In Warren, 476 Main Street, Warren RI and on Saturdays during the summer at the Huttleston Marketplace on Rte. 6 in Fairhaven.

We're excited to announce that Lisa is coming to the Library to weave in-person on her portable loom. Come in and watch her as she works or ask her your questions—she's happy to have a conversation about her art. She will be here:

Thursday, 4/28, 10am – 11am

Wednesday, 5/4, 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Sunday, 5/15, 1:30pm – 3:30pm

The library is accessible. Programs are free and open to the public.

Recipe of the Week

Honey-Garlic Slow Cooker Chicken Thighs

- 4 chicken thighs
- 1/2 cup soy sauce
- 1/2 cup ketchup
- 1/3 cup honey
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon dried basil

Place the chicken thighs in the bottom of your slow cooker.

In a small mixing bowl, combine the soy sauce, ketchup, honey, garlic, and basil. Pour mixture over the chicken thighs.

Cook on low heat for 6 hours.

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Dear Frankie

All For One

Dear Frankie,
My youngest siblings are four-year-old twins. They both have great dispositions. Sometimes my mom only gives them one toy to play with. She does this, she says, to teach



them how to share.

Most of the time, the twins enjoy sharing a toy. However, occasionally, one of them gets mad and accuses the other of not waiting their turn, grabbing, or refusing to give up the toy when asked. When this happens, one or the other inevitably starts to cry and have a tantrum. When this happens, my mom sits them down and gives them the lecture we have all heard a million times on the merits of sharing.

So, I ask you, if my mom thinks sharing is so important, why doesn't she let my big brother drive her car

or my sister wear her jewelry? If sharing is so great, why doesn't she share?

Benjie

Dear Benjie,

Sometimes it isn't easy to understand why humans act the way they do. Could your mom be one of those "Do what I say and not what I do" people?

Maybe sharing is just for kids, and you don't have to share after you become an adult. It might also be a money thing. You should share inexpensive items, but not expensive things. I honestly don't have a clue.

Your question, however, did make me wonder what it would be like if every human did share? For starters, there would be no rich people or poor people. Can you imagine living in such a world?

Best, Frankie

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Hacking pulls off upset, Correy makes history

By Beth David

Editor

Election Days, 4/4/22, ushered in some big firsts for Fairhaven: The town's new Town Administrator, Angeline "Angie" Lopes Ellison, started on the job that day; the Select Board officially became a five-member board, expanded from three; and Leon Correy, who received the second highest number of votes, made history as the first African American to hold a seat on the Select Board, well, at least as far as we can tell.

Mr. Correy shares the distinction of being the first person of color to serve on a townwide elected board with Ann Pinto, a Cape Verdean woman who served on the School Committee from 1993 to 2001, when she resigned just a year short of the end of her third term. And Ms. Ellison, Fairhaven's new Town Administrator, is also Cape Verdean. She is the second TA since the town changed its form of government in 2015.

Voters also re-elected Stasia Powers to the SB. She is only the second woman to serve on that board in the town's history.

Charles K. Murphy, Sr., won the third spot on the board, regaining a seat after losing his re-election bid in 2020.

This year, voters chose three SB members to expand the board. The top voter-getter was Ms. Powers with 1477 votes*, so she will serve three years; second was Mr. Correy with 1460 votes, so he will serve two years before running again; third was Mr. Murphy with 1379 votes, so he will serve one year before he needs to run again. After that all terms are three years.

Cameron Durant came in fourth with 1196 votes; and Cathy Melanson received 641.

The big upset, though, was Board of Health, where incumbent Peter

DeTerra, who has served on the board for 18 years, was unseated by newcomer to politics Heidi Hacking, 1725 to 822.

Voter turnout was 21%, an improvement on previous years, but still low. Fairhaven had 12,211 registered voters on election day.

Keeping with Fairhaven tradition, Cable Access TV held the annual event in Town Hall after the election, when all candidates, win or lose, are invited to speak to voters directly.



Stasia Powers



Leon Correy III



Charles K. Murphy Sr.

Mr. DeTerra had a smile on his face as he addressed voters. He thanked his family, his wife, and also the voters for electing him for the last 18 years. He noted that he knew most of the people in the room and it was great working with everyone.

He also congratulated Ms. Hacking, saying she "did a great job."

Ms. Hacking said it was "a little overwhelming right now," her first time getting involved in politics.

She thanked Mr. DeTerra for his years of service, and her campaign workers, volunteers, and the voters.

She said she met wonderful people as she knocked on doors campaigning.

"It really kind of confirmed that we have a wonderful town with wonderful people in it," said Ms. Hacking. "So now the work begins."

She also repeated a quote: "We inhale the past and we exhale the future," she said, adding, "And we move forward."

All five Select Board candidates were in the room and addressed voters.

Ms. Powers said her team was "amazing," and she was grateful for all they did, noting that they ran a campaign twice in just eight months. She was elected in the Recall Election last June.

She said her volunteers were "tremendous in every way," and thanked her family.

To voters she said, "Thank you for the opportunity to continue to serve this town. I've had a great experience so far and I'm happy to continue the work we started."

Mr. Correy started by saying it took "a long time to get here," as he, too ran in the Recall Election last June.

He thanked his wife first, saying she did "absolutely everything," and was an absolute "rock star."

He thanked the usual list of friends and family, then added "everyone I met."

"I feel like I met every single person who voted for me," he said. "It was...it was special."

Mr. Durant, who also ran in the Recall Election last year, said he felt that all the candidates officially became his friends, adding "What an interesting and different thing that is to say."

He said he considers all the



Cameron Durant



Cathy Melanson

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candidates “Fabulous additions to town, great public servants and people I’m hapapy to be associated with and to talk to and be freinds with.”

Ms. Melanson said she had a lot of fun, “but it was very exhausting, I do have to say.”

She thanked the voters and her team, adding, “My family? They just all thought I was crazy anyway.”

Through the laughter, she added: “I still say, whether I’m crazy or not, don’t count me out.”

“I have a lot of other things to do in this town,” said Ms. Melanson. “I’m going to keep on going.”

Mr. Murphy started by thanking God, saying he always thanks God first. And, of course, he added, “Not next to God, but close,” he thanked his wife Carrie.

Mr. Murphy said he got to know the candidates during the campaign and really appreciated all their contributions and everything they have done and continue to do.

He said he appreciated the opportunity to serve on the board again, “And I really appreciate the people who ran.”

He also thanked his volunteers, and the voters and those who held signs, noting there were many cold days holding signs outside.

Mr. Murphy also said he looked forward to working on a five-member Select Board.

As we come out of the pandemic, he said, “We’re working together to continue to make Fairhaven the most amazing place we can, and I truly appreciate all your support.”

Mr. Murphy then moved to shake hands with Ms. Ellison, and SB members Bob Espindola and Keith Silvia, which all the other candidates had done before him. All three stood up as Mr. Murphy finished speaking. However, as he approached Mr. Silvia,



Kevin Grant

hand outstretched, Mr. Silvia sat back down and put his hands in front of him, palms out, making it clear he had no intention of shaking Mr. Murphy’s hand. Mr. Murphy quickly turned away and went back to his seat with the public.

It is unclear if Mr. Espindola saw the exchange, or lack thereof. He took a minute to say that everyone witnessed what they heard from the five candidates about how the campaign was conducted. He said one of the most “touching” things he heard was when Ms. Powers lost her father during the campaign, the other candidates suspended campaigning that weekend.

“Honestly that’s just telling,” said Mr. Espindola. “That just is the type of



Peter DeTerra

people we have here in Fairhaven.”

Planning Board also had a contested election, with three people running for two seats, all new to politics. Top vote-getter was Kevin Grant with 1228 votes, Sharon Simmons with 1186, and Andrew Romano with 962.

Mr. Grant said he appreciated the opportunity to “get to work and hopefully have a positive impact on the town.”

He said a few in the room had reached out to him during the campaign and he appreciated it.

Mr. Grant also thanked his campaign maanger, his six-year-old son Jack, watching the proceedings even though it was past his bedtime.

“He worked very hard making my single campaign sign today,” said Mr. Grant.

Mr. Romano, who was also Ms. Hacking’s campaign manager, said he was not “overly sad” that he lost. “Because at the end of the day I did not have one sign made, I did not go to one campaign event and say ‘Hi I’m Andrew Romano and I’m running for Planning Board,’ and I still made it out



Heidi Hacking

with 961 votes.”

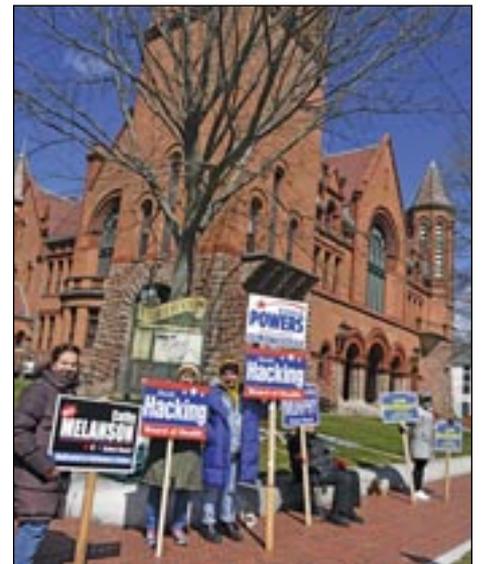
He said they have not seen the last of him, he is only 24 and just getting started.

Ms. Simmons did not attend.

Other races were uncontested and included: Linda Fredette, previously Acting Town Clerk, won election to a full term; on the School Committee incumbents Kyle Bueno and Erik Andersen were re-elected; Barbara Acksen was re-elected to her seat as Commissioner of Trust Funds; Louise Ponte, who was serving an unexpired term on the Trust Commission, was elected; Anne Smith won a seat on the Board of Public Works; and Gary Souza, who was serving an unexpired term on the Housing Authority, was elected to that seat.

The video may be viewed at <https://fb.watch/ccQPMX2Mxd/>

**Numbers may be different from those announced on election night, as the Town Clerk’s office released official results on Tuesday, which include hand-counts and write-ins.*



Supporters of the various candidates hold signs outside Fairhaven Town Hall on election day, 4/4/22. Photo by Beth David.

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Acushnet weighs options to balance budget

By Lori Richard

Neighb News Correspondent

At the 3/29/22 meeting, the Acushnet Selectboard gave serious consideration to what the consequences might be of using \$410,000 of excise tax money to balance the budget this year. While the board has budgeted \$1.3 million to do this, the additional revenue would bring the total to \$1.672 million, essentially providing town departments with most if not all of their budget requests. Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar expressed his strong reservations about taking such action.

"I think using the additional \$300,000 to balance the budget this year is not a prudent decision," he said. "There is also an additional \$110,000 in revenues that was left on the table in excess capacity in the levy that's been taken off, too.... I think that would be extremely detrimental to the town and extremely detrimental to the taxpayers."

Mr. Gaspar added that the school department's 2023 budget request would absorb almost all of the town's financial cushion.

"Between Old Colony and Acushnet Public Schools, there's an over \$700,000 increase in this year's budget. That's all of our Proposition 2-1/2 levy and half of our new growth. There's nothing left for fixed costs or the other side of town for budgeting," he said, including union contracts which have not been ratified yet.

Interim Town Administrator Jamie Kelley explained that the approximately \$1.7 million to balance the budget does not reflect an increase over last year's spending. He asked the board for direction.

"If the board wants to reduce its reliance on excise tax by \$100,000, \$200,000, that's up to the board," he said. He added that he has made similar recommendations in other communities that were implemented.

Regarding the aforementioned \$110,000, Mr. Kelley noted that the money came from unused levy capacity from last year. Essentially, if the board decides not to use revenue funds, the shortfall would have to be cut from department budgets. He suggested beginning by working with the school department's \$18 million budget.

"I gave you pretty much in four

weeks a level-funded budget, but there were additions," Mr. Kelley said in his defense.

Mr. Gaspar agreed that they were under a tight deadline this year, and he thanked Mr. Kelley for his hard work.

"I want to commend Mr. Kelley. He's been here for a very short period of time and he put the budgets together to the best of his ability," he said. "And I get it, nobody wants to argue about cuts, right?"

Mr. Gaspar said he wanted to bring the matter before the board because he's concerned about the impact the decision could have on taxpayers next year.

"People will be jumping up and down" when their tax bills arrive, he said, "that's kind of what happened this January and a lot of people complained."

If this is what we
go with and everybody
gets their wish list, then
good luck next year
[Kevin Gaspar]

However, Mr. Kelley said there's no way to calculate what tax bills will look like next year.

"You don't know," he said. If any MMA money is available, it probably will not exceed \$75,000 to \$100,000, and state aid has not amounted to much in recent years.

He said, "You've got to rely on Proposition 2-1/2 increases, [and] new growth which you don't have a lot of now.... I would argue you're not going to be up at the \$400,000 level next year."

Acushnet will likely be level-funded again next year, he added, but he does not predict the school department will hit that financial target.

Leaning towards budget cuts, Mr. Gaspar said, "I think we've got to pull back, maybe the schools could make a small cut."

Earlier in the night, the fire and police chiefs agreed that minor cuts

could be made in their departments if necessary. "There's room for us to make some cuts," he said.

His fellow selectboard members David Wojnar and David Desroches, said they would like more information in order to make an informed decision prior to approving the town's largest budgets.

Mr. Wojnar called for an evaluation of different budget scenarios to analyze their options and consider the impact to taxpayers.

"I want to make sure I have an understanding of what that is," he said.

Mr. Kelley said he would make a list of proposed cuts that "are not crippling" to departments for the board to consider its budgeting options.

"We'll just look at it and see how much can be done," he said.

Mr. Gaspar wondered out loud whether excise tax funds would have been used if they were not under such a tight deadline.

"If this is what we go with and everybody gets their wish list, then good luck next year," said Mr. Gaspar.

In response to his comment, Mr. Wojnar cautioned them about more than just the financial picture. He said investing in key personnel should be a concern on their radar as well.

"In the last two years I've noticed it's really evident that we have not invested in some pretty fundamental things for our government, for how we operate our town," he said. "I don't want to repeat that mistake moving forward."

He added that if they "treat people the right way" they will not need to run into these kind of difficult situations in the future, alluding to hiring employees in a pinch to keep the town running smoothly.

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It was the first time this year that the team came together to play.

Unified Basketball is in association with the Special Olympics to activate youth with and without intellectual

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The Fairhaven students/support athletes who participated are shown in the photos below with their coaches are: Ahanuw Helme

Alyjah Riggins, Charlee Malo*, Dean Joseph*, Dustin Amaral, Giselle Resende, Jasmyn Pierce, Joshua Vieira*, Kennedy Allain*, Kyra Joseph*, Maeve Bradshaw*, Noah De La Paz, Owen Carvalho, Wes Amarello*, Zachary Moura*, Megan DaSilva*, Austin Gooden*, Bailey Cadorette*, Joseph James*, Isaiah Benoit*. Coaches are: Nelly Nunes, Lisa Lunney, Rosanna Byrnes.

**Support athletes.*



ABOVE & BELOW: Members of the Fairhaven Unified Basketball team 2022 and their coaches pose for a picture. The team combines students with and without intellectual disabilities and is in association with the Special Olympics. *Submitted photos.*



Acushnet Police investigating animal cruelty case

*Animal Rescue League
Press Release*

The Animal Rescue League of Boston's (ARL) Law Enforcement Department and Acushnet Police Department are jointly investigating a case of possible animal cruelty after a cat and guinea pig were found deceased in a popular recreation area in Acushnet.

The animals were discovered on March 7, 2022, along a tree line behind a parking area on Lake Street, which runs along the New Bedford Reservoir. The residents who spotted the animals contacted Acushnet PD, with Animal Control quickly responding to the scene.

The animals had been placed in separate bags, which had been sealed with duct tape, and had likely been there for some time, as both animals exhibited advanced decomposition.

ARL's veterinary team conducted a forensic exam, including x-rays. The cat suffered multiple skull fractures, and because there were no other apparent injuries on the cat's body, it's unlikely the animal was struck by a car. However, due to the level of decomposition, it cannot be determined whether the injuries occurred pre or post mortem.

Decomposition on the guinea pig was too far advanced to do a thorough forensic exam.

This is an ongoing investigation, and anyone with any information is urged to contact either ARL Law Enforcement at (617) 426-9170 x110, or email cruelty@arlboston.org, or Acushnet Police Detective Division at (508) 998-0240, or email jfontes@acushnet.ma.us.

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Alltrust Credit Union Promotes Shannon Karageorgos

Press Release

(FAIRHAVEN, MA – April 4, 2022) -- Shannon Karageorgos has been promoted to the position of Compliance Officer at Alltrust Credit Union.

Karageorgos has been with Alltrust Credit Union as the Compliance Coordinator since July 2021. She came to us with over 23 years of banking experience and continues to expand her experience and knowledge in the banking industry.

Her most recent role prior to joining us here at Alltrust as the Compliance Coordinator was as the Interim Compliance and BSA Officer at Independence Bank in East Greenwich Rhode Island.

In her new role she will be responsible for the credit union's overall compliance program including BSA, Savings, Loans and Operations with applicable rules, regulations, and statutory requirements. She will develop and implement a compliance program and perform primary



Shannon Karageorgos has been promoted to Compliance Officer at Alltrust Credit Union in Fairhaven. *Submitted photo.*

functions while being conscious of streamlining efforts, cost effectiveness, safety & soundness, and proper maintenance of the internal control structures.

Karageorgos graduated with her associate's degree in Business Management from the Community

College of Rhode Island and then went on to complete her bachelor's degree in Business Management from Rhode Island College. She has worked in many past roles throughout the banking industry and has worked her way up the ranks many times to positions such as a Branch Operations Manager, VP Retail Operations Manager, and Compliance Officer.

Please join us in congratulating her on her new role!

Established in 1922, Alltrust Credit Union is celebrating 100 years of service excellence and financially sound operations. The credit union has assets of over \$300 million and provides banking services to more than 13,900 members. The main office is in Fairhaven, Massachusetts, with branch offices in Fall River, New Bedford, and Seekonk, Mass. Follow Alltrust on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn. For more information, call 508.994.9971 or visit alltrustcu.org

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TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS INVITATION TO BID



Sealed bids marked "GOULART BRIDGE REPAIR PROJECT" will be received at the Board of Public Works Office, 5 Arsene Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719 not later than 3:00 p.m. April 28, 2022 and at 3:00 p.m. April 28, 2022 will be publicly opened and read. Due to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic, Bidding Documents can only be obtained electronically from the Tighe & Bond website at: http://www.tighebond.com/Projects_Out_to_Bid.php

The Board of Public Works reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids if it is in the best interest of the Town to do so.

FNN: 4/7/22

TOWN OF ACUSHNET

Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138, Section 15A of the MA General Laws that an open Board of Selectmen's Meeting will be held at the Acushnet Town Hall, which is located at 122 Main Street, Acushnet, MA, in the meeting room on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 4:10 p.m. to approve a transfer of an Annual Restaurant All Alcoholic Liquor License from (Armand's of South-eastern Mass, Inc. DBA Blue Point Restaurant, (David Riccardi, Manager), to (S.A.I Silva Corp. DBA Blue Point Restaurant Natasha Silva, Manager) The premises consists of five rooms, a waiting area, service bar, dining room, kitchen, and take-out area with bathrooms with no basement in a one story building. The premises is situated on the north side of Dayton Street

& numbered 6 Dayton Street, Acushnet, MA 02743.
Board of Selectmen
David Desroches, Chairman
David Wojnar, Member
Kevin Gaspar, Sr., Member
FNN 4/7/22

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM

Notice of License Application Pursuant to M. G. L.
Chapter 91 Waterways License Application
Number 21-WW01-0013-APP Buzzards Bay
Coalition

NOTIFICATION DATE: April 7, 2022

Public notice is hereby given of the waterways application by Buzzards Bay Coalition to excavate previously filled saltmarsh, construct and maintain tidal creeks, an earthen berm, pedestrian bridge with associated rip rap, and coir logs at 0 Taber Street, in the municipality of Fairhaven, in and over filled tidelands of the Acushnet River. The proposed project has been determined to be water-dependent.

The Department will consider all written comments on this Waterways application received within 30 days subsequent to the "Notification Date". Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more, with at least five of the 10 residents residing in the municipality(s) in which the license or permitted activity is located, to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program by the Public Comments Deadline will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c).

Additional information regarding this application may be obtained by contacting the Waterways Regulation Program at (508) 946-2873. Project plans and documents for this application are on file with the Waterways Regulation Program for public viewing, by appointment only, at the address below.

Written comments must be addressed to: Carlos T. B. Fragata, Environmental Analyst, DEP Waterways Regulation Program, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347.

FNN: 4/7/22

Fairhaven Planning Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, April 26, 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 April 26, 2022, in Fairhaven on SP 2022-04: McDonald's Drive-Thru. The Planning Board Meeting and Public Hearing will be conducted both live and remotely and will be televised on Fairhaven TV Channel 18 and fairhaventv.com. To Join the Meeting from home Log on to:

<https://zoom.us/j/93163358101?pwd=NXg5WnUxZ3JLK3drSVBmM2JPTXE0QT09>

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 2022-04 – McDonald's Drive-Thru. The applicant, McDonald's USA, LLC, represented by Bohler Engineering, is requesting approval through the Special Permit Public Hearing review process for a second drive-thru at the existing restaurant building located on a pad site at 14 Plaza Way (0.93 acre portion of Map 27 Lot 13, a 13.72-acre property).

A copy of the application is on file for public review at the Planning Board Office, Town Hall by appointment and on the Town website. To schedule an appointment to review the application call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4082, Ext. 9 or go to: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/planning-board/pages/current-permits-being-reviewed-special-permits-definitive-subdivisions>

John Farrell Jr., Chairman of the Planning Board
FNN: 4/7/22, 4/14/22

From our readers

Bueno says "Thank You"

My friends, thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to serve on the School Committee for a 2nd term. I would like to thank Get Personal with Pattie, Fairhaven TV, and West Island Improvement Association for hosting their respective candidate nights to share with residents my experiences, story, and accomplishments during my 1st term.

As I have said over and over again, I am not perfect and will make mistakes. Disagreements will even arise at times over my positions on how to move our schools and community forward; and that's okay, because as long as we all share the common goal of moving Fairhaven forward, anything is possible. My only promise to you is this: I will show respect, decency, and compassion for you and your issues.

Thank you, and I hope you like my Facebook page, Kyle Bueno-Fairhaven School Committee, to share your thoughts and ideas of how we can keep our town beautiful and kind for all!

Your friend, Kyle Bueno, Fairhaven School Committee member

Hodgson's tactics don't work

Getting tough on crime, Sheriff Hodgson, hasn't worked and cost too much taxpayer money.

Thomas Hodgson, the renowned "making the community safe" sheriff of Bristol County, in reality has made the community less safe, and simultaneously cost millions of dollars to the taxpayers.

A community is not safe when those people who are released from prison re-commit crimes and are reincarcerated at taxpayer expense. Studies have proven, beyond question, that recidivism is most prevalent in communities where the prison system does not offer sufficient rehabilitation, vocational and reentry programs.

The Bristol County House of correction, under the twenty five year stewardship of Hodgson, falls into both categories of insufficient rehabilitation and medical services and a very high recidivism rate.

These expenses, in the millions of dollars, for detention and commitment, are paid each year by the tax payers. And in addition, Hodgson and

his extensive staff, which is incommensurate with the incarcerated population, cost additional millions each year.

Most strikingly, Hodgson has cost tax payers over four million dollars, or more, in legal fees to defend in law suits brought by employees, estates of deceased who died in his facility and the incarcerated claiming violations of their constitutional rights. And that figure does not include hundreds of thousands paid in court ordered fees to attorneys representing the complainants and restitution for unlawfully imposed fees on the incarcerated.

A sheriff who doesn't keep the community safe and has had to expend millions of dollars of taxpayer funds, must be replaced by someone who will promote effective and cost saving programs for the incarcerated and detained, and strictly adheres to the law and regulations, assuring the health and safety of all who are committed to his care and all who are employed on his staff.

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Town of Acushnet
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Board of Appeals

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Board of Health

Wed., 4/13, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 4/11, Arsene St., 6:15 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 4/11, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs., 4/7, Remote, 7 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 4/12, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 4/13, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

Select Board

Mon. 4/11, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Sustainability Committee

Tues., 4/19, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

Board of Appeals

Tues., 4/26, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 4/12, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

	Apr. 2022	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	7	0048	1318	0553	1756
Friday	8	0143	1413	0646	1852
Saturday	9	0237	1507	0759	2006
Sunday	10	0331	1605	0906	2114
Monday	11	0433	1709	1007	2219
Tuesday	12	0533	1801	1105	2324
Wednesday	13	0621	1843	1148	----
Thursday	14	0702	1922	0014	1226
Friday	15	0742	2001	0056*	1304*
Saturday	16	0823	2043	0140*	1345*
Sunday	17	0907	2129	0227*	1431*
Monday	18	0955	2218	0317*	1520*
Tuesday	19	1044	2308	0404*	1607*
Wednesday	20	1136	----	0449*	1653*
Thursday	21	0003	1236	0536*	1743*
Friday	22	0105	1340	0637	1849
Saturday	23	0208	1442	0811	2026
Sunday	24	0309	1545	1004	2237
Monday	25	0413	1652	1129	----

*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft
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Bike Path update

Submitted by Mattapoissett's Bike Path Study Committee

The Mattapoissett Bike Path Study Committee has been working with the Town Selectboard to complete the 4.6 mile bike path in Mattapoissett for 25 years. Currently a common question is, "Why is it taking so long to complete Phase 1B, the section from Mattapoissett Neck Road to Railroad Ave?"

Quite simply, this portion of the rail trail project is the responsibility of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), which means MassDOT is fully in charge of construction, not the Town. In 2010, Mattapoissett Rail Trail was accepted into the Massachusetts' Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) funding program to have Phase 1B built. The TIP funding source is an agreement that the State will pay for all construction costs, provided the Town pays for a completed design that meets the State's and Federal standards. Design decisions are influenced, but not determined, by the Town.

It's important to understand that the Town does not manage or pay for

construction.

Over the past few months, the Town Administration has publicly stated it is working with MassDOT to correct the planking issues on the section of the path from Good Speed Island to Reservation Road and that the Town will not accept the project from the State until it meets the Town's standards. The costs associated with this effort will continue to be paid by MassDOT.

This Committee supports the Town officials in their decision not to

take responsibility for any of Phase 1B until the corrective measures for the design defects are fully vetted, approved, and implemented. We view this approach to be prudent and fiscally sound. Regarding the time frame for completion: At a recent public meeting, Town Administrator Mike Lorenzo stated that new planking is being tested and the project could be completed within the next 12 to 18 months. We recognize this process will take time and patience but when finished Mattapoissett's Rail Trail will be a beautiful asset to our Town.

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