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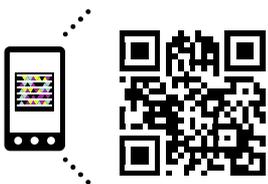
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Teeming with information you need.  
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

## Teddy Bear parade strolls through center



Daisy D Dots leads the way during the Millicent Library's 37th annual Teddy Bear Parade in Fairhaven on Saturday, 8/13/22, an event that signals the end of the summer reading program. Photo by Glenn C. Silva for the Fairhaven Neighborhood News. See page 16. Photo by Glenn C. Silva.



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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Hey! it's cold out there. No, not complaining. Actually feels kind of good, but I'm not quite ready for summer to end yet. A little rain would be nice, but let's get a few more weekends of beach and boat weather.

We have a jam-packed issue for you this week. I should impart some profundity on a couple of things (you'll see what I mean), but I just don't have time.

My printer is waiting anxiously for this baby, so I need to move it along.

We have Acushnet (page 12) and Fairhaven (page 4) Selectboard stories for you; election stuff (page 19); a mysterious personnel change at town hall (page 3); and a bunch of fun stuff.

Our cover story is always fun. Sorry I couldn't make it there myself this year. Glenn did a fabulous job, though. See page 16 for that.

He was also at the car show (page 17) and the bottle rockets fun (page 8).

I was out and about, too....a little. I was at the BBQ (page 23). Hmm...the one with free food, I guess.

Ah, there's more in here of course.

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

We made an error last week when we listed the Cruise Night in Acushnet on 8/25. The event has been canceled. We apologize for any confusion our error may have caused.

# Mystery surrounds TA assistant's move to public works dept.

By Beth David  
Editor

Fairhaven's Assistant to the Town Administrator, Vicki Oliveira, has been assigned to a clerical position at the public works department, effective this past Monday, 8/15/22.

The first public indication of the move was a Facebook post by Tracy Travers, who has also sent a letter to the editor (see page 18). In the post Ms. Travers said that Ms. Oliveira was "fired" for "failure to keep confidential information confidential," but then writes that the information in question was already public knowledge. She does not, however, say what the alleged information was.

The assistant to the TA position is classified as a "confidential employee," and is not a union position. It is an at will position that serves "at the pleasure of the TA," according to several sources familiar with personnel structure in municipal government.

Confidential employees are privy to sensitive information, including personnel matters, ongoing negotiations, and executive sessions.

Town Administrator Angie Lopes

Ellison would not comment on the details of the situation. She would only say that Ms. Oliveira was not "fired," but was reassigned to public works. The TA has the authority to reassign employees, including to the PW department, for a maximum of 60 days. The position at the PW is a Sewer Department Principal Clerk, which would result in about a \$30,000 pay cut, according to public records of employee salaries.

Ms. Ellison would not confirm or deny the reason for the move.

"It's a personnel matter, so I can't get into the specifics," said Ms. Ellison in a phone interview. "It's a temporary assignment."

In her FB post and letter, Ms. Travers alleges the move was retaliation because Wayne Oliveira, who is Vicki's husband and the chairperson of the Historical Commission, spoke against moving the Select Board office and other building changes that Ms. Ellison is instituting in town hall (see 7/14/22 issue).

The *Neighb News* also found out through a variety of sources, that Mr. Oliveira had an altercation of some

sort with Ms. Ellison on Thursday, 8/11. Ms. Oliveira had been notified of the move on Monday, with Friday being her last day in the TA's office.

On Thursday, an ambulance was called to town hall to tend to Ms. Oliveira for an unspecified reason. According to sources, her husband and Ms. Ellison arrived in the room at approximately the same time. At that point, Mr. Oliveira verbally confronted Ms. Ellison and demanded that she not go near Ms. Oliveira.

Fairhaven Police Department spokesperson Kevin Kobza confirmed that an ambulance call was made to the town hall, but said that the police unit was canceled before it arrived, so he had no details on what transpired in the building.

Ms. Ellison would not comment on the matter.

In an email statement, Ms. Oliveira said her reassignment was a shock to her.

"My work ethic has always been in the best interest of my hometown," wrote Ms. Oliveira. "Although this came as a complete shock to me I will

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# Amid power outage, Fairhaven SB has full agenda

By Beth David  
Editor

A short, but untimely series of power outages threw a bit of a wrench into the workings of the Fairhaven Select Board's meeting on Monday, 8/15/22, but did not interfere with their appointment of Travis Rapoza to the Board of Public Works.

The power had gone out about a half hour before the meeting started (see page 13), causing delays and a shortage of certain documents that needed to be copied.

But, the board continued with its full agenda. The meeting started out cablecasting on channel 18 and livestreaming, but, due to two short outages during the meeting, ended up being available only by Zoom as a live option, or in person at town hall.

In a bit of a twist on the usual procedure, the SB has sole authority to fill a vacancy on the BPW, according to the special act that created the BPW. Cameron Durant resigned his position to take a job as Human Resources Director with the town.

Two people expressed interest in the open seat: Daniel Lopes and

Travis Rapoza.

The five-person board was split in what to do, with Chairperson Stasia Powers casting the tie breaker in Mr. Rapoza's favor.

Mr. Lopes noted his professional background as a Laboratory Safety Officer and Safety and Health Officer at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. He has Bachelor of Science in Emergency Management.

"As a lifelong Fairhaven resident and homeowner, I feel very fortunate to have grown up here in town," wrote Mr. Lopes in his letter of interest. "I feel I have a responsibility to give back to the place I've called home all my life."

Mr. Rapoza, who graduated from Fairhaven High School in 2009, said his background working as an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer with a New Bedford Police Department program working with people struggling with substance use disorder.

In his letter of interest, he said he believed his "ability to quickly understand information, solve problems, and grasp how different agencies and

stakeholders intersect with policies and procedures, make me an ideal candidate for the Board of Public Works."

Members of the BPW weighed in, with Robert "Hoppy" Hobson saying both candidates are good, he would not want to have to choose, but he was hoping they would choose Mr. Lopes.

BPW chairperson Brian Wotton also emailed his preference for Mr. Lopes; BPW member Marcus Ferro sent a statement expressing his choice as Mr. Lopes.

BPW member Anne Morton Smith was noncommittal in her statements, expressing praise for both candidates.

"It's on you guys," she said.

When it came time to vote, SB member Charlie Murphy nominated Travis, with a second from Bob Espindola; Keith Sylvia nominated Mr. Lopes, with a second from Leon Correy.

Ms. Powers squirmed in her chair and noted that she would, therefore, be the tie breaker.

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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Fire Truck Fun & Safety

Join us on Wed., 8/24 at 10:30 a.m., for Fire Safety/Truck Day at the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven (Walnut Street entrance) for this outdoor event. Weather permitting.

Fairhaven Firefighters and Sparky the Fire Dog will visit the library and share safety tips and escape plans, teach us how to call 911, and demonstrate how to wear protective gear.

There may also be a frosty treat.

Open to all ages. Register online at [millicentlibrary.org](http://millicentlibrary.org)

Email Allie at [athiel@sailsinc.org](mailto:athiel@sailsinc.org)

## Scout Sign Up

Starting on Thursday, August 25th (and continuing on Thursdays after that date) Troop 52 Fairhaven will be holding in-person sign up for both boys and girls ages 11-17 for our Scouting program at St. Mary's Parish Hall 6:30 to 8pm, Main St., Fairhaven.

Pack 52 will be signing up Cub Scouts for boys and girls K-5 grade in a couple of weeks.

Contact Bob Dorgan at [rdorgan@aol.com](mailto:rdorgan@aol.com) 508-264-1231 or Tina Edminster at [tinaedminster@yahoo.com](mailto:tinaedminster@yahoo.com).

## Music Night

The North Fairhaven Music Association brings you Music Night, featuring Eddie and the Exciters. Sun., 8/21, 4:30-7:30 p.m., Benoit Square (intersection of Main St. & Howland Rd., Fairhaven. Bring a lawn chair and your friends to enjoy some great live music. Free.

Malassadas by Villa Verde, grill items, soda, water, and more will be available for purchase.

Sponsored by Mass. Cultural Council, Alltrust Credit Union, Villa Verde Restaurant, Cottrell General Contracting.

## Tour Guides Needed

As you may be aware the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society offers tours of the Whitfield-Manjiro Museum as well as the Manjiro Trail which includes eight Fairhaven locations which are part of the

Manjiro story. There is an international interest in these locations where Captain Whitfield and Manjiro shared time and space.

We are currently seeking volunteer tour guides who can make their own schedule and convey this rich history to visitors from around the world. In the past 11 years we have hosted approximately 12,000 visitors. Tours are only done by prior arrangement.

If you live close enough to make it feasible and would care to investigate this position, please contact me by e-mail at [gerry@wmfriendshiphouse.org](mailto:gerry@wmfriendshiphouse.org) or call me at the office (508-858-5303), at home (508-995-1219) or my cell phone (508-269-4659).

Our story is unique in the USA; we are anxious to share it.

## Volunteers Needed

The Fairhaven Planning Department is seeking up to 10 volunteers from the general public to be on the 40R Working Group. The group will meet 4-6 times over the next six months to help develop a 40R Bylaw and Design Standards.

The new zoning designation would be an overlay district that would allow for a wider variety of mixed uses. The bylaw would create boundaries for the district and would include design standards. The law was created to increase housing an encourage affordable housing options.

The deadline to apply is the end of August. The rest will come from Boards, Committees, Organizations, stakeholders etc.

If interested please contact [pfoley@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:pfoley@fairhaven-ma.gov).

For more information visit the Planning & Economic Development Department page: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/planning-economic-development>

## SAVE THE DATES:

### Outdoor Movie Night

The Fairhaven Firefighters Association, Local 1555, presents Movie Night, featuring Disney's *Encanto* on Sat., 8/27, at Livesey Park in Fairhaven, from 7:30-9 p.m.

Free admission. Free snacks and more! Bring your blankets or chairs.

Sponsors: Local 1555, S.A.F.E. Program, Anne Whiting Real Estate, Profishant, Inc., Dorothy Cox's.

## OLOA Feast

Feast of Our Lady of Angels, September 3, 4, 5, Our Lady of Angels Feast Grounds, 7 Jesse St., Fairhaven.

Sat. 5 p.m.-Midnight, Sun. Noon - Midnight, Mon. Noon - 10:00 p.m.

Procession on Main St. Monday at 1:00 p.m.

## Huttleston Marketplace

More than 75 booths are scheduled to set up each Saturday at Fairhaven's outdoor Huttleston Marketplace from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A list of vendors is posted at <https://fairhaventours.com/huttleston-marketplace>.

## Farmers Markets

### Fairhaven Farmer's Market

The Fairhaven Farmer's Market will open for the season this Sunday, 6/19 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and run through October 30, 151 Alden Road, Fairhaven, MA, next to National Bleach. This privately operated farmers market features locally grown edibles, vegetables, fruits, baked goods, meat, herbs, honey, jams, eggs, plants, homemade soaps, fresh squeezed lemonade, farm-related products and much more. Some vendors accept SNAP/HIP and WIC and Seniors Farmers Market coupons. There is parking on the premises. The market offers free space for local non-profit groups. For more information, email [Allnaturalbeef@comcast.net](mailto:Allnaturalbeef@comcast.net) or find them on Facebook.

### Roxann's Garden Center

Sundays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Roxann's Garden Center, 189 Alden Road, Fairhaven. Features local produce and hand crafted items.

## Pirates!

Pirates & Privateers Presentation at Fort Phoenix, Fridays, 10:00 a.m., through September. Start at Fort Phoenix flagpole, Fort Phoenix, Old Fort Rd., Fairhaven

Hear tales of pirates, Revolutionary War era privateers, and historical Fort Phoenix presented by Greybeard, an 18th century gunner from the privateer sloop Broome, Abigail "Abby" Black, a ship's doctor, Mr. Church the cook, and Andrew the Powder Monkey.

# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## Pedal for the Path

The South Coast Bikeway Alliance (SCBA) will hold a bike-ride fundraiser, Pedal for the Path, on Sunday September 11, 2022. Funds raised from this ride will help the communities of Dartmouth, New Bedford and Westport complete their portions of a multi-use South Coast Bikeway spanning from Swansea to Wareham. Sections of the path have already been completed in Fall River, Fairhaven, New Bedford and Mattapoisett.

The Pedal for the Path will begin and end at Cisco Brewers Kitchen & Bar. Two distances are available, either 52 or 30 miles. Riders will leave at 9am for the 52-mile ride and 10 am for the 30 mile ride. Both routes offer miles of fabulous cycling, postcard perfect scenic views, and glimpses of the South Coast's rich history.

Stops include free ice cream and snacks, and riders receive a \$10 food/beverage voucher for the post-ride celebration at Cisco. Sponsors include Acushnet Creamery ice cream at Pier 3, Del's Lemonade provided by Dorothy Cox in Fairhaven and the new Dole Whip from Dairy Maid at Cisco.

Check the SCBA website ([southcoastbikeway.com](https://southcoastbikeway.com)) or South Coast Bikeway Facebook page for additional information and updates. Registration is open now. Register at <https://www.bikereg.com/pedal-for-the-path>. Volunteers are needed, so if you can help out, please email [thesouthcoastbikeway@gmail.com](mailto:thesouthcoastbikeway@gmail.com), or with any questions.

## Summer Concerts

Downtown New Bedford's massive, dance-fueled Summer Sound Series offers a free concert every week, alternating between Purchase Street and lower Union Street, with block party events featuring a variety of musical genres and participation from local restaurants every Friday through Sept. 16.

### **PURCHASE STREET (between Union and William streets):**

- September 2: Hip Shot Band (upbeat dance / multiple genres / high-energy event band)

### **UNION STREET (between N. Water St. and Route 18):**

- August 26: TBD
- September 9: The Rosie Show

(singer / songwriter rock)

- September 16: Johnny Hoy & The Bluefish (bluesy dance music)

All concerts are weather permitting. Learn more at: [destinationanewbedford.org](http://destinationanewbedford.org)

## Hetty Green Series

The New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park welcomes all to a five segment meet and greet with Hetty Howland Robinson Green, once the richest woman in America and the area's most famous witch/philanthropist/financial wizard.

Programs will be held at 1 pm the last Sunday of each month from May to September at the Park, 33 William Street, with free admission. The remaining schedule follows:

- **8/18: How to Become a Millionaire:** According to Hetty, it's a simple task. Just follow her advice and you can't lose.
- **9/25: The All Important Question: Where is Hetty's Money now?** The answer can be found in three last will and testaments, Hetty's, her son, Ned's and her daughter, Sylvia's, minus, of course, inheritance taxes and legal maneuvers.

Hetty Green is re-enacted by retired teacher and long time Park volunteer, Irene Duprey-Gutierrez.

## Free Plays

*Playwright on the Patio 2*, August 27th and August 28th at 1:00pm and 4:00pm. All Performances Free-Donations Accepted

Two plays written and directed by local playwright, and YTI Co-Artistic Director Lawrence R. Houbre, Jr. are being presented for your enjoyment under the tent at the Rotch-Jones-Duff House Garden.

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Written and Directed by Lawrence R. Houbre, Jr. A young couple moving into their newly bought home meet the previous owner who shares with

them various memories of the house.

### **Once Upon a Whaleship**

Written and Directed by Lawrence R. Houbre, Jr. We visit with Ross aboard the ship William Hamilton as it voyages to the Indian Ocean for two years of right whaling. He's joined by Greenhand Jacob, on his first voyage. Includes various references to locations depicted in the restored Whaling Voyage Panarama at one time displayed by the New Bedford Whaling Museum.

Funded in part by the local Cultural Council of New Bedford.

## Reggae on the Beach

Reggae on West Beach happens on the last Sunday of each month, with ONE left. From 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on those afternoons it features a mix of live bands and DJs on the pavilion at 239 West Rodney French Boulevard which juts out from the beach into Clarks Cove. And, it's free to attend for all.

In addition to the sounds, Reggae on West Beach also features unique food trucks and local artists and artisans as well as community groups. All represent the unique elements which give New Bedford flavor and soul today.

- Sunday, August 28, featuring DJ Bee Mags of WNB One Radio and Jahbari .

For vendors and information, follow on Facebook: [Facebook.com/ReggaeOnWestBeach](https://www.facebook.com/ReggaeOnWestBeach).

## Oral History Project

The New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center, 38 Bethel St., New Bedford, is thrilled to embark on a year-long project engaging women aged 65+ from Greater New Bedford with ties to the fishing industry. Women will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of programs, including an intergenerational oral history project led by local high school and college-aged women. This project aims to combat social isolation, validate the lived experience of these women, and document their stories for the future.

For more information about the center, visit [fishingheritagecenter.org](http://fishingheritagecenter.org), email [programs@ishingheritage](mailto:programs@ishingheritage)

# HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

## Wall Raising

Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity, an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, serves the towns of Acushnet, Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester, Wareham, New Bedford, Dartmouth, and Westport.

The walls are being raised by volunteers this weekend for Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity's 1st Westport home build! To help two local mothers, and their children, build their own energy-efficient home that is affordable.

We need your help on Sat., 8/20, at 9:00 a.m.+ at 629 and 631 Sodom Road, Westport, MA (Across the street from 658 Sodom Road for GPS.)

## Break Volunteers

Habitat for Humanity needs volunteers to help with our coffee and lunch breaks at our Westport duplex (across from 658 Sodom Road.)

Coffee Break: 8:30/8:45

Lunch Break: 12:00/12:30

Please email BuzzardsBayAreaHabitat@yahoo.com if you are available to volunteer.

## Motorcycle Run

Saint Vincent's Services will be holding our 17th Annual Motorcycle Run and Raffle on Sunday, August 21st, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. starting at 2425 Highland Avenue in Fall River. Check in at 9 a.m., kickstands up at 10 a.m. Tickets: \$25; Veteran/\$20; Passenger/\$15.

Tickets for are available at [www.SaintVincentServices.org](http://www.SaintVincentServices.org) or can be purchased the morning of the Bike Run.

We are anticipating another terrific bike run this year with over 175 motorcycles and 300 guests, making this bike run one of the largest in the area. The route is a 45-mile bike run that travels through the scenic back roads of Fall River, Assonet, Berkley, and Lakeville, and ends at the Fall River Elks Lodge. This State Police escorted ride is a relaxed run that features wide open country roads and breathtaking lake views.

The Bike Run will end at the Fall River Elks Lodge on N. Main St., where riders, passengers, and friends are invited to stay and enjoy a BBQ

lunch, cold drinks, our Run Raffle, and live music from the Most Wanted Band! Presented by Preferred Concrete Forms.

## Auditions

The MAC Theater Announces Auditions for Fourth Play of the Season

The Marion Art Center Theater announces open auditions for the upcoming production of Church & State written by Jason Odell Williams. Director Donn Tyler will be casting five roles: one male and one female able to play forties/early fifties, one female able to play thirties/early forties, and two males or females able to play twenties. Auditions will be held on Saturday, August 27 from 12:00-2:00pm and on Sunday, August 28, from 10:00am-12:00pm at the Marion Art Center located at 80 Pleasant Street in Marion, MA. Only fully vaccinated actors will be considered for roles. Performance dates are scheduled November 4, 5, 6, 10 (tentative), 11, 12, & 13, 2022. Sunday matinees will begin at 2:00pm while all other evening shows will begin at 7:30pm.

Synopsis: Three days before his bid for reelection, in the wake of a school shooting in his hometown of Raleigh, North Carolina, a Republican U.S. senator makes an off-the-cuff comment to a blogger that gets leaked on "the Twitter," calling into question the senator's stance on guns and God. As his devoutly Christian wife and his liberal campaign manager try to contain the damage, this look at how religion influences politics and how politics has become a religion is simultaneously funny, heartbreaking, and uplifting.

Full character descriptions and more information can be found online at [marionartcenter.org/auditions](http://marionartcenter.org/auditions).

## Outdoor Concert

The Acushnet Public library presents the summer concert series under the pavilion on Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m. Concerts are held rain or shine. Please bring a chair or blanket. Contact Sandra Medeiros 508-998-0270, [smedeiros@sailsinc.org](mailto:smedeiros@sailsinc.org)

For complete schedule, visit <https://acupl.org/>

Scheduled concerts include:

- Wed., 8/24, 6-8 p.m. George Piva is

back with the **G & Friends Quartet** to round up our Summer Concert Series. This popular local group featuring George Piva, Jeff Gobush, Geoffrey Fortin and Ed Oliver will play a variety of blues, jazz, rock, roots and funk.

Concerts are held rain or shine under the new pavilion. Please bring a chair or blanket. Sponsored by the Friends of the Acushnet Public Library.

## SAVE THE DATE:

### Schooner Fest

Gloucester Schooner Festival is back! Join us on Sept.1-4 when Maritime Gloucester will welcome more than 20 schooners to its recently rebuilt Harriet Webster Pier.

Taking place in the harbor and nearby waters of America's oldest seaport, the Gloucester Schooner Festival honors the major role the fishing schooner – invented here in 1713 – has played in the heritage of Gloucester and the eastern seaboard. Old and new, large and small, a variety of schooners will visit Gloucester Harbor throughout the weekend, delighting all who visit.

Gloucester's beautiful harbor, acclaimed by explorer Samuel de Champlain as "Le Beauport" is the backdrop for a unique mix of modern day and traditional vessels from the age of sail. A spectacular highlight of the Gloucester Schooner Festival is the Parade of Sail on Sunday morning as participating schooners make their way through the harbor and past the breakwater, to the Mayor's Race starting area off Eastern Point.

**Sunday, Sept 4: Parade of Sail - 10:00am to 12:00pm** Gloucester Harbor, Stacey Boulevard and Eastern Point viewing. The entire fleet of schooners joins together for a Parade of Sail not to be missed! Whether you get aboard a schooner or watch from the shore, this is a memorable experience for all. Prime viewing areas are Stacy Boulevard, Stage Fort Park, and Eastern Point. On the Boulevard, our Festival Chair Daisy Nell Collinson, Michael Costello, and Maritime Gloucester Historian Justin Demetri will provide live commentary. Schooners proceed from the Inner Harbor, past the Fisherman's Memorial on Stacy Boulevard, to the race starting area off Eastern Point.

Visit [discovergloucester.com/](http://discovergloucester.com/)

# Rockets away!



The Millicent Library in Fairhaven hosted Toby Dills for a lesson and hands-on experience building bottle rockets and setting them off on Tuesday, 8/9/22.

Dr. Dills explained the mechanics of the rockets, and then participants had a chance to try it themselves on the lawn of the Unitarian Church. The rockets launch off their launchpads powered by water under pressure with pumped-in air. Teamwork is involved in launching the rockets: Two people have to steady the base while one pulls the release cord.

LEFT: Kids and adults have fun launching bottle rockets, with some going more than 75 feet high, on the lawn of the Unitarian Church during a program by Fairhaven's Millicent Library on 8/9/22 by Toby Dills. BELOW LEFT: Children's Librarian

Allie Thiel helps pour the correct amount of water (fuel) into the bottle rockets before launch. BELOW RIGHT and BOTTOM LEFT: Teamwork is evident as two people steady the base while another pulls the release cord to launch a bottle rocket off its launchpad, powered by water held under pressure with pumped-in air. BOTTOM RIGHT, L-R: Emilia Durant, Evianna Sylvia, and Reagan Durant pose with their rockets before launch time.

*Photos by Glenn C. Silva.*



# Rotary Awards four scholarships



The Fairhaven Rotary Club awarded four scholarships at their meeting last week. Jacob Larocque, Liam Reynolds, Samantha Sauve, and Mariel Surprenant each received \$500 to help them with costs of their post secondary education. CLOCKWISE Jacob Larocque, Liam Reynolds and Mariel Surprenant take their photo ops with the oversized check at the Fairhaven Rotary Club meeting last week on 8/9/22. (No photo available of Ms. Sauve.) The club meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. Email [rotarycluboffairhaven@gmail.com](mailto:rotarycluboffairhaven@gmail.com) to learn how to join. *Submitted photos.*



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# Recipe of the Week

## Easy Fried Fish

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- 4 pieces of fish, any kind
- 2 tablespoons coriander powder
- Tablespoon red chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon turmeric powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoons vinegar (or equivalent lime juice)
- Flour, for coating
- 1 tablespoon garlic paste
- Oil ( for frying)

Mix all wet and dry ingredients with the exception of flour and oil to make a smooth paste. Add a little water if needed.

Wash and dry the fish. On a cutting board or in a large bowl, coat the fish fillets with the paste from step 1 coating evenly. Marinate for 10 minutes.

Roll fish in dry flour.

Heat the frying oil in a skillet over medium heat. Shallow fry the fish for 5 minutes on each side. Drain the fish of excess oil on paper towels before serving.

From [commandcooking.com](http://commandcooking.com)

### To share a recipe with your neighbors

Mail to 166 Dogwood St., Fairhaven, MA 02719; fax to 508-991-5580; email to [neighbnews@comcast.net](mailto:neighbnews@comcast.net) (Email preferred)

# Dear Frankie



## Aspiring Writer Looking For Advice

Dear Frankie, I am one of your biggest fans. The first time I read your column, I knew I wanted to be a writer.

Since I was a puppy, I have been making up stories in my head. When I learned to write, I wrote my stories in little notebooks called "Canine Capers." I showed several of them to the librarian.

She said, "I wouldn't be surprised to see your name someday on the masthead of "Dogs International."

Last week I gave one of my books to my new friend Olive. The next day I asked her what she thought about my story. She said it was OK, but I shouldn't give up my day job. I told her I didn't have a job, and she just laughed.

I asked my dad, "What did she mean about having a job?"

He said, "She was using sarcasm to imply my book wasn't very good."

He also said he thought my books were great. But hey, he's my dad.

I can't help feeling discouraged by Olive's response. When you began your column, did you get sarcastic feedback from your friends?

Allie

Dear Allie,

Once you make your creative work public, you will have both fans and critics. When I began writing Dear Frankie, they were letters. I had just retired from a long career as a service dog and was looking for something to

fill my time. When I read the letters to my friends, they thought they were great.

Later, when I told them I wanted to get them published as a column, some said, "Great idea.", others, "Don't get your hopes up." and still others, "Why don't you just have fun writing them and not worry about getting them published."

When I submitted the columns to hundreds of newspapers, some editors said they were clever but only printed local news, others weren't interested, some didn't respond, and three contracted to run the column.

So pursue your passion Allie, and don't allow others to discourage you with their cool or snide comments.

By the way, if you have been writing all your life, it's a part of who you are and what you do. I say remember what the librarian said at times when you get down.

Best, Frankie

P.S. I blushed when you said you were a fan.

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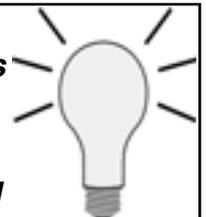
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# Acushnet building commissioner, maintenance workers leave

By Nicholas Barao

## Neighb News Correspondent

The Acushnet Selectboard had its plate full on 8/8/22 discussing the upcoming election, vacancies on various boards, and the resignation of the building commissioner and both maintenance workers.

The board the resignations of Building Commissioner Jim Marot, and maintenance carpenters Tyler Camboia and Miguel Savison.

"I'm deeply saddened by Tyler and Miguel leaving," said board member Kevin Gaspar. "We provided them that opportunity to get some experience with us. They're just two great individuals and I'm deeply saddened to see these two young men leave."

"When We recognize good employees, I think we've really got to think long and hard about how we compensate them, how we treat them, how we promote them, or we can decide that the business model that we want as a community is to be a feeder system for other towns," said Chairperson David Wojnar.

He said the board needs to come up with a game plan to prevent the

loss of people of good caliber like Tyler and Miguel in the future.

The board discussed the urgency of hiring a building commissioner versus only a building inspector due to the high number of outstanding permits that need to be issued.

Mr. Gaspar said the best way was to advertise for a permanent building commissioner immediately.

Town Administrator James Kelley suggested hiring an interim building inspector and said he had a couple candidates in mind.

Mr. Gaspar argued that time would be wasted looking for an interim when they could be looking for a permanent hire.

Mr. Wojnar said it was possible to do both. Since Mr. Kelley had two candidates in mind, maybe one would be willing to fill in temporarily while the town looks to hire someone permanently.

Mr. Gaspar continued to express concern over finding a long-term replacement, even though no one appeared to disagree with him, which Mr. Wojnar pointed out.

After the back and forth, Mr.

Gaspar made the motion to advertise for a permanent building inspector while appointing an interim.

The motion passed.

In another matter in preparation for the state primary election on September 6, the board noted that redistricting has resulted in Acushnet losing Christopher Hendricks as their state representative. The town is now part of the Eight Bristol District, where Paul Schmid is the incumbent. He faces a Republican challenger, Evan Gendreau.

Early voting has started, with 100 mail-in ballots sent throughout town. In-person early voting begins Saturday, August 27, and will continue through Friday, September 2, at the town clerk's office in the Parting Ways Building, 130 Main Street (see page 19 for details).

In another matter, the board announced that the annual cruise night that was scheduled for 8/25, has been canceled due to Matt Lopes's knee condition.

Mr. Lopes and his family started the event years ago, and Mr. Gaspar

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said he felt the event could not be done without Mr. Lopes.

- In other business, the board:
- Approved a Verizon request for a Jpole on Main Street near Nate's Way.
- Approved the warrant for the September 6th primary election, with an amendment to add precinct 2A to the top.
- Approved the Lion Club's request

for a liquor license for the Apple Peach Festival on 9/10 and 9/11.

- Set a joint meeting with the Planning Board on 8/23 to interview Peter Giampa to fill one of the vacancies on the board.
- Announced they will also need a joint meeting with the Board of Assessors to interview Michael Peckham and Robert Brown to fill a vacancy on the board.

- Appointed Lori Bates to the Historical Commission; and Jesse Ellis, Cathy Murray and John Abary to the Community Preservation Committee.

- Invited Randy DeTerra to be interviewed for a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The board convened in executive session to discuss strategy with respect to Civil Rights litigation.

## Power outage caused by squirrel in switch

*Fairhaven Fire Department  
Press Release*

On Monday, 8/15/22, around 6:02 p.m., the Town of Fairhaven sustained a large power outage.

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Engine 3 and Car 1 responded. On arrival, we found an active fire in the brush of an Eversource Electrical

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Eversource quickly restored power to Fairhaven in less than 10 minutes

by rerouting power to other grids.

No civilians or firefighters were injured.

The outage was caused by an issue with a switch at a multi-phase electrical pole. Eversource reported a squirrel shorted out two phases at a switch location which caused the blackout in town along with the fire.

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### Support Groups

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Reservations accepted for mall trips at beginning the 15th of the prior month. There is a \$6 charge unless otherwise noted. The van leaves the Fairhaven Senior Center promptly at 9 a.m. Aug. 24: Plymouth Shopping; Aug. 31: Thames St., Newport, RI. Sept. 7, Tiverton Casino; 9/14 Mashpee Commons; Sept. 21, Thames Street, Newport, RI; Sept. 28, Wrentham Village.

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# Teddy bear parade marches through Fairhaven center



Fairhaven's Millicent Library hosted its 37th Annual Teddy Bear Parade, attracting marchers from around the local area. The event marked the end of the summer reading program, and included face painting and other activities for kids on the lawn of the Unitarian Church. ABOVE LEFT: A resident of Our Lady's Haven waves to participants of the Millicent Library's 37th annual Teddy Bear Parade in Fairhaven on Saturday, 8/13/22, an event that signals the end of the summer reading program. ABOVE RIGHT: L-R Sisters Sophia and Izabella Jimenez have their own bears to snuggle. BELOW LEFT: Paloma Murphy is quite unsure what to make of the adult sized bear. BELOW RIGHT: John Walsh and grand daughter Audrey Guilbeault take a break after marching in the parade. BOTTOM LEFT; Jill Souza paints the face of Lucy Hingham. BOTTOM RIGHT, L-R: Monroe, Adam, Austen (with painted face) and Caleigh pose for the local free sheet. *Photos by Glenn C. Silva.*



## NFIA holds annual car show at Livesey Park



About 200 classic cars showed up to the annual car-truck-bike show at Livesey Park on 8/14/22 sponsored by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association. In addition to lots of cars and lots of people checking them out, the event also featured food, music, vendor tables, and raffles. ABOVE, LEFT & RIGHT: These Chevys shine under sunny skies during the show. BELOW LEFT: Richard Perry's 1957 Chevy Bel Air took 25 years to completely restore and cost \$23K. The Dartmouth resident had seen it in a garage he frequently passed by and quickly purchased it for \$500 as soon as the for-sale sign went up. BELOW RIGHT: Julian DaCosta from New Bedford looks the part as he takes his Jeep off-roading, albeit remotely controlled by his dad, during the car show. BOTTOM LEFT: This pair of 1969 Camaros sport complementing mirrored paint jobs. BOTTOM RIGHT: Vendors sell a variety of items, including miniature classic cars during the annual car show. *Photos by Glenn C. Silva for the Fairhaven Neighborhood News.*



## From our readers

### Town Administrator's Motive Questioned

On Monday (8/8), our new Town Administrator, Angie Lopes Ellison, fired\* Vicki Oliveira, the Assistant to the Town Administrator. Ms. Oliveira had worked her way up in the Town Hall, and after 12 years never had as much as one letter in her file. So why fire her? Retaliation against her husband, Historic Committee chairperson Wayne Oliveira.

The new TA accused her employee of failure to keep confidential information confidential. My question is how do you prove that allegation when the information she is referring to was already public knowledge?

I believe the TA has created a caustic work environment. The Selectboard should perform her three-month evaluation and a thorough investigation into the firing of Ms. Oliveira before their trust is lost.

After I posted the above on the Hometown Fairhaven Uncensored FaceBook page, I sent each of our selectboard members the following email.

"I am asking you to work to remove Ms. Ellison. She has proven to be unprofessional and has shown more interest in her own agenda than in the town of Fairhaven. I believe she has created a caustic work environment in the short few months in the position and that contradictory to her statement, she is a liar.

"Though I have no say in her tenure, I can certainly exercise my right to vote for the Selectboard. Further I will come out publicly if you and the other board members refuse to perform her 3-month evaluation immediately and investigate the firing of her administrative assistant\*."

Leon Correy and Bob Espindola answered my email immediately. Keith Silvia spoke to me in person. As for the two other selectboard members... crickets.

To the townspeople of Fairhaven: Please join me in requesting proof that our new TA has been evaluated and that they have performed a thorough investigation into Ms. Oliveira's firing.

*Tracy Travers, Fairhaven  
Citizen and Town Meeting Member*

\*Ms. Ellison "reassigned" Ms. Oliveira to a clerical position in the public works department.

\*\*Ms. Oliveira's title was Assistant to the Town Administrator.

See related story on page 3.

### Plastic Free July Results

The Fairhaven Sustainability Committee would like to thank all who participated in our Plastic Free July Eco-Challenge! Team Fairhaven had 54 people sign up for the event and of the 34 active members a huge impact was made!

Collectively we kept 500 pieces of plastic out of the landfill, picked up over 1,000 pieces of litter, more than 40 letters were sent to public officials and leaders, and more than nine hours were spent learning about issues surrounding plastic.

Every piece of plastic ever created still exists, and every action we take to reduce plastic makes a difference. Let's keep the momentum going all year! Thank you to the local businesses that sponsored the event by generously donating prizes for our

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# Early in person voting starts 8/27

Early voting by mail has already begun in Massachusetts. Early in person voting begins on Friday, 8/27.

Voters can go in person in their respective communities to vote in person. Each community has slightly different hours, and locations are not the regular polling places.

The primary is on Tuesday, 9/6, and polls will be open from 7 a.m.– 8 p.m. statewide.

See below for Acushnet, Fairhaven and New Bedford.

## Acushnet

Early in person voting in Acushnet is available to registered voters beginning on S, 8/27, at the Town Clerk's office in the Parting Ways Building, 130 Main Street.

Hours are Saturday, 8/27, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Monday–Friday, 8/29–9/2, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Tuesday, 8/30 from 8:30–7 p.m.

Last day to register to vote and for any changes in voter registration, such as party affiliation, address, etc., is Saturday, 8/27.

Contact the Town Clerk's office at 508-998-0215 if you have any questions.

## Fairhaven

One week of In-Person Early Voting for all six Fairhaven precincts for the September 6, 2022 Primary will be held in the Fairhaven Town Hall Auditorium on Saturday, August 27, from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.; and Monday, August 29th through Friday, September 2nd, from 8:30 a.m.– 4:30 p.m. (regular business hours)

The last date/time to register to vote for the State Primary is Saturday, August 27th at 5:00pm.

On the day of the State Primary, Tuesday, September 6, 2022, all polls will be open from 7 a.m.–8 p.m.

ALL SIX Precincts will be located at the Fairhaven Recreation Center, 227 Huttleston Avenue.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Fairhaven Town Clerk's Office at 508-979-4023 ext 3.

## New Bedford

The City's Board of Election Commissioners has announced the early voting schedule and registration deadline for the state's primary election on September 6.

Early voting for the state primary

will take place from Saturday, Aug. 27, through Friday, Sept. 2. In-person early voting will be available from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day on the third floor of the Main Public Library, at 613 Pleasant St. downtown.

On Primary Election day, polls citywide will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The voter registration deadline is 5 p.m. Saturday, August 27, in the City's Election Commission Office, Room 114, City Hall, 133 William St. If you have a Massachusetts driver's license or state ID card, you can register to vote, update your address, and check your registration information online at: [www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr/](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr/)

The voter registration deadline is also the deadline for voters to notify the Board of Elections of any changes in their address, name, or party affiliation.

Any New Bedford resident who is uncertain about their voting status or designated polling location; has changed their address since the last election; or has questions about mail-in, absentee, or early voting can call the Board of Election Commissioners at (508) 979-1420.

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# Police: Lock your car doors

By Beth David  
Editor

Fairhaven police are reminding residents to lock their car doors, especially at night, after a spate of break-ins this week on West Island.

Cars on several streets on West Island had items stolen late Saturday night or early Sunday morning, 8/14. Residents posted on social media that their vehicles had been compromised. Fairhaven police spokesperson Lt. Kevin Kobza confirmed that the department received some calls for the thefts.

He encouraged residents to call the police if their cars were broken into. The thief on West Island did not break into locked cars. The man, who was caught on surveillance video from at least one house, only entered cars that were unlocked. He could be seen trying the doors of cars and moving on if they would not open.

Lt. Kobza said was important for police to know of the incidents, and residents should not ignore them simply because not much was taken. Police will take a report and try to locate video from area homes.

He said the police are “definitely interested” in seeing any related video that residents may have.

Lt. Kobza said that there were also some similar break-ins in north Fairhaven and in the center in recent months.

“The common denominator is every car was left unlocked,” said Lt. Kobza. “If you’ve been broken into, let us know. If we do recover property, we know how to get it back to the right people.”

Anyone with video to share or other information, should call the Fairhaven Police Department at 508-997-7421.

Lt. Kobza also confirmed that Euro at Phoenix on the corner of Main and Center Streets was broken into on Thursday, 8/11. At 6:42 a.m. the department received both a call and an alarm.

A witness saw a white male, 20-30 years old, break a window and possibly steal shoes. The department also received an alarm call for the glass break while on the phone with the witness.

According to the witness, the man

then fled towards town hall, on Center Street.

The Fairhaven Police Department share more details on its Facebook page, saying the man cut himself on the broken window.

“This person has a cut (likely on their arm or hand) and left behind some blood for us to take to the Massachusetts State Police crime lab. \*thank you\*, wrote the FPD. “We do hope they’re okay and they may need medical attention before spending some time with us here at the police department.”

They wrote that the person is male, probable 5’10”, thin build, wearing a grey sweatshirt, and riding a yellow mountain bike.

Anyone with information, should call the Fairhaven Police Department at 508-997-7421.

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Administrative Secretary Jane Bettencourt, although she got a bit misty-eyed when she talked about leaving town hall and missing people there, a place she worked at for 32 years.

She said it will be so much easier or veterans, especially in the winter.

"Not more falling in the snow," she said. "And easy access."

"It's the best thing we've ever done," said Mr. Fish, adding that he wanted to move years ago, but the building just did not have room for them with all the programs they were running.

Then COVID hit, and a lot of programs shut down or moved.

Mr. Fish said most veterans offices have moved to the COA.

"It makes sense," he said. "We have the same clientele."

He said the veterans no longer have to shuttle from town hall to the COA to access services.

"It's been really fantastic," said Ms. Reed, noting that the veterans have

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boosted attendance at programs. "It's one-stop shopping."

Not everyone was a veteran, though.

Sue, who did not want to use her last name, said she goes to all the different senior centers. She was in Fairhaven that day for the free BBQ.

"I come often. I come to socialize," she said. "You can't just sit and do nothing, you'd die. You have to have a reason to get up."

Ms. Reed said the COA is hoping to get the Social Day program up and running soon, a program that was halted due to the pandemic. They need at least 20 people to sign up before they can restart the program. To learn more about it, call the senior center at 508-979-4029.

The center, 229 Huttleston Avenue in Fairhaven, is next to the Stop & Shop plaza. To learn more about the senior center and its programs, stop by Monday-Friday, 7:30-3:30, find them on Facebook, visit the website at <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/council-aging>, or call 508-979-4029.

## Upcoming Meetings

### Fairhaven

**Board of Public Works**  
Tues., 8/23, Arsene St., 5:15 p.m.

**Conservation Commission**  
Mon., 8/29, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

**School Committee**  
Wed., 8/24, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

**Select Board**  
Tues., 9/6, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

**State Primaries**  
Tues., 9/6, Polls open 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

**Sustainability Committee**  
Wed., 9/20, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

### Acushnet

**Board of Assessors**  
Tues., 8/23, Town Hall, 4 p.m.  
Joint meeting with Selectboard  
Wed., 8/31, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

**Golf Committee**  
Thurs., 8/18, Town Hall, 4:30 p.m.

**Selectboard**  
Tues., 8/23, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

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Friday	26	0805 2021	0147 1324	
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# Colorful boats join West Island Regatta



Eight small sailboats participated in the annual West Island Regatta at Hoppy's Landing in Fairhaven on 8/13. The informal, friendly sailing competition presents a challenge to experienced and novice sailors. The boats sailed out of Hoppy's Landing and through a three mile course. The name of this year's winner was not available by press time. This year's race had originally been scheduled for July 16, but was changed to 8/13. The change in date likely resulted in fewer boats participating. TOP: Eight small sailboats participate in the fourth annual West Island Regatta on 8/13/22 leaving from Hoppy's Landing in Fairhaven. ABOVE LEFT: Spectators watch as sailors get their boats ready. ABOVE RIGHT: A sail catches the wind during the race. *Photo by Margie Green Joseph.*



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# Veterans' Services Office and COA celebrate togetherness

By Beth David  
Editor

Fairhaven's Veterans' Services Office has been located in the Council on Aging/Senior Center building since June 23. Last week, the VSO/COA jointly held a barbecue lunch to welcome the VSO to the building.

By all accounts, the move has been a good one, with both departments saying the move is working out well.

"We're still in the honeymoon phase," said Veterans Services Agent Brad Fish with a chuckle.

In all seriousness, though, COA Director Martha Reed said the move just makes sense, because the crossover in services needed by both sets of clientele is substantial.

"It's been really great to have them here," said Ms. Reed, adding that the VSO can easily refer veterans to the many services that the COA can connect them to. And when the COA finds out one of their patrons is a veteran, they just have to "travel to the hallway."

She said six veterans have already been referred to food insecurity programs since the move.

The senior center is also much easier to get into than the town hall.

Mr. Fish said he often had to meet veterans outside of town hall because they simply could not navigate the street parking or the difficulty in getting into the building.

The senior center has its own parking lot and is fully wheelchair accessible.

And, another bonus is the Recreation Center connected by a hallway.

"It's a nice partnership between town services," said Ms. Reed. "It's all about efficiency."

Several patrons also said it was a good idea.

Ralph Paquette said he went to the senior center because he is a veteran. He likes the affordable lunches, which are a \$2 voluntary donation.

"I like it a lot better, because there's not always parking at town hall," said



Fairhaven Veterans Services Officer Brad Fish answers a call in his new office in the Council on Aging/Senior Center building after a welcome barbecue lunch on 8/10/22. Photo by Beth David.

Mr. Paquette. "This is very accessible. And I can go to Stop & Shop, and can use my bicycle."

Veterans Kenny Nelson, his sister Mary Ann Nelson, and Pat Jardin, all said they were there because of the veterans office.

"We really like it said," VSO

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## ACUSHNET CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 24, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Conservation Commission Office 2nd floor, 130 Main Street, Acushnet, Massachusetts.

• **(Public Hearing) NOI – Ruben & Morgan Rodrigues/105 Porter Street SE 001-0575** A Notice of Intent was filed by Ruben & Morgan Rodrigues for property located at 105 Porter Street, Map 25, Lot 326. The applicant proposes to construct a 2.5 ft. high retaining wall and fill 700 S.F. of bordering wetland on the side and rear of existing house located on easterly side of an intermittent stream and replicate 1500 S.F. of bordering wetland on westerly side of the intermittent stream. The applicant is represented by Richard Charon of Charon Associates, Inc, Engineers. Plan name is "Plan of Site Remediation Prepared for Ruben & Morgan Rodrigues" dated July 14, 2022.

• **(Public Hearing) NOI – CS Energy/88 Wing Lane SE 001-0576** An After the Fact Notice of Intent was filed by CS Energy for property located at 88 Wing Lane, Map 14, Lot 21. The applicant proposes grading adjustments and the installation of four drainage stone trenches to an existing solar array to meet Stormwater compliance. The applicant is represented by Russell McFall of Colliers Engineering & Design. Plan name is "As Built Stormwater Exhibit" dated May 9, 2022.

• **(Public Hearing) Stormwater – Amendment to a previously approved Stormwater Plan/Paul Boucher and Nancy Durfee/7 Morton Lane A** Request to Amend a previously approved Stormwater Plan was filed by Paul Boucher and Nancy Durfee for property located at 7 Morton Lane, Map 14, Lots 15H & 17. The applicant requests review of the Stormwater management calculations submitted by Heureux Engineering, LLC. Plan sketch submitted on July 22, 2022 by Heureux Engineering, LLC.

Patrick J. Hannon, Conservation Agent  
FNN 8/18/22

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, August 29, 2022 at 6:00pm  
Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Pursuant to Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, 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:

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

The meeting can also be viewed on Channel 18 or on FairhavenTV.com.

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. CON 023-290: **7 Sippican Street** Notice of Intent filed by Frederick Miller to repair a seawall located at 7 Sippican Street, Assessor's Map 42A, Lots 257 & 259. Work will occur within Coastal Banks and Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage.
2. CON 023-297: **28 Cherry Street** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Claudia Warrington to add (9'x16') extension to existing deck (8'x12') utilizing 2 sono tubes, Assessor's Map 15, Lot 48. Work will occur in Flood Zone AE.
3. CON 023-298: **28 Whisper Lane** Request for Certificate of Compliance filed by Brian Glover, P.C. in reference to work regulated by final Order of Conditions issued to Delia Amaral & Stanislaw Wasilewski, Assessor's Map 42A, Lots 178-180.

Work will occur in Barrier Beach and Flood Zone VE.

4. CON 023-299: **8 Chamber Street** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Christopher and Teresa Augenti to install a FEMA-compliant shadow box fence, west of the property line, 160 feet in length requiring 20 cemented posts located at 8 Chambers Street, Map 41, Lot 058. Work will occur in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF) Zone VE.

5. CON 023-300: **83 Pleasant Street** Notice of Intent Filed by Tetra Tech for the permanent closure in-place of an existing sand-filled underground fuel storage vault located on the former Atlas Tack property at 83 Pleasant Street, Assessor's Map 08, Lot 094. Work will occur within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage or the 100-year coastal flood zone.

6. CON 023-301: **Rocky Point Road, Map 43C, Lots 110, 113, 114** Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD) filed by Michael Ristuccia to delineate wetlands located at Rocky Point Road, Assessor's Map 43C, Lots 110, 113, 114. Work will occur in Flood Zone VE.

7. CON 023-302: **56 Goulart Memorial Drive** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Christopher Ingrande to place stage/deck in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (VE17), Assessor's Map 42, Lot 23B. Stage to be placed during the summer season and then to be removed at the end of the season, or in the event of a hurricane.

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 at the Conservation Office in Town Hall, located at 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA.

Geoff Haworth, Chair, Fairhaven Conservation Commission  
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Christin Ritz  
Fairhaven Sustainability Committee

### When you've hitched your star to a charlatan and dangerous conspiracy theories.

Of all the extra curricular activities, and job absences, that have engrossed Sheriff Hodgson through the years, one stands out above all the others: his chairing and cheering the re-election of Donald Trump.

And to insure continuing media attention, and to display allegiance to, in his estimation, "the best president we have ever had," Hodgson has

allied with several white supremacist organizations that have added the stolen election myth to their list of grievances. Glomming onto the mantra of a fixed election, while advocating for endless vote recounts and proposing to seize voting machines after the next election, these organizations are one of the greatest threats to American democracy.

There is no reason to doubt that Hodgson, as an advisory board member of at least two of these organizations (FAIR and PAN), will immediately after November 8th, winning or losing his election, join the list of choristers hitching their careers, and fund generating activities, to this profoundly destructive conspiracy theory.

The November 8th election for sheriff of Bristol County is therefore the greatest opportunity for voters to repudiate Sheriff Hodgson and all the destructive rhetoric he has historically relied upon to the detriment of this community and the country. No longer having access to taxpayer's resources and a host of paid employees, his standing and visibility will be greatly diminished. And he will have to retire his self designed uniform and remove the picture of himself, in what appears to be a confederate tie, that adorns the wall of the jail.

As an ordinary citizen, in a country favoring free speech, Hodgson can then travel, join, and privately subsidize all his favored organizations.

Betty Ussach, Dartmouth

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continue to serve the town in my new capacity at DPW."

Her husband would not comment on the alleged altercation with Ms. Ellison.

"No I don't," wrote Mr. Oliveira in

response to an email asking if he wanted to send a statement.

But then he added, "Angie was in the room when Vicki was transported by ambulance and I simply demanded that she leave the room. I don't want her anywhere around my wife."

According to public works superintendent Vinnie Furtado, Ms. Oliveira has the right to apply for the sewer principal clerk position, which the department is actively recruiting to fill now. The Board of Public Works is the hiring authority for that position.

# Fairhaven Schools participate in Lunch Program

Fairhaven Public Schools will be participating in the National School Lunch Program and/or the School Breakfast Program. As part of this program Fairhaven Public Schools will offer healthy meals every school day at NO COST to the students due to the implementation of Special MA state funding for school year 2022-2023. Students will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee. Submit a household application to be eligible for additional state benefits.

Qualifications for children to receive free or reduced price meals include: belonging to a household whose income is at or below the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines, belonging to a household that receives public assistance, or if the child is homeless, migrant, runaway, foster, or participates in a Head Start or Even Start pre-K program.

Household size and income criteria are used to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits if the household does not receive assistance or the children are not in the other categories mentioned above. Children can get free or reduced-price meals if the household's gross income falls at or below the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guideline chart (see below).

To apply for free or reduced-price meals, households can fill out the application and return it to the school unless the household has already received notification that their children are approved for free meals this year by receiving a letter stating Direct Certification. Application forms are being distributed to all households with a letter informing households of the availability of free and reduced-price meals for their children and what is required to complete on the application. Applications also are available at the office of each school, or 128 Washington Street, Fairhaven or online at [https://www.fairhavenps.org/our\\_district/lunch\\_information](https://www.fairhavenps.org/our_district/lunch_information).

Only one application is required for all children in the household and the information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and verification of data. Applications may be verified at any time during the school year by the school or other program officials. An application for free or reduced-price benefits cannot be approved unless it contains complete eligibility information as indicated on the application and instructions. In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age, or disability.

Families can apply for benefits at any time. If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the Federal Guidelines. Contact Barbara Loranger at any time to request an application.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price policy, the school Business Manager will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request in writing to Mark Balestracci, Asst Superintendent of Schools, 128 Washington Street, Fairhaven, MA 02747 or [mbalestracci@fairhavenps.net](mailto:mbalestracci@fairhavenps.net).

When known to Fairhaven Public Schools, households will be notified of their children's eligibility for free meals if they are members of households receiving assistance from the: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR); or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), if the State program meets Federal standards.

An application is not required for free meal benefits for Assistance Program participants and all of the children in the household are eligible for free meal benefits. If any children were not listed on the notice of

eligibility, or if a household does not receive a notice of eligibility, the household should contact the school to have free meal benefits extended to them. Participants in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals, but they will need to turn in an application including household size and total income.

When known to Fairhaven Public Schools, households will also be notified of any child's eligibility for free meals if the individual child is considered "Other Source Categorically Eligible", because the child is categorized, as defined by law as: Foster, Homeless, Migrant, Runaway, Enrolled in an eligible Head Start, or Enrolled in an eligible pre-kindergarten class.

If any children were not listed on the notice of eligibility, the household should contact the school about their eligibility through the list below, or should submit an income application.

Households notified of their children's eligibility must contact the school if the household chooses to decline the benefits.

For more information, you may call Barbara Loranger at 508-979-4000 x 135 or e-mail at [bloranger@fairhavenps.net](mailto:bloranger@fairhavenps.net).

**Dear Families** - due to national shortages of food and packaging materials, labor shortage and vendor delivery delays and cancellations, our menus are subject to change based on availability. Please know that our team is working hard to provide meals every day, adjust on the fly, and provide updates about menu changes as soon as possible. We may need to make quick menu substitutions based upon what we have on hand, but we are trying our best to make comparable changes wherever possible. Thank you for your continued support and patience. Please stick with us through this challenging time! *Fairhaven Public Schools Food and Nutrition Department.*

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FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART For School Year 2022-2023

Household size	Maximum Household Income Eligible for Free Meals			Maximum Household Income Eligible for Reduced Price Meals		
	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$17,667	\$1,473	\$340	\$25,142	\$2,096	\$484
2	\$23,803	\$1,984	\$458	\$33,874	\$2,823	\$652
3	\$29,939	\$2,495	\$576	\$42,606	\$3,551	\$820
4	\$36,075	\$3,007	\$694	\$51,338	\$4,279	\$988
5	\$42,211	\$3,518	\$812	\$60,070	\$5,006	\$1,156
6	\$48,347	\$4,029	\$930	\$68,802	\$5,734	\$1,324
7	\$54,483	\$4,541	\$1,048	\$77,534	\$6,462	\$1,492
8	\$60,619	\$5,052	\$1,166	\$86,266	\$7,189	\$1,659
Each additional person:	+6,136	+512	+118	+8,732	+728	+168

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Mr. Murphy said he agreed with Mr. Hobson and wished there were two seats available.

"Each brings something different to the table," said Mr. Murphy.

Mr. Silvia, who served on the BPW in the past, said he would go with Mr. Lopes because members of the BPW supported him.

Mr. Correy said he really appreciated Mr. Lopes's presentation, resume, etc., call it "more formal."

"First impressions," said Mr. Correy. "His resume just speaks right to the role."

Mr. Espindola noted that he has known Mr. Rapoza for many years, and that he went to school with Mr. Espindola's daughter. He said Mr. Rapoza was hardworking and intelligent and has been getting involved in the community for the last couple of years.

"I, once again, am in the hot seat," said Mr. Powers, adding this was "another tough one."

She decided to support Mr. Rapoza, saying he "brings a certain passion for public service."

She also noted his advocacy for people in his professional positions. As much as a member has to know the "nuts and bolts" of a position, she said, the board member is there to represent the people of the town.

Mr. Furtado expressed his dismay at the way the vote was clearly going to go.

He said he understood it was up the SB, and explained why some BPW members were not physically present at the meeting. He said he was surprised they had three elected members who voiced an opinion for Mr. Lopes, and he was "a little taken aback" that they would go in another direction.

"It bothers me to some degree, quite honestly," said Mr. Furtado.

Mr. Espindola responded saying he did not know why the responsibility was on the SB and not BPW, but...

"It is our responsibility," said Mr. Espindola, even if it seems "awkward or not appropriate."

"The decision is given to us," he continued, and said he would vote based on how strongly he felt.

Mr. Silvia reiterated that they should give the BPW the candidate they want.

Mr. Murphy said he appreciated

the BPW weighing in, but the policy is clear that it is the SB's decision.

"We're here to make this decision, so I will make it," said Mr. Murphy, adding he wished it fell on the BPW, but, "it comes to us."

The first motion was for Mr. Lopes, but that failed in a 2-3 vote, with Mr. Silvia and Mr. Correy in Favor.

Mr. Espindola then made the motion for Mr. Travis, and it carried 3-2, with Mr. Murphy and Ms. Powers joining him.

"I'm not happy, but I'm not disappointed," said Mr. Hobson after the vote, adding that he hopes they both run in April and "maybe I'll retire."

At the end of the meeting, during the public comment period, Mr. Rapoza asked to speak, and addressed Mr. Correy's concern about the format of his letter of interest.

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Mr. Rapoza said he did not realize the format would matter, as the town has adopted an online form to use to express interest in board vacancies.

He said he used the same manner he used to apply to the Economic Development Committee, to which he was appointed.

He said he did not think at all about if the method he chose would look "ugly," and recommended the board standardize the process so no one is "unfairly biased" because of format.

In another matter, the board heard from Town Clerk Linda Fredette about a change in polling locations for the September 6 primary elections.

Ms. Fredette said that due to construction in the Hastings Middle School gym, the precincts that usually vote there needed to be moved. She said it was less complicated to simply move all precincts to the Recreation Center, instead of trying to shuffle people

around, and the board of registrars voted to use the one location.

Because it is a primary, she said, she did not expect a huge turnout, so she did not anticipate any logistical problems. Ms. Fredette also said she and the board of registrars had been contemplating moving all precincts, or most of them, to the Rec Center, so this would be a good test.

If about 20% of voters show up, that is about 1,000 voters, noted Ms. Powers, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Ms. Fredette said it would be a "good test to see if it will in fact work."

If it's crazy, she said, they know it will not work for the general election. There are definitely some "upsides" to it, she said. Meanwhile, she has a lot of work to do to notify people.

"It's gonna be a party," said Ms. Fredette, noting they are in a rush to get it all done.

"That's the way we roll," said Ms. Powers.

In related items, the board voted to change the number of police officers needed for election day, since there is only one location. There will be an officer outside in case of traffic issues.

During the public comment period, Eleanor Chew said she was concerned that it would be too confusing and that there would not be enough parking at the Rec Center.

She said the parking lot is confusing to get into, as it abuts the Stop & Shop parking lot and there is Route 6 traffic in and out. She also said there is not a lot of parking in the lot.

"I hope this is a one-time thing," said Ms. Chew and added she hoped there would be a police officer directing traffic.

In another matter, Harbormaster Tim Cox told the board that the town received a "Gold Star" audit for the shellfish areas. The Division of Marine Fisheries and the Mass. Department of Public Health audited two of the town's six shellfish growing areas on August 10. The town passed all criteria and received a "gold star" on both areas.

"I was kind of nervous," Mr. Cox told the board.

He said there was a lot of paperwork, and he also had to take them out on the water to see the areas first hand.

# VOTE FOR RICK TRAPILO

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- **JOBS:** I will work to support New Bedford, the #1 Fishing Seaport in the U.S.A. I will cultivate outside business relationships to bring new diverse high paying jobs to the South Coast.
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# VOTE FOR RICK TRAPILO

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Bill also secured funding for local projects including several new school construction projects, Union Wharf repairs in Fairhaven, Marion sewer system upgrades, a new public boat ramp in Mattapoissett, the bike path in Fairhaven and Mattapoissett, road safety improvements in Rochester and on Route 6 from Fairhaven to Marion, and the new Fort Phoenix pickle ball courts.



## Bill has supported added tax and financial relief this year for his constituents:

- \$250 per person tax rebate checks in response to increased gas prices
- Increase in Child & Dependent Care Tax credit for young families
- Doubling of the Seniors Circuit Breaker Tax Credit allowing renters and homeowners to keep their housing
- Doubling the existing estate tax exclusion from \$1 to \$2million
- \$300 million for the unemployment fund to relieve businesses of severe increases in their contributions

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