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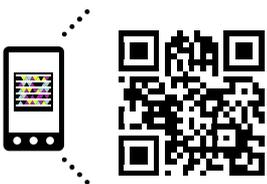
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Town auction yields \$9+K from surplus items



Robin Nash, #30 (CENTER), places the winning bid of \$2,500 for a 2009 gray Ford Explorer from the Council on Aging with 110,000 on it, at the town of Fairhaven's annual auction on Saturday, 9/17/22. See page 12. Photo by Beth David.



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"The security of the Nation is not at the ramparts alone. Security also lies in the value of our free institutions. A cantankerous press, an obstinate press, a ubiquitous press must be suffered by those in authority in order to preserve the even greater values of freedom of expression and the right of the people to know."

From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Y'know, it's just too late for me to deal with this latest they-all-need-a-babysitter thing.

So, you decide for yourself. See page 6 (and page 4), to learn about how some snowflake (remember the snowflakes?) had to turn around the rainbow/pride, aka "gay pride" sign at the visitors center.

It was going to rattle some nerves. Geesh.

So Gary Lavalette apologizes for not putting the sign back, then it all would've gone away...no clue.

He also says there was no ill intent...still no clue.

Alas, can't y'all just retire and live on the beach somewhere?

Of course it's never that simple. Wayne Oliveira says he has no idea when/how/why/who about the sign getting turned away. Mr. Lavalette says he was told to do it, but he wasn't the one to DO it, and, he won't say who told him to move it.

Geesh.

We have some other stuff in here, of course, including a bunch of pictures from the town auction. Now, that's a fun event. And the town made a little bit of money on it. I might even have some bonus pics for the online story.

We have some Acushnet news, too (page 16). They're starting to dive into the town meeting articles, so...that's always fun (no, really, it is). They're also having a great author event at the library (see page 6).

And, there's a special walking tour in the center on Saturday (see page 19). And, not to forget..the Z is having a freebie day for their 40th anniversary (see page 3).

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Glory to Ukraine!
Glory to the Heroes!




Beth David, Publisher

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Free at the Z: 40th anniversary celebration

Join the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, for its 40th anniversary celebration, Sat., 9/24, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. FREE. Renovation plans revealed, tours, performances, Wurlitzer Organ demos. At 684 Purchase St., New Bedford.

Forty years ago, The Z was saved from the wrecking ball by community visionaries. To honor their conviction and celebrate 40 consecutive years of live performances, we're inviting the community behind the curtain to reveal the theater's future!

Join us at 11:00 and be among the first to see the drawings and plans for a renovated and reimagined Zeiterion — created with the community at heart.

Following, enjoy tours of backstage and other places not often seen by the public, the screening of our short film "The Zeiterion: A Complex Magic Machine" and performances by artists from NB Symphony Orchestra, NB Festival Theatre, and The Zeiterion. No ticket or RSVP needed.

Schedule

- Drop in during the event:
- 10:30: Doors open

- 11:00: The Big Reveal: Be the first to learn about the future plans for The Z! The presentation will include a screening of our short film, "The Zeiterion: A Complex Magic Machine"
 - 12:00: Ian Berg's Subject: Matter, new tap and high-flying hoofing
 - 12:20: Short film: "The Zeiterion: A Complex Magic Machine"
 - 12:30: Tour of theater
 - 1:00: Erin Ban and Matt Ban perform three songs from New Bedford Festival Theatre's upcoming musical, Irving Berlin's *White Christmas*
 - 1:20: Short film: "The Zeiterion: A Complex Magic Machine"
 - 1:30: Tour of theater
- The event will also feature several



The Zeiterion Theatre in New Bedford celebrates 40 years on 9/24/22. *Publicity photo.*

performances by Ed Wawrzynowicz of the Eastern Mass. Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society on The Z's Mighty Wurlitzer Organ and New Bedford Symphony Orchestra musicians dazzling us with classical selections!

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Fairhaven Select Board to attend bridge meeting

By Beth David
Editor

At its meeting on 9/19/22, the Fairhaven Select Board decided to attend the MassDOT meeting about the bridge replacement, with all five members saying it was important for the board to be there. The meeting is on 10/3 at 6:30 p.m., at Fairhaven High School in the auditorium.

Select Board chairperson Stasia Powers said it was “really valuable for all of us to be there and be part of the conversation.”

The board already had set aside that date for a meeting. They will meet earlier if any matters come up that cannot wait.

Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison said was important for the public to attend the meeting to learn about the project and provide input to the state.

Drivers, boaters, walkers, businesses, anyone who uses the bridge should offer input while it is still in the planning stages.

The board also discussed an incident involving the rainbow Pride sign at the Visitors Center. The rainbow colors are a sign of LGBTQ+ pride.

In her report, Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison told the board that the pride sign in the visitors center was turned around so the colors could not be seen after a town board met in the space. (See related story on page 19.)

Ms. Ellison said she wanted to address the incident as TA and to tell the community about it. I

“You’re saying a lot by doing that,” she said, whatever the intentions it is how it’s being received.

The people in the community that the sign is for are “marginialized folks,” she said, people in a “position of vulnerability.”

She said the action does not show the values of Fairhaven and “not the values you guys brought be on” for

She said the town is supportive and inclusive.

“It’s not the community we live in,” said Ms. Ellison, “We are better than that.”

She said they will deal with it as it goes, but she did not want to ignore it.

“Sometimes silence is acceptance,” she said. “And it’s not acceptable at all for me.”

She added that she hoped it was a “mishap,” and intention was not as it was perceived.

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walkers, businesses,
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Later in the meeting, SB member Leon Correy, who is the board’s representative on the Belonging Committee, said it was “not acceptable at all.”

“I don’t care about your intentions,” said Mr. Correy.

In another matter, the board briefly discussed a Mass. Department of Revenue Financial Management Review Update, a report to assess the town’s implementation of changes from the 2012 review. s

Ms. Ellison said there were some changes that the finance department wanted, and some errors and omissions. The board will read the report and make recommendations, and discuss it in more detail at a future meeting.

In another matter, Ms. Ellison said she wanted to assure the community

that staffing levels at the Fire Department are not causing a safety issue. She said the town has been able to handle the calls coming in and relies on mutual aid from surrounding communities when all ambulances are tied up.

The town is in negotiations with the firefighters union, she said, and sometimes things get out to the public that normally would not.

“At no point at any time are you unsafe,” said Ms. Ellison. “We are staffed. There’s mutual aid.”

When you call 911 for an ambulance, and ambulance will go, fires will be put out.

During committee liaison reports, SB member Bob Espindola said the presentation for the Safe Routes to School public hearing on 9/15/22 is available online. The project will reconstruct the sidewalk between the bike path on Scoticut Neck Road to the LL Wood School. Comments are open until 9/25.

- In other business the board:
- Appointed Diane Hahn to the Belonging Committee
 - Approved a name change for Pasta House to Bocca. The ownership has not changed.
 - Approved the expenditure of \$580,000 from the Special Education Stabilization Fund
 - Approved the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan.
 - Approved changes to the Broadband Study Committee’s mission statement, which had to be changed because of the transition to a municipal light board.

Old-fashioned
anti-immigrant prejudice
always brings out some
old-fashioned racists.

Molly Ivins

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Free Author Event

Mon., 9/26, Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center St., 6 p.m. Hear author Michael Tougias speak about his book, "The Finest Hours: The True Story of a Heroic Sea Rescue," the collision of two oil tankers off Cape Cod and the daring rescue in a tiny lifeboat by four Coast Guardsmen, one from Fairhaven. Mr. Tougias will meet the audience, sell and sign books after his talk. See ad on back cover. Free.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Millicent Library. Preregister at www.friendsofmillicentlibrary.com/events

Town GOP Mtg

Hear ye, hear ye, hear ye!

All persons having anything to do, as members or guests of the Fairhaven Republican town committee draw near, give your attendance and ye shall be heard: Tuesday, 9/27 at 6:00 pm 32 Abbey St. Fairhaven.

All are welcome call 508-863-0416

Walking Tour

Of Fairhaven Center, Sat., 9/24, at 1 p.m. See page 6 for details.

USCG Boat Course

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary's Flotilla 65 will be starting its 12-week Boating Skills & Seamanship Course (BS&S) on Monday, September 26, 2022 from 7-9 pm through December 12, 2022 at 80 Middle Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719

This 12-week comprehensive course is designed for both the experienced and the novice boater. It is taught by experienced Coast Guard Auxiliary instructors with years of experience on local waters. It is a perfect introduction to recreational boating fundamentals, such as: boating terminology, boat equipment/handling, boat trailering, lake boating, handling a small to midsize boat, rules of the road, navigation, medical/safety awareness, understanding weather, engines, radios and how to read a nautical chart and chart plotter, buy a boat, tie a knot, handle emergencies, and call in a Mayday.

Many insurance companies will offer discounts on boat insurance to individuals who successfully complete this course. Individuals

who successfully complete the course and pass the exam are awarded certificates and cards.

The \$55 fee includes the textbook, chart and all course material. Family discounts are available for shared materials.

To register online, please go to www.flotilla65.com/public-education.

If you have any questions, please contact MaryBeth Soares, Flotilla Staff Officer - Public Education at (508) 493-5531 or via email: mbssoares11@verizon.net

Town Yard Sale

A group of volunteers is organizing a town wide yard sale in Fairhaven for October 1 (rain date 10/2). The plan is to have homes throughout town participating. Contact Daniel and Cristina Lopes on the Facebook group "Old Town Fairhaven," or email OldTownFairhaven@Gmail.com to get on the list.

Halloween Swap

Halloween Sustainability Swap. Drop off clean, used Halloween costumes and decorations in the bin at Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven, from now to October 7.

On October 8th at Kids Fest, you can pick out items you might want yourself at the Sustainability Committee's Halloween Swap booth!

Costumes should be clean, and non-violent (no gore). Don't limit yourself to just costumes. Jewelry, scarves, crazy hats, anything that can be used for a costume as well as decorations will be accepted.

Drop off Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven. A large bin is located in the entrance.

Contact Ann Richard, with questions: fairhavensustainability@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATES: Local Pharmacy Grand Opening

As a lifelong Fairhaven resident I'm both excited and honored to open Fairhaven Pharmacy located on 72 Main Street in the heart of Fairhaven. I will be having a grand opening on October 1st and would love for you to be there! We are now open Monday through Friday 9-6 and Saturday 9-1. I

look forward to taking care of the community for years to come like the independent pharmacies that preceded me.

Rogers School Spruce Up

The Rogers School Re Use Committee is holding a spruce up day at the Rogers School, 100 Pleasant St., Fhvn, on Sat., 10/1. All are welcome to join us for a community fall cleanup of Rogers School exterior grounds. Bring your rake and gloves. It will be a fun time!

Bridge Meeting

State Representative William Straus (D-Mattapoisett) is pleased to provide the confirmation details for the two initial public meetings to be held by MassDOT and their design team to receive public input on the design and permitting for the replacement of the New Bedford-Fairhaven Bridge.

The first meeting will be held on Monday, October 3, 2022, at the Fairhaven High School Auditorium from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The second meeting will be held on Thursday, October 6, 2022, at the New Bedford Vocational Technical High School Auditorium and will also take place from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Public participation is encouraged. A virtual option will also be offered soon for those who cannot attend in person.

This past summer the Legislature approved state funding in the amount of \$100 million for the design/replacement of the New Bedford-Fairhaven Bridge through the Transportation and Climate Bond Bill, which Governor Baker then signed into law.

The bridge replacement project has been a priority of Rep. Straus and colleagues due to its deteriorating condition and rising costs of maintenance to keep the bridge in operation.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Bridge Replacement project, F-01-002=N-06-001, US Route 6 over the Acushnet River. All views and comments submitted in response to the meeting will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/39p3e37n> for details.

Walking tour this weekend is different from the rest

Press Release

The historical Fairhaven center is the scene of a walking tour presented by the town's Office of Tourism on Saturday, September 24, at 1:00 p.m. The tour, guided by Christopher Richard, will begin in Leonard E. Pierce Memorial Park at the corner of Fort and South streets.

The tour highlights interesting bits of history and relates stories of past personalities such as Capt. Alexander Winsor, Henry H. Rogers, Warren Delano II and others.

You'll learn about houses that have moved from place to place and which church is only half as tall as it used to

be. You'll find out what was in the center before Henry H. Rogers built his buildings there. If you don't know which house was filmed for a 1921 classic silent movie starring Clara Bow or if you'd like to know who "the richest man in town" was when Henry H. Rogers was just a newborn, you will want to walk along on this tour.

This tour is different from the tours that are regularly scheduled during the summer weeks. The walk will last about 90 minutes. It is free of charge.

In the event of rain it will be canceled.

To get to

Leonard E. Pierce Memorial Park from Route 6, turn south on Main Street at Fairhaven High School. Take the sixth left, South Street, just after passing Margaret's Restaurant. The small park is on the left.

For more information, call 508-979-4085 or email FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.com. The Fairhaven Office of Tourism is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Ezekiel Sawin mansion (LEFT), and the First Congregational Church (RIGHT), pictured here circa 1861, are on the walking tour of the center this Saturday. Submitted photos courtesy of the Fairhaven Office of Tourism.



Author talk at Acushnet Library on integrating baseball

Press Release

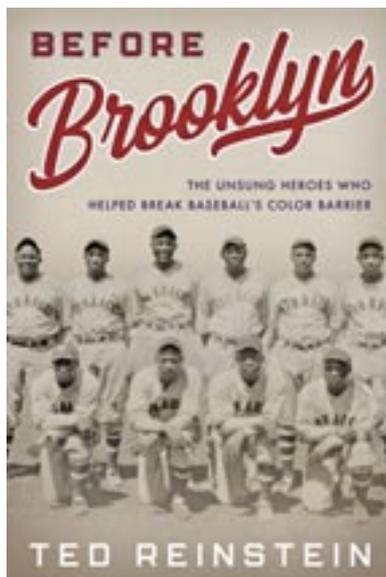
Author Talk: *Before Brooklyn: The Unsung Heroes Who Helped Break Baseball's Color Barrier*
By Ted Reinstein

In April of 1945, exactly two years before Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in major league baseball, liberal Boston City Councilman Izzy Muchnick persuaded the Red Sox to try out three black players in return for a favorable vote to allow the team to play on Sundays.

The Red Sox got the councilman's much-needed vote, but the tryout was a sham; the three players would get no closer to the major leagues.

It was a lost battle in a war that was ultimately won by Robinson in 1947.

This book tells the story of the



little-known heroes who fought segregation in baseball, from communist newspaper reporters to the Pullman car porters who saw to it that black newspapers espousing integration in professional sports reached the homes of blacks throughout the country. It also reminds us that the first black player in professional baseball was not Jackie Robinson but Moses Fleetwood Walker in 1884, and that for a time integrated teams were not that unusual.

And then, as segregation throughout the country hardened, the exclusion of blacks in baseball quietly became the norm, and the battle for integration began anew.

Ted Reinstein has been a reporter

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Abolitionist Tour

Abolition Row Walking Tour
September 24 at 1:00pm

Meet at the corner of Union Street and Seventh Street (262 Union Street, New Bedford, MA).

Take a tour of the structures and people in connection to the story of abolitionism in New Bedford. The tour will end at the Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden Museum for light refreshments. The tour guide is Jan Da Silva member of the Board of Directors of the New Bedford Preservation Society. Ms. Da Silva is the Program Manager, Visitor Experience and Resource Stewardship for New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park.

New Bedford Preservation Society projects include the Historic Marker Program, New Bedford Re-Leaf, Architectural Historic Walking Tours (Virtual, Self-Guided, In-person), Historic Cemetery Tours, Annual Holiday House Tours, and lectures throughout the year on historic preservation. To learn more about the society call 508.997.6425 or visit nbpreservationsociety.org

Ballet Auditions

Open auditions for the New Bedford Youth Ballet's productions of *A New England Nutcracker* and spring production, will be held on Saturday, September 24, 2022, at New Bedford Ballet, 2459 Purchase Street, New Bedford.

Intermediate through advanced level ballet students, 11 to 18 years of age, are welcome to audition:

11 - 13 years: 12:00-1:30 pm

Mandatory Parent Meeting: 1:30-2:00 pm

14 - 18 years: 2:00-3:30 pm

Members of the New Bedford Youth Ballet perform ballets and give lecture-demonstrations at New Bedford Ballet's Community Theatre and schools in the greater New Bedford area. The Youth Ballet is sponsored by the New Bedford Ballet Foundation, a non-profit organization. For more information, contact the New Bedford Ballet: 508-993- 1387 or visit our website: www.newbedfordballet.org.

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Hollihock Writers

Since 2015, Hollihock has been a staple for the writing community in the South Shore. We provide three days of jam-packed programming for writers looking to improve their craft, hone their skills, and learn from published authors. Our theme this year is "WRITING TIME," and each day will include a keynote speaker that touches on this topic in their own unique way.

Hollihock's three-day schedule and itinerary can be found at www.hollihock.org. Tickets are available; or only \$89; Sept 23 - 25, 715 Purchase Street, New Bedford, MA

Visit <https://www.hollihock.org>

Palmers Island Cleanup

Saturday, Sept 24th, 11am - 3pm
Volunteers will be cleaning up historic Palmers Island, please meet at the end of Gifford Street.

You can pre-register online.

Free t-shirts to all volunteers

Gloves and tools provided

Wear closed-toe shoes

Review the safety notes

Walkins Welcome

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Paper Shred Day

Paper Shredding Day is Saturday, September 24th from 9am to noon (or until the shred truck fills up) at New Bedford High School, 230 Hathaway Blvd. Enter on Parker Street. All are welcome. Limit of two boxes, no fee. Intact paper only; already shredded paper not accepted. Sponsored by NBCU.

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:

• **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.

Mystery at RJD

The Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum (RJD), together with The Collective NB, present *Mystery at the Mansion: Gala (M@M)* on Friday, October 21 and again on Saturday, October 22, 2022 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The mansion and gardens, formerly belonging to whaling magnate William Rotch, Jr., will serve as the stage for a fictionalized crime drama of a gala gone wrong.

The Collective returns with an all new mystery to solve in this participatory theatrical event. The setting this year is a fictional museum gala where guests can expect a red carpet, fashionistas, influencers, paparazzi, and plenty of suspects. Guests at the party will help investigate the crime by seeking clues and interviewing suspects. What kind of crime and whodunit? One must attend to identify the criminal.

For tickets: <https://rjdmuseum.org/buy-tickets-online/> or by calling the Museum at (508) 997-1401.

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LUSTRE, Sept. 24, 25 Many thanks to Patty Plum Wylde, whose generous Gift of Music has made our opening concert possible. She dedicates her gift to all teachers of music for their devotion to the art of making music eternal. TICKETS: \$25 in advance only at <https://nbsymphony.org/chamber-series-2022-2023/>

Sat., 9/24, 6 p.m., St. St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, 124 Front Street, Marion; Sun., 9/25, 4pm, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 351 Elm Street, South Dartmouth

Begun during the first World War and completed over sixty years later, the Piano Trio of Germaine Tailleferre, sole female composer of "Les Six", glitters with Gallic luxe and wit. Leo Eguchi performs selections from the magnificent legacy of Bohemian romantic David Popper, whose works focused on his beloved cello. Astor Piazzolla's Four for Tango packs a universe into seven minutes of stellar dance. Lastly, we celebrate César Franck's two hundredth birthday with his Piano Quintet, an epic declaration of passion for a woman destined to remain forever beyond him.

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Authors' Brunch

On Sunday, October 23, 2022, at noon, the Claire T. Carney Library Associates will be presenting its 14th annual authors' brunch at the Woodland Commons. Parking is available on campus in the Cedar Dell

parking lot. Shuttle service will be provided to Woodland Commons. Reservations are required no later than Monday, October 17th. The cost of the brunch is \$50, \$45 for CTC Library Associate members, with a 10% discount for reservations for tables of eight. Tickets may be purchased from Library Associates members or online at <https://bit.ly/authorsbrunch22>.

Sponsorships for the program are welcome. Please contact Maria Sanguinetti for more information at msanguinetti@umassd.edu or by calling 508-991-5096.

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Concert

FirstWorks, a Rhode Island non-profit dedicated to building community through world-class arts, presents "The Telling," a powerful performance by renowned Haitian-American composer, violinist and activist Daniel Bernard Roumain on Thursday, September 29, 8 p.m. at WaterFire Arts Center. The evening program features instrumental solos, dance and chamber music that responds to Black trauma and affirms Black joy. A Town Hall dialogue will follow the performances.

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Recipe of the Week

Fireside Stir Fry

1/4 cup soy sauce
 3 cloves garlic, minced
 1 teaspoon sesame seeds
 1 teaspoon sesame oil
 1-2 cups green beans, ends trimmed
 4-5 oz steak, sliced into thin strips
 1 tablespoon cilantro, chopped for garnish
 Tear 2 pieces of foil so they are 12x18 inches each. Stack the foil on top of each other.

In a bowl, combine the soy sauce, garlic, sesame seeds, and sesame oil.

Toss the green beans in 1 tablespoon of the sauce mixture.

In a separate bowl or a resealable plastic bag, marinate the steak in the remaining sauce mixture for at least 30 minutes in the fridge.

Preheat the grill to medium-high heat or safely begin a campfire.

Place a layer of green beans in the center of the foil. Top the green beans with the marinated steak. Fold up the foil to create a packet with a tight seal.

Place the sealed packet on the hot grill or over the fire, flipping once, until the steak is cooked to at least 135° internally, about 8 minutes. Remove the packet from the grill and pierce the packet with a knife or a fork to allow the steam to escape.

Unfold the packet, garnish with cilantro, and serve.



Dear Frankie

Same Old Same Old

Dear Frankie,
 The variety of food my family eats every day is mind-boggling. They never eat the same thing two days in a row. One day it's p a n c a k e s , cereal, or eggs for breakfast,

sandwiches, soup, a salad for lunch, stews, roasts, or takeout from various ethnic restaurants, for dinner.

They also eat all kinds of fruits and vegetables in between meals. They believe a well-balanced diet is essential for one's well-being.

So, being a family member, I would think that they would also feed me a varied diet. But they don't. I get the same bland meal every day, rain or shine. The only time I get any variety in my diet is when the pet store runs out of my brand of kibble. Then they pick up something similar.

Don't you think they would notice how boring it is for me to eat the same food day after day?

Cosmo
Dear Cosmo,

You would think they would notice. The lack of variety in meals is a complaint I get from many of my readers. It seems dog owners have

been told, probably by the commercials on TV, that kibble is the most nutritious food for dogs. If that's true, you wonder why we see so many recalls from dog food companies because of toxic ingredients.

My only advice is to keep your eye out for crumbs on the floor and forgotten snacks left on the coffee table. When you go to canine birthday parties, I suggest you head for the front of the line when the food is served so you can go back for seconds.

Best, Frankie

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Town Auction yields almost \$10k

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven held its annual Town Auction of surplus items on Saturday, 9/17/22 and received \$9,883.00 for a wide variety of items, from office desk items to motor vehicles. Board of Public Works member Travis Rapoza played auctioneer and had a jolly old time making plenty of jokes about the older items.

“Doesn’t work. Isn’t that awesome,” said Mr. Rapoza about a TV that could, however, be used as a computer monitor.

“Abraham Lincoln used this,” said Mr. Rapoza about a very, very old

looking weight scale.

Kendra Alibey bought a few small storage items. She does a lot of crafts, she said.

She also literally jumped for joy when she got two Nintendo Joy Con Controllers for \$60. A couple of old police scanners were in the mix, and she quickly handed them off to someone who was bidding against her.

The biggest ticket item was a 2009 Ford Explorer with 111,000 miles on it from the Council on Aging that Robin Nash grabbed for \$2,500.

Next up was a 2010 Ford F150 from the Marine Resources Department that went for \$2,300 to Shane

McNamara. The vehicle has body rot and chassis rot, but Mr. McNamara was not deterred. He said he needed a “beater truck” for work.

The lowest priced item was the aforementioned TV that went for one cent. Only a couple of desks did not have any takers.

A bidding war between Tim Major and Michael Gaj for a Honda dirt bike resulted in Mr. Major walking away with the prize for \$2,000. But the two shook hands at the end of the bidding.

Bidders bought bicycles, boats, vehicles, office furniture and items, yard equipment, and tools.



ABOVE LEFT: Board of Public Works employees Kim Nogueira (LEFT) and Charlene Paulson (RIGHT) keep track of who’s buying what at the town of Fairhaven’s annual auction on Saturday, 9/17/22, while BPW member Travis Rapoza plays auctioneer, and BPW member Anne Morton Smith (BACK) enjoys the show. ABOVE RIGHT: This compressor from the Water Department sold for \$40 to Scott Messier. BELOW LEFT: Fairhaven Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison holds up a plastic boat that sold for \$235 to Brent Erickson. BELOW RIGHT: This working radial arm saw from the School Department sold for \$15 to Michael Gaj. Photos by Beth David.



More photos from the Town Auction



ABOVE LEFT: Shane McNamara holds up the key he just received for the 2010 Ford F150 with 62,000 miles and lots of body rot that he bought for \$2,300 at he town of Fairhaven's annual auction on Saturday, 9/17/22. ABOVE RIGHT: Tim Major poses next to the Honda dirt bike he got for \$2,000. BELOW LEFT L-R: Jonathan Bowers helps Ryan Rose take custody of the school department's surplus pitching machine that Mr. Rose got for \$25. Board of Public Works member Travis Rapoza calls for a bid while pointing to a bidder. BOTTOM LEFT: Wayne Morse placed the winning bid of \$35 on this antique printing press from the school department. BOTTOM MIDDLE: Scott Messier beat out the competition to win this beauty, a 3000 watt generator, for \$10. BOTTOM RIGHT: Board of Public Works member Travis Rapoza points to a bidder on a welding station that sold for \$80 to Michael Gaj. *Photos by Beth David.*



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Mall Trips

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. Newport, RI; Sept. 28, Wrentham Village; Oct. 5, Twin River Casino; 10/12, Prov. Place Mall & Whole Foods; 10/19, So. Shore Plaza.

Technology Classes

Classes have begun and will run until 11/3. All classes will be 90 minutes, Mon. & Wed. only. Class sizes are limited to 10. Classes will be based on skills. Scheduled classes are: Learn about smartphones; introduction and refresher on computer and cyber

safety; introduction to word processing; Windows 10 Operating System and moving towards Windows 11; Gmail 101; all things Google; web browser safety.

Call 508-979-4029 for more information.

Caregivers Support Group

The first Thursday of the month, from 1-2:00 p.m. at the Fairhaven Senior Center. Please call 508-979-4029.

Winter Fuel Assistance

No one should be left out in the cold. It is never too early to apply to get assistance with paying a portion of your winter heating bills. Please call the COA and speak with Phyllis, 508-979-4029.

Blood Pressure Clinic

Is back at the Fairhaven Senior Center from 1-3:00 p.m. every other Wednesday. Next Dates: 9/28, 10/12, 10/26.

Older Adult LGBTQ+ Support Group

By Family Service Association, Zoom-based support group for LGBTQ+ older adults and their family and friends. This is a safe space for adults 60+ to share the lived experience of living as an LGBTQ+ person and to support each other. Participants must register in advance. Contact Sue Roque at 508-678-7542. Next date: 9/26, 5:30-6:30 p.m.




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Acushnet Selectboard discusses Town Meeting articles

By Nicholas Barao

Neighb News Correspondent

The Acushnet Selectboard held a very long meeting on 9/13/22 to review articles for the special Town Meeting scheduled for October 17, and to discuss staffing levels and finances.

In a joint meeting with the Board of Assessors, the two boards chose Robert Brown to fill a vacancy on the BOA. Mr. Brown has been an assessor in the past and serves on the Housing Authority and Zoning Board of Appeals.

The SB also discussed the retirement of Gerard "Gerry" Bergeron, who has served with the fire department for 50 years. The board accepted his resignation and discussed ways to honor him publicly for his long service.

The board also discussed several projects approved by the Community Preservation Committee for use of Community Preservation Act funds that will be on the STM warrant.

The school department applied for \$125,000 to update the basketball and

tennis courts. They also want to replace the bleachers at the middle school.

Mr. Gaspar suggested they recycle some of the wood from the old bleachers when they remove them.

The board will vote on the article at a future meeting.

Allen Decker with the Buzzards Bay Coalition asked the board for \$85,000 in CPC funds for groundwater protection, under the open space provisions of the CPA. The work will be done at a 77-acre property in the southeastern part of Acushnet, bordering with Mattapoisett.

In addition to the preservation of the property protecting drinking water, it will be open to the public for passive recreation. The entrance to the property will be in Mattapoisett.

The board will vote on the article at a future meeting.

Ed Isaac from the Golf Advisory Committee discussed a warrant article asking for \$300,000 from the Golf Enterprise fund for a seeder and a new trailer. The board approved the request.

The board also accepted an anonymous donated of \$5,000 to the police gift fund.

Police Chief Christopher Richmond also discussed his department's staffing issues with the board.

The dispatch schedule has a gap of several shifts per week. Chief Richmond told the board he wanted to hire a part-time dispatcher to fill the gap. The board approved the request.

Chief Richmond also asked to hire three full time police officers. The department has two officers deployed with their National Guard units, and is looking at some retirements coming up soon.

Kathleen Silva, Business Manager for the Department of Public Works, told the board she was looking ahead five years, and the water budget will be in the negative unless they raise rates.

"Part of the reason is because we didn't increase the rate, like New Bedford did," Ms. Silva told the board.

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She suggested raising rates 60 cents.

The board voted to approve the increase.

The sewer fund, however, has a surplus, so Ms. Silva suggested freezing sewer rates. The board approved the move.

Ms. Silva also discussed the Big Pickup Day with the board. She said the department is low on staff and they are older. She said it is difficult to get applicants at the wage the town pays. She said bulky item pickup will not resume until they are fully staffed.

She also said there is \$30,000 in the warrant article for the big pickup day, but they need between \$50K and 80K.

The board discussed a variety of options. They will vote on the matter

at a future meeting.

The finance department has been short staffed, but now has some interim employees: Todd Hassett is interim town accountant; Marilyn Thompson is interim town treasurer/collector; Carla Morrel is assistant treasurer/collector; Nick Monticello is assistant town accountant.

They, along with Town Administrator James Kelly, reviewed the town's finances and discussed multiple issues.

Some of the concerns have been occurring for around for 10 years and other issues were imperative.

The cash has not been balanced since February, said Ms. Thompson, and it should be done every month. That is how they would be able to

find their mistakes, or oversights, such as money from the state getting deposited. Going back for months to find those things is "just a mess."

"One thing I did find is, there are a ton of unreconciled items that went back years," said Ms. Thompson.

She said they started with June 30th's numbers from the bank to move forward, and will work towards clearing up the old entries as systematically as they can. Some transactions did not even have dates, she said.

She brought up six points in total.

Mr. Hassett recognized the FY22 budget and discussed all issues involved as well as financial plans moving forward.

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for "Chronicle," WCVB-TV/Boston's award-winning — and America's longest-running, locally-produced — nightly news magazine, since 1997. In addition, he has been a contributor

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He lives just west of Boston with his wife and two daughters. He is also

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Belonging Comm. talks public engagement, Pride sign issue

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Belonging Committee talked about a variety of ways to engage with the community at its meeting on 9/16/22. The committee also discussed a disturbing incident involving a Pride sign that was turned around at the Fairhaven Visitors Center.

The meeting was the first for Human Resources Director Cameron Durant as the staff liaison to the committee, and he took on a number of tasks to help the committee fulfill its mission to promote diversity, equity and inclusion.

The committee voted to write a letter asking the Select Board to set up a gift account for the BC so they can raise funds to buy items they will need for events educational outreach.

For instance, BC Vice Chair Jessica Fidalgo said she has a pop-up tent that would be perfect as a respite tent for seniors at different events. The committee, however, should have its own, although she is willing to let them borrow hers until they get one.

Chairperson Kylie Bateman agreed it would be a simple way for the committee to connect and do more things in town.

The committee also voted to partici-

pate in Kids Fest on October 8, an Office of Tourism event.

Ms. Fidalgo said the idea would be to have the tent as a relatively quiet space, “for any kid who just needs a minute away from the excitement.”

She also said she would like to have a changing table available for parents to use, and a chair for nursing mothers.

She said the idea is just to be a “little more accessible to families.”

Ms. Bateman noted that it was a good opportunity to reach out to the public: “People are still finding out we exist.”

The board will also create a flyer, and find literature from other organizations to have on hand for the event.

The committee also voted to pursue a cultural council grant to fund inter-generational events. Ms. Fidalgo said she planned to meet with the Council on Aging Director and the Superintendent of Schools. She recalled a program that brought middle school students to the senior center for an art project. Students and seniors created paintings and drawings and then held an art show.

“It was a really positive event,” said Ms. Fidalgo, adding she thought it was a good candidate for a cultural council grant to pay for supplies.

Socializing was missing during the pandemic, said Ms. Fidalgo, “And seniors thrive with little kids, and kids thrive with seniors.”

She said there are other opportunities for the committee to connect with people, such as helping the Veterans Services Office with the



Fairhaven's Got Pride Facebook group posted a picture of the Visitors Center wooden pride sign on the table where it is stored when not displayed outside, and as it was found, turned around facing the wall, after the Historical Commission met in the space. Photo from Fairhaven's Got Pride Facebook page.

Veterans Day Parade, or the annual veterans lunch.

In another matter, Ms. Bateman suggested that the committee connect with the City of New Bedford Human Relations Council.

Ms. Fidalgo agreed, saying she attended one of their meetings and they had a “bigger range of discussions.”

She found their meeting “enlightening,” she said, adding it was good to see that they are also working on the things the committee is talking about. A lot of the problems in New Bedford are the same problems in Fairhaven.

The committee also decided to ask

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Project File No. 612557

A Public Information Meeting will be held at the Fairhaven High School to discuss the proposed Bridge Replacement, F-01-002=N-06-001, US Route 6 over the Acushnet River project in Fairhaven, MA and New Bedford, MA.

WHERE: Fairhaven High School, 12 Huttleston Ave, Fairhaven, MA 02719

WHEN: 6:30 PM, Monday, October 3, 2022

PURPOSE: The purpose of this meeting is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Bridge Replacement project, F-01-002=N-06-001, US Route 6 over the Acushnet River. All views and comments submitted in response to the meeting will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project includes the replacement of US Route 6 over the Acushnet River, this is a movable span bridge. The existing Route 6 corridor will be maintained. A full roadway closure and detour at the movable span will be necessary during portions of the project. The Navigation Channel will be maintained through short-term closures. Navigation will be required and coordinated with USCG.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT's policy concerning land acquisitions will be presented in the meeting.

Project inquiries, written statements and other exhibits regarding the proposed undertaking may be submitted to Carrie E. Lavallee, P.E., Chief Engineer, via e-mail to dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us or via US Mail to Suite 7210, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Major Projects, Project File No. 612557. Statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public meeting transcript must be emailed or postmarked no later than ten (10) business days after the meeting is posted to the MassDOT website listed below.

This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (e.g interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, live captioning, videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), TTD/TTY at (857) 266-0603, fax (857) 368-0602 or by email (MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us). Requests should be made as soon as possible prior to the meeting, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten business days before the meeting.

This Public Information Meeting or a cancellation announcement will be hosted on the internet at www.mass.gov/massdot-highway-design-public-hearings.

JONATHAN GULLIVER, HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR
CARRIE E. LAVALLEE, P.E., CHIEF ENGINEER
FNN 9/22/22, 9/29/22

ACUSHNET CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Planning Board Office 2nd floor, 130 Main Street, Acushnet, Massachusetts.

• (Public Hearing) NOI – Frank P. Joseph, Jr. / 352 Main Street SE 001-0577 A Notice of Intent was filed by Frank P. Joseph, Jr. for property located at 352 Main Street, Map 11, Lot 28. The applicant proposes

to install a septic system with associated grading within the 100 ft. buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. The applicant is represented by David Fredette of Fredette Engineering Services. Plan name is "Site Plan for Septic System Upgrade" dated August 31, 2022.

Patrick J. Hannon, Conservation Agent
FNN 9/22/22

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, October 03, 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:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86953155076?pwd=VFdUQkhzdVYrNzJlQktiVi9XSzZ09>

or CALL 1-929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 869 5315 5076

Passcode: 633695

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. SE 023-1369, CON 023-308: 10 Diamond Street Request for Amended Order of Conditions filed by Ruby and Jaime Medeiros for a two-foot expansion along the rear of the house located at Map 29, Lot 046. The proposed work to take place in a buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW), Land Subject to Coastal Zone Flowage (LSCSF), and Zone AE (elevation-14).

2. CON 023-309: 165 Balsam Street Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Kim Hyland to replace existing seashell driveway and walkway with stamped concrete, covering 784 square feet. This is a reduction in drive-way footage by approximately 300 square feet. The proposed work is located at Map 43B, Lot 131, with the work to take place in Zone AE (elevation-14).

3. CON 023-310: 104 Fir Street Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Lev Bronstein and David Hirsh to resurface existing gravel driveway and walkway located at Map 43A, Lot 325. Work to take place in area of minimal flood hazard (Zone X).

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
FNN: 9/22/22

Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Public Hearing In-Person in Banquet Room
or via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94115137952?pwd=MXpoVWpKTFBEUmluT1pWScTiVzJlCQTO9>

or call 1-929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 941 1513 7952

Passcode: 361259

1. REF#: ZBA-022-025: 72 Pleasant Street, Map 05, Lots 095. Applicant & Owner: Jason LaFountain. Applicant seeks a finding from the Board under MGL 40A, § for an expansion of an existing nonconforming use to construct a 16'x40' one car garage, detached with workshop and storage room, and that the additions and alterations are not more substantially detrimental than the existing nonconforming use to the neighborhood.

2. REF#: ZBA-022-026: 325 Sconticut Neck Road, Map 29D, Lot 31-33, 46, 47. Applicant & Owner: Mary Mullen. Applicant seeks (1) a Variance to change an existing lot, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-17B and; (2) a Variance from the minimum required frontage of 20 feet to the 11.74 feet proposed, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18 and; (3) a Variance for lot size area of 7,778 and 18,000 square feet, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18.

3. REF#: ZBA-022-027: 28 Cherry Street, Map 15, Lot 48. Applicant & Owner: Claudia Warrington. Applicant seeks a Variance to extend an upper and lower deck. One section will measure 8'x12' and the other 9'x16', pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18, which states any noncovered porch, deck, or landing shall not exceed 72 square feet.

4. REF#: ZBA-022-028: 44 Nancy Street, Map 36, Lot 034. Applicant & Owner: Ross Borges. Applicant seeks Special Permit for Home Occupation business, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-23. B.

5. REF#: ZBA-022-029: 837 Sconticut Neck Road, Map 42, Lot 015R. Applicant: Keith Silvia Owner: Marc Oliveira. Applicant to build a 2-stall garage with breakaway walls, an engineered foundation, and living space above that will be attached to the existing dwelling. Applicant requests a Variance from the minimum required frontage of 20 feet to the 14.3 feet proposed, Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman, Fairhaven ZBA
FNN: 9/15/22, 9/22/22

Acushnet Planning Board

Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Planning Board will conduct two public hearings on September 29, 2022 at 6:30pm in the Board of Selectmen's meeting room at Town Hall, 122 Main Street, Acushnet MA 02743. This will be a Hybrid meeting with a Zoom option:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82369973909?pwd=N2o3ZEprdW9odUJlZzcrOFhkR1gxZ09>

Meeting ID: 823 6997 3909

Passcode: 457530

• This meeting is held in accordance with Chapter 40A, Section 5, to consider the following warrant article: The purpose of this by-law is to permit the creation of new commercial solar photovoltaic installations that are to produce 200 kW or greater by providing comprehensive standards for the placement, design, construction, operation, monitoring, modification, and removal of such installations to promote and address public safety and minimize the impacts on scenic, natural and historic resources, and promote public health and welfare.

• This meeting is held in accordance with Chapter 40A, Section 5, to consider the following warrant article: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Acushnet Official zoning map by rezoning a parcel of land identified in Assessor's records as Map 15, Lots 482 and 534, from the Residential A zoning district to the Residential Village zoning district; or take any other action thereto.

The plans and accompanying documentation are available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office, Parting Ways Building, 130 Main St. 1st Floor, during regular business hours.

Doug Pimentel, Acushnet Town Planner
FNN: 9/15/22, 9/22/22

Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday, October 04, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Public Hearing In-Person in Banquet Room
or via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94115137952?pwd=MXpoVWpKTFBEUmluT1pWScTiVzJlCQTO9>

or call 1-929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 941 1513 7952

Passcode: 361259

1. REF#: ZBA-022-030: 342 New Boston Road, Map 40, Lot 023. Applicant & Owner: Barbara Cappadona. Applicant seeks Special Permit for Home Occupation business to operate massage therapy services, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-23. B.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman, Fairhaven ZBA
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TOWN OF ACUSHNET PUBLIC HEARING

This is to inform you that a hearing will be held by the Board of Selectmen at the Town Hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street, Acushnet on Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. This hearing is on the petition of Nstar d/b/a Eversource. Request permission to locate underground cables, conduits and manholes, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, in, under, along and across the following public way or ways:

Park Drive, Acushnet
To install approximately 150' (feet) of conduit and cable under town road between new manhole MH10048/010 and new manhole MH10048/020. Install 2 new manholes to be labelled MH10048/010 and MH10048/020

Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it be granted a location for and permission to install and maintain underground cables, conduits, and manholes, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary, said underground cables, conduits, and manholes to be installed in accordance with the plan files herewith marked Plan No. 9761139 Dated September 10, 2022.

Board of Selectmen
David Wojnar, Chairman
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Robert Hinckley, Member
FNN 9/22/22

Upcoming Meetings

Fairhaven

Belonging Committee

Wed., 10/12, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Appeals

Tues., 9/27, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 9/26, Arsene St., 5:15 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 10/3, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 9/28, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

Select Board

Mon., 10/3, at Bridge Mtg. with Mass. DOT, Fhvn High School, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

Board of Appeals

Tues., 9/20, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Assessors

Tues., 9/13, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

with Selectboard

Planning Board

Thurs., 9/22 Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Thurs., 9/29, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Fri., 9/23, Town Hall, 9 a.m.

Tues., 9/27, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

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	Sept 2022	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	22	0621	1839	0108	1217
Friday	23	0700	1917	0059	1235
Saturday	24	0736	1953	0055	1306
Sunday	25	0812	2031	0121	1342
Monday	26	0851	2111	0154	1424
Tuesday	27	0932	2154	0234*	1508*
Wednesday	28	1015	2237	0316*	1552*
Thursday	29	1100	2325	0358*	1634*
Friday	30	1151	----	0440*	1719

	Oct. 2022	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Saturday	1	0020	1250	0526*	1812
Sunday	2	0122	1353	0621	1925
Monday	3	0225	1454	0738	2050
Tuesday	4	0327	1559	0901	2225
Wednesday	5	0436	1708	1035	2357
Thursday	6	0542	1808	----	1213
Friday	7	0635	1857	0044	1307

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

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someone to make a presentation at their next meeting for Hispanic Heritage Month, which runs through 10/15.

The committee also briefly discussed the town's Personnel Policy to see if there is some language they want to comment on, or advocate to change. Mr. Durant said that he and the Town Administrator were going through the document and making changes. Mr. Durant said he would have something for them to look at for the next meeting.

The committee will also work on creating a year long calendar of the various recognition months and events that they may want to participate in.

The committee also discussed, in a vague way, the Office of Tourism's rainbow Pride sign that was turned around backwards after a town committee met in the Visitors Center in the Academy Building. The BC did not name the committee but the *Neighb News* learned it was the Historical Commission, whose chairperson, Wayne Oliveira, is currently under a no-trespass order for town hall. The HC maintains the historical buildings in town, including the Academy.

Ms. Bateman said the rainbow is a "symbol of inclusion," and emblematic of the values of the town and community.

It says, "Everyone is welcome," said Ms. Batemen. "Literally in the welcome center of our town."

Ms. Fidalgo said it may not have been intended as such a negative action, but, "If you go into someone's space, you don't touch something that's not yours."

Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison addressed the committee saying that when the values are not adhered to it reflects negatively on the community. She said the visitors center is set up for people to come to Fairhaven and may often be the first step a person makes into town.

Ms. Ellison offered her support to the committee to prevent something like it from happening again. She said she would address it at the next Select Board meeting, too.

"Because that's not what our community is about," she said, adding that it is not what anyone expects our community should be doing.

Ms. Hahn called it a "childish prank," and said people need to "grow up and get used to it."

It does not matter why they did it, said Ms. Bateman, the result is to make others feel bad.

In a written statement to the *Neighb*

News, Mr. Oliveira said he did not turn the sign around, it was that way when he went into the room. He also addressed a series of emails the *Neighb News* received from June when Mr. Oliveira told Mr. Richard to take down the same rainbow sign that was on a bench on the Main Street side of the building.

Ms. Ellison made it clear that the commission is the steward of the building and has no say in operations of town offices. She wrote in her email to Mr. Oliveira that it was her decision to allow the sign and the Select Board's "purview to make policy as it affects all municipal buildings."

Mr. Oliveira said in his email to the NN "no group flags, banners or signs should be displayed at any of our historical buildings without permission of the Commission."

In his emails to Office of Tourism Director Christopher Richard, Mr. Oliveira said that Mr. Richard was pushing his

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[Christopher Richard]

"own personal agenda."

Mr. Oliveira said in his email to the *Neighb News* that he felt the same way about the sign being inside the building, although he did not move it.

"It should not be on display in a government office," he wrote to the *Neighb News*. "Especially during a taping of an official meeting with that sign in the background. I often scan the room to make sure nothing inappropriate is in the camera shot. (Its [sic] now September - As far as I am aware permissions were given for the month of June and not the entire year.)"

The *Neighb News* also contacted several members of the Historical Commission. Select Board member Keith Silvia, who is the board's representative on the HC, said he had no idea it had been turned around until later, when it came up for his board meeting. MJ Carvalho said she knew nothing about a sign at all. John Medeiros said he also had "no clue" who turned the sign around or that it had even been turned around at all.

Gary Lavalette, however, said that

there was a discussion before the meeting and "we" decided that because there would be a "couple of older folks" at the meeting they might be "uncomfortable with it."

"So, basically, we just took it and turned it around," said Mr. Lavalette, but when asked who he meant by "we" and if he personally turned the sign around, he said that he did not do it.

"I was told to do it," he said, but would not say who told him to.

"I would say you probably want to talk to Wayne, he's the chairperson," said Mr. Lavalette.

He said the pride sign was okay for Pride month, in June, but not all year, and that it was a "personal agenda" to leave it in the visitors center.

Mr. Lavalette also apologized for not putting it back, since he was the last person to leave the room.

"I should've put it back where it was and the whole thing would've gone away," he said.

Mr. Lavalette and Mr. Medeiros both said the time before the meeting was a little chaotic because Joe Figuerido was there to be recognized for his donation of the hitching post outside. He was also the first person to use the wheelchair ramp.

M. Lavalette said that when he walked back in the room the sign was turned around.

"I cannot tell you, honestly, who actually turned it," said Mr. Lavalette. "I don't know."

He said they did not hide the sign, they only turned it around.

"There was no ill intent," said Mr. Lavalette.

In a follow up phone interview, Ms. Ellison said the commission members "had no right or authority" to move the sign or turn it around.

"If indeed it was something that happened while a board that is appointed by the Select Board had control of the building, then we need to look at who we appoint to those boards," said Ms. Ellison. "They should uphold the same values that the Select Board holds and the community holds. And if they do not hold those values, then they should not be representing the Select Board in their appointments."

"The sign is intended to show support and to give a friendly welcome to a number of our town residents and visitors," said Mr. Richard in a written statement. "It is six bright colors painted on a sheet of quarter-inch plywood. It can't hurt you."

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