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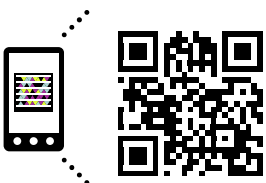
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Teeming with information you need.  
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

## Election upset in Fairhaven



Fairhaven held its annual local election on Monday, 4/3/23, when long time Planning Board member Wayne Hayward failed to keep his seat. See page 12 for story. ABOVE: The gym in the Fairhaven Recreation Center is set up to receive voters from all six precincts in the annual election on 4/3/23. Photo by Beth David.



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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

Oh, spring poked its head out a bit this week, but we're not quite there yet.

Soooo close.

Pretty soon it'll be time to spruce of the old boat and take it out there to see if it floats.

There's still a chill in the air, but I KNOW winter can't win this fight (yet?), right?

It also means that outdoor events are starting up again. Check out the Happenings pages, 5, 6, 7.

So, Fairhaven had quite the upset in its election this week. A long time member of one board did not get in; and in the other contested race, the incumbent came in second, not first.

See page 12 for story.

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association is holding its annual egg hunt this Saturday. It's a fun event. There are raffles and lots of running around Livesey Park. If you've got some young'uns, take them on over. You won't be disappointed. See page 5 for details.

Acushnet is also holding an egg hunt on Saturday at the cool Sawmill property. That should be lots of fun, too. See page 8 for that.

The Recreation Center held its annual flashlight egg hunt this week. Check out page 13 for some fun pictures.

We have some meeting coverage for, too. Fairhaven will be pursuing an override of Prop 2 1/2. See page 3 for summary of why we need it.

We also have BPW coverage. See page 11 for that.

Until next week then...see ya,

Glory to Ukraine!  
Glory to the Heroes!



Publisher Beth David with  
Charlie, aka Evil Dog

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# Fairhaven needs a \$450K Proposition 2 1/2 override

By Beth David  
Editor

The Fairhaven Select Board and Finance Committee are both holding extra meetings to try to crunch numbers and figure out contingencies to get to a balanced budget. At its meeting on 4/3/23, the SB went over Town Meeting articles and discussed budget items, budget forecasting, and different ways to balance the budget this year, but also to keep the town in the black in future years. They are meeting again on 4/11.

The town is facing a shortfall of \$450,000. SB member Bob Espindola pitched the idea of using money that has been put aside for several years for a Public Safety Complex. All indications are that the complex is not in the near future. That money is in the capital stabilization fund, an account used for one time expenses.

The town gets its revenue from a mix of state aid, property taxes (the tax levy), and local receipts.

The big rule in town government is not to use one-time money for ongoing expenses. The various capital funds are usually funded with

“free cash,” the money left over from receipts or other budgeted items from the year before. That one time money is set aside to be used for capital expenses, such as repairs/upgrades to buildings; large items, such as equipment and vehicles that last many years.

Ongoing expenses, such as salaries and everyday office expenses, are funded from recurring revenue, such as property taxes (the tax levy) or receipts. Receipts are the money the town gets from permit fees and excise taxes.

Generally speaking, each “bucket” of money has its intended uses and should not be used for anything else.

Mr. Espindola said that the money placed into the capital fund for the stated purpose of the Public Safety Complex was from the tax levy, not one-time funds. The money was just put into the fund, though, not specifically restricted to the complex.

His presentation included detailed accounts of how much money is in each account.

Proposition 2 1/2 limits the amount of money the town can raise from

property taxes to 2 /12 percent of what they raised the year before. However, that is just part of the formula. Towns can raise more based on new growth and other things. It is a complicated formula, but in the end the state tells the town how much it can raise on the tax levy.

Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison said, in the meeting and in a followup interview, that there are three main things driving the shortfall. One, contract raises and cost of living increases that add up to 5%. Two, inflation is at about 7%. And three, the town has been using free cash (one time revenue) to supplement the operating budget (ongoing expenses).

All this under the constraints of Prop. 2 /12.

The formula the state uses is complicated said Ms. Ellison in a phone interview. They base their projections on the last completed filling, which is two years back. Just knowing about the sudden rise in inflation is enough to explain part of the problem. Then add the complica-

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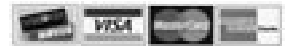
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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Comedy Night

Wicked Funny Productions presents Comedy Night to benefit Elizabeth Hastings Middle School enrichment programs and end of year fun events. Fri., 4/14, at Seaport Inn, 110 Middle St., Fairhaven. Doors open at 6 p.m., showtime 7. Happy hour, light appetizers, cash bar, basket and 50/50 raffle. Tickets: \$35 via venmo. Contact Jenny Burr: jennymburr@yahoo.com or text 508-265-1272.

## Easter Egg Hunt

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association invites you to join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt, Sat., 4/8, at 9 a.m. SHARP, at Livesey Park, 8 Glenhaven Ave., Fairhaven. Children from toddler to age 12 are invited to participate. Categories are Toddler to 4, 5-8, 9-12. Free raffles.

Bring your Easter basket and come out to welcome the Easter Bunny.

Children from toddlers to age 12 can find candy eggs in the park and playground and look for specially numbered wooden eggs that can be redeemed for prizes. Visit and take photos with the Easter Bunny. Sponsored by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association. For more information, email northfairhavenimprovement267@gmail.com.

## SAVE THE DATES

### Pancake Breakfast

Join the Fairhaven Lions Club to support our Scholarship fund at a Pancake Breakfast on Sun., 4/23, from 8 a.m. to noon, at St. Mary's Church, 440 Main Street, Fairhaven. \$10.00. Children 10 and under \$5.00. Includes pancakes, sausage, fruit cup, coffee, and juice.

For tickets, see any Fairhaven Lions Club member or call Bill at 508-996-3420.

### West Island 5k Run/Walk

Sun., 4/23, 41 Causeway Road, West Island, Fairhaven. 5K race at 11 a.m., Kids Mile Fun Run, 10 a.m.

Come out and run to benefit good causes on a US Track and Field certified course. Entry fees for the 5K range from \$15 to \$25. There is also a Kids Mile Fun Run at 10:00 a.m. with an entry fee of \$5. Race shirt or beach towel to first 300 5k registrants. Cash prizes. You may now register online at <https://tinyurl.com/mrx5wpah>

For more information visit <http://westisland5k.org>, or email [westisland5k@yahoo.com](mailto:westisland5k@yahoo.com).

### Nemasket Walk

Join us in celebration of our 10th year as we walk or run through the town of Fairhaven with family, friends and neighbors while raising awareness and support for The Nemasket Group.

Sat., 5/6, Fort Phoenix State Reservation, 8 a.m. registration, 8 a.m. walk/run.

Visit our website for more information and to register: [www.NemasketGroup.org](http://www.NemasketGroup.org)

Event T-shirts are limited, so please register early to ensure you receive a T-shirt

## At the Millicent

The following events will be held at the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven. Accessible. To register, or learn more call the library at 508-992-5342, email [athiel@sailsinc.org](mailto:athiel@sailsinc.org), or visit <http://www.millicentlibrary.org/events>

**Baby and Toddler Storytime, Spring Session.** Tuesdays at 9:30 to 10:30am, April 4th-May 23rd. Bond with your baby over books! Each weekly Baby Storytime includes Early Literacy fun with board books, songs, play, and lots of love. Recommended for ages 0-36 months, meets outside.

**Storytime, Spring Session** Wednesdays at 10:30 to 11:30am, April 5th-May 24th. Read, sing, and get up and move at storytime sessions with Allie. For families, recommended for kids age 3+. Siblings are welcome! Meets outside.

**Crafternoon, Spring Session** Thursdays at 3:00 to 5:00pm, April 6th-May 25th Crafts for all ages and skill levels with something new to do each week! Options for all ages. Young Children should be accompanied and assisted by an adult. Drop in on these weekly sessions at any time during the event.

**Ab(solutely) Normal Author Reading** Wednesday, April 12th at 6:30 to 7:30pm Join YA authors James Bird, Alechia Dow, Marcella Pixley, and Millicent Library's own Jonathan Lenore Kastin as they read from their new short story anthology, *Ab(solutely) Normal: Short Stories That Smash Mental Health Stereotypes*, edited by Nora Shalaway Carpenter and Rocky Callen. Q&A and signing to

follow. Register on: [millicentlibrary.org/events](http://millicentlibrary.org/events)

**Brick Club** Friday, April 14th from 4:00 to 5:30pm New monthly club at the Millicent Library, in partnership with BeSpoke Speech Therapy! This is a child-led, play-based social group for neurodivergent and neurotypical kids — all are welcome! Come together to build community and connection through a shared interest in LEGOs. Register on: [millicentlibrary.org/events](http://millicentlibrary.org/events)

## FHS Class of 1973

The FHS Class of 1973 will hold its 50th reunion on Sat., 6/24. Reunion events start on Friday and run right through Sunday.

- Fri., 6/23, Assemble for flag raising at 4:30 p.m. with a group photo on the steps of FHS.
- Sat., 6/24, 8-9 a.m. Come out and Help us Support Judy Allen!! Cheer on Judy as she arrives at Fort Phoenix and completes the Buzzards Bay Swim. You can also donate to support her on the Buzzards Bay Coalition - 2023 Swim website.
- Sat., 6/24, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm: Homecoming Day Fair in the center of Fairhaven. Free High School Tours available
- Sat., 6/24, 6:00 pm: REUNION at Mikey B's, 989 Victoria St, New Bedford, MA (Handicap accessible) Buffet (including vegetarian options), entertainment, and class photo
- Sun., 6/25, 8:30 - 10:00 am: Alumni Breakfast at FHS. Tickets available at Homecoming Day Fair and Euro or pre-purchase (see below)

Please join and follow our Facebook group, FHS Class of 1973. Any questions, reach out in the group or contact Debbie Honohan Soares at [dktssoares@comcast.net](mailto:dktssoares@comcast.net).

Please send name, address, phont number, email address; note if you will attend the flag raising ceremony.

Breakfast tickets: \$13 each.

Reunion tickets: \$65 each.

Send check or money order by 05/01/2023 to Debbie Soares, 88 Acushnet Rd, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Make checks payable to: Fairhaven High School Class of 1973. We welcome and greatly appreciate early pre-purchase of tickets to help cover deposits. (If you don't plan to attend, please update your contact info and send it to us by mail or email)

# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## AHA night

The Next AHA Night Themed "Sustainable Southcoast" Is Coming up on Thursday, April 13th - Presented by Domino's Pizza and Vineyard Wind AHA! (Art, History, Architecture) provides a free platform for New Bedford's creative community to showcase their talents collectively; making arts, culture, and creative expression accessible to all. AHA! Night offers a meeting place for community partners on the 2nd Thursday of the month, when artistic expression is everywhere and open to everyone: encouraging fun, provoking-thought and nurturing the soul. Join us downtown to shop in various galleries, relax in downtown restaurants, and participate in all the fun events AHA! Night has to offer!

### Earth Eve Parade

5:00pm New Bedford Free Public Library, 613 Pleasant Street. Spring is here and the streets will be filled with music, hands-on activities and ways to appreciate the earth and our environment. The People Powered Procession is Massachusetts' only Eco-float Procession with anything a person or group can wear, roll or carry. Starts at the Library at 613 Pleasant Street.

### Sound in Space, Sound in Place

5:00-7:00pm New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks, 608 Pleasant Street Stop by the NBAM for the exciting opening reception of their contemporary sound art exhibition: Sound in Space, Sound in Place. The exhibition features a collaborative work by established sound artists John Driscoll and Phil Edelstein—the richly exploratory sound installation Cluster Fields (2018–2023)—as well as New Bedford Soundscape, a crowdsourced collection of audio recordings by New Bedford residents, Sonic Textures of Place, experimental sound works by UMass Dartmouth students in Professor Walker Downey's Spring 2023 sound art seminar, NBWaves, an EP by Scapeghost, and Whirly Chorus by Tess Oldfield. It will be a sensory experience like no other!

### Hip Hop Cypher!

7:00pm CO+ Creative Center, 137 Union Street The AHA! Cyphers will be happening from April – September at the Co-Creative Center from 7:00 – 9:00pm. The Cyphers will feature a

local emcee and producer who will be highlighted and featured during the cyphers. The featured emcee will improvisationally rhyme over instrumentals in a rap cypher that will also include the emcees from the public. The featured producer will be highlighted with a 30 minute segment of their instrumental that the emcees will rhyme over. The featured emcee will also have a 30 minute performance set at the end of the cypher.

## Free at RJD

The Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum (RJD) presents a new "Behind the Scenes" series of tours and talks during New Bedford's AHA! Nights. Visitors will get a glimpse of Museum areas and objects in the collection not normally on view.

On Thursday, April 13, Manager of Collections and Interpretation Lauren Prescott will give a talk about undergarments from the collection in a presentation entitled "Under Where?"

The programs run from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. during AHA! Nights, the 2nd Thursday of each month. Visitors may drop in any time. Admission is free during AHA! Nights, and no registration is necessary. For more information, visit the Museum's website, [rjdmuseum.org](http://rjdmuseum.org) or call 508-997-1401.

## Free Performance

Join us for another free FriYAY musical event, part of our Enchanted Evenings programs. Every first Friday of the month features performances by local musicians. New Bedford Art Museum, 608 Pleasant St., NB.

Complimentary admission to Museum galleries; Cash bar; Snacks for purchase

This month features folk singer-songwriter, a queer Filipino American folk singer-songwriter. Her writing and experience span multiple genres, including country, pop, rock, and musical theatre.

**Friday, April 7. 5-7pm. FREE for all attendees.**

Our hours are Tuesday through Sunday from 9 AM - 5 PM. Tickets may be purchased in-person. Advanced entry tickets are available through our website [newbedfordart.org](http://newbedfordart.org) or by phone (508) 961-3072.

## Free Performance

**Join us for Open Rehearsal!**

**Friday, April 7, 3 to 5:30 PM**

**Zeiterion Performing Arts Center  
684 Purchase St., NB**

Admission is free but donations will be gladly accepted at the door. Seating is general admission. No tickets or RSVP required.

Please note that this is a working rehearsal, and pieces may not be played in their entirety. A 20-minute break usually occurs sometime between 4 and 4:30 pm. Please save your applause for the end of pieces and/or rehearsal as to not interfere with the rehearsal process.

**Saturday, April 8, 7:30 PM,**  
Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, 684 Purchase St., NB. There will be no pre-concert talk. Doors to the theater will open by 7:00 PM. Tickets from \$10 to \$65. Visit <https://www.zeiterion.org>

## Artist Peer-to-Peer

New Bedford Creative is thrilled to share the new line-up of its Peer-to-Peer Sessions throughout Spring and Summer 2023. These free online sessions are designed to support individual artists, creative entrepreneurs, and smaller arts, culture, and creative enterprises, both for-profit and nonprofit.

Peer-to-Peer sessions are an excellent opportunity for artists to connect, share knowledge, and learn from each other. Attendees will walk away with valuable insights and practical tools to help them thrive in the creative industry. Don't miss out on this exciting program! Plan to join New Bedford Creative's Peer-to-Peer Sessions this Spring and Summer.

- Tuesday, April 11th 1-2pm - Finding Creative Clarity: Getting Organized. Our possessions and our surroundings reflect our inner selves, affecting our energy and our progress. In this session, we talk about how to let go of objects and other life aspects that are no longer of service, thus clarifying what remains and how to use it.

Visit <https://newbedfordcreative.org/calendar-of-events/>. To register, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/newbedford-creative-33963986237>

# HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

## Egg Hunt

The annual Acushnet Egg Hunt is back! Join us at the Acushnet Sawmill for a community egg hunt on Easter weekend, Saturday April 8th at 4PM. See the Facebook event for a more detailed description.

As always, we're looking for some help to make this happen!

Last year taught us a few ways we can better tweak how we organize to ensure a smoother experience for all, so we're looking for some grown up volunteers to stand in each age group and tell the kiddos when to start.

We also want to prevent the 6-8 and 9-12 kiddos from getting lost on the Sawmill trails where their eggs will be placed/slightly hidden, so we're looking for a couple of people willing to stand within each path to send the

kids in the right direction.

We need lots of plastic eggs and candy donations. We have the eggs from last year, but had a much larger turnout than expected and would love to hide more! These can be dropped off at the Rescue Cafe in Fairhaven, 414 Main St., Fairhaven (right over the Acushnet line). If you're unable to shop or drop off donations, you can Venmo @Joni-Rhoads and she'll do the shopping for you! Anything is super appreciated

## Plant Sale

The Garden Club of Buzzards Bay Plant Sale is back and better than ever! Located on the grounds of the Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden Museum, the sale will be held on

Friday, May 5, from 3-6 p.m. and Saturday, May 6, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Gardeners will be able to buy colorful and varied annuals grown in the Club's own greenhouse, unusual perennials from members' gardens, an array of popular geraniums and special coleus, striking succulents, heirloom tomatoes, and herbs. The Museum is located at 396 County Road, New Bedford, MA.

Proceeds from the sale are used to fund community projects, including grants, scholarships, and maintenance of the gardens and greenhouse at the Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden Museum.

The event is free and open to the public. Cash, checks, and credit cards are accepted. For more information, contact Anne Heller, (617) 893-8491.

## BUDGET: cont'd from page 3

tion of the calendar year vs. the fiscal year.

"Our tax rate was set in January for a budget that doesn't start until July," said Ms. Ellison.

She said that the town's expenses are also part of the formula. When the town uses free cash to supplement the budget, that money is not included in the formula, so the town loses out that way, too.

"It's complicated," she said, but there are ways the town can be more "strategic" with its budget.

The state has had Prop 2 1/2 since 1980, and everyone knows their taxes do not necessarily go up 2 1/2 percent. The formula is for the whole town, not individual properties, so as each property is evaluated, some go up and some go down depending on valuations.

This year's tax rate will be \$9.73 without the override, which means each residential property owner will pay \$9.73 for each \$1,000 that their house is assessed at by the Assessors Office, not valued on the open market, that's usually more.

With the override, the rate will be \$9.84, 11 cents more. The average increase will be about \$43 for a home assessed at \$394,058, the town average.

The big question at the SB meeting was no longer if the override is needed, but if it will be enough. The initial shortfall was \$750,000, but the

town pulled \$300,000 from the OPEB fund (employee retirement fund).

If the town does not vote for the override, then the town will have to cut \$450,000 from the budget. The recommendation is to take \$200,000 from the School Department; \$150,000 from the Fire Department by eliminating two of the four new hires from January; and \$100,000 from salary reserves, which would result in some raises and promotions not happening.

The Fairhaven Firefighters union reacted strongly to the suggestion that the town will cut two of the four new firefighters. In a press release they said that the four new hires are still not enough to fully and safely staff the department. The letter says that each shift should have 14 firefighters, but currently has six.

"These elected officials are attempting to tie the override to its ability to retain two of the four firefighters," said the union. "The Town's politicization of the public safety of our community and threat to purposefully cut our staffing is not only dangerous, but downright offensive to our hardworking, dedicated, and professional firefighters."

The firefighters have already been hired and are training, they wrote, adding "Their livelihoods are not a political chip that can be used by Town officials to force our Union into supporting Proposition 2 1/2. We call

on the Town officials to stop playing politics with public safety and to honor the agreement we reached in January."

Ms. Ellison said the \$450,000 should be enough, if things stay pretty much the same, i.e., no recession.

The town has created a special spot on its website with budget/override information. Visit <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/fy2024-override-information-hub> to access information, including detailed budget documents, such as the townwide budget, capital budget, and the school budget.

In order for the override to succeed, Town Meeting has to vote for it and then the town has to approve it in a townwide ballot question. The SB will set a special town election date soon.

In any case, the town has to submit a balanced budget to Town Meeting. If it is a budget that has been cut to make up the shortfall, but is not realistic, for example, lowballing costs for gas or electric, etc., then the town will have to supplement the budgets with free cash in a Special TM. Which does not solve the problem or "right the ship," said Ms. Ellison. It just "kicks the can down the road."

Mr. Espindola's presentation is available at [www.FairhavenTV.com](http://www.FairhavenTV.com), 4/3/23 meeting.

## Recipe of the Week

### Apple Pie Enchiladas

*A great way to use up  
leftover pie filling*

- 1 (21 ounce) can apple pie filling
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 6 (8 inch) flour tortillas

Preheat the oven to 350°.  
Grease a 9x13 inch baking dish.

Spoon about one heaping quarter cup of pie filling evenly down the center of each tortilla. Sprinkle with cinnamon and roll up, tucking in edges; and place seam side down in prepared dish.

In a medium saucepan over medium heat, combine butter, white sugar, brown sugar, and water. Stir until the butter has melted and the sugars have dissolved. Bring the mixture to a boil, stirring constantly. Reduce the heat and let it simmer for 3 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in 1 teaspoon vanilla.

Pour the sauce over the enchiladas and let it stand for 45 minutes. This resting time helps to magically transform the flour tortillas into a faux pastry dough.

Bake the enchiladas in the preheated oven for 30 minutes or until golden. Serve warm.

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refused permission for something she requested. Recently she began slamming her door whenever she entered or left her room.

Rachael is a night owl. So, whenever she leaves her room late at night she wakes up my parents. They have repeatedly asked her to stop. Last week they had it and removed the door to her room. When Rachael discovered what they had done, she was furious. They told her they would be willing to discuss replacing the door, in a few weeks after she had time to think about her behavior, if she could promise the slamming would stop.

Rachael thinks my parents are child abusers and should be reported to child protective services. She asked me to write to you to see if you would be willing to report them. She said if

## Dear Frankie

### The Big Bang

*Dear Frankie,*  
Several

months ago, my human sibling Rachael began slamming her bedroom door whenever my parents made a comment about her behavior or

you filed the complaint, she could truthfully say she hadn't reported them if she was asked.

*Thomas*

*Dear Thomas,*

Are you serious? I write an advice column. I'm not a handler who runs interference for acting out teenagers.

Why on earth are you defending Rachael? Do you really think her hostile behavior is OK? Aren't you upset that she is preventing you and your parents from getting a good night of sleep? Sleep deprivation is not a nothing burger. Interrogators use it as a form of torture to break people down emotionally.

Rachael ignored your parents' requests, so, they took matters into their own hands. Frankly, I think she got what she deserved. I also think Rachael is a manipulator, and you should take a page out of my book and stop doing her bidding.

*Best, Frankie*

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This 4 day program is a great opportunity to make new friends while participating in fun group activities such as pillo polo, floor hockey, dodgeball, cooperative games, flag football, arts & crafts, etc. Kids will need to bring their own lunch for the first 3 days of the program. The last day is a pizza lunch. Come ready to have fun! Sneakers and active clothes must be worn each day. Kids will be grouped according to their current grade in school.

Grades: K-5 Dates: 4/18/22—4/21/22. Time: Drop off between 8 & 8:15, pick up by 3PM. Cost: Member \$120/Non Member \$145

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### Annie Musical Theatre Class

Come join in on the fun of learning how to take part in a musical theatre performance. Children will learn the basics of putting together a production. In this class, boys and girls will audition for a role in the musical "Annie's Medley Excerpts." This play has been rewritten along the theme of the original "Annie." Children will sing, dance, and act their way into a world of excitement. Costumes are encouraged, but not necessary. No experience needed. Everyone receives a speaking role of some kind.

AGE: 5yrs.-13yrs. DAY: Wed. TIME: 3:45-4:45 PM; DATES: April 12-May 24, 2023 (No Class 4/19)

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## Fairhaven Council on Aging

### Music at the Sr Ctr

Jordan Paiva coming to the COA on April 27, 12-2:00 p.m. Lots of fun and good music please call 508-979-4029 to reserve a spot.

### Waking Trip

Pilgrim Memorial State Park, April 20, Walking Trip with Patsy. The bus will leave promptly at 8:30 a.m. (\$10.00) please call to reserve your seat.

### Easter Dinner

Please join us on April 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a lovely Easter Dinner. Spaces are limited. Please call to reserve your seat: 508-979-4029.

### Movie Matinee

Mon., 4/10, noon. *Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris*. Please sign up for the movie. If you should like to come for lunch prior to the movie, lunch will be served at 11:30. Lunch will be German Beef Stew. \$2 donation. Call 508-979-4029.

### Social Day Program

The Fairhaven Social Day Program provides a fun day of activities for seniors who are in need of supervision or just want to spend the day socializing with others. The program is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-3:00. Lunch is provided and transportation can be arranged at an additional fee.

For more information, please call 508-993-9455 and ask for Sally Bourke.

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We serve lunch every weekday at 11:30 a.m. To schedule a lunch, call the day before by 10 a.m. Voluntary donation of \$.20. To let us know you want to join us, and to arrange for a ride, call 508-979-4029.

### Technology Classes

The Fairhaven Senior Center will host a series of technology classes from basic/novice to expert. All classes will be 90 minutes long, Monday and Wednesday only. Each class will be rated as to how much computer skill the participant should have: (maximum number of participants 10) All participants must preregister for the classes they want to take by either the phone or at the main desk. Next classes:

- **Mon., Wed. April 3 & 5: Part 1+2: Computer Knowledge:** Basic/Novice. Participants may bring their laptops for the two days. Introduction and Refresher on Computer and Internet Cyber Safety Computer and mobile device will also be addressed.

### 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.: 4/12, Warwick Mall; 4/19, Hyannis Mall, Xmas Shop, Trader Joe's, Whole Foods; 4/26, Garden City, Cranston, RI; 5/3, Plain Ridge Park Casino.

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# BPW hires for Highway Department

By Mary Chasse

## Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Monday 3/27 the Fairhaven Board of Public Works hired two new employees for the Highway Department, discussed work being done on Hedge Street and met with a resident about a sewer tie-in on West Island.

The board first held a public hearing for the Hedge Street Community Development Block Grant project. BPW Superintendent Vinnie Furtado explained that phase three of project will be starting in April, and the hearing was for neighbors to voice questions or concerns. Phase of the project will be from Main Street to Adams Street.

Resident Beatrice Kirklewski said she has lived on Hedge Street for 40 years and she is very pleased with the work being done.

Hedge Street resident Dawne Babbitt said she was concerned about the speed of cars coming down the street, and wanted to know what can be done to slow them down.

BPW Chairperson Brian Wotton suggested that residents call the non-emergency Police Department line and speak with the safety officer.

In another matter the board held interviews for two Special Motor Equipment Operators for the Highway Department. Mr. Furtado said they had two applicants for the two positions.

David Farland told the board he currently works two jobs since he started working for the town. He said he is hoping for a pay bump so he can only work one job.

Mr. Furtado said Mr. Farland has all the required licenses and was highly recommended for the position.

Mr. Wotton said he only has great things to say about Mr. Farland.

BPW Vice-Chairperson Robert "Hoppy" Hobson said he would like to see Mr. Farland hired at the highest step possible without causing a union grievance.

Mr. Furtado said a junior position cannot pass a senior position on the pay scale, but they can have equivalent pay which would be step 7.5.

The board voted unanimously to hire Mr. Farland at step 7.5.

The board interviewed Robert Frias for the other SMEO position.

Mr. Furtado said Mr. Frias has all the licenses and was highly recommended. Mr. Frias would need to be hired on a different pay scale because he has his CDLA which is a higher license. Mr. Hobson said he would like Mr. Frias to get paid the most he legally can. Mr. Wotton said that Mr. Frias could be hired at step 7.2A. The board voted unanimously to hire him at that step.

In another matter the board met with Nancy Santoro of 148 Dogwood Street about a possible sewer tie-in.

Ms. Santoro explained that she plans to add an addition to her house in the form of an attached or detached garage depending on what the board's recommendations are. She said she wants to build a garage and have a bonus room or in-law apartment above it. She said she wants to tie into the sewer but is unsure about if her property has one or two stubs.

Mr. Furtado said the property only has one stub, and according to the law it is unlikely they would be able to tie in with a detached garage.

Ms. Santoro asked if an attached garage would be possible.

Mr. Furtado said it might be, but they need to speak with the town attorney and the building inspector and see the building plans for it.

Mr. Wotton said Ms. Santoro should send the plans to the building inspector to get his thoughts on it.

Mr. Hobson said if that was approved a lot of people might want to start adding garages like it to their properties. Mr. Hobson said he is an abuttor of Ms. Santoro and he could do the same thing she is trying to do.

Mr. Wotton said he did not know Mr. Hobson is an abuttor of Ms. Santoro's property, and said Mr. Hobson needed to recuse himself from voting on anything to do with this matter.

Mr. Hobson agreed to recuse himself, but did not leave the room.

Mr. Furtado said he would like to talk with the town attorney about the issue, but he thought they will not be able to tie in. He also said Ms. Santoro could ask the Board of Health if they would approve of a septic system.

Mr. Wotton told Ms. Santoro that they will be sending all the information to the building inspector and the town attorney and get back to her.

In another matter Mr. Furtado said Harvey Waste and Recycling (formerly ABC Disposal) asked if the town would like to change the method for bulky item pickups. Bulky items are picked up on their regular routes, and the company is asking if they would like to change the pickup system to residents calling and scheduling a day for bulky item pickup.

Mr. Wotton said he thought they should think about it and discuss it for the next contract.

The board voted to leave it as it is.



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# Hayward loses re-election bid in Fairhaven upset

By Beth David  
Editor

In an election upset, long time Fairhaven Planning Board member Wayne Hayward lost his bid for re-election. He has served on the board for about 30 years.

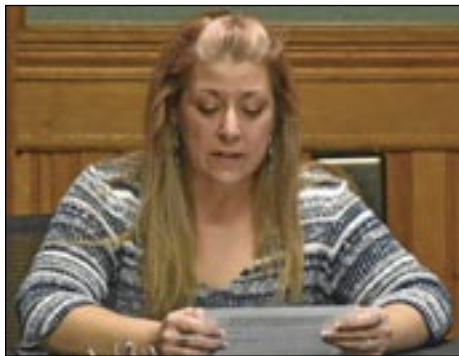
School Committee also had a little surprise, with incumbent Brian Monroe, who has served for 12 years, winning his seat, but coming in second to Stephanie "Steph" Pickup in the vote count, 803 to 780\*. Two seats were on the ballot, with incumbent Pam Kuechler not running for re-election. Two other candidates also vied for those seats: Laura Gardner with 686 votes, and Brendalee Smith with 325.

Two seats were also on the ballot for Planning Board. Fairhaven business owners Patrick Carr and Ruy Da Silva both won seats on that board, with Mr. Carr receiving 895 votes, Mr. Da Silva receiving 786, and Mr. Hayward receiving 722.

The Select Board race saw both incumbents running unopposed for their seats, with Charles K. Murphy, Sr., receiving 1132 votes and Keith Silvia receiving 903.

Other uncontested races were: Board of Health, with newcomer Justine Frezza elected; Commissioner of Trust Funds, with Louise Ponte winning re-election; Board of Public Works, with incumbent Brian Wotton, and newcomer Daniel Lopes elected; Housing Authority, with incumbent Carol Alfonso re-elected. Voters also voted for Town Meeting members.

The town held its traditional Cable Access TV election results show at



Fairhaven Town Clerk, Linda Fredette, reads the results of the Fairhaven local election on 4/3/23. TOP: Stephanie "Steph" Pickup addresses voters after winning a seat on the School Committee. MIDDLE: Brian Monroe addresses voters after getting re-elected to the SC. Photos by Beth David.

Town Hall the evening of 4/3. Select Board members, candidates, their supporters and family members gathered in the Banquet Room to hear the results. Candidates also had a chance to address voters.

Before Town Clerk Linda Fredette read the results, Select Board chairperson Stasia Powers thanked Ms. Fredette, noting that it was her last election as clerk. She is resigning in a couple of weeks.

Ms. Powers said she was "proud" of how voting went at the Rec Center, and the changes Ms. Fredette has made in the last couple of years, including the change to all precincts voting in one place.

"You're going to be terribly



missed," said Ms. Powers.

After Ms. Fredette read the results, candidates addressed the electorate.

Mr. Silvia, who was re-elected to the Select Board thanked everyone who let him put a sign up in his yard, and the voters. He said he was "honored to serve for three more years."

Mr. Murphy started by thanking God and then his wife and family. He also named off some of his volunteers, and especially those who stood outside all day at the polls.

"And last but not least, I'd like to thank little Alanah," said Mr. Murphy, referring to his granddaughter. "Who always gives me the inspiration every day."

"I'm super excited," Ms. Pickup told voters, and thanked her volunteers who held signs in the cold.

She said she looked forward to serving the kids, taxpayers, teachers, "everybody."

Mr. Monroe said he was honored to serve another three years, and it is not something he takes lightly. He said his family was his "rock" and his support.

"I love it," he said. "I love serving



my town."

He also pointed out Ms. Kuechler, who did not run for re-election.

"She's the definition of a public servant and she's given a lot to the town," said Mr. Monroe.

He also congratulated the candidates, encouraging those who lost to "come back" and run again.

"Serving the town is a great thing," he said.

Laura Gardner, who did not win a seat on School Committee, thanked everyone who helped on her campaign, saying she thought it was "pretty good" for the first time.

"It was my first time running for public office, and I definitely will run again for School Committee," said Ms. Gardner, adding it was very important to her that students have the best.

She also said she hoped some of the ideas she brought up in the campaign would be thought about.

Brendalee Smith also ran for SC, but did not win a seat.

She thanked everyone and said it was "an amazing process," she said, one she will definitely be doing again.

"I will be the best volunteer you have ever seen," she said to the winning candidates, to do great things for the whole school community.

She said it was cold outside on election day, but it was "great," and amazing.

"We became friends through this," she said of her fellow candidates. "That doesn't always happen."

"That says something about who we are," she said and that they will continue to work together. "You'll all be seeing me again, that's for sure."

Board of Health candidate Justine Frezza joined by Zoom, and said she looked forward to serving for the next three years, and thanked her family and supporters.

Mr. Carr said it was a good learning

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experience. He said his philosophy will be to welcome people to come and do business in Fairhaven. He said things will be different going forward.

"It was a great experience," he said.

Mr. Da Silva thanked voters and said he looked forward to working with all the boards in Fairhaven and everyone who comes in front of the board.

"There's a lot of stuff we need to do in this town," said Mr. Da Silva. "And hopefully it's always for the good."

He said he will have a positive attitude towards people and try to help them.

SB member Bob Espindola said it was better for the town to have contested races, and appreciated candidates running.

"First of all, I don't know what he's talking about," said SB Vice Chair Leon Correy. "I'd be okay with an uncontested race."

He thanked everyone who ran or got involved in any capacity.

He made his familiar pitch for people to get involved.

Ms. Powers said it was a "fun and exciting experience" to run for office.

"It's a rewarding job. You have real impact on your community," said Ms. Powers. "And it's worth doing."

After the cable show was done, Mr. Carr, who was a first time candidate, said he felt "great."

"It's a rewarding feeling that the taxpayers put their confidence in me by voting for me," said Mr. Carr, adding that he will do the best job he can for everyone.

Ms. Da Silva said he was glad it was over with, and he looked forward to doing a lot of good things for the town, especially getting some new taxes into the town.

"I'm speechless. I don't know what to say," said Ms. Pickup, who was the top vote-getter, beating out incumbent Brian Monroe, who did win re-election.

"I'm really excited and honored," said Ms. Pickup. "I'll do my best to improve and strengthen our schools."

Mr. Monroe said he felt good and was glad he would be able to continue to serve and would do his best "to



L-R: Patrick Carr and Ruy Da Silva hold their respective signs for Planning Board on election day in Fairhaven 4/3/23, when both candidates won a seat on the board. *Photo by Beth David.*

make the town proud.

Other candidates who did not attend included BPW candidates Brian Wotton and Daniel Lopes; Planning Board candidate Wayne Hayward; Commissioner of Trust Funds Louise Ponte; Housing Authority candidate Carol Alfonso.

*\*All numbers are unofficial. The results had not been certified by press time.*

## Flashlight Egg Hunt draws 60



The annual Flashlight Egg Hunt at the Fairhaven Recreation Center drew in 60 young'uns and their adults to the gym on Friday, 3/31/23. Participants hunted for three specific, numbered eggs in the darkened gym; could have pictures taken with the Easter Bunny, and join in some simple craft making. The plastic eggs had treats inside, the gym also had candy and other treats up for grabs, and those who posed with the Easter Bunny got chocolate pops from Dorothy Cox Chocolates. ABOVE LEFT (2): Madison Reilly Doherty helps her father William with a craft during the Flashlight Egg Hunt at the Fairhaven Recreation Center on 3/31/23. ABOVE MIDDLE: Hazel Mae Foos



uses her flashlight to check the numbers on an egg against her sheet. ABOVE RIGHT: Michelle Potter and her great granddaughter Isabell Ventura use a flashlight to check the numbers. FAR LEFT & MIDDLE: Lincoln and Braidyn look for eggs. LEFT: Emilia shows off her creation. *Photos by Beth David.*

# April food day collects for local pantries

By Beth David  
Editor

The Fairhaven Belonging Committee and Fairhaven Rotary Club got together to collect food for two local food pantries this weekend. On "April Food Day," 4/1/23, Fairhaven Town Hall was filled with volunteers and boxes and bags of food, tables to explain local services available for

those in need, and K9 Blue, Fairhaven Police Department's K9 officer and comfort dog.

Brothers Davis (Fairhaven High School) and Sawyer (Hastings Middle School) Jones provided much of the muscle for moving boxes, earning community service hours along the way.

Organizer Jessica Fidalgo of the

Fairhaven BC, said the various collection spots and town hall yielded several pickup trucks full of food that was taken to the Shepherd's Pantry in Acushnet, and MO LIFE pantry in New Bedford.

"It exceeded my expectations," said Ms. Fidalgo. "So, I'm happy."

She said the committee hopes to make it an annual event.



ABOVE: L-R: Brothers Sawyer and Davis Jones carry a box of food out of Fairhaven Town Hall during the April Food Day event on 4/1/23 sponsored by the Belonging Committee, that collected food for local food pantries. RIGHT: The young volunteers and K9 Blue pose for a photo with some of the food collected. Photos by Beth David.



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# Acushnet election field set

By Beth David

Editor

Acushnet voters go to the polls for local offices on Saturday, 5/13/23, and the field is set.

There will be two contested races on the ballot, with Eric Chew challenging incumbent, who served on the SB from 1998 to 2016. He returned to the board in 2020 and running to retain his seat. Mr. Chew is new to the SB, but not to town government. He serves on the

Finance Committee, is involved in other volunteer activities in the town, including EMA, and Council On Aging, where his wife Heather is the director.

The School Committee has two seats up for election. Incumbent Ronald Houde, Jr. and newcomers Melissa Cordeira and Ebony McGlynn will be on the ballot.

All other seats are not contested: Town Moderator, incumbent Les Dakin; Town Clerk, incumbent Pam Labonte; Board of Assessors, Robert

Brown; Board of Health, incumbent Robert Medeiros; Planning Commissioner, incumbent Bryan Deschamps; Planning Commissioner for unexpired term ending 5/15/27, Steven Boucher; Cemetery Board, incumbent Joanne Cioper; Library Trustee, incumbent Joan Howland; Tree Warden, Norman Fredette;

Commissioner of Trust Funds has two vacant seats with no decared candidates; and Library Trusee has

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## Woman stabbed on Carol Street in Acushnet

Acushnet Police Department Press Release

On Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at approximately 11:37PM, a 911 call was received from a female who reported being stabbed on Carol Street. The suspect, a male party known to her, then fled the home into the nearby woods. On arrival, responding Acushnet Police officers found the victim conscious and alert but suffering from two stab wounds to the neck.

While the 58 year old victim was

being transported by Acushnet Fire/Rescue ambulance to St Luke's Hospital in New Bedford, Acushnet Police officers quickly set up a perimeter around the area to search for the suspect. Acushnet Police were assisted at the scene by personnel from the Mattapoissett Police Department, the Mass. State Police as well as the Bristol County Sheriff's Office and Plymouth County Sheriff's Office.

Approximately 41 minutes from the initial 911 call (at 12:18AM on Wednesday, March 29, 2023), the 41-

year-old suspect was located in a nearby wooded area and taken into custody without further incident.

He is being charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon (to wit: knife) as well as assault and battery on a household/family member. He is set to be arraigned today at Third District Court in New Bedford.

The victim is currently in stable condition.

No further information will be released at this time.

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## Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals is hereby giving notice that a meeting will be held by the Board on Tuesday, April 18th, 2023, at 6:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street.

The following public hearings will be held

- Case #2023.04.18A** A case of Thomas & Julie Bosworth, of 105 Rockland Street in Dartmouth, who are petitioning the Board to be able to convert a single-family house into a two-family dwelling on a lot with minimum 30,000 square foot area at 188 Middle Road. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.4.B.5.
- Case #2023.04.18B** A case of Frank Simmons, of 835R Middle Road, who is petitioning the Board to be able to convert a non-conforming lot and structure from a garage into a single-family home at 46 Victor Street. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1.E.2.

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

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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, April 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Conservation Office 2nd Floor, Parting Ways Building, 130 Main Street, Acushnet, Massachusetts.

- Public Hearing – NOI – Nelson and Nancy Viveiros/Tripp's WaySE 001-0581** – A Notice of Intent was filed by Nelson and Nancy Viveiros for property located at Tripp's Way, Map 8, Portion of lots #25, #25D, #25E and 25F. The applicant proposes to construct a single family dwelling, a 20' x 30' barn, an in-ground swimming pool, a shed and driveway, installation of a well, septic system and underground utilities with filling and grading within the 100' buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. The applicant is represented by David M. Davignon, P.E. of Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. Plan name is "Sewage Disposal System – Site Plan on Tripp's Way off Perry Hill Road in Acushnet, MA" dated March 22, 2023.

Patrick J. Hannon, Conservation Agent  
FNN 4/6/23

## FAIRHAVEN SELECT BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 6:30 pm**  
**Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street**  
**Fairhaven, Massachusetts**

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Select Board will conduct a Public Hearing at **6:30 P.M. on Tuesday April 18, 2023**, in the Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA.

The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the discontinuance of an accepted street, Shirley Street. The location is Shirley Street (formerly Old Alden Road) south of Jason Terrace and north of 4 Shirley Street (Map 26 Lot 13M).

Stasia Powers  
Leon Correy III  
Robert Espindola  
Keith Silvia  
Charles Murphy

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## TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Bids for the construction of the "Town of Fairhaven, Fairhaven Water Pollution Control Facility Upgrade Project - CWSRF-7238" will be received by the Public Works Department at 5 Arsene Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719 until 2:00 p.m. local time on May 22nd, 2023 at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. Sealed Bids must have outer envelope marked as "Town of Fairhaven, Fairhaven Water Pollution Control Facility Upgrade Project."

Sealed Bids from Subcontractors addressed as referenced above will be received by the Public Works Department at 5 Arsene Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719 until 2:00 p.m. on May 8th, 2023 and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud. Sub-Bids with the required Bid deposit will be received for Acoustical Tile, Electrical Work, HVAC, Masonry Work, Metal Windows, Resilient Floors, Tile, Miscellaneous and Ornamental Iron, Painting, Plumbing, Roofing and Flashing, Waterproofing, Damp-proofing, Fire Protection, and Caulking.

Please be advised that General Bids and Sub-bids will ONLY be accepted from contractors who have been prequalified for this project by the Fairhaven Public Works Department pursuant to M.G.L. c. 149, Section 44D 1-2 and 44D 3-4. A list of prequalified General Bidders and Sub-bidders will be included in the bid documents for this Project in Section 00200.

The work consists of various improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Plant to address upcoming changes to total nitrogen limits, disinfection requirements, and to replace aging infrastructure.

Bids shall be on a lump sum basis. The Work will be substantially completed within 974 calendar days from the date of the Notice to Proceed and completed and ready for final payment in accordance with paragraph 15.06 of the General Conditions within 1,034 calendar days from the date of the Notice to Proceed.

All Bids for this project are subject to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 149, Section 44A–44J inclusive as amended.

In accordance with Section 44D of Chapter 149 of the General Laws of Massachusetts as amended, the prospective General Bidders and Filed Sub-Bidders must submit with their Bid, a certificate of eligibility issued by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM), showing that the Bidder has been approved to bid on projects of the size and nature as advertised herein. Prospective General Bidders and Filed Sub-Bidders must also submit an updated statement summarizing their record for the period between the latest DCAMM certificate and the date of the Bid submittal. The DCAMM certificate of eligibility to be submitted by the General Bidder shall be for the category of work defined as "Sewage and Water Treatment Plants". The DCAMM certificate of eligibility to be submitted by the Filed Sub-Bidders shall be for the category of work for which they are submitting a Bid.

Bidding Documents may be obtained electronically from the Tighe & Bond website at: [http://www.tighebond.com/Projects\\_Out\\_to\\_Bid.php](http://www.tighebond.com/Projects_Out_to_Bid.php)

Prospective bidders must complete a one-time registration process on the web site in order to receive log-in credentials. Bidders must log in to the web site to download bidding documents for the project. Bidders will be added to the "planholders" or prospective bidders list upon downloading the bidding documents for the project.

A bid deposit of 5% shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

The time period for holding Bids, where Federal approval is not required is 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after opening of Bids and where Federal approval is required, the time period for holding Bids is 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays excluded after Federal approval.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goals are applicable to the total dollars paid to the construction contract. The goals for this project are a minimum of **4.2 percent D/MBE participation and 4.5 percent D/WBE participation** by certified DBEs. The two low bidders shall submit completed DBE forms (EEO-DEP-190 & EEO-DEP-191C and the DBE Certification of United States Citizenship form) by the close of business on the third business day after bid opening. Failure to comply with the requirements of this paragraph may be deemed to render a proposal non-responsive. No waiver of any provision of this section will be granted unless approved by the Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP).

Minimum Wage Rates as determined by the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development under the provision of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27D, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the Contractor, before Bid opening, to request if necessary, any additional information on Minimum Wage Rates for those trades people who may be employed for the proposed Work under this Contract. Federal Minimum Wage Rates as determined by the United States Department of Labor under the Davis-Bacon Act also apply to this project.

This project is funded by the Massachusetts Clean

Water Trust/State Revolving Fund loan program. Section 00800 contains the funding program construction contract requirements, all of which shall be applicable to this Contract.

The project requires compliance with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Diesel Retrofit Program by use of after-engine emission controls that are EPA certified, or their equivalent, on all of the off-road (non-registered) diesel vehicles/equipment used at the job site.

The project is subject to the American Iron and Steel (AIS) requirement of Section 436 of Public Law (P.L.) 113-76, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014, which requires that all of the iron and steel products used in the project are produced in the United States. Section 00800 contains further information on applicable iron and steel products and compliance.

A non-mandatory pre-Bid conference will be held at the site on April 6th, 2023 at 10:00 AM.

Board of Public Works for Fairhaven, MA  
FNN 4/6/23

## FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 6:30 pm**  
**Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street**  
**Fairhaven, Massachusetts**

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday April 25, 2023 at Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA. The Planning Board Meeting will be conducted in Town Hall and remotely and will be televised live on Fairhaven TV Channel 18 and fairhaventv.com. To Join the Meeting from home Log on to:

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The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following *Definitive Subdivision* application: 1) **DS 2023-01-Seaport Homes Subdivision**, a 2-Lot Subdivision. The applicants, Seaport Homes LLC, represented by Farland Corporation Inc., are requesting approval through the Definitive Subdivision review process to create a 2-lot subdivision and create a road standard for Map 30A Lots 85M and 85N. The location is near the terminus of Route 240 north of Route 6 at the end of Lincoln Drive (an accepted street) and Jason Terrace (an unaccepted street). The northerly lot currently has 40' of frontage on an accepted street and the other lot has none. The plan shows a 16-foot wide gravel road connecting Lincoln Drive and Jason Terrace that is currently a paper street.

A copy of the application is on file for public review at the Planning Board Office, Town Hall by appointment and on the Town website. To schedule an appointment to review the application call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4023, Ext. 8122 or go to: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/planning-board/pages/current-permits-being-reviewed-special-permits-definitive-subdivisions>

Cathy Melanson, Chairperson of the  
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The last day to register to vote in the 5/13 election is Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 5 p.m. The last day to apply for a mail-in ballot is Monday, May 8, at 5 p.m.

The election is on Saturday, 5/13/23. Polls are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. All precincts vote at Acushnet

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*Stephen Grossman, Fairhaven*

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### Fairhaven

#### Board of Appeals

Tues., 5/2, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

#### Board of Public Works

Mon., 4/10, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

#### Community Preservation

Wed., 4/19, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

#### Finance Committee

Thurs., 4/6, Arsene St., 6:30 p.m.

#### Marine Resources

Thurs., 4/6, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

#### School Committee

Wed., 4/12, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

#### Select Board

Mon., 4/11, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Tues., 4/18, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

#### Sustainability Committee

Tues., 4/18, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

### Acushnet

#### Golf Committee

Thurs., 4/6, Town Hall, 3:30 p.m.

#### Planning Commission

Thurs., 4/6, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

#### Select Board

Mon., 4/10, Town Hall, Noon

With School Committee to appoint  
Tues., 4/25, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

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Tuesday	11	0017	1249	0541*	1748*
Wednesday	12	0119	1352	0640	1852
Thursday	13	0220	1453	0759	2015
Friday	14	0321	1557	0916	2136
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## From our readers

### Government controls mean more controls

"I have seen too many great opportunities pass by the town because of past applicants who have come in front of Fairhaven boards and were subjected to many expenses that are not called for due to some individuals who are always negative to a good opportunity." [Ruy DaSilva, Fairhaven businessman, Appeals Board member, Planning Board candidate]

"By limiting the amount of revenue that developers can generate, rent control tends to discourage investment in new housing, and thereby depresses supply." [New Bedford Mayor, John Mitchell, 3/28/23]

"[Mitchell] said rent control has been discredited as a means of providing more housing. It has the opposite effect....He added that the state passed a referendum in 1994 abolishing rent control because it failed to address housing needs. Most economists agree it reduces housing supply and quality." [Standard-Times, Leftist, 3/28/23]

Some of the longer-run issues affecting U.S. housing supply...have

been present for years, including local zoning restrictions [Biden's Council Of Economic Advisors, Sep. 9, 2021, Leftist]

"The Massachusetts Zoning Act... encourage[s] affordable housing." [Michelle Costen, FNN letter, 3/23/23]

"Affordable" is a deliberately vague, ambiguous and undefined idea, rationalizing arbitrary government. Short-range Pragmatists want lowered housing costs with a government gun. It's impossible. Government has no free goodies of its own. It taxes or regulates Peter to pay or benefit Paul. Now Peter has less money to invest in new production with new jobs, hurting Paul. Looting the most productive people will eventually, in the long run, indirectly, unintentionally, hurt the less productive people. The Massachusetts Zoning Act increases costs, decreasing "affordable" housing.

Rain dances don't cause rain. Government controls don't increase anything except more controls and more short-range, power-lusting Pragmatists. When controls fail, many people blame political oppo-

nents or conspiracy. When their gang of looting thugs gets political power, we will have the Garden Of Eden, with apples, no snakes. New, "affordable" houses will pop out of the ground, like mushrooms after a Spring rain.

"Local governments require development fees, studies and public meetings that drag out construction and drive up its cost. Through zoning rules, governments also force developers to build on larger lots than some buyers might want, and create more parking than buyers might use." [New York Times, Jul 14, 2022, Leftist].

"The Federal Reserve began to raise interest rates. This has led to higher mortgage rates....anybody who's lending money knows that they're not going to really get the true value back unless they charge a higher [mortgage] rate because the money in the future is not going to be worth as much as money today." [Public Broadcasting System, Aug 5, 2022, Leftist]

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