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FHS Students help plant trees for Arbor Day



Fairhaven High School biology and marine biology students pose for a group shot after planting two Okame Cherry trees at Veterans Memorial Park on Route 6 in Fairhaven on Arbor Day, 4/28/23. See story on page 16. *Photo by Beth David.*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND — A day late and many dollars short.

Well, Town Meeting is upon us. Time to decide a whole bunch of things, including whether or not we want this override (see page 4).

Passions ran a bit high



Publisher Beth David with Charlie, aka Evil Dog

at FinCom. Now, I love a good fight, and I'm not below calling names, not by a long shot, but...hey, at least be right when you do it, huh? Geesh. See page 3 for that.

Do you think we can also not begrudge people the chance to move on and get a better job? Really, folks, what law says that if you get a job in town hall you have to stay there until you retire? Are some of those moves because of personality conflicts? Probably. I've left a job or two myself because of that. But, still, let's let people live their best lives and not try to handcuff them to the desk.

And, it's happening in adjacent towns, too, so... Competition is stiff out there.

There's all kinds of stuff in here this week: Fairhaven Select Board (page 9), Town Meeting preview (page 17), Employee salaries (page 13), BPW (27), remembering the Bouchard oil spill 20 years ago (16).

And of course, our cover story on page 16, Arbor Day planting with the high school kids.

We also have a few letters, with people weighing in on the override/budget (set page 19).

And, the happenings pages are officially getting really hard because so much is starting to happen as the weather warms up (really?).

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

We mischaracterized the credit on a photo in last week's issue. Although the photo that accompanied the story on the resignation of Acushnet Library Director Dina St. Pierre did come from David Wojnar's Facebook page, it was taken by Library Trustee Jen Alves.

Fairhaven Fincom Fireworks

By Beth David **Editor**

The Fairhaven Finance Committee descended into some fiery language including name-calling and shouting at its meeting on 4/27/23.

During discussion of the Town Meeting article 7A, which is the budget article, FinCom members expressed concern about the format, which is different than in previous years.

There are three budget columns in the main article in the front of the book: 1) actual budget from last Fiscal Year (FY); 2) the Select Board/Town Administrator's contingent budget (the one that would require a Proposition 2 1/2 override); and 3) the SB/TA non-contingent budget. In Appendix A, the columns are 1) the budget with amounts as requested by individual departments; 2) the non-contingent budget that includes cuts to those requested budgets; 3) the SB recommended budget (requires override); 4) the FinCom budget, which includes different cuts to the departments' requested budgets and does not require an override.

In recent years, there were three columns only because the Select Board and FinCom presented the same budget.

The actual motion will ask TM to approve both the contingent and noncontingent budgets. That way, if the town-wide vote for the override passes, or does not pass, the town has a budget and does not have to hold a special Town Meeting.

Under each department budget in the front of the book, the FinCom recommended cut is included in the traditional spot where they make their recommendation.

FinCom chairperson Pat Elliott said he would have preferred to see the FinCom budget in a column at the beginning of the book, so TM had a third option for their budget, although he can ask for a motion or amended motion on each department. Mr. Elliott took a practical approach, saying maybe next year they can talk about the format.

FinCom member Terry Szala, however, took a harsher approach, insisting the numbers were not there and saying that Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison was not truthful with the committee.

Ms. Ellison said the numbers were there in detail in the appendix.

"I hope at this point you guys understand that I'm open and transparent," said Ms. Ellison.

"You are not," said Ms. Szala raising her voice significantly. "I asked you direct questions and you lied."

The two spoke over each other for a bit.

"I don't like to be berated and talked down to in that way," said Ms. Ellison forcefully.

"Well, then you shouldn't lie," countered Ms. Szala.

Mr. Elliott tried to interject, saying something about not making accusations.

"I'm not kidding," said Ms. Szala, adding it was all "on tape."

"You and I, our conversations are done, because you are being disrespectful," said Ms. Ellison. "Anything you need to say to me you can manage it through the chair. We're done talking."

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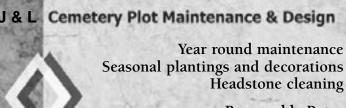
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Prop 2 1/2 Override

The town of Fairhaven has created an informational video on the Proposition 2 1/2 override. Visit https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E 7YxSoGjggs

For additional information, please visit the Override Hub on the Town Website: https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/fy2024-override-information-hub

Paint Along

Join the Fairhaven Fine Arts Department for a fun Paint-A-Long event spotlighting a Fairhaven land-scape on Sat., 5/13, from 10–11 a.m., at Fairhaven Town hall, 40 Center St.. Ages 7-12 are welcome and spaces are limited so sign up soon to reserve your spot. All materials will be provided for this class but aprons or paint shirts are encouraged.

Sign up at https://www. kellysmithstudios.com/paintingclass by May 9th to reserve your spot!

Wind Turbine Fixed

From the Town Administrator's Office: The Fairhaven South wind turbine that has been out of service is back up and running. We have been working diligently and following up with the company in charge of maintenance. They advised us that a control panel issue was the cause and they were working with the component manufacturer to troubleshoot.

We are glad this is back up and running due to the revenue source this provides the Town.

Community Garden

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

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

If you are interested or have a

question, visit our website at fairhavencommunitygarden.org where you'll find more information and the 2023 gardening application, or you can email the site coordinator at sitecoordinator@fairhaven communitygarden.org.

Stars & Stripes

A musical salute to the troops on Armed Forces Day. On May 20, 2023 at 3:00 PM and 7:00PM, Seaglass Theater Company will present Stars & Stripes in Babbitt Hall in the historic First Congregational Church of Fairhaven, 34 Center St.

In the spirit of an old-fashioned USO show, Seaglass Theater Company presents a concert of rousing patriotic numbers and timeless classics celebrating the men and women who have served our country. Be transported back to the USO clubs of yesteryear, where servicemen got a ham sandwich, a cup of coffee, and a dance with a pretty girl before shipping off to war. Enjoy patriotic songs and dance hall favorites from "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" to "God Bless America" to "The Sound of Silence" with a live band and professional singers.

Tickets range from \$15-30 and may be purchased online at https://www. eventbrite.com/e/stars-stripestickets-544539852357. Tickets may also be purchased with cash, credit card, or check the day of the concerts at the First Congregational Church a half hour before the performance. As part of the Card to Culture Program, EBT, WIC, and ConnectorCare card holders can purchase tickets to Stars & Stripes for \$10 at the door a half hour before the performance just by showing their card. For more information, visit www.seaglass theater.com or call 508-951-7187.

Shrubbery Program Due to the overwhelming interest

Due to the overwhelming interest from Fairhaven residents the distribution of the shrubbery vouchers is finished for this year. If you have received your 2023 voucher you can use it at Kenny's Garden Center until September 30th 2023.

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

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

SAVE THE DATES

Rogers School Cleanup

All are welcome to join us for a community spring clean-up of Rogers Grammar School exterior grounds, 100 Pleasant Street, Fairhaven, on Sat., 5/13, at 10 a.m. Bring your rake and gloves. It will be a fun time. Sponsored by the Rogers Re-Use Committee.

Stamp Out Hunger

The National Association of Letter Carriers will hold its annual "Stamp Out Hunger" campaign on Sat., 5/13. Please place nonperishable food items on or near your mailbox. Your US Postal Service letter carrier will collect it for distribution to a local food pantry. Over the past 30 years, this food drive has collected more than 1.82 billion pounds of food.

Flagging Veterans Graves

The Fairhaven Veterans Agent and volunteers will be placing flags on the graves of veterans at Riverside Cemetery on Sat., 5/20, at 10 a.m. Volunteers are encouraged to join them. Rain date is 5/21.

For info contact Brad or Jane at 508-202-4603

Mem. Day Parade

Mon., 5/29, meet at 9:30 a.m., step off at 10 a.m. All veterans are invited to march.

Parade route: From Union and Main Streets north along Main to Fairhaven High School for the raising of the big flag, and continue to Riverside Cemetery for a short ceremony. There will be a gathering at the VFW, 109 Middle Street, after the activities.

Proudly sponsored by VFW Post 2892, Fairhaven Lions Club, and Fairhaven Veterans Service Office.

For info contact Brad or Jane at VSO, 508-202-4603

INCLEMENT WEATHER: If it rains on Memorial Day, a service will be held at 10 a.m. at the VFW.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Voc-Tech Theatre

NB Voc-Tech Theatre Company presents "9 to 5" based on the 20th Century Fox Picture originally produced on Broadway by Robert Greenblatt, April 2009. Music and Lyrics by Dolly Parten; book by Patricia Resnick.

Fri. and Sat., 5/5 & 5/6, 7 p.m.; Sun., 5/7 matinee at 2 p .m.

General admission, all seats \$15.00 Directed by Marianne Morrissey Choreographed by Beth A. Methia Musical Director Andrea Rodrigues GNB Voe-Tech High School

For tickets and info: 508/998-3321 Ext. 424 1121 Ashley Blvd., New Bedford, MA

Presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI]. All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI (mtishows.com].

SC BikewaySummit

On Tuesday, May 9 the South Coast Bikeway Alliance's 10th Annual Bike Summit returns. Join us from 6–8 pm as we gather at the James Arnold Mansion (formerly the Wamsutta Club) at 427 County St. in New Bedford to share news and progress along the South Coast Bikeway. Guest speakers include MassDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator Pete Sutton, MassBike Communications Coordinator Jes Slavin and SRPEDD Transportation Planners Jon Gray, Andrea Duarte and Sean Hilton.

Ride your bicycle to the event or park free in the lot or on the surrounding streets. Check our Facebook page and website for group rides to the Summit. Please let us know you plan to attend by submitting a RSVP by visiting southcoastbikeway.com or email thesouthcoastbikeway@gmail.com.

Arrive at 6 to visit with South Coast Bikeway Alliance Representatives in our member communities from Swansea to Wareham. Find out what is happening in your community and learn how you can help complete the bikeway. Our speakers session will begin at 6:30:

Whaleboat Race

Join us for the 8th annual Wicked Whaleboat Challenge, Sat., 5/6, Pope's Island Marina, New Bedford.

Registration starts at 8 a.m., race starts at 9.

Leave the boat and trailer at home, all you need is your crew and a sense of adventure. The Wicked Whaleboat Challenge is a race that not only tests the speed of the crew but also tests their skills. We've designed a course that accentuates the maneuverability of whaleboats and also incorporates a variety of skills that will challenge the coordination of the boatsteerer and the crew.

The course is a timed event with each boat staggering their start, so there will only be two boats on the course at any time.

After the row, enjoy and vote for your favorite chili or chowder for our membership's chowder competition!

The awards given will be for 1st place, 2nd place, and 3rd place and the Drowned Captain Medal will be awarded to whichever team leaves BOB (the person-overboard-dummy) in the water for the longest period of time.

Spectators can view the race from the marina or from the end of the park. The course is completely inside NB Harbor: Starts at the marina, around Crow's Island, and back to the marina.

Learn more at https://www.whalingcityrowing.org/wcr-rowing-events

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.

Volunteer Fair

Thurs., 5/11, Custom House Square, 21 Barkers Lane, New Bedford, 5–7 p.m. Explore opportunities for volunteering at local cultural and educational organizations in New Bedford. Visitors to the Fair can talk to staff from each organization, pick up application materials, and enjoy learning more about the city's cultural assets.

Participating organizations include: Fishing Heritage Center, New Bedford Whaling National Historic Park, New Bedford Art Museum, New Bedford Whaling Museum, Our Sisters' School, Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum, Buzzard's Bay Coalition, and The Zeiterion. This event is free and part of AHA night.

Open Studios

Hatch Street Studios, New Bedford's most comprehensive group of artists, are pleased to announce Open Studios 88/90 Hatch Street on Saturday, May 6th, 10a.m.-5p.m. and Sunday, May 7th, 11a.m.-5 p.m. Hatch Street Studios is the vibrant creative hub for more than 65 visual and performing artists

Visitors are invited to tour the artists' studios, watch demonstrations, participate in workshops, listen to live music, and purchase unique gifts and fine art in a setting steeped in architectural history. Available artworks will include paintings, pottery, prints, photographs, textile art, sculpture, jewelry, fine furniture, and glass, as well as installation art and live music.

For more information, visit: http://www.hatchstreetstudios.com

Walking Tours Walkways: Exploring the People

Walkways: Exploring the People and Places of Historic New Bedford will take place on AHA! Nights every second Thursday in May, June, July, August, and September from 6:00pm to 7:00pm unless otherwise stated. This series is made possible by the

This series is made possible by the generous support of the New Bedford Local Cultural Council.

Thurs., 5/11: Historic Houses of New Bedford, 6PM. Gather at the

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STILL OVERTOWN

James Arnold Mansion, 427 County Street.

This tour highlights important houses that have not been seen in previous video productions. All of the properties are located in the Old Bedford Village and County Street Historic Districts.

Visit http://www.nbpreservation society.org

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For information, call Joe Pacheco, Commodore, Ft. Rodman Marine Educational Association/Low Tide Yacht Club, 774-322-0558.

"The Wiz"

New Bedford Festival Theatre and

Executive Producer Wendy Hall present "The Wiz," April 27 - May 6, 2023 at the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center at 684 Purchase St., NB. This will be the last professional production of The Wiz before the Broadway revival next Spring.

Tickets are available from \$35 - \$65.

Get tickets at www.zeiterion.org/ events/nbft-the-wiz, by phone (508) 994-2900, or in person at the Zeiterion Box Office 684 Purchase St. New Bedford, MA 02740.

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Feather and Fins

Drop by the Mattapoisett Free Public Library at 7 Barstow Street on Thursday, May 11 between 1:00 pm and 1:30 pm and meet local potter Wendy Goldsmith, who has her "Feathers and Fins" exhibit currently up at the library. Chat with her and see some of the elements she uses to create her lovely pottery, then enjoy viewing her work on display.

Water Power

Mills at the Head of Westport and Beyond, Sat., 5/13, 10 a.m., at the Mill Pond Conservation Area, 62 Reed Road, Westport MA (Parking available at the Council on Aging)

sWestport contains waterpower sources in virtually every section of town. From the mid-18th century into the 19th century, the Head of Westport area served as the town's center of water-powered mills. Mills ranged from simple short-term wheels along seasonal streams to extensive complexes of multiple mill types along major streams and rivers. Numerous enterprises were established along the upper East Branch, Bread and Cheese Brook, and their confluence at the Head creating a network of mill ponds and mill dams. Join local historian Richard Gifford and others to learn more about the history and location of these mills. The discussion will be followed by a short walk to view the remnants of an old mill dam.

This event will be held outside at the Mill Pond Conservation Area. Some seating will be provided. In the event of rain, this program will be held at the Westport Public Library. Co-sponsored by Westport Land Conservation Trust and Westport Historical Society.

Craft Fair

Spring Craft & Vendor Fair, Knights of Columbus, 57 Fairhaven Rd, Mattapoisett, Sat., 5/13, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Mother's Day Gifts! Art, Jewelry, Candles, Handcrafted Gifts & More! Raffle table with items from our amazing vendors! Proceeds will be donated to a local women's shelter.

Mother's Day 5K

Women Run is teaming up with United Way of Greater New Bedford's Women United to host the first annual Women Run UNITED Mother's Day 5k Run! This will be a fun, healthy way to start your Mother's Day while honoring the amazing women in your life and supporting other women in the community.

Sun., 5/14, starts at 9 a.m., YMCA 276 Gulf Rd, Dartmouth.

A scenic 5k run and fund-raiser. Starts at the Dartmouth YMCA, over the Padanaram bridge, through the village, and finishes at the YMCA.

Learn more and register today at womenrununited.racewire.com!

Rock & Roll Yard Sale

For the first time since 2018, InDowncity and Rock and Roll Yard Sale are collaborating for a free, fun, family-friendly event in downtown Providence, RI, on Sat., 5/6, from noon to 6 p.m. on Westminster Streetbetween Eddy Street and Clemence Street-and at the adjacent Grant's

Block. The lineup includes over 25 vinyl, vintage, and DIY craft vendors, local food trucks, beer and cocktail vendors, and music from Studebaker Hawk.

In case of inclement weather, the rain date for the marketplace portion (only) is May 13. For regular updates, visit www.indowncity.com

SAVE THE DATES:

Tour de Creme

Register to ride (and eat ice cream) in the 2023 Tour de Creme fundraising and fun-raising event. Online registration closes 5/15. This event has sold out quickly in past years, so register now at tourdecreme.org.

Sign up to volunteer (and eat ice cream). Visit our website to fill out the volunteer form. You can choose how you'd like to help and you get a t-shirt!

Sponsored by the Mattapoisett Land Trust and Friends of the Mattapoisett Rail Trail.

Visit tourdecreme.org.

Duck Race

The Acushnet Lions Club will sponsor its annual Duck Race on Sun., 6/18, at the Acushnet Sawmill and down the Acushnet River at 11–11:30 a.m. Proceeds from the race go to Mass. Lions Eye Research, Scholarships and other Lions Club charities.

Tickets to adopt your duck are \$10 each. See any Acushnet Lions Club member or call Joe Costa, 508-971-1859. First place, \$1000; 2nd place, \$500; 3rd place, \$200.

Candidate statements: Acushnet Selectboard



Eric Chew

It is with great enthusiasm that I ask for your vote on Saturday, May 13th for the opportunity to serve on Acushnet's Selectboard. It has been my privilege to work on behalf of the residents of our great town as a member of the Finance Committee and for the past two years and especially during the

and especially during the uncertain times of the pandemic. As part of the Emergency Management Department, I volunteered over 280 hours with the COVID testing team and helped to distribute produce for the USDA Farm to Families program. I am a married father of 4, a graduate of Fisher College, and currently work as an IT Director at a local mechanical engineering firm.

Over the past 2 years I have become concerned with the lack of continuity and priorities in our town government and the festering issues that are discussed endlessly but never resolved. For example, what are we doing to fix our aging infrastructure? Recent town beautification projects have been nice, but what are we doing to keep Acushnet affordable for the taxpayers? Why haven't we locked in a rate contract with the City of New Bedford for our water? Why did we purchase holiday lights for our town buildings and other unnecessary miscellaneous items instead of using CARES money to replace aging equipment for our first responders?

Our town has seen 4 town administrators since 2018, 3 with contracts and one as an interim. Our Master Plan has become obsolete, forcing us to miss out on potentially millions of dollars in grant opportunities. We also have interim staff serving in the positions of Building Commissioner/Building Inspector, Treasurer/Collector and Town Accountant because we have not invested in finding qualified, permanent talent. In 2022, when the attempt was made to take away department head employment contracts and make them employees at will they saw no other choice but to protect themselves by forming a union. A move that could have easily been avoided by open and honest communication from the Selectboard but will now cost the taxpayers additional money.

In January of this year, the company that owns PJ Keating filed a \$50 million federal lawsuit against our town and many in positions of leadership. Our battle with this company has dragged on since 2020 and cost the town hundreds of thousands in legal fees to date. The facility has been rendered inoperable and many continue to be out of work. It is time for us to work collaboratively with PJ Keating to stop the hemorrhaging of taxpayer dollars and to get residents back to work.

If elected, I pledge to be a fiscally conservative and responsible leader who advocates for high quality employees and services to care for our residents.

I want to thank everyone who encouraged me to run for this position.

For additional information please visit my Facebook candidate page at https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100091352254520.



David Wojnar

Hey there, I wanted to share with you that I am seeking reelection to Acushnet's Board of Selectmen. For those of you that do not know me I am a husband and father, a Senior Executive for the hospitality industry's largest e-commerce marketplace, a coach and I had the pleasure of serving on the Acushnet Board

of Selectmen for 18 years before taking some time off before getting elected back to the board in 2020 during the height of Covid.

During my "first stint" on the board I worked with many volunteers and past Selectmen to improve Pope Park and the Parting Ways complex, combine Fire and EMS, build a new police station and library all while trying to maintain our small town quality of life. But that was then and this is now and as my grandfather would tell me during my baseball career "you are only as good as your next at bat" — which is why I am seeking re-election on May 13, 2023.

I understand fully people are fed up with their tax bill, which is why I support a "live within our means" budget and a tax shift plan that would shift some of the tax burden from you the home owner to bigger businesses in town like PJ Keating and Eversource. In addition, I support amending our by-laws to allow over 55 housing development which would allow long time residents the ability to stay in Acushnet while also generating new tax growth without impacting our schools. I support the improvement and reconstruction of our town roads to make them safer and more pedestrian friendly. I have led the effort to improve recreational opportunities at both the Acushnet Riverview Park and Lake Street and don't want to stop there.

Lastly, I am running for re-election because I love our town and I feel now more than ever EXPERIENCE matters. I will utilize my experience both as an elected official and as an executive to make good decisions on your behalf.

But most importantly I will continue to work with my colleagues on the Board (Kevin Gaspar and Bob Hinckley). We bring different perspectives and different styles to the table but I think it works because we care about Acushnet and we care about you!

Thank you for reading and I hope to see you leading up to Election Day, May 13th.

If you have any questions please contact me at davidwojnar@yahoo.com

Best regards,

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Fairhaven SB stops Shirley St. discontinuance, pole add

By Beth David Editor

At its meeting on Monday, 5/1/23, the Fairhaven Select Board reopened the public hearing for discontinuing Shirley Street where it dissects A&A Auto. The hearing had been continued from the 4/18 meeting because of questions about ownership.

Typically, when a street is discontinued, the abutters on either side take half the street. In this case, it is the same owner on both sides. There is also an easement for utilities.

Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison said that town counsel found that the town has a fee interest in the property dating back to 1963. That means it cannot simply be discontinued, it has to be sold in accordance with procurement laws.

David Davignon, the engineer presenting plans for the owners of A&A, said it did not seem like the best interests of the town to sell such a small parcel. He said someone maybe could put a farm stand there, bringing even more people to the neighborhood. The owners of A&A only want of put a fence up, he said.

SB member Stasia Powers said it seemed like the town had no choice.

Ms. Ellison said the correspondence from Town Counsel said they had to follow procurement laws.

"We have to make sure we protect the town." said Ms. Ellison.

Abutter Albert Ouillette made use of the opportunity to complain about the business operations. He had photos showing that A&A is already using the property by parking cars there. He said wrecks are on the property and he has to look at them when he walks out his door.

"It's a mess," he said.

Rouba Sarkis, who owns A&A with her husband Alex, said it is a commercial zone and they are a car repair shop.

"We're supposed to have cars that are being fixed," she said.

She said of course they would put up a fence and then would park on their side of the fence. Now, it is a street. She said they cannot tell their customers they can't park in the street.

In the end, the board voted to postpone the request until further notice so they can review the procurement protocol.

The board also reopened the pole hearing from 4/18 for a new pole on Alder Street on West Island. Homeowner Dan Wood objected to the placement of one of the poles at the 4/18 meeting, saying it would affect their use and enjoyment of the property.

That hearing was continued to give Eversource a chance to revisit the placement of the pole.

Ms. Ellison said that the town did not get the information from Eversource, and no one from the company attended the meeting.

SB member Keith Silvia said he went by the house and looked at the proposed location, and agreed that it would be an "inconvenience."

Ms. Ellison said the Eversource representative had said at the last meeting that the load was too much for existing poles.

The abutters hoped that there was another way to strengthen the poles without adding one right in the middle of their frontage.

Eversource was supposed to respond with alternatives or an explanation of why they needed to stick with the plan.

The board voted to reschedule the hearing after they receive information from Eversource. Meanwhile, the work has not been approved.

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Recipe of the Week Slow Cooker Lamb Chops

1/2 sweet onion, roughly chopped 1/2 cup red wine

3 tablespoons honey

2 tablespoons Dijon mustard

2 tablespoons lemon juice

4 garlic cloves, minced

1 tablespoon ground thyme

1 tablespoon dried rosemary

2 teaspoons ground basil

1 teaspoon salt

1 tsp coarse ground black pepper

1/4 cup tapioca starch

1 1/2 pounds sirloin lamb chops

Combine onion and red wine in a slow cooker.

Whisk honey, mustard, lemon juice, garlic, thyme, rosemary, basil, salt, and pepper together in a small bowl until well blended. Add tapioca starch and whisk until well combined. Let sit until mixture is thickened, at least 5 minutes.

Dip lamb chops in the honeymustard mixture and massage until fully coated.

Place chops in a single layer over the red wine and onion mixture in the slow cooker. Pour remaining honey-mustard mixture on top.

Cover and cook on low for $4 \frac{1}{2}$ hrs.

Dear Frankie

Dear Frankie

Blame the Victim?

Dear Frankie,
When my
momma gets
dressed in fancy
clothes, I know
she's going out,
and I will be left
behind.

When she returns, I can always tell who she has been with

by the smell of her clothes. Some of the scents I can't place, but most are of people who are absolutely crazy about me and would have loved to see me. It really frosts me that she can deny them my company.

I don't understand why she doesn't take me with her. Do you think it has anything to do with my history of biting when someone invades my personal space? You see, when I'm in a large gathering, and someone I don't know tries to pet me (I'm irresistibly adorable), it is terrifying, so I bite them to protect myself. I

always give the person a warning. But some people are so dense they don't have the smarts to know when to back off.

In truth, it has been quite some time since I have drawn blood; usually, it's just a sharp nip. My momma says I would've been

"put down" years ago if I were a big dog.

Charlie

PS: What does "put down" mean?

Dear Charlie,

You are some lucky dude to have a mom who puts up with you and your outrageous behavior. It's dogs like you that give pit bulls a bad reputation.

Where do you come off thinking it is all right to "nip" your mom's friends? Talk about narcissistic entitlement. How would you like it if some kid kicked you to protect themselves when you approached them?

You don't seem to understand that biting is against the law. Dogs that bite are considered a danger to society. Some states have a one-bite rule. If you were reported for biting, and I can't image why you haven't been, no questions would be asked; you would be paws up. In other words, "put down" means executed by lethal injection.

Be thankful that time alone is the only consequence for your anti-social behavior.

Best, Frankie

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Date: June 17, 2023. Bus leaves rec at 9:30am leaves Hampton Beach at 5:30pm. \$60.pp

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Fairhaven Council on Aging

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.

Join Us for Lunch

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 \$2. 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 participate 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., May 8 & 10: Let's learn all about the Android Smartphone. This is a two day class specicially on the Android smartphone. The class will learn about the following: care, charging, con-

necting to WIFI, the operating software, updating, connecting email services to your phone, control panels, airplane mode, notifications, checking storage, emergency SOS, basic gestures (finger swiping) and security. This is a hands-on class, so all participants must have an Android smartphone.

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.: 5/10, Providence Place; 5/17, Derby Street Shops; 5/24, So. Shore Plaza; 5/31, Wrentham Village.

Memorial Day Cookout

Tues., 5/30, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Sponsored by Coastline Elderly Services. Please RSVP by Wed., 5/24. Call 508-979-4029.

Monday Movie Matinee

Mon.., 5/15, 12:15 p.m., "80 For Brady." Please sign up for the movie. If you would like to come for lunch prior to the movie, lunch will be served at 11:30 p.m. Lunch will be Chicken Stew. \$2 donation for lunch. Call 508-979-4029.

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Salaries of town employees: cont'd to page 23

Fairhaven Town Meeting is this Saturday, 5/6/23, so it is time for our annual publishing of town employee salaries as they appear in the Fairhaven Finance Committee's

report/Town Warrant. This list has been taken directly from that report*. The amounts listed are actual dollars paid to employees from Jan. 1, 2022 through 12/31/22. Last year, our

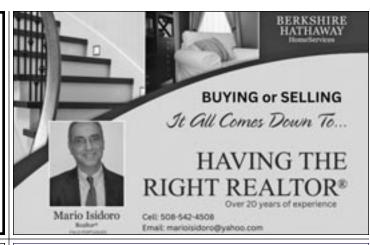
annual salary issue was published on 6/16/22, and is available on our website at *www.NeighbNews.com* on the 2022 archives page.

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Students, tree department, plant trees for Arbor Day

By Beth David **Editor**

The Fairhaven Tree Department and students from Fairhaven High School teamed up to plant two Okame Cherry trees on Arbor Day, 4/28/23, in Veterans Memorial Park across from the High School. Students in Biology and Marine Biology helped get the trees planted, and each received a

paw paw tree seedling from Eversource.'

Fairhaven Tree Warden Don Collasius told the students that they were there to celebrate trees on Arbor Day, but it takes people to do that. He said Arbor Day started in 1872 and grew, "like trees." After World War I, people planted trees as in remembrance

of those who gave everything.

"It's the sacrifice of those lost and those before them and after that provide us this opportunity to be here to celebrate in a free country," planted two cherry trees in our Veterans Memorial Park."

He thanked veterans and. those who were there and those who would get to hear the presentation.

group of young adults who are not only our true future, but are planting one, as well," said Mr. Collasius.



said Mr. Collasius. "We just ABOVE, L-R: Fairhaven High School students Valerie Carvalho and Ava Fernandes shovel dirt around a newly planted Okame Cherry tree at Veterans Memorial Park on Route 6 in Fairhaven on Arbor Day, 4/28/23. BELOW LEFT: Fairhaven Tree Department worker Eugene Tracz (MIDDLE) gets some help from FHSI students e presentation.

Colin Pacheco (LEFT) and Colby Correa

(RIGHT). Photos by Beth David.

He also thanked Eversource for donating the trees.

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Bouchard Oil Spill...20 years ago

By Beth David **Editor**

On April 27, 2003, Bouchard Transportation Barge #120 hit a rock formation near Westport, Mass., just to our west. It ripped a 12x12 foot hole in the hull, and No. 6 oil started leaking into the ocean as the barge continue to Falmouth...

At least 98,000 gallons of the 4.1 million the barge carried leaked into the ocean, fouling 93 miles of



ABOVE: A large rock once suitable for sitting on to watch the tide rests in a pool of No. 6 oil spilled by Bouchard Oil Transportation Barge #120 on 4/27/23. Photo by Beth David, taken on 5/1/03 on the western shore of Long Island (Hoppy's Landing) in Fairhaven. RIGHT: Rocks on the south point of Long Island are removed one by one, wiped and replaced, after they were soaked in No. 6 oil. Photo by Beth David.

coastline. Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Mattapoisett and Marion were hit hard. At Hoppy's Landing, the beaches of West Island, and south facing beaches on the next all but disappeared under the thick, tar-like gunk that is No. 6 oil.

A massive cleanup effort took months. The economic hit was especially bad for fishermen with gear that got ruined. Beaches were unusable. Hundreds of birds were

No. 6 oil does not evaporate, it has to be scooped up and carted away. It took months.

The incident did at least result in a change to some regulations, including

that all singlehulled barges in Buzzards must be escorted by a tugboat with captain experienced Buzzards Bay.

Some rocks were wiped and put back, but ultimately, it was easier to just cart many of them

away and replace them.

Some beaches have never been the

But, in the 20 years since, we have reclaimed our beach space. Many of us who remember Bouchard #120, though, can never look at a barge passing by the Elizabeth Islands without worrying about what it is carrying, and what it might spill onto our lives.

For a detailed account of the event, filled with local flavor, see ML Baron's website at https://www.westisland weather.com/oilspill 2003.htm

The Neighb News wrote about the 2003 spill on 4/27/06. See our 2006 archives page for that issue.



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Fairhaven Town Meeting to tackle budget deficit, 26 articles

By Beth David Editor

Fairhaven Town Meeting members will be asked to approve two budgets at the annual TM on Saturday, 5/6/23. The town faces a budget shortfall of \$450,000. The Select Board/Town Administrator recommended budget, if passed, will require a Proposition 2 1/2 override to be implemented. So TM members are being asked to approve that budget, the "contingent" budget (contingent upon the override passing), and a non-contingent budget, which includes \$450,000 in cuts to balance it.

The Finance Committee also passed a budget with \$450,000 in cuts, just not all in the same places as the SB/TA budget.

Cuts by both the FinCom and SB/TA include \$200,000 from the school department's requested FY24 budget (not last year's budget, which is FY23). The school department requested \$23,953,641, up from \$22,910,683 last year, an increase of \$1,042,958. The cut would result in a school budget of \$23,753,641, which is still an increase of \$842,958 from FY 23.

The general electorate must approve any override in a special election which is set for June 5, when voters will be asked simply to pass an

override of Proposition 2 1/2 in the amount of \$450K for FY24.

That vote will take place regardless of what happens at TM. If the override is approved at TM and approved by the voters, then the contingent budget will be implemented. If TM votes against the larger budget, but the voters approve the

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override, then the \$450K will be added to the tax levy (property taxes) started the following year, requiring the cuts to go into effect for FY24.

Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison said the voters are the ones to decide on the override and the state will take the "yes" vote and apply that amount to the levy. However, only TM can appropriate funds, and if they vote against appropriating the money, then it will have to wait for either another town meeting or next year.

TM will also vote on a number of spending articles and other articles on the warrant.

The Community Preservation Committee is asking for \$715,775 to be spent on a variety of projects, including \$200,000 for windows in Town Hall; \$150,000 to rehab the skate park at Livesey Park; \$140,775 for resurfacing the bike path.

Larger spending articles include \$2,397,320 to replace the roof at the middle school, with \$1,159,288 from surplus revenue and \$1,238,032 from the Capital Stabilization Fund; \$530,000 to replace the roof on the Rec Center/Senior Center building; \$220,000 to digitize paperwork.

Other projects to be funded by surplus revenue (free cash) include: \$425K for road work; \$21K for HVAC in the BPW administration building; \$175K to replace a backhoe; \$30K to replace emergency lighting at Cushman Park; \$80K to pave the senior center parking lot; \$156,261 for the police cruiser program; \$36K for a street camera computer server; \$19,168 for tactical ballistics equipment; \$26,500 for divider curtains for

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FinCom member Lisa Plante said that she felt the FinCom was not as well respected as it was before the Town Administrator act was passed. She said they do a lot of work going over the budget and it seems to be disregarded.

Ms. Ellison said she was not going back decades.

"I am doing it based on the legislative acts that are in place," said Ms. Ellison. "And my authority as well as the Select Board's authority."

She said she hoped that new and seasoned members could work in collaboration to get a budget.

Ms. Ellison also said she was taking into consideration the different cuts that FinCom recommended for their non-contingent budget and would recommend them if the override does not pass.

"I don't want to minimize the work the Finance Committee has done," said Me. Ellison, noting that she implemented the cuts to capital projects that they recommended to save the town from a debt exclusion to use that money to fix the middle school roof, a "full million dollar burden" will not be on the taxpayers.

"So, I'm listening," said Ms. Ellison, adding it should be a partnership.

"But I'm telling you I will not sit in a public meeting and be attacked personally at all," she said. "There's not a community that would pay me enough to be able to do that. And I don't expect that disrespect in any forum that I sit it."

"I agree with you, Angie," said Ms. Szala, adding but "we have the columns, right?" and she held up a sheet of paper.

"Terry, you're point is made, your point is understood. I already made my point on it," said Mr. Elliott. "I think next year is the year. I think what we have to deal with is this year.

Eleanor Chew, who joined the meeting by Zoom, said she was "appalled and embarrassed for this

town," because of the behavior of "one member" of the committee.

"This is ridiculous," said Ms. Chew, adding it has been going in "every meeting" and is not acceptable, adding she is appalled at the accusations. "And there should be respect in this meeting. Maybe that's why you're having less authority, less input, because of behavior like this."

Select Board Chairperson Leon Correy also joined by Zoom, saying he got messages from residents about the "behavior tonight."

"You can disagree, you can have debate, you can have discussion, but to do it in a way that has been done thus far....is not okay," said Mr. Correy. "So, please, I'm just asking everybody to be respectful, and you, as the chair, you have control over the conversation flow there. So, we are better than that."

The meeting is available at FairhavenTV.com

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into why the Town Hall has lost so many good employees? Maybe we need a whistleblower to come forward!

Have you heard of Three Blind Mice? it seems we have five Blind Mice.

A Proposition 2 1/2 override will do nothing to help this situation and our current Town Administrator doesn't have any stakes in what happens in our town. Why? Because she lives 90 miles away!

Alan Rose, Fairhaven

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Fairhaven Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison, and Select Board chairperson Leon Correy, Veterans Agent Brad Fish also spoke.

The event was recorded by Fairhaven's Cable TV department and will be available on FairhavenTV.com under "Community Media."

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inclusive. All costs associated with the preparation of the bids shall be the responsibility of the bidder, regardless of whether or not the Contract is awarded.

accordance with Article 9 of the General Conditions, the work to be performed under this Contract shall be commenced on the date designated in the Notice to Proceed

Board of Public Works for Fairhaven, MA FNN 5/4/23

TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS INVITATION TO BID

Separate sealed bids marked for items listed below. will be received at the Board of Public Works Office, 5 Arsene Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719 not later than 2:00 p.m., May 15, 2023. Bids will be publicly opened and read on May 15, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. To obtain bid specifications email the Board of Public Works at bpw@fairhaven-ma.gov. 24, 25, 28 & 29: Equipment – Rental & Hired 31–38: Road Materials – Sand, Stone & Gravel 39–44: Road Materials – Asphalt

46: Liquid Magnesium Chloride

48: Pavement Markings

49–57: Highway Castings 58: Reinforced Concrete Pipe

59: Ductile Iron Pipe

60: Hydrants 61–66:Water Castings

67-73:Water Brass 74: Wastewater Testing

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

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Upcoming Meetings

Fairhaven

Board of Public Works Mon., 5/8, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 5/15, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Council on Aging

Mon., 5/8, Senior Ctr., 9 a.m.

School Committee

Wed., 5/10, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

Select Board

Mon., 5/15, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Sustainability Committee Tues., 5/16, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Sat., 5/6, Hastings MS, 9 a.m.

Acushnet **Council on Aging**

Wed., 5/10, Senior Ctr., 10 a.m.

ELECTION

Polls open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. All precincts vote at Acushnet Elementary School, 800 Middle Road

Select Board

Tues., 5/9, Town Hall, Time TBA

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Mon., 5/22, Ford MS, 7 p.m

TIDE TABLE

US Army Corps of Engineers, Cape Cod Canal/Piney Point

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Friday	5	0825	2044	0142	1338*
Saturday	6	0909	2129	0226*	1422*
Sunday	7	0955	2216	0313*	1511*
Monday	8	1044	2306	0359*	1600*
Tuesday	9	1136		0444*	1648*
Wednesday	10	0001	1236	0531*	1739
Thursday	11	0102	1339	0629	1846
Friday	12	0204	1439	0748	2017
Saturday	13	0303	1539	0905	2149
Sunday	14	0404	1643	1016	2335

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Fairahven Local Business Says "Thank You"

Thank you to the Fairhaven community for giving the cafe such a warm and friendly welcome.

We are enjoying our new location and are thrilled you are all coming in and supporting the cafe and its mission. Whether you are a customer, a city official, the local reporter, or just a fan rooting for us... thank you for the first two months.

Love Joni and The Rescue Cafe Crew

Stamp Out Hunger

Every now and then you may have the urge to help out your community in some way but you may not know how?

Please let me suggest an easy way to do that. On Saturday, May 13, your postal letter carrier will be delivering mail and at the same time be picking up donated non-perishable food along his or her route. This food will eventually be delivered to local food banks or pantries that help out the less fortunate in your area.

So.... what can you do?

Simply look in your pantry and find non-perishable food, that is NOT outdated. Or, next time you're at your grocery store, please consider purchasing some extra canned goods. This food could then be placed on your porch or by your mailbox on the morning of Saturday, May 13th by 8 a.m., and your letter carrier will do the rest. It's that simple.

Over the course of the past 30 years, the U.S. Postal Service and the National Association of Letter Carriers have worked in partnership in making sure that our country's food banks will have enough food to help feed the hungry. This "Stamp Out Hunger' program has accumulated over 1.82 billion pounds of food throughout our 50 states and Puerto Rico, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

So you see, you can make a difference in people's lives in a positive way. Please mark your calendar about this very important day. Please consider helping out. Thank you and God bless.

Gerry Payette, U.S.P.S Letter Carrier, Ret., Shepherd's Pantry/Director

Ban Single-Use Plastics, Nips

After examining the hazards that single-use plastics and polystyrene

From our readers

present to our coastal environment, human health, and surveying business owners in town for their opinions, the Fairhaven Board of Health and the Fairhaven Sustainasbility Committee have co-sponsored Article 21, a bylaw to reduce the distribution of these materials.

The bylaw is simple: plastic straws, drink stirrers, utensils, and splash sticks will only be distributed upon customer request in food establishments. This will greatly reduce their use and provide a cost-savings to the businesses. Styrofoam food packaging, disposable plastic bags, and the sale of Styrofoam coolers will be prohibited. Styrofoam (polystyrene) is not only a pollutant, but it leaches the toxic chemicals benzene and styrene into food and drinks, which is then consumed, and accumulates in the human body leading to some major health problems. Single-use Styrofoam coolers and plastic bags are among the most commonly found items on our local beach clean-ups and are dangerous to marine life.

The Sustainability Committee will also present Article 22, to prohibit the sale of plastic "nip" bottles in Fairhaven. Several of our neighboring towns on the Southcoast as well as Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard have already enacted such bylaws (or are in process of doing so). These tiny, non-recyclable bottles are typically tossed, not only presenting the safety hazard of drinking and driving, but clogging our drains, causing flooding, and are found by the hundreds on our beaches.

Town Meeting Members are urged to vote YES on Articles 21 and 22, for health, the planet, and the future of Fairhaven!

Town of Fairhaven Sustainability Committee

Get Accurate Info on Prop 2 1/2 Override

I am writing to hopefully clear up some confusion about our Town's budget and the Override. The goal is less to persuade but to present accurate information, so that voters can make the best decision for Fairhaven.

Past budget shortfalls in the Town's operating budget had been supplemented by "Free Cash" (a budget for unexpected overages mandated by the State) or cuts to capital expenditures (funds specifically budgeted for needs and projects).

Free Cash allocations are intended to be used for one time costs. Using capital expenditures for the operating budget (salaries and supplies) takes away from necessary projects (like building repairs). It also ensures a larger deficit in the operating budget the following fiscal year. This is not a recommended financial practice. The longer one waits to make repairs the more it will cost due to inflation. Using free cash for operating funds would be like paying your mortgage with your rainy day fund when your checking account is constantly in the negative.

So how can we fix this issue? In the State of Massachusetts, if a town wishes to raise taxes beyond the 2.5% threshold, a ballot measure called an Override, is put to a vote by the taxpayers. The Override is not a permanent change to the tax rate and is ONLY valid for the amount on the ballot for that year. The Override will raise the tax rate (property, commercial and industrial) beyond the 2.5% for only Fiscal Year 2024. The current proposal is an additional increase of .0087%. For the average Fairhaven household (average assessed value of \$394,000) this increase is about \$43 for the year or \$3.62 per month.

Changes to the tax rate in 2025, or any other year, would not exceed 2.5% without an additional ballot measure. (\$450K in additional revenue will stay as these are for recurring bills and the state will recalculate our levy limit inclusive of this amount going forward - not exceeding 2.5%). So, approval of the Override would prompt the State of Massachusetts to see the increased need with Fairhaven's total operating budget, recalculate our levy limit (the limit is based on the previous year's limit plus certain allowable increases), and provide additional tax revenue for the Fiscal Year 2025 and beyond.

Simply put, without an Override approval, the budget will not remain level. Next year we will be forced into making additional cuts and be behind on more projects such as the maintenance of our Town buildings. We will not be able to support our Town employees and departments by

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cutting staff and equipment, decreasing services. When we cut from schools, we are cutting from our children's education. Additionally we are risking our residents' safety and the safety of those working in the Fire Department, who have worked with bare bones staffing levels for years.

It's time we take responsibility for past errors, correct the current budgetary issues and minimize any negative effects on the Town's future.

For our neighbors who are concerned over the FY24 tax bill and how it will affect their personal budgets, please consider the options already available to you. Checking with the Town Assessor's Office for abatement options or Senior Work-Off. Check with Eversource on lower rates for low income consumers. The Family Resource Center for Schools & the COA for available programs. Check with local non-profits such as PACE. Food assistance (SNAP), assistance, clothing, pantries, any way to help lessen life's financial burdens with larger monthly benefits and savings than the yearly total of override.

I hope this has helped with information on the proposed FY24 Budget Override and helps you make an informed decision on what is best for the Town of Fairhaven and its future.

Jessica Fidalgo, Fairhaven

No Reason to Support Override

Town Meeting Members and the voters of Fairhaven, I see no reason we should support a Proposition 21/2 override.

I am a firm believer if you can read a P/L statement you can run a business and a Town. Adjustments could have and should have been made along the way to recoup any shortages with fiscally responsible decisions.

The leaders of Fairhaven had no trouble the past five years to spend spend spend. We took 800k out of surplus cash for a football field and had the departments cut 5% of their budget the same year.

Where did all the COVID money go (1.6m)??? Just as all of us have to budget and adhere to the budget or adjust for our homes and family. Government would rather just request more money than make very

difficult decisions for political reasons.

Everyone can spin it to their liking but the bottom line is you take in so much you can only spend so much!!! There is plenty of money in the surplus account to cover the 450k. This will force the Selectmen to do their jobs and live within the taxes and fees the Town receives.

Stand your ground now or we will be doing this over and over in the future. Thank you in advance for listening.

Steve Riley, Fairhaven

Buzzards Bay Coalition Supports CPC Article

As part of a five-town initiative to provide long-term protection and resilience to a shared drinking water resource, Fairhaven Town Meeting members are being asked to vote "Yes" on Article 12E on Saturday, May 6th. If passed, the article would approve the town allocating \$85,000 from its Community Preservation Fund to help protect more than 200 acres in the Mattapoisett River Valley, land that encompasses the underlying groundwater aquifer that supplies drinking water to Fairhaven and surrounding towns.

Community Preservation Funds must be allocated annually for the purpose of open space protection. In addition to the Fairhaven vote, the towns of Acushnet, Marion, and Mattapoisett will also be considering similar articles at their upcoming town meetings. Rochester has already approved its allocation to the project. Each municipality's contribution would represent less than 1.5percent of the total project cost. These relatively modest contributions from each local town will leverage a \$4.5 million state grant approved by the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program.

The towns, together with the Mattapoisett River Valley Water District and Advisory Committee, have been working together for decades to protect key lands over the public drinking water supply in the Mattapoisett River Valley. A variety of municipal plans, including Community Preservation Plans, Municipal Vulnerability Preparation Plans, Open Space and Recreation Plans, and Master Plans have called for the protection of this specific parcel.

Public access for outdoor recreation will be allowed on all of the lands, and trails will be expanded from the existing trail system within the Buzzards Bay Coalition's Mattapoisett River Reserve to connect to this area. The Town of Mattapoisett Water Department will own 103 acres of the project area, the Buzzards Bay Coalition 137 acres, all protected through permanent conservation restrictions.

According to Brendan Annett, Vice President for Watershed Protection at the Buzzards Bay Coalition, "Each of these towns has partnered with the Coalition in the past to implement land conservation projects, and this model of multiple towns working collaboratively to protect large pieces of land has proven successful on numerous occasions. We're proud to be able to help secure this multi-town resource for future water generations."

In addition to ensuring a clean public drinking water supply, this project will also provide resilience to drought and flooding events associated with climate change by protecting natural wetlands, fields, and forests. It is also a key component of a larger regional effort to protect hundreds of acres of contiguous open space and supports the scenic beauty and character of the rural part of this region.

More information on the project may be found at tinyurl.com/cleandrinkingwatermrv.

The Buzzards Bay Coalition, https://www.savebuzzardsbay.org

Town Hall: Have You Heard of the Three Blind Mice?

What has been happening in the Fairhaven Town Hall in the past year?! We have lost our Finance Director, Town Planner, two Conservation Agents, multiple building Commissioners, two Assessors, and a payroll clerk

Why have they all left? Is it due to administrative mismanagement? I have lived in this town over 67 years and have never seen such a large number of employees leaving in such a short amount of time. Our staff at Town Hall is unrecognizable along with the aesthetics of our unique and beautiful building.

Isn't it time our Select Board looks

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Public Hearings/Legal Notices

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

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE **Fairhaven** Conservation Commission

Monday, May 15, 2023 at 6:00pm Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Pursuant to Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022 (extension), public bodies will continue holding (extension), public bodies will continue holding meetings remotely without a quorum of the public body physically present at a meeting location, but will now provide "adequate/alternative" access to members of the public. Access the meeting via remote means in the following manner:

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86953155076?pwd=VFd UQkhzdVYrNzJIQktiVi9XSGppZz09 or CALL 1-929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 960 5315 5076

Meeting ID: 869 5315 5076 Passcode: 633695

In-person attendance is permitted for the public at Town Hall at 40 Center Street

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold the following Public Hearings pursuant to the Massa-chusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. c. 131, s. 40) and the Code of the Town of Fairhaven Chapter 192,

- 1. CON 023-343: 6 Camel Street, Assessor's Map 29, Lot 63 Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Eric Moniz for the construction of a detached garage with associated driveway. The proposed garage falls within the 100-foot buffer zone to a
- garage falls within the 100-100t buffer zone to a wetland resource area with most of the proposed building and driveway falling outside the buffer zone and is located at Assessor's Map 29, Lot 63.

 2. SE 023-1408, CON 023-344: 481 Sconticut Neck Road, Assessor's Map 29, Lot 027 Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation filed by Antone Arruda to review and verify the delineated wetlands. The location includes Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW) and is located at Assessor's Map 29, Lot 027. 3. CON 023-345: 12 Mark Drive, Assessor's Map 32,
- Lot 19L Notice of Intent Filed by Todd Rodriguez to remove a 14' x 20' 3-season room & its sono-tube foundation & the construction of an 18' x 20' living space addition which would require a 4' expansion of the existing footprint. The property is located in the 100' Buffer of Inland Bank (pond) and Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW) at Assessor's Map 32, Lot 19L
- 4. CON 023-346: 11 Alexander Lane, Assessor's Map 30, Lot 045U Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Thomas Ferreira to build 22' x 22' addition in the rear of the house. The property is located is in Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW) at
- Assessor's Map 30, Lot 045U.

 5. SE 023-1410, CON 023-347: Bonney Street,
 Assessor's Map 28B, Lots 488-489 Notice of Intent filed by David Menard to construct new single-family residence, sewer, water connections and associated site work located within the 100-year flood plain site Work located within the 100-year llood praint (F.E.M.A. Zone VE, E.16') and partially within the buffer zone of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW) at Assessor's Map 28B, Lots 488-489.

 6. CON 023-348: 184 Balsam Street, Assessor's Map 43B, Lots 40 & 41 Notice of Intent filed by Robert & College C
- Caryn Sullivan to construct a 23' x 22' deck on south side of house, Westerly toward Nasketucket Bay. Deck to be supported on sono-tubes which are to be dug and concrete poured by hand. Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Salt Marsh, Land Under Ocean, Land Containing Shellfish, Coastal Beach, and the 100-foot Buffer Zone to a Salt Marsh and Coastal Beach at
- Assessor's Map 43B, Lots 40 & 41.

 7. CON 023-349: 128 Balsam Street, Assessor's Map 43A, Lot 069 Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Matthew Brodo to add second floor master bedroom suite eliminating a first-floor bedroom which will convert to a stairwell. This project will require 8 concrete footings and piers to elevate and create a freestanding second floor above and out of the FEMA elevation criteria. Additionally, the request includes 4 smaller piers for a first-floor porch to create a second point of egress. Work falls within FEMA Flood Zone AE (El.14) located at Assessor's
- Map 43A, Lot 069.

 8. CON 023-350: Littleneck Road, Assessor's Map 43A, Lot, Littleneck Road Right-of-way Notice of Intent filed by Vincent Furtado of the Fairhaven Board of Public Works (BPW) to pave existing gravel roadway (Littleneck Road) and installation of four

drain manholes, six basins, convert four catch basins to drain manholes and one stormceptor unit, connecting to the existing drainage system for drainage improvement. Work to take place within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF) at

- Assessor's Map 43A, Littleneck Road Right-of-Way.

 9. CON 023-351: Cove Street Improvement,
 Assessor's Map 28B Notice of Intent filed by
 Vincent Furtado of the Board of Public Works (BPW) to install two new catch basins and convert an existing drop inlet structure to drainage manhole for drainage improvements. New water main to loop the existing water network. Paving existing gravel roadway (Cove Street) with hot mix asphalt pavement.
- way (Cove Street) with hot mix asphalt pavement.
 Work to take place within Land Subject to Coastal
 Storm Flowage (LSCSF) at Assessor's Map 28B,
 Cove Street Right-of-Way.

 10. CON 023-352: Phoenix Rail Trail, Assessor's
 Map 27, Lot 14 Notice of Intent filed by Vincent
 Furtado of the Board of Public Works (BPW) to
 replace failed existing 36" wide by 27" high stone replace failed existing 36" wide by 27" high stone box enclosed 36" diameter corrugated metal pipe (CMP) drainage ditch crossing culvert with new 36" diameter HDPE pipe culvert and two end wing headwalls on the Phoenix Rail Trail (Bike Trail). Work to take place within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF) AT Assessor's Map 27, Let 14
- CON 023-353: 51 Balsam Street, Assessor's Map 43C, Lots 89, 90, 93, 94 & 95 Notice of Intent filed by Paul & Catherine Muller to construct a 24' x 26' detached 2-story garage for the parking of two vehicles with a 2nd story for an office and general storage. Work located within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF), Flood Zone VE (El.18) and the easterly and southerly portions of the site fall within the 100-foot Buffer Zone of

Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW) located at Assessor's Map 43C, Lots 89, 90, 93, 94 & 95. 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: 5/4/23

ACUSHNET CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at

the Town Hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street, Acushnet, Massachusetts.

• Public Hearing – Stormwater – DeTerra Development, LLC / Bradford Street, Map 15, Lot 482 – A Stormwater Permit Application has been filed by DeTerra Development for property located at Bradford Street, Map 15, Lot 482. The project description is for 4 new single family dwellings on a private way (Bradford Street) with a stormwater drainage basin. Stormwater drainage basin accounts drainage basin. Stormwater drainage basin accounts for 3 previously built single family dwellings and Bradford Street roadway improvements. The applicant is represented by Jamie Bissonnette of Zenith Consulting Engineers, LLC. Plan name is "Stormwater Permit Plan" dated March 8, 2023.

Patrick J. Hannon, Conservation Agent FNN 5/423

FAIRHAVEN SCHOOL **DISTRICT**

SECTION 00 11 13 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS The Fairhaven Public Schools, hereinafter called the "AWARDING AUTHORITY" invites sealed bids from Contractors for the "Playground Surface Replacement at LeRoy L. Wood Elementary School", located at 60 Sconticut Neck Road, Fairhaven, Massachusetts,

The project consists in general removing the existing top playground rubber pour in-place surface layer and replacing with new poured in place rubber surface system. All work to be performed as indicated. The Contract Documents may be downloaded on or after Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at no charge at

http://www.rowsearchitects.com by clicking on "Bidding" or at http://www.questcdn.com under "Login" using or at http://www.questcdn.com under "Login" using QuestCDN Project #8498979. Contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance with Quest CDN membership registration and downloading this digital project information.

Notice is also posted on COMMBUYS, the Commonwealth's public procurement website (www.commbuys.com; Bid BD-23-1267-SCHOO-WOOD-87844 however the Bid Package can only be obtained from Rowse Architects as set forth above.

BIDS will be received electronically before 2:00 PM local time, Wednesday May 31, 2023. Submit Bids to Nicole V. Potter School Business Manager poets (20)

Nicole V. Potter, School Business Manager, npotter@ fairhavenps.net with a copy to Ted Rowse, trowse@rowsearchitects.com. Bids that are submitted after the scheduled due date and time shall be determined late and shall not be accepted. Bids mailed, hand-delivered

or faxed shall not be accepted.

Bids must be submitted electronically. Results of the bid opening are public knowledge and will be posted at www.questcdn.com under under Login using www.questcdn.com under under Login using QuestCDN Project #8498979. A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid conference shall take

place at the Playground site on Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 3:00 PM at LeRoy L. Wood Elementary School, 60 Sconticut Neck Road, Fairhaven, Massachusetts 02719. FNN. 5/4/23

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

Complete Street – Project 1, 2 and 17, Fairhaven Massachusetts

Location of Work: Town of Fairhaven, Massachusetts. Sealed Bids for construction of the Complete Streets – Project 1, 2 and 17 Improvement Project will be received by the Public Works Department, 5 Arsene Street in Fairhaven, Massachusetts until 10:00 a.m., May 18, 2023 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and bids read aloud. Bids submitted after this time will not be accepted. The work involves

after this time will not be accepted. The work involves the following major item(s):

The Project consists of Project 1: Alden Road Bicycle Mobility Project-Phase 1; Project 2: Main Street Pedestrian Crossing Safety & ADA Improvements (Fairhaven Village & Davis Farms); and Project 17: Orchard Street Enhanced Connection to Little Bay Bike Path Contract Documents may be viewed and downloaded as a Portable Document Format (PDF) file free of charge on or after Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at www.accentblueprints.com. Printed copies may be obtained for a fee by completing an order colline or

obtained for a fee by completing an order online or calling 978-362-8038 for each set. Completed orders may be picked up at the office of Accent Blueprints located at 99 Chelmsford Road (Rear#13), North Billerica, MA 01862 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Printed copies may also be shipped to prospective bidders for an additional charge to cover handling and mailing fees. All payments for printing and shipping are non-refundable.

To be added to the project plan holder's list to guarantee receipt of addenda, it is recommended interested bidders obtain the Contract Documents directly from Accent Blueprints. Interested bidders will be prompted to register an email address with Accent

be prompted to register an email address with Accent Blueprints to access the documents.

Each bidder must be prequalified in accordance with 720 CMR 5.00, "Prequalification of Contractors" by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division (MassDOT Highway Division) with the class of work as "Highway Construction or Highway – Sidewalk and Curb" prior to the award of the project with an estimated value of \$330,000 is required.

BID SECURITIES shall be in amount of 5% of the bid and in the form of a certified check drawn upon a bank within the State of Massachusetts or a high bond

bank within the State of Massachusetts or a bid bond executed by a surety company authorized to do busi-

ness in Massachusetts, made payable to the OWNER.
The successful bidder must furnish a 100%
PERFORMANCE and PAYMENT BOND and will be required to execute the Contract Agreement within five (5) days following notification of the acceptance of his Bid. The **OWNER** reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to accept any bid, to waive any informality on bids received, and to omit any item or items deemed advisable for the best interests of the **OWNER**. Bids are subject to Massachusetts-M.G.L. Chapter 30-Section 39M, and to Massachusetts minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. Chapter 149- Sections 26 to 27H

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the Rec Center gym; \$24,605 to replace engines on the Harbormaster's boat; \$30K to replace hardware in the IT department; \$31K to replace protective sheathing on windows in town hall; \$9,550 for "Poll Pads" for electronic voter check-in and check-out in elections. Total general fun capital budget expenditures in Article 8A are \$1,814,584.

Non spending articles that might garner a bit of discussion include a proposal to ban single-use plastics (article 21) and nips (article 22).

The Sustainability Committee and Board of Health petitioned the single-use plastics ban. It would prohibit the use of single use plastic checkout bags; and prohibit the use of plastic and styrofoam containers for take-out at restaurants. It also prohibits restaurants from automatically supplying straws and take-out utensils. Patrons will have to ask for them.

(See letter on page 19 for more information on why the Sustainability Committee supports both articles.)

Two articles will amend the authority that Conservation Commission members have to enforce the

conditions of projects under their jurisdiction.

Article 19 would amend the wetland bylaw clarifying when ConCom members can enter private property to inspect a project. Members would need the permission of the owner, unless there is another legal reason giving them the authority to enter the property.

Article 20 makes the Conservation Agent the sole enforcement officer, with the approval of the TA, for violations of conservation projects. The change removes the ConCom chair or any designated agent from enforcement. Article 20 also takes away the ConCom's authority to initiate court actions against violators, leaving that action to the Select Board and town counsel, upon request of the ConCom.

The authority of the ConCom members to enforce and issue fines was only granted last year at town meeting, with ConCom members arguing that because the Conservation Agent position was not filled, people were able get away with violations. Articles 14 and 15 would remove the Police Department and Fire Department, respectively, from civil service requirements. Both unions approved the change.

Article 16 would amend the bylaw governing that makes the Director of Finance als the treasurer and collector. The change would make the Finance Director a department head under the direct control of the Town Administrator. The change would then have to be approved by voters at the annual town election.

Article 18 would require special legislation from the state to make the Town Administrator the appointing authority for the health agent, by amending the TA act to include the Health Agent. The Board of Health is currently the appointing authority.

Town Meeting is this Saturday, 5/6/23, at 9 a.m. at Hastings Middle School. It will run live on Comcast channel 18 and will be livestreamed at FairhavenTV.com,

Fairhaven has a representative Town Meeting, which means only elected TM members can vote. Anyone can attend.



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Information gathered from the Treasurer's Office.
Employee's Gross Earnings for the calendar year 2022.
Police/Fire Earnings reflect: regular, overtime and off-duty earnings
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BPW discusses use of parks, water flushing

By Mary Chasse
Neighb News Correspondent

At the Fairhven Board of Public Works meeting on Monday 4/24/23 superintendent Vinnie Furtado announced that notices have been going out for water flushing. He said there will be town-wide flushing to remove sediment that is in the pipes so that the town will not have dirty water. They need to flush to keep the water clean until the new plant upgrades are done.

Mr. Furtado said if a resident is notified that their area is being flushed at a certain time, they should not use their water. He said residents should not use hot water because it will get in the system. Residents should call if there are any issues.

Mr. Furtado said some flushing will take place during the day and some will happen overnight.

In another matter the board met with Karen Vilandry from the Hands Across the River Coalition about the archeological study that was done at Cooke Park. Ms Vilandry explained that in 2017 a Public Archeological Lab out of Pawtucket, RI conducted a survey of the park with ground penetrating radar and found a number of subsurface acoustic anomalies consistent with the profile of gravesites.

In the company's summary of their survey they stated that the anomalies are most likely unmarked graves. Ms. Vilandry said due to their findings they believe Cooke Memorial Park is an historical burial ground and they should prevent any future ground disturbing work to the park unless they do further inspection of these potential gravesites.

Ms. Vilandry asked the board not to allow festivals or activities at Cooke Park out of respect .

BPW Chairperson Brian Wotton said he was trying to wrap his head around all the information because they had just received it. He said that he had been under the impression that nothing was found during that survey, so all the information was new to him.

Mr. Furtado said in his opinion he thought the board should digest this report and meet with the Historical Commission about it at a future meeting.

BPW Vice Chairperson Robert "Hoppy" Hobson said he agreed that they needed time to review it and that they should meet with the Historical Commission about it. He said if his parents were buried there and people were walking all over it he would not be very happy.

The board will address the matter in a joint meeting with the HC.

The board also met with Ann Richard, the Chairperson of the Sustainability Committee about a potential ban on plastic nip bottles.

There is an article on the Town Meeting Warrant, on 5/6.

The bottles are a hazard in a variety of ways and cannot be recycled. Several other Mass. communities have already banned nips and others are planning to.

After some discussion, the board agreed to support the measure.





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