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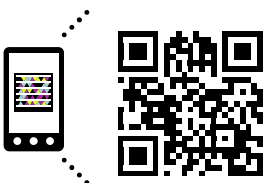
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Stamp out Hunger collects 5,000+ lbs in Fhvn



L-R: Shepherd's Pantry volunteers Paul Roberts and Shirley Hanson sort through some of the 5,340 pounds of food from the Stamp Out Hunger food drive that was collected from Fairhaven addresses on 5/13/23. 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, that was quick. One of our town officials seems to have gotten into a bit of a scuffle. It is a rather disturbing video, and not a “scuffle” to the woman who got knocked right to the ground. Don’t worry, I’m going to put it up on the website. The good news is that Mr. Haworth resigned.

Meanwhile, at the Select Board story, they were talking about ways to rein in the conservation commission. Those guys have been out of control for awhile now. See page 13.

Acushnet had its election. No upsets, but Eric Chew did all right for his first time out. See page 9.

We also have a preview of Acushnet’s town meeting, coming up on Monday (page 2). And this year I remembered to get their employee salaries (see page 13).

Fairhaven had a Select Board meeting, too. See page 20. So, they’re going to regionalize police and fire dispatch services. I do not like the sound of that. Not at all. But, I guess we’ll have to wait and see how it goes.

Our cover story is always a fun one (see page 16). The Stamp Out Hunger campaign is a nationwide effort, but our own little pantry benefits from it.

Don’t worry if you missed it, you can still donate food at the bin at the Millicent Library, Acushnet Library, and Stop & Shop in Fairhaven.

There’s other stuff in here, of course, including some fun happenings coming up. While you’re checking it out, be sure to notice who our advertisers are so you can tell them you saw their ads in the Neighb News.

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Publisher Beth David with
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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our BPW story in our 5/4/23 issue, we made an error in reporting on the Cooke Park studies. In 2017, it was Thomas Urban who conducted Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR); earlier this year, Public Archaeological Laboratory (PAL) conducted an archeological survey that concluded it was a burial site. We apologize for any confusion our error may have caused

Fairhaven ConCom chair allegedly punches woman, resigns

By Beth David
Editor

Geoffrey Haworth, who was the chairperson of the Fairhaven Conservation Commission until Monday of this week, is allegedly on surveillance video punching a woman in the face, knocking her down, in the parking lot of the Ice House on Wednesday, 5/3/23, at about 11:30 p.m.

Word started getting around town, the way it does in small towns, a couple of days later, with police saying they would not comment on an "active and ongoing investigation."

The *Neighb News* has several credible sources naming Mr. Haworth as the man in the video, and other credible sources who say Mr. Haworth was in the Ice House that evening, within minutes of the incident.

The *Neighb News* received the video that shows two women fighting, with a man who fits the description of Mr. Haworth between them, presumably trying to break up the fight. A third woman approaches and points her finger at the man who punches her, knocking her to the ground.

Meanwhile, the other two women

are still fighting. At some point another man appears and starts recording the incident on his phone.



ABOVE: A man who is allegedly Geoffrey Haworth, the chairperson of the Fairhaven Conservation Commission, is seen on this surveillance footage hitting a woman in the face in the parking lot of the Ice House on 5/3/23 at about 11:30 p.m. BELOW: The woman is on the ground after being hit. Screen shots from video footage.



The man who appears to be Mr. Haworth approaches the man recording, at one point clearly taking a fighting stance, while the other man backs away.

The recording has no sound.

Fairhaven Police spokesperson Lt. Kevin Kobza would not name anyone in the video, but did confirm that an investigation was ongoing.

"As of right now, no charges have been filed," said Lt. Kobza, but stressed that the police were not finished with their investigation.

Over the weekend, the video was posted on Facebook, where it received scores of comments before the moderator of the group page shut off the comment feature.

The *Neighb News* sent an email to Mr. Haworth asking for comment, and he referred us to his attorney.

Attorney Nicholas Sylvia of New Bedford wrote back with one sentence, saying Mr. Haworth had "no comment," on the video.

On Monday, Mr. Haworth resigned from his position on the Conservation Commission, sending a letter to the

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Marine Yard Sale

The Acushnet River Safe Boating Club, 80 Middle Street, Fairhaven, is holding a marine/nautical yard sale on Sat., 6/3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (rain date, 6/4). Lot of marine supplies, nautical accessories, and other cool boat stuff available at bargain prices.

Flag Vets' 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

Huttleston MP

The Huttleston Marketplace opens for the season this Saturday. Runs Saturdays, May 20 through September 30, 2023 (except last Saturday in June), 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Fairhaven Visitors Center Lawn/Fairhaven High School Lawn, 141 Main Street, at Route 6, Fairhaven

Huttleston Marketplace is an outdoor bazaar featuring as many as 76 vendors selling select hand made arts and crafts, quality antiques and vintage collectibles, upcycled items, fresh farm produce, and locally prepared foods. It is a MDAR certified farmers market, allowing certified farm vendors to accept WIC and Senior FMNP coupons. It is held rain or shine.

Visit <https://fairhaventours.com/category/upcoming-events/> for more information.

Water Flushing

Water flushing is still ongoing in Fairhaven. You can be notified by phone, text, or email when your neighborhood is scheduled to be flushed. The process cleans out the pipes and can cause discoloration of water. You should not use hot water at all during the process. Call the Water Department at 508-979-4032 for more information.

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-stripes-tickets-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.seaglasstheater.com or call 508-951-7187.

Make a Float

Get started now to make a float for Fairhaven's Fourth of July parade and Antique Car Cruise on Tuesday, July 4, 2023.

The car cruise will assemble at Fairhaven High School at 8:00 AM to raise the flag at 8:30 AM. The cruise will begin promptly at 8:45 AM.

Please join the celebration by joining the parade with a float, costume or just "comfortable marching shoes" to say Happy Birthday America! If you are willing and able to participate in the parade, please note the time of assembly is 8:00 AM at Cushman Park. The parade will follow the car cruise down Green Street to Fort Phoenix.

For further information email July4thParade@fairhaven-ma.gov.

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=E7YxSoGjggs>

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

SAVE THE DATES

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.

Veterans who want to ride in the van, contact the Fairhaven COA, 508-979-4029

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

Blessing of the Bikes

St. Joseph's Blessing of the Bikes, Sun., 6/4, 10 a.m. Kickstands up at noon. \$20/bike. Starts at Fort Phoenix, ride through the backroads, then ends at Ice House, 136 Huttleston Ave. for BBQ, beer trucks, outside bar and music by Looks that Kill at 2:15, and Who Made Who at 3:15.

Father's Day 5K

49th Annual Fairhaven Father's Day Road Race, Sun., 6/18, 9 a.m. Starts and ends at Hastings Middle School, 30 School St., Fairhaven. Family, fun and fitness, a Father's Day tradition.

Online registration ONLY at www.FairhavenRoadRace.org

. Before 6/1, \$20/adults (\$25 after 6/1); \$10 for children under 13 and over 70.

Meat Raffle

Every Thursday, 7 p.m., Fairhaven VFW Post 2892, 109 Middle St., Fairhaven. Win meat, eggs, breakfast, and a variety of other specials we have every week. Play some Keno, have a drink or two. You will not be disappointed.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Cleanup

Join us for a neighborhood cleanup on Sat., 5/20, from 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers will be cleaning up South End neighborhoods. Please meet at the parking lot behind the Orpheum Theatre 1005 S. Water St. New Bedford, MA.

Free t-shirts to all volunteers. Gloves and tools provided; Wear closed-toe shoes; Review the safety notes; Walkins Welcome; Free pizza from Dominos; Coffee & Donuts provided by BASK

Visit <https://operationcleansweep.net/> to sign up (not required)

Old Voke Reunion

Seeking anyone interested in an old Voke class reunion (Hillman Street) from 60-69. The more the merrier

Class of 1960 to 1969.

Call: Joe Glenn Costa (class of 64), 508-971-1859; Mary Gomes Rodriques (class of 60), 508-996-9923.

Anyone interested in joining our reunion committee, please contact the above. Hope to see other classmates joining in the Old Voke class reunions.

The Snow Queen

Still recovering from winter fatigue? New Bedford Ballet's performance of *The Snow Queen* is guaranteed to melt any remaining memories of this year's bitter winter and warm your heart as you prepare to embrace the summer months.

Inspired by Hans Christian Andersen's 19th-century fairy tale, New Bedford Ballet's 37th annual full-length ballet will be performed at the Zeiterion Theatre on Saturday, June 10, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Audience members will experience the adventures of Gerda (Dartmouth High School senior, Madyn Waskiewicz), as she perseveres to save her best friend, Kiah (Bristol County Agricultural High School senior, Georgia Roderiques), from the spell of the Most High Imp (Lincoln School senior, Ella Gillen). While searching for Kiah, Gerda's travels will take her to the Lady of Summer (Tabor Academy senior, Anna Murray). The warmth and colors of the summer season will literally come to life, as flowers, depicted by New Bedford Ballet students ages 5

through 18, gracefully dance in celebration. Gerda continues on her perilous journey, protected by Alessia the Crow, (Lincoln School senior Madeleine Hunt) to the palace of the malevolent Snow Queen (Tabor Academy senior, Summer Richardson), where Gerda's fearless determination to break the spell is eventually met with success.

The Snow Queen is a beautiful story demonstrating that friendship, hope, and determination can enable us to overcome seemingly insurmountable obstacles.

The Snow Queen is being sponsored by Lang, Xifaras & Bullard, Trial Attorneys; Riccardi's Italian Restaurants; and Early Learning Child Care and is supported in part by an award from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Reserved tickets are \$25, and general admission prices are \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors, students, and children 12 and under. Tickets may be purchased on the Zeiterion website www.zeiterion.org or by contacting the Zeiterion Box Office by phone at (508)-994-2900. New Bedford Ballet offers a group discount of 10% to assisted living facilities, senior centers, nursing homes, and non-profits. Please contact New Bedford Ballet at 508-993-1387 for more information.

Visit www.newbedfordballet.org.

YTI Presents

"Picasso At The Lapin Agile," by Steve Martin, Directed by James Sanguinetti

This comedy imagines a 1904 meeting between Albert Einstein and Pablo Picasso, at a bar called the Lapin Agile in Montmartre, Paris. Both men are on the verge of amazing breakthroughs in their fields. Einstein will publish his special theory of relativity and Picasso will paint Les

Demoiselles d'Avignon. At the Lapin Agile, they have a lengthy debate about the value of genius and talent, while interacting with a host of other characters. In an article for The Observer (March 13, 2009),

Playwright Steve Martin states "...the play attempts to explain, in a light-hearted way, the similarity of the creative process involved in great leaps of imagination in art and science."

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Program formats include in-person classes or blended/hybrid online study with daytime, evening and weekend schedules available. State approved training providers have established relationships with long-term care facilities for the clinical placement portion of the programs. Each training provider also offers testing guidance and additional services to assist participants in obtaining their CNA licenses. Program participants will also have access to job placement and other support services available through our MassHire Southeast Region 6 Career Centers.

We are actively recruiting to place eligible participants in these free training programs. Under-employed/unemployed persons or healthcare employers interested in participating should contact Jacqueline Sylvia at (508) 979-1504 extension 116 or email jacqueline@mhgnb.com or visit <https://masshiregreaternewbedford.com/healthcare-training/> for information.

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Free Concerts

The Acushnet Public Library is pleased to offer two outdoor concerts during the month of May at our outdoor pavilion behind the library, 232 Middle Rd., Acushnet.

On Wednesday, May 24 at 6 pm the Ford Middle School Chorus, led by Music and Band Teacher Brian Shanbrun will sing a program of songs to celebrate the start of summer.

On Wednesday, May 31, at 6 p.m. the Acushnet Public Library welcomes the Judy and Barry DeRossi Quintet. The quintet will be performing songs from the Great American songbook, French and Brazilian songs and more from the 70's and 80's. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Acushnet Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Please bring a chair or blanket to enjoy these concerts under the pavilion or on the library lawn.

Relay For Life

Fairhaven resident Angela Bariteau will be participating in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life in June. Help her reach her goal by donating at <http://main.acsevents.org/goto/angie>

Art Exhibit

Come visit the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St., from May 16 – June 14 to view the Mattapoisett Free Public Library Artist Series Exhibit called *Reflecting Pools – Wooden Sculptures* by Nathaniel Fuchs, who was born and raised in Mattapoisett. Fuchs's works, inspired primarily by the outdoors, focus on themes such as reflection, simplicity, and nature. His work was created with a specific intention rather than a single meaning. The meaning comes from the viewer and what their moment in thought brings to the work. Three sets of wooden sculptures are grouped together on a mirrored surface to evoke feelings of thoughtful reflection as a stream or spring might in nature.

In addition to his main work, Fuchs is also displaying assorted linocut prints and photographs. Fuchs is now a Rhode Island-based epidemiologist working towards solutions for the

overdose epidemic. Aside from his passion for public health, Fuchs has always been fascinated with crafting meaningful works of art. Starting from a young age, he created works as gifts for family and friends. Having now developed skill sets in several artistic genres, Fuchs is launching his artistic career in various mediums.

The Library is free and accessible to all.

"My Way"

In celebration of 90 Years of Theatre By The Sea, owner and producer Bill Hanney is proud to announce the opening of the 2023 Summer Season. The season begins with the award-winning musical, *My Way: A Musical Tribute to Frank Sinatra*, which will be presented from May 24 - June 11, 2023, at Theatre By The Sea, 364 Card's Pond Road, Wakefield, Ri.

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Tickets: \$65 to \$88. Visit www.theatrebythesea.com for tickets and performance times, or call 401-782-8587

Paper Shredding

A spring Paper Shredding Day is on Saturday, May 20, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, or until the shred truck fills up, at the Dartmouth Highway Department, 976 Russells Mills Road, Dartmouth. All are welcome. Limit of two boxes, no fee. Intact paper only; already shredded paper not accepted. Sponsored by NBCU.

Limit of two boxes. Each box should weigh no more than 30 to 40 pounds. Paper clips and staples do not need to be removed, but please remove paper from folders and binders.

Shredding confidential documents helps to prevent identity theft, protect personal information, and

prevent valuable resources from being sent to the landfill. The shredded paper will be recycled into new products such as paper towels.

SAVE THE DATES:

Duck Race

The Acushnet Lions Club will host its annual Duck Race on Sun., 6/18, at the Acushnet Sawmill and down to 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

As in past years, the success of the Duck Race can only be made through the generosity of our many sponsors.

Lots of fun, lots of great places to watch the ducks float down the river from the Sawmill to the finish line behind NAPA Auto parts or at River View Park in New Bedford, and the bridge at Rivers End Cafe.

Climate Webinar

Webinar: Emerging Governance Structures for Climate Resilience, Fri., 6/2, 9 a.m. to noon. Hybrid format: register to attend in-person or as a virtual attendee. in person location: Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP, Louis D. Brandeis Conference Center, 155 Seaport Boulevard, Boston, MA 02210

Hybrid meeting. Information for virtual participation will be emailed to all registered attendees

State and local governments across the country are grappling with turning climate adaptation plans into action. These plans often involve expensive and large scale capital projects on both public and private property. This undertaking requires innovative thinking on governance from creating new county and statewide resilience authorities to empowering existing local boards and commissions.

Join the Climate Adaptation Forum to hear how communities across the country are approaching this challenge and emerging models for governance and implementation.

Visit <https://climateadaptationforum.org>

The Ice Cream Cottage opens in Fairhaven

Press Release

The Ice Cream Cottage is excited to announce its opening day on May 12, 2023! Located at 12 Ferry Street and at the start of the Fairhaven Bike Path, The Ice Cream Cottage brings sweet treats to the village of Fairhaven.

We carry over 30 flavors of Acushnet Creamery ice cream, creamy soft serve, homemade waffle cones, homemade hot fudge and more. We also serve hot dogs, stuffed quahogs and homemade fish chowder.

Owned by Phil and Colleen Martin, Fairhaven residents since 2004, and staffed by their seven children, this is a true family run business. We are so happy to serve you soon at The Ice Cream Cottage!

RIGHT: The Ice Cream Cottage crew is ready to serve after opening at 12 Ferry Street in Fairhaven on 5/12/23. Submitted photo.



Art Loft, art supplies store, opens in Fairhaven

Press Release

Fairhaven welcomes a new and exciting business to the center of town. Art Loft, located at 7 Water Street, is owned and operated by local resident, Tena Collyer. Art Loft is a premier art supply boutique, offering a wide variety of traditional supplies along with a multitude of unique lines typically unavailable in the area, including Rosemary & Co. (artist brushes handmade in England), Trekell, Natural Pigments (oil and watercolors) and the full line of Chelsea Classical Studio solvents and mediums.

In the age of online shopping and large urban warehouse supply stores, Art Loft is a breath of fresh air to the artists, and art enthusiasts of southeastern Massachusetts.

Built in an antique shipyard "sail loft," Art Loft was designed to inspire artists with its "England" meets "New England" vibe. In addition to a one stop shop for supplies, Art Loft's space was designed to incorporate a wonderful "gallery" displaying and selling exquisite work by numerous local artists and artisans. Art Loft plans to promote these local "displaying" artists and their work, and eventually will offer cross-promoted "Gallery Nights", and artsy events.

And finally, Art Loft will be opening up a "Learning Studio" in the upstairs "loft" portion of the space beginning early-summer. The classes and

creative workshops will encompass a multitude of mediums, techniques and learning styles. Classes will be offered for both adults and children who are eager to learn, or maybe just want to explore the world of art and "play." To start, Art Loft will be offering a "Kid's Summer Art Program" Tuesday-Friday morning all summer. The program was designed to introduce kids to art and creativity through a wide array of projects and lessons, something new and exciting every day! Additionally, the summer classes will be geared toward both the beginner and advanced artist.

Classes will include watercolor, introduction to oils, paint nights and calligraphy just to name a few. The spacious classroom (with an incredible view!) will be a great forum for both students and teachers alike! Class schedules will soon be posted on Art Loft's website (www.artloftfairhaven.com), and classes will commence mid-June.



The Art Loft in Fairhaven, which opened on 5/20/23, carries a traditional art supplies and a multitude of unique lines for artists. Submitted photos.

Please stop by to check out the shop, gallery and studio classroom. Retail Shop/Gallery hours are Tuesday-Friday 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m.-2 p.m. Please like "Art Loft" on Facebook and follow on Instagram @artloft.fairhaven for shop/gallery updates and class announcements.

Acushnet election has no upsets

By Beth David
Editor

The voters of Acushnet returned all incumbents to their seats, and elected a new member to the School Committee in the annual town election on Saturday, 5/13.

Acushnet had two contested races: Selectboard, with incumbent David Wojnar receiving 568 votes,* and challenger Eric Chew receiving 307.

The School Committee had three people running for two seats, with incumbent Ron Houde receiving 510 votes, and challenger Melissa Cordeiro receiving 488 to gain a seat on the committee. Ebony McGlynn came in third with 379.

"I'm excited to represent the students and families of Acushnet," said Ms. Cordeiro after hearing the preliminary results on Saturday evening as Town Clerk Pamela Labonte received them from the precincts.

Ms. Cordeiro said she felt she won because her volunteer work and being a teacher meant she was well known in town.

"People know who I am," she said.

Mr. Chew also heard the results as they were called in. Although he lost, he said it was a great experience.

"It was the best experience I've had in a long time," said Mr. Chew, adding he enjoyed meeting people, and appreciated all the support he got. "It was a fun experience. I'll be back."

Mr. Wojnar did not return an email by press time asking for comment, but he did post on Facebook writing, "Thank you to all of you for your support and encouragement. A special thank you to my wife Melissa, Jacob and Nathan for all their support and hugs!"

Uncontested races included: Leslie Dakin, Moderator; Pamela Labonte, Town Clerk; Robert Brown, Board of Assessors; Robert Medeiros, Board

of Health; Bryan Deschamps and Steven Boucher, Planning Commission; Joanne Cioper, Cemetery Board; Joan Howland, Library Trustee; Michael Matton, Park Commission; Norman Fredette, Tree Warden.

Two candidates ran write-in campaigns for Library Trustee, Michelle Skaar and John Roy. Those results were not available by press time.

**Numbers are preliminary. The results had not been certified by press time.*



L-R: Acushnet School Committee candidate, Ebony McGlynn; and Selectboard candidate, Eric Chew, and his daughter Sophia Merrey, hold signs outside the polling places in Acushnet on Saturday, 5/13/23. Photo by Beth David.

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Eric Chew

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Recipe of the Week

Best Ever Chicken Marinade

1/4 cup red wine vinegar
1/4 c soy sauce, reduced-sodium
1/4 cup olive oil
1 1/2 tsps dried parsley flakes
1/2 teaspoon dried basil
1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 tsp ground black pepper
5 chicken breasts, skinless,
boneless, and thinly sliced

In a bowl, whisk the vinegar, soy sauce, oil, parsley, basil, oregano, garlic powder, and black pepper together. Pour into a resealable plastic bag.

Add the chicken to the bag, coat with the marinade, squeeze out the excess air, and seal the bag. Marinate in the fridge for at least 4 hours and up to overnight.

Preheat the grill to medium-low heat. Lightly oil the grill grates.

Drain and discard marinade. Grill chicken until no longer pink inside and an instant thermometer inserted into the center reads at least 165°, about 4-5 minutes per side. Serve.



Dear Frankie

The Meaning of Love

Dear Frankie,
My mom forever tells me and everyone else how much she loves me. If she loves me so much, why does she make me go to the groomer every six weeks?

Jim, my groomer, is a nice man. He tries to make my appointments as pleasant as possible. But no matter how you slice it, grooming is unpleasant and painful. Having hair plucked out of your ear is no walk in the park. It's like having a bikini wax.

My mom has one a couple of times a year, and you can't believe how much she complains about the procedure for weeks after.

I also discovered that not all the dogs at the park go to a groomer, so why me?

Bella

only way to keep it trimmed. If the hair is not cut, it will eventually become matted and can cause skin problems.

I suspect the reason for your six-week grooming schedule is you have hair. Hygiene and maintaining one's appearance require some effort and, at times, discomfort.

I don't think, for example, that the humans find regular trips to the dentist to be a peak experience. Who would enjoy injections in their mouth before having their tooth filled? Despite the unpleasantness, the humans go for dental care because they understand that dental hygiene and maintenance are essential for their overall health.

Be grateful you have a responsible mom who takes the time and spends the money (grooming isn't cheap) to keep you healthy and looking your best.

I hope you understand that life isn't all about treats, rides in the car, and stomach rubs.

Best, Frankie

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Comments and letters can be sent to Frankie at dearfrankiecolumn@gmail.com. The Fairhaven Neighborhood News publishes the Dear Frankie column. To receive a free online subscription, readers can email neighbnews@comcast.net, request their name be added to the email list or visit www.neighbnews.com to read the paper online or to download the latest issue.

Dear Bella,
Some dogs have fur and shed it when it gets old and dry. Other dogs have hair that continues growing, and cutting it is the

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Sprouts Tennis Ages 4-5

8:00 AM-8:30 AM. \$70 (6-Weeks)

This class will be structured to work on listening to directions, racket skills, balance and coordination, social skills, basic grip and swings. The lessons will consist of ally to ally drills, tennis skills, and hitting cone mountain. All equipment will be provided if need be (19-21 inch rackets recommended). Parent participation required.

Intro to Tennis Ages 6-8

8:30 AM-9:30 AM. Member: \$90; Non-member: \$110

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Intro to Tennis Ages 9-12

9:30 AM-11:00 AM. Member: \$125; Non-member: \$140

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Teen Tennis Clinic Ages 13-17

11:00 AM-12:30 PM. Member: \$150; Non-member: \$180

The class will be played on the full court with the regular yellow ball. This fun class will have tons of drills and competitive games working on players' technical, tactical, and athletic skills. This is a great program for middle or high school players who are looking to try out for their school tennis team. Please bring your own tennis racket.

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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.

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, Derby Street Shops; 5/24, So. Shore Plaza; 5/31, Wrentham Village; 6/7, Twin River Casino; 6/14, Hyannis Mall, Xmas Shop, Trader Joe's, Whole Foods; 6/21, So. Shore Plaza.

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.

Walking at the Rec Ctr

Let the music move you for 30 minutes from 12:30-1 daily for free at the Fairhaven Recreation gym. You don't have to worry if the weather outside is frightful because the gym is so delightful with its trip-free flat surface and welcoming walkers.

Single Senior Supper Club

If you are a Single Senior, like to socialize and have a great meal, please join us! If you would like to come, please call the center and sign up as soon as possible, 508-979-4029

The third Tuesday of every month. Call the Wednesday before to confirm. If you are unable to attend a supper you have signed up for, but do not call to cancel, you will still be expected to pay for your missed meal.

Memory Cafe

Reserve your spot by 5/22. Join us for a Memory Cafe on May 25, Noon-2 p.m., at the Senior Center. A memory cafe is a gathering that individuals with early to moderate Alzheimer's or other memory loss and their car partner, family or friends can attend in a safe, supportive and engaging environment. It's a time and place where everyone can interact, find support, establish friendship and share concerns without feeling embarrassed or misunderstood.

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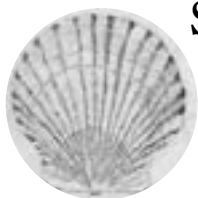
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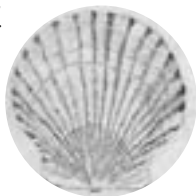
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Acushnet Town Meeting is Mon., 5/20, so it is time to publish town employee salaries. The amounts listed are actual dollars paid to employees from Jan. 1, 2022 through 12/31/22.

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| ALVES MICHAEL G | AGENCY FUNDS | 38705.75 |
| ARAUJO JASON W | AGENCY FUNDS | 1462.50 |
| BAPTISTE KARL S | AGENCY FUNDS | 600.00 |
| BATES AARON | AGENCY FUNDS | 475.00 |
| BERTHIAUME PETER E | AGENCY FUNDS | 512.50 |
| BOIVIN ROBERT D | AGENCY FUNDS | 1825.00 |
| BOURGAULT PAMELA A | AGENCY FUNDS | 675.00 |
| BRASSARD ROBERT E | AGENCY FUNDS | 1500.00 |
| BURKE JR. MICHAEL J | AGENCY FUNDS | 1200.00 |
| CARVALHO MARIAH T | AGENCY FUNDS | 400.00 |
| CHAMBERLAIN WILLIAM | AGENCY FUNDS | 587.50 |
| COELHO SCOTT D | AGENCY FUNDS | 200.00 |
| CONNOLLY CATHERINE | AGENCY FUNDS | 1400.00 |
| CORREIA DAVID | AGENCY FUNDS | 912.50 |
| COSTA JAMES D | AGENCY FUNDS | 12937.50 |
| COSTA SHAWN | AGENCY FUNDS | 400.00 |
| DASILVA FILIPE A | AGENCY FUNDS | 1150.00 |
| DELMONTE BRIAN D | AGENCY FUNDS | 3075.00 |
| DILLINGHAM WILLIAM | AGENCY FUNDS | 400.00 |
| DUPREY MARC J | AGENCY FUNDS | 2587.50 |
| HESLIN RICHARD | AGENCY FUNDS | 1950.00 |
| HIGHTOWER JAMES P | AGENCY FUNDS | 400.00 |
| KELLEY MICHAEL | AGENCY FUNDS | 675.00 |
| LARRABEE JOANNE M | AGENCY FUNDS | 4600.00 |
| LEVESQUE CASEY | AGENCY FUNDS | 400.00 |
| MANZONE RONNIE | AGENCY FUNDS | 1000.00 |
| MCCALLISTER KYLE R | AGENCY FUNDS | 400.00 |
| MELO PAUL J | AGENCY FUNDS | 4065.00 |
| MONGEON DOUGLAS B | AGENCY FUNDS | 400.00 |
| MOTA LEONARD | AGENCY FUNDS | 25987.50 |
| ORR ROBERT A | AGENCY FUNDS | 8037.50 |
| PEREIRA BRIAN | AGENCY FUNDS | 1612.50 |
| PETERSON SHAUN C | AGENCY FUNDS | 2437.50 |
| PIMENTEL FERNANDO | AGENCY FUNDS | 4800.00 |
| REIMER STEPHEN F | AGENCY FUNDS | 4600.00 |
| ROUSSEAU GARY L | AGENCY FUNDS | 33264.50 |
| ROUSSEL MICHAEL R | AGENCY FUNDS | 5625.00 |
| SANTOS THEODORE L | AGENCY FUNDS | 600.00 |
| SAUVE LUC R | AGENCY FUNDS | 1712.50 |
| SEARS-OATLEY SHANNA | AGENCY FUNDS | 2000.00 |
| SOUZA BRIAN D | AGENCY FUNDS | 2056.25 |
| STEWART DANIEL | AGENCY FUNDS | 200.00 |
| TRAHAN MICHAEL S | AGENCY FUNDS | 837.50 |
| WILLIAMS JEFFREY M | AGENCY FUNDS | 950.00 |
| TOMLINSON REBEKAH A | ANIMAL CONTROL | 49963.20 |
| BROWN ROBERT | ASSESSORS | 710.97 |
| CENERIZIO MARC | ASSESSORS | 1895.92 |
| KOSKA KELLY A | ASSESSORS | 66829.00 |
| LOPES MATTHEW D | ASSESSORS | 2528.04 |
| PECKHAM NICOLE C | ASSESSORS | 45420.73 |
| SOARES LIBERIO | ASSESSORS | 2528.04 |
| FERREIRA JAMES | ATTENDANCE SERVICES | 6184.75 |
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| MAROT JAMES A | BUILDING DEPARTMENT | 69543.23 |
| TAVARES TANIA A | BUILDING DEPARTMENT | 31729.96 |
| FLYNN KRISTIN L | BUSINESS AND FINANCE | 56349.91 |
| HYDE BRIAN A. | BUSINESS AND FINANCE | 65956.80 |
| MCINTYRE PATRICK M | BUSINESS AND FINANCE | 35823.66 |
| RAPOSO SANDRA M | BUSINESS AND FINANCE | 49252.89 |
| GOLDA ERIK C | CABLE OPERATORS | 8635.00 |
| GOLDA JOHN S | CABLE OPERATORS | 5975.00 |

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| GREENE MICHAEL F | CABLE OPERATORS | 1700.00 |
| MONTICELLO NICHOLAS A | CABLE OPERATORS | 21730.00 |
| RAWCLIFFE GARRY L | CABLE OPERATORS | 7105.00 |
| MELO GARY | CARES | 1653.56 |
| SOUNIK JERRY F | CARES | 419.56 |
| CIOPER JOANNE K | CEMETERY | 989.00 |
| REYNOLDS JR. JOSHUA | CEMETERY | 1629.00 |
| REYNOLDS SR. JOSHUA | CEMETERY | 1629.00 |
| RODRIGUES ROBERT | CEMETERY | 322.00 |
| FORTIN CHARLENE A | COA | 9668.64 |
| HANNON PATRICK J. | CONSERVATION COMM | 64321.94 |
| BEAULIEU MARCEL | COUNCIL ON AGING | 3281.07 |
| CARREIRO ANDREW | COUNCIL ON AGING | 29200.50 |
| CHEW HEATHER J | COUNCIL ON AGING | 61606.62 |
| FORTIN JANICE L | COUNCIL ON AGING | 13333.04 |
| FORTIN ROGER | COUNCIL ON AGING | 2027.22 |
| LEDO JENNIFER | COUNCIL ON AGING | 859.50 |
| RUGGERI ANGELA T | CURRICULUM DIR SAL | 113891.42 |
| CHESNEY NICHOLAS J | CUSTODIAL SERVICES | 2924.83 |
| DESLAURIERS ANDREW J | CUSTODIAL SERVICES | 1049.06 |
| DESLAURIERS JUSTIN S | CUSTODIAL SERVICES | 3295.33 |
| GONET MICHAEL | CUSTODIAL SERVICES | 15538.55 |
| HICKEY ALTY | CUSTODIAL SERVICES | 55934.29 |
| MONTEIRO TYSHAWN J | CUSTODIAL SERVICES | 1187.88 |
| PACHECO ALEXANDER S | CUSTODIAL SERVICES | 3601.70 |
| PARKER BARRY A | CUSTODIAL SERVICES | 45395.13 |
| SMITH MATTHEW E. | CUSTODIAL SERVICES | 38877.01 |
| ACHADINHA AVERY N. | CUSTODIAN | 5808.77 |
| ARRUDA NOLAN E | CUSTODIAN | 422.26 |
| BABINEAU MARY-CELESTE | CUSTODIAN | 10248.46 |
| CABRAL KELLI V. | CUSTODIAN | 231.56 |
| COTE TANNER C | CUSTODIAN | 5400.77 |
| COUTO DYLAN P | CUSTODIAN | 46584.00 |
| DE JESUS JOSHUA | CUSTODIAN | 16555.46 |
| LAGASSE TAMMY A. | CUSTODIAN | 12236.45 |
| SLIVINSKI DAVID M | CUSTODIAN | 2094.76 |
| SMITH JOSHUA J | CUSTODIAN | 58095.19 |
| Name | Department | YTD Gross |
| FORTIN PAUL H | DPW-HIGHWAY | 57510.08 |
| FORTIN PETER J | DPW-HIGHWAY | 56009.00 |
| MENARD DANIEL M | DPW-HIGHWAY | 104438.00 |
| MENARD THOMAS | DPW-HIGHWAY | 74736.54 |
| SILVA KATHLEEN T | DPW-HIGHWAY | 64931.06 |
| TOMASCIC ANNE M | DPW-HIGHWAY | 49246.92 |
| TRIPP MATTHEW C | DPW-HIGHWAY | 55652.41 |
| WESTGATE PETER J | DPW-HIGHWAY | 65385.27 |
| ABREU ERIC P | DPW-WATER | 61764.86 |
| BARLOW CAMERON A | DPW-WATER | 72726.14 |
| MCCARTHY RYAN J | DPW-WATER | 43103.53 |
| SMITH TYLER | DPW-WATER | 9151.76 |
| WESTGATE JOHN R | DPW-WATER | 65884.45 |
| BETTENCOURT KIMBERLI A. | DIR SPED | 110342.73 |
| SOUZA LUCY M | DIR SPED | 46181.56 |
| CHARROUX KAREN A | ELEMENTARY SUPP | 29412.98 |
| COSMO BETTY L | ELEMENTARY SUPP | 31976.63 |
| DUFRESNE RACHEL E | ELEMENTARY SUPP | 4144.19 |
| KRUGER REBECCA | ELEMENTARY SUPP | 33965.60 |
| MULROY ANGELA M. | ELEMENTARY SUPP | 20179.07 |
| BERGERON GERARD A | EMA | 4923.88 |
| CARON EDWARD A | EMA | 2495.32 |
| ANSELMO BRADFORD F | EMPG | 542.96 |
| DaSILVA ANTHONY Q | ESSER II | 8546.64 |
| BETTENCOURT MYLES D | ESSER III | 14282.81 |
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Stamp Out Hunger collects 5,340 pounds in Fairhaven

By Beth David
Editor

US Postal Service Letter Carriers across the country collected food from USPS customers on Saturday, 5/13/23 during the 31st annual Stamp Out Hunger campaign, the largest one day food drive in the nation (see letter on page 27).

This year, PJ Keating offered their truck scale to the cause, so volunteers can confidently report that 5,340 pounds of non-perishable food items were collected in Fairhaven. All the food went to the Shepherd's Pantry in Acushnet, a 100% volunteer operation.

"The volunteers are the backbone of this place," said pantry director Gerry Payette. "I count my blessings every day to be part of it."

He said every mail truck came back "loaded," to the annex in Fairhaven. Food was then transferred to the truck and then transported to the pantry.

The Shepherd's Pantry is located at the Long Plain Methodist Church, 1215 Main Street, Acushnet. They distribute food on Saturdays from 9–11 a.m. Call 508-763-9289 for more information, or find them on Facebook.



Shepherd's Pantry volunteer Arlene Hanson carries some of the food that was collected during the Stamp Out Hunger food drive on 5/13/23. Photo by Beth David.

Acushnet Town Mtg faces 39 articles, including election move

By Beth David
Editor

Acushnet Town Meeting will be asked to approve an operating budget of \$34,672,150, which is about 4% higher than last year, and includes a school department budget of \$18,545,091, an increase of 3.28% from last year. That number includes tuition to the various high schools that Acushnet students get to choose from. Both the Selectboard and the Finance Committee agreed on the "consensus" budget.

The town also received \$701K more in Chapter 70 funds for education, a bump this year that most municipalities got in varying degrees from the state.

Town Administrator Jamie Kelley pointed out that all ancillary costs to run the school department, such as building maintenance and health care costs, workers compensation, payroll administrative costs, etc., are paid out of the town side of the budget.

He said although the school department budget is increasing, they "pinched pennies all the way through," to keep it as low as possible.

"They did a good job of controlling it," he said, noting that a big part of their budget is tuition to the high schools.

On the whole, the town is on sound financial footing, said Mr. Kelley, with a balanced budget and adequate free cash going to the stabilization fund, and also being used for a variety of capital projects and items.

This year, he said, the town is putting more money into the police department overtime budget to help cut down on year-end transfers. He said it was not adequately funded "for years."

It is still not quite enough, he said, but in two years they will get there. One issue they had in the past is that National Guard members were activated, so that inflated the regular need for OT, which generally includes court time, covering for vacations, etc.

Other changes in the budget include \$20,000 for the Soil Board for consultant costs.

Town meeting will be asked to set up a new revolving fund for the Soil Board. The fund will receive money from fees charged to businesses requiring soil permits, such as PJ Keating and L&S. The money will be used for expenses related to Soil Board activities, including consulting services and legal fees.

Pension costs are up, but debt service is down, and then, of course health insurance is "huge," as always.

The town's FY24 Capital Budget, in Article 20, includes \$255,000, all from free cash for a variety of one-time expenses for technology upgrades, including: phones, cameras, hardware, and miscellaneous network and fiber supplies for the Technology Department; server, hardware and software, and miscellaneous network supplies for the police department; a variety of hardware for the school department.

Article 21 would appropriate \$465,000 for a new tanker fire truck with a capacity of 3,000 gallons, to replace the 37 year old tanker truck that has an 1,800 gallon capacity (see *Neighb News* 3/16/23 issue).

One non-spending item that will be felt by everyone in town is Article 38 that will change the town's annual election to the fourth Tuesday in April. Currently, the election is held on a Saturday, a change that was only made a few years ago.

Acushnet Town Clerk Pamela Labonte said voters complained that the Saturday in May was conflicting with too many family events. She decided to ask for a change to Tuesday, which is consistent with State elections. She also opted for late April so it would be after dog licensing, which has a deadline of

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Let the games begin FAYB opens up for the season

The Fairhaven Acushnet Youth Baseball league opened up for the season with their annual parade on Saturday, 4/29/23, which traveled from St. Xavier's School, up Main Street to Pope Park. After a brief

ceremony that included recognizing some volunteers for their service, teams faced off for the first games of the season.

Dawn Souza and Shannon Monteiro were both awarded the Dan Nault

Volunteer of the Year Award.

To learn more about FAYB, visit <https://www.fayb.org><None>

The parade can be viewed on demand at <https://tinyurl.com/437zppkaa>



ABOVE, L-R: Chase Souza, Brody Robertson, Shane Morris, and Austin Monteiro lead off the Fairhaven Acushnet Youth Baseball parade that had the start time pushed up by two hours to 9 a.m. instead of 11 due to predicted rain, which held off. ABOVE RIGHT: Members of the Matty Oliveira Foundation team hold hands as they march in the parade BELOW LEFT: Members of the Fairhaven Firefighters team hold hands as they march in the parade. BELOW RIGHT: Matt Ponte addresses the teams under cloudy skies. BOTTOM LEFT, L-R Dawn Souza and Shannon Monteiro were both awarded the Dan Nault Volunteer of the Year Award. BOTTOM RIGHT: Members of the Oliveira family, and event organizers, pose for a photo at home plate with signage naming the park The Matty Oliveira Baseball Complex. Photo by Glenn C. Silva for the *Fairhaven Neighborhood News*.



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Town Administrator and the Select Board members, which was subsequently forwarded to the Town Clerk's office.

In the letter, Mr. Haworth does not mention anything negative.

“At some point the time comes that we decide it is time to move on,” he writes. “I have enjoyed serving the Town of Fairhaven on the Conservation Commission for the past decade.”

He also thanks the Select Board and residents for giving him the opportunity to serve on the ConCom.

“I have decided that now is my time to resign my position so I can focus on my personal life and my health,” wrote Mr. Haworth.

Mr. Haworth has also served on the Select Board, Board of Health, Planning Board, and Board of Public Works.

The video will be uploaded to our website at www.NeighbNews.com under Archives/2023, and this week's issue, 5/18/23.

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Fairhaven

Board of Public Works

Mon., 5/22, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

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

Cultural Council

Wed., 5/24, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 5/23, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 5/24, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

Select Board

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

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Sustainability Committee

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

Acushnet

Bylaw Review Comm

Thurs., 5/18, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Historical Commission

Tues., 5/23, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Select Board

Tues., 5/22, Ford MS, 6 p.m.

Annual Town Meeting

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

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| Sunday | 21 | 0952 | 2210 | 0353 | 1512 |
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| Tuesday | 23 | 1122 | 2339 | 0434 | 1626 |
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| Thursday | 25 | 0030 | 1306 | 0542 | 1747 |
| Friday | 26 | 0125 | 1400 | 0630 | 1846 |
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3/31 and requires a lot of time by office staff.

"Having the town meeting and the election within a week apart is just placing too much burden on my office, unnecessarily," said Ms. Labonte in an email. "And with limited staff not only is it important for us to continue working harder, but it's important we find ways to work smarter."

The town's Community Preservation Committee is proposing about \$89,000 in spending on five projects, including \$85,000 to the Buzzards Bay Coalition, for a project that was rejected last year.

The BBC is asking for the money for the Acushnet Forest Conservation Project, a property near the Fairhaven line. Last year it failed because the plan did not include public access to the property from Acushnet.

Mr. Kelley said the BBC acquired more land and is now able to provide access to Acushnet residents. The BBC is also asking other abutting towns for funds.

Other CPC expenditures include \$10,000 to study improvements at Pope Park; \$7,640 for the fence at Long Plain Museum; \$15,000 for repairs and flooring at Perry Hill Church.

In article 25, Town Meeting will be asked to approve borrowing \$610,000 for an ambulance, but, according to Mr. Kelley, they are hoping not to need it. The backlog for a new ambulance is two years. He said if they order the ambulance now, by the time they need to pay for it, they will be able to rescind all or some of the borrowing, and use free cash to buy the ambulance.

Town Meeting will also be asked to approve a plan to put a solar canopy in the parking lot at Ford Middle School. The article will allow the Selectboard to enter into an agreement with Solect Energy Development to put solar panels in the parking lot, allowing cars to park under them. The town estimates a savings of \$1,000,000 in electric costs over 25 years.

It will also help with snow removal, noted Mr. Kelley.

Article 23 asks for \$50,000 from free cash for consulting services for the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). Mr. Kelley said the cost

for this item used to come from the operating budget under Conservation, but got rather large with the new MS4 requirements, so they moved it to a spending article funded by free cash.

TM will be asked to fund the Elders Community Service Program at \$20,000. Known as the tax work-off program, it has been very successful. It allows older residents to work off up to \$1,500 of their property tax bill by working town jobs and getting credited at minimum wage for the work. Mr. Kelley said the program has been so successful, that the town wants to start a Youth Employment Service Program (YES).

Article 31 would fund YES at \$30,000, and participants could make up to \$4,000 per year. Students will help in a variety of departments and

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boards/committees including the Department of Public Works.

The idea is to give young people a work ethic while providing financial and social benefits to resident youths.

In an effort to lower health care costs, the town is asking TM to appropriate \$100,000 to pay for costs associated with joining the health insurance purchasing group, Massachusetts Strategic Health Group. The money is the town's initial contribution to the group's reserve trust fund.

Mr. Kelley said the town's present health insurance provider is predicting a 30% increase in costs. The change should knock that down to about 10%, and it includes better dental and vision plans.

He said the second year will also include a bigger savings on prescription medications.

Article 24 would ask the legislature for a Home Rule Petition to allow the town to continue to employ the Call Deputy Fire Chief who is required to retire at age 65.

In article 16, TM will also be asked to approve putting \$150,000 into the Stabilization Fund, which is the town's savings account. The fund will have \$3,500,795.31 with the transfer, which is 10.1% of projected 2024 revenues. This healthy amount will help the town maintain its good bond rating.

Town Meeting will also be asked to vote on changes to the Soil Bylaw.

Mr. Kelley said the changes mostly clean up some language and definitions. It also will define a process for waivers.

Town Meeting will also be asked to:

- Appropriate \$1,000 from free cash, plus \$500 in CPC funds, to repair, replace, and maintain historical signs throughout town.
- Appropriate \$100,000 for the OPEB fund (Other Post Employee Benefits), which is a requirement of the state to contribute to the pension fund.
- Approve the collective bargaining agreement for Firefighters,
- Approve an increase in the limit for seniors to get a break on their property taxes.

Acushnet has an open town meeting form of government, which means any registered voter in Acushnet is allowed to participate and vote. Town meeting is Monday, 5/22, at 7 p.m. at Ford Middle School, 708 Middle Road. For more information, contact the town clerk, 508-998-0215..

The Town Meeting warrant is available from the Town Clerk's office or at <https://www.acushnet.ma.us/sites/g/files/vyhlf2721/f/news/townmtg warrant5.22.23.pdf>.

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Fairhaven clarifies rules for ConCom; water flushing continues

By Beth David

Editor

Citing some "issues" with the Conservation Commission, Fairhaven Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison summarized for the Select Board and the public, the contents of a seven-page report by Town Counsel Heather White, clarifying the roles of the ConCom members and staff.

At the SB meeting on 5/15/23, Ms. Ellison told the board that individual ConCom members cannot act on behalf of the commission without getting authority from the board for that particular item.

"Board members cannot speak on behalf of membership," said Ms. Ellison.

ConCom members should not be "patrolling" looking for violations.

"Municipal officers do not have the authority to conduct warrantless, non-emergency searches of private property without permission from the owner," writes Ms. White.

Commission members need to have an administrative warrant or the permission of the owner, to enter the property. This also includes drone surveillance.

Ms. White makes it clear that the Town Administrator has the authority to establish procedures for the administrative matters in the Conservation Department, including guidelines for the preparation and content of minutes and packets.

One issue was that the administrative assistant was being asked to transcribe minutes because, Ms. Ellison said, "one member felt every single detail needed to be in the minutes."

Ms. Ellison said the AA was spending 3/4 of her time just preparing minutes, and it was not necessary. Mass. state law is very specific that a summary is sufficient.

Ms. Ellison also pointed out that all meetings are recording and available online. If anyone needs that kind of detail, they can watch the meeting.

ConCom cannot rescind administrative approvals simply because a member wants to review it.

"No action should be taken that is inconsistent with a previously granted administrative approval without prior consultation with Town Counsel," writes Ms. White.

Ms. Ellison also told the board that the ConCom is routinely using consultants for peer review for all petitions. She said that process needs to adhere to the procurement law.

The full report is on town's website under Select Board packets for 5/15/23.

The board also heard from public works superintendent Vinnie Furtado for an update on the water flushing program.

Mr. Furtado said the water treatment plant is located in Mattapoisett and operated by the Mattapoisett River Water District, which includes Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester. The plant is scheduled for a major upgrade, but that will take time.

The reason there is so much sediment, is that the town has "never gone after this as aggressively" [Public works superintendent Vinnie Furtado]

Meanwhile the town is embarking on an aggressive water flushing program called "unidirectional flushing."

Typically, the town would open up a few hydrants and let them flow until clear. The current program is more aggressive.

"This is a very systematic approach," said Mr. Furtado.

They pick up where they left off the day before and keep pushing the water in the same direction. It moves the sediment out of the pipes, which causes discoloration of the water going into people's homes.

Mr. Furtado said that alerts are going out to houses in the neighborhoods that are being flushed. He said it was hard to say how long they would be in each neighborhood because some have more valves than others.

The program should be done in a few more weeks. He said they do not want to flush in the middle of summer

when water tables are low.

"It all depends on what we find when we're doing this," he said.

The reason there is so much sediment, he said, is that the town has "never gone after this as aggressively."

The phone calls have subsided a bit, though. As they move along the system, there should be less disruption to people's homes.

When residents get notified that flushing is happening in their neighborhood, they should run the outside spigot, or the one closest to the street. If the water inside is discolored, run the tap until it is clear.

Do not run the hot water, said Mr. Furtado, because it will draw the sediment into your boiler and water tank. Then, he said, you are "at the mercy" of how many gallons are in the tank before it gets out.

The discoloration is from iron and manganese, so it is not harmful.

Call the water department at 508-979-4032 for more information.

In another matter, Ms. Ellison told the board that she signed an Inter-municipal Agreement with the town of Holbrook to move police and fire dispatch services to their Regional Emergency Communications Center.

Ms. Ellison said she looked into a number of options to regionalize dispatch and the Holbrook facility was the best option. The Fire Chief and Police Chief have signed off on the deal, she said.

The five year agreement will start 7/1/24, although some details are still being negotiated.

Ms. Ellison said the state will pay part of the costs for the first three years.

It was not clear what it means exactly for the Dispatcher Union employees or the staffing of the police station.

Ms. Ellison said the station will still need to have someone there when "someone comes in off the street."

Ms. Ellison told the board that the town would have to double its staffing due to a new regulation requiring dispatchers to stay on the phone with all medical calls.

She said the town will save in the long run, but it will increase costs initially.

In a followup phone interview, Ms. Ellison said the Collins Center had

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TOWN OF ACUSHNET



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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, May 24, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street, Acushnet, Massachusetts.

• Public Hearing NOI – Syncarpha Park Drive, LLC – Lambert Street, Map 17, Lot 13SE 001-XXXX – A Notice of Intent was filed by Syncarpha Park Drive, LLC for property located at Lambert Street, Map 17, Lot 13. The applicant proposes development of an access road with proposed wetland impact and associated replication to access the Park Drive Solar project, this is an alternative access road. The applicant is represented by Robert Bukowski of Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc. Plan name is "Proposed Lambert Street Access Road Site Plans" dated May 9, 2023.

Patrick J. Hannon, Conservation Agent
FNN 5/18/23

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The Fairhaven Public Schools, hereafter referred to as the "Awarding Authority," invites sealed bids for the Fairhaven High School Storage Facility Footings and Foundation for the Fairhaven Public School District until 11:00 a.m. EST on Monday, June 5, 2023. Bid documents will be available on May 17, 2023, at 2:00 PM. To request electronic copies of the bid documents, please email nptter@fairhavenps.net.

The Fairhaven School Department seeks to engage an experienced and qualified contractor to provide excavating services and construct the concrete footings and foundation for a storage facility building at the Fairhaven High School, located at 12 Huttleston Avenue. A non-mandatory exterior site visit will be held at the school on Thursday, May 25, 2023, at 1:00 PM. Questions will be due by Wednesday, May 30, 2023, at 1:00 PM. Questions must be emailed to: Mark Balestracci, Assistant Superintendent, mbalestracci@fairhavenps.net. Work is to commence on or about June 15, 2023.

Bids must be sealed and plainly marked "Fairhaven High School Storage Facility Footings and Foundation." Bids will be received at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools up to 11:00 a.m. EST on Monday, June 5, 2023,* and will be opened and read aloud at 11:00 a.m.

Office of the Superintendent of Schools Nicole Potter, School Business Manager
128 Washington Street, Fairhaven, MA, 02719
Email: nptter@fairhavenps.net;
Phone: 508-979-4000;

Monday– Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

*If at the deadline for receipt of responses, the School Department is closed due to inclement weather or other unforeseeable events, the deadline will be postponed until 11:00 a.m. the next normal business day.

Fairhaven Public Schools reserves the right to waive any or all informalities in the process and to reject any or all proposals if it is considered to be in the best

interest of the Fairhaven Public Schools to do so.

The Fairhaven Public School system does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, gender identity, age, national origin, ancestry, ethnicity, disability, pregnancy/parenting status, marital status, sexual orientation, homelessness, veteran or military status, or political affiliation in any of its programs, activities, employment practices, provision of and access to programs and services, as well as selection of volunteers, vendors and employers recruiting at the Fairhaven Public Schools. The following person has been designated as the District Contact: Tanya Dawson, Director of Student Services; 508-979-4000.

FNN, 5/18/23

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Monday, June 5, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.
Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Notice is hereby given in accordance with provisions of Chapter 130, Section 60 of MGL as amended and Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Fairhaven Select Board, that Blue Stream Shellfish LLC has filed an application to install a shellfish nursery installation in Round Cove within the municipal waters of the Town of Fairhaven.

The application, including a plan showing the specific location of the proposed site, can be viewed at the Marine Resources Department at Town Hall. The current application is open for 30-day public comment, finishing with a public hearing with the Select Board, to be held on June 5 at 6:30 PM.

Meeting agenda can be found on the Town of Fairhaven website (<https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/select-board>).

FAIRHAVEN SELECT BOARD
Leon Correy III
Charles Murphy
Stasia Powers
Robert Espindola
Keith Silvia
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done a study a few months ago and strongly recommended that the town regionalize dispatch services.

"I'm happy to hear it," said SB member Stasia Powers at the meeting. "It think it's a smart move."

She said she was at an event with other town officials and they encouraged Fairhaven to do it. She said it was encouraging to hear it has been successful in other communities.

Ms. Ellison said the town will get a lot of new technology upgrades, including getting rid of the "dead" zones on Scotic Neck. It will be state of the art equipment, she said, and the town will not be on the hook to fix it if it does down.

"They take over everything," she said.

They will also upgrade the town's in house system to be a backup in case their system goes down. At the end of the five year contract, the town will keep the equipment.

SB member Bob Espindola said he was glad Ms. Ellison brought up all

the benefits, but he would like to see the agreement.

In another matter, Ms. Ellison said she met with MassDOT officials who presented some alternatives to the traffic pattern in Benoit Square. The town met with MassDOT. Several town officials had met with MassDOT back in September of 2022, along with members of the North Fairhaven Improvement Association.

On Monday, Ms. Ellison presented two concepts for improving traffic flow. Concept one paints lines in the street, giving more clarity for how each lane, from Main Street and Adams Street, should approach the merger. It creates a clearly delineated point, instead of the wide, unmarked area at the end of the square now. It also adds a "Yield" sign on Adams Street to finally give some clarity on who has the right of way.

Concept two would make Adams Street curve to the left to make a nearly normal intersection for Adams Street traffic to turn right onto Main

Street to continue north. It eliminates on-street parking in front of the old Oxford School building.

Ms. Ellison and the board seemed to agree that concept two was the better option, even with the loss of parking spots.

The board also discussed how the changes might be affected by the closing of the swing bridge on Route 6. it will be closed to vehicles for months and much of that traffic will be redirected to Benoit Square.

Mr. Espindola pointed out that most traffic will turn down Howland towards New Bedford, which before the square.

"I'm glad to see that something is being done" said SB member Charles Murphy, adding that he goes by there every day and the merge at Adams and Main is dangerous.

He said concept two looked like it would solve that issue.

Ms. Ellison said MassDOT is not at the point of moving forward. They just wanted an opinion.

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From the Tree Warden

From the Fairhaven Tree Warden

Greetings from the Tree Department and happy spring. What a wonderful time of year. The small trees we have planted in the last few years are putting out buds and some their flowers. It's really satisfying and almost the best part of the job to see this.

The best part of the job by far is the opportunity to get kids involved with trees. The planting we just did for Arbor Day with a group of high school students is a true pleasure and fills me with hope for our common future.

The last few days have been absolutely beautiful sunshine with a rain shower snuck in during the night. Until I started planting small trees I didn't pay much attention to rain, but with 212 saplings depending on it to stay alive I now keep close tabs.

One of the goals I believe whole heartedly in is to plant 100 trees in town a year. That may seem like a lot to some but given we have between 4 and 5 thousand street trees in town it represents a small percentage. We lose at least 50 trees per year to

drought, disease, bugs and people.

But something that's not so great about spring is it reveals the trees that have died since losing their leaf canopy last fall.

On a half mile section of Green Street alone we have lost three mature street trees that looked healthy last year. This spring they have failed to produce leaves and that means they are dead and not coming back. These were 12 to 14 inch diameter trees and I think we can blame last year's drought for stressing them and their demise. We will learn more when we remove them. And remove them we must as the alternative is they eventually fall on something; that does not end well.

Removing dead trees so they don't fall on somebody or something is responsible urban forestry management. We also have to remove trees that may be alive, even healthy when they become structurally unsound. It may seem counterintuitive but health and structural integrity are not one and the same. A tree can have a full healthy canopy of leaves, but if the

trunk is full of cavities and holes the tree is just one wind storm away from falling. The bigger the tree, the bigger the damage.

There is a systematic process for determining the risk any tree poses. Simplified, the formula is based on the structural condition of the tree and the targets it can hit should it fail. A grossly unsound tree in the middle of an unoccupied field poses little risk. That same tree in a downtown setting poses a great risk due to the people and property it can damage. As Tree Warden it is my responsibility to remove high risk trees.

There is nothing I or anyone can do about a tree getting older. There is little we can do about a tree's subsequent decline due to that aging. The one thing we have a lot of control over is protecting people and property, and replacing the beautiful trees we lose with new ones. Then caring for those we plant. Please reach out and see how you can help.

Thanks and think green,

*Don C. Collasius Town of Fairhaven
Tree Warden.*

From our readers

Thank You for Stamp Out Hunger Donations

This letter of thanks goes out to the folks in Fairhaven who donated non-perishable food towards the 31st annual "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive for the needy.

On Saturday May 13th, 2023, Fairhaven letter carriers picked up donated food along their routes that totaled 5,340 pounds. This food was left around mailboxes and on porches to help fill the shelves at the Shepherd's Pantry in Acushnet.

Nationally, all 50 States and U.S. jurisdictions participated in this annual food drive to help the less fortunate.

A very special thank you, once again, goes to the very dedicated volunteers on that day. Also, a BIG thank you to *The Fairhaven Neighborhood News* for the very important coverage that we received.

Also, a big thank you to P.J. Keating, located in Acushnet, for the use of their vehicle scale to weigh the trucks that carried the food to the pantry after the food drive.

Please remember that every year,

the second Saturday in May will be designated for this very important food drive to help the needy. Every and all donations are appreciated and needed to make this yearly food drive the biggest one day food drive in the nation. Also, the many dedicated volunteers who help out each week to make all area pantries run smoothly, is a testimony of their kind hearts. I, for one, will never take them for granted.

And finally, the Millicent Library and Stop & Shop Supermarket, both located in Fairhaven, and the Acushnet Library will continue to accept non-perishable food donations all year long that will eventually find its way to the Shepherd's Pantry located at the Long Plain United Methodist Church, 1215 Main Street in Acushnet. Any questions please call the Shepherd's Pantry at 508-763-9289.

Gerry Payette,

Director, Shepherd's Food Pantry

AG a Real Presence in New Bedford

Our new Attorney General, Andrea Campbell, promised a significant presence in the New Bedford area and

has proved it by setting up a spacious, multi-office, in downtown New Bedford.

Hosting a large gathering earlier this month of members of various committees, elected officials and the public, A.G. Campbell and several staff members mingled with guests and asked and answered questions without reserve.

Campbell made a brief speech welcoming everyone and re-affirming her commitment to being the Attorney General of the entire Commonwealth of Massachusetts. And devoting the resources and staff to this office is the first step in providing accessible attorneys, not just pamphlets, to the residents who have need for various forms of assistance.

Her personal history, impressive educational credentials, work experience and sincere compassion will undoubtedly be demonstrated by the projects and issues she pursues during her term as Attorney General. And it won't be necessary to travel to Boston to have our voices heard.

Betty Ussach, Dartmouth

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