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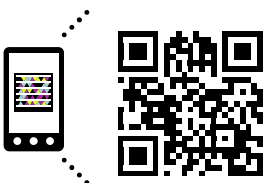
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Teeming with information you need.  
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

## Huttleston Marketplace opens in the rain



A small group listens to The Shepherd Center for the Performing Arts performers, Sharon, Linda, and Cal Wingate on the season's opening day of the Huttleston Marketplace in Fairhaven on 5/20/23, when rain kept many of the vendors and the patrons away. See story on page 12. Photo by Beth David.



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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

The so-called unofficial start to summer is here: Memorial Day.

Honestly, Memorial Day seems pretty official to me. Fairhaven will be holding its annual parade (see page 5), and I encourage everyone to go. Line the route, wave flags. If you live along the route, display a flag to show your support of those who served and are no longer with us.

The route ends at Riverside Cemetery for a short ceremony. The kids have the day off from school, so take them along. It will all be over before the morning is out, so you'll still have plenty of time to enjoy the day off.

We have a bear! Really. Well, it wasn't officially spotted in Fairhaven, but it was in Acushnet, New Bedford, and Mattapoisett. I'm guessing it at least skirted the perimeter of our little burg. See page 17 for details. He's still out there, too, so be careful with pets. Black Bears can cover a lot of territory in a day, so be sure to believe your eyes if you think you spot him in Fairhaven.

The Huttleston Marketplace is open for the season! The weather seriously did not cooperate on Saturday for opening day, but a few troopers set up shop anyway and kept the show alive (really, there was a show). See page 12 for that.

We have some information on the Proposition 2 1/2 override vote coming up in just a couple of weeks. See page 3 for some of the information that the town has put on its website to make its case. See letters on page 23 for two people with reasons why you should not buy it.

Please, please, please, take the time to be informed before you go to vote.

Acushnet had its Town Meeting this week (see page 13), and they got lots done and had some fun moments. I DO love Town Meeting.

There's other stuff in here of course. As you look through, please be sure to notice who our advertisers are so you can tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*.

Until next week then...see ya,

Glory to Ukraine!  
Glory to the Heroes!



Publisher Beth David with  
Charlie, aka Evil Dog

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# Fairhaven Proposition 2 1/2 override vote is 6/5

By Beth David  
Editor

The town of Fairhaven has provided a lot of material online to make the case in support of the Proposition 2 1/2 override vote coming up on Monday, 6/5, when the town will ask voters to approve \$450,000 in additional tax revenue over the limit set by the state.

The town has prepared an informational video, available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E7YxSoGjggs>, and has created an "override hub" on the town's website at <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/fy2024-override-information-hub>

Online materials include the town's budget presentations (Town, Schools, Capital Budget), a Frequently Asked Questions section, tax rate information, resources for senior citizens.

Proposition 2 1/2 was passed in Massachusetts in 1980. It limits the increase in property taxes (tax levy) that a municipality can raise each year by 2.5 percent. The formula also includes more for new growth. The state sets the tax levy limit and sends the amount to the town. The town

then sets the tax rate, limiting it to the maximum allowed by the state.

This does not mean that individual taxes will not go up more than 2.5 percent. The amount is spread out among all properties. Houses in some areas of a town increase in value more than others; some homeowners may even pay less if the tax rate goes down and their properties do not increase in value.

This year, the tax rate is \$9.73, which means homeowners pay \$9.73 for each \$1,000 their house is assessed at. For example, a house assessed at \$394,058, the average amount of a home in Fairhaven, will be taxed at \$3834 for FY2024, the current year. Last year's (FY2023) tax rate was \$9.95. So, the tax rate went down, but the overall value of most homes went up, so taxpayers will pay a little more.

The override will add 11 cents to the tax rate for a new FY24 tax rate of \$9.84. The same average home will pay \$3,878, a difference of \$43.00 for the year.

The town also has some debt coming off the rolls, so that will also

free up some money, lowering taxes.

You can use the online calculator to calculate your own home's increase by visiting the information hub and clicking on "How Will a Tax Override Affect My Taxes?" on the left side menu.

The town has had shortfalls for several years. Town Meeting has addressed the shortfalls by using free cash, a one time revenue source, to supplement the operating budget. It was just a matter of time before that practice hit the proverbial wall.

The town is hopeful that the \$450K override will be enough to "right the ship" and will not require additional overrides in the near future.

"Changes we cannot account for include a recession, loss of revenue, changes to cannabis regulations, etc.). Unfortunately, town budgets are susceptible to factors outside of a municipality's control," according to the Finance Team on the FAQ page. "Taking no action would absolutely exacerbate the problem and result in the need for a larger override or significant service cuts in the future.

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### Livesey Scholarships

The Livesey Club has awarded five \$500 Scholarships to five Fairhaven Seniors, four from Fairhaven High School and one from Greater NB Voc-Tech. They are as follows:

FHS: Westin Chase

FHS: Ella Tveit

FHS: Brooke Boucher

FHS: Laura Hubert

Voc-Tech: Lucia A. Batista

We wish them the best in their higher education journey.

### 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.*

### Tennis Clinics

The Fairhaven Tennis Association (FTA) is hosting its annual summer Junior and Adult Tennis Programming starting May 28, 2023 at Cushman Park.

For 2023 the FTA will host three consecutive sessions of junior clinics for youth under age 17. Each session is six weeks long and hosted on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Families can choose to participate in one, two or each of the three days each week. Beginner students (orange) is hosted 4 to 5 p.m.; Intermediate (Green) is 4 to 5:30 p.m. and Advanced (Yellow) will be held 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. The FTA organize singles matches, the Ladder Match, for advanced youth (Yellow) on Saturday mornings starting in Session 2. Youth challenge each other to

advance in ladder rankings. Youth also participate in the USTA Junior Tennis Teams. Last year's teams included a 18U and 14U team.

The adult beginner's program starts on May 29 and is hosted on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. No prior experience is needed.

Founded in 2007, the Fairhaven Tennis Association is a volunteer non-profit community tennis association. The goal and mission of the FTA is to integrate the sport of tennis throughout Fairhaven and the South Coast of Massachusetts by sponsoring and supporting youth and adult tennis opportunities. In 2023, membership is free. Please visit [fairhaventennis.org](http://fairhaventennis.org) for more information and for registration and contact information.

### 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.

### Huttleston MP

Huttleston Marketplace is held every Saturday through September 30, 2023 (except the 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.

### 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](mailto:July4thParade@fairhaven-ma.gov).

### SAVE THE DATES

#### 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.

#### Encampment

Fairhaven Village Militia Revolutionary War Encampment. Sat. & Sun., June 3 & 4: 10:00 a.m. to sunset Saturday and 10:00 a.m. to Noon on Sunday. Fort Phoenix, Fort Street, Fairhaven, MA. Cannon firing at sunset Saturday only if gunpowder is available.

The Fairhaven Village Militia and the Wareham Minutemen and Militia Companies present a weekend historical encampment at Fort Phoenix. Talk to period costumed men and women about the fort's history and life during the American Revolution. See military drilling, flintlock musket demonstrations and period activities such as food preparation and cooking over the campfire, tin smithing, leather working, carpentry, sewing, fire starting,

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## Volunteers flag graves in Fairhaven



A group of about 20 volunteers joined Fairhaven Veterans' Services Officer Brad Fish placing flags on the graves of veterans at Riverside Cemetery on 5/19/23 in honor of Memorial Day next week. ABOVE LEFT, L-R: Don Ryle and Andrew Morin take bunches of flags provided by the Fairhaven Veterans' Services Office to place on the graves. BELOW LEFT: Rick and Nanette Spoor get ready to find veterans' graves. BELOW RIGHT: Flags flutter ion the headstones of veterans around the Civil War Monument at Riverside Cemetery. *Photos by Beth David.*



## Bike Bus rolls through town every Friday

*By Beth David*  
**Editor**

If you drive on Sconticut Neck Road, David Drown Boulevard, or Pleasant Street near the Rogers School playground around school start time or dismissal time, you've probably seen them: a large group of elementary school students and their adults all riding their bicycles

together along the bike path.

The Wood School Bike Bus arrives at school just before school starts, and leaves a few minutes after dismissal every Friday. They take their time, said organizer Will Gardner.

"It's a ride, not a race," he tells the riders. "We take time to enjoy the ride, look at the birds, the dogs. It's a

nice way for us just to have some fun before school."

Each week is different, by he has more than 30 students signed up, usually there are around 25 riding.

It started a few years ago, then the pandemic interrupted it. This year, it has been revived.

**BIKE BUS: cont'd on page 22**



LEFT: Students and adults are almost at the end of the trail on 5/19/23 as they approach Pleasant Street riding in the Wood School Bike Bus, which travels from Wood School to the Rogers School playground along the bike path. RIGHT: Everyone waves to the local free sheet. *Photos by Beth David.*



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## NB Pride Events

Pride is Back and Better Than Ever! We here at The South Coast LGBTQ+ Network are thrilled to announce sweeping plans for June Pride Month that include major outdoor events in New Bedford and Taunton, as well as weekly activities designed to lift up and celebrate the South Coast LGBTQ+ community.

Our marquee event in New Bedford will take place on Saturday, June 3, from 11 a.m.–4 p.m., with a Pride Wellness Walk (at 9:00 a.m.) and Pride Yoga (at 10:00 a.m.) kicking off the day's festivities at Buttonwood Park.

Throughout the month, the Network will offer a wide range of activities for LGBTQ+ individuals, families, and allies focused on art, culture, health and wellness, and local businesses.

To learn more about everything on offer during this year's Pride Month, please visit <https://bit.ly/SouthCoastPride2023>.

## Free Film

New Bedford Creative, in partnership with the Immigrants' Assistance Center and Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, is thrilled to announce a special free film screening of "Utica: The Last Refuge" on Tuesday, June 13 at 7:00 p.m. This compelling documentary sheds light on the remarkable journey of a Sudanese refugee family as they settle in upstate New York amidst changing U.S. policies on immigration and resettlement.

Filmgoers will have the opportunity to experience the inspiring stories of resilience and hope depicted in the film, highlighting the challenges faced by refugees as they embark on a new life in an unfamiliar country. The screening aims to foster understanding, compassion, and support for immigrant and refugee

communities.

As part of the evening, there will be a panel discussion and Q&A session following the film.

The event is free, but tickets are encouraged. Visit <https://www.zeiterion.org/events/utica#Info>

## Wine Tasting FR

Join us for a wine tasting & food pairing stroll down William Street in New Bedford to support women and girls programming on the SouthCoast, on Wed., 6/14, from 6–8 p.m. Benefits Women's Fund SouthCoast, 65 William St., NB.

This is a 21+ Event. Featuring live music. Seven wine and food pairings at the following locations: Celia's Boutique, 111 William; April Evans Beauty Lounge, 109 William; Alison Wells Fine Art Studio & Gallery, 106 William; TL6 the Gallery, 100 William; The Drawing Room, 22 William; Lat41, 28 William; Women's Fund SC Office, 65 William. Discounts at each of the women-owned businesses listed above.

Tickets: \$45.00 pp. Includes 7 wine tastings at 7 different women-owned businesses on William Street in New Bedford and a raffle entry for a gift card for 2 people to attend an evening at Farm and Coast Market's monthly wine club, valued at \$150.

Get tickets at <https://womensfundsouthcoast.kindful.com/e/wine-on-william-1>

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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](http://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](http://www.newbedfordballet.org).



# 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 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.

## Candida Rose/Free

Renowned vocalist and cultural educator, "Candida Rose" Baptista, will perform at the Mattapoisett Museum on June 1, 2023, at 6:00 PM.

Baptista, a second-generation American-born Cape Verdean hailing from New Bedford, Mass., is known for her captivating blend of Cape Verdean musical roots and American jazz influences, which she calls "KabuJazz." Her debut album, "KabuMerikana: The Sum of Me," showcases her soulful voice and evocative lyrics across 10 enchanting tracks.

Baptista, a graduate of the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music specializing in African-American/World music performance, has recently completed her Master of Science Degree in Transnational, Cultural, and Community Studies from UMASS Boston. Through her company Golden Rose Music, she shares her talents as a performer and life-enrichment entertainer, captivating audiences with a unique blend of jazz, rhythm and blues, gospel, and international flavors. In addition to her performance, Baptista will give a presentation on Cape Verdean Culture during the event, which is sponsored by the Mass Cultural Council and offers free admission. Attendees are encouraged to register due to limited capacity inside the museum and donations are welcomed to support future cultural events.

Join "Candida Rose: Baptista and her talented band on June 1st for an unforgettable evening celebrating the rich heritage of Cape Verdean Culture through music. To secure your spot and learn more about the event, please visit <https://www.mattapoisettmuseum.org/event-info/cape-verdean-culture-and-music-with-candida-rose>.

## Call for Readers

### Call for Readers: Reading Frederick Douglass Together Event in July

The Marion Art Center, 80 Pleasant St., Marion, is partnering with the Marion Community Center and Tri-Town Against Racism to present a public reading of Frederick Douglass's 1852 speech *What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?*

The event will take place on Saturday, July 1 at 1:00pm at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center located at 465 Mill Street, Marion. A group discussion will follow the event, and light refreshments will be served.

The MAC is recruiting participants from the SouthCoast region to participate in a group recitation of an abridged version of the famous speech, which will take approximately 50 minutes. The collaborators aim to assemble a group of 15 to 30 people representing myriad races, ethnicities, genders, ages, abilities, and backgrounds that reflect the diversity found across the SouthCoast region and the country. Participants will be reading this speech from a document, so no memorization is required. Participants should have a strong speaking voice and be available for at least two rehearsals prior to the performance. Interested persons should contact MAC board member Jack Boesen. Find contact info and learn more at [marionartcenter.org/rfdt-2023](http://marionartcenter.org/rfdt-2023).

## Pride At MAC

### June Pride Workshop for Teens and Tweens

The Marion Art Center, 80 Pleasant St., Marion, will host a June Pride Workshop for Teens and Tweens on Saturday, June 10 from 12:00-2:00pm in the MAC Studio. The MAC's All Things Art program director and artist Kate Frazer Rego will lead the course.

The cost to register is \$35 for MAC members and \$40 for nonmembers. Join a joyful celebration of diversity, pride, and inclusion. Tweens and teens are invited for an afternoon of fun Pride activities including creating your own pride flag, making pronoun pins, & creating mini-zines to share about the history of Pride and educate your family and community.

Anyone creating a craft must register for the class, but friends and family are invited to stop in at any point to enjoy the celebration. Learn more and register online at [marionartcenter.org/events](http://marionartcenter.org/events).

## 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.

## 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>

## Recipe of the Week

### Potluck Spareribs

6 pounds pork spareribs  
1 1/2 cups ketchup  
3/4 cup packed brown sugar  
1/2 cup white vinegar  
1/2 cup honey  
1/3 cup soy sauce  
1 1/2 teaspoons ground ginger  
1 teaspoon salt  
3/4 teaspoon ground mustard  
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder  
1/4 teaspoon pepper

Preheat the oven to 350.

Cut the ribs into serving-sized pieces; place them with the meat side up on racks in 2 greased 13x9-inch baking pans. Cover pans tightly with foil. Bake the ribs for 1 hour and 15 minutes, or until the meat is tender. Remove racks; drain and return the ribs to pans.

In a small bowl, combine the remaining ingredients. Pour mixture over the ribs. Return the ribs to the oven, uncovered, for 30-40 minutes or until the sauce coats ribs, basting occasionally. Ribs can also be grilled over medium-hot heat for the last 30-40 mins instead of baking.



without however the TV, the refrigerator filled with treats and beer, the pool table, the video games, and the dart board.

Why he thinks any self-respecting canine would enjoy spending time in a wooden structure outside that doesn't have heat, AC, or a foam mattress is beyond me.

In addition, why do I have to go outside to have time alone? I spend a lot of time by myself when he and my mom go to work, have a "date night," run errands, go to the gym, etc.

Why can't the humans leave well enough alone?

## Dear Frankie

### In the Doghouse

Dear Frankie,

My dad recently got the bright idea to build me a doghouse as a place I could go when I needed some me time.

He explained it would be like his man cave,

Tinker

Dear Tinker,  
The humans see their dogs as a

member of the family. They also believe their dogs have human-like thoughts, feelings, and opinions.

Your dad loves his man cave, so he thinks you would also like a "room" of your own. He's not chaining you to the doghouse and making you live in it full-time. He's offering you a place to go if you would like to be by yourself.

How many dogs do you know that have a second home? Look, we have all received presents from loved ones who thought we would be knocked out by their gift, which left us wondering, "Is this a joke?"

It won't kill you to spend some time in the doghouse when he is around to show you appreciate the effort he made on your behalf.

This is not a third-world problem, Tinker. You definitely need to lighten up.

Best, Frankie

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## Tennis Clinics

Jesse Gotlib, USPTA Certified Tennis Pro. Hastings Middle School Tennis Courts. Mon, Jul 3-Aug 14 (NO 7/17)

### 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

Spec Tennis allows players to have early success, learn control and have tons of fun! The sport is played on a smaller court with a slower ball and a paddle instead of a racket. This leads to longer rallies and your kids will learn how to PLAY tennis. All equipment will be provided.

### Intro to Tennis Ages 9-12

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

Spec Tennis allows players to have early success, learn control and have tons of fun! The sport is played on a smaller court with a slower ball and a paddle instead of a racket. This leads to longer rallies and your kids will learn how to PLAY tennis. All equipment will be provided.

### 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

### Memorial Day Parade

If you would like to participate in the parade and need to ride instead of walk, contact the Senior Center at 508-979-4029.

### Social Day Program

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

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

### 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; 5/31, Wrentham Village; 6/7, Twin River Casino; 6/14, Hyannis Mall, Xmas Shop, Trader Joe's, Whole Foods; 6/21, So. Shore Plaza; 6/28, Thames St., Newport, RI.

### 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.

### 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. Last day for indoor walking is June 16.

### 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.

### Fitness at the Senior Ctr

Join us for the following activities:

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- Walking: Walk with friends at the Rec Center Gym. Last day for indoor walking will be June 16th. Every day from 12:30-1:00 p.m.
- Zumba: Come to Zumba Gold with Michelle on Fridays from 11:30-12:30. \$8.
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# Huttleston Marketplace opens

By Beth David  
Editor

The rain kept most of the vendors and many of the patrons away, but the Huttleston Marketplace in Fairhaven opened for the season on 5/20/23 with a few diehards making the best of it.

"It's a real bummer," said Fairhaven Office of Tourism Director Chris Richard about the weather. "The diehard regulars showed up.

This year, entertainment will be by a variety of performers with The Shepherd Center for the Performing Arts, which will be housed in the

former Good Shepherd Church in North Fairhaven.

On Saturday, local performer Cal Wingate performed and was joined by Sharon and Linda, singing to a small crowd listening in the rain.

"It's what you make of it," said Jen Bullen, who was selling her self illustrated journaling and color books, and drove from Webster to be there.

She said everyone was "very friendly and very personable."

It's okay," she said. "The music's great."

A couple of food vendors were

there, including Dorothy Cox with ice cream, and Cyd's Creative Kitchen with baked goods.

Once you bake for it, you have to show up to try and sell it all, said owner Cyd Ryle.

The Huttleston Marketplace runs every Saturday through September 30 (except 6/24), from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., on the lawn of the Fairhaven Visitors Center and Fairhaven High School, 141 Main Street, Fairhaven. The event is sponsored by the Office of Tourism, contact them at 508-979-4085, or email [FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov). Visit [www.fairhaventours.com](http://www.fairhaventours.com)



ABOVE LEFT: Jen Bullen staffs her table, despite the rain on the season's opening day of the Huttleston Marketplace in Fairhaven on 5/20/23, when rain kept many of the vendors and the patrons away. ABOVE RIGHT: Caitlyn Gifford staffs her table of homemade items. BELOW LEFT: Barbosa Family Farm did not let a little bit of weather stop them from having their table. BELOW RIGHT: Dorothy Cox is nice and dry inside the trailer of Dorothy Cox's Chocolates & Ice Cream. *Photos by Beth David.*



# Acushnet Town Meeting passes budget, soil bylaw changes

By Beth David  
Editor

A packed Acushnet Town Meeting wrapped up its work in just under three hours on Monday, 5/22/23, passing a \$34.6+ million operating budget, plus a variety of spending articles.

TM also passed changes to the soil bylaw, with changes that would mostly affect the operation of PJ Keating. Article 39 got moved up early in the game by vote of TM.

There was lots of discussion, on the changes. Most were changes to minor wording, capitalization, etc. The big change was to add a section (Section 4, D) that would allow the town to provide waivers for some of the provisions in the bylaw. The other major change is that it would only apply to a "large operation" which is defined as any operation on property which contains 50 or more acres of disturbed surface area; or any soil removal operation of 15,000 cubic yards during the most recent 365-day period.

Some discussion revolved around that definition, with farm owner Anita Davis concerned that her farm might still be included.

The bylaw does, however, exempt certain operations, including farms, garden or nursery activities, landscaping, or similar activities.

The new section allows the Soil Board to "waive strict compliance" with any provision in the bylaw. The original language also allowed "its authorized agent" to issue the waiver, but TM members took issue with that and passed an amendment removing it.

Resident Kevin Smith said he took "exception" to that part of the bylaw, and put his motion in writing to



GARRY RAWCLIFFE

change it.

"I agree 100%," said Selectboard/Soil Board member Kevin Gaspar. (The Soil Board is comprised of the members of the Selectboard, but they function as separate entities.)

Nicholas Gomes asked if the vote could be reconsidered later in the evening, and Moderator Les Dakin confirmed that it could be.

Garry Rawcliffe took issue with the part that says the inspector needs to notify the owner before making any inspections.

He asked why they would tip their hand by announcing it. He noted that the Board of Health and Fire Department do not do that.

"I just don't understand why you want to call the guy and tell him, 'hey, we're coming out to inspect,'" said Mr. Rawcliffe.



ANITA DAVIS

Town Counsel Darren Kline explained that there were a number of reasons why the provision is necessary.

There is no time frame set on notification. They can be notified just minutes before.

Mr. Kline said there were safety reasons, too, so property owners know their property is being infringed upon and will not think there are trespassers.

"I am not opposed to this," said David Desroches, a former Soil Board Selectboard member.

He said it gives a break to the "small guys" in Acushnet, and added that the original bylaw was "a little vague." He said defining large operations fixes that. The board will still decide hours of operation, routes of travel and other operational details.



Kevin Smith puts his motion in writing to amend the Soil Conservation bylaw at the Acushnet Town Meeting on 5/22/23. Photo by Beth David.

Mr. Desroches said for years neighbors have said they want PJK to be a good neighbor; and the company has said residents knew they were buying near a quarry. He said PJK still has to comply with regulations.

The bylaw "Protects the citizens of this town," said Mr. Desroches, adding the actual waivers will be discussed in public hearings.

Mr. Gaspar said that without the bylaw adding the waiver provision, the town is "basically telling PJ Keating 'goodbye.'"

He said people have been asking when PJK will open, because most people do want them open, they just want them being good neighbors.

The can't open, he said, because some of the provisions in the bylaw are "absolutely ridiculous to ask PJ Keating to uphold."

In the end, the vote, which required 2/3 to pass, was passed by an overwhelming majority, with only a handful of people voting "no."

"I know you all want to go home," said Mr. Gaspar after the vote, but reminded voters that the article could be reconsidered and it might fail the next time. "So please don't do that."

Several other articles got some discussion, but, surprisingly enough, the operational budget was not one of them. It passed without any holds or discussion on any departments.

Spending of Community Preservation Act funds had some discussion, with Mr. Rawcliffe submitting an

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amendment to change the item for the Buzzards Bay Coalition's Acushnet Forest Conservation Project from \$85,000 to zero.

Mr. Rawcliffe told TM that the BBC are "the same people that want you to get new septic systems."

He said every time they take a property, it is removed from the tax rolls and taxpayers have to make up the difference. He estimated the loss at about \$4,000 for the property in question. He noted that the BBC forced Marion to make changes to their treatment plant and then found there was nothing wrong with it, and also forced Marion to change all their moorings, which were worse than the original ones so they had to change them again.

"I will not give a dollar of my money to that organization," said Mr. Rawcliffe. "And I don't recommend any of you do the same thing."

Jeffrey Ellis, Vice Chair of the Community Preservation Committee, told TM that the project as originally propose by the BBC was tabled by his committee because it did not allow access within the town of Acushnet. He said the amended proposal includes two access points in Acushnet, with parking.

"This would provide a large area of recreation use to town residents, in combination with some other neighboring towns," said Mr. Ellis, and said the CPC recommends the expenditure.

Allen Decker of the BBC also addressed TM, telling voters the overall project protects 241 acres in Acushnet, Mattapoissett and Rochester to protect the aquifer. He said the \$85,000 will buy Acushnet a "toe hold" on a conservation restriction on the 77.5 acres within Acushnet. Mr. Decker said it is a \$6 million project overall, and the other towns have voted to contribute.

"It's a great project," said Mr. Decker, adding it protects significant acreage within Acushnet, and will be publicly accessible from public roads in Acushnet.

Mr. Rawcliffe tried to use Mr. Decker's words against him, saying, "You heard him, there's millions involved."

The project is going "full steam," whether Acushnet contributes or not, he said. "You're not going to lose out."

"Don't sign on."

Eric James spoke in favor of the project, saying he volunteers for the BBC, and pointed to the Acushnet Sawmill and other properties that are preserved and free for recreational use.

"This is a fantastic organization," said Mr. James. "Thank God we have organizations like this."

He said people are always cutting trees, but the BBC protects them.

Mr. Decker also added that the property in question was being taxed at the open space/agriculture rate so it was a fraction of the regular rate.

Bob Rocha, Conservation Commission Chairperson said the money was



Gail Rodrigues addresses the board at the Acushnet Town Meeting on 5/22/23. Photo by Beth David.

in the CPC account slated to be spent on the project.

"It has to be spent somewhere," said Mr. Rocha. "This is the appropriate place to spend it."

Selectboard Chairperson David Wojnar noted that the town has been concerned about solar farms and the clear cutting they have been doing. He said people are looking to "cash in" on land.

The vote on the amendment failed, with only two or three votes in favor.

The main motion passed, with some opposition.

Town Meeting also voted to appropriate \$465,000 from free cash for a new tanker truck for the Fire Department. There was no discussion on the article.

TM also voted to borrow \$610,000 for an ambulance, although the town is expecting the will not actually need it when the time comes.

There is a two-year backlog on

ambulances, from time of order to delivery. Mr. Gaspar explained that the town needs the authorization for the money now to get in line for the vehicle. By the time the money is due, however, the town hopes to have enough between the ambulance fund and free cash to pay for it without borrowing. In any case, they will not need the whole \$610,000.

"We can't get in the queue unless and until we have the funding secured," said Mr. Gaspar.

Fire Chief Thomas Farland explained that the ambulance receipts are on pace to receive about \$650,000 this year. About \$515,000 will go to the town's general fund to offset the fire department operating budget. The rest is used for capital expenditures.

Town Meeting also voted to create a Youth Employment Service Program, appropriating \$30,000 to fund the program, which would hire resident youth to work in town departments. The program is designed to instill work ethic, while providing financial and social benefits to resident youth.

In other articles Town Meeting:

- Voted to enter allow an agreement for a solar canopy in the parking lot at the schools;
- Voted to create a new revolving fund from Soil Conservation Board fees for the board to pay for engineering fees.
- Transferred \$150,000 into the Stabilization Fund; \$100,000 into the OPEB Trust Account; \$100,000 into the Capital Expense Stabilization Fund; \$50,000 for MS4 consulting services;
- Reauthorized the Elders Community Service Program, also known as the Senior Work-Off program,
- Voted to appropriate \$100,000 to join a health insurance purchasing group.
- Authorized the Selectboard to petition the legislature for a home rule petition to allow the Call Fire Deputy Chief to serve beyond the mandatory 65 years of age.
- Increased the income limits for seniors to get a break on property taxes.

The meeting is available for viewing on demand on the town's YouTube channel at <https://tinyurl.com/un97jx2h>

# Black Bear spotted in Acushnet, New Bedford

By Beth David  
Editor

A Black Bear has been spotted roaming around from Taunton to New Bedford, including places in Acushnet and New Bedford. Although much of the state is accustomed to seeing Black Bears near urban areas, it is very rare in these parts and caused quite a stir.

State police, local police and Animal Control Officers, and Environmental Police all converged on areas where he was spotted, hoping to push him to more rural/wooded sections and keep him out of back yards.

Alas, he seemed to have a penchant for bird feeders and ice cream and was elusive.

The little bugger reportedly got into a freezer in a garage in New Bedford and gobbled up the ice cream.

He was spotted in Dartmouth with a hummingbird feeder in his mouth, and in a variety of other places going after bird feeders.

Officials had no plans to harm, remove, or relocate the bear. They

were monitoring him and hoping he would simply move along when he realized this isn't the best place to settle down.

Facebook users had a fun time Photoshopping the bear with pizza (he was spotted near Pa Raffa's in New Bedford), and in a variety of fun places.

The bear, estimated to be a two-year-old male, seemed to be moving east (that's you Fairhaven), and the last sighting by press time, via Facebook, was Mattapoisett.

Officials say that this bear, and most Black Bears, are generally not aggressive, but should be treated with respect and caution. Do not approach it, back away slowly.

Do not let pets in yard unattended; remove bird feeders and any other source of food that might attract the bear to your yard.

Learn more about how to act if you encounter the

bear at Mass. Division of Fisheries and Wildlife: <https://tinyurl.com/yvjrpybn> or <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/learn-about-black-bears>

If you see the bear and are concerned, call the Environmental Police Radio Room at 1-800-632-8075 or the nearest MassWildlife District Office to report the sighting and get advice.

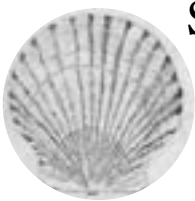


The Black Bear that has been roaming around the area this week is seen climbing over a backyard fence in New Bedford's north end, in the area near Rock Funeral Home on Tuesday, 5/23/23. Photo courtesy of Noah Gomes

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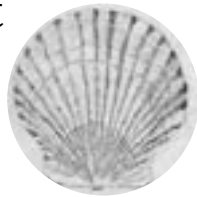
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## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, June 5, 2023 at 6:00pm  
Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting will be conducted in person and via remote means, in accordance with applicable law. This means that members of the public body as well as members of the public may access this meeting in person, or via virtual means. In person attendance will be at 40 Center Street, and it is possible that any or all members of the public body may attend remotely, with in-person attendance consisting of members of the public. MGL, Ch. 30A, § 20(f) requires anyone that intends to record any portions of a public meeting, either by audio or video, or both, to notify the Chair at the beginning of the meeting.

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Meeting ID: 869 5315 5076  
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The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold the following Public Hearing pursuant to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. c. 131, s. 40) and the Code of the Town of Fairhaven Chapter 192, Wetlands:

1. SE 023-1415, CON 023-354: 837 Sciticut Neck Road, Assessor's Map 42, Lot 015R Notice of intent filed by Marc and Donna Oliveira to construct a 28' x 26' carport with associated grading. The area is currently part paved driveway and part landscaped area. Work to take place in FEMA Velocity Zone (EI.20) and Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF) at Assessor's Map 42, Lot 015R.
2. SE 023-1417, CON 023-355: 88 Fort Street, Assessor's Map 5, Lot 4&5 Notice of Intent filed by Terje Tonnessen Revocable Trust to construct a 4' wide x 104' long-pile supported timber pier with a 4' x 28' aluminum gangway and two 10' x 14' floats at its terminus. The pier supports will consist of 12" diameter pressure treated timber installed in pairs at 20' on center. The landward end of the pier will be supported by a 6' x 5' x 12" poured concrete pad. Work to take place within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF), Flood Zone AE (EI.17), Coastal Beach, Land Under Ocean, Land Containing

Shellfish, and contains a Coastal Bank at Assessor's Map 5, Lot 4&5.

3. CON 023-356: 55 Goulart Memorial Drive, Map 42, Lot 023A Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Harbormaster, Timothy Cox, to install 94 feet of chain-link fence with a 12' wide gate. Fence to be 6 feet tall and bottom of fence to be 6 inches off the ground. Work to take place in existing parking lot in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF), the Buffer Zone to Coastal Beach, and adjacent to (but not in) National Heritage & Endangered Species Program (NHESP) Priority Habitat at Assessor's Map 42, Lot 023A.

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.  
Karen F. Isherwood, Vice Chair  
Fairhaven Conservation Commission  
FNN: 5/25/23

## Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday June 6, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.  
Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Public Hearing In-Person in Banquet Room  
or via Zoom

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1. REF#: ZBA-023-015: 60 Hacker Street, Map 28A, Lot 103. Applicant: Jeremiah A. Katz. Owner: James N. Souza. Applicant seeks a 3 ft. 10 in. Variance to build a 26 ft. x 26 ft. garage where the planned 23 ft. 10 in. height of the garage will exceed the maximum 20 ft. allowed for an accessory building, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-22, Accessory Buildings and Use A. (2).
2. REF#: ZBA-023-016: 152 Adams Street, Map 16, Lot 95. Applicant and owner: Elizabeth A. Wilding. Applicant seeks a Variance to replace an existing 14 ft. x 12 ft. deck with a 14 ft. x 16 ft. year-round craft room, set 15.2' from the side setback, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-21 Nonconforming Uses.
3. REF#: ZBA-023-017: 129 Alden Road, Map 36, Lot

14B. Applicant: Robert Gardner. Owner: 129 Alden Road, LLC. Applicant seeks a 44 ft. Variance to build a 50 ft. x 100 ft. warehouse 5.8 ft. from the rear setback as compared to the minimum 50 ft. rear setback, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18, Intensity of Use Schedule.

4. REF#: ZBA-023-018: 6 Prince Street, Map 30C, Lot 29. Applicant and owner: James W. Buckles Jr. Applicant seeks a Special Permit for a Home Occupation business to operate an Electrician business, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-23. B. (4) Building trades.
5. REF#: ZBA-023-019: 184 Balsam Street, Map 43B, Lot 41. Applicants and owners: Robert J. and Caryn M. Sullivan. Applicants seek a Variance to build a 22 ft. x 23 ft. deck 15 ft. from the side setback as compared to the minimum 20 ft. side setback, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18, Intensity of Use Schedule.
6. REF#: ZBA-023-020: 37 Brae Road, Map 28B, Lot 57. Applicant: Alexander Lee Cummings. Owner: Bridget K. Hoyer. Applicant seeks a Special Permit to authorize housing chickens on the property in an RA district, not to exceed 12 chickens and not to include any roosters, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-16, Use Regulation Schedule.
7. REF#: ZBA-023-021: 35 Hawthorne Street, Map 22, Lots 270-271. Applicant and owner: Antone P. Silva. Applicant seeks a Variance to extend an existing 6 ft. x 28 ft. porch with a 4 ft. x 28 ft. addition, which will encroach further on the front setback, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-21 Nonconforming Uses. C.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman, Fairhaven ZBA  
FNN: 5/25/23, 6/1/23

## Town of Fairhaven BPW Request for Qualifications Resident Engineering Services for the Construction of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Nitrogen Upgrade

The Town of Fairhaven is requesting qualification submittals from qualified professionals with expertise in Resident Engineering and Construction Management throughout the construction of the wastewater treatment plant project. Specifications may be obtained by emailing [bpw@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:bpw@fairhaven-ma.gov). Submission deadline no later June 5, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

The Board of Public Works reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals if it is in the best interest of the Town to do so.

FNN 5/25/23

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## Upcoming Meetings

### Fairhaven

**Board of Public Works**

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

### Cable Advisory

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

### Conservation Commission

Thurs., 5/25, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

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

### Municipal Vulnerability

Wed., 5/31, Town Hall, 5:30 p.m.

### School Committee

Wed., 6/14, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

### Select Board

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

### SPECIAL PROP 2 1/2 OVERRIDE ELECTION

Mon., 6/5, 10 a.m.–8 p.m.  
All precincts vote at Rec Ctr

### Acushnet

### Board of Assessors

Wed., 5/31, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

### TIDE TABLE

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

	May 2023		HIGH a.m. p.m.	LOW a.m. p.m.
Thursday	25	0030	1306	0542 1747
Friday	26	0125	1400	0630 1846
Saturday	27	0217	1449	0734 2003
Sunday	28	0306	1539	0833 2108
Monday	29	0359	1634	0921 2205
Tuesday	30	0458	1728	1007 2303
Wednesday	31	0552	1815	1055 2353
	June 2023		HIGH a.m. p.m.	LOW a.m. p.m.
Thursday	1	0637	1856	1142 ----
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Saturday	3	0800	2020	0118 1311*
Sunday	4	0846	2108	0206* 1400*
Monday	5	0937	2159	0259* 1455*
Tuesday	6	1029	2251	0350* 1550*
Wednesday	7	1123	2345	0436* 1642*
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Friday	9	0044	1323	0617* 1843
Saturday	10	0145	1421	0729 2021
Sunday	11	0242	1517	0844 2200
Monday	12	0339	1616	0948 2329
Tuesday	13	0442	1718	1058 ----
Wednesday	14	0545	1812	0029 ----
				1159 ----
Thursday	15	0636	1857	0120 1238

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\*\*Predicted minus tides from -1.1 ft to -2.0 ft or more

## OVERRIDE: cont'd from page 3

Small incremental change is better than a large tax increase all at once in a future year."

The town has also implemented some measures to increase revenues starting next year, including an increase in fees, such as building permits; and pursuing new growth opportunities.

If the override fails, the schools will get cut \$200,000 from the proposed budget passed at Town Meeting on 5/6/23. The reduction could result in cuts to the Family Center and athletic programs.

Another \$250,000 will come from other departments. Raises to non-union employees will not be implemented; a couple of changes/promotions in non-union jobs will be

eliminated; and cuts to other departments will also be necessary and will be determined by the Town Administrator and department heads.

### Special Election

The special election will be on Monday, 6/5. Polls will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. All precincts vote at the Recreation Center, 227 Huttleston Ave. (near Stop & Shop).

Friday, May 26, 2023 is the last day to register to vote or make any changes, i.e., party, name or address for the Special Town Election. The Town Clerk's Office will be open from 8:30am to 8:00pm on this day.

Friday, May 26, 2023 is the last day to request a MAIL-IN absentee ballot for the Special Election. The Town

Clerk's Office will be open from 8:30am to 5:00pm on this day.

Friday, June 2, 2023-12:00PM (NOON) is the last day/time to request an IN-PERSON Absentee Ballot in the Town Clerk's Office.

Mail-in Voter Registration Forms are available at the Town Clerk's Office, the Millicent Library and State and Federal offices.

For more information, contact the Fairhaven Town Clerk's office, 508-979-4023; Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven.

The Ballot Question will read: Shall the Town of Fairhaven be allowed to assess an additional \$450,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand twenty-three?

## BIKE BUS: cont'd from page 6

"It's just a way to get more people on bikes," said Mr. Gardner, who rides his bike everywhere he can, including errands and for fun.

In 1960, he said 50% of students rode their bikes to school.

"We're trying to revive bicycle culture," he said. "It's just a pleasant this to do."

He said Fairhaven is lucky because it is very walkable and rideable.

"It's amazing how many short trips and errands you can do on a bike," said Mr. Gardner. "It's just more fun that way."

His daughter Lena agrees. She said she likes the bike bus because she gets to ride with different people.

"It's fun," she said. "I get to see

more friends from school."

Her recommendation to others?

"They should try it."

They rode all winter, they said, even riding in the snow one time.

"It was just the two of us," said Mr. Gardner, admitting their masks froze.

On Friday, 5/19, a group of about a dozen made their way along the bike path after school. After they stopped by the old Atlas Tack building, across from the Rogers School playground, Mr. Gardner had chocolate pops from Dorothy Cox Chocolates to hand out to the riders. The pops, of course, had a bicycle on them.

Anyone interested in joining the Bike Bus should check in with the school.



Students take a free Dorothy Cox chocolate pop from parent Will Gardner after they reach the end of their route with the Wood School Bike Bus on 5/19/23, which travels from Wood School to the Rogers School playground along the bike path. Photo by Beth David

## HAPPS: cont'd from page

and more.

Free admission. Accessible. For more information visit <https://fairhavenvillagemilitia.blogspot.com/>

### Pickleball Clinics

The Fairhaven Pickleball Association will be holding a beginners clinic at Cushman Park on 6/3/ and 6/4 from 11 to 1. The class size is limited to 18 participants. The cost is \$25 for the two sessions. Participants do not have to be a member of FPA

To get a registration form, email [fairhavenpickleball@gmail.com](mailto:fairhavenpickleball@gmail.com)

Learn more at <https://www.fairhavenpickleball.com>

### 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](http://www.FairhavenRoadRace.org)

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

### 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](http://fairhavencommunitygarden.org) where you'll find more information and the 2023 gardening application, or you can email the site coordinator at [sitecoordinator@fairhavencommunitygarden.org](mailto:sitecoordinator@fairhavencommunitygarden.org).

## From our readers

### Taxpayers Deserve Thorough Financial Forecast

I'm writing this letter as a tax payer in Fairhaven with my own personal viewpoints regarding the override question. My thoughts are not meant to represent any other Elected Official or member of Town Administration.

Tax payers deserve a clear vision of how the Town plans to balance the cost of services with tax payer burden and what the goals and priorities are for the Town. These are major policy decisions and the Select Board, according to the Town Administrator Act, is "the Chief Policy setting agency for the Town".

Several critical steps were skipped prior to asking for an override, and I believe the cart has been placed before the horse. During the weeks leading to Town Meeting, the narrative changed from "this \$450K will right the ship, "to "this should last us about two years, "to "wouldn't you rather pay a small increase of \$50 this year than have it come back as \$200 next year." If a \$50 tax increase equates to a \$450K override, then a \$200 tax increase would equate to a \$1.8 Million override.

This vast range of numbers shows that the \$450K request is not supported by analysis.

Tax payers in Fairhaven deserve nothing less than a thorough financial forecast BEFORE being asked to consider raising our own taxes, including the following;

1) *Complete a five-year projection of revenues and expenses.* This is actually required by the Town's Financial Policy on an annual basis. To request an override of \$450K without having gone through that fundamental exercise is unacceptable. A five-year projection paints a broader financial picture, accounts for goals to increase revenue, streamline operations (regionalization) and highlights specific circumstances that justify the extent to which an override is necessary.

2) *Complete a thorough staffing analysis.* The Fire Union has stated that, even with the four new positions funded this year, we are still woefully understaffed, the School Department raises concerns about Net School Spending penalties the Town could face if cuts are too deep and argues that their current share of "40% of the

Town budget is unacceptable". We are told that multiple departments could use additional staffing to adequately deliver the Town Services. Translation: \$450K is not going to solve the problem outlined above.

3) *Create a realistic Capital Improvement Plan.* The current plan calls for funding a Public Safety Complex starting next year, however the Town Administration says that is completely unrealistic and Select Board members refer to the plan as a "pipe dream". Fiscally conservative communities build up free cash through conservative revenue projections in their operating budget and use free cash to fund Capital projects. The Select Board needs to establish the parameters for revenue forecasting and factor them into a five-year projection, to demonstrate the Town has Capital Improvement capacity.

4) *Provide context for the cost impact of the override relative to other major projects on the horizon.* The cost of the Waste Water Treatment plant is estimated to increase rates for the average family of four by \$480 annually and a large capital project funded with "debt exclusion" (Public Safety Facility) could cost tax payers a similar amount. These costs could dwarf the override impact. Tax Payers deserve to have full context.

I believe a thorough analysis and vision of the future will instill confidence that the Town is justified in requesting an override, has a solid plan for your hard earned tax dollars, and will not be back to the well in the near future.

I will not be voting for any override void of a clear vision.

*Bob Espindola, Fairhaven  
(Mr. Espindola is a member of the Fairhaven Select Board, but writes to express his own opinion, not that of the board.)*

### Wanting to Know What We Don't Know

I'm voting NO on this upcoming proposition 2.5 override and I'm writing to explain why. We're being told, and some proponents of the override are advocating, that costs have gone up and this override is needed to keep up with them. I'm not buying that oversimplification of an explanation. We're supposed to be preparing five-year projections for

income and expenses as part of our annual budgeting process every year. If that were being done accurately and competently, it would have shown a deficit in the making and it could have been addressed years ago.

It should be obvious to everyone that our town's finances have been mismanaged. My biggest concern is that the town, and thereby all taxpayers, don't fully know how badly and for how long that mismanagement has been going on. Until we know that, adding an override is just throwing money (mine and yours) at a problem that hasn't really been identified or addressed. I read that we have been using free cash to supplement our annual budget for years. That's a practice that a town or company uses when it's in financial trouble. As far as we knew, we weren't in trouble, so why were we doing it?

That needs to be investigated. What else has been happening to screw up the town's finances that we (or even town officials) don't know about?

The town should contract with a third party municipal auditor to perform a thorough forensic financial audit of the town's receipts, expenditures and financial practices. Only that would tell us exactly how this happened, who is responsible, what we should do to correct it and what controls need to be put in place to prevent this from happening in the future. If that audit concludes that an override is the best way to get us back in shape financially, then I'll support it. Without that audit, and without the town demonstrating that the proper controls have been put in place to prevent this in the future, I'm not giving the town any extra money to mismanage.

*Phil Washko, Fairhaven*

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