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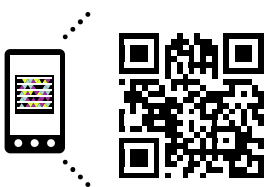
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Teeming with information you need.  
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

## Fire truck safety day educates and entertains



L-R: Carter watches while young Theo takes a hand at the fire hose under the watchful eye of Fairhaven Firefighter/Paramedic Maggie Rocha during the Millicent Library's annual Fire Safety Day on the lawn of the Unitarian Church on 7/17/23. See page 12. Photo by Beth David.



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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

We're BAACCKKK!!!

And, oh, what fun we have for you this week (see page 3). Unfortunately, the hearing about Mr. Lavalette's behavior while on the Conservation Commission is not quite over, so I'll hold off commenting in this space until they're done with the proceedings.

Meanwhile, trust me when I say you really, really, really need popcorn for this one, and....ah, maybe make sure the kids are out of the room while you watch it.

The Select Board also had a regular meeting this week. They heard more about the Benoit Square proposed changes, and the Goulart/Causeway bridge. See page 13 for details on those two projects.

The Causeway is years out, it seems. That's too bad. I know the summer people are all fretting about something ugly going up, but, hey, you need to be here in the winter and see how often that water splashes over that road.

Heh. Retired people crack me up. They mosey on in for a few months out of the year and think they get to decide everything because...well, I don't know why because. I just know that some of us live here year-round and we have to go places. We can't just be all delighted that the causeway is impassable and sit there in our big windows and watch the show. We work, y'know.

The board talked about a whole bunch of other stuff, too, but... no room for it this week. Hopefully we'll flush out some more of it next week.

Our cover story is definitely a fun one. I mean, firefighter gear, water, and free stuff. What's not to like? See page 12 for that.

"The Magazine" crew picked up the award in New York a couple of weeks ago. See page 18 for some fun pictures. And we have some scholarship awards, too, on page 14.

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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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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

# Complaints against Lavalette discussed at Select Board meeting

By Beth David  
Editor

The Fairhaven Select Board held a hearing in open session on 7/10/23 to discuss complaints against Gary Lavalette that were made against him while he was on the Conservation Commission (ConCom), to possibly remove him from the Fairhaven Historical Commission. The agenda item was listed as an executive session item, but Mr. Lavalette made the decision to hold the hearing in open session.

SB member Keith Silvia recused himself from the proceedings, saying he was “friendly” with Mr. Lavalette and has had a “little bit of business transactions” with him.

Mr. Lavalette had his attorney, Philip Beauregard with him; the town had two attorneys from Petrini & Associates, Arthur Goldberg to advise SB chairperson Leon Correy; and Christopher Petrini acting on behalf of the town.

Mr. Correy said the purpose of the hearing was to “contemplate” removing Mr. Lavalette from the Historical Commission.

Attorney Caitlin Morey of Clifford and Kenny was the first witness. She investigated complaints against Mr. Lavalette and conducted a climate review of the conservation department, including the ConCom.

Ms. Morey said there was a lot of confusion regarding the authority of the commissioners and the Town Administrator. Complaints about Mr. Lavalette specifically included his manner of enforcement, patrolling town looking for violations, and a manner that seemed to suggest biased, or selective enforcement.

During her climate review, Ms. Morey said three more complaints about Mr. Lavalette were received by town hall.

Ms. Morey outlined several of the complaints, including one by Kamryn Dubois a Black woman who owns a house on the water on Turner Avenue with her husband Douglas Dubois, who is white.

Mr. Lavalette made a “number of troubling comments to her,” said Ms. Morey.

According to testimony by Ms. Morey, Ms. Dubois, and the report, some sand was pushed up onto the

Dubois’s driveway. The couple hired a landscaper to remove it and put it back on the beach. Mr. Lavalette aggressively stopped the landscaper from working, threatened fines of \$300/day and \$25,000.

When the couple arrived, ConCom member Geoff Haworth walked the property with Mr. Dubois, leaving Ms. Dubois alone with Mr. Lavalette.

He told her she would need to hire an environmental engineer, and she said that sounded expensive. He said that was nothing compared to his \$1.4 million in medical bills due to cancer and that his “external reproductive organ” no longer worked.

After the first mention of Mr. Lavalette’s reproductive organ, his attorney said the allegations had nothing to do with his tenure on the historical commission and wanted to stop talking about it.

SB member Bob Espindola asked if Mr. Lavalette and his attorney had gotten the documents, which clearly outline the scope of the discussion. The answer was “yes,” and so the hearing continued in open session.

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## LVALETTE: cont'd from page 3

Mr. Beauregard also made Ms. Morey confirm that she took the term to mean Mr. Lavalette's penis.

Ms. Dubois also alleges that Mr. Lavalette kept referring to her as a "tenant," although she and her husband made it clear she was an owner.

Mr. Lavalette also made several references to "Orientals," meaning Asians, saying that the furniture in his furnished house was low because the short "Orientals" had cut off the legs.

When confronted about some of his behavior by Ms. Morey, Mr. Lavalette accused Ms. Dubois and Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison of playing the "Black card."

In both the report and in testimony Ms. Morey said she found Mr. Lavalette had violated the town's harassment policy with: offensive comments, using the term "Orientals"; derogatory comments about Asians; talking about his reproductive organs; entering property without permission; and accusing people of using the "Black card."

"Throughout the Conservation Climate Assessment and this investigation, Mr. Lavalette was not forthcoming and routinely told different versions of events to different people, including this Investigator," reads the report.

Mr. Lavalette gave different answers on how he came to be on the Dubois property, and they did not match the surveillance video

"I have eyes and ears all over this town, so they call me and I come," he told Ms. Dubois according to the report. But he would not give that number to her, saying it was his personal phone.

The report details several conversations when Mr. Lavalette changed his story.

Conclusion #1 is completely redacted.

Conclusion, #2 is about Mr. Lavalette and is not redacted.

"There is sufficient credible evidence that Mr. Lavalette violated the Town's Harassment Policy," states the report, and details several instances, including Ms. Dubois's story. (Her name is redacted, but the story is clearly hers) (although her name is redacted, the story is hers)

"It is highly inappropriate for a Town official to reference their reproductive organs when conducting business," reads the report. "Overall, Mr. Lavalette's conduct is extremely troubling."

The report also addressed his "enforcement" efforts.

"Mr. Lavalette is acting as though he is law enforcement and aims to intimidate residents into believing he has broad authority by threatening them with serious fines," reads the report.

Recommendations include removing Mr. Lavalette from ConCom and having ConCom members receive training.

The workplace climate review makes it clear that Brandon Costa received resistance from the Commissioners from the moment he arrived, although, again his name is redacted.

"It is evident that multiple Commissioners were unwilling to give [redacted] a chance to be successful in his role, largely because they did not have control of the hiring process," reads the climate review report.

According to the timeline of the report, the agent in question would be

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Mr. Costa, who was hired in August of 2022 and resigned in December of 2022. The current agent started in February of this year.

The climate review also includes a police report about Ms. Dubois's complaints against Mr. Lavalette, including that surveillance video is available showing the event.

The climate review report, notes that people have complained that Mr. Lavalette "patrols" Town looking for violations. He denied that, but said he has eight zones he drives around and found 60 violations in 18 months.

"Mr. Lavalette also reported that he uses Google Earth images to review aerial images of properties in order to see if there are potential violations," reads the report. "Mr. Lavalette told Town employees that he purchased a drone and planned to use it to find and/or investigate violations."

The report also notes that "there are multiple ongoing complaints and cross-complaints against the Commissioners and Town employees that are being investigated separate from this

assessment."

Both reports are undated, but in her testimony, Ms. Morey said they were both completed at the end of March of this year.

In the section on improving the working relationship between the town hall and commission, the report states that the biggest concern is the commissioners' "general opposition to any involvement by other Town Departments."

According to the report Geoffrey Haworth, the former chairperson of the ConCom, advised Mr. Lavalette to refuse to meet with the Town Administrator and told the conservation agent not to forward any complaints to the TA.

"This is unacceptable," reads the report.

Mr. Haworth is no longer on the commission.

In her testimony to the SB, Ms. Dubois repeated the complaints outlined by Ms. Morey.

When Mr. Beauregard asked for the exact language Mr. Lavalette used, Ms. Dubois said he used the term "external reproductive organ."

Mr. Beauregard asked if Mr. Lavalette could have meant his prostate or some other body part besides his penis.

Ms. Dubois said, "no."

When someone mentions his "external reproductive organ," she said, "it's either his testicles or his penis."

"I do not know of the prostrate as being a reproductive organ," she said.

At various times during the exchange, Mr. Lavalette shook his head "no," or nodded his head "yes."

Mr. Beauregard also asked both women what Ms. Ellison said about Mr. Lavalette during their various meetings. Both women said that Ms. Ellison did not say anything about Mr. Lavalette, or that they did not recall anything specific.

Ms. Dubois also said she recorded Mr. Lavalette when they were in the Conservation office together, and that he berated her and called her a "child."

She said his constant reference to her as the "tenant" and not the owner was to demean her.

"He put me in my place," she said.

The next hearing date is 8/7.

The documents, although redacted, are available on the town's website, under Select Board Meeting Packets on the SB page, or at <https://tinyurl.com/22r3ytn4>

# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Free Concerts

Join us for Concerts Under the Stars, in front of Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven, at 7 p.m. on Thursdays, featuring: rock with a shot of country by Truue, 7/20; James Taylor tribute band, October Road, 7/27; rock & roll, funk & soul by Mojo Kings, 8/3; jazz, pop, rock, blues by G and Friends, 8/10.

Sponsored by the Fairhaven Improvement Association. Held rain or shine.

## FHS Tours

Fairhaven High School, 12 Huttleston Avenue, Route 6, Friday, July 21, 10:00 a.m.

Tour the "Castle on the Hill," which was donated to the town in 1906 by Fairhaven's famous philanthropist Henry Huttleston Rogers. All tours will be conducted by FHS Alumni Association President Bob Foster and will meet in the Rotunda inside the main entrance to the building on the Huttleston Avenue (Route 6) side of the building.

The tour goes will explore the beautiful rooms, auditorium and gymnasium of the 1906 building designed by Boston architect Charles Brigham. In 2017 Architecture Digest named Fairhaven High School the most beautiful high school in Massachusetts, and many would say the most beautiful in the United States. Admission is free. The building is handicap accessible, but not all parts of the tour may be. Sponsored by the Fairhaven High School Alumni Association.

For more information, email [info@fairhavenalumni.org](mailto:info@fairhavenalumni.org) or call Bob at 508-965-1399. Visit the FHS Alumni Association website at <https://fairhavenalumni.org>

## Teddy Bear Parade

Join the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven, for the 38th Annual Teddy Bear Parade, Sat., 7/29, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Bring your favorite teddy bear (or any stuffed animal), and enjoy the fun! Bring your bears to the Unitarian Church Lawn, Walnut Street side of the Library. We'll march down to Our Lady's Haven and back. When we return, Daisy D. Dots will be performing and painting faces.

We will provide snacks, or pack your own Teddy Bear Picnic to enjoy!

## DisABILITY Pride

To Mark Disability Pride Month and the 33rd Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, The Fairhaven Belonging Committee and M.O. L.I.F.E., Inc. are hosting a DisABILITY Pride Event on July 30th from 11am-2pm at the Fairhaven Council on Aging. In case of rain, we will use the Rec Center next door.

July is an occasion to celebrate people with disabilities, honor their inherent and inalienable rights, promote their visibility, and applaud their achievements. While the passage of the ADA opened doors of opportunity for people with disabilities, more work remains to realize its full promise.

The Fairhaven Belonging Committee and M.O. L.I.F.E., Inc. are using this opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to support the rights of individuals with disabilities.

July is also a powerful reminder about the importance of disability rights and why we fight for them.

DisABILITY Pride is an expression of the art, advocacy, and resilience that are hallmarks of South Coast's vibrant disability community.

We invite you to this celebration where we will have vendors, resources, a dunk tank, decoration stations for wheelchairs and prosthetics, health and wellness activities, food, and so much more.

For more information please contact: Jessica Fidalgo, Fairhaven Belonging Committee, [belonging@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:belonging@fairhaven-ma.gov); or Traci Welch, M.O. L.I.F.E., Inc. [twelch@molifeinc.com](mailto:twelch@molifeinc.com) 774-634-7066 774-208-7037

M.O. L.I.F.E., INC. is dedicated to providing exceptional support for individuals with developmental disabilities and is committed to enhancing their lives in the areas of career development, housing and community inclusion.

## WIIA Breakfast

Join the West Island Improvement Association for buffet breakfast on **Sun., 8/6, from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., WI Community Center, 41 Causeway Rd., West Island, Fairhaven.** Includes scrambled eggs, pancakes, fruit, cereal, coffee and juice. **\$10/adults,**

**\$5/children under 12.** Tickets at door. Accessible.

## Walking Tours

### HHR Walking Tour

Henry H. Rogers Walking Tour, Tuesday mornings, 10:00 a.m. now through end of September. Tours begin outside the Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven.

This walk outlines the life of Standard Oil Co. executive Henry H. Rogers and the magnificent public buildings that he donated to his hometown. You'll stop at several several locations in the village area where one of the nation's most powerful businessmen grew up while you learn about his boyhood, rise to riches, and the gifts he bestowed on Fairhaven. The tour will include visits inside the Town Hall and the Millicent Library. It is held weather permitting. No reservations are required. Free.

Tour Guides are Bob Foster and Christopher Richard who alternate weeks.

For more information, call or email the Office of Tourism, 508-979-4085, [FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov).

## Pirates & Privateers

Fridays, 10:00 a.m., through September. WEATHER PERMITTING. Fort Phoenix, south end of Fort St., Fairhaven, MA. Presentation held near fort flagpole and cannons. Also presented by appointment for groups

Hear tales of pirates, Revolutionary War era privateers, and historical Fort Phoenix, presented by Greybeard, an 18th century gunner from the privateer sloop Broome, Abigail Black, a ship's doctor who grows herbal remedies in her village garden when she's not at sea, and Caleb the Powder Monkey, a lad who knows how to load and fire a cannon.

Learn which pirate lore is really just myth based on fiction and what stories are true.

This fun interactive presentation includes a demonstration firing of a black powder swivel cannon, a demonstration of early medical practices and more. .

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# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## Mural Competition

Come One Come All; it's time to showcase your talents. Submit for JURY up to three (3) 5" X 7 " thumbnail sketches of your original artwork with your application. You may be one of the FIVE selected to participate.

A \$25 non-refundable application fee must be submitted with each applicant. Each application includes professional jurying of up to THREE thumbnail sketches.

Applications for jury will be accepted through Friday, 8/25. Five (5) final Contestants will be selected and announced on Friday, 9/8.

There will be Five (5) Artists chosen to complete One of five ~ 5 x 7 foot murals each throughout The Kilburn Mill at designated areas. Each artist chosen by jury, will receive a \$300 stipend toward materials and supplies. Cash prizes for the final muralists winners will be: \$1,200 for first place; \$750 for second place; \$350 for third place; and \$200 for fourth and fifth place.

Murals will be painted on the weekend of October 6th, 7th and 8th. The Murals will then officially be opened to the public for popular vote and the final judging. An Awards Ceremony and Cocktail celebration will take place in October.

Details and timeline of The Mural Slam Competition Contest along with applications are available and can be submitted at the NBACE website: <https://www.nbartsandclturaemporium.com> for questions, alternate mail-in applications or to see our other offerings through NBACE, go to our website as well or call 774 628 6415.

## Bullard Book Avail

Fomer NB mayor John Bullard's book, "Hometown," is now available, published by Spinner Publications. Visit <http://spinnerpub.com/> to order your copy, or pick one up at Davoll's General Store, Dartmouth; The Drawing Room, New Bedford; Eight Cousins, Falmouth; New Bedford Whaling Museum; Partners Village Store, Westport

Meet the author at:

Sat., 7/22, 1-4 p.m., The Drawing Room, 22 William St., New Bedford

Thurs., 7/27, 3 p.m., Woods Hole Public Library, 581 Woods Hole Rd., Woods Hole, MA.

## The Feast

10th annual celebration of the Feast of the Blessed Sacrament, Madeira Field, 50 Madeira Ave., NB, Aug. 3-6. Four days and four stages of free live entertainment.

Thurs., 8/3, 6-11:45 p.m.; Fri., 8/4, 5-11:45; Sat. & Sun., 8/5 & 6, noon to 11:45.

The Feast features continuous live Portuguese & American entertainment at five performance locations. The 2023 Entertainment Committee has been hard at work to continue the tradition of top-quality, "FREE" Entertainment for folks of all ages!

Featuring traditional Madeiran Portuguese dinner with numerous menu choices for full dinners in the main pavilion. Cook-your-own barbecue beef (carne d'espeto), sweet malassadas (fried dough) plus linguica (sausage) and bacalau (codfish) sandwiches. Hamburgers, hot dogs and French fries. Madeira wine imported in giant casks by special agreement with the Madeiran Government.

Visit <http://feastoftheblessedsacramentcom.ning.com> for schedule of entertainment, kids actiities, family fun day, procession, etc.

## NB Festival Theatre

New Bedford Festival Theatre and Executive Producer Wendy Hall have announced the casting for their production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat which will be presented July 21 - 30, 2023 at the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center at 684 Purchase Street New Bedford, MA. This production will be the last production at the historic Zeiterion Theatre before the building closes for renovations this Fall.

*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* runs July 21 - 30, at the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, 684 Purchase St., New Bedford.

Tickets are available from \$39 - \$65 and can be purchased online at [www.zeiterion.org/events/nbft-joseph-the-amazing-technicolor-dreamcoat](http://www.zeiterion.org/events/nbft-joseph-the-amazing-technicolor-dreamcoat), by phone (508) 994-2900, or in person at the Zeiterion Box Office 684 Purchase Street New Bedford, MA 02740.

## Summer Concerts

The Summer Sound Series presented by Mayor Jon Mitchell runs

through September 15, offering a free concert every other Friday. Alternating between lower Union Street and Purchase Street, these block party events feature high-energy danceable varieties of musical genres and participation from local restaurants and organizations.

The Summer Sound Series will be in the heart of it all, with streets blocked off for the Friday concerts from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Concertgoers can purchase a beverage from participating establishments and experience great live music in a fun, festive atmosphere. This summer's lineup features an eclectic mix of artists.

UNION STREET (between N. Water St. and Route 18):

Aug. 4: Mo Bounce

PURCHASE STREET (between Union and William streets):

July 21: The Funky White Honkies

Learn more at: [destinationnewbedford.org](http://destinationnewbedford.org)

## Sonata Saturdays

Symphonic sounds will weave their way through historic downtown New Bedford this summer with the return of Sonata Saturdays. This free outdoor concert series, now in its third season, is a partnership between New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra (NBSO), and The Drawing Room. The fourth Saturday of each month, small groups of NBSO musicians will delight the neighborhood and summer visitors with a variety of classical and popular music.

Sonata Saturdays will be held in the garden of the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park Visitor Center, located at 33 William Street, on the 4th Saturday of June, July, August, and September from 4-6pm. Musicians will perform twice each day, with programs beginning at 4-4:45 pm and repeating at 5-5:45 pm. Some chairs provided, but you may also bring your own to secure a seat.

**July 22: Anna Griffis (viola) and her partner Jensen Ling (bassoon)**

Violist Anna Griffis and bassoonist Jensen Ling highlight the pairing of two instruments with a natural affinity but very little music expressly written for them.

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# HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

## Grange Fair Vendors Wanted

Acushnet Grange is looking for crafters and people who have jellies, jams, eggs, produce, meats, flowers, herbs and baked goods for sale.

The fair will be Sat., 9/30, from 10am to 3pm at the Grange Hall, 1121 Main St., Acushnet.

All items must be made, grown, baked, etc by vendor. Vendors will need to bring their own canopies, tables and chairs. Spaces (10x10) are \$25 each and must be paid when application is returned. The Grange is located 1121 Main St, Acushnet. Email [grangemac@comcast.net](mailto:grangemac@comcast.net) or phone Caroline at 508-763-2795 for application.

## Chowdah Fest & Beer Bust

Clam cakes, Chowdah, French Fries and Draft Beer included (While it lasts). Sun., 7/23, Freetown VFW outside dining, 89 Middleboro Rd., E. Freetown. Doors open at 5:30, dinner at 6. Tickets \$25.00. Take out available.

For tickets call Dan at 774-930-4392 or the VFW AT 508-763-2292. All proceeds go to the new roof fund.

## Tennis Players

The MCTA, Community Tennis Association which serves the towns of Mattapoisett, Fairhaven, Marion, Rochester, Dartmouth, New Bedford, and Wareham is seeking adult men and women as new members to play in their Summer tennis drop-in league. We currently have about 20 active participants and about 40 members in total. The drop-in begins at 8 AM on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays during the summer at a central location on Rte 6. New players should play at a level of 3.5 or higher. We welcome anyone who would both enjoy playing tennis with no promise of playing at Wimbledon and also having a good time with many sociable people as well. For further information please call Mike at 781-888-1110 or Ellen, 978-844-1117

## Coin Show

Coin Club of Greater New Bedford 2023 Coin Show, Sun., 6/30, 9-2, at Westport Town Hall Annex, 856 Main St. Free admission.

## Free Concerts

The Acushnet Public Library is pleased to announce the return of their outdoor Summer Concert Series. Concerts will be held under the pavilion located at 232 Middle RD in Acushnet on Wednesday evenings at 6 pm from June 14 through August 2 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The 2023 lineup is as follows:

Upcoming concerts:

July 26 G & Friends: Marie S. Howard School Alum George Piva returns with his band of talented local musicians; George on guitar, Ed Oliver on bass, Marvin Perry vocals and Gabe Cabral on drums. Together they will play a variety of blues, jazz, rock, roots and funk.

August 2 Cameron Shave Jazz Orchestra

For more details, including artist description and music genre, please visit our online calendar at [acupl.org](http://acupl.org). Concerts are held rain or shine. Please bring a blanket or chair.

## FAYA Registration

Register for Fairhaven Acushnet Youth Athletics Football & Cheerleading now. Fee is \$225, and goes up to \$150 after August 1. Early bird registration ends 6/30 (\$200). To register, visit <https://www.fayabluedevils.org/registration-2015>. Registration fee includes equipment, uniforms.

If you have any questions, please email Sonia Chisholm at [romao\\_s@yahoo.com](mailto:romao_s@yahoo.com).

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Remaining dates:

Saturday, August 5 at 10:30am with Curator Connor Gaudet

Thursday, August 10 at 5:30p, with Jenn McIntyre and Carole Clifford

Thursday, Sept. 7 at 5:30pm with Jenn McIntyre and Carole Clifford

Saturday, September 16 at 10:30am with Curator Connor Gaudet

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## Art Exhibit

Mattapoisett Library Series Exhibit: Painting Inspirations from Nature's Cakewalks by Bernard Klim August 1 - 31

Come to the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St., between August 1 and August 31 to see the Library Artist Series exhibition of paintings by Mattapoisett resident Bernard Klim. The exhibit is called Nature's Cakewalks. The paintings are a reflection of much of what Klim sees day to day - scenes from his neighborhood and surrounding areas. Klim captures scenes that have become meaningful in some way to his everyday life.

Klim creates paintings and drawings from these simple scenes and subjects through the use of expressive brushwork, which brings about a sense of believable light to

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Each Friday we have a pizza party. Additional information including an informational packet is available on our website

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In the Counselor In Training (CIT) program, teens will learn to become summer counselors. Included in this program is CPR, early education tips, job interview skills and much more. CIT's will plan and run a theme day for the summer Kool Kids program, run games, assist senior counselors with projects, etc. Field trips and a pizza lunch every Friday are included. Program runs for 2 week sessions. Children who apply to attend a CIT session must interview with the Director and Program Coordinator before being accepted into the program.

# Fairhaven Senior Center

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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: 7/26: Wrentham Village; 8/2, Plain Ridge Park Casino; 8/9, Hyannis Mall, XMas Shop, Trader Joe's, Whole Foods.

### Monday Movie Matinee

July 24, 12:15 p.m. featuring "The Full Monty!" After losing his job at a steel factory, Gaz (Robert Carlyle) learns that his wife wants to sue him for missed child support payments. Desperate for money, Gaz and his friend Dave (Mark Addy) decide to create their own male striptease act.

The two friends recruit four more men, including their former foreman (Tom Wilkinson) and security guard (Steve Huison). The group promises that their show will succeed because they are willing to go "the Full Monty."

Lunch this day will be Veggie Chili. If you would like to come for lunch prior to the movie, lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. \$2 donation for the lunch. Call 508-979-4029.

### Summer Walking Schedule

Summer walking is available in the Recreation Center on Thursdays while the children at the Rec. Summer Camp are away on their field trip. Indoor walking is subject to change if the field trip is outdoors and it is raining.

Scheduled: Thursdays, 11-11:30 a.m., July 20, 27, Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24.

### Memory Cafe

July 27, noon-2 p.m. **Please call to reserve a spot by 7/24, 508-979-4029. Space is limited. Reserve today.**

A Memory Cafe is a gathering that individuals with early to moderate Alzheimer's or other memory loss and their care partner, family or friends can attend. It's a time and place where everyone can interact, find support, establish friendships and share concerns without feeling embarrassed or misunderstood.

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# Recipe of the Week

## Elotes (Mexican Street Corn)

Canola oil, for grill grates  
 1/4 c. mayonnaise  
 1/4 c. sour cream  
 1 small clove garlic, pressed  
 1 tbsp. fresh lime juice  
 1/2 tsp. chili powder  
 Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper  
 8 ears fresh corn, husks removed  
 1/3 c. finely crumbled Cotija cheese

Chili-lime seasoning (such as Tajin) and chopped fresh cilantro, for garnish

Heat grill to medium. Once hot, clean and oil grill grates. Stir together mayonnaise, sour cream, garlic, lime juice, and chili powder in a bowl. Season with salt and pepper.

Grill corn, turning frequently, until lightly charred, 5 to 7 minutes. Brush with mayonnaise mixture and sprinkle with cheese, dividing evenly. Garnish with chili-lime seasoning and cilantro.

*From CountryLiving.com*



Dear Frankie  
 flare-up, he's usually down for the count for a week.

Lately, Jill has been coming to the park alone and has started sharing information about Jack that I'm sure he wouldn't want me, or anyone else, to know. On the off chance you publish my letter, I don't want the world to know Jack's business, so I will not tell you what Jill told me. You have to take my word for it that she shouldn't be sharing this kind of information about her brother.

I want to tell Jill she is being disloyal by talking about Jack behind his back, but I'm afraid she will get mad and not want to be my friend.

*Aretha*

Dear Aretha,  
 Poor Jack, can you imagine, having childhood

# Dear Frankie

## The Twins

Dear Frankie,  
 My friends Jack and Jill are twins. We usually meet three days a week at the park and have a great time together. That is when Jack is up to it. He has diabetes, so when he has a

diabetes and a sister who runs her mouth about your dirty laundry? Talk about bad luck.

But blasting Jill will not get you anywhere, so I suggest you take a gentler approach when you speak to her. I think Jill might get mad if you told her she was being disloyal to her brother. So, I suggest you not do that.

You might approach your conversation with her by discussing how it makes you feel when she shares Jack's secrets. Talking about your feelings would be easier for her to hear than being accused of being disloyal. You could start by saying that Jack is your friend, and when you listen to negative things said about him, you feel guilty and disloyal for being a willing participant. Then ask if she could respect your feelings and not share negative information about him in the future.

Then cross your paws so that the brat can do what you asked of her.

*Best, Frankie*

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

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# “The Magazine” crew picks up award in NYC

By Beth David  
Editor

The Fairhaven Cable TV Crew and “The Magazine” host Charlie Murphy picked up their national award in New York City on 6/28/23, taking a bit of a spin around the city while there.

Mr. Murphy and independent producer David Fauteux won the “Best Magazine Show,” for their 2022 year-in-review episode. Fairhaven TV chose to enter it as it highlights the year’s “fantastic stories on local people and business,” according to a press release by Fairhaven TV.

“I am so honored to have attended

the 2023 hometown media awards celebration in Brooklyn New York with our fairhaventv.com,” wrote Mr. Murphy on his Facebook page. “We Won an amazing award and are now nationally recognized!”

To watch the winning program, visit [www.fairhaventv.com/single-post/the-magazine-2022-year-in-review](http://www.fairhaventv.com/single-post/the-magazine-2022-year-in-review).

The awards ceremony can be viewed on YouTube with the title “Hometown Media Awards – 2023”, published by “Brookline Interactive Group. Fairhaven TV receives their award at the 1 hour mark.



TOP: Charlie Murphy holds his award for “The Magazine,” which won “Best Magazine Show” from the Hometown Media Awards from the Alliance for Community Media Foundation at a ceremony in Brooklyn, NY, on 6/28/23. FAR LEFT: Mr. Murphy is flanked by employees of the Fairhaven Cable TV Department as he holds his award. L-R: Erick Sa, Alyssa Botelho, Mr. Murphy, Derek Frates. LEFT: The crew “does” New York. Photos from Charles K. Murphy Facebook page.



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# Fire Safety Day educates, entertains and cools 'em off

By Beth David  
Editor

The Millicent Library held its annual Fire Safety Day on a scorching hot Monday, 7/17/23, on the lawn of the Unitarian Church.

Fairhaven Firefighter/Paramedic Maggie Rocha spoke to about 30 people who showed up in the 80+ degree weather, explaining what they should do in a fire.

“Get out and stay out,” said Ms. Rocha, explaining that only people who are trained should fight a fire.

To get out of the smoke, “Stay low and go,” she said, explaining that smoke rises, so they should keep low to the floor to escape.

And, of course, call 911, and be sure to know your address.

Ms. Rocha also showed the crowd how firefighters suit up, in a very heavy, very hot jacket and pants, hood, air pack, helmet and gloves.

The whole set up is about 50 pounds, which sounds bad, but, she



said : “That’s why you train for it.”

She suited up to show children what a firefighter would look like entering a house to save them.

She also demonstrated how the pack sounds an alarm if she does not move for 20 seconds, getting louder and louder to alert her fellow firefighters that she stopped moving.

“That means I’m in trouble and I need help,” she said. “And the other firefighters will go to help me.”

There are a lot of safety features, she said, and firefighters train constantly to be able to use the equipment properly.

She also let the children lift her coat to see how heavy it was.

When the education part was over, she had one question: “Should we read a book or spray water?”

“Spray water!” came the resounding answer.

Children then took turns aiming the fire hose at a target, and Ms. Rocha sprayed the water on the lawn while children ran underneath, until all 750 gallons were used up.

Children and their adults were also treated to some freebies, like coloring books and plastic firefighter hats, and Del’s Lemonade from Dorothy Cox.

To learn more about the Millicent Library’s programs, visit <https://millicentlibrary.org>



TOP: Sophia Poute kills some time playing in the rain puddle and watching her reflection before the start of the Millicent Library’s annual Fire Safety Day on 7/17/23. ABOVE LEFT: Jayson looks absolutely delighted as he aims the fire hose, under the watchful eye of Fairhaven Firefighter/Paramedic Maggie Rocha. ABOVE RIGHT: A young’un gets a little bit sprayed while taking a turn at the fire hose. BELOW LEFT: A young girl learns first hand how heavy the firefighter coat is. BELOW RIGHT: Violet Poute tries her hand at the fire hose. Photos by Beth David.



# Fairhaven SB gets update on Benoit Square, Causeway

By Beth David  
Editor

The Fairhaven Select Board reviewed two proposals at its meeting on 7/17/23: the Benoit Square proposed road changes, and the bridge on Goulart Memorial Drive/Causeway Road.

Bill Travers, MassDOT District Operations Engineer for District 5, and Sam Hawkins, Sr. Engineer in the district traffic section presented to the board, with the most significant update being that the proposed changes using painted lines and pylons are a temporary measure.

Mr. Travers said it was a “short term measure,” and would be used during a trial period. If it works, then the painted lines and other measures would be changed to “hardscape.”

Benoit Square is a triangular shaped island along one block of Howland Road between Main and Adams Streets, making a point where Main and Adams merge on the north side and become Main Street.

The result is a crazy merge point with a very wide four-lane crossing area where it is unclear who has the right of way. To complicate matters, Adams Street is a state road, and Main Street is a town road up until it merges with Adams.

There are traffic lights at both the intersections of Adams and Howland, and Main and Howland. The Main Street intersection is the spot that gets backed up on the north side when the Fairhaven-New Bedford swing bridge is closed to vehicles and they are rerouted.

Mr. Travers said the proposal does not address the traffic signals, because that is more of a long term concern when the bridge is replaced.

Mr. Hawkins said the concept is to increase safety for “vulnerable users.”

There are many conflict points, he said, and although they cannot be eliminated, they can be moved.

The plan is to create a painted white island on the north side of the square to create a “refuge” for pedestrians as they try to cross the 60 feet of roadway.

Main Street would have the right of way because a SRPEDD (Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District) traffic study showed it has more traffic than Adams.

The plan is to create a curvature along Adams Street to force people to slow down and have to make a hard right turn instead of the merger. It would shorten the crosswalk and have minimal impact on on-street parking, although it does take away a few spots in front of the old Oxford School. The school is now a residence for 55+ people with 50+ apartments.

Mr. Hawkins said the concept can be put into place quickly. He said the paint on the road would in the future become “hardscape elements.”

The design also provides an opportunity for a small “pocket park,” where some green space and a bench or two could be added in front of the Oxford Residences.

MassDOT also looked at the possibility of making both streets one

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ways, essentially creating a rotary, but decided against it.

SB member Charles Murphy said the concern of residents is that the “pylons will be there forever.”

“We don’t want them there forever, either,” said Mr. Travers.

Lt. David Sobral, Safety Officer for the police department said he was concerned about vehicles exiting the residences and trying to cross all four lanes of traffic to take a side street to avoid the lights.

Mr. Hawkins said they took that into consideration, which is why they added the stop sign.

Resident Will Gardner said he wanted them to go a little further and prioritize a design that will make Benoit Square a real hub that people will want to go to. There are businesses there, and more coming, residents, and lots of traffic.

He said he hoped they would look “beyond not just killing us,” but also making it business friendly, pedestrian friendly, and kid friendly.

John Medeiros of the North

Fairhaven Improvement Association said they needed to find a way to let people know there are 30 public parking spaces behind the Oxford residence. He also suggested signs to stop people from parking too close to the corners, as the side streets are narrow.

Ann Richard suggested they limit parking on Main Street because of how congested it is. Mr. Hawkins said they were trying to maintain as much street parking as possible.

Ms. Richard said they needed to think about safety for everyone. Not everyone has a car.

“We want them to feel safe walking and riding a bike, not just cars,” she said.

Mr. Travers said he was looking for a “some concurrence from the town” to move forward.

The board voted unanimously, 4-0 to support the concept. Ms. Powers was not at the meeting.

The board also heard from engineers from Tighe & Bond for fixing or replacing the bridge on Goulart Memorial Drive, the causeway to West Island.

Public Works Superintendent Vinnie Furtado told the board that the state inspects the bridges every two years. The causeway bridge is still structurally sound, he said, but every two years “it’s a little bit worse than the time before.”

He said he wanted to use Chapter 90 money to fix what was there, but learned that he would not get the permitting from the state without making it higher due to sea level rise.

Eric Ohanian from Tighe & Bond said the existing causeway was built in 1970 on abutments from 1920. So the abutments are 100 years old and the beams are 50 years old. The bridge has been rated as a 5, with closure occurring at a 3.

The concept, that was resisted by several residents is a raised roadway up about 10 feet higher than the current causeway. It would also be wider and include bike and pedestrian lanes.

The concept drawings do not include the “approaches,” which is where the elevated roadway comes down to meet the rest of the road. The plan also includes keeping most of the existing causeway in place because it protects the marina, and

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## Fairhaven Rotary awards four scholarships



The Fairhaven Rotary Club handed out four scholarships of \$500 each to graduating high school seniors who are continuing their education. TOP LEFT: Brooke Boucher (center), who will attend Stonehill College in the fall, holds her oversized scholarship check from the Fairhaven Rotary, with rotary member Melissa Kucharsky (LEFT) and Rotary president Jeannine Lopes, last month. TOP RIGHT: Sophia Murray, who will attend Queen's University in Canada. ABOVE LEFT: Bradly Poirier, who will attend UMass Dartmouth in the fall. ABOVE RIGHT: Adriano Silva, who will attend UMass Boston. *Submitted photos.*

## Fairhaven Historical Society awards scholarship



The Fairhaven Historical Society is pleased to announce that Kate Flannery is this year's recipient of the \$1,000 Enrique Goytizolo Scholarship. Kate graduated this June from Fairhaven High School and in the fall plans to attend Salve Regina University as a business major. Her essay outlined her efforts, alongside her grandmother, Beverly Rasmussen, to prevent the closing of the Rogers School where she was a 2nd grader at the time. Kate wrote of her love for Fairhaven and her desire to return to her hometown after the completion of her education. We wish Kate the best in her future endeavors!

LEFT: Kate Flannery (center) holds her certificate acknowledging that she was awarded the Enrique Goytizolo scholarship from the Fairhaven Historical Society, with Tim Evans (LEFT), president of the FHS; and Enrique Goytizolo. *Submitted photo.*

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## Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday August 1, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

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1. REF#: ZBA-023-025: 23 Milton Street, Map 20, Lot 145. Applicant and Owner: Jaslyn Sweetman. Applicant seeks a Variance to build a 26' x 26' garage and 12' x 21' 3" breezeway attached to the existing dwelling 5.4 ft. from the front property line as compared to the minimum 20 ft. front setback and 22.5 ft. from the rear property line as compared to the minimum 30 ft. rear setback, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18 Intensity of Use Schedule.
2. REF#: ZBA-023-026: 174 Dogwood Street, Map 43B, Lots 178, 179, and 182. Applicant and owner: Dean Agius. Applicant seeks a 4 ft. Variance to build a 10 ft. x 29 ft. deck 26.1 ft. from the rear property line as compared to the minimum 30 ft. rear setback,

pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18 Intensity of Use Schedule

3. REF#: ZBA-023-027: Bridge Street, Map 36, Lot 15J. Applicant and owner: Fairhaven Properties, LLC. Applicant seeks an Administrative Appeal of the Building Commissioner's April 4, 2023 determination that a self-storage facility is not an allowed use on the Applicant's property in the Industrial Zoning District and his determination that a self-storage facility is not considered to be a warehouse, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-33 Definitions and word use.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman, Fairhaven ZBA  
FNN: 7/20/23, 7/27/23

## Fairhaven's McConnell Announces run for MA GOP committee

### Press Release

Bob McConnell has announced that he will be running for State Committeeman from the Second Bristol & Plymouth State Senate District in the upcoming Presidential Primary on March 5, 2024. The role serves New Bedford, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Acushnet, and Mattapoisett.

"I am proud and excited to announce my candidacy for the Republican State Committee," said McConnell. "It is my goal to be an asset to the Massachusetts Republican Party and increase civic aware-

ness and community engagement in our area."

With almost 40 years working in law enforcement, and four decades as a licensed nurse, Bob has demonstrated his commitment and passion in service to others. An elected Fairhaven Town Meeting member since 2018, Bob also recently ran for the 10th Bristol District State Representative seat.

Bob McConnell was elected Chair of the Fairhaven Republican Town Committee (RTC) in October of 2021. As Chair of the Fairhaven RTC, Bob

demonstrated leadership, commitment, and involvement by growing membership, raising money to support candidates, and gathering signatures for state initiatives. Bob served as a delegate to the Massachusetts Republican State Convention in 2022.

"We face many critical challenges in our state and country. We need to make our voices heard. I look forward to supporting conservative candidates and working with grassroots local activists to build and grow their Town Committees." said McConnell.

## From our readers

### Ellison Wants to Inflict Pain

I read Ms Ellison's comments on the lifeguards at the Town beach (6/29/23 issue).

First, they did not all quit, three are still working. Secondly, the failure of the Prop 2 1/2 override has nothing to do with paying the lifeguards. They are paid through the user fees paid by customers who use the beach (beach stickers and parking fees).\*

This is Ms Ellison trying to inflict financial pain across the Town anyway she can because the Prop 2

1/2 override did not pass. This way in 2024 or 2025 when it comes up again it will pass.

Ms Ellison is charged with running the Town and its finances. So why in July 2022 and 2023 she did not suggest to pause for a year any road work or capital expenditures to balance the budget. Secondly, why not manage non essential employees to rolling 32 hour work weeks to lesson the financial short falls. Third, for essential employees put a hold on all overtime.

Just a few thoughts what private

businesses do every day when things get tough. They MANAGE their resources from A-Z and expect their fellow managers of departments to do the same.

I will end with this thought. If you can not manage the money you have now why in God's name would you expect the voters of Fairhaven to give you more!!!!

Steve Riley, Fairhaven

\*The fees go into the general fund and are not designated for a specific purpose.

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the work.

## Low Plate Lottery

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) announced applications for the 2023 Low Number Plate Lottery are available online now at myRMV Online Service Center ([https://atlas-myrmv.massdot.state.ma.us/myrmv/\\_/](https://atlas-myrmv.massdot.state.ma.us/myrmv/_/)). To be eligible, applicants must apply for this year's lottery by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 31, 2023. Winners will be notified by mail if selected for a low

number plate.

This year, there are 191 plates available through the low plate lottery. Some of the available low plates include 13F, 17V, 28E, Z64, 301, 1999, 4004, 4400, and 8511.

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## Upcoming Meetings

### Fairhaven

**Bikeway Committee**  
Thurs., 7/20, Remote, 6:30 p.m.  
**Board of Public Works**  
Mon., 7/24, Arsene St., 6 p.m.  
**Conservation Commission**  
Mon., 8/7, Town Hall, 6 p.m.  
**Economic Development**  
Thurs., 7/20, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.  
**Select Board**  
Mon., 8/21, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.  
**Sustainability Committee**  
Tues., 8/15, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

### Acushnet

**Board of Assessors**  
Thurs., 8/2, Town Hall, 4 p.m.  
**Selectboard**  
Tues., 7/25, Town Hall, 4:30 p.m.

## TIDE TABLE

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

	July 2023		HIGH a.m.	LOW p.m.		HIGH a.m.	LOW p.m.
Thursday	20	1029	2243	0348	1543		
Friday	21	1110	2324	0414	1621		
Saturday	22	1153	----	0444	1658		
Sunday	23	0008	1240	0518	1739		
Monday	24	0057	1329	0557	1830		
Tuesday	25	0147	1418	0645	1933		
Wednesday	26	0237	1507	0744	2037		
Thursday	27	0329	1603	0841	2137		
Friday	28	0431	1707	0937	2242		
Saturday	29	0537	1806	1038	2348		
Sunday	30	0631	1856	1142	----		
Monday	31	0720	1943	0044	1241*		
	Aug. 2023		HIGH a.m.	LOW p.m.			
Tuesday	1	0809	2033	0137*	1338*		
Wednesday	2	0901	2125	0232*	1440*		
Thursday	3	0954	2216	0325*	1540*		
Friday	4	1045	2306	0410*	1630*		
Saturday	5	1137	2359	0451*	1717*		
Sunday	6	----	1232	0532*	1809		
Monday	7	0055	1329	0619	1933		
Tuesday	8	0152	1424	0723	2131		
Wednesday	9	0247	1519	0840	2257		
Thursday	10	0344	1619	1017	----		
Friday	11	0451	1725	0004	----		

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

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can provide a recreation area.

Resident David Hickox asked about simply building up on the existing structure, but Brian Brenner, a bridge professor at Tufts who works with T&B, said the existing structure cannot sustain it. It is "sitting on sand right now," he said and will probably sink.

Resident Ginny Slater said she hoped to see some different "sight lines." She said the aerial views were nice, but "since I live on the ground, I'd like to see what it looks like."

She said she would like to see how it will look like for homeowners, beach users, and people at the approaches.

She said West Island is a different kind of community. It's beautiful, a really nice place, and has a certain look and feel.

"That needs to be considered also," she said.

"We don't want a monstrosity," said resident Dan Wood.

People on West Island want a "minimum amount of changes."

He said they do not want something that will encourage speeding;

the want "serene, peaceful."

Mr. Furtado said that nothing was happening anytime soon, but they had to get started.

The current state is a 5, he said, but "We're gonna be knocking on three's door not too long from now."

Mr. Furtado said he would have been happy to keep it the same height, but that is not possible.

"I want to make it the lowest higher I can," said Mr. Furtado.

In another matter, the board briefly discussed the government meeting recording policy, at the request of Mr. Espindola, who handed out a copy of the bylaw that was passed by Town Meeting requiring all town meetings to be recorded and 13 available online.

Mr. Espindola said he felt the original intent of the bylaw was to provide "openness and transparency to every board meeting."

The bylaw does allow for exceptions for operational conditions. He said that means if there is not enough staffing or other logistical concern, not that they are "just deciding" it's an operational condition.

Mr. Espindola said if a meeting is not going to be recorded, it should be noted on the agenda or meeting notice because people are expect the meeting to be recorded. So they should be alerted if it is not.

The reason the issue came up is that the Select Board held a "retreat," with a quorum present. He said last year the retreat was more "interpersonal," but this year they talked about goals. He said that is the kind of thing that the community should have access to so they can view it later.

Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison said they should have the discussion at a meeting when Ms. Powers is present, and SB chairperson Leon Correy agreed.

Under board member items, Mr. Espindola reiterated his concern that some items on the agenda have been in the wrong categories. Anything that might require a vote should be an action item, he said. As an example, he noted that the Benoit Square presentation was under the TA report, yet the board voted on it.

Ms. Ellison said it was intended as a discussion, and not a vote.

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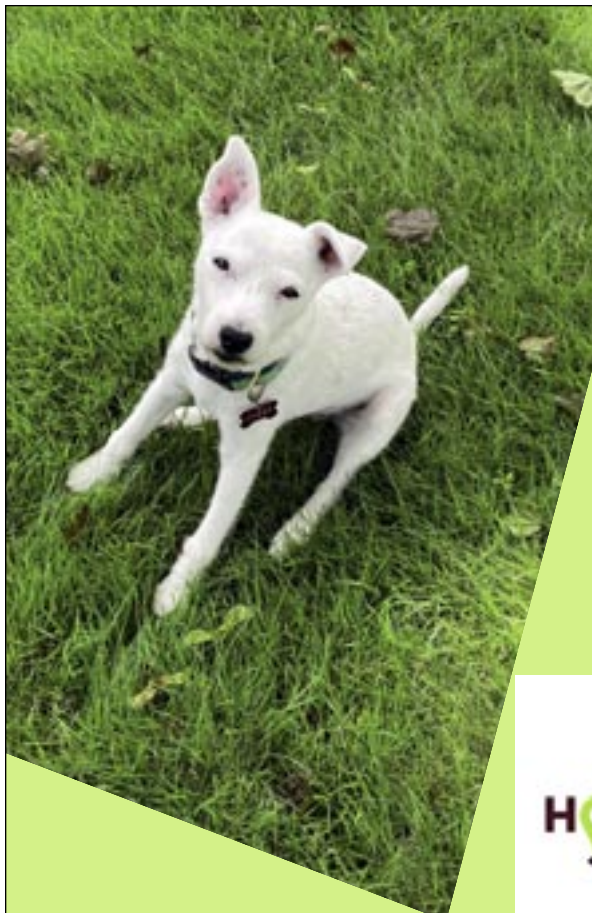
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