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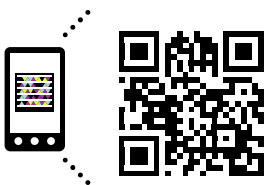
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Play Ball! New pickleball courts ready for action



L-R: Fairhaven Pickleball Association board members Ken Pottel and Al Valle cut the ribbon on the new pickleball courts at Livesey Park in Fairhaven on Saturday, 11/4/23, while members of the association watch from the court. See story on page 12. Photo by Beth David.



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Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Judge Murray Gurfein, Pentagon Papers case, June 17, 1971:

"The security of the Nation is not at the ramparts alone. Security also lies in the value of our free institutions. A cantankerous press, an obstinate press, a ubiquitous press must be suffered by those in authority in order to preserve the even greater values of freedom of expression and the right of the people to know."

From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Publisher Beth David with Charlie, aka Evil Dog

Wow, how did that happen? Veterans Day is this Saturday. Fairhaven and New Bedford will hold their annual parades, and there are some other events throughout the weekend. See page 3 for that. Make it a point to get out there for a parade and show your support for our veterans. Line the route and let them know you appreciate their service.

Acushnet had its fall Town Meeting this week (see page 13). Now, that was fun! No, really, it was. I wish I had the space to get in all the colorful remarks. There were plenty of 'em. Watch it if you can. Break out the popcorn, a cold drink, and relax.

Fairhaven's special Town Meeting is next week. See page 4 for an overview of what articles they will face.

Fairhaven had Select Board meeting too, and welcomed a new police officer. See page 14 for that.

And, let's not forget young Jake Gallagher graduating from the call/volunteer firefighter academy. Proud dad Kevin Gallagher made sure we had a photo to share. See page 19 for that.

And all the holiday stuff is ramping up. See pages 5, 6, 7 for listings on holiday fairs, fund-raisers, and all things Christmas.

And, let's not forget the Lebanese Christmas bazaar, with all that great Lebanese food. See page 7 or the ad on the back cover for that. We are at our new parish home on Acushnet Avenue. Go check it out.

There are other fun things in here, of course. Thumb through to find it all. And while you're doing that, be sure to note who our advertisers are so you can tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*.

Until next week then, see ya

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Glory to the Heroes!*

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Veterans Day, Fund-raisers, Bazaars and Craft Fairs

Fairhaven Veterans Day Parade

Sat., 11/11, meet at 9:30 a.m., step off at 10 a.m. Parade route: Start at Benoit square along Main Street to Fairhaven High School where the big flag will be raised. In case of inclement weather, people will gather at the VFW, 109 Middle St., Fairhaven.

Proudly supported by Veterans of Foreign Affairs Post 2892, Fairhaven Lions Club, Veterans Service Office.

All veterans are invited to march. If you are unable to march, you may ride in the Council on Aging van. Be at the COA/Senior Center, 229 Huttleston Ave. (near Stop & Shop), by 9 a.m., or call 508-979-4029.

For further information, contact Mike or Jane at 508-658-3719 or 508-202-4603.

Acushnet Veterans Ceremony

The Town of Acushnet will hold Veterans Day ceremony on Saturday, 11/11 at the Veterans Memorial Park on Main Street at Pope Park (99 Park Avenue, Acushnet).

Events begin at 9:50 a.m. with a

series of march tunes from the branches of the military.

Activities include the raising of the flag, the national anthem by the Ford Middle School chorus; excerpt from a Civil War letter; the laying of the wreath; and several musical performances.

If weather permits, the Coast Guard will fly over the site at about 10:15 a.m.

The town will also treat attendees to coffee and donuts.

New Bedford Parade

New Bedford's Veterans Day Parade, which will take place on Saturday, 11/11, will form at the intersection of Rockdale Avenue and Union Street, in Buttonwood Park, beginning at about 10 a.m. and stepping off at 11 a.m.

The parade will march east on Union Street to County Street, then turn left and head north on County Street to William Street, then turn right onto William Street and head east to City Hall, and end at the reviewing stand in front of the New Bedford Main Library, at the intersection of Pleasant Street and

William Street. An address for the end of the parade is 613 Pleasant St. in downtown New Bedford.

A Veteran's Day service will be held at the reviewing stand following the conclusion of the parade, and all are invited to attend. Seating will be reserved near the reviewing stand for elderly veterans and veterans with disabilities.

In the case of inclement weather, there will be a service at the Fort Taber Community Center at Fort Taber Park, 1000A S. Rodney French Blvd., beginning at 12 p.m.

If you plan on marching in this year's parade and have yet to RSVP, please email Veterans' Agent Christopher Gomes at: cgomes@newbedford-ma.gov or call the New Bedford Veteran's Services Department at (508) 991-6184.

If you have not sent an RSVP but still would like to march, we invite you to still show up to the parade. All who want to participate in the parade

At The Military Museum

The 20th annual veterans appreciation weekend is scheduled

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Member Preview:
Friday, November 17th 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Not a member yet? You can join at the preview sale or by picking up a form at the library Circulation Desk. Membership good through December 2024

Public Sale:
Saturday, November 18th
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Donations now accepted during library hours.

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Fairhaven Special Town Meeting facing 16 articles on Tuesday

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven Town Meeting members will face a variety of articles at the Special TM on Tuesday, 11/14/23.

Several large expenditures are on the warrant, including \$20 million in additional funds for the upgrade to the sewer treatment plant. The upgrade is required by law and has been hanging over the town's head for years. The \$20 million will be borrowed and added to \$50 million that has already been approved for a total of \$70 million in borrowing.

TM will also be asked to approve the transfer of \$12,700 from free cash for eight poll pads, which are used to check in and check out voters during elections. The state recommends two per precinct and two backup poll pads. The town currently has six, which is one per precinct. The state is in the process of making the recommendation a requirement.

TM members will also be asked to make two bylaws changes.

Article 12 asks to change the Town Clerk from an elected position to an appointed position. The measure failed at the annual town meeting in

May of this year and in 2018. If it passes on Tuesday, it would need to go to a town-wide vote.

Town Meeting will also be asked to change some wording in the bylaw governing the Capital Planning Committee. The new wording reflects changes in the structure of the town offices, such as changing "Finance Director/Treasurer/Collector" to a designee of the Finance Director, with provisions for alternate if there is no Finance Director.

Other changes clear up some language that is in conflict with the Town Administrator Act to clarify roles, etc.

Article 15 will be recommended to pass over because it is improperly written. It asks for Town Meeting to request the Fairhaven Sustainability Committee to reconsider the nips ban. The article, however, passed a previous town meeting and went through the legislative process. The article as written is not the mechanism for having it reconsidered.

Other articles and actions include:

- Article 3 for \$75K to fund the sewer labor contracts, from the sewer enterprise fund;

- To transfer \$295,959.45 from sewer funds to the sewer capital improvements stabilization fund.
- Article 5 to authorize entering into a water storage tank maintenance contract for up to 15 years.
- To transfer \$75K from free cash for easements for the Safe Routes to School program, which requires compensation to homeowners for temporary and permanent easements for the program on Sconticut Neck Road between David Drown Blvd. and Hiller Ave;
- To transfer \$70K from free cash for emergency replacement of the fire alarm panel in town hall;
- To approve including exterior renovations to the appropriation already approved for the Manjiro Cultural Center from Community Preservation Act funds, which requires no additional funding;
- To authorize the Select Board to enter into a lease, power purchase and energy storage agreement for a solar canopy in the parking lot at the Recreation/Senior Center building.
- Accept Alves Way as a town public way.

Fairhaven PD investigating rollover crash

Press Release

Lt. Kevin Kobza reports that the Fairhaven Police Department is investigating a rollover motor vehicle crash that occurred Thursday night.

On Thursday, 11/2/23, just after 8 p.m., Fairhaven Police and Fire-EMS responded to the area of Main Street and North Street for a rollover crash.

Upon arrival, first responders located a 2003 Cadillac DeVille resting on its side. The operator and sole occupant of the vehicle, a 32-year-old New Bedford man, was treated at the scene by Fairhaven Fire paramedics and transported by ambulance to St. Luke's Hospital.

An initial investigation indicates that the operator of the Cadillac lost control of the vehicle and swerved, striking a curb. The vehicle then struck the rear of a 2015 Hyundai Sonata, struck a utility pole and rolled onto its side.

The two adult occupants of the Hyundai did not report injuries and

declined transportation to the hospital.

The crash remains under investigation by the Fairhaven PD.



Fairhaven emergency personnel respond to a two car crash with rollover on Main Street near North Street on Thursday, 11/2/23. Photo by John Maciel.

AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

FHS Light a Light

At the end of the first month (October) of our annual Light-a-Light Fundraiser your FHS Alumni Association has received \$8,700 in donations from 113 alumni and friends of our high school. This puts us about 1/5 of the way towards our goal of \$45,000. Many of the donations have been very generously given in memory of deceased classmates and/or friends.

Our beautiful Colorado Blue Spruce Tree on the west lawn of F.H.S. will be lighted on the day after Thanksgiving with a bulb lit for every \$10 that has been donated, and our Light-a-Light Drive will continue until the end of December.

Donations can be made electronically using our Venmo user name: @FHS-AlumniAssociation or by Zelle using our email address: FHSAlumni12@gmail.com. Checks made out to "FHS Alumni" can be mailed to: FHS Alumni, PO Box 6, Fairhaven, MA 02719

Thank you for your loyalty to your FHS Alumni Association, as well as your generosity in supporting our efforts to support the students and staff of the high school as well as the restoration projects that we undertake.

Support Hometown Filmmaker

Support Fairhaven resident Alyssa Botelho's newest project, SWEET FREEDOM: a short film set in 1839 New Bedford, MA about legendary abolitionist Polly Johnson. A woman who has yet to receive her due credit for sheltering countless escaped slaves, including Frederick Douglass.

With shooting underway now, we need all the help we can get!! If you'd like to help make this film a reality, please contribute here: <https://igg.me/at/sweetfreedom>

Holiday Craft Fair

Join the Fairhaven Housing Authority for our first Annual Resident Craft Fair at Oxford Terrace, 275 Main St., Fairhaven, on Sat., 12/2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be door prizes, complimentary Popcorn, Hot Chocolate and Apple Cider. There will also be a baked goods table. Come on

out and start or finish your Christmas Shopping.

FHS Craft Fair

Please join us for our 3rd Annual craft and vendor fair, a fundraiser for the Fairhaven High School PTO and the Fairhaven High School Classes of 2024 & 2025. Fairhaven High School Blue Devil Craft & Vendor Fair, Sat., 11/8, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at FHS, 12 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven, MA.

Book Study Collaborative

You are invited to a Book Study Collaborative: *Inhabiting Interdependence, being in the next economy.*

In this insightful book, John Bloom, author of *The Genius of Money*, explores approaches toward transforming the conventional habits of mind and practice that have led to today's imbalance in our economic life and in society as a whole.

Acknowledging that money has permeated almost every aspect of daily life—including our relationships to nature and to one another—Bloom asks: *How and why did we arrive at our current forms of social practice, including organizational life and governance?*

From this inquiry arises a major reconsideration of personal and cultural conditioning and our economic selves, as well as our systems of exchange, in order to understand how we can be in the next economy in a way that supports and celebrates our human capacities.

John Bloom offers an argument for returning natural resources, work, and forms of capital to their origins as gifts rather than as commodities. By adopting such a framework, we can find a deeper meaning and purpose for stewarding these economic gifts on behalf of a more livable and interdependent future.

Location will be at the Millicent Library in the auditorium located at the Walnut St. Entrance. Begin Date is November 15th, 2023, at 6:30 pm- End date to be decided by the attendees.

Christmas Fair

Trinity Lutheran Church will be holding its annual Christmas Fair on Sat., 11/18, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Shop a variety of gift giving items

from handmade Christmas decorations to uniquely knitted hats, scarves, mittens, socks, sweaters of all sizes including infants and children.

Come and enjoy lunch featuring Norwegian open-faced sandwiches and pastries as well as fresh lobster rolls, local scallops and fried chicken. Located at 16 Temple Place, Fairhaven, MA where there is handicapped parking and accessibility.

Crafters Needed

Elizabeth Hastings Middle School PTO presents a winter craft & vendor market, on Sat., 12/2, at EHMS, 30 School St., Fairhaven, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. To benefit all middle school students' enrichment programs. New vendors welcome. Sections are \$40 for 8 feet. Contact Liz, CCMBusiness@yahoo.com

Leaf Pickup

This year's curbside leaf collection in Fairhaven will be from November 7 through December 1. Leaves must be placed at the curb by 7 a.m.

Leaves will be picked up the day after your regular trash day. After a holiday collection will be one day later. Place leaves in boxes, barrels or paper leaf bags.

NO PLASTIC BAGS. Limit of 25 per stop. Brush and vines are NOT accepted. Contact the Board of Public Works office, 508-979-4031, for further information.

SAVE THE DATE

Turkey Trot

Fairhaven Thanksgiving 5K Turkey Trot, Thurs., 11/23. Gather: 7:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m., Start Time: 8:00 a.m. Green Street side of Cushman Park near Bridge Street, Fairhaven. Join your family, friends, and neighbors to kick off the holiday on the right foot: running for a reason! Benefits the Shepherd's Pantry and SMEC.

First 400 adult registrants receive a T-Shirt. Registration is \$25. Registration for children 10 and under is \$10 online.

Register at <https://racewire.com/register.php?id=13813>

You may also register in person the day before at the SMEC building, 56 Bridge Street, Fairhaven, and

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STILL IN TOWN

Thanksgiving morning before the race. For more details visit <https://www.fairhaventurkeytrot.net> or email fairhaventurkeytrot17@gmail.com.

The traditional course starts at Cushman Park on Bridge Street in Fairhaven, goes out to Fort Phoenix and returns to the park where it finishes on west end of the track.

Tour Guides Needed

If you are confident speaking to groups in public, are able to commu-

nicate clearly, and are interested in local history, you might be just who the Fairhaven Office of Tourism is looking for. Tourism Director Chris Richard is looking for a few good people who could serve as volunteer guides or presenters for some of the walking tours and historical programs that his office provides to the public from spring through the fall. Don't worry about whether or not you know about Fairhaven history. That can be learned quite easily. More important is the ability to capture the attention of the audience and give

them a fun and informative experience.

The Office of Tourism provides regularly scheduled public tours from late spring to early fall. Custom tours are also arranged throughout the year for groups including school classes, clubs, assisted living groups, scout troops and other organizations.

If you would be interested in becoming a volunteer tour guide for the Fairhaven Office of Tourism, you may email Chris Richard at fairhaventours@fairhaven-ma.gov or call him at 508-979-4085.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Saturday, Nov. 11 and Sunday, Nov. 12 at the Fort Taber-Fort Military Museum, 100C Rodney French Blvd., New Bedford.

To honor our veterans, the museum will commemorate Armistice/Veterans Day weekend with special presentations. On Sat., 11/11 the museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

At 11 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 11, a bells of peace ceremony will commemorate the signing of the armistice that ended World War I. The armistice was signed on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918.

On Sunday, Nov. 12, the museum will be open from 1 to 4 p.m.

At 2 p.m., a presentation about the 26th Yankee Division in the Great War will be presented by Joseph Yukna, co-founder of the Cape Cod Military Museum.

Visitors to the museum can also view the revamped display about Exercise Tiger, a rehearsal for the D-Day invasion that went tragically wrong, claiming the lives of nearly 1,000 American servicemen.

Admission to the museum and all events is free. Refreshments will be available both days.

AHA! Night

Our next AHA! event on November 9th promises to be a special one, and we'd love to have YOU participate in our Made in NB: Art Mart & Gallery night in Custom House Square!

Thurs., 11/9, from 4-8 p.m., Custom House Square, Downtown New Bedford.

Why Participate?

Showcase your unique artwork or crafts; Network with other talented artists and potential customers

opportunity for direct sales and commissions; Be part of New Bedford's vibrant art scene

We are currently seeking makers and creators of any kind to participate and make this event truly magical. If you're an artist, crafts-person, or creative entrepreneur, we invite you to apply.

Lebanese Christmas Bazaar

Join Our Lady of Purgatory Catholic Church for our annual Lebanese Christmas bazaar, at our future home (formerly Our Lady of Fatima), 4254 Acushnet Ave., NB.

Sat., 11/11 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun., 11/12, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Featuring delicious Lebanese food and patries, money and basket raffles, caravan and silent auctions. Our cookbook, "Sahtein!" will also be available for purchase during the bazaar for \$25 each. Featuring favorite recipes from OLOP parishioners, including all your Lebanese favorites.

NB Festival Theatre

New Bedford Festival Theatre (NBFT) is thrilled to announce "Oh, What A Night!" This special event will showcase the incredible talent of local performers alongside NBFT Fan Favorite, Jesse Luttrell. Audiences can expect a night filled with show-stopping performances from hit Broadway shows. Attendees can also enjoy a cocktail hour, buffet dinner and a silent auction. All proceeds will go to the New Bedford Festival Theatre's programming during the 2023-2024 season.

Sat., 11/11, 6-10 p.m., White's of Westport, 66 State Road, Westport.

Tickets at (<https://tinyurl.com/chn7evf6>) or at nbfestivaltheatre.com Contact newbedfordft@aol.com.

Turkey Shoot

Join us for a target shoot on Sun., 11/19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at New Bedford Revolver and Rifle Club, 246 Bolton St., NB. \$1/lucky targe/3 shots. All ages accepted, no license required. Door prices, auction, 50/50 raffle, food, fun prizes. All profits to be donated to local charities. Visit <https://www.nbrrc.com/>.

Shooting: 25 targets per relay, prizes awarded to the highest score per relay. So, there are prizes all day long. Children's sized rifles and ammunition supplied.

Dock-U-Mentary

Our free Dock-u-mentary series has returned! Hosted in partnership with New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, Dock-u-mentaries are hosted every third Friday at 7:00pm at the National Park auditorium at 33 William Street through March. They feature a wide-range of documentaries and films, with the majority focusing on commercial fishing and the working waterfront. On November 17, we will be screening the Nigerian fantasy film, *Mami Wata*, a critically acclaimed film that was featured at the Sundance Film Festival and explores the relationship between people and water. *Mami Wata* is a special tie-in with our exhibit, Sea Monsters: Real and Imagined.

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STILL OVERTOWN

SAVE THE DATES:

Orient Express

Your Theatre presents Agatha Christie's "Murder on the Orient Express," at the new Steeple Playhouse, 159 William St., New Bedford, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. on 11/17 & 18, and 11/24 & 25; Saturday and Sunday, at 2 p.m. on 11/18 & 19, and 11/25 & 26. Tickets: Gen Admission, \$25; Military, seniors,

students, \$22. Pay at door. Run time, 2:30. To make reservations please call 508-993-0772 or email BoxOffice@yourtheatre.org. Card to Culture Program: Admission for EBT, WIC, and ConnectorCare cardholders, is up to 2 tickets per eligible card for each Regular Production, \$5.00 per person

Just after midnight, a snowdrift stops the Orient Express in its tracks. The luxurious train is surprisingly full

for the time of the year, but by the morning it is one passenger fewer. An American tycoon lies dead in his compartment, stabbed eight times, his door locked from the inside. Isolated and with a killer in their midst, the passengers rely on detective Hercule Poirot to identify the murderer – in case he or she decides to strike again. This is the first Major Production at our new home Steeple Playhouse!

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Craft Fair

Craft Fair by St. Julie's Ladies Guild, Sat., 11/11, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Bishop Stang High School Gymnasium, 500 Slocum Road, Dartmouth, MA 02747. (Next Door to St. Julie's)

Featuring Homemade Creative Crafts, holiday items, Beautiful Unique Handcrafted Items, That Special Gift, Country Auction & Crafter Raffles, Food & Desserts. Something for Everyone! Questions regarding the program or registration can be directed to Lauren Roberts at 508-748-1212 ext. 3310 or lroberts@marionma.gov.

Attendees are reminded to wear comfortable clothing.

Holiday Shop

The Marion Art Center, 80 Pleasant St., announces its annual exhibit, Small Works + Holiday Shop. The show runs Saturday, November 11 through Friday, December 15, with an opening reception scheduled on Saturday, November 11 from 3:00-5:00pm.

The exhibit will feature original works of art all under fourteen inches, plus a curated selection of handmade goods such as jewelry, textiles, ceramics, woodworks, gifts, and more. Shop for yourself or find the perfect gifts for others! All pieces may be removed from the galleries upon purchase for this cash and carry show. Learn more at marionartcenter.org/on-exhibit.

Mattapoissett GOP

The Mattapoissett Republican Party invites everyone interested to join us on Thursday, 11/16 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at the Knights of Columbus, 57 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoissett, MA

02739. This month's guest speaker is a steadfast supporter of our local communities. Please help us welcome Plymouth County Commissioner, Sandra Wright. Meeting Topic: Update on County Activities.

Bird Club

A Journey into the Amazon: Exploring some of the Western Hemisphere's Unknown Areas for Shorebirds on Wed., 11/15, at 6:30 pm at the Mattapoissett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St. (Virtual option available)

The Amazon is one of the most mythical places on earth. Home to alluring jungles, the largest volume of freshwater of any river in the world, and some of the deadliest creatures to be encountered. Take a look at one of the most unknown areas in the Western Hemisphere for shorebird migration as we journey into a world ruled by the Amazon River. We will also get a bird's eye view from the top of a forest canopy, views along the river, and see many of the creatures that call it home. Presented by Justin Barrett, president of the Nasketucket Bird Club

Check out the Bird Club's website: <https://www.nbcbirdclub.com/>

Craft Fair

Avoid mall parking lots! Don't get stuck in holiday traffic! Instead join the Mattapoissett Museum for our annual Craft Fair at 5 Church Street, Mattapoissett on Sa., 11/18, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.. Shop for unique gifts – local, one-of-a-kind items. There will be a large selection of handmade creations available: art, notecards, glass, woolens, photography, jewelry, leather goods, food, and more.

For more info call 508-758-2844 or email curator@mattapoissettmuseum.org

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Buoy a Tree Lighting

Help the Mattapoissett YMCA decorate our buoy tree. \$100 per buoy. Purchase your buoy, decorate, and return the buoy to the YMCA by November 30th.

Then join us for the lighting on Thurs., 12/7, from 5–7:30 p.m. at the Y, 38 Reservation Road, Mattapoissett, for a night of holiday festivities, beer and wine, food and family-friendly crafts and activities.

Your participation will ensure that your neighbors, friends and families all have access to the Y programs regardless of their financial circumstances.

At Acushnet Library

The following events will take place at the Acushnet Public Library, 232 Middle Rd. For more information please visit acupl.org.

Friday, November 10 @ 1 pm Break a Record. Kids 9 and up are invited to try to break a world record.

Monday, November 13 @ 2 pm Movie Matinee - Barbie Adults 18 and up are welcome to attend our matinee showing of Barbie starring Margot Robbie and Ryan Gosling. Bring a covered beverage.

Mindfulness Melodies Thursday, November 16 & 30 @ 10:30 am Mindful Melodies presented by PACE Coordinated Family and Community Engagement (CFCE) Program.

Join your local CFCE program for a music and movement session of Mindful Melodies in the Library Community Room. These are free child-parent events for families with children ages birth to 6 years. Registration is required. Contact Jocelyn Carvalho, PACE Child Care Works 508-999-9930 x 102

YOU CAN JOIN



Who can join Alltrust?

Membership is open to anyone who lives, works, or attends school in:

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Grades K-6 Dates 12/26-12/29
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For more information, please call 508-993-9455 and ask for Sally Bourke.

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Please call to reserve your seat by November 15. Call 508-979-4029.

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Entertainment will be Tony & Pat. Lunch will be turkey with gravy.

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Recipe of the Week

Oven-Baked Salmon

- 1 (2-pound) whole salmon, skin-on preferred
 - 3 tbsps butter, melted, or olive oil
 - 2 cloves garlic, minced
 - 1 tablespoon brown sugar
 - 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
 - 1 teaspoon ground paprika
 - 1 teaspoon garlic powder
 - 3/4 teaspoon salt
- Preheat the oven to 375 °

Line a rimmed baking sheet with foil. Place the salmon, skin side down, pink side up, on the prepared baking sheet.

Crimp the edges of the foil around the salmon to make what appears like a boat to catch the juices when baking.

In a small bowl, combine the melted butter and the minced garlic. Brush 1/2 of the garlic butter over the salmon.

In another small bowl, combine the brown sugar, Italian seasoning, paprika, garlic powder, salt.

Evenly sprinkle the spice mixture over the salmon.

Drizzle the coated salmon with the remaining garlic butter.

Bake the coated salmon until it reaches your preferred doneness, between 125-145 degrees F, about 15-22 minutes. If desired, carefully baste the salmon with the juices halfway through baking.

Allow the cooked salmon to rest for 5 minutes after baking.

Serve.

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Dear Frankie

When Life Interrupts Your Plans

Dear Frankie,

My mom told me she was about to have surgery and would be out of commission for several weeks. She said the doctor told her she would be on

bed rest and couldn't drive.

This means she won't be able to take me to the dog park, go on hikes, or stop at McDonald's on the way home for Chicken McNuggets.

I understand that Mom needs to rest after her operation, but don't you think she should hire someone to take her place while she is laid up?

Sammy

Dear Sammy,

If anyone needs to be hired, it should be someone to take care of your mom while she is recovering. Healing from an operation can be

both painful and exhausting. What do I think?

You should stop moaning about how your routine will be disrupted. The last thing your mother needs is to be worrying about you and your schedule.

Take this time to show her how much you care and appreciate all she does for you by being caring, supportive, and available at her beck and call.

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Best, Frankie

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Press Release

The Fairhaven High School Theatre Company is excited to be presenting this year’s fall production, *Radium Girls*.

Based on a true story, *Radium Girls* traces the efforts of Grace Fryer, a young dial painter in the 1920s, who fights for her day in court after falling ill from radium in the plant. Her chief adversary is her former employer, Arthur Roeder, an idealistic man who cannot bring himself to believe that the same element that shrinks tumors could have anything to do with the terrifying illnesses among his employees.

As the case goes on, Grace finds herself battling not just with the U.S. Radium Corporation, but with her own family and friends, who fear that



her campaign for justice will backfire. Called a “powerful” and “engrossing” drama by critics, *Radium Girls* offers a wry, unflinching look at the peculiarly American obsessions with health, wealth, and the commercialization of science.

Radium Girls will be performed at Fairhaven High School on November 17th and 18th at 7PM, with a matinee on November 19th at 2PM. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors and students. Tickets are general admission and can be purchased at the link below, as well as in person before each performance. For more information, please email mrebello@fairhavenps.net.

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Pickleball courts ready for action

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Pickleball Association and town officials held a ribbon cutting ceremony at the four new pickleball courts at Livesey Park in Fairhaven on Saturday, 11/4/23.

FPA president Ken Pottel thanked the committee and members who went to meetings to get the funding, which used \$180,000 in Community Preservation Act funds plus private funds raised by the association.

"It was quite a lot of work," said Mr. Pottel and credited Al Valle with being "very key" to the success of the project.

Mr. Pottel also thanked his wife, Joyce, who most definitely got the biggest round of applause.

"It was quite the labor of love," said Mr. Pottel, adding that it takes people advocating to get things done. "We know how many people will benefit."

He also thanked the Select Board and Board of Public Works, who voted to support the project, which had to be approved at Town Meeting.

Daniel Lopes, a BPW member, said things like the pickleball courts create a sense of community, and we need more, and he said he hopes for more.

Select Board member Stasia Powers, who is also a member of the association, credited Mr. Pottel with getting the job done, calling him a "force to be reckoned with when he has his mind set."

She said the town's master plan calls for the town to create more

recreational opportunities in North Fairhaven.

"Nothing meets that more than this project," said Ms. Powers, adding it is the "perfect spot" for it and will bring people to North Fairhaven to the businesses.

"This is a meeting place," said Mr. Valle. "Look around, look at potential friends, potential neighbors."

He said it strengthens families and strengthens the community.

"Pass it on," said Mr. Valle, calling the FPA members "ambassadors of pickleball."

"Bring in family, bring in friends," he said. "That's what it's all about."

Adina Warters told the crowd to invite friends and family to play.

"We are very welcoming," she said.

The four new, dedicated courts were a big hit with the players, who were all trying them out for the first time.

"It's a happy occasion," said Helena Almeida, adding that players need more courts, especially free ones. "You can't have too many courts."

Maria Nogueira said being a member of the association makes it easy to sign up and see who is playing and when. She said membership is "more a social thing." And members do things outside of Pickleball.

Ms. Nogueira said the new courts are very nice because they have fencing between the courts, which helps to keep the ball from rolling to another court disrupting play for others.



They both said that although it is nice to have the free courts at Cushman Park, those are shared with tennis players and the lines are confusing.

Lauren Sharp is on the social committee and said they organize events for members to get together just to socialize. She said it makes it very easy to make new friends.

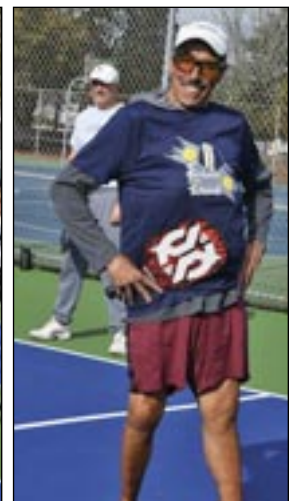
"It's been awesome," said Ms. Sharp.

Dan DeTerra, a pickleball instructor, said the sport welcomes everyone no matter the level of play. And it creates great friendships.

He said the association is a well run organization and they do an "awesome job" creating playing times and organizing social events.

"They go above and beyond for sure," said Mr. DeTerra.

Select Board member Bob Espindola also joined the event, but declined the offer to speak.



ABOVE, L-R: Fairhaven Select Board member Stasia Powers, who is also a member of the Fairhaven Pickleball Association, speaks at a ribbon cutting ceremony on opening day of the new pickleball courts at Livesey Park in Fairhaven on 11/4/23, while Al Valle, Dan Lopes, and Ken Pottel listen and react. ABOVE MIDDLE: Maria Nogueira puts her whole body into it as she hits the ball during a pickleball game. ABOVE RIGHT: Jimmy Santos mugs it up for the camera during a pickleball game. TOP: Tracy Schofield leans into it as she hits the ball. Photos by Beth David.

Acushnet Town Meeting approves all

By Beth David
Editor

Acushnet Town Meeting approved all articles at the Special TM on Monday, 11/5/23, including the 55+ bylaw change and the additional Lake Street Recreation Area funding that caused a lot of chatter on social media.

Article 12 amends the bylaw that allows 55+ housing developments to include a host of regulations and restrictions. The article garnered lots of discussion and questions.

Town officials told voters that the changes put safeguards in place to make sure any new developments will be in keeping with the neighborhoods and the character of the town. The changes limit the number of units per acre, and the number of bedrooms per unit.

SB member David Wojnar, who has been under fire on social media about the bylaw, said for 20 years he has been hearing from people who want an affordable option for when they get older and do not want to maintain their large homes. He said the bylaw will require the developments to go before numerous boards for approval.

"I just ask that the source of truth is what you see in print," said Mr. Wojnar. "Not on social media."

Finance Committee Chairperson Mike Boucher said voters should watch the meetings themselves and not rely on social media. There is "may too much misinformation on there, nonsense, innuendo and slander," he said. "It's pretty disgusting to be honest."

Peter Benoit, who is also on the Finance Committee said without the changes, the town is open to developers

to do what they want.

Some voters had concerns with specific aspects and details of the changes.

Mr. Wojnar said the bylaw can always be changed at a future TM if they find it is not right.

"It's a living, breathing document," he said.

"If we don't pass the 55+ bylaw, we're screwed," said SB Chairperson Kevin Gaspar.

He said any developer can put multiple units alongside any property now. The new law has safeguards. He said he personally insisted on certain changes.

"I'm proud of this bylaw," said Mr. Gaspar.

Voters raised concerns about enforcement. What happens when a 55+ person has an adult child who suddenly needs to live with them, and brings a child along? What about if the owner dies?

Some of that is addressed in the bylaw, officials said, some will be an enforcement issue.

Discussion also went back and forth about the definition of "affordable," but the bylaw does not specify affordable housing. It is for 55+, and by nature of the restrictions, should cost less than a single family home on a large lot.

Mike McLuskey went back and forth a bit with SB members, saying he has been asking questions for months and getting no answers.

"You don't answer any of the questions," said Mr. McLuskey

Planning Board member David Davignon said he endorsed the changes from the beginning because it puts restrictions in places.

"This comprehensive bylaw replaces something so basic and archaic," said Mr. Davignon. "We're fools if we don't push it through."

Anita Davis asked Mr. Wojnar if there were any projects in the works or being talked about behind closed doors.

"I know where you're going with this," said Mr. Wojnar.

"No you don't," said Ms. Davis.



"I don't appreciate the innuendo you are trying to perpetuate on social media" said Mr. Wojnar. "They don't know what they are talking about."

"We don't live in the lily white community we like to think we do," said Ms. Davis, adding grandparents are raising grandchildren and the developments would "open a can of worms."

In the end the article passed with very little opposition, at which point, many people left the meeting.

Article 5, which appropriated funds for a variety of capital expenses, got a bit of heated discussion. TM voted to split the article to vote on each item individually, although, in the end they all passed.

The Fire/EMS ambulance expenditure passed easily; the Fire Chief's new Dodge Durango passed easily; and the Council on Aging new van passed easily. Not so the lease close-outs for the two Electric Vehicles (EVs) that the town has.

Mr. Gaspar explained that the town had three EVs, but turned in the one the building department had because the new inspector did not use it. The two remaining EVs are used by the Health Agent and the Conservation agent. The cars also have low mileage and are in good condition, so the town decided to keep them.

Garry Rawcliffe got into his familiar rant-mode over the Electric Vehicles, saying if the town turned down the buyback of the leases, the \$41K would become free cash.

"Don't play these people for stupid," said Mr. Rawcliffe.

"It's already free cash," noted Town Administrator Jamie Kelley, as the article is calling for the funds to come from Certified Free Cash.

In the end the vote was close enough to require a count; it passed 57 to 51.

The Golf Course appropriation also got a surprising amount of discussion, with Article 10 asking to transfer \$125,000 from

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TOP: Anita Davis makes a point at the Acushnet Special Town Meeting on 11/6/23 at Fort Middle School. ABOVE, L-R: Acushnet Town Moderator, Les Dakin follows along as Selectboard Chairperson Kevin Gaspar and Town Clerk Pamela Labonte find the spot for the change to fix a typo in the sewer bylaw. Photos by Beth David.

New police officer, VSO, School Committee member in Fhvn

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Select Board had a full agenda on Monday night, 11/6/23, including a long executive session and staffing updates.

The board first met in executive session for more than 40 minutes to discuss possible litigation involving Rasputin's Tavern, which has been under fire for violations including serving intoxicated individuals, disturbances of the peace, and serving alcohol after hours (see 11/2/23 issue).

The board found the bar guilty of several violations at its 10/23 meeting, but held off on penalties for more information, continuing the matter to the 11/6 meeting. The board again continued the matter to get more information.

In another matter, the board met with the School Committee to fill a seat left vacant when Kyle Bueno resigned to move for job out of state.

Five candidates vied for the slot: Erik Baumann, Eleanor Chew, Tracy Francis, Nicole Pacheco, Brendalee Smith.

Members of both boards had a chance to question each candidate, who also filled out volunteer applications online.

The two boards voted to appoint Nicole Pacheco to fill the vacancy.

The board also met Michael Jenney in person, the town's new Veterans Services Officer.

Mr. Jenney had joined a previous board meeting remotely, but welcomed the opportunity to meet in person.

He told the board he realized he had "extremely large shoes to fill," referring to his predecessor Brad Fish.

"But I look forward to that challenge," said Mr. Jenney, adding he would do his best to "make sure that the veterans of Fairhaven are taken care of the way they deserve to be."

Mr. Jenney is a veteran of the US Air Force and has been involved in many different veterans organizations over the last 14 years.

"I'm very honored to have the opportunity to pursue this full time," he said.

In another matter, the board

approved three Street sign requests by the police and Board of Public Works.

The board approved "Deer Crossing" signs on Bridge Street east of Mill Road; no overnight parking at Pope Beach; and limited parking on Bridge Street between Middle and Main where the BPW has a pumping station.

Fairhaven Police Lt. David Sobral told the board that the BPW asked to limit parking in front of the pump station because there have been problems getting deliveries. The board approved a restriction Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

At Pope Beach, an abutter asked for the signs prohibiting parking overnight. Lt. Sobral said he could find no record of signs being there years ago, so he reapplied as a new request.

The problem, he said, is that people are staying all night, partying, and littering. When asked to leave, they note that there is no sign prohibiting them from being there.

If there are signs, he said, the police can enforce it.

Fairhaven Select Board welcomes new police officer

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Select Board welcomed the town's newest police officer, Ian Furtado, at its meeting on Monday, 11/6/23. Ian Furtado was sworn in on 10/30, but got pinned on Monday, by his father, Jeffrey Furtado, who is also the town's Water Superintendent.

Fairhaven Police Chief Michael Myers told the board that that Officer Furtado is a 2016 graduate of Fairhaven High School and a graduate of Franklin Pierce University with a degree in Criminal Justice. He worked as a corrections officer in the Bristol County House of Corrections, and graduated from the police academy on 10/27.

"We are very pleased to have him with us now on the Fairhaven Police Department," said Chief Myers, adding that he will be a "great officer and a great assistance to our community."

Officer Furtado's father pinned his badge on him at the meeting, and the board recessed for a few minutes to take some pictures.



LEFT: Fairhaven's newest police officer, Ian Furtado, smiles as his father, Jeffrey Furtado, pins the badge on his son during the Select Board meeting on 11/6/23. RIGHT: Select Board members and family members pose for a photo after Officer Furtado is introduced. L-R: SB member Keith Silvia, SB Chair Leon Correy, SB members Stasia Powers, Bob Espindola, Officer Furtado, Jeffrey Furtado (Ian's dad), Kim Franks (Jeffrey's girlfriend), SB member Charlie Murphy, Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison. Photos courtesy Town of Fairhaven.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, November 20, 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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The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold the following Public Hearings 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 023-1414, CON 023-353, 51 Balsam Street, Map 43C, Lot 89, 90, 93, 94 & 95** Request for an Amended Order of Conditions filed by Paul & Catherine Muller for the approval of the revised Site Plan, which reflects a proposed new driveway configuration. The change will result in a reduction in pavement, the removal of lawn replaced with a crushed stone surface, thereby resulting in an improvement for groundwater recharge. Work located within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF), Flood Zone VE (El.18) and the easterly and southerly portions of the site fall within the 100-foot Buffer Zone of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW) located at Assessor's Map 43C, Lots 89, 90, 93, 94 & 95.
- 2. SE 023-1431, CON 023-378: 162 Main Street, Map 12, Lot 8** Notice of Intent filed by Ray Morrison to construct a private Residential Pier Facility to access the waters of the Acushnet River and Buzzards Bay for recreational boating, fishing and swimming. The westerly portion of the site falls within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF), and Flood Zone AE (El. 6'). The site contains Salt Marsh, Coastal Bank, Coastal Beach, Land Under Ocean and Land Containing Shellfish located at Assessor's Map 12, Lot 8.
- 3. SE 023-1302, CON 019-066: 6 Emerson Avenue, Map 29A, Lot 119** Request for an Amended Order of Conditions filed by Natalie Reis to retroactively address the changes/modifications made to the site that did not comply with the Order of Conditions issued March 2020 (cease and desist issued January

2021), as well as the items that were permitted under the first Amended Order of Conditions (November 2020), but not completed. Work to take place within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF), Flood Zone VE (El. 16'), and work has occurred in Coastal Beach, Barrier Beach, and possibly the Marsh, located at Assessor's Map 29A, Lot 119.

4. CON 023-379: 42 Bayview Avenue: CON 023-379, Map 28A, Lot 444 Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Barry Dextraze to install paver patio with walkways and associated grading/lawn work; patio with walkway will be roughly 400 square feet with 202 square feet of existing pavers being replaced. The applicant will also be adding 18 Arborvitae along the fence line. Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF), Flood Zone VE (El. 16') located at Assessor's Map 28A, Lot 444.

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 and links to the applications are on the Town Website.

Jay Simmons, Chair
Fairhaven Conservation Commission
FNN: 11/9/23

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The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following application: **SP23-09** – 240B LLC Bridge Street. The applicant, Carricorp Industries, LTD., is requesting approval through the Special Permit review process to build a 5,850 sq. ft. commercial style building. The proposed site is located at Fairhaven Map 30A, Lots 87 & 87A.

Copies of the applications are on file for public review at the Planning Board Office, Town Hall, by appointment and on the Town website. To schedule an appointment to review the application call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4023, Ext. 8126 or go to: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/planning-board/pages/current-permits-being-reviewed-special-permits-definitive-subdivisions>

Cathy Melanson, Chair, Planning Board
FNN: 11/9/23, 11/16/23

Request for Proposal Town of Fairhaven

146 Washington Street
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Is accepting proposals (RFPs) for Ambulance Billing and Collection Services. Specifications can be obtained on or after November 1, 2023, at the Fairhaven Fire Department office between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (excluding holidays). Requests for specifications can also be requested via email at fireadmin@fairhaven-ma.gov.

The Town of Fairhaven reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

Proposal submission will be closed on November 30, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

FNN: 11/9/23, 11/16/23, 11/23/23, 11/30/23

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Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals is hereby giving notice that a meeting will be held by the Board on Tuesday, November 21st, 2023, at 6:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street.

The following public hearing will be held

- 1. Case #2023.11.21A** A case of Brett & Sarah Pelletier, of 45 Mayflower Road, who is petitioning the Board for a special permit for an accessory apartment to be included in the construction of a single-family dwelling located on Tripp's Way (assessor's plat 8, lot 25). This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.4B.

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

FNN, 11/9/23, 11/16/23

FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 6:30 pm
Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M. on **Tuesday November 28, 2023**, at Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA. The Planning Board Meeting will be conducted in Town Hall and remotely and will be televised live on Fairhaven TV Channel 18 and

From our readers

role of Town Meeting in our governance.

The impact of a change in status of the Town Clerk position, once made will be forever.

The study done in 2018 by the Town Clerk Study Committee referred to in the Warrant has long since passed. Why is it being resurrected now?

It is stated that the majority on that committee recommended a change; however, a minority report was also submitted at that time and Town Meeting voted not to change the Town Clerk position from an elected one to an appointed one.

Making this role an appointed one would only serve to further solidify the power in

the Town Hall, undermining citizen participation and power in determining who they wish to provide governmental services.

The Town Clerk's Office is probably the busiest office in the Town Hall. It is a role that directly serves and supports the citizens of this town on many levels. Most importantly, this Office secures our election process independent of internal organizational politics.

Over the years we have been served well by those we ourselves have chosen to serve in this role

"If it isn't broke don't fix it."

If we give up our right to vote, we will

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Here we Go Again

Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the upcoming Town meeting, Tuesday 11/14/23.

The majority of Articles to be acted upon seem relatively routine; however, there is one Article, Article 12, that seems to be flying under the radar. Once again, it is an attempt to alter the status of the Town Clerk from an elected position to an appointed position.

Please take note of the fact that this issue has been thoroughly debated and defeated in a number of Town Meetings. Resurrecting this issue to manipulate the desired outcome of a small group of people in essence thwarts the will and spirit of the

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the Golf fund for various repairs and equipment.

Ms. Davis asked how many people actually played golf. She said it was a lot of money for something most of them never use, saying it is for the "elite."

Ms. Gaspar noted that the money is from the Golf Enterprise fund that is from user fees, not taxation.

"The golf course is an actual gem for this town," said Mr. Boucher, adding that the note will be paid in four years.

Golf Committee member John Abaray said the golf course is open to the public and anyone can use it to walk the paths. He said there is a lot going on there and encouraged people to go see it.

Discussion also revolved around possibly building a club house that would have food and drink to bring in non golfers.

In the end it passed with very little opposition.

Town Meeting also passed an additional \$75,000 in Community Preservation Act funds for the Lake Street

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never get it back. Increasing control will rest with the Town Hall, and we will have an increasingly diminishing say in who and how you are governed.

The right to choose, vote, and elect are basic to a free and open society. As such, I implore you to defeat Article 12 again.

Bernard F Roderick, Fairhaven

Recreation Area. There was very little discussion and the article passed unanimously, despite a lot of chatter on social media criticizing the project.

Town Meeting also:

- Approved \$92,000 for cardiac monitors for the Fire Department;
- Approved the transfer of \$100,000 to the Capital Expense Stabilization Fund and \$200,000 for the OPEB fund, both from free cash;
- Approved a bylaw change to return the special permit limit to two years, after the state mandated a change to three years due to the pandemic;
- Approved changes to the sewer assessment bylaw to make it more equitable for new tie-ins;
- Authorized the Selectboard to utilize the RPF process to sell or authorize reuse of the Russell Memorial Library Building, and to sell town owned parcels under 20,000 square feet;

The meeting is available on demand on the town's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQLn-V7X9rp0JdWXh445neQ>

Upcoming Meetings

Fairhaven

Board of Appeals

Tues., 12/5, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 11/13, Arsene St., 5:30 p.m.

Community Preservation

Thurs., 11/16, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Conservation Comm

Mon., 11/20, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Finance Committee

Tues., 11/14, Hastings MS, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 11/28, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 12/13, Media Ctr/Lib., 6:30 p.m.

Select Board

Mon., 11/20, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Special Town Meeting

Tues., 11/14, Hastings MS, 7 p.m.

Acushnet

Housing Authority

Wed., 11/15, Nate Gomes Ctr., 9 a.m.

Board of Appeals

Tues., 11/21, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

	Nov. 2023	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	9	0455	1715	1144	2242
Friday	10	0535	1754	1134	2310
Saturday	11	0611	1830	1154	2341
Sunday	12	0647	1907	----	1225
Monday	13	0724	1948	0017	1303
Tuesday	14	0806	2032	0057*	1348*
Wednesday	15	0852	2119	0143*	1434*
Thursday	16	0939	2209	0232*	1518*
Friday	17	1031	2304	0321*	1603*
Saturday	18	1129	----	0409	1653
Sunday	19	0007	1232	0507	1759
Monday	20	0109	1332	0628	1917
Tuesday	21	0207	1431	0757	2025
Wednesday	22	0308	1535	0929	2130
Thursday	23	0411	1638	1056	2233*
Friday	24	0507	1731	1150*	2320*
Saturday	25	0554	1817	----	1237*
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Sunday	26	0637	1901	----	1327*
Monday	27	0721	1946	0037*	1415*
Tuesday	28	0806	2032	0117	1447

*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft
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Fairhaven Firefighter among grads of Call/Volunteer academy

Press Release

State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine and Massachusetts Firefighting Academy Director Jeffrey P. Winn announced the graduation of 25 recruits from the Call/Volunteer Recruit Firefighter Training Program on 11/1/23. The graduates received certificates of completion at a ceremony held at Matthew J. Kuss Middle School in Fall River.

The graduating firefighters represent the fire departments of Acushnet, Dartmouth Fire District 2, Dartmouth Fire District 3, Dighton, Fairhaven, Freetown, Halifax, Lakeville, Marion, Onset, Plympton, and Rehoboth.

“Massachusetts firefighters are on the frontlines protecting their communities every day, and today’s graduates are needed now more than ever,” said State Fire Marshal Davine. “The hundreds of hours of foundational training they’ve received will provide them with the physical, mental, and technical skills to perform their jobs effectively and safely.”

“Massachusetts Firefighting Academy instructors draw on decades of experience in the fire

service to train new recruits,” said Director Winn. “Through consistent classroom instruction and practical exercises, tonight’s graduates have developed the tools they’ll need to protect their communities.”

Video of the ceremony is available on the Department of Fire Services’ YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/dfsosfm.

The Call/Volunteer Firefighter Recruit Training Program is unique in that it delivers a standard recruit training curriculum, meeting national standards, on nights and weekends to accommodate the schedule of firefighters in suburban and rural areas. Making the training more accessible means more firefighters can participate

and allows them more time to practice training skills with instructors.

The MFA, a division of the Department of Fire Services, has offered the program since 2003. About 3,000 call and volunteer recruits have graduated since then, completing 240 hours of training.



Jake Gallagher holds his certificate as he is surrounded by colleagues after his graduation from the Massachusetts Call/Volunteer Recruit Firefighter Training Program on 11/1/23, L-R: Fairhaven Fire Chief Todd Correia; Jake’s dad, Kevin Gallagher, retired Fire Chief in Acushnet; Jake; State Fire Marshal Jon Davine. Photo courtesy of Sydney Gallagher.

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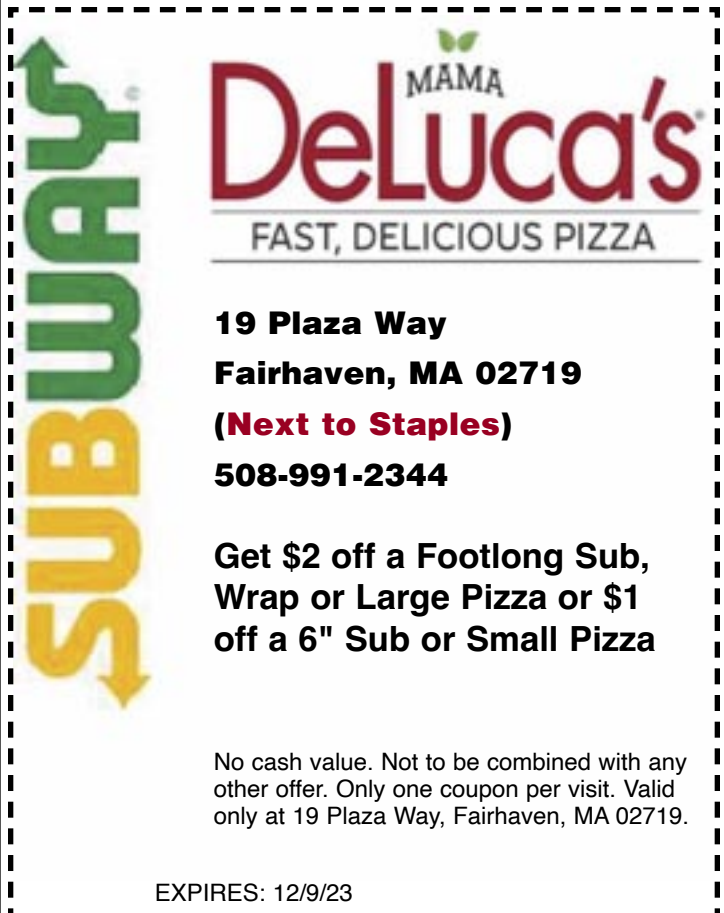
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