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A little bit of snow gets washed away



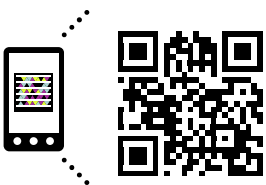
We got a little snow this weekend, with most of it washing away and melting a few days later. A big rain storm with high winds followed on Tuesday night into Wednesday, clearing out anything that was left water and higher temperatures in the upper 40s. The weekend storm, however, dropped as much as 17 inches in some parts of Massachusetts away from the coast ABOVE: A statue in a yard on West Island is barely covered in snow the day after a quick storm that included rain turned to snow on Sunday, 1/7/24, blanketed the area, dumping up to 17 inches on parts of Massachusetts, but just 2-3 inches on the coast. *Photo by Margie Green Joseph.*

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

The rain is crazy out there as I write this. The wind is pretty wild, too.

We had just a couple of inches of snow last weekend, but some not too far away got soaked. I can't imagine how much snow this rain would translate to if the temperature was just a little bit colder.

Say dry, everyone.

We've got a bunch of good stuff for you this week.

See Fairhaven Select Board on page 3. I know, I know, department reports may sound boring, but, y'know, there's some good info in there.

There are a few MLK events going on in New Bedford and at BCC. See page 14 for that.

The Moby-Dick Marathon is on page 12. I love that event. I love going in time for the Culture*Park production of Chapter 40. And in the reading room, I love how it's filled with people just quietly following along. And I especially like that it's free. Of course, there's all kinds of other stuff on marathon weekend, including paid dinners, etc. But the reading part. That's just kind of cool. Every year I meet new people who traveled here just for this event. It's quite the thing.

And, something a little different, also special to our part of the world: Oyster planting in Little Bay. See page 13 to find out why!

We also have a few fun little tidbits in here for you. Just thumb through and you'll find it all.

And while you do, please be sure to notice who our advertisers are so you can tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*.

Until next week then, see ya

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Glory to the Heroes!*



Publisher Beth David with Charlie, aka Evil Dog

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Select Board hears from department heads

By Beth David

Editor

The Fairhaven Select Board heard from three department heads at its meeting on 1/8/24.

Tree Warden Don Collasius told the board he planted 100 trees in 2023, removed 65, and closed out about 150 requests. Based on feedback from other towns, Fairhaven is doing a better job than most in getting trees planted and removed.

Trees are infrastructure, Mr. Collasius told the board, and all infrastructure has a lifespan. For street trees that is 7–29 years, due to the way they are planted: in small spaces, with pavement all around. Fairhaven has 4,500 street trees, with many of them much older than 40 years, and they are showing their age.

The town should be removing and replacing 150 trees each year. The town needs to plant 200 trees annually to maintain the canopy.

He is also working with the highway superintendent, town planner and conservation agent on a shade tree bylaw.

Mr. Collasius told the board he is excited to start a Junior Tree Warden program to entice kids to “take ownership and stewardship of trees and learn about them.”

He said he is working with the library and town committees to get the program going.

The department is always looking for volunteers to help with watering trees. Young trees require watering for 2–3 years. Email him at dcollasius@fairhaven-ma.gov if interested.

The board also heard from Police Chief, Michael Myers, and incoming chief, Sgt. Daniel Dorgan.

Chief Myers said they are getting

ready for the succession plan, and preparing for re-accreditation with a mock assessment to prepare for the real assessment in February.

So there are a “lot of moving parts going on,” he said.

Sgt. Dorgan has been working with the Opioid Task Force and told the board that Fairhaven is the smallest community participating.

The work the department does in educating people about addiction and helping people with addiction puts the town in a good light, said Sgt. Dorgan. It shows the town cares about not only the people who live in town, but those who work and visit Fairhaven.

The department refers people who call and are in crisis to a variety of resources to help them. He said they are now trying to do the same thing with mental health crises.

The department takes referrals for mental health and will go out to help them, he said.

Chief Myers said the department answered more than 15,000 calls for service in 2023.

He also addressed the incident at the Bayside (see 1/4/24 issue), where a man was killed by police after he shot at them.

Chief Myers said it was a “very tragic incident,” that the department is trying to get through.

Some officers are finding it “emotionally difficult,” he said.

The DA is investigating the incident, but the Fairhaven Police Department will run a “parallel administrative review,” he said for use of force and to make sure all policies and procedures were followed.

He said what the DA released to the press is pretty much what happened.

Chief Myers also thanked the board and the town for providing the training and tools to deal with situations like that.

“I can’t thank you enough.”

SB member Stasia Powers said it was the first time she had heard how the opioid settlement money is being used, calling it “fabulous.”

She said it was not something people think about when they think of policing, and it is “tremendously heartwarming to know our community is doing that.”

Fire Chief Todd Correia said it was an historic year for the department. They answered 4,300 calls.

There is a lot of training going on, he said, between Nero’s Law and battery fires.

The department is preparing two FEMA grants, one to help with firefighter salaries and one to help offset costs of capital planning expenditures; and they are working to finalize reimbursement for COVID emergency response expenses.

The Emergency Management Agency trained 12 new volunteers who have been “instrumental, especially with the unsheltered migrants that came in,” he said.

They staffed the center on Saturdays, sorting through supplies and delivering, saving the department a lot of time.

The department is also expecting a new shelter supply trailer in a couple of weeks that they got with a grant. They are also applying for a grant for lighting for the EMA truck.

Ms. Powers joked about Chief Correia getting a retirement job as a grant writer, thanking him for making the effort to offset some of the “immense expense of running the Fire

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SB from previous or election update

Department.”

SB member Bob Espindola asked for some tips for homeowners on lithium batteries.

Chief Correia said it is the older batteries that are expired that are a problem if they are overcharged. He said no batteries should be thrown in with the trash. They should go to the recycle center at the BPW.

The department has a variety of ways to contain the smaller batteries, but the larger ones just need to burn out, he said.

In another matter, Ms. Ellison addressed some “misinformation” about flooring that was installed in the Select Board office.

Laminate click flooring replaced some carpeting that had covered subflooring, not hardwood she said.

“The floor was not replaced,” she said, explaining there was carpeting and “whatever” was underneath that.

It was plywood and other materials, not the old hardwood floors. She said to put in new hardwood floors, the preparation of the subfloor would require asbestos removal.

She opted to put in the floating floor, which does not damage the existing floor, it sits on top.

People were tripping on the carpet, she said, and the laminate flooring makes it more ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant.

She said there is some criticism that it is not authentic to the original building. She pointed out that there is linoleum in the main hall.

The only thing that would be authentic is full hardwood floors, she said, and the laminate flooring gives that “illusion.”

The laminate cost about \$6,000, while hardwood floors would be tens of thousands due to the asbestos removal.

She said she welcomed a way to meet ADA compliance and remove the hazard for less cost.

“It’s an overlay on top of the floor,” said Ms. Ellison. “I want to say publicly not everything in this building is authentic to when it was originally built.”

Ms. Powers said it seems when people disagree with Ms. Ellison, she is not just questioned, but criticized to the point that she must be fired.

“It is not appropriate for the level of this situation,” said Ms. Powers. “I mean, this was a floor in an office.”

And, she added, it looks pretty close to the color of the other flooring.

She said she could not help but think it was because Ms. Ellison is a woman and a woman of color.

“I can’t imagine someone would be blowing up if a white man had made that change,” said Ms. Powers, adding that if people are worried about the

costs, they should start paying attention to budget season, which is starting up. “But please, let’s stop trying to destroy each other over things that really are miniscule.”

Mr. Espindola noted that he never noticed there was linoleum in the hall until someone pointed it out to him.

“I think it’s a fresh look. The carpet was kind of ratty,” said SB member Keith Silvia, adding they had bigger problems than that to worry about. “We should move on.”

Select Board chairperson Leon Correy was not at the meeting. There was no explanation for his absence.

The board also met in executive session to discuss Civil Service. Executive sessions are not open to the public and board members did not elaborate on the item. Sources indicate, however, that the session was in regards to the hiring of the new police chief, who will start in August when Chief Myers retires.

The Fire and Police Department unions voted to remove the departments from Civil Service requirements, and Town Meeting approved it in May. However, that provision has not gone into effect yet. According to Ms. Ellison, the police chief hire was conducted under Civil Service guidelines. It is unclear why the issue is being discussed in Executive Session.

Montigny assures Acushnet TMDL will not force septic upgrades

*Press Release from
State Sen. Mark Montigny*

On December 8, 2023, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection closed a public comment period for a draft plan to limit the amount of nitrogen pollution entering New Bedford harbor. The planning document, known as a Total Maximum Daily Load for Total Nitrogen or TMDL, is mandated by the federal Clean Water Act. The document sets forth a pollution reduction goal or “pollution budget” to help ensure waterways remain healthy. An approved TMDL does not impose any burden on local municipalities or residents.

Recently, Senator Montigny met with Acushnet Select Board Member David Wojnar and Buzzards Bay Coalition President Mark Rasmussen to discuss the TMDL draft and assurances that this process is not a

mandate to upgrade residential septic systems. The TMDL process is an entirely different activity than the proposed Title 5 regulations issued by MassDEP in Fall 2023. Those proposed regulations sought to require homeowners to upgrade their septic systems with enhanced nitrogen reducing technology at an immense expense upwards of \$30,000. The draft regulations generated significant backlash across the Southcoast region, and Senator Montigny successfully lobbied the Healey Administration alongside Representative Chris Markey to cut the Greater New Bedford area out of the final regulations.

“The health and vitality of our harbor must be protected from pollution, including nitrogen,” said Senator Montigny. “However, this is not a repeat of the Fall of 2023 where homeowners would have been forced

into a costly mandate. Nonetheless, I will aggressively oppose any attempt to force my constituents into any such expense and need to emphasize that this TMDL is not that.”

The draft TMDL under review by MassDEP identifies several possible solutions to achieve nitrogen reduction, including (1) modifications to the Fairhaven treatment plant; (2) long-term control of CSO discharges; (3) additional sewerage within the watersheds; (4) control and treatment of stormwater; and (5) fertilizer use reduction.

“The good news is that the Town of Fairhaven is actively upgrading its wastewater treatment facility, which accounts for almost half of the controllable nitrogen load into the harbor,” said Montigny. “Once this project is complete, nitrogen levels should drastically decrease. I greatly

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Parking Ban

One side snow parking ban in effect midnight to 8 a.m. through March 31. No vehicles shall be permitted to remain on the hydrant side of all Fairhaven streets during the parking ban, during the time of any snowfall, or during snow removal operations.

On streets with no hydrants, no vehicles shall be permitted to remain either on the east side of streets running north and south or on the north side of streets running east and west.

The BPW is authorized to remove, or cause to be removed, to some convenient place, including a public garage, any vehicle interfering with the work of removing or plowing snow or ice from any way, and the cost of such removal with all storage charges resulting there from shall be paid by the owner of such vehicle.

The Fairhaven Police Department will strictly enforce this parking ban. Violators will be towed and/or ticketed.

By order of: FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Update on Families at the Seaport

The State's Executive Office of Housing & Livable Communities (EOHLC) has notified the Town that the families being sheltered at the Seaport Resort & Marina in Fairhaven will begin to be transferred to an alternate facility outside of Fairhaven in the coming weeks.

The state advised the Town that this decision is part of a strategic initiative aimed at streamlining resources and enhancing the efficiency of services provided to those in need. The Seaport Resort & Marina site will no longer operate as a supplemental shelter after this transition.

We appreciate the understanding and cooperation of the Fairhaven community during this process. The Town also extends its appreciation to the various Town departments, leaders, community organizations and individuals that came together to assist with welcoming and supporting the families as they were placed in shelter. Their commitment underscores the strength of our community and its ability to come together to address the challenges faced by these

families.

For further information, please contact The EOHLC at (617) 874-0126 or the Select Board office at (508) 979-4023, Ext. 2

Millicent Events

The following events will be held at the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven. Accessible. To register, or learn more call the library at 508-992-5342, email athiel@sailsinc.org, or visit <http://www.millicentlibrary.org/events>

New - Monday Morning Playgroup
Mondays from 9:30 - 11:30 AM in the Auditorium, Runs through Feb. 26th. A volunteer-led playgroup for children under 5. Caretakers and children can drop-in and use our downstairs storytime room and play area - socialize with toys, games, arts & crafts, and storytime books.

Baby and Toddler Storytime - Winter Session
Tuesdays from 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM in the Auditorium. Runs through Feb. 27th 2024. Bond with your baby over books! Each weekly Baby Storytime includes Early Literacy fun with board books, songs, play, and lots of love. Recommended for ages 0-36 months.

Storytime - Winter Session
Wednesdays from 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM in the Auditorium. Runs through Feb. 28th. Read, sing, and get up and move, and make crafts at these storytime sessions with Allie. For families, recommended for kids age 3+, siblings are welcome!

Crafternoon - Winter Session
Thursdays from 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM in the Auditorium. Runs through Feb. 28th. Crafts for all ages and skill levels! Something new each week. Options for all ages - Young Children should be accompanied and assisted by an adult. Drop-in on these weekly sessions at any time during the event.

SAVE THE DATES:

Open House

St. Joseph School, 100 Spring St., Fairhaven, is holding an open house on Sun., 1/28, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., for grades preschool to 8. Come visit or call 508-996-1983; visit www.saintjosephschool.org. Financial aid available.

Mariner Youth Soccer Mtg

The Mariner Youth Soccer Association's Annual Meeting will be

held Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Fairhaven Council on Aging located at 229 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven, MA 02719. All members are welcome to attend.

Any questions should be addressed to: Angela Dawicki, Secretary, angela@marineryouthsoccer.onmicrosoft.com

WI 5K

The 11th Annual West Island 5K will be held on Sunday, April 21, 2024 with the Kids Mile at 10am and 5K at 11am (more information at westisland5k.org).

Registration is open and can be completed online at <https://my.racewire.com/event/7782>.

We are always looking for former or new businesses to sponsor the race. If you are interested in volunteering, we will need help on Saturday, April 20, 2-4pm at the West Island Improvement Association to support registration, number pick-up, and course setup. On Sunday, April 21 (race day), we will need help 8am-12pm to support registration, number pick-up, Kids Mile setup/execution, awards setup, and site cleanup.

Please email Lyle at westisland5k@yahoo.com

Try Transit

Building on the success of last year's six-week "Try Transit" Program which ran during the winter holidays, The Southeastern Regional Transit Authority is now able to offer fare-free service through June 30th to grow ridership and support the local economy.

Internet Survey

The Town of Fairhaven is pleased to collaborate with the Mass. Broadband Institute (MBI) on a residential survey which is intended to assess internet accessibility, device and technical support availability, service affordability, and digital education needs within the community.

To participate in the online survey visit <https://made.civilspace.io/en/projects/ma-digital-equity/engagements/ma-sdep-public-survey/sections/1>.

Printed surveys can be picked up and returned to the Fairhaven Select Board Office, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719

MLK Events

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NB Harbor Meeting

On January 17, 2024, from 6:00 – 7:30 PM, the EPA will be hosting our annual New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site community update meeting. In this meeting, EPA staff will be discussing the work completed this past year and give a look ahead to what will be done in 2024. The meeting will be run virtually on Microsoft Teams.

Call in (audio only)

+1 202-991-0477, 764774803#

Phone Conference ID: 764 774 803#

You can join on your computer, mobile app or room device.

Visit <https://www.epa.gov/new-bedford-harbor> for links to join.

Submarine Mission

More than 65 years ago, the submarine USS Nautilus made American history by crossing under the North Pole ice cap to conduct an important mission.

A crew member on the vessel, retired US Navy submariner Joe Degnan, will share his experiences during a free talk at the Fort Taber-Fort Rodney Military Museum, 100C Rodney French Blvd., New Bedford, at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21.

The crew crossed the ice cap with top-secret orders to conduct Operation Sunshine, which required sending a submerged undetected transit from the Arctic Ocean that would carry from the West Coast to the East Coast. It was the Cold War, Russia had launched Sputnik and the U.S. needed a strategic and psychological win.

Their efforts were a success.

They reached the North Pole at 11:15 p.m. Aug. 3, 1958. For this historic accomplishment, the 116-member crew earned the Presidential Unit Citation.

Degnan will discuss this piece of American history and his 23-year Navy career during the talk.

The event is free and ample parking is available. For more information, call 508-994-3938 or email info@forttaber.org.

Movie Pops

What do Yaniv, our musicians, Tom

and Jerry, Homer Simpson, and the Pink Panther all have in common? They want to get animated! And so will you at this concert of wonderful music from films like *Toy Story 2*, *Hercules*, *Coco*, *How to Train Your Dragon*, *Mulan*, and more. Get your tickets early because our Movie Pops concerts always sell out. You don't want to miss this fun night of great music or any of our comedian-conductor Yaniv's jokes and skits!

Tickets: \$20 to 65.

Visit <https://nbsymphony.org/> for tickets.

CPC Hearings

Mayor Jon Mitchell and the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) invite all interested community members to review the FY24 Community Preservation Act (CPA) applications submitted for funding consideration and to provide public comment at three virtual public meetings in January.

Twenty-two applications seeking over \$2.9 million in CPA funding were received by the deadline. For FY24, there is \$2.2 million available to be awarded by the CPC. During January, the CPC invites applicants to present their projects at a public meeting and allows the community to comment in this public setting. Once the CPC has completed its application review, the committee will vote on the projects to recommend for funding and submit their recommendations to the City Council for consideration and vote.

All meetings will be held via Zoom. To participate, go to:

<https://zoom.us/j/82545448651>

Meeting ID: 825 4544 8651

Passcode: 897001

Or call: (646) 931-3860

Meeting ID: 825 4544 8651

Passcode: 897001

REMAINING MEETING DATES:
Thurs., 1/18, 6 p.m.; Tues., 1/23, 6 p.m.

To review the FY24 applications, please visit the CPC webpage at: <http://www.newbedford-ma.gov/planning/community-preservation/>

Public comment must be received by January 26, 2024, and can be provided by:

- Attending the virtual meeting for the project you wish to comment on. Public comment will be allowed after each project presentation.
- Emailing your comment to

CPA@NewBedford-MA.gov

- Mailing your comment to: CPC, Department of City Planning, 133 William Street Room 303, New Bedford, MA 02740

For more information, call the CPA Manager at 508.979.1488 or email CPA@NewBedford-MA.gov.

The Community Preservation Act (CPA) was adopted by New Bedford voters through a ballot question in November 2014. This statewide enabling legislation allows communities to create dedicated funding for: Open Space, Outdoor Recreational Facilities, Historic Preservation, and Community Housing projects in the City. Oversight of this process rests with the Community Preservation Committee (CPC). Since FY18, the CPC has recommended, and the City Council has approved, 101 grants totaling over \$10.3 million in CPA funding

YTI Production

Your Theatre Presents A DOLL'S HOUSE, PART 2 by Lucas Hnath. Directed by James Sanguinetti

A Doll's House, Part 2, the 2017 Tony award winning play, picks up 15 years after Henrik Ibsen's groundbreaking 1879 play (A Doll's House) about a strong woman who defiantly leaves her husband, left off. We find that woman, Nora, now a successful novelist, having to return to her house, husband, and children that she left behind when her new life is threatened by her past.

Nominated for 8 Tony awards, including Best Play, A Doll's House Part 2 provides a modern spin on the Ibsen classic and is filled with suspense, humor, and intensity.

Fri & Sat: 1/19, 20, 26, 27 at 7:30 p.m. Sat. & Sun." 1/20, 21, 27, 28 at 2 p.m. At Steeple Playhouse, 159 William St., New Bedford, MA 02740.

Ample parking is available in the city lot at 6th and William Sts. and metered street parking is free evening and weekends. Wheelchair accessible entrance is on the 6th St. side of the building, facing city hall.

Tickets \$25.00; Military, Seniors and Students, \$22.00; \$5 for EBT, WIC, and ConnectorCare cardholders.

To make reservations please call 508-993-0772 or email BoxOffice@yourtheatre.org. Open Seating at All Performances. Payment at the door

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Free at RJD

The Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum (RJD) is welcoming visitation from Acushnet residents by offering free admission for the month of January 2024. Ring in the new year with a visit to one of New Bedford's most grand whaling estates.

Upon arrival, individuals are asked to produce proof of residency with a piece of current mail, or I.D. For more information about hours of operation and current exhibitions, visit the Museum's website, rjdmuseum.org.

The historic house, now the site of The Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum, was built in 1834 for whaling merchant William Rotch Jr. This Greek Revival mansion, located on a full city block of formal gardens, is a National Historic Landmark, one of only 2,500 in the nation. The period rooms of the house chronicle 150 years of the economic and social evolution of the City of New Bedford, as reflected in the residencies of the Rotch, Jones, and Duff families and their domestic staff.

The Museum is located at 396 County Street, New Bedford. It is open Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Advance booking for admission is encouraged, but not required. Admission is \$8 for adults; \$6 for AAA members, seniors and students; and \$3 for children (age 7-17). The Museum is free for RJD members, as well as for EBT, Connector-Care, WIC, and Wunderfund cardholders.

The RJD gardens are open to the public at no cost and available to visit from sunrise to sunset, seven days a week. Visitors are urged to go to rjdmuseum.org to book their Museum visit and to review the most current information on hours and programs.

Family Hike

Tracks and Traces with MassAudubon and Mattapoisett Land Trust. MassAudubon and Mattapoisett Land Trust have partnered up to run a fun family hike this winter: Tracks and Traces! Join us for a hike on Saturday January 13th in the Old Aucoot District where we will be searching for signs of wildlife. We will learn about animal tracks and other clues that help us to identify wildlife.

The hike will go from 10:00-11:00am, beginning from the

Mattapoisett Land Trust trailhead at the Prospect Road parking lot (between 29 and 33 Prospect Rd.). All folks are welcome, this is a family friendly program.

Please dress appropriately for the weather and wear sturdy shoes that don't mind some mud. This hike is free but registration is required beforehand on MassAudubon's website; search the date "January 13th" on <https://www.massaudubon.org/programs>.

Boat Show

The Discover Boating New England Boat Show® returns to the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center January 10-14, 2024. We're thrilled to welcome you back to this long-standing boating tradition this winter.

January 10-14, 2024, Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, 415 Summer St, Boston MA 02210-1719

Hours: Wednesday-Friday, Noon-8pm; Saturday: 10am-8pm; Sunday: 10am-6pm.

Visit <https://www.newenglandboatshow.com/>

Civil War Presentation

The Civil War in 3D, Sat., 1/13, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Westport Free Public Library, 408 Old County Road, Westport MA

The Civil War remains very much in the American consciousness, not least because it was extensively photographed. While most people have seen the famous images, few know that they were shot with stereo cameras. Come see the images as they were meant to be seen.

John Wojtowicz is a Past President of the Photographic Historical Society of New England and an Adjunct Professor in History at Massasoit Community College.

3D glasses will be provided. Two sessions are offered: 10 AM - 11AM and 2 PM - 3 PM. Seating is limited. Suggested donation: \$5 (bring on day of event).

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There is plenty of parking for this free, drop-by event. Come by with the family and make a fun winter craft to take home with you! Check Mattapoisett social media for any event updates.

Nomination Papers Available

Nomination papers for elected positions in the town of Acushnet are now available. The last day to take out nomination papers is Wed., 3/27 at 5 p.m.

Candidates need at least 42 certified signatures of registered voters to get on the ballot.

The last day to register to vote is Mon., 4/17, at 5 p.m.

The last day to register as a voter in Wed., 5/8, at 5 p.m.

The Acushnet election is Sat., 5/18. Polls are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. All precincts vote at the Acushnet Elementary School, 800 Middle Road.

Deadline for Vote by Mail Applications is Mon., 5/13.

Contact the town clerk if you have any questions, 508-998-0215; 130 Main St. (Parting Ways Building).

Art Exhibit

Chuck's Fantasia - Artwork by Chuck McIntyre. From the neurodivergent mind of Mattapoisett resident Chuck McIntyre comes an exhibit called Chuck's Fantasia.

It can be viewed at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St., until January 31, 2024.

Chuck considers himself an abstract surrealist although he creates landscapes and portraits as well. His acrylics are based on various themes such as emotions, states of mind, and identity. He feels his imagination and passion lead him to producing canvases the audience can be wowed by and appreciative of. Free and open to all.

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Jan 24th-March 6th (No class 2/21)
Ages 5-13 Time 4-4:45pm

Member:\$105. Non-member \$125.

Hip Hop Dance Class

Come take the class with a dancer from the Celtics games! Join in on the fun of learning the latest dance moves to the popular music out there right now. Class incorporates choreography and different forms of freestyle movement. At the end of the 6 week session, the children will have a short performance of their hard work. No experience necessary.

Jan 24th-March 6th (No class 2/21)

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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.

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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. Please bring exact amount. The van leaves the Fairhaven Senior Center promptly at 9: Warwick Mall; 1/17, Hyannis Mall, Trader Joe & Whole Foods; 1/24, Prov. Place & Whole Foods; 1/31, So. Shore Plaza.

Memory Cafe

Jan. 25 11:30-1:30. Please call to reserve a spot by 1/23.

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.

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

Space is limited. Please sign up at 508-979-4029.

Tax Filing Help

AARP Tax Aide IRS Certified volunteers will be at the Fairhaven Senior Center starting on Feb. 6. Please call 508-979-4029 to make an appointment. We are taking names now. This is a free service.

Monday Movie Matinee

Free. Mon., 1/22 12:15 p.m. If you would like lunch before the movie at 11:30 a.m., please call the center the day before to reserve a meal. \$2 donation towards the meal. The movie is free.

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Recipe of the Week

Easy Garlic Parmesan Baked Flounder

- 1 1/4 pound flounder fillet, or any white fish
 - 2 med. zucchini, halved and cut into half-inch slices (half moons)
 - 1 small red onion, halved and cut into half-inch slices (half moons)
 - Kosher salt and black pepper
 - 3 garlic cloves, minced
 - 2 teaspoons dried oregano
 - 1/2 teaspoon paprika
 - 1/2 teaspoon cumin
 - Juice of 2 lemons, plus more lemon wedges for serving
 - 1/4 cup to 1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil
 - 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- Heat the oven to 350°.

Pat the fish dry and season it well with kosher salt and black pepper on both sides. Arrange the fish in a large pan and add the zucchini and onions next to it and season them with salt and pepper.

In a small mixing bowl, add the garlic, spices, lemon juice, and olive oil. Whisk to combine.

Pour the sauce all over the fish and vegetables.

Bake in the heated oven for 7 to 10 minutes, then carefully remove the pan and sprinkle the grated parmesan all over the fish and vegetables. Return the pan to the oven and bake for another 3 to 5 minutes or so until the fish is flaky and the cheese has melted some. (Flounder fillets are thin and should not take too long to cook. Be careful not to overcook them).

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Dear Frankie

Dogs are Better Than That

Dear Frankie,
When I got on the doggie daycare bus with a w r a p p e d present, Trix said, "Not you, too. How many presents do those foster dogs need?"

As I looked down the aisle, I saw many dogs had presents. A note in last week's newsletter asked for gifts for the dogs being fostered at our daycare. My mom and I went to the mall last weekend and picked out a bright red leather collar and leash and a red and green coat to go with it.

At lunch at Chucky Cheese, my mom told me that when she read the newsletter, she imagined what it would have been like for me if I had been in the shelter at Christmas time and no one thought of me. Then she started to cry. After lunch, she asked me to sit on the bench and wait for

her because she had to buy a few more things. When she returned, she had an overflowing shopping bag that I think had a Pet Mart label.

I told Trix about my lunch with my mom and why she should be ashamed of herself. Trix came from a breeder, so she has no idea what it's like for those who are less privileged.

Marion

Dear Marion,

Glad you told her off. You're right. Some pedigree dogs are clueless. They have had a silver bone in their mouth since day one. It is always hard to hear about a selfish and self-involved dog.

Dogs, in general, are better than that; look at all the presents on the bus. Christmas is about giving, not getting. You have to give to receive. I wish more humans had soft hearts like your mom's. I bet you are right about that shopping bag. Talk about being a lucky Marion.

Wishing you a bountiful New Year

Best, Frankie

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Patriots Pen Winners

Hastings Middle School will be sending a student to compete in the regionals for the Patriots Pen Awards, a national program conducted by the Veterans of Foreign Affairs (VFW). Locally, the contest is sponsored by the VFW in Fairhaven, who judged essays based on the them, "How are you inspired by America?"

The competition encourages students to use their minds and knowledge of America's history and their experience of today's American society to write essays expressing their views on an annual patriotic theme. The contest is open to students in grades 6, 7, and 8.

This year's winners are: first place, Giavanna Randall, who will go on to compete in the regionals; Louie Jia, second place; Jaelynn DaSilva, third place.



L-R: Winners of the Patriots Pen Award for Hastings Middle School in Fairhaven hold up their certificates: First place winner, Giavanna Randall; second place winner, Louie Jia; third place winner, Jaelynn DaSilva. *Submitted photo.*

Epiphany at St. Joseph School

The students of St. Joseph's School in Fairhaven celebrated the Epiphany (the visit of the three kings, called Magi) with a La Befana skit. Several students took the parts of La Befana, the three kings, the farmer, the shepherd and the star. Following the skit, the teachers were given gifts of "gold," "frankincense," and "myrrh" and Fr. Stephen, our pastor, went to each classroom to bless it for the new year.

The Feast of Epiphany is celebrated by Christians on January 6, 12 days after the birth of Jesus.



Students of St. Joseph's School in Fairhaven take part in a La Befana skit, to commemorate Epiphany, the arrival of the Magi (aka three kings) to the birth of Jesus. *Submitted photo.*



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Moby-Dick Marathon draws people from near and far

By Beth David
Editor

Scholars, students, readers, and observers joined the New Bedford Whaling Museum for its annual *Moby-Dick* Marathon this weekend, with a continuous reading of the famous novel by Herman Melville starting at noon on Saturday and ending early Sunday afternoon, about 25 hours later, with more than 200 readers.

The annual event includes a weekend of activities, with Melville scholars and aficionados, food and fun. The sermon by Father Mapple is held in the Seamen's Bethel, which has a pulpit shaped like a ship's bow. Chapter 40, "Midnight on the Forecastle," is acted out by Culture*Park in the Cook Memorial

Theater.

Jeremy Ornstein, Sam Murdock, and John Sanchez, are students in Boston, and visited together because Mr. Murdock learned about the event.

"I read the kid's version," said Mr. Ornstein.

The three saw *Moby-Dick, The Musical*, which was four hours long, in Cambridge.

"It was an incredible, four-hour production," said Mr. Sanchez. "I really liked it."

"It was phenomenal," said Mr. Murdock.

"I respected it," said Mr. Ornstein.'

Mr. Ornstein is doing his senior thesis on alkaline in the ocean, and carbon removal. So he came to New Bedford to talk to people in the

scallop industry, of course.

The three had hoped to read, but only made the wait list.

Derek Miller and Sarah Kay Miller traveled from Brooklyn, NY.

Mr. Miller crocheted as he listened, and Ms. Miller worked on knitting a Moby-Dick sweater. They did not read in the main event, maybe next year. Mr. Miller, however, did get a reading spot in the Portuguese Mini-marathon.

It was the first year for both of them, but they said they would definitely be back.

They found out about it when Mr. Miller was looking up the museum during the pandemic and found out about the marathon.

"We made a trip of it," said Ms. Miller.



ABOVE LEFT: Culture*Park actors perform Chapter 40 of "Moby-Dick" during the New Bedford Whaling Museum's annual marathon reading of the Herman Melville classic on 1/6/24. ABOVE RIGHT: The ensemble acts out the fight scene. BELOW LEFT: L-R: Sarah Kay Miller knits, and Derek Miller crochets as they follow along. BELOW MIDDLE: Reader #76, Meg Rogers, reads from Chapter 41, describing the white whale. BELOW RIGHT: Culture*Park actor Josiah Bodden as Pip, delivers the final words in the performance of Chapter 40. *Photos by Beth David.*



Oysters planted in Little Bay to help clean waters

By Beth David
Editor

The Town of Fairhaven and The Nature Conservancy, with some help from two local oyster farmers, planted more than 16,000 oysters in Little Bay this week.

Over the years, the project has created an oyster reef using “cultch,” a mix of shells and other material to create a habitat for oysters.

Steve Kirk of The Nature Conservancy (TNC), said they have been working on the reef for years, and have planted oysters several times.

The Oysters came from Matthew Loo’s aquaculture farm, and West Island Oysters, both in Fairhaven. TNC bought the oysters that are large enough for harvesting, but probably not ideal for the fancy oyster bar

market, the culls, if you will, that are viable, but might not look pretty on a plate.

“Basically, whatever they wanted to give to this project, we bought it from them,” said Mr. Kirk. “They were probably not the ones they were going to send to their raw bar market.”

The purpose of the “environmental improvement project” is to clean the waters of the bay. Oysters and other bivalves filter water, removing sediment and nitrogen. An oyster can filter up to 50 gallons of water a day.

“It’s designed to be one piece of the puzzle in trying to keep the water clean,” said Mr. Kirk. “A project like that is not going to solve the water quality problem in Buzzards Bay, but it is one piece of the puzzle.”



TOP: Totes of irregular oysters: oysters with an odd shape or some shell disease, oysters which are viable, but might not look pretty on a plate, are ready to be planted in Little Bay in Fairhaven on 1/4/24, as part of a project by The Nature Conservancy and the town of Fairhaven to use oysters to clean the waters of the bay. ABOVE LEFT: Steve Kirk of The Nature Conservancy scouts under the water for the right placement. ABOVE RIGHT: A crew member tosses a buoy to mark the area. BELOW LEFT: Cody Jardin and Tyler Lizotte prepare to drop the oysters. BELOW RIGHT: A crew member drops oysters off the boat. *Photos courtesy of Lacy Berman.*



Retired clerk-magistrate finds humor in courthouse book

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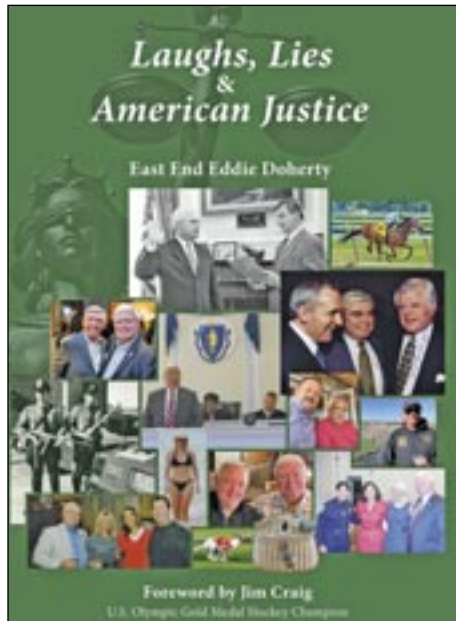
Eddie Doherty fished the East End of the Cape Cod Canal so often that other fishermen started calling him East End Eddie. Thus, a nickname became a pen name. He worked for almost 37 years in the Massachusetts Court system where he became the youngest Assistant Clerk-Magistrate in the state at age 25 for the Attleboro District Court before being appointed 18 years later to the lifetime position of Clerk-Magistrate of the Wrentham District Court by His Excellency, A. Paul Cellucci, Governor of the Commonwealth.

Mr. Doherty heard evidence on everything from speeding to murder, but now in retirement is hearing the sound of his grandchildren giggle and of striped bass breaking the surface of the ocean.

His second book, "Laughs, Lies & American Justice," published in August, details mostly humorous short stories from his years in the court system, police stations, family, politics and more including a chapter on fishing. Doherty says his third grade nun, Sister Mary Alice, would gasp in disbelief if she knew that he is sometimes being introduced as an

author!

He heard testimony where most people were truthful, but many were not. When it came to telling a lie,



Local author East End Eddie Doherty writes with humor about his career as a clerk-magistrate in Massachusetts in his second book, "Laughs, Lies & American Justice," published by Lulu Press. *Submitted photo.*

some litigants made George Santos look like George Washington! A Cape Cod attorney smiled and told him that it seems as though he makes his living listening to people lie to him. They both had a good laugh about such a unique job description!

Having seen so much domestic violence in court, Doherty will donate a percentage of the book's proceeds to Jane Doe Inc. in an effort to help combat this horrific crime.

He lives in Mattapoisett with his wife Joanne. They were lucky to be blessed with the birth of five healthy grandchildren to enjoy in retirement. His colleagues knew that he would be spending time teaching his young grandkids to fish for striped bass so on his last day on the job they presented him with a nice shirt that is embroidered with a slogan coined by future Clerk-Magistrate & Judge Michelle L. Kelley: "Retirement, Strippers & Diapers."

"Laughs, Lies & American Justice," is available online at Lulu Press, www.lulu.com or <http://tinyurl.com/rh8uupnb>). Mr. Doherty's first book, "Seven Miles After Sundown," and is available on amazon.com

Mr. Doherty lives in Mattapoisett.

New Bedford to hold events for MLK Jr. Day

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day is Monday, 1/15/24. There will be several events in New Bedford to remember the civil rights icon.

Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Program

An advocate for the beloved community, Ordained Reverend, Doctor, and Air Force Veteran, Pastor Sandra Gatlin Whitley is the keynote

speaker for the program at the International Church of the Nazarene

The City of New Bedford's annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Community Program to be held on Sunday, January 14th is from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. at the International Church of the Nazarene, 278 Pleasant Street, in New Bedford.

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FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, January 23, 2024 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 January 23, 2024, 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 fairhaventv.com. To Join the Meeting from home Log on to:

<https://zoom.us/j/93163358101?pwd=NXg5WnUxZ3lLK3drSVBMM2JPTXE0QT09or>
call 1-929-205-6099 - Meeting ID: 931 6335 8101 -
Passcode: 740257

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The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following application: **SP24-01 50 Rodman Street** – Matthew and Chelsea Varao, the owners of 50 Rodman Street, request a special permit to convert a planned second level of the existing garage into an Accessory Dwelling Unit. The property is located at Map 25 Lot 211.

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: 1/4/24, 1/11/24

Notice of Public Hearing Acushnet Planning Commission January 25, 2024

#39 Keene Road-Form C-Definitive Subdivision

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on **January 25, 2024 @ 6:00PM** in the Board of Selectmen's meeting room at Town Hall, 122 Main Street, Acushnet MA 02743. This will be a Hybrid meeting with a Zoom option:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85326060459?pwd=QnlHeEKxTW9lemdDcDFHazhZbTNUQT09>
Meeting ID: 853 2606 0459
Passcode: 604789

This hybrid meeting is being held in accordance with Chapter 41, Section 81T, to consider the following petition: Proposed subdivision of land, off of Keene Road, owned by AMN Estate Holdings LLC, applicant. The engineer is Farland Corp., of Fairhaven, MA. This proposal is for a 6-lot subdivision on a single access street. The plans and accompanying documentation are available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office, Parting Ways Building, 130 Main Street 1st floor, during regular business hours.

Mark Francois, Planning Commission Chairman
FNN 1/11/24, 1/18/24

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, January 22, 2024 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.

Anyone wishing to access the meeting via remote means may do so in the following manner:
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or CALL 1-929-205-6099
Meeting ID: 869 5315 5076
Passcode: 633695

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. CON 023-387: 251 Scouticut Neck Road, Map 29, Lot 032** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Robert Faria for an after-the-fact shed (16'x20') within FEMA Flood Zone AE (EI.16) located at Assessor's Map 29, Lot 032.
- 2. SE 023-1434, CON 023-388: 127 Balsam Street, Map 43A, Lots 96 & 98** Notice of Intent filed by Lauren O'Brien to remove existing deck & patio, renovate existing residence, construct a new addition & deck on a flood zone compliant foundation, and associated site work located within the 100-year Coastal Flood Plain; property lies within FEMA Flood Zone AE (EI.14') at Assessor's Map 43A, Lots 96 & 98.
- 3. SE 023-____, CON 023-389: 1 Crow Island, Map 44, Lot 1** Notice of Intent filed by Dave Ellis & Melissa Cruz requesting to repair the existing failed on-site sewage disposal system servicing the single-family dwelling. The existing system will be abandoned, and a new system including a 1,500-gallon septic tank, distribution box, and Infiltrator Quick4 Plus Standard Leaching Chambers will be installed. The work being proposed falls within 100 feet from the top of a Coastal Bank. The system is proposed to be about 30' from the top of the Coastal Bank and is sited in a similar area as the existing failed system located at Assessor's Map 44, Lot 1.
- 4. SE 023-1436, CON 023-390: 6 Emerson Avenue, Map 29A, 119-122** An after-the-fact Notice of Intent filed by Natalie Reis for the construction of 12'x16' breezeway between the house and garage, an outdoor shower (approximately 70' from the limit of Coastal Beach and in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF), capping the existing stonewall, an outdoor fireplace, a 36'x15' flagstone patio area with new walkways to beach, artificial turf area, regrading, and a gravel driveway larger than proposed on the original plan. Work to take place within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF), Flood Zone VE (EI. 16'), and after-the-fact work has occurred in Coastal Beach, Barrier Beach, and possibly the Marsh located at Assessor's Map 29A, Lots 119-122.
- 5. SE 023-1435, CON 023-391: 689 Scouticut Neck Road, Map 42, Lot 014A** Notice of Intent filed by Michael Perez to remodel the existing 3-season room, replace 3 porch footings and propose new footings to support the new deck at the above referenced location. A portion of the lot is within FEMA Flood Zone VE (EI.17' & EI.19') and is located at Assessor's Map 42, Lot 014A.
- 6. SE 023-1406, CON 023-335: 40 Nelson Avenue, Map 43, Lot 233** An Amended Order of Conditions filed by Christopher Wolkowicz to install an emergency generator on a 5'x6' platform at the northwest corner of the deck. Two additional sonotubes & footings will be needed, a 500-gallon capacity underground LP-gas storage tank proposed to be installed to supply the generator, the rear access stairway has been re-configured, and a new stairway for beach access is proposed at the southwest corner of the seawall. Work to take place within Buffer Zone of Coastal Bank and within the 100-year flood plain, and FEMA Flood Zone VE (EI.19') located at Assessor's Map 43, Lot 233.

7. CON 023-392: 92 Seaview Avenue, Map 29C, Lot 629 Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Suzanne Foxwell to replace existing wood fence that was damaged during the December 2023 windstorm. The fence will be an open picket (3-inch space) vinyl picket ornamental fence, set 6 inches above the retaining wall (designed for water flow). Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF), FEMA Flood Zone VE (EI.17'), Buffer Zone to Coastal Dune, and Buffer Zone to BVVW located at Assessor's Map 29C, Lot 629.

8. SE 023-____, CON 023-393: 685 Scouticut Neck Road, Map 42, Lot 014B Notice of Intent filed by Steven Koczera to replace existing deck (8'x12') with new 14'x16' deck on 12, 8" sono-tubes, propose to place loam/topsoil in low area on the north side of the house (existing lawn), remove (4) trees blown down in the December 2023 windstorm, add a 25'x28' foundation in the driveway and add garage (25'x28') with breakaway walls. Work to take place within FEMA Flood Zone VE (EI.17') located at Assessor's Map 42, Lot 014B.

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: 11/11/24

Town of Fairhaven BPW Request for Proposals

The Town of Fairhaven Board of Public Works (Owner) is accepting proposals for the Water Storage Tank Maintenance Program, RFP No. BPW-WTR-23-02, until 2:00 PM, prevailing time, on January 26, 2024 at the Office of the Board of Public Works, 5 Arsene Street, Fairhaven, Massachusetts 02719.

Proposals for the Water Storage Tank Maintenance Program shall include services for extended rehabilitation, maintenance, repair, and asset management services for the Boston Hill Tank and Scouticut Neck Tank in the Town of Fairhaven, Massachusetts.

The Request For Proposals (RFP) may be obtained in electronic format through Tata & Howard, Inc. by contacting Allison Shivers, P.E., at ashivers@tataandhoward.com. Any vendors who request the Contract Documents will be required to provide their contact name, business name, address, email address, and telephone number to assure that they will receive potential addenda, which will be issued via email to the address provided.

Proposers must submit separately sealed technical proposals and price proposals. Technical proposals must present evidence of qualifications and experience to fulfill the Owner's equipment and service requirements as described in the specifications. The response to the Reference Statement must be fully completed and included in the technical proposal envelope.

All proposals are subject to the applicable laws of Massachusetts, including General Laws Chapter 30B, as amended. Payment and performance bonds, each in the amount of 100-percent of the Contract Price, are required as noted in the General Conditions of Contract.

Minimum wage rates as determined by the Director of the Department of Labor Standards under the provision of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Sections 26 to 27H, as amended, apply to this project.

All material submitted by Proposers becomes the irrevocable and sole property of the Owner unless otherwise specified. The Owner shall be under no obligation to return any proposal or material submitted by a Proposer, unless specified in this RFP. The Owner may consider any proposal not prepared and submitted in accordance with the provisions of this RFP incomplete and reserves the right to waive any informalities or reject any and all proposals should the Owner determine it to be in the public interest to do so.

FNN 1/11/24

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appreciate the outstanding advocacy by Acushnet Selectman Dave Wojnar and will continue working alongside town officials, Representative Schmid, and the Buzzards Bay Coalition to ensure that MassDEP reevaluates nitrogen reduction strategies after the Fairhaven project is complete. Residential septic upgrades in Acushnet, especially further north, would accomplish little for nitrogen reduction and any such proposal would be a complete nonstarter."

Final approval of the draft TMDL is expected later this year.

Upcoming Meetings

Fairhaven

Board of Public Works
Mon., 1/22, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Commission on Disability
Thurs., 1/11, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission
Mon., 1/22, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Livable Streets
Thurs., 1/18, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board
Tues., 1/9, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee
Wed., 1/10, Media Ctr/Lib., 6:30 p.m.

Select Board
Mon., 1/22, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Sustainability Comm.
Tues., 1/16, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

Planning Commission
Thurs., 1/11, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Historical Commission
Tues., 1/16, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

	Dec. 2023		HIGH a.m.	p.m.	LOW a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	11	0727	1954	0022*	1320*	
Friday	12	0817	2046	0118*	1412*	
Saturday	13	0907	2137	0217*	1458*	
Sunday	14	0957	2228	0310*	1541*	
Monday	15	1049	2323	0359*	1623*	
Tuesday	16	1145	---	0451*	1711*	
Wednesday	17	0021	1243	0557*	1812*	
Thursday	18	0118	1339	0732	1921*	
Friday	19	0213	1437	0920	2027	
Saturday	20	0314	1544	1048	2204	
Sunday	21	0421	1651	1147	2329	
Monday	22	0518	1743	---	1240*	
Tuesday	23	0604	1827	0020	1333*	
Wednesday	24	0646	1909	0107	1420*	
Thursday	25	0727	1951	0145	1455	
Friday	26	0808	2033	0136	1505	
Saturday	27	0848	2113	0204	1446	
Sunday	28	0927	2152	0237	1503*	
Monday	29	1006	2232	0310	1530*	
Tuesday	30	1047	2316	0344	1600*	
Wednesday	31	1133	---	0421	1634*	

*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft
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Obituary



Janice V. Coelho

Janice V. (Gobeil) Coelho, 78, of Fairhaven passed away peacefully, after a long battle with

Alzheimer's Disease, Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at Alden Court Nursing and Rehab in Fairhaven, while surrounded by her loving family. She was the beloved wife of 53 years to Francisco "Frank" Coelho.

Born and raised in New Bedford, daughter of the late Conrad and Helen (Carrier) Gobeil, she and her husband settled in Fairhaven 53 years ago on West Island. She graduated from Sacred Hearts Academy in Fairhaven and later Kinyon Campbell Business School in New Bedford. Janice worked many years for the My Bread Baking Company and later for The

Standard Times newspaper but her true passion was being a stay at home mother and homemaker. Janice retired in 2009 and began her next phase in life as a proud and doting Memere to her Grandchildren, Austin and Timothy.

Janice loved her family. She adored her big brother Leonard and was always talking about his latest endeavors and accomplishments of which her favorites were undoubtedly his children. She often spoke fondly of memories from her childhood spent with her family at their cottage on Agawam Lake in Wareham. Janice was a woman of faith and was a longtime parishioner of St. Joseph's Church in Fairhaven. She was an avid fan of the Red Sox and could often be found making dinner with a game on in the kitchen.

Janice had the heart of a traveler and was always ready to take trip. Whether it was a car ride to Georgia with her sister-in-law Sheila, a flight to Chicago with her son or sailing to

Maine with her family she loved to be on the go. Above all else, all trips and travels aside, her favorite place to be was on the boat, in the sun with her family by her side.

Janice was an amazing Daughter, Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Sister and Aunt. Her priority was always her family before herself.

She is survived by her loving husband Frank; her children, Scott Coelho of Fairhaven, Lisa (Coelho) Lassiter and her husband Aaron of Rochester and her beloved grandchildren, Austin and Timothy Lassiter; Her brother Leonard Gobeil of Hyannis and several much loved nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by Fairhaven Funeral Home, www.hathawayfunerals.com. Memorial donations may be made to, Southcoast VNA-Hospice, 200 Mill Rd., Fairhaven, MA 02719, Alden Court Nursing and Rehab (for patient activities), 389 Alden Rd., Fairhaven, MA 02719 or the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org.

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HBCU College Fair

To complement this performance, The Z has collaborated with the Andrea McCoy Recreation Center, T.R.U.E. Diversity, Domino's, the MLK Day Community Program, Paige L. Jones, WNB One Radio, and Sparrow's Eye to offer a free HBCU College Fair featuring the cast of DRUMLine Live on January 15!

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- Learn about local scholarships offered by the Martha Briggs Educational Club and the Community Foundation
- Connect with the New Bedford High School Guidance Department

The event will take place from 11am-2pm at Andrea McCoy Recreation Center, 181 Hillman St., Bldg. 8, New Bedford. Free pizza provided by Domino's.

A special thanks to Paige L. Jones.

This event is free and open to all, but we ask you to please register in advance by "purchasing" a ticket, at <https://www.zeiterion.org/events/hbcu-college-fair>. As a thank you for registering, you will receive a special offer to DRUMLine Live on January 14 in your confirmation email!

MLK Breakfast

Bristol Community College will host its 24th annual Dr. Martin Luther

King, Jr. Community Breakfast, on Monday, January 15, 2024, featuring an interactive Day of Service. The in-person events are free and open to all.

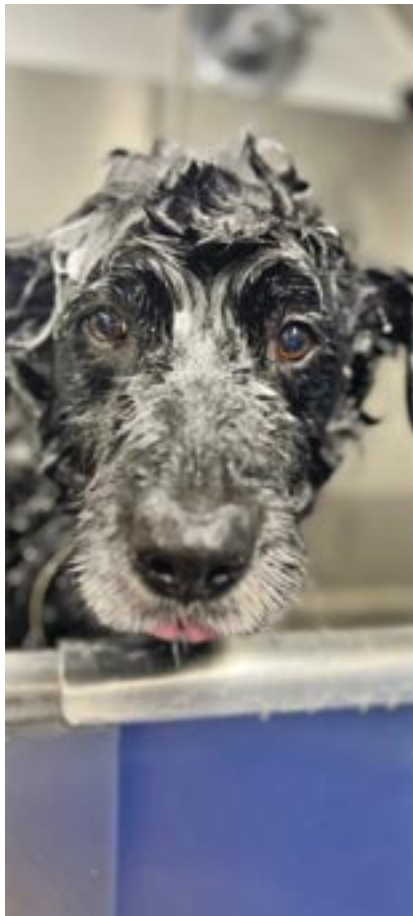
Following the breakfast and a brief program, including a keynote presentation by Yolanda L. Dennis, the inaugural Director of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Family Engagement at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School, guests will have the option to visit fun and engaging workshops and activities!

The event will be held in the Commonwealth College Center (G building), on the Bristol Fall River Campus, 777 Elsbree Street, Fall River, MA 02720.

The event begins at 8:30 a.m., with a breakfast buffet, keynote address and entertainment, before transitioning to workshops at 10:30 a.m.

The 90-minute workshops will include the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Kindness Rocks and more!

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