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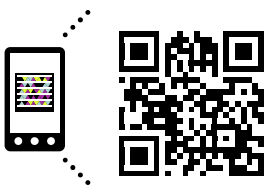
Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Cherry Blossom Fest Shows Japanese Culture



Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society, Inc.

Gerald Rooney (center), President and CEO of the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society is joined by Fairhaven town officials and Japanese Consul General, Kotaro Suzuki, during the opening of the Cherry Blossom Festival at the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship House Museum on 5/5/24. See page 12. Photo by Sam Simoes.



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First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

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

The annual Post Office food drive is this Saturday (see page 3). This is the biggest of them all, Folks. So remember to leave a few nonperishable food items in or near your mailbox.

Fairhaven's annual Town Meeting happened (see page 13). If you're looking for some entertainment, find it online (www.fairhaventv.com), break out the popcorn, forward to the Planning Board stuff, sit back, and enjoy the show. So many more people spoke than what I had room to report on, some so eloquently, some so colorfully, some so humorously. I wish I had more space to capture the glory of it all (I LOVE Town Meeting). But, alas, I only had what I had. I even had to bump the quotable quotes. Sorry about that.

Thanks to the wisdom of Town Meeting, the worst of the Planning Board's proposed bylaw changes did not pass. Never underestimate Town Meeting! They paid attention and made their decision.

Really, though, the PB chair was arguing one thing, the written documents seemed to say something else, and...sure enough, town counsel agreed with the TM members. That did not inspire confidence. I also am not sure I was able to get across the scolding tone some PB members used. I just didn't have room for the extraneous stuff. But, a bit of advice: don't scold the people whose butts you should be kissing. They know their role. They know their power. And your attitude, coupled with your incompetence, doomed you to failure.

My favorite was Mr. Carr saying the "white tops" in the room were voting against their own interests. Maybe they were, and that should tell you something. Like, maybe they could see it was bad for the town and they didn't just put their own, personal interests ahead of the town's best interests. That's what public service is, Mr. Carr. Take note. Learn something. Not everyone is in it to get revenge for some old slights, or to give their own businesses a boost.

Long Live Town Meeting!!

On a much less exciting note, Acushnet has no contested races this year in their annual election (see page 3). That's terrible. Just...terrible. This is how democracy dies. Honestly, it's not your stupid gas prices, it's lack of participation.

On another note, sort of related, we have three people vying for the state rep seat that Bill Straus is retiring from. See page 4 to find out who from Fairhaven is running.

And, let's not forget that the Cherry Blossom Festival was this weekend, too. See page 12 for that.

There's other stuff in here, of course. While you're looking, be sure to notice who our advertisers are so you can tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*. And if you go to a place that does not advertise with us, make a suggestion. If they know their patrons read the *Neighb News*, it might be just the extra push they need to support the Little Paper with a Big Voice. And, by the way, that "big voice" part is you, my readers. Thank you so much for reading the *Neighb News*. Together, we make a difference. We really do.

Until next week then, see ya,
Glory to Ukraine!
Glory to the Heroes!

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Post Office NALC food drive is this Saturday

Submitted

It's that time of year when you can make a difference for the less fortunate. I'm writing about the yearly "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive that's been ongoing for over 30 years on the second Saturday in May.

This food drive is a mutual partnership between the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) and the U.S. Postal Service. It involves a very simple approach on its success. You leave some (non-outdated) non-perishable food, on your porch or by your mailbox by 8 a.m. on Saturday,

May 11 and your letter carrier will do the rest. It's that simple.

Over the years, 10,000 cities and towns throughout the U.S., have participated in this yearly venture and during this time billions of pounds of food have been donated. This food has gone to neighboring food pantries and shelters. For instance, Fairhaven letter carriers picked up this food along their routes and this food was eventually delivered to the Shepherd's Pantry, located at the Long Plain United Methodist Church in Acushnet.

The food that is collected, for one example, helps during summer months especially when schools are out and free breakfast/lunches are not available. You can do your part even if it means leaving only a couple of canned goods to be picked up. If everyone would consider doing just this, thousands of pounds more of food would be collected for the needy.

Together, we can make a dent for the food-insecure folks in our communities.

*Gerry Payette, U.S. Postal Letter Carrier/
Retired, Director/Shepherd's Pantry*

Acushnet has no contested elections this year, 5/18

*By Beth David
Editor*

Acushnet's elections will be held on Saturday, 5/18/24, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., the shorter hour reflecting that there are no contested races on the ballot. All precincts vote at Acushnet Elementary School, 800 Middle Road. Voters will vote on all townwide offices.

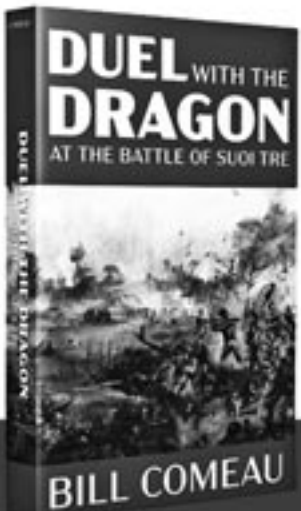
Longtime Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar is running for re-election to his seat; and long time School Committee member John

Howcroft will also be on the ballot for his seat.

Other races are: Assessor, with Francis Mello running for one seat; Board of Health with incumbent David Davignon on the ballot; Commissioner of Trust Funds with Tommy Lipsitt running for a full term, and a vacant, unexpired term also on the ballot; Planning Commissioner, with incumbent Richard Ellis running for a full term, and a vacant, unexpired term also on the ballot; Cemetery

Board, with incumbent Paul Fortin running for his seat; Library Trustee, with two seats up, and two candidates, Jennifer Alves and Diane Ferreira; Park Commissioner, with incumbent Chad Leclair running for re-election; and incumbent Andrew Gomes running for his seat on the Housing Authority.

If you have any questions about the election or your voting status, contact the town clerk's office at 508-998-0215.




DUEL WITH THE DRAGON
AT THE BATTLE OF SUOI TRE

BILL COMEAU

BOOK TALK

with author
Bill Comeau
Vietnam Veteran



**Wednesday
May 22nd
at 6:30pm**

**Millicent Library Auditorium
45 Center St., Fairhaven, MA**

Sponsored by the
Friends of Millicent Library

Join New Bedford native Bill Comeau as he presents his book 'Duel with the Dragon,' detailing his heroic service in Vietnam, including the Battle of Suoi Tre, which saw the highest enemy casualties in a single day of the Vietnam War. Presentation followed by book sale & signing.

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Three running for Straus's seat

Three candidates have taken out papers to run for Mass. State Representative in the 10th Bristol district, the seat held by long time rep William Straus of Mattapoisett. Rep. Straus announced that he would not be seeking re-election this year. The 10th Bristol District includes Fairhaven, Marion Mattapoisett, Rochester and parts of Acushnet and New Bedford.

Two Republicans and one Democrat have jumped into the race: Robert "Bob" McConnell, R, of Fairhaven; Joseph "Joe" Pires, R, of Rochester; and Mark Sylvania, D, of Fairhaven. Their announcements follow.

Bob McConnell



My name is Robert S. McConnell, or known to most people as "Bob." I seek to serve you and others as your sincerely humble, loyal and always available Representative in the Massachusetts General Court.

I began this campaign on Feb. 21, nomination papers had been issued Feb. 7, then my grandson and I traveled to the Secretary of State's office in Fall River after waiting two weeks. This began my second campaign as a Republican candidate for the 10th Bristol District State Representative. This position represents the 42,862 good souls of Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester, Fairhaven, and a small part of Acushnet and New Bedford. My political activism began as an elected Town meeting member, followed by a 2021 election to chair of the Fairhaven Republican Town Committee, A State Rep. candidate in 2022 and now just elected in the March 5 Presidential primary to State Committeeman for the Second Bristol and Plymouth District.

I am 67-years-old, a proud Father, and Grandfather by the grace and blessings of GOD. A Licensed Practical Nurse since 1992, a sworn Deputy Sheriff and Officer with the Plymouth County Sheriffs since 1987.

I'm currently a P.O.S.T. (Police Officer Standard Training Commission) Massachusetts certified as a Police Officer.

As a member of the Acushnet-Wesley United Methodist Church, I've served as an active member since 2008, singing in the choir and serving on the Board of Trustees.

I need your vote! I need you to exercise your civil rights and vote! We all need to "Get out the vote." We all need to urgently participate in Government or we shall lose all our

freedoms. Vote for me to bring a very loud notice of change to Beacon Hill. Tell them you're sending a Republican Representative up there now. Tell them he is a Deputy Sheriff, POST Certified, he is a Licensed Nurse, and a Republican State Committeeman. We are confident he will do the right thing and serve us well. This is self-evident and predictable based on a decades long track record of good service, character and success. Show them you don't have to be a wealthy, connected, over-educated progressive elitist to be elected. You don't even need to be a Democrat. Please let me be the one to express your will, the people's will!

Cheers, Bob McConnell

Joe Pires



Joe Pires, a long-time resident and active community member of the Southcoast, has officially announced his candidacy for Massachusetts State Representative in the 10th Bristol District. After gathering the necessary signatures, which have been certified, Pires is honored and humbled to have the opportunity to represent his community at the state

level.

"I am deeply grateful to everyone who supported me in reaching this milestone. Your faith in me strengthens me in my efforts to serve our community and address the challenges we face," stated Pires.

About Joe Pires:

Born and raised in New Bedford, Massachusetts, Joe Pires's life story is one of resilience and determination. The son of immigrants from Cape Verde, Pires was the first in his family born in the United States. His upbringing by a single mother in a hardworking household set the foundation for his values and work ethic.

Pires attended St. James St. John Catholic School before moving to Dartmouth. He furthered his education at New England Institute of Technology, Boston University, and Emerson College, achieving his degree and certifications in Electronics Engineering, Information Technology, and Mass Communication.

Beginning his career at Polaroid Corporation, Pires specialized in process control instrumentation/automation before moving into Information Technology.

STRAUS SEAT: cont'd on page 8



**UU Society of Fairhaven
welcomes all!**

Worship at 10 a.m. Sundays
May 12: "Mothers of Our Faith"
Flower Communion

Nursery care in Harrop Center starting at
 9:45 a.m. Children welcome at service.

Yoga with Stephanie Lawrence, RYT, 4:30 Wednesdays.
 Fee of \$10-\$20 shared with UUSF.

The Rev. Maria Uitti McCabe

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Congratulate Grads

Congratulate Fairhaven High School Graduating Seniors. The community is invited to join in the fun of giving the class of 2024 a special send-off into the world. Our regular issue covering the graduation is 6/6/23. Run an ad letting your grad know how proud you are.

1/8 page: \$32 B&W, \$47 Color; 1/4 page: \$54 B&W, \$84 Color; 1/2 page: \$107 B&W, \$157 Color; Full page: \$180 B&W, \$240 Color.

DEADLINE: 5/31/24. Please contact Beth David at NeighbNews@comcast.net (preferred) or call 508-979-5593. (This issue will have our regular, annual coverage, with no school-sponsored content.)

Spring Fair

Elizabeth Hastings Middle School invites you to its Spring Market Fair on Sat., 5/11, from 10 a.m.–3 p.m., at 30 School St., Fairhaven. Featuring family activities, including Mothers' Day crafts, psychic readings and Tarot cards, food, music, shopping, with indoor and outdoor vendors, fire truck K9 Blue, Gnome Surfing, Soares Martial Arts, 9:30 a.m. BOOT Camp by Gina & Wayne. Proceeds benefit EHMS PTO.

EFS Trail Clean-up

New Boston Trail needs our help! Join the East Fairhaven School Community and Champions Before and Afterschool Program to bring our trail back to its full glory, on Sat., 5/11, 9–11 a.m., behind EFS, 2 New Boston Road, Fairhaven.

Volunteer Needs: Bring your friends, gloves, trimmers, rakes, saws, and chainsaws along with your "Can Do It" attitude as we complete some maintenance on the New Boston Trail behind East Fairhaven School. Call EFS Office, 508-979-4058; Champions, 508-441-1778.

Stamp Out Hunger

The National Association of Letter Carriers will hold its annual "Stamp Out Hunger" campaign is Sat., 5/11. See page 3 for more info.

Free Concert

Free concert, Sat., 5/18, 12:30 p.m., Millicent Library, 45 Center St. (Walnut Street entrance), Fairhaven.

FREE. Join us at the Millicent Library auditorium for an enchanting afternoon filled with live jazz music and captivating historical anecdotes. This free concert will showcase the NO3 Organ Trio featuring the exceptional talent of Nina Ott on the Hammond B3 organ.

The Millicent Library's auditorium will be transformed into an intimate night club café atmosphere, complete with complimentary snacks and beverages courtesy of the Friends of the Millicent Library.

While seating will be provided space may be limited. Registration is encouraged at <https://millicentlibrary.org/MillicentLibraryConcert>

Volunteers needed

Fairhaven's Veterans Services Office will be placing flags on the graves of veterans at Riverside Cemetery on May 18 at 10 a.m. (rain date 5/19). We are looking for volunteers to help us honor all or fallen veterans.

For details contact Mike or Jane at VSO, 508-202-4603

Book/Puzzle/ Bake/Plant

The West Island Improvement Association is holding a Book, Puzzle, Bake and Plant Sale on Sat., 5/25, from 10:00-2:00 at the Association Hall, 41 Causeway Rd., Fairhaven. Proceeds go towards the Scholarship fund.

Class of 74

The FHS Class of '74 celebrates their 50th Reunion this year. Because it's our 50th, our class is involved in the whole weekend and hosts more than just our actual reunion gathering Saturday night. The reunion gathering will be held Sat., 6/29, at 7:00pm at Inner Bay Cafe in New Bedford.

Also, as part of our 50th, our class will be raising the large flag in front of FHS on Friday the 28th at 4:30pm. The high school will then remain open until 7:00pm to walk around (no tours). Light refreshments will be served courtesy of the FHS Alumni Association.

During the day Saturday, there will be tours of the high school at 10am and noon. And the Homecoming Fair is in the center of town.

We will also be hosting the All

Class Breakfast at 8:30am - 10:00am on Sunday the 30th.

For more information, visit our website at www.FHS74.org or our Facebook group at www.facebook.com/groups/fairhavenhighclassof74.

Email FHSClass1974@gmail.com or call/text 978.652.9150 for more info.

SAVE THE DATE:

Memorial Day Parade

Fairhaven will hold its annual Memorial Day Parade on Mon., 5/27, meet at 9:30 a.m., step off at 10 a.m. All veterans are invited to march.

Parade route: From Union and Main Streets north along Main to Fairhaven High School for the raising of the big flag, and continue to Riverside Cemetery for a short ceremony. There will be a gathering at the VFW, 109 Middle Street, after the activities.

Proudly sponsored by VFW Post 2892, Fairhaven Lions Club, and Fairhaven Veterans Service Office.

For info contact Mike or Jane at VSO, 508-202-4603.

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

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

GOP Meeting

Please consider joining the Fairhaven Republican Town committee May 21 at 6pm. We will meet at usual location, 32 Abbey Street. Accessible to all, and all are warmly welcome.

The results of annual Town meeting will be discussed as well as upcoming State office campaigns. Lots of news and lots to share. Call Committee Chair Bob McConnell at 508-863-0416 or email usat.fairhavenrtc@gmail.com

Rec Fishing Regs Public Comment

The Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) is taking public comment on proposed recreational fishing rules, including scup, striped sea bass, flounder size and bag limits.

Public Hearing, 5/20, 6 p.m., via Zoom. Please register at <https://tinyurl.com/yck7zjj5>.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Mother's Day 5K

The Women's Fund Southcoast is excited to announce our Mother's Day 5K Run/Walk on Sun., 5/12, at Cisco Brewers, 1482 E. Rodney French Blvd., New Bedford. Start times: 9 a.m. Kid's Fun Run (3-12 years), featuring two age group categories with staggered start; 9:30 a.m., 5K start.

For more information and link to register, visit <https://womensfundsouthcoast.org/events/>

Deadline for online registration is 5/10; in person until 5/11.

Come run/walk in our race, listen to music, celebrate during our awards ceremony with beverages from Cisco Brewers and consider taking your mother or other loved one out to lunch after the event!

Cleanup

South End NB, HQ at Orpheum Theatre, Rte. 18, So. Water St. Sat., 5/18, 9 am.-noon. Register at <https://operationcleansweep.net/>

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

Fish Center Online

The New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center is excited to announce that our new online collections database is now live on our website! For the first time ever, members of the public will now be able to search our collection of photographs, objects, and manuscripts and view a basic record of all items in our archival collection. This is a work in progress and more detailed records will be added as the project continues.

Join us on Thurs., 5/9, from 5-7 p.m. to see new and rarely-seen objects, and learn more about our online DB. FREE for AHA! night.

DAV Clamboil

Second annual clamboil to benefit the New Bedford DAV # 7 (Disabled American Veterans) Regional Chapter. At Danny's Seafood, 574 N. Front St., New Bedford, Mon., 5/20, from 5-8 p.m.

Tickets \$50, available at the Chapter, 19 Willis St., New Bedford. Call 508-992-3766. Includes all-you-can-eat clamboil, door prize. Drawing

at end of night, you do not have to be there to win.

YTP Production

THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG: An unconscious leading lady, a corpse who can't play dead, a ruffled detective, and a word-mangling butler (among others) must battle technical blunders, forgotten lines, and accident-prone scenery in their hilarious quest to arrive in one piece at the final curtain call.

Fri. & Sat., 5/10, 11, 17, 18 at 7:30 p.m.; and Sat. & Sun., 5/11, 12, 18, 18 at 2 p.m. At Your Theatre Inc's Steeple Playhouse, 159 William St., NB. Accessible.

Tickets are General Admission \$25; Seniors, Students and Military \$22. Open seating; call 508-993-0772 or email boxoffice@yourtheatre.org.

SAVE THE DATES:

Family Fest

A day of family-friendly fun and exploration at the annual Family Fest, scheduled for Sat., 5/18, from 10am to 1 pm at the Andrea McCoy Recreation Center, 181 Hillman St., New Bedford.

Presented by PACE Child Care Works, Greater New Bedford Youth Alliance, New Bedford Birth to 3rd Partnership, and New Bedford Parks, Recreation & Beaches, this free event promises a memorable experience for families in the greater New Bedford region, designed to bring families together for a day of enjoyment and to connect them with valuable resources. The event will feature a diverse range of activities that cater to all ages and interests.

Highlights include:

Zoo2You: Get up close and personal with fascinating animals and learn something new about wildlife conservation from staff from the Buttonwood Park Zoo.

Family Yoga: Relax and rejuvenate with family-friendly bilingual yoga sessions by Yoga es Vida, perfect for all skill levels.

Eric Carle Storywalk: Embark on a short family stroll while enjoying the beloved stories of Eric Carle in multiple languages in a unique outdoor setting.

In addition to these activities, attendees can explore a resource fair featuring over 30 organizations, including Mass Audubon, Community

Boating Center, Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, and many more.

But that's not all! Family Fest offers a plethora of free activities for families to enjoy together, including:

Big Ryan's Tall Tales: Immerse yourself in the enchanting world of storytelling with captivating tales for all ages.

DJ and Entertainment: Groove to the beats of a live DJ from 3rd Eye and enjoy lively entertainment throughout the day.

Prize Giveaways: Don't miss your chance to win exciting prizes, including gift baskets, games, gift certificates, and passes.

Admission to Family Fest is free, and all are welcome to attend. For more information, visit Family Fest 2024 (constantcontactpages.com). Join us at Family Fest for a day of fun, connection, and community spirit!

Open Studios

Explore and experience artists' studios this spring! Sat., 5/18, 10:00AM - 5:00 PM and Sun., 5/18, 11:00AM - 5:00 PM Hatch Street Studios Spring Open Studios, 88/90 Hatch Street, New Bedford, MA 02745

Hatch Street Spring Open Studios and Sale is a festive annual event where more than 65 creatives open their workspaces, studios, and gallery doors to the public. Resident artists and invited guests show and sell creations inspired by the vibrancy of the spring season. Visitors are invited to tour the artists' studios, watch demonstrations, participate in workshops, listen to live music, and purchase unique gifts and fine art. Artwork is fresh and wide-ranging including paintings, pottery, prints, photographs, textile art, sculpture, jewelry, fine furniture, crafts, and glass, as well as installation art and live music.

Studios are bright with soaring windows and some of the best views of the river in the area. These are the same spaces where, a hundred years ago, textile workers produced products that enriched the city of New Bedford. Open Studios and Sale is a joyous annual community event that's entertaining and educational for adults and children of all ages. A large elevator with wheelchair access with an experienced operator is available throughout the event.

For more information, visit: <http://www.hatchstreetstudios.com>

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Good Bees

What good are bees and why should we save them? The Sustainability Partnership of the Mattapoissett Public Library will showcase Dr. Robert Gegear, an assistant professor in the Department of Biology at UMass Dartmouth to answer those questions and more on Wed., 5/15, from 6-7:30 p.m., in the Mattapoissett Library Meeting Room., 7 Barstow St.

Dr. Gegear will share his knowledge and expertise on pollinators and the importance of these creatures while answering mystifying questions about plant pollinators, their secret lives, and the fundamental role pollination systems play in supporting agriculture and wildlife diversity. Dr. Gegear will conclude his talk with an overview of citizen science efforts to support bee conservation efforts.

GOP Meeting

The Mattapoissett Republican Party invites everyone interested to join us on Thurs., 5/16, from 6:30-8:30 PM at the Knights of Columbus, 57 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoissett, MA 02739. Our guest speaker this month is Jackie Eckert, spokesperson for the new local organization called Tri Town for Protecting Children. The topic of discussion will be preserving and protecting the innocence of our children in our public schools and in our community. Speaker to begin at 7:00 PM.

There will be light snacks, cash bar and good conversation. Please join us or if you have any questions contact Paul Criscuolo, Chairperson, Mattapoissett Republican Town Committee. PCMattyGOP@proton.me; 82 County Road PMB #17, Mattapoissett, MA02739. Website: MattapoissettGOP.com or find us on Facebook and Twitter.

Auditions

The Marion Art Center, 80 Pleasant St., Marion, announces open auditions on Sat., 5/18 from 10 a.m.-noon, and Sun., 5/19, from 5-7 p.m. for the August production of *Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery*, written by Ken Ludwig and directed by Kate Fishman. Nine performance dates are scheduled August 9-25, 2024.

Curses! The hounds are out and mystery is about. The MAC Theater is looking for five daring actors to take

on multiple (nearly 40 – be brave!) roles. Roles will include the famous Sherlock Holmes, the elementary Watson, and several others both male and female. All roles are gender fluid. The action is fast paced, as are costume changes, and strong comedic reflexes are encouraged.

Auditions will be cold readings from the script. To learn more or contact the director for an advance copy of the sides, please visit marionartcenter.org/auditions.

The director will also be casting for two non-speaking roles as stage ninjas! These performers will use performative movement to take the characters from scene to scene including interacting with the scene in-between!

Writers Workshop

Writers Workshop, Redux. Next meeting May 24. This is a place to share ideas and your work, whether you are a writer or just have stories that want to be told. We meet every fourth Friday, from 10:15am until 12:15pm, at the Mattapoissett Library, 7 Barstow Street, Mattapoissett, in the basement Community Room. Bring a piece of writing to share aloud, or just come to listen at first...memoir, poetry, fiction, essay. Bring what moves you. No need to bring copies. Share your voice in a supportive setting. If you have a story inside you, we want to hear. Need more info? Contact artslandlady@gmail.com

Cemetery Open Day

The Crossman Cemetery Open Day, at the intersection of Briggs Road, Kim Drive, and Tickle Road, Westport MA; 10 AM – 12 PMSat., 5/18, (rain date 5/19)

Until a few months ago, this fascinating cemetery, located near the South Watuppa Pond in North Westport, was so overgrown that many neighbors did not even know it was there. In 2023, the Westport Gravestone Cleaning and Restoration Group cleared the cemetery of chest high thickets, braving orb-weaving spiders, and began to piece together the broken fragments of the gravestones. They discovered the burial sites of several members of the Crossman family, among them Job Crossman (1791-1882) and Asenath Chace Crossman (1810 -1882), and

their daughter, Henrietta Crossman Sanford (1837-1915).

Learn more about the history of North Westport and this cemetery and those buried there, as well as the efforts of the Westport Gravestone Cleaning and Restoration Group, and the special challenges of this project for which they received special recognition with an award from Atlas Preservation.

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The following events are being held at the Acushnet Public Library, 232 Middle Road, Acushnet. All events are free and open to the public. Visit <https://acupl.org> or call 508-998-0270.

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Forms are available at the Town Administrator's office Submission Deadline: May 15th, 2024

Request blank and submit Completed Forms to: Mattapoissett Town Hall, c/o Christine Richards, Asst to Town Operations, P.O. Box 435, 16 Main Street, Mattapoissett, MA 02739; 508-758-4100 ext 4; crichards@mattapoissett.net

From our readers

Observe No-Mow May

I love my neighbors, really. A compact street with kind folks who care for their homes and hearths, have good hearts and are fun and thoughtful.

However, every year, almost to the day, you can catch the gleam in the eyes of the guys on their seated tractors just waiting to let loose to create what is the beginning of an Arnie Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and Ernie Ells testament to the "great green suck." I watch in dismay with ear plugs and shake my head. Just one more month I muse, if they could only wait just one more month.

Why you ask, because May has become the month of "No Mow May." Arggh, someone telling me what to do with my yard! Oh the misery...Nay nay I inject. No Mow May is a harmless, very narrow framework that allows many pollinators to begin to do their stuff. You know, stuff, like making the flowers bloom and getting a head

start on those rows of veggies.

I "do" my own lawn once in May. I like to see all the violets come up, and watch the bumble bees deciding upon which next stem to perch. It is fun to watch the rabbits chomping on various assorted greens and scampering in delight at the occasional weed that might lend a new taste sensation.

In the Autumn I wonder at the patches that have turned my lawn into waving yellow and white wild daisies. Those clomps would have been long mowed under in May in the quest for the perfect manicure.

No Mow May came into our consciousness about four years ago from a movement begun in England. Just as there is usually two plus ways at looking at a certain concept or idea, No Mow May is no different. Proponents claim that roots will grow stronger and deeper and therefore not be so subject to drought during the height of Summer. Others feel that it would be unintentionally harmful

for pollinators providing only temporary safe haven. Grass would grow almost a foot higher and mowing equipment is not equipped to handle the height. Weed wackers might handle some of the chores but really they are surely destructive, not to mention noisy.

We might help pollinators by planting more native species, whereby the insects might stand more of a chance against the "machines." Our insect population is failing due to the ubiquity of non-native plants.

Sustainability writer, Margaret Renkle, who writes for the New York Times, said, "To smother everything in pursuit of a pure yard would mean also smothering the spring beauties and the spring morning bees."

So perhaps we leave a part of each yard to rewild a bit and we can practice the concept of partial No Mow May and see how it goes. Just a thought

Susan Spooner, Fairhaven

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And now for nearly 20 years, he has been a managing partner at Pioneer Basement and Grate Products, a local family-owned business.

Beyond his professional life, Pires is married with three children and has been deeply involved in his community. His passions include spending time with his family, coaching baseball, practicing martial arts, and serving as a school committee member for Old Rochester Regional for over three terms.

As a dedicated club member of Club SS Sacramento, sponsor of the Feast of the Blessed Sacrament, Pires served as IT Chairman, showcasing his commitment to community and heritage.

A Vision for the 10th Bristol District:

In announcing his candidacy, Pires has emphasized his determination to address the myriad issues facing the district, including the declining state of standard of living, increased taxes/fees, and the need to prioritize the needs of citizens.

"As a moderate Republican, I believe in working across the aisle to find solutions that benefit everyone in our community. I am committed to protecting and improving the wonderful place we call home," Pires added.

Pires's candidacy represents a new

hope and optimism for the residents of the 10th Bristol District, offering a vision of unity, progress, and dedication to the welfare of the community.

For more information about Joe Pires and his campaign, visit www.electjoepires.com.



Mark Sylvia

Mark Sylvia declared his candidacy for State Representative on 5/6/24. Sylvia is running to succeed Representative William Straus, who is

retiring after serving the 10th Bristol District for 32 years.

"The 10th Bristol District is made up of hard working people, who care about each other and want to make things better for everyone. I grew up here, raised my family here and I believe in us. I ask the voters of our district for their support in this election to be their voice in Boston. If elected I will put my experience to work for the people of Acushnet, Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett, New Bedford and Rochester on day one, fighting for affordable healthcare and

housing and for an economy that works for everyone," said Sylvia.

Sylvia continued, "Our families, seniors, veterans, and small businesses are the backbone of our community. I will fight for our fair share of state aid for schools, public safety, our seniors and veterans, for pathways to grow our small businesses and support our fishing industry, and for continued investment in the South Coast's transportation system. We can do all this while creating more jobs and protecting our climate and the environment. That is the promise of the amazing place we all love and my commitment to you"

Mark Sylvia currently serves as the Chief of Staff at BlueWave Solar and was previously Undersecretary of Energy and Commissioner of Energy Resources for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Sylvia was also the Town Manager in Plymouth. He holds a BA and MPA from American University in Washington D.C. Sylvia resides in Fairhaven, where he grew up, attended public schools and has raised his family. He currently serves as the Town Moderator and previously served on the School Committee.

For more information please visit: www.marksylvia.com

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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.

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: 5/15, Derby St. Shops; 5/22, Plymouth Shopping; 5/29, Wrentham Village; 6/5, Tiverton Casino.

Monday Movie Matinee

Free. Mon., 5/20, 1 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.

Featuring *The Miracle Club*. Set in 1967, *The Miracle Club* follows the story of three generations of close friends, Lily (Maggie Smith), Eileen (Kathy Bates), and Dolly (Agnes O'Casey) of Ballygar, outside Dublin, who win a pilgrimage to the sacred French town of Lourdes, that place of miracles that draws millions of

visitors each year. Just before their trip, their old friend Chrissie (Laura Linney) arrives in Ballygar for her mother's funeral. The women set out on the journey that they hope will change their lives, with Chrissie, a skeptical traveler, joining in place of her mother. Along the way, old wounds are reopened, forcing the women to confront their pasts even as they travel in search of a miracle.

Wellness Excursion

Borderland State Park, May 23.

Admission and private guided tour of former MA State Gov. Oliver Ames Mansion in Easton, MA. This excursion will include admission and walking along any trail you choose inside Borderland state Park. 1-2 Miles of walking.

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Recipe of the Week

Easy Salmon and Asparagus

1 pound thin asparagus
 1 lb salmon, wild caught if possible
 2 tablespoons olive oil
 Kosher salt & fresh ground black pepper
 Lemon
 Minced fresh herbs (like chives, mint or thyme), for garnish

Allow salmon to come to room temperature. Preheat the oven to 425°F. Line a baking sheet with foil.

Trim asparagus, place on the baking sheet and toss it with 2 tbsps olive oil (this also oils the foil). Sprinkle with 1/2 tsp kosher salt and pepper.

Pat salmon dry and place it on foil. Drizzle with 1 tsp olive oil. Sprinkle salmon with 1/2 tsp kosher salt and pepper. Place asparagus around the salmon. Slice the lemon into wheels and place on top of the asparagus (but not the salmon). Squeeze juice from the two ends of the lemon onto the tray. Then add the chopped fresh herbs on top of everything.

Bake 9–12 mins until the asparagus is tender at the thickest part, and the salmon is just tender and pink at the center (the internal temperature should be between 125 to 130°F in the center for done). If salmon is done before the asparagus, remove it from tray and continue cooking just asparagus until tender.



Dear Frankie

Coin Catastrophe

Dear Frankie,
 My friend Remy died yesterday. He was the happiest dog I ever met. The day before he died, he spent the day at my house, and we had a great time. When

he went home that night, he was fine.

The following day, we got a text from his mom saying he had been rushed to the veterinarian hospital, and his x-ray showed he had swallowed a Mexican Peso.

My mom Googled, “Can a dog die from ingesting a coin?”

Much to her horror, she read that coins, even those partially made of zinc, become poisonous when they interact with the acid in a dog’s stomach and can kill a dog. She also discovered that the American Penny is particularly dangerous because it is primarily made of zinc and coated

with a thin layer of copper. We are all still in shock.

I wanted to let you know so you could alert your readers about how dangerous coins can be for dogs and, I would imagine, also for little kids.

Mason

Dear Mason,

What a tragedy. I’m so sorry to hear you lost your pal. Thanks for being such a good citizen and thinking of others while grieving for your friend.

I had no idea that coins could be poisonous. I am sure I am not the only one who didn’t know the dangers coins present for dogs or, as you say, little children.

The list of dog hazards seems to grow longer each day; if it isn’t poinsettias, it’s garlic, Round-Up, or dog food recalls.

You wonder if it will get to the point that the only way for a dog to be safe is to be suited up like an astronaut, breathing air from an oxygen tank and living on purified water and freeze-dried food.

Sorry for the outburst. Do take

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Acushnet welcomes two new Call Firefighter Academy grads

By Beth David
Editor

The Acushnet Fire Department

welcomed two new graduates of the state Call/Volunteer Recruit Firefighter Training Program on 5/1/24.

Paige Phillips and Emily Brown both completed the course, which includes 240 hours of training. Graduates of the program have met the standards of National Fire Protection Association 1001. In addition, they have the ability to become certified to the level of Firefighter I/II and Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations Level by the Massachusetts Fire Training Council, which is accredited by the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications.

Students receive classroom training in all basic firefighter skills. They practice first under non-fire conditions and then during controlled fire conditions. To graduate, students must demonstrate proficiency in life safety, search and rescue, ladder operations, water supply, pump operation, and fire attack. Fire attack operations range from mailbox fires to multiple-floor or multiple room structural fires.

“Congratulations to our two newest firefighters,” wrote the Acushnet Fire & EMS Department on its Facebook page. “Welcome to the Best Job in the World.”



L-R: Acushnet Firefighters Paige Phillips and Emily Brown pose for an official picture after graduating from the Mass. Firefighting Academy Call/Volunteer Recruit Class #111 on May 1, 2024. Photo courtesy of the Mass. Firefighting Academy.

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Cherry Blossom Fest showcases Japanese culture, Manjiro story

By Beth David
Editor

The Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society held its annual Cherry Blossom Festival at the Friendship House and Museum on Cherry Street in Fairhaven on Sunday, 5/5/24. Local officials and the Consul General of Japan in Boston, Kotaro Suzuki greeted the public for tours of the museum; a taste of Japanese food, and other activities, such as origami and drumming.

Mr. Suzuki told the crowd that he has been “constantly amazed” by how deep and long the historic relationship is between the US and Japan, and all because of a stranded 14-year-old.

Manjiro Nakahama was stranded

on an island in the Pacific in 1843. He was rescued by Fairhaven’s Capt. William Whitfield of the whaleship John Howland and brought back to Fairhaven. Manjiro was the first known Japanese person to live in the United States, as Japan was a closed society then. He was educated here and became instrumental in opening up Japan to the west.

Ms. Suzuki said that all over Japan, “Manjiro” is “quite a familiar name.”

He said the story has some “very important meanings.”

It is one thing to rescue a person from a remote island, he said, but to bring him back home across the whole ocean, “and to educate him for years, is a totally different thing.”

Mr. Suzuki said he was scheduled to speak in New Hampshire, and he was thinking of explaining to them about the relationship between Japan and the U.S. and how it began.

“How people, whose courage and goodwill created the long relationship between the two nations,” said Mr. Suzuki.

To learn more about the WMFS and Manjiro Nakahama, including the Manjiro Trail with its eight sites in Fairhaven, visit <https://whitfield-manjiro.org> or <https://fairhaven-tours.com/manjiro-nakahama/>. The museum is located at 11 Cherry Street, Fairhaven, and is open by appointment. Call 508-858-5303 or 508-995-1219 for more info.



The Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society held its annual Cherry Blossom Festival at the Friendship House and Museum on Cherry Street in Fairhaven on Sunday, 5/5/24, which included free tours of the museum, Japanese food, and other activities, such as origami and drumming. ABOVE LEFT L-R: Terry Bedard and Debbie Almeida staff the raffle table during the Cherry Blossom Festival at the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship House Museum in Fairhaven on 5/5/24. ABOVE RIGHT L-R: Volunteers, Yuko Blaise and Miyuki Dawson, demonstrated origami and Japanese handwriting. BELOW LEFT: Elliott Lussier leads a tour of the Museum. BELOW RIGHT L-R: Japanese Consul General, Kotaro Suzuki, and President & CEO of the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society, Gerald P. Rooney, pause for a shot for the local free sheet during the festival. *Photos by Sam Simoes.*



TM rejects most PB bylaws changes, leaves nip ban in place

Text and Photos By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven Town Meeting members passed a \$61.2 million budget at the annual TM on Saturday, 5/4, passing all operating budget items with some discussion and explanations, but no real opposition. The collection of bylaws changes proposed by the Planning Board, however, garnered lots of discussion, and resulted in a mixed bag of successes and failures for the PB.

The town faced a \$2.2 million shortfall at the beginning of budget season. Town Officials closed the gap with a mixture of budget cuts to departments, personnel changes, without layoffs, and fee increases, including a new \$100 annual trash fee.

The PB bylaw changes in article 20 were separated into nine motions, and removed the portion regarding shipping containers.

Motions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, all failed after much discussion. Those motions included the proposed changes to Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and six changes to different areas of the "Use Regulation Schedule"; and a change to the solar bylaw.

The solar bylaw change would have removed the words "within five years," for removing trees, with PB chairperson Cathy Melanson arguing that the change would mean no cutting of any trees would be allowed.

Former long time PB member Wayne Hayward argued that the change would not pass muster with the Attorney General's office, and that it made no sense not to allow any cutting of trees at all, such as around the edges of a property, for instance.

He said the change was "insulting," as he had worked on the original bylaw, and the idea that the PB is "defending every last tree, that's kind of funny to hear."



Will Gardner speaks in favor of ADUs.

The measure failed to get the 2/3 measure required.

A change that would have made docks and piers a "by-right" prospect for home owners also got shot down.

PB members, including Realtor Diane Tomassetti, argued that projects would still have to go through all the agencies that regulate waterways, including Mass. Department of Marine Fisheries, Coastal Zone Management, etc.

TM member Andrew Jones said that he was "absolutely certain" that Planning Board would still have to be involved.

PB member Patrick Carr said there was "misinformation" and referred to a photo that was in the 4/18/24 issue of the *Neighb News* showing a possible full buildout of docks in



L-R: Cathy Melanson confers with Town Counsel Heather White.

Round Cove. Mr. Carr said it was an old study and there is only one dock there now, not 28. He said they were only projections and did not come true.

There was a little confusion as to what the changes would mean, with Town Counsel Heather White weighing in, but with TM members still confused on whether the regulating authority would still be PB and Zoning Board of Appeals, or if all local control would be gone.

Ms. Melanson said the idea was to make it easier for homeowners to get their personal docks.

"We're not trying to do anything nefarious here," said Ms. Melanson.

The vote failed to get the 2/3.

A series of changes from fences/hedges to "Body Art Establishments" also failed, with TM members mostly saying the changes were too confusing, and the last minute changes from the day before did not inspire confidence.

The discussion around ADUs got the most discussion, and it got rather



Dave Patterson speaks against ADUs.

testy at times, and was confusing through it all, with Ms. Melanson constantly at odds with TM members who insisted they were reading one thing, while she was saying another. One of those moments was especially stark when she insisted that ADUs would not be allowed in the Industrial Zone, while TM member Amy Desalvatore said it looked that way in the warrant.

Ms. Desalvatore said she did not want to see kids playing where tractor trailers were. Ms. Melanson said that was not the case.

The moderator called a three-minute recess for Ms. Melanson to confer with Town Counsel Heather White, who confirmed that the bylaw would allow ADUs in both the business and industrial zones.

The ADU bylaw would not allow new construction for a unit, but it would allow them in sheds, pool houses, and other small, detached structures.

Mr. Hayward reiterated his recurring theme that he was not necessarily against the changes, but there was no code written to make sense of it all. He said, more than once, that they cannot simply remove a few words, add a few words. They need to write code to cover all the bases.

"I didn't move to Fairhaven to watch it slowly turn into New Bedford," said TM member, David Patterson.

"Approving this change won't make the sky fall," said Will Gardner, a well known proponent of denser zoning. He noted that many municipalities allow ADUs "by right," such as Arlington, Lexington, Newton.

"Last time I checked, those towns have not become blighted hellscapes," said Mr. Gardner.

Motion, #1, to allow ADUs by right

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in some areas failed.

Motion #2, proposed changes to regulations for parking, including where ADUs are, and in Mixed Use zones. Here, the confusion abounded even more, with no one knowing how it would affect new multi-family units, and seemed designed to eliminate the need for a special permit.

"You have to have the language to match the intent," said Mr. Hayward.

That motion also failed.

Motion #3, also proposed regulations for parking in a Mixed Use District and 13 other changes.

TM member Brian Monroe said he had no confidence that any of the language was "legally correct" because no expert was speaking on it.

Ms. Melanson took "great offense" to that, and had to be cautioned by the moderator not to name names. But she got her point across, and noted that the Town Planner had worked on all the changes with the PB for months, but got another job.

Mr. Carr said he was "deeply saddened" that the ADU motion did not pass, and blamed it on "total misinformation."

He noted the demographics of the town, i.e., people are getting older.

"You may be looking for an ADU in a couple years," said Mr. Carr. "I saw a lot of white tops with hands up."

TM member Ann Richard said she watched the meeting when the PB discussed the changes and it was all done too quickly, and individuals only had two minutes to speak.

"I think a lot needs to be done before you pass it," said Ms. Richard.

Ms. Melanson decried the "misunderstanding and misinformation out there."

Motion #3 also failed.

Victories for the PB included changing their election term to three years, even though it will result in the eight-member board changing 50% of its makeup every three years; a change that allows the PB and Select Board to change fees instead of the change needing to go before TM; and a change to allow two copies, not 10, of plans, but the part that would have eliminated certified mail failed.

Other bylaws changes passed with little difficulty, including updates to the Stormwater Bylaw; a new "Flow

Neutral" bylaw regulating sewer connections; changes to the Tree Warden bylaw; and adoption of a new Public Shade Tree Bylaw.

Community Preservation Act expenditures all passed, although not before some discussion about spending \$277,000 on a BMX bike track at Macomber Park.

A citizens petition to get TM to reconsider its vote to ban nips from being sold in liquor stores in Fairhaven failed. Store owners told TM that they have lost 1/3 of their business since the ban went into effect on 1/1/24, and have thousands of dollars worth of inventory that they will have to throw out. They said if litter is the problem, then fight litter, not nip bottles. Customers are simply going out of Fairhaven to spend their money.

A couple of TM members, however, said they noticed a marked difference in litter on the roads.

The meeting wrapped up just a few minutes before 3 p.m., for a total of about six hours. The meeting is available in its entirety at www.FairhavenTV.com.

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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, May 28th, at 6:30 P.M. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street. The following hearing will be heard.

1. **Case #2024.05.28A** A case of Wendy and Alexander Barros, of 23 Morse's Lane, who are petitioning the Board to convert a one-family house to a two-family dwelling on a lot with minimum 30,000 square foot area. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.4.B.5.

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

FNN, 5/9/24, 5/16/24

Town of Fairhaven Board of Public Works Invitation to Bid

Sealed bids marked "CLEANING AND REDEVELOPMENT OF MUNICIPAL GRAVEL PACKED WELLS" will be received at the Board of Public Works Office, 5 Arsene Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719 not later than 2:00 p.m. May 23, 2024 and at 2:00 p.m. May 23, 2024 will be publicly opened and read. Specifications

are available Monday – Friday, 8:00 – 4:00 at the BPW Office, 508-979-4030 or email bpw@fairhaven-ma.gov. The Board of Public Works reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids if it is in the best interest of the Town to do so.

FNN 5/2/24

Town of Acushnet Invitation to Bid SLOCUM STREET INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Town of Acushnet, MA (Owner) invites sealed Bids for Slocum Street Infrastructure Improvements for drinking water, storm drain, and streetscape improvements for Slocum Street. Substantial Completion: within 290 days. Final Completion: within 320 days. Bidding is per MGL Chapter 30 s39M. This Project is to be funded wholly or in part with monies made available through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and compliance with certain Federal provisions is required.

Request electronic Bidding Documents (no cost): 10:00 a.m. May 1, 2024 by email to MunicipalBids@woodardcurran.com with complete contact information & subject line Acushnet MA - Slocum Street Infrastructure Improvements. Official Bidding Documents will be available once registered. Documents from third parties are not considered official Bidding Documents. A pre-Bid conference will not be held.

Receipt of Bids: 10:00 a.m. on May 23, 2024.

Submit to: Board of Selectmen's Office, 122 Main Street, Acushnet, MA 02743, Attn: James Kelley, Town Administrator with Bid security at 5% of total Bid.

Also published on www.commbuys.com & on the MNPA website at <http://masspublicnotices.org>.

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CONDEMNATION HEARING 6 EVERGREEN STREET FAIRHAVEN, MA 02719

Hearings will be conducted on May 22, 2024 and June 5, 2024 regarding CONDEMNATION of the above referenced property. Both hearings will be at the Fairhaven Town Hall Banquet Meeting room at 5:00 pm. All interested parties are encouraged to attend. If you are unable to attend but wish to offer any information or opinion, please send written correspondence to:

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Charter Committee

Thurs., 5/9, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Commission on Disability

Thurs., 5/9, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

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

Finance Committee

Thurs., 5/9, Arsene St., 6:30 p.m.

Historical Commission

Thurs., 5/2, Outside Town Hall for Walking Tour of Center, 6 p.m.

Marine Resources Comm

Thurs., 5/2, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 5/22, Media Ctr/Lib., 6:30 p.m.

Select Board

Mon., 5/13, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

ELECTION

Sat. 5/18, Acushnet Elementary School/all precincts, 8 a.m.–6 p.m.

Board of Appeals

Tues., 5/28, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Historical Commission

Tues., 5/14, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues. 5/14, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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	May 2024	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	9	0931	2154	0329*	1507*
Friday	10	1021	2242	0409*	1552
Saturday	11	1110	2332	0442	1631
Sunday	12	---	1203	0516	1710
Monday	13	0025	1300	0555	1754
Tuesday	14	0122	1357	0655	1901
Wednesday	15	0217	1449	0939	2212
Thursday	16	0308	1542	1036	2320
Friday	17	0403	1639	1124	---
Saturday	18	0503	1733	0009	1147
Sunday	19	0556	1818	0047	1126
Monday	20	0638	1856	0109	1153
Tuesday	21	0716	1932	0055	1224
Wednesday	22	0753	2009	0116	1258
Thursday	23	0833	2050	0149	1336
Friday	24	0916	2134	0231	1421
Saturday	25	1001	2220	0316	1511

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