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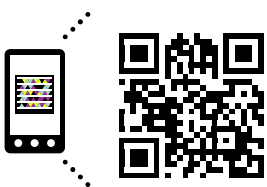
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Rain does not dampen Fairhaven's Got Pride



Despite the rain, Center Street in front of Fairhaven town hall is filled with people listening to performers during Fairhaven's Got Pride on Sunday, 6/9/24. See page 16 for story. Photo by Beth David.



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Ah...nothing like a summer rain, huh? Fairhaven's Got Pride did not get washed out. People just...stayed. How cool is that? See page 16 .

There are other pride events this weekend. See the happenings pages for those.

Acushnet has its annual Town Meeting on Monday (see page 4). So, it's time for our annual publishing of employee salaries, too. See page 13 for that.

I'd love to wax poetic about stuff, but I'm crazy late this week. It's not only tomorrow already, but the sun is up.

The Fairhaven Select Board had a super long meeting. I concentrated on just a couple of the fun items (see pages 4 & 27). I mean, one can only get so much in here, right? The Planning Board is in it again. This time they're mostly not happy because they were out of the loop. But our friend Patrick Carr, and now his buddy Ruy DaSilva, are back in the spotlight. Really guys....

The Father's Day Road Race is this weekend. Big doings in Fairhaven (see page 5). Someone please tell the Universe that it is officially mid-June okay?

It's been COLD out there.

All the summer activities are picking up. And lots of "Save the Date" events. So be sure to hang onto each issue for a bit.

We've got some sad news, too. Dorothea Machado, the proud Navy veteran who spoke at events the last few years, has passed away (see obituary on page 23). I spoke with her on a few occasions, not least of which was her 100th birthday not too long ago.

Smooth sailing to you Dorothea. We all learned a lot from you, mostly about how to enjo life and stay positive. She said the key to her aging well was to hang around young people as much as possible. Then of course she wa quick to add that everyone was younger than her! She had a good sense of humor, too. Smooth sailing to you, Dorothea. Smooth sailing

There's other stuff in here, of course. So, check out each and every page and be sure to notice who our advertisers are so you can tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*.

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Publisher Beth David with Charlie, aka Evil Dog

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Acushnet Town Meeting to vote on \$36.1 m budget, 28 articles

By Beth David

Editor

Acushnet Town Meeting will get a balanced budget on Monday, 6/17/24, after town officials sharpened their pencils and closed a \$2.1 million deficit. In its letter to the residents in the TM warrant, the Selectboard wrote that in spite of decreased state aid, very slow new growth, and unpredictable local receipts, the board worked "very diligently" with the school committee and Finance Committee to preserve essential services while presenting a balanced budget. The board wrote that it postponed TM from 6/3 to 6/17 to work on the deficit.

Revenues for a municipality are from three main sources: property taxes (the tax levy); local receipts (excise taxes, building permits, etc.); state aid. The tax levy is limited to an overall increase of 2 1/2 percent plus new growth; state aid increased by a paltry 1.2%. The governor's budget, however, has not been finalized. All revenues are estimates.

Although property taxes are reliable, other sources fluctuate, especially local receipts.

For Fiscal Year 2025, the board is presenting a budget of \$36,183,789 based on estimated revenues. Education, which includes tuition costs to the high schools that Acushnet students attend, is \$19,303,631, for 53.35% of the total operating budget.

Department budgets are level funded, except for salary increases.

Town Meeting will be asked to implement a local meals tax of .75%. The tax would generate between \$50,000 and 100,000 in revenue. The SB is recommending the tax and notes that over 80% of Southcoast communities have implemented a

meals tax.

The town has \$445,382 in Free Cash, and proposes to spend all but \$902.23 of it.

Free Cash expenditures include \$105,000 for the fire department to upgrade the fire alarms in town buildings. The old system is obsolete and parts are no longer available. The FD is also asking for \$40,000 to upgrade the radio system repeater and relocate it to the Peckham Road tower from Mendall Road. The equipment is outdated.

Other Free Cash articles include \$81,301 to complete the Participant Equity Fund payment needed to join a health insurance group, which has helped to lower insurance premiums; \$20,000 for the Senior Work-Off program which allows seniors to work off part of their taxes by working in town departments; \$30,000 to fund the Youth Employment Service Program, which is designed to instill work ethic, while providing financial and social benefits to resident youths; \$100,000 to the town's Stabilization Fund.

Free cash will also be used to pay \$74,178.77 as part of a settlement with Amaral Bus Company in a Superior Court case stemming from student transportation during the pandemic.

The Community Preservation Committee is recommending \$17,000 for an ATV for the Recreation/parks department. The maintenance vehicle will be used to transport equipment in off pavement park areas.

CPS is also recommending \$7886 for repairs to the fence at the Long Plain Museum; \$8,000 for a consultant to for the Perr Hill Church National Register nomination.

The budget uses funds from the

Overlay Surplus account for retroactive payments for union contracts including police. The total for all collective bargaining retro payments is \$496,645, with \$445,750 going to police; \$40,830 for Steelworkers Union (some department managers and inspectors); and \$10,065 for dispatchers/clerical.

The overlay account is money put aside by the Assessor's office to use for tax abatements. Acushnet has \$1.7 million in the overlay account, but traditionally uses about \$100,000 per year. Using the account for one-time expenses is an appropriate use of those funds.

Town Meeting will also be asked to vote on several articles related to the Slocum Street project, which has received \$2,913,406 in ARPA Funding (American Rescue Plan Act). Article 11 asks for \$600,000 from the Capital Expense Stabilization Fund for the project. Article 23 asks for \$600,000 from the Water Special Revenue Fund.

Article 24 asks for \$1,800,000 in borrowing for the project, but the town expects it will not need the funds. The town is applying for additional ARPA funds, however, the town needs to have all funding in place for the project. Town Meeting can always rescind the vote if they get the ARPA funds.

Other articles include transfers from the various enterprise funds and revolving accounts to operate or help offset budgets associated with those accounts. Enterprise funds may only be used for specific purposes, e.g., the Golf Enterprise Fund can only be used for the Golf Department.

Town Meeting will also be asked to approve a bylaws change, updating the MS4 Stormwater bylaw. The new

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Fairhaven SB discusses 40R plans, police chief hiring process

By Beth David
Editor

In a marathon session on Monday, 6/10/24, the Fairhaven Select Board held a public hearing on the proposed 40R district and accompanying bylaw, and also discussed the process for choosing a police chief after the Town Administrator's choice was overruled by the Civil Service Commission (see page 27 for Civil Service story).

The 40R overlay district would allow for higher density residential units and would allow mixed use, such as commercial units on the ground floor, and residents above. The town started looking into the possibility of creating a 40R district about two years ago. A working group has met several times with public input along the way. The effort was spearheaded by the town planner's office and the Planning Board, which will have to work on any associated bylaw.

Three consultants presented the case to the SB and the public at Monday's meeting.

The consultants made available to the public hundreds of pages of documents, including maps, design

standards, and a proposed bylaw. Only the design standards had been available on the website before the meeting. It was not even clear that a bylaw was being proposed. Several days before the meeting, the *Neighb News* made several email attempts to the Town Administrator's office asking about the bylaw, and asking if the design standards document was the only material being discussed at the meeting, but the questions were not answered.

The 40R will create what is, essentially, little villages of areas where people live and work and shop. The initial plan had favored utilizing the plazas areas, where the town has large under-utilized parking areas. Instead of empty parking lots, the areas would be transformed into neighborhoods.

The working waterfront was not initially included in the overlay district because of a variety of constraints, including sea level rise, infrastructure, such as underground pipes leading into the harbor, according to consultants.

In somewhat of a curiosity, however, the "waterfront was added back in in January," according to Dillon Sussman

of Dobson & Flinker. He did not elaborate on why.

With the addition of the waterfront, the district now encompasses property owned by Planning Board members Patrick Carr and Ruy DaSilva. The PB will need to hold public hearings for the bylaw and will be the board that submits it to town meeting for approval.

Attorney Adam Costa of Mead, Talerman and Costa, started with an overview of the process that Fairhaven has gone through so far. He said the state offers financial incentives to a municipality for creating the additional housing units, but, he cautioned, the town should not create the district for that reason.

He recommended getting the application to the state by the end of June, going through the regular bylaw process with the Planning Board through the summer, and then submitting it to a special Town Meeting in the fall. He noted that the bylaw for a 40R overlay district only requires a simple majority at TM, instead of the usual 2/3 vote, a change from the state

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Shellfishing open

Shellfishing in Fairhaven has been re-opened. All of Buzzards Bay was closed to shellfishing after the last big rain storm due to the New Bedford Wastewater Treatment Plant discharging raw sewage into the bay.

Fr. Day Road Race

Celebrating 50 years! 50th Annual Fairhaven Father's Day 5K Road Race, Sun., 6/18, 9 a.m. Starts and ends at Hastings Middle School, 30 School St., Fairhaven. Family, fun and fitness, a Father's Day tradition.

Family, fun and fitness, a Father's Day tradition.

Online registration ONLY at www.FairhavenRoadRace.org

Reg: \$30/adults; \$10 for children under 13 and over 70. Early bib pickup, Sat., 6/15, 10 a.m. to noon; Hastings Middle School.

Course is USATF sanctioned. All miles marked and splits given. Numerous water stops.

Refreshments will be provided to all registered runners compliments of our local sponsors. Support will be given throughout the course and at the finish by Fairhaven Emergency Management Agency, the Fairhaven Police and Fire Departments.

Prize money to top three male and female finishers; gift cards, Red Sox tickets, and other prizes for more than 60 other individual and team categories; medal to each finisher.

Fhvn GOP

Please consider joining the Fairhaven Republican Town committee June 18 at 6pm. We will meet at the usual location, 32 Abbey Street.

Accessible to all, and all are warmly welcome. We will share lots of useful information and advise how you can become active and involved immediately.

Contact: fairhavenrtc@gmail.com

School Days Exhibit

The Fairhaven Historical Society is pleased to present "Fairhaven School Days"—an exciting and nostalgic exhibition of enlarged photographs of present and bygone schools, classrooms, and students. The exhibition opens on June 15 at the Academy Building, 141 Main Street, and will be open every Saturday from 10 to 2

until September 24. Visitors are invited to record their memories of the schools.

Special thanks to the following organizations and individuals whose contributions have made the exhibition possible: The Fairhaven Improvement Association, Howe Allen Realty, Lauren Grant Design, The Isaksen Family, Luis Duffy Baraybar, Keith Cabral

Read & Ice Cream

Friday, June 21st from 2-5:30PM. Kick off the summer reading program with the Book Bike at the Ice Cream Cottage at 12 Ferry St, Fairhaven. Everyone that signs up gets a sticker to present at the Ice Cream Cottage for a free frozen treat. Stick around to enjoy a fun-filled afternoon with books, lawn games and other freebies in the nearby park!

Our Summer Reading Program for 2024 is "Read, Renew, Repeat," featuring events and challenges for our planet! Complete literacy and learning activities in the packet that you can exchange for tickets for our prize raffle, drawn at summer's end. All ages are welcome to play with packets for kids, teens and adults.

If you can't make the kick-off, you can still sign up! Anyone can register after June 21st: at the desk during regular library hours, or by downloading at millicentlibrary.org and printing it at home.

Adaptive Fish Derby

On June 21st, from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM, the Fairhaven Rec Center and the state will host an adaptive fishing derby at Hoppy's Landing, 55 Goulart Memorial Dr., Fairhaven. This event is designed to be inclusive and welcoming to all, regardless of fishing experience. Whether you're a seasoned angler or new to the sport, everyone is encouraged to attend!

In our efforts to ensure accessibility, we will provide adaptive fishing gear to assist those who may need support with casting, reeling, or holding the rod. Additionally, we will have access trax matting and a beach wheelchair available to ensure that individuals with mobility challenges can fully participate and enjoy the experience by the water's edge.

Furthermore, representatives from the Massachusetts Department of

Fisheries will be present to offer guidance to novice anglers, as well as share insights into marine life and the various fish species that may be encountered.

Participants will be categorized into two age divisions—Youth and Adult (16+).

We anticipate a delightful afternoon filled with fishing, camaraderie, and food and refreshments.

SAVE THE DATES:

Pride at the Farm

Unconditional Love Day. June 23rd 10-2. DJ, Vendors, Raffle, Storytime with the baby animals, Zumba dancing, animal rescue parade, food truck. Come celebrate our LGBTQ community while raising monies for the care of the sanctuary animals. \$10 donation per person. Little Patch of Heaven 263 Mill Rd. For tickets and info contact Lauren 774 328 5732. Email littlepatchofheavensanctuary@gmail.com

Bike & Brew

June Bike & Brew: Fort to Fort. Join the Fairhaven Livable Streets Committee on Sat., 6/22, from 2 to 4pm as we ride from Fairhaven's Fort Phoenix to New Bedford's Fort Taber! We'll meet near Fort Phoenix's tennis courts, then ride across the Fairhaven-New Bedford Bridge, south to the New Bedford Harbor Walk, and then down the Rodney French Blvd. beach walk to Fort Taber. On the return ride, we'll stop at Cisco's outdoor patio for refreshments before heading back to Fairhaven.

At 14 miles round-trip, it should involve a little over an hour of riding. But it's fairly flat and we have a route planned out to make the ride as safe & stress-free as possible for riders of all ages & abilities.

Reminders: Riders under 17 must wear a helmet. All riders are responsible for their own bikes. Please bring some water & sunscreen.

RSVP at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1001065248389513>

Homecoming Day Fair

The 46th Annual Homecoming Day Fair, proudly sponsored by the Fairhaven Improvement Association, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, will be held in the heart of Fairhaven on Sat., 6/29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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STILL AROUND TOWN

The Fairhaven Homecoming Day Fair, a cherished tradition with roots dating back to 1903, was envisioned in 1975 by a group inspired by the Fairhaven Colonial Fair. This vision led to our beloved event, named the Homecoming Day Fair.

Join us annually on the last Saturday in June for a vibrant celebration, featuring over 150 booths showcasing talented artisans and craftsmen from across New England. From exciting kids' activities to nostalgic fire engine rides, immerse yourself in a day filled with art, delicious food, lively music, and captivating live entertainment.

Embrace the spirit of community and tradition.

Visit <https://www.fairhavenimprovement.org/> or email: Fairhavenhomecoming@gmail.com

Full Bloom Fest

Sun., 6/30, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Cushman Park, 154 Green St., Fairhaven. The Full Bloom Festival is returning to Fairhaven for its fourth year! We started this festival in 2021 with the goal of supporting local businesses by bringing the community together and promoting a network of health and wellness professionals.

What's in store for this year? Local artisans, vendors, food trucks, yoga, live music, basketball tournament, bounce house fun, ninja warrior course, Capoeira, family games, crafts & activities! Full Bloom is all about giving back to the community. It is a free event for attendees. This year we will have a community collection drive where we are kindly seeking donations for the Gifts To Give foundation. We are still accepting vendors and all are welcome to be a part of this event! Please apply on our website: <https://www.soulfloweryogaandwellness.com/fullbloomvendor>

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

AHA Pride

Celebrate another year of Pride Month with AHA! at the vibrant Pride Block Party on **Thursday, 6/13, from 5pm to 10pm**. Presented by the Queer Arts Council of New Bedford, this year the festivities move up William Street to the Steeple Playhouse and Gallery X between Sixth and Eighth streets for an evening filled with love, laughter, and community.

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Explore a vibrant marketplace with vendors offering unique goods. Be entertained by street performers, live visual artists, and circus arts. Engage with community partners. Enjoy live music and puppet theater. Treat yourself to delicious delights from the Sorbae Truck. Dive into LGBTQ+ art at Gallery X, featuring a curated art show by the Alders, accompanied by live music by Sarah Donner.

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Immerse yourself in live stage performances inside Steeple Playhouse, including drag artists, live music, and poetry, all hosted by the fabulous Dr. Claire Annette.

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm Let loose and dance the night away at the live DJ dance party inside Steeple Playhouse, featuring DJ Math3ca from Boston.

Bloomsday

Observed annually in Dublin, Bloomsday is a celebration of the life of Irish writer James Joyce. On Thursday, June 13, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., the Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum (RJD) will offer a

two-part tour to celebrate Bloomsday with Lead Gardener Rick Finneran. Starting in the Museum's historic rose garden on County Street, the walking tour will explore nearby gardens, church bells, and the literary history of the neighborhood. Stops along the way will include Our Lady of Assumption Church, the Friends Meeting House, and the First Unitarian Church among others. Participants may join the entire tour or part of the planned itinerary. The Museum is located at 396 County Street, New Bedford.

The tour is offered in conjunction with New Bedford's AHA Night and is free and open to the public. For more information, call the RJD at (508) 997-1401 or visit the Museum's website, rjdmuseum.org.

Oyster Fest

The City's marketing and tourism department – is partnering with the Fishing Heritage Center on Cisco Brewers' first annual New Bedford Oysterfest from 12-3 p.m. on Saturday, 6/15, on the water at Cisco on East Rodney French Boulevard.

The new festival showcasing the local oyster scene will feature fresh oysters shucked right in front of guests by local growers, who will share their stories and answer questions. This year's event will feature seven local growers:

Tickets are \$35 in advance or \$40 on the event day and include a sampling of a half-dozen local oysters, a complimentary craft beverage (beer or cocktail can) and a souvenir shucking knife to bring

home. Proceeds will support the Fishing Heritage Center and its mission to preserve and promote New Bedford's rich fishing story as the nation's most valuable fishing port. Tickets can be purchased online in advance by visiting ExploreNewBedford.org/event/new-bedford-oysterfest.

Daily Free Movie

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park is showing the award-winning documentary "Love Letters for New Bedford" at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday – Sunday in the park visitor center theater, 33 William St., New Bedford.

New Bedford filmmaker Ethan de Aguiar created this documentary to celebrate New Bedford's artists and champion the city's growing and vibrant creative economy. The almost 18-minute film contains interviews of 18 local artists, educators, poets, journalists, authors, vocalists, and others, who shared their love for New Bedford and its citizens. Once completed, the film was submitted to 33 film festivals, gaining 15 Official Selections and 4 Awards.

SAVE THE DATES: Ernestina Public Sails

Set sail aboard the historic Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey this summer with FHC! These public sails are the perfect opportunity for anyone interested in learning about the history of the commercial fishing industry. We invite you to join us this

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STILL OVERTOWN

summer for sunset sails departing from New Bedford's State Pier at 6:00 p.m. on June 29, July 19 and August 16. Tickets are only available through the FHC website, <http://fishingheritagecenter.org/programs/calendar/>: \$60/general public. FHC members receive a 20% discount and a portion of the ticket sales support the Center!

League of Women Voters

Dr. Daniela Melo, a lecturer at Boston University Department of Social Sciences and Co-founder and Chair of the Board of The New Bedford Light, is the keynote speaker at the League of Women Voters SouthCoast Annual Meeting at the Wamsutta Club in New Bedford on Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Come and hear how three years

ago, at the launching of The New Bedford Light, Dr. Melo and its founders had little evidence that this new model for local news could work. But what the founders did know was that the progressive disinvestment in The Standard-Times had left the city without investigative reporting. As a microcosm of nationwide trends, New Bedford was experiencing polarization, low voter turnout, and increased misinformation. Dr. Melo will use The New Bedford Light model to focus on potential solutions to overcome negative trends and whether new local media models can prevail.

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan organization, invites discussion on civic and political topics, voter registration, and education.

For further information please get

in touch with Kris Eastman at 508-758-6051, or Susan Spooner at 508-990-2145 or www.lwvsouthcoast.org

Cape Verdean Parade

Sat., 7/6, 11 a.m., Buttonwood Park to downtown NB. The 52nd Cape Verdean Recognition Parade steps off from Buttonwood Park at 11 a.m., travels along Union Street, Acushnet Ave., Grinnell St., Purchase St., ending at the Cape Verdean Veterans Memorial Hall.

The Parade Grand Marshall for 2024 will be Viola Pina.

The parade will be followed by the Kultura Festa at Serenity Gardens Field, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., between Bedford St., So. Sixth St., Wing St., & Pleasant St., featuring live music, cultural food, vendors and much more.

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Acush Golf for Fhvn Residents

The Fairhaven Board of Public Works and Acushnet Selectboard agreed to allow Acushnet residents to purchase (no more than) 100* West Island Beach passes (first come, first served) at the Fairhaven resident rate. In exchange, Fairhaven residents will be allowed to golf at the Acushnet River Valley Golf Course at the Acushnet resident rates.

In the off season, both respective elected Boards will review this pilot program initiative to ascertain it makes sense to renew it for next year.

*Beach passes are sold out.

Clambake Grab & Go

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus, Damien Council, 57 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoisett, MA.3

Sun., 6/23. Pickup time, 1-2 p.m.

Includes: clams, fish, sausages, hot dog, linguica, onions, white and sweet potato, stuffing, corn on the cob, brown bread, watermelon.

Benefits Knights of Columbus Mattapoisett.

Tickets: \$45 pp. For info and tickets, call Jim, 508-863-3496. Advanced purchase of tickets is needed. Free delivery of tickets is available.

Duck Race Get Tickets NOW!

The Acushnet Lions Club will sponsor its annual Duck Race on Sun., 6/23, at the Acushnet Sawmill and down the Acushnet River at 1:30 p.m. Proceeds from the race go to Mass. Lions Eye Research, Scholarships and other Lions Club charities.

Tickets to adopt your duck are \$10 each. See any Acushnet Lions Club member or call Joe Costa, 774-849-2028. (NOTE NEW PHONE NUMBER). First place, \$1000; 2nd place, \$500; 3rd place, \$200.

Mattapoisett GOP

The Mattapoisett Republican Party invites everyone interested to join us on Thursday, June 20th from 6:00 to 8:30 PM at the Knights of Columbus, 57 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. This month's meeting will be an open discussion regarding the ongoing local and national election season. Topics to discuss will include increasing voter participation, importance of early voting, voter integrity, candidate support, etc. Bring your enthusiasm and patriotism to the table. We look forward to seeing you!

There will be light snacks, cash bar and good conversation.

Contact Paul Criscuolo, Chairperson, Mattapoisett Republican Town Committee, PCMattyGOP@proton.me; 82 County Road PMB #17, Matta-

poisett, MA02739; Website: MattapoisettGOP.com or find us on Facebook and Twitter.

Play & Learn

Mindful Melodies Play and Learn program with Miss Rosemary in the community room of the Acushnet Public Library, 232 Middle Rd. A Play & Learn is just what is sounds like: we play while we learn, and learn while we play!! This free parent-child events are scheduled for Thurs., 6/20, 10:30 AM for families with children birth to age six! Registration required

Thursday, 6/27, 1:30 pm - Mindful Melodies with PACE -registration required

Visit acupl.com.

PVD Pride Fest

Celebrate LGBTQ+ Pride in Providence. Sat. 6/15, District Park

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Enjoy PrideFest from the Beer, Wine, and Spirits tent! The Beer, Wine, and Spirits tents is located directly adjacent to the festival main stage

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Ash trees on Walnut Street removed



As discussed at the Fairhaven Select Board meeting on 5/13/24, several Ash Trees on Walnut Street near the Unitarian Church, across the street from the Millicent Library, were taken down last week. Contractors from Newcomb's Tree Service took down the large, very old trees on 6/3/24 because they were diseased and in danger of coming down in a storm, according to Fairhaven Tree Warden Don Collasius. ABOVE LEFT: A worker from Newcomb's Tree Service positions a large limb, with the help of the crane, so it can be placed alongside the road for removal on 6/3/24, when several Ash Trees on Walnut Street in Fairhaven were removed because they were diseased and in danger of falling. ABOVE RIGHT: A large cavity is clearly visible in a large tree trunk. RIGHT: Two large Ash Trees partially cut down. *Photos by Beth David.*



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Fairhaven Pickleball Association opens up for the season

By Beth David
Editor

About 50 people showed up for the start of the Fairhaven Pickleball Association's opening day festivities at Livesey Park in Fairhaven on Saturday, 6/1. The courts opened last year.

FBA President Ken Pottel told the crowd that getting the four courts built was not easy, but they made their case to the town and made it happen. He said the next project is to work on the courts at Cushman Park because they are in "bad shape."

He said Pickleball is spreading across the country because it can be played by anyone of any age.

He credited Stasia Powers, who is a member of the FBA and a current Select Board member, as being a key supporter.

"It's important to have people like Stasia," said Mr. Pottel.

He also thanked board members and other volunteers. He said the money they give is put to good use. They spent \$1,000 last year just on balls, he said.

"It's unbelievable the things we

have to buy," said Mr. Pottel. "You \$25 goes a long way."

Ms. Powers also addressed the crowd thanking those who made it happen, especially FBA board members.

"This group continues to grow," said Ms. Powers.

She said pickleball builds community, and noted that the courts at Fort Phoenix were packed that morning.

The group also sponsors pickleball clinics. Visit <https://www.fairhavenpickleball.com> for more information.



TOP: Fairhaven Pickleball Association members pose for a group shot on opening day at Livesey Park in Fairhaven on 6/1/24. ABOVE LEFT: Michael Lipp, using a sports wheelchair designed to keep from tipping over, leans into it in a big way to hit the ball during a pickleball match on opening day. MIDDLE LEFT: Adam Seifert just barely makes the save. MIDDLE RIGHT: Monica Vegin is perfectly poised to knock the ball back over the net. RIGHT: Linda Chevalier reaches high for the ball to send it back over the net. *Beth David photos.*

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Creamy Tuscan Salmon

- 1 lb. skin-on salmon fillets (3-4 fillets)
- 1 tsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp butter
- 5 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes, cut in half
- 1/3 cup vegetable broth
- 1 3/4 cups heavy cream
- 3 cups baby spinach leaves, chopped
- 1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese
- Salt & pepper to taste

Season both sides of the salmon fillets with salt and pepper.

Heat oil in a large pan, and sear 4-5 minutes per side (flesh side down first).

Remove. In the same pan add the butter, garlic, onions, tomatoes, and saute for two minutes. Reduce heat.

Add the broth, heavy cream, spinach leaves, and bring to a gentle simmer. Fold in the cheese.

Add the salmon back o the pan and spoon sauce generouslyl over the fillets. Serve immediately,



rest of us. Anyway, that's what I think.

She insists on sleeping in her room whenever she and her husband visit. What galls me is my mom goes along with it. When I put up a stink, my mom says it will only be for a few nights. I asked my brothers what they thought, and they said it would be nice if I could get through the visit without any drama. Please note none of them are giving up their room.

I thought families were supposed to be there for one another. It goes to show you.

Dear Frankie

Pampered

Dear Frankie,
Last year my sister Ariana got married. When she moved out, my parents said I could have her room. Ariana is the only girl in the family and always gets away with much more than the

Dear Flip,

I gather there have been some emotional scenes in the past your brothers are trying to avoid in the upcoming visit. It looks like a done deal regarding where your sister will be sleeping.

You could tell your mom that you would gladly give up your room if she would sweeten the pie by rewarding you with something, like choosing the menus or the activities, during the visit. You could also ask for something you would like after the visit, such as inviting friends for a sleepover or picking out a toy at the pet store.

I wouldn't ask for something over the moon; your best bet would be something you think she would agree to. Be prepared that she might say get a life, but it's worth a try — best of luck.

Best, Frankie

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Comments and letters can be sent to Frankie at dearfrankiecolumn@gmail.com. The Fairhaven Neighborhood News publishes the Dear Frankie column. To

Flip

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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.

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Falmouth, June 20, \$10. Please arrive at the COA for 8:15 a.m. SHARP. Initial walking site at The Knob. After visiting The Knob, we will travel to downtown Falmouth library for use of the bathroom facilities. Following the break, we will walk 2.8 miles along the Falmouth Road Race path. Last

stop, ice cream! Please bring cash.

Bring your own sunscreen, hat, backpack, hydration, lunch, and snack. Please wear proper footwear and outerwear for the day.

Please call to sign up, 508-979-4029.

Monday Movie Matinee

Free. Mon., 6/24, 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, 508-979-4029. \$2 donation towards the meal. The movie is free.

Featuring "FinestKind." After much request we are showing this movie AGAIN! Two brothers from opposite sides of the tracks are reunited as adults. Desperate circumstances force them into a deal with an organized crime syndicate in Boston, and a young woman who gets caught in the middle. Rated R.

Memory Cafe

June 27, 11:30-1:30. Please call to reserve a spot by 6/24.

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Salaries of Acushnet town employees: cont'd to page 24

Acushnet Town Meeting is Mon., 6/17, so it is time to publish town em- ployee salaries. The amounts listed are actual dollars paid to employees from Jan. 1, 2023 through 12/31/23.

Name	Department	YTD Gross	Name	Department	YTD Gross
BARLOW DIANE	FIRE/EMS	53.28	CHARPENTIER NICHOLAS P	FIRE/EMS	440.88
CABRAL KELLI V.	CUSTODIAN	56.25	KRUPA JEFFREY	FIRE/EMS	451.35
LAWSON JENNIFER K	SCHOOL LUNCH REVOLVING	60.00	FURTADO ALEXIS	SUMMER REC	472.50
DAVIGNON KAREN	SCHOOL LUNCH REVOLVING	60.00	GRACE NATHAN	SUMMER REC	540.00
FERNANDES ELIZABETH	SCHOOL LUNCH REVOLVING	60.00	GRACE NICHOLAS	SUMMER REC	540.00
PIMENTAL STEVEN	CUSTODIAL SERVICES	61.82	CARVALHO LILA	SUMMER REC	540.00
LABONTE LEXI A	TOWN MEETING & ELECTIONS	67.50	COSTA SHAWN	POLICE DETAIL	600.00
TODD ARLENE M	TOWN MEETING & ELECTIONS	70.88	SOUSA CHEREE	SCHOOL LUNCH REVOLVING	600.00
TRIPP MATTHEW C	FIRE/EMS	71.04	REBELLO NAZARE J	AES - Regular Ed. Substitute - ST	630.00
GRAVANIS CAROL E	TOWN MEETING & ELECTIONS	74.25	LAJOIE MEGAN	AES - Regular Ed. Substitute - ST	630.00
HUDSON PAULETTE J	TOWN MEETING & ELECTIONS	81.00	PEIRCE KAITLYNN A	AES - Regular Ed. Substitute - ST	630.00
LEBEAU MARY A	TOWN MEETING & ELECTIONS	87.75	PACHECO KEVIN A.	CABLE OPERATORS	675.00
LINCOLN PAULINE	TOWN MEETING & ELECTIONS	104.63	GUILMETTE JAMES L	FIRE/EMS	684.36
GACEK RICHARD	TOWN MEETING & ELECTIONS	145.13	CIOPER JOANNE K	CEMETERY	690.00
DILLINGHAM WILLIAM	POLICE DETAIL	150.00	DAVIDSON JENNIFER L	SCHOOL LUNCH REVOLVING	720.00
SANTOS PRISCILLA	TOWN MEETING & ELECTIONS	151.88	DAKIN JR. LESLIE	MODERATOR	725.00
MOTA MARGARET M	TOWN MEETING & ELECTIONS	151.88	PRINGLE JACOB	TOWN BUILDINGS	739.50
BOTELHO DIANE	TOWN MEETING & ELECTIONS	151.88	REYNOLDS SR. JOSHUA	CEMETERY	772.50
MELO JESSICA	POLICE DEPT.	180.40	CONNOLLY CATHERINE	POLICE DETAIL	800.00
KILANOWICH BETH S	TOWN MEETING & ELECTIONS	183.75	DELATTO CHRISTOPHER	POLICE DETAIL	800.00
BOIVIN ROBERT D	POLICE DETAIL	200.00	FRANCESCHI KAYLA	SCHOOL LUNCH REVOLVING	832.50
FOSTER JR STEPHEN	POLICE DETAIL	200.00	PIRES MICHAEL	POLICE DETAIL	837.50
MANZONE RONNIE	POLICE DETAIL	200.00	MONTICELLO NICHOLAS A	CABLE OPERATORS	900.00
REYNOLDS JR. JOSHUA	CEMETERY	210.00	LAMONTAGNE EVAN R.	PARK DEPARTMENT	907.50
PHILLA EVERETT C	TOWN MEETING & ELECTIONS	249.76	YOUNG MEGAN	FIRE/EMS	912.00
DUPONT ROSE MARIE	TOWN MEETING & ELECTIONS	249.76	CARON EDWARD A	EMERG MANAGEMENT AGENCY	1000.00
PLAUD SUSAN I	SUBSTITUTES	250.00	FREDETTE NORMAN D	FORESTRY	1000.00
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GIRARD CYDNEY J	FIRE/EMS	284.16	GARCIA MORGAN	SUMMER REC	1110.00
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FORTIN CAROLYN C	TOWN MEETING & ELECTIONS	322.63	SLIVINSKI DAVID M	APS - Custodian	1252.50
SILVA SEAN D	FIRE/EMS	355.20	JOHNSON KATHRYN J	FIRE/EMS	1275.17
ADAMS NICOLE M	FIRE/EMS	366.24	MELO PAUL J	POLICE DETAIL	1387.50
KING JUSTIN L	POLICE DETAIL	400.00	PEREIRA BRIAN	POLICE DETAIL	1400.00
SOUZA BRIAN D	POLICE DETAIL	400.00	ARAUJO JASON W	POLICE DETAIL	1425.00
SOARES ALEXANDER C	POLICE DETAIL	400.00	DILLON ANDREW	POLICE DETAIL	1425.00
SWAIN KEVIN R	POLICE DETAIL	400.00	VARDO MICHAEL	PARK DEPARTMENT	1440.00
LARUE CALIB T	POLICE DETAIL	400.00	FORTIN RILEY M	PARK DEPARTMENT	1440.75
DASILVA FILIPE A	POLICE DETAIL	400.00	MURRAY MARY C	FINANCE COMMITTEE	1490.50
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SAUVE LUC R	POLICE DETAIL	400.00	GREENE MICHAEL F	CABLE OPERATORS	1600.00
LAVOIE KEVIN	POLICE DETAIL	400.00	SILVIA PETER F.	POLICE DETAIL	1600.00
LEDDIN CONNOR	POLICE DETAIL	400.00	TORRES NELSON M	POLICE DETAIL	1650.00
DWYER EDWARD	POLICE DETAIL	400.00	PARKER BARRY A	CUSTODIAL SERVICES	1778.12
MARCELINO ASHLEY	SUMMER REC	405.00	FREITAS MELISSA J	LIBRARY DEPARTMENT	1794.60
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			ALMEIDA JENNIFER M	FMS - Medical/Health	1930.01

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to encourage the creation of the 40R districts.

Peter Flinker of Dobson & Flinker showed artist renditions of different designs that could be utilized in the district. He said key elements are putting the parking behind the buildings, and creating public spaces in front of buildings, with lots of green spaces. The designs all have wider sidewalks and allow for outdoor seating at most retail outlets.

The different areas would allow for 35 to 60 units per acre, and allow from three stories to five stories, depending on where.

The Plazas areas would comprise 79 acres and could have as many as 1,405 units. The waterfront area is nine acres and could have as many as 256.

Mr. Sussman said there would be three height zones and different street types, taking into account some existing streets are wider or narrower than others.

Board member Andrew Saunders asked how long the buildout could take. Mr. Costa said it can take decades. Most businesses are not going to sell just because a 40R overlay district is created, he said. As they naturally transition out, the changes will probably happen.

He said the 40R is a long term strategy, not short term.

He also compared the 40R to the 40B, which is the state law that allows developers to bypass local zoning if they include affordable housing.

Mr. Saunders also asked about the state financial incentives and the likelihood of them being there years down the road.

Mr. Costa said the maximum the town could get is \$350,000, and he admitted there is no guarantee on how long those incentives will be there. He added, however, that the 40R should be viewed as "good planning practices," not for the money.

"The money is the icing on the cake," said Mr. Costa.

They also discussed the possibility of conflicts with existing special permits or zoning, such as the number of parking spaces required now for big stores.

Mr. Costa said the idea is for an entire property to be redeveloped, so there should be no conflicts. However, if there is, then the town's current zoning would prevail.

SB member Charles Murphy said he was concerned about the safety and

liability aspects of adding floors to existing buildings for housing.

Mr. Costa answered that the idea is to raze the old structures and build new. He said if a developer did use an existing building, it would have to comply with state codes, so there would be no liability to the town.

SB member Keith Silvia asked about an affordable housing requirement. Mr. Costa said there is a requirement for some units to be affordable. He is proposing that they be affordable in perpetuity instead of the 20 or 30 years suggested by the state. Affordability means tenants who make 70% to 80% of the area's median income.

During the public comment period, longtime PB member Wayne Hayward said it seemed they were rushing it to get to a fall Town Meeting. He said in general the town is trying to reach the 10% threshold for affordable housing to

Instead, this new
version of the Plan is
being brought before
the Select Board swiftly
and somewhat
mysteriously
[Kevin Grant]

ward off 40B developments. But the town is only shy about 220 units, and does not need "thousands" of units to get 220.

Will Gardner, of the Livable Streets Committee and a well known proponent of more dense zoning, said people hate seeing a sea of parking that separates them from retail stores. He also noted that we have a regional housing crisis, and young people cannot afford to live in the town they grew up in.

Several PB members weighed in with written comments, including Sharon Simmons, who is wholly in support of the project.

Ms. Simmons, a realtor, compared the town to a business, and said the overlay district will result in increased revenue for the town. She also wrote that the plazas would get a "much needed facelift."

In separate letters, Jessica Fidalgo

and Kevin Grant both expressed concern about the waterfront area being added back in, at the lack of transparency in the process, and the absence of a professional planner, as that position is currently vacant in Fairhaven. Consultants have been working privately with PB chairperson Cathy Melanson.

Ms. Fidalgo notes in her letter that the waterfront area was specifically removed by the working group, but was added back in with no explanation.

Mr. Grant notes that typically the PB would discuss changes in their meetings and invite public input.

"Instead, this new version of the Plan is being brought before the Select Board swiftly and somewhat mysteriously," writes Mr. Grant, adding that the new district includes property owned by two PB members.

"I worry that these actions will further damage the credibility and trust of the Planning Board in the minds of the people we have been elected to represent, and that we may become — if we have not already — a lame duck Planning Board, unable to pass anything at Town Meeting with our current membership," he writes.

Mr. Hayward also submitted written comments. He said he had been trying to get the bylaw language for weeks, and the information was not provided.

"The documents provided are meaningless without the legal standards to be used in any future districts," writes Mr. Hayward.

He also questioned the process, and noted the town does not have a professional town planner.

"The consultants of DODSON & FLINKER have to date, worked solely with stakeholders in the proposed district," writes Mr. Hayward. "Many stakeholders live outside the town of Fairhaven. There has not been a single, general public debate on the 40R proposal."

Mr. Hayward also questions the addition of the waterfront district, noting it was removed by two prior town planners, and it is in a flood zone. The number of units allowed in that district could result in 400+ people becoming homeless after a hurricane.

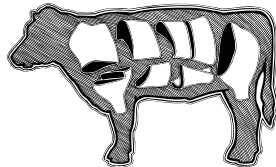
To see/download the documents, including the letters, visit <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/planning-economic-development/pages/40r-mixed-use-overlay-planning-district> or visit the town website's Planning & Economic Development page, then click on 40R on the top left menu.

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Rain doesn't dampen spirits at Fairhaven LGBTQ+ pride event

By Beth David
Editor

Despite the rain, people filled the streets around Fairhaven town hall on 6/9/24 for the fourth Fairhaven's Got Pride event, celebrating LGBTQ+ individuals and diversity, equity and inclusion. This year saw an expanded program, with about 40 vendor booths, entertainment from a variety of performers, a little speechmaking, and lots of fun for people of all ages.

The rain started at about 1:30, but instead of running off to shelter, most people stayed to watch the performers, many still browsed the booths, huddling under the canopies.

Andrew Romano, the first openly gay Fairhaven Select Board member, told the crowd that the Select Board has had two women, one person of color, and one openly gay man, with 75% serving in the last three years.

We have come a long way, he said, but we have so far to go.

He said he was the first openly gay SB member, "Please don't let me be the last."

"I'm extremely impressed with the amount of people," Mr. Romano told the *Neighb News*. "It's always an amazing event."

He recalled the first one, when they had to use the back of a truck because of controversy over the event. And now they have lots of vendors, a food truck, and entertainers.

"It's great to see the community come out," he said.

"Glitter Witch" Angela Arango had to pack up her supplies because of the rain, but she did not pack up her booth, staying to enjoy the performers.

"It was a great turnout," she said, especially considering the rain and for a small town. "It's impressive. There's a lot of support."

"There is a great array of booths, and the mocktails were fabulous," said Anne Morton Smith. "It's great the number of people out in the rain."

The event was organized by the town's Belonging Committee and included a special outdoor service at the Unitarian Church.

June is Gay Pride month and com-



memorates the Stonewall Riots in 1969, when police raided the Stonewall Inn in New York, resulting in clashes in the streets. Gay Pride is celebrated throughout the country in June and is recognized by the state of Mass. and the federal government.



ABOVE LEFT: Ryan Edwards performs during Fairhaven's Got Pride on Sunday, 6/9/24, in front of Town Hall. ABOVE RIGHT: L-R: Domi, Dezy, Jonailys, Ali, Julianna, Sammi staff the Belonging Committee booth where people could write on the Fairhaven's Got Pride parade banner. BELOW LEFT: Young Sadie Cox watches Edith Zonfrillo perform in the rain. BELOW RIGHT: Ultima performs during Fairhaven's Got Pride on Sunday, 6/9/24, in front of Town Hall. TOP: Phlegm Mgnon performs. Photos by Beth David.



GNB Voc-Tech graduates 577

Press Release

On June 7, 2024, Jeffery E. Riley Stadium at Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech was filled with family, friends, and members of our school community as the Class of 2024 Artisans, with 477 seniors, crossed the stage at our annual graduation ceremony.

The ceremony opened with a beautiful rendition of the national anthem performed by Jasmyn Duarte, a member of the class of 2024.

The Mistress of Ceremonies was the valedictorian, Faiza Rahaman, and the salutatorian was Kylie Lourenco.

The keynote address was delivered by Mayor Jon Mitchell from the City of New Bedford. He began by acknowledging the efforts and achievements of the graduates, stating, "Your diploma represents a real accomplishment. You had to keep your grades up, you had to choose studying over going out with friends, you had to deal with peer pressure, and lest anyone forgets, having spent your freshman year enduring the disruption of the pandemic, you had to make certain

individual and collective sacrifices."

He further encouraged the graduates to "choose not to be spectators in your world, but to be active participants in it," and emphasized the importance of striving valiantly despite potential criticism, quoting Theodore Roosevelt: "The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood."

In his welcome remarks, Superintendent Michael Watson applauded the class of 2024 for their resilience in the face of adversity.

He stated, "The past few years have been a testament to your strength and adaptability. The pandemic challenged us all, altering the very fabric of our educational experience. Yet, amidst the uncertainty and change, you not only survived — you thrived. You embraced virtual classrooms, hybrid learning, and the ever-evolving demands of a world in flux. Through it all, you demonstrated that education is not confined to the walls of a

classroom; it is a dynamic, ever-changing journey that prepares you for the unpredictable currents of life."

The presentation of diplomas was conducted by District School Committee Chair, Wayne Oliveira, who congratulated each graduate as they crossed the stage.

Senior Class President Annalise Applebee, Vice President Nia Rodrigues, Secretary Ava Silva, and the other senior class officers played significant roles in organizing the event, ensuring a memorable evening for all.

The evening concluded on a high note, with the graduates and their families celebrating under clear skies. The Class of 2024 leaves Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech with the skills and knowledge to embark on their next journey, ready to make a positive impact on the world.

Congratulations to all our graduates!

The ceremony available on demand on the school's YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tsS-OIMfh4I>



Jeffery E. Riley Stadium at Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech is filled with students, faculty and family members during the graduation ceremony on 6/7/24, when 477 graduated. *Submitted photo.*

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with access to 8 full service bars and professional bartenders. Guest must be 21+ with a valid ID for entry.

Festival Vendor Exhibition

The vendor exhibition is a kaleidoscope of LGBTQ+ and ally-owned businesses, local artisans, and community organizations, offering a unique shopping experience that celebrates individuality and inclusivity. From colorful merchandise to one-of-a-kind crafts, the vendor exhibition is a lively marketplace where you can discover and support a myriad of talents.

Illuminated Night Parade

As the sun sets, the streets come alive with a dazzling display of vibrant colors, electrifying floats, and the spirited energy of the LGBTQ+

community and its allies. Glowing with pride, the parade illuminates the night with a captivating procession of diversity, love, and acceptance.

Summer Concerts

At Acushnet Public Library, 232 Middle Road, under our pavillion.

Wed., 6/26, 6-7:30 p.m. The Summer Concert Series kicks off with 60's Thunder!

Without a doubt, the 1960's was the big bang of popular music. No other decade can touch the number of timeless songs we still cherish from the 60's. Take a step back in time with New England's premier 1960's tribute band, 60's Thunder. Be transported to the "decade of change" with a diverse song selection

delivered with youthful exuberance, authentic instruments, and sweet harmonies. Dance the night away to tracks by the Beatles, The Rolling Stones, The Doors, Motown classics and many more. Can you dig it?

The 60's Thunder are: Ian Motha on bass and vocals, DJ Bean on rhythm guitar and vocals, Matt Borrello on lead guitar and vocals, and Liam Barry on drums and vocals. <https://60sthunder.com/>

Concerts are held rain or shine. Join us under the pavilion, or in the community room in the event of rain. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Acushnet Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

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From our readers

One Nation Under God

Let us take a good look at this. A felon is not eligible to vote in the presidential elections, but we can have a president who is a felon run the country from jail.

A felon can not be a police officer, but a felon can be a president.

On many job applications you are required to have a background check to make sure you have not had any felony charges against you. But background checks are not required for someone to run for president,

In our country we pledge our allegiance under God, even if we have a president or government officials who don't follow the moral/legal code.

1954 Current Version

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation Under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Definition of Felony

A crime, typically one involving violence, regarded as more serious than a misdemeanor, and usually

punishable by imprisonment for more than one year.

Is any of this making sense to you?

My fellow Americans remember this, "The choices you make, make you."

Where is your Allegiance, that is the question?

I would like to disclose here that this is not about what president I am voting for or not voting for. This is about the principle of the matter, in general.

Michelle Costen-Fairhaven

Fitness in the park is back for year 13

Press Release

Fitness in Cushman Park is celebrating LUCKY THIRTEEN!

Fitness in the Park is scheduled FREE TO THE PUBLIC this summer for 10 weeks of Yoga and Exercise classes in Cushman Park, Green Street Fairhaven MA. The classes are taking place Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30am from June 18 to August 22. Summer 2024 marks the 13th consecutive year of Free Yoga and Fitness classes on the south coast of Massachusetts — that's a total of over 250 opportunities to stretch your spirit and join in caring community!

TUESDAYS: Yoga in the Park begins June 18 with certified yoga instructors from Sangha New Bedford. Yoga in the Park is a yoga series for all levels, designed to introduce newcomers to the basics of stretching and mindfulness and challenge yoga enthusiasts with a focus on compassion for the body.

THURSDAYS: Summer Bootcamp, begins June 20 with certified personal trainer (A.F.P.A.), Wayne Goulart. The Bootcamp class consists of various exercises that build functional strength and core stability with circuits utilizing light dumbbells and body weight training.

YOGA IN CUSHMAN PARK will be guided by Certified and Experienced teachers out of Sangha New Bedford, a yoga studio, school and healing arts

space in downtown New Bedford (sanganewbedford.com) founded by Jeff Costa, a recognized leader in the wellness industry and co-coordinator of Fitness in Cushman Park. Lead Teacher for the 2024 Yoga in Cushman Park season is David Trauterman. David's teaching style is calm, devotional and joyful. He draws from Ananda and Hatha Yoga which infuse the use of affirmations, longer posture holds, meditation, breath work and chanting to create a dynamic and spiritually uplifting yoga experience for all levels.

SUMMER BOOTCAMP instructor Wayne Goulart has a career in health and wellness that began as a hobby when he started lifting weights with his brother in the basement of his family home. That hobby grew into a lifestyle and eventually a passion. Wayne is a certified personal trainer (A.F.P.A.) and teaches classes and offers personal training in his studio, Body by Wayne in New Bedford MA. A certified group exercise instructor, Wayne's specialty is functional training and his clients are from all walks of life, every age and fitness level.

Attendees to the classes should bring a mat for Yoga and a mat plus set of light weights for Bootcamp. Classes take place weather permitting; cancellations will be posted on the Fitness in Cushman Park Facebook page: www.facebook.com/fitnessincushmanpark

Fitness in Cushman Park is presented free to the public thanks to the generous support of our community sponsorship team. This summer's 10 weeks of free fitness classes, are presented by Sangha New Bedford and EncorENTERTAINMENT and are sponsored in part by Charter Fitness Sponsors: BASK, Howe Allen Realty and Euro At Phoenix, Elite Fitness sponsors. The Baker-NB and Olivia's; and Community Sponsors: Humphrey, Covill & Colman Insurance, Fieldstone Farm Market, Joe's Original Kitchen + Bar, New Bedford Wellness Initiative, Destination Soups, Salt the Spa on Elm, Spicy Lime Thai Cuisine, Oxford Creamery, Sylvia and Hurd CPA, Tax Accountant, Jessica Noblet LMT, 508Teas, Ultimate Touch Beauty Care, The Book Witch, Art Loft, Artistic Auto, BesTeas Bubble Tea Shop, Coastal Provisions, Tracey & Company and South Coast Entertainment, with special thanks to the Town of Fairhaven.

Fitness in Cushman Park is coordinated by Jeff Costa/SANGHA New Bedford and Susan Grace/EncorENTERTAINMENT.

For more information about Fitness in Cushman Park call 508-287-2482 or email sgrace@encorent.com or jeff@sanganewbedford.com.

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Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday July 2, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street

Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Public Hearing In-Person in Banquet Room

or via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

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or call 1-929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 941 1513 7952

Passcode: 361259

1. REF#: ZBA-024-010: 15 Castle Avenue, Map 14, Lot 141 Applicant: Bryan Hancock. Owner: Robin Lopes. Applicant seeks a finding from the Board under MGL 40A, § 6, to allow an expansion of area of a nonconforming structure via the construction of 354 sq. ft. single-story addition along the rear and north side of the existing single family dwelling, and that the addition is not more substantially detrimental than the existing nonconforming use to the neighborhood.
2. REF#: ZBA-024-011: 148 Dogwood Street, Map 43A. Lots 153 & 155. Applicant and Owner: Nancy Santoro. Applicant seeks a Variance from the maximum building coverage of 15% to a proposed ±21.47% for the construction of a new 24 ft. by 30 ft. semi-detached garage with adjoining breezeway and deck, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18 Intensity of Use Schedule.

Ruy daSilva, Interim Chair, Fairhaven ZBA
FNN: 6/13/24, 6/20/24

Town of Acushnet Public Hearing

The Acushnet Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing at its meeting on Monday, June 24, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street, Acushnet. This hearing is on petition WO#12457056 from NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY & VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.

Wing Lane: To install approximately 742' of conduit

and cable in town road and 3 new manholes to be labeled 8000/1600, 8000/1601, and 8000/1602.

Hathaway Road: To install 1 new JO pole to be labeled 60/22.5, approximately 322' of conduit and cable in town road and 2 new manholes to be labeled 8000/1605 and 8000/1604.

These proposed locations are necessary to provide a new circuit installation from Eversource Wing Lane Station.

Board of Selectmen
Robert Hinckley, Chairman
David Wojnar, Member
Kevin Gaspar, Sr., Member
FNN 6/13/24

Notice of Public Hearing Acushnet Planning Commission

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on **June 20, 2024 at 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:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81717073757?pwd=sFwS0doWjGO2ran2kXW6lvrnjHT2gz0.1>

Meeting ID: 817 1707 3757

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This meeting is held in accordance with and pursuant to the provisions of the Acushnet General By-Laws, Zoning article VIII, Section 3.3C. (13), Common Driveways. The Petitioner is Thomas Threlfall of 110 Quaker Lane, Acushnet and the owner is Threlfall Family Trust of 2017, with an address of 112 Quaker Lane, Acushnet, Map 6, Lot 19. The Applicant is proposing to improve an existing gravel driveway to Planning Board standards for the access to the Existing Dwelling #112, and to an additional newly created residential lot known as Retreat Lot 1. A 33,440 S.f. Common Driveway Easement is provided for travel and vehicle turn around areas. The proposed Common Driveway would service two residential lots. Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. is representing the Applicant in this application. The accompanying documentation is

available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office, Parting Ways Building, 130 Main St. 1st Floor, during regular business hours.

Mark Francois, Chairman, Acushnet Planning Board
FNN 6/6/24, 6/13/24

FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 6:30 pm

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 June 25, 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:**

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call 1-929-205-6099 - Meeting ID: 931 6335 8101 -

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The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following application: **SP24-02 36 Francis Street ADU** - Jessica Whiteley, the owner of 36 Francis Street, requests a special permit for the total conversion of the existing garage into an Accessory Dwelling Unit. The property is located at Map 12 Lot 135.

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. 8123 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: 6/6/24, 6/13/24

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language is required by the Environmental Protection Agency

In a phone interview with Town Administrator Jamie Kelley, he said the school department was instrumental in closing the gap.

"They cooperated magnificently," he said.

On the town side, he said they eliminated some positions, combine some positions, and made some positions go from full time to part time. They also held off on buying two police cruisers. They also used the overlay account to offset some of the costs of Old Colony Regional Voc-

Tech.

He said that he Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar were literally cutting a few hundred dollars from different accounts right up until the warrant had to go to the printer for town meeting on Monday.

Mr. Kelley said the financial woes are being faced by all municipalities, and it is not their fault. The state has not increased aid to municipalities on a pace that makes sense. Cities and towns are constricted by Proposition 2 1/2 and state aid has only increased by one or two percent most years. Chapter 90 funds, used for roads, has been flat for 13 years.

Acushnet is also looking at regionalization, and has signed a Memorandum of Agreement with Mattapoisett to share a town planner.

Town Meeting is on Monday, 6/17/24, at Ford Middle School, 708 Middle Road, at 7 p.m. Acushnet has an open town meeting, so any voter registered in Acushnet can speak and vote on articles.

Town Meeting materials are available on the website at <https://www.acushnet.ma.us> and click on "Town Meeting" in the top navigation bar; or contact the Town Clerk's office or the Selectboard/Town Administrator office, 508-998-0200.

Hurry up, time is running out to register for BBC Swim

Press Release

With less than two weeks remaining until the 31st Annual Buzzards Bay Swim, swimmers are being reminded to sign-up at www.savebuzzardsbay.org/swim. The event will be held the morning of Saturday, June 22nd with proceeds supporting the Buzzards Bay Coalition and their efforts to protect the region's environment.

"The Swim is one of the most fun

and best-run events in New England," said 11-time participant Rob Thieler of Falmouth.

Established in 1993, the Buzzards Bay Swim is an outdoor adventure suitable for swimmers of all abilities and fitness levels aged 11 and up. Against the stunning backdrop of Buzzards Bay, participants embark on a scenic 1.2-mile point-to-point open water course, starting from Cisco

Brewers Kitchen and Bar in New Bedford's South End. The route showcases breathtaking views, passing by landmarks such as the historic Butler Flats Lighthouse and the New Bedford Hurricane Barrier before finishing at Fort Phoenix State Reservation in Fairhaven.

"The Buzzards Bay Swim is a unique event," said long-time partici-

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pant David LaPalme of Dartmouth. "It is the only day of the year that you can cross the New Bedford Harbor... Usually, I stop around the lighthouse and just take a look around feeling pretty fortunate to get in another Swim in the Bay."

First-time and novice swimmers can also opt for additional support by swimming alongside a personal kayak escort.

When swimmers cross the finish line, they will be greeted by cheering supporters and awarded with a custom finisher medal and event tee. The festivities continue with live music, a hot pancake breakfast, Jim's Organic Coffee, Buzzards Bay Brewing beer, and an awards ceremony with

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prizes.

Registration for the Buzzards Bay Swim is \$25, with swimmers committing to raise a minimum of \$300 each (\$150 for youth) with all funds directly benefitting the Buzzards Bay Coalition.

The Buzzards Bay Swim is one of two signature outdoor fundraising events hosted by the BBC. The other is the Buzzards Bay Watershed Ride, a 100, 75, or 35 mile bike ride that traverses the Buzzards Bay watershed from Little Compton to Woods Hole, scheduled for Oct. 6, this year.

The BBC is a nonprofit organization supported by its membership, dedicated to the preservation, restoration, and sustainable use and enjoyment of Buzzards Bay and its watershed. Visit www.savebuzzardsbay.org.

Upcoming Meetings

Fairhaven

Board of Public Works

Mon., 6/17, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Commission on Disability

Thurs., 6/13, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 6/17, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Cultural Council

Wed., 6/26, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 6/26, Media Ctr/Lib., 6:30 p.m.

Select Board

Mon., 6/24, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

Board of Appeals

Tues., 6/18, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 6/24, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Town Meeting

Mon., 6/17, Ford Middle Sch, 7 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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	June 2024	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	13	0139	1412	0652	1928
Friday	14	0228	1500	0753	2045
Saturday	15	0317	1550	0844	2143
Sunday	16	0411	1645	0928	---
Monday	17	0511	1739	1012	2342
Tuesday	18	0604	1825	1100	---
Wednesday	19	0647	1905	1146	1146
Thursday	20	0727	1945	0048	1229
Friday	21	0808	2027	0126	1313
Saturday	22	0854	2114	0211	1402
Sunday	23	0942	2202	0301	1457
Monday	24	1032	2251	0348*	1551*
Tuesday	25	1122	2341	0431*	1641*
Wednesday	26	---	1217	0514*	1732
Thursday	27	0037	1315	0602*	1833
Friday	28	0135	1411	0701*	1953
Saturday	29	0231	1506	0808	2112
Sunday	30	0328	1604	0908	2241

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Sweet Lizzie's Bake Shop to hold grand opening

Press Release

Sweet Lizzie's Bake Shop: Where Sweet Dreams Come to Life

The aroma of freshly baked goods will soon waft through the streets of Fairhaven as Sweet Lizzie's Bake Shop prepares to officially open its doors on June 15th. Located at 48 Main Street, Sweet Lizzie's promises to be a haven for lovers of sweet treats and fresh coffee.

Founded by the dynamic duo of Liz and Roger Khoury, Sweet Lizzie's is the result of Liz's Magic Cookie Bars Christmas boxes.

"Our family and friends LOVED those magic cookie bars after every Christmas gathering and always said that one day I should open my own bake shop," says Liz Khoury, co-owner and head baker. "I now remember those words with every batch of sweets, and I'm glad I listened."

Liz began baking steadily in her home kitchen during lockdown in 2020, which led to small, word-of-mouth, sales. The fresh and sweet taste of her cookies, muffins, cakepops, choco-bombs, etc., however, spread like wildfire across hearts and lips, and Liz ended up renting a commer-

cial kitchen to keep up with growing orders. A small dream was born.

From classic chocolate chip cookies to unique magic cookie bars, Sweet Lizzie's menu is a showcase of Liz's culinary power. Each treat is crafted with the finest ingredients and a generous sprinkle of sweet love, ensuring that every bite is a delightful experience.

The grand opening celebration on June 15th promises to be a day filled with excitement and good bites. From 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM, guests are invited to stop by and indulge in complimentary samples of Sweet Lizzie's signature creations.

"We're so excited to welcome everyone to Sweet Lizzie's and to share my wife's passion for baking with the community," adds Roger Khoury, co-owner and business manager. "I'm her biggest fan, and I can't wait for the community to get a taste of what started in our kitchen so many years ago."

Located in the heart of Fairhaven, Sweet Lizzie's Bake Shop aims to become a beloved fixture in the community, offering not only delicious treats but also a warm and inviting



Owners Liz and Roger Khoury pose for the camera at Sweet Lizzie's Bake Shop at 48 Main Street, Fairhaven, which will have its grand opening on 6/15/24. *Submitted photo.*

atmosphere where friends and neighbors can gather to indulge their sweet tooth and create new memories together. Hours are Wed.-Fri., 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Sat. & Sun., 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Closed Mon. & Tues.

For more information about Sweet Lizzie's and the grand opening, please follow us on Instagram @sweetlizziesbakeshop or Facebook, sweetlizzieeats.



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Obituary: Dorothea Machado



Dorothea Machado

Dorothea Machado, the oldest living World War II veteran of Fairhaven, passed away

peacefully on Friday May 17, 2024.

Dorothea had a true love of life and once she hit her goal of reaching 100 years, she upped the ante and wanted to reach 106!

Dorothea, or Dora/Dottie began and spent most of her life in New Bedford, MA. She was the daughter of the late Maria (Souza) Machado and Charles Machado. She was a graduate of New Bedford High School and Suffolk University.

Dorothea was an extremely hard worker and knew the value of a dollar. Her first job as a junior stenographer landed her at the Pentagon, just after its opening in 1943. From there she was eager to serve her country and

enlisted in the United States Navy where she was a member of the Women's Auxiliary Naval Services.

Her next stop was California where she worked for the Howard Hughes Aircraft Company. This allowed her to soak up the sun and the lovely weather of the West Coast. While in Culver City, CA, Dorothea was a hand model for the makeup company, Max Factor and was a clothing model for the 5-7-9 store.

She later returned to her home city of New Bedford and was a manager for Shawmut Bank and later Bank of America. After becoming restless with retirement, she worked for Aubertine Funeral Home. She was honored to march in the Memorial Day and Veteran's Day parades of Fairhaven and took great pride in being a speaker during those festivities.

Dorothea loved to travel and, at the young age of 20, hopped on a cargo ship headed for Europe. She spent two months traveling solo with an important stop in Achadinha, Sao Miguel to see where her mother, Maria, was born. The Azores became a favorite vacation spot for her and

she traveled there several more times throughout her lifetime.

She was a hopeless romantic and lived a life of fantasy vicariously through characters in the

books that she read and the movies she watched.

Dorothea had an incredibly good memory and would remember the birthdays and special occasions of her relatives and dear friends. When it came to writing, she truly had a gift. Her family and friends were always lucky recipients of a greeting card filled on all sides with a heartfelt message written in her beautiful script.

When she moved to Fairhaven later in life, she became an active member of the Fairhaven Senior Center where she could be found walking laps, collecting money for the senior suppers and playing bingo. She attributed part of her long life to the socialization she enjoyed there.

She is survived by her nephew, Charles E. Machado, her godchildren, Maria L. Machado and Michael C. Machado, and great nieces and a great nephew, all of North Carolina. She will be missed by her countless friends whom she has inspired throughout her 100+ years and by her dear cousins. Dorothea was predeceased by her brother, Charles Machado and her cousin "Sweet Mary" Mello.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Fairhaven Council on Aging, 229 Hsuttleston Ave., Fairhaven, MA 02719 or Community Nurse Home Care, 62 Center St., Fairhaven, MA 02719; www.communitynurse.com. For online tribute: www.waring-sullivan.com.

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KOSKA KELLY A	ASSESSORS	66537.16	ARAUJO CAITLIN E	FMS - Special Ed. Teacher	85325.85
CHEW HEATHER J	COUNCIL ON AGING	67189.20	HOWARD MAUREEN M	FMS - Special Ed. Teacher	85327.15
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CARVALHO ASHLEY	AES - Special Ed. Teacher	68187.06	SAULNIER CHRISTOPHER	FMS - Regular Ed. Teacher	85937.71
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MENARD THOMAS	DEPT. PUBLIC WORKS-HIGHWAY	68860.78	COTE JOSEPH A	FMS - Regular Ed. Teacher	86721.71
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HICKEY ALTY	AES - Custodian	69584.59	MELO ANDREA M	FMS - Regular Ed. Teacher	86912.71
BOWEN ALAN D	POLICE DEPT.	70332.47	COELHO KASIE L	AES - Regular Ed. Teacher	86962.71
NOCON SUZANNE M	POLICE DEPT.	70656.36	FASOLI AMORY M	AES - Regular Ed. Teacher	87449.21
LABONTE PAMELA A	TOWN CLERK	71294.81	POULOS JUSTIN P	FMS - Regular Ed. Teacher	87635.07
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BARLOW CAMERON A	DEPT.PUBLIC WORKS-WATER DIVIS.	71943.07	COLE KELLY A	AES - Regular Ed. Teacher	88506.21
SYLVIA ERIN A	AES - Special Ed. Teacher	72518.63	ST. JEAN MATTHEW J	FMS - Regular Ed. Teacher	88933.43
CEDERBERG TEAL J	FMS - Regular Ed. Teacher	73740.15	MCMANAMA NATASHA P	FMS - Special Ed. Teacher	89535.42
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SOARES JASMINE A	AES - Regular Ed. Teacher	76173.15	WHITE JASON T	POLICE DEPT.	89888.42
TRAHAN KIMBERLY A	FMS - Regular Ed. Guid/Adj. Couns	76828.22	MONTICELLO NICHOLAS A	TECHNOLOGY	89942.09
REIS ALYSSA L	AES - Regular Ed. Teacher	77923.15	BIELAWA ALISON N	FMS - Regular Ed. Teacher	90163.15
MATTON MICHAEL A	POLICE DEPT.	78740.48	POWERS SHELLY	AES - Regular Ed. Teacher	90399.13
ZAUNERE LINDA	AES - Special Ed. Teacher	78853.86	LAVOIE RYAN M	POLICE DEPT.	90787.82
ASHWORTH WENDY	FIRE/EMS	79017.80	MARTINS KEVIN M	POLICE DEPT.	91411.24
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MONIZ ARIEL K	APS - Special Ed. - Psychological	79132.78	WALSH KEVIN K	POLICE DEPT.	91685.57
BOBOLA ANDREW	BUILDING DEPARTMENT	80500.42	FARLAND THOMAS J	FIRE/EMS	92048.37
REBELLO STACY ANN	AES - Regular Ed. Teacher	80882.85	ROBINSON GENE W	POLICE DEPT.	92645.87
OUELLETTE STEVEN J	APS - Maintenance of Buildings	80896.92	POULOS KACIE P	FMS - Regular Ed. Gui/Adj. Couns	92691.28
CHARPENTIER CATHERINE A	AES - Regular Ed. Teacher	81346.29	CARVALHO LISA M	AES - Special Ed. Teacher	93228.08
JUDGE RACHAEL L	APS - Special Ed. Med/ Thera	81389.43	SULLIVAN-SOUZA DOMINIK J	POLICE DEPT.	93254.19
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Fhvn Select Board discusses next steps for choosing police chief

By Beth David
Editor

At its meeting on Monday, 6/10/24, the Fairhaven Select Board heard from labor counsel about possible ways to proceed in the process for hiring a new police chief. Chief Michael Myers is expected to retire on August 10.

Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison chose Daniel Dorgan to be the next chief and introduced him to the Select Board last fall. However, he was not the first person on the Civil Service list, Sgt. Matthew Botelho was.

Ms. Ellison believed that the police department was no longer on civil service. She complied with most of the requirements of civil service, however, except for the requirement that if the first person on the list is bypassed, the hiring authority needs to submit the rationale in writing.

Sgt. Botelho appealed to the Civil Service Commission (CSC). His appeal was “dismissed nisi,” which means it takes effect on 8/10/24. The reason for the dismissal is that there is no vacancy yet, and Sgt. Dorgan has not been officially hired. But, in essence, the CSC ruled in favor of Sgt. Botelho.

The process used to choose Sgt. Dorgan included an assessment center that ranked five candidates for the position. Then Ms. Ellison conducted her own interviews. The TA has hiring authority for the chief position with the approval of the Select Board.

John Clifford and Rich Massina from Clifford and Kenny, explained the process to the board.

First Mr. Massina explained that the town thought the department, including the chief, was out of civil service. Mr. Massina said “significant research” showed that the chief’s position was placed in Civil Service in 1938, almost 20 years before the rest of the department.

He said the town must make a decision on how to remove the position from Civil Service and to hire a chief. He said the CSC will have a “watchful eye” on the town.

He said they told CSC that the town would put it on the ballot in November to remove the chief from civil service. He also said that although Sgt. Botelho asked that only the assessment center scores be used, the CSC said that the town can conduct further interviews. He said

the assessment center is more general, and local interviews focus on the specific community, so it is allowed.

Ms. Ellison told the board and counsel that she did not have a conversation with anyone about the item and she did not realize labor counsel would be there.

“So I don’t know what input you want from me,” said Ms. Ellison.

SB chairperson Stasia Powers said the town deserves a conversation about the process. The SB released a letter last month explaining the CSC decision and said they would discuss it at a meeting after Town Meeting, which was held on 5/4.

Ms. Ellison said she was open to discussion, but she was not ready for a decision.

Ms. Powers said it was clear that Ms. Ellison was the appointing authority, but the board wanted to

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talk about the process.

Attorney Clifford reiterated that the TA is the appointing authority with the approval of the SB. He said they have to come up with a process that will “pass muster” with CSC.

SB member Andrew Saunders said if the town was not transparent, then no ballot question would pass. He also said it was important for the board to be involved in the decision so they are not going back and forth with Ms. Ellison choosing someone, and the board rejecting that person.

SB member Andrew Romano agreed that they needed to stress transparency.

The board discussed the timeline with Mr. Clifford, who said they already have the list and the assessment center scores. He said the only thing that needs to be done is the interviews.

He added, however, that to demon-

strate there will be no bias from the past selection, that they create a screening committee that does not include anyone who was involved in the last process, including Ms. Ellison.

Ms. Ellison said she was the hiring authority, yet she was hearing them say she was being excluded from the process. She went through how it typically works with a screening committee only screening out those not qualified and she would interview two to three candidates. But the process being discussed was different.

“So you’re pulling me out of it,” she said.

Ms. Saunders said that was not his intention. He said he did not want candidates to “ping pong back and forth.”

He reiterated that she has the hiring authority.

Ms. Ellison said she needs to be part of the screening committee.

The board and Mr. Clifford discussed a variety of options, including recording the interviews. He said the concern is that if she chooses someone other than the first person on the list, “we really need to be able to justify it.”

Ms. Powers said they need to make sure the process is clear and unbiased.

Mr. Massina noted that the assessment center was conducted, but there are not a lot of interview questions in that process, such as what is the person’s five year plan, how they got to the position they are in, etc. He said those are the kinds of questions Ms. Ellison asked. He noted the “appellant” (Sgt. Botelho), asked that the town not be allowed to conduct additional interviews, but CSC rejected that.

“Nothing changes the fact that the Town Administrator decides with the approval of the Select Board,” said Mr. Massina, adding that the hiring will still have to go through the TA and SB.

He also said Human Resources Director Cameron Durant should not be involved because of a complaint about bias, that Mr. Massina said was simply not true. But he still recommended Mr. Durant not be involved.

The board will take up the matter at its next meeting.

The decision is available on the Civil Service Commission website at <https://www.mass.gov/doc/botelho-matthew-v-town-of-fairhaven-5224/download>

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