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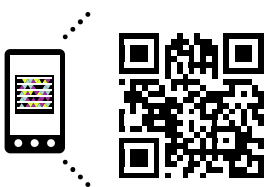
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Food truck fest fills center with taste delights



The rain does not stop people from waiting in line for food at the Town of Fairhaven Food Truck Flavor Fest on 9/20/24 in the streets around town hall. See page 12. Photo by Beth David.



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Publisher Beth David with
Charlie, aka Evil Dog

Don't forget...the Planning Board's special "informational meeting" is on Tuesday (see page 5). If you're a Town Meeting member and you want more info, check it out. If you're not a TM member but want to know what to tell your TM rep, check it out. In any case, learn about the 40R proposal for Fairhaven. This will make a big change in town.

The fall events are starting to heat up (see 5, 6, 7). Oh, Summer, where did you go?

The Fairhaven Select Board had a monster meeting on Monday (see page 4). I could only work in so much. The plan is to get another story in next week with some of the other stuff. If you have time, though, you might want to watch and fast forward to the spot with John Medeiros and Jeff Lucas. I really couldn't do it justice here.

Because...we have a jam-packed issue.

Acushnet's special Town Meeting is Monday. They have a bit of spending to do. See page 7 for that.

Acushnet also planted a tree in the Parting Ways Green in memory of Norman Fredette (see page 14). He died very suddenly in May after a short illness at the age of 64.

Norm was probably the first real character I met when I started covering Acushnet so many years ago. He talked to me as if we knew each other our whole lives. He was a regular speaker and Town Meeting, and kind of fun at it, too. He will be sorely missed in Acushnet.

I for one am glad I knew him.

Back here in Fairhaven, Mark Paquette is thanking first responders for saving his life (see page 11). He had a heart attack and his heart completely stopped. Luckily, by then, he was already in the ambulance. He sounds very grateful all around.

There's other stuff in here, of course. Make sure you notice who our advertisers are so you can tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*.

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Fire closes East Fairhaven School due to smoke damage

By Beth David
Editor

East Fairhaven School will be closed until at least Thursday, 9/26/24, due to a fire. A fire alarm went off at 7:25 p.m. on Sunday, 9/22, leading firefighters to the second floor. Smoke and heat detectors in Rooms 232 and 240 were activated.

Firefighters located the fire on the exterior wall of room 232 and were able to extinguish it with their water extinguisher.

“The cause is still under investigation but is believed to have been caused by a dual blade window fan plugged into an outlet on that exterior wall,” wrote the Fire Department in a press release.

According to a press release by Superintendent Tara Kohler, the fire department extinguished the fire quickly enough to keep the sprinkler system from engaging.

The damage was contained to one section of the wall near the outlet.

“After the fire was put out, quite a bit of smoke and soot throughout the second floor needed to be cleared,” according to Ms. Kohler.

To properly clean all soot and smoke damage, East Fairhaven School will also be canceled through Wednesday. The district plans to reopen the school to all students and staff on Thursday, 9/26

“After a preliminary investigation, the Fairhaven Fire Department informed district officials that the cause of the fire was a double fan that likely had an internal wire malfunction,” wrote Ms. Kohler. “We thank the Fairhaven Fire Department for their swift response and support.”

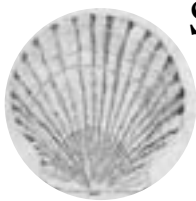
The district is updating parents regularly. Find them on Facebook for updates.



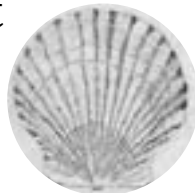
The Fairhaven Fire Department believes the fire at East Fairhaven School on 9/22/24 started in this outlet powering a fan, causing minimal fire damage, and enough smoke damage to close the school for at least three days. Photo courtesy of the Fairhaven Fire Department.

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Fairhaven SB gets Wind Turbine update, request

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Select Board held a marathon meeting on Monday, 9/23/24, even though they passed over two items that could have taken up a lot of time. The meeting ran until almost 11 p.m.

The board heard from Fairhaven Wind developer, Sumul Shah, who constructed the two wind turbines (WTs) on Arsene Street near the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and owns the project. The town has a lease agreement with Fairhaven Wind for the use of the land the WT's are on; and the town has a contract to buy the electricity produced, although it all goes through a rather complicated process involving Eversource and transmission and distribution costs.

The project has resulted in \$4,000,000 in benefits to the town.

Mr. Shah gave an outline of the projects successes and failures over the past 12 years. He said the town has been making money from the project, but the last few years production has been down. He said the town has not seen a downturn in revenue because electricity costs are so high, not because of productivity.

In a nutshell, the WT's need an overhaul and it will cost millions. The company is looking for the town to renew the lease according to the current contract, but also to change the way the town pays the company for electricity. Mr. Shah said he needs a more stable revenue projection to get a loan to rehab the turbines.

The turbine manufacturer is no longer in the US due to a lawsuit against the Chinese company for stealing technology. Mr. Shah said his company has partnered with a variety of maintenance companies to keep the WT's running, but they are reaching the point when that will not be feasible.

Mr. Shah has found a different company that has components that will fit the WT's on Arsene Street, but the project will cost millions. The refit will increase production from 1.5 megawatts to 1.85 megawatts if Eversource will allow it. He is also hoping Eversource will allow them to create a battery backup system to help with regulating transmission.

He said the biggest problem they have is that Eversource kicks them off the system if there is a problem and it can

take days to get producing again. The refit and the battery backup will help with some of that interruptions.

He is asking the town to incorporate the transmission and distribution rates into the fixed rate it pays to his company. That way there is no variability and he can get a loan from the bank.

Mr. Shah and board members discussed details of how that change would look.

The board did not vote on the change, but asked Mr. Shah to get more information to them, and to work with Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison, Anne Carreiro, Assistant Town Administrator of Finance/Town Accountant. The board will discuss it at a future meeting.

In another matter, Fairhaven Police Chief Daniel Dorgan formally introduced Cooper Howell, Fairhaven's newest police officer. He graduated from the academy in Fitchburg on 9/13/24, and was sworn in on Monday, 9/16. (See 9/19/26 issue.)

Chief Dorgan said he was skeptical about the Fitchburg program because students go directly from the college's

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Hoedown FR

Join us for a Hoedown, Sat., 9/28, from 6-9 pm, at the West Island Improvement Association Community house, 41 Causeway Road, Fairhaven. Featuring country line dancing and Southern Charcuterie, \$25 per person (21 and older).

Call Lauren for tickets 774-328-5732. Proceeds to benefit Little Patch of Heaven sanctuary.

Family Fun Day

FREE Community outreach family fun day at Trinity Lutheran Church, 16 Temple Place, Fairhaven. Rain or Shine. Sat., 9/28, noon to 4 p.m.

Family fun with kids carnival games, prizes, temporary tattoos, Photo Booth, music, popcorn and cotton candy. If you have been looking for an outreach program for help for yourself or someone in your life or have been looking to volunteer your time the following organizations will have representatives at this event: PAACA, Veteran's Services, Alcoholic's Anonymous, MassHIRE, OneVoice, Samaritans Southcoast, The Women's Center,, The Shepherd's Pantry, Boys & Girls Club of Greater New Bedford, Meeting Street - Parents as Teachers, Gifts to Give, Whaling City Jr/Sr High School Come join us for an afternoon of music, fun and community. Nonperishable food items for the Shepherd's Pantry and "like new" or new children's clothes for Gifts to Give will be accepted at this event.

Pirates & Privateers LAST ONE

Join us for the last Pirates & Privateers Presentation of the season, Friday 9/27, 10:00 a.m. WEATHER PERMITTING. Fort Phoenix, south end of Fort St., Fairhaven, MA. Tour begins at fort flagpole. Free.

Is there really pirate treasure buried by Captain Kidd on Sconticut Neck? Why might you become a privateer instead of joining the Navy? What's the deal with the parrot on the shoulder? Hear tales of pirates,

Revolutionary War era privateers, and historical Fort Phoenix, presented by Greybeard, an 18th century gunner. Find Greybeard & Companie on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GreybeardCompanie>

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Tues., 10/1, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., at Acushnet Council on Aging, 59 1/2 S Main St, Acushnet, MA

Tues., 10/8, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., at Fairhaven Council on Aging, 229 Huttleston Ave, Fairhaven, MA

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Stay healthy and protect yourself this flu season!

40R Info Meeting

The town of Fairhaven will hold a special "informational session" for Town Meeting members about the proposed 40R Smart Growth Overlay District, on Tues., 10/1, in the Town Hall auditorium, at 6:30 p.m. The public may attend, but only TM members will be allowed to participate.

The meeting will be available on FairhavenTV.com.

Halloween Swap

Drop off clean, used Halloween costumes and decorations in the bin at Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven, from now to October 11th.

On October 12th at Kids Fest, you can pick out items you might want yourself at the Sustainability Committee's Halloween Swap booth!

Costumes should be clean, and non-violent (no gore). Don't limit

yourself to just costumes. Jewelry, scarves, crazy hats, anything that can be used for a costume as well as decorations will be accepted.

Drop off Mon.–Fri., 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. at Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven. A large bin is located in the lobby.

Contact Ann Richard, with questions: fairhavensustainability@gmail.com

Huttleston Mktplace LAST ONE

Saturdays, through Sept. 28 (except last Saturday in June), 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Fairhaven Visitors Center Lawn/Fairhaven High School Lawn,, 141 Main St. at Rte 6, Fairhaven

Huttleston Marketplace is an outdoor bazaar featuring as many as 90 or more vendors selling select hand made arts and crafts, quality antiques and vintage collectibles, upcycled items, fresh farm produce, and locally prepared foods.

SAVE THE DATES: Communication Board Unveiling

The Fairhaven Commission on Disability will hold an unveiling ceremony of the new communication board at the playground at Livesey Park, Glenhaven Street, on Mon., 10/7, at 5 p.m.

Fire Open House

Join the Fairhaven Fire Department on Sun., 10/6 from 1-3 p.m. for an open house with lots of demonstrations and giveaways, 144 Washington St., Fairhaven, 508-994-1428.

Featuring: vehicle extrication, live fire demo (weather dependent), fire extinguisher demo, free pizza, Sparky the Fire Dog, and more!

Kids Fest

Join us for Kids Fest, Sat., 10/12, from 10 a.m.–3 p.m. at Fairhaven Visitors Center Lawn/Fairhaven High School Lawn,, 141 Main St. at Rte 6, Fairhaven. Featuring pumpkin painting, climbing wall, craft vendors, costume swap, come in costume and play costume bingo, and many other activities, special guests, entertainment.

Sponsored by Millicent Library Youth Services and The Fairhaven Recreation Department.

State Rep Debates

Join the North End Neighborhood Association for two debates, one for the 8th Bristol District and one for the 10th Bristol District.

Both will be held at the Pulaski School auditorium, 1097 Braley Road, New Bedford, from 6-7 p.m. Free and open to the public.

Attendees are encouraged to arrive early with their written questions to be posed to the candidates. This will give us time to sort through them and consolidate similar questions. We will get through as many as possible in the hour.

10th Bristol

Tues., 10/1, with Joe Pires (R), Rochester; and Mark Sylvia (D), Fairhaven. Both candidates have agreed to participate.

8th Bristol

Tues., 10/8. There are five candidates on the ballot. Three have confirmed, but we are hopeful that all five will attend.

CONFIRMED: Steven Ouellette (D), Westport; Jesse St. Gelais (U), Acushnet; Christopher Thrasher (R), Westport.

NOT CONFIRMED: Laura Hadley (U), Westport; Manuel Soares Jr. (U), Westport.

The North End Neighborhood Association meets the first Monday of the month at the Global Learning Charter Public School, 190 Ashley Blvd., NB. Find them on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/NorthEndNA.NB>, or contact Scott Pemberton for more info, scottpemberton@myyahoo.com

Comm Nurse F-R

Enjoy a beautiful fall evening on the waterfront while having an impact on your community. Join us for Shine One, Fri., 9/27, at 6 p.m., Merrill's on the Waterfront, 36 Homer's Wharf, New Bedford, MA 02740. Tickets and sponsorships available at communitynurse.com/shineon

Tickets: \$75 per person; \$125 VIP.

Science Cafe

Please join us for New Bedford Science Café, Tues., 10/1, 6-8 p.m., The Last Round Bar & Grille, 908 Purchase St., New Bedford. Open to everyone. Free, save for the beer!

Our guest Dr. Michael Wyand, the

CEO of Boston-based Oxeia Biopharmaceuticals, will discuss Clinical Trials for Concussion; A Critical Unmet Medical Need.

Free parking in rear of building. Videos of recent events can be found on our website: <https://newbedfordsciencecafe.weebly.com/> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NewBedfordScienceCafe/>

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Military Medals Talk

Lt. Col (Retired) Stephen E. Hackett will discuss the military award system at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 29 at the Fort Taber-Fort Rodman Military Museum and Veterans Memorial, 1000Cs. Rodney French Blvd, New Bedford.

Lt. Col Hackett will explain how the system came into existence and how changes have taken place.

Anyone with a medal from military service that they cannot identify is encouraged to bring it to the talk so Lt. Col Hackett can help identify it.

Lt. Col Hackett has 28 years of military service, with a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Rhode Island and a master's degree from Rhode Island College.

He is a 25-year veteran of Rhode Island's Camp 12, Rhode Island Sons of Union Veterans and a 40-year life member of the Orders and Medal Society of America.

He spent 28 years in the classroom as a social studies and science teacher.

The program is free to attend, and there is no charge for parking.

This is one of several upcoming talks scheduled for the fall speaker series. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the museum.

SAVE THE DATES:

Food Truck Beer Fest

Sat., 10/5, noon, Fort Taber, 1000 S Rodney French Blvd, New Bedford, MA 02744. Featuring some of the area's most popular food trucks dishing out fan favorites such as lobster and street food nachos, Portuguese/American Culinary Fusion, dessert pizzas, BBQ, fresh juice and smoothies and more!

Visit <https://www.foodtruckfestivalsofamerica.com/new-bedford>

Hetty's Here!

A little more than a century ago, Hetty Green, born in Bedford Village (New Bedford), was the wealthiest woman in America. Though she inherited a small amount of money from her whaling wealthy family, she earned financial fame as the first successful woman trading in Wall Street, but remembered by many as the "Witch of Wall Street." Brave and brilliant, Hetty left between \$100 million and \$200 million to her son, Colonel Ned and her daughter, Sylvia.

The New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park at 33 William Street will offer an introduction to Hetty's life and legacy at 1 p.m. on the following Sundays. Free admission.

- 10/6 Hetty's Herstory: Her life in Bedford Village, her family, marriage and learning the men's world of finance.

- 11/3 Hetty and \$\$\$: Shrewd and determined, she had her own savings account at eight years old and grew into real estate, loaning, stocks and bonds. Yet she often offered low interest loans, especially to churches.

- 12/1 When she died in 1916, her enormous wealth was inherited by her son and daughter, but the money disappeared in one generation.

Irene Duprey-Gutierrez, a 27-year National Park volunteer, portrays Mrs. Hetty Green.

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Fall Family Fest

Join Old Colony Regional Voc-Tech High School PTO for our 4th annual Fall Family Festival with Touch A Truck on Sat., 9/28, from 11-3, 476 North Ave., Rochester. Suggested donation, \$20/car.

Featuring music and games by Kevin Richman, It's the Music Entertainment; Mr. Vinny the Bubble Guy (noon-2); Caribiner's; Climbing Tower; Henna Artist, Vendors; Food Trucks; Reiki, Caricature Artist; Laser Tag; Tarot Card Readings; inflatable jousting game; game truck; National Guard obstacle course; photo booth; inflatable archery and axe throwing. Tons of fun for families!

Coin Show

Coin Show Sun., 9/29 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Westport Town Hall Annex, 856 Main Road, Westport, MA. Free Admission"

Harvest Fest

Join us for live music and entertainment, local food trucks and vendors, an artisan marketplace, children's activities, yard games, professionally designed garden displays, mechanical bull rides, pony rides, a petting zoo, agriculture, community involvement, and so much more!

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Harvest Festival at the Westport Fairgrounds 200 Pine Hill Road, Westport: Fri. & Sat., 9/27 & 28, 10am-8pm; Sun., 9/29, 10am-6pm

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For more info, visit: southcoastharvestfestival.com

Meatloaf Grab & Go

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

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Call Jim, 508-237-3803; \$20 per meal. Must call in advance to order meals. Pay at pickup.

British Raid, Silent Film To Music

The following events are at the Acushnet Public Library, 232 Middle Road

Weekly: Cozy Story Time: Tuesdays, at 6 pm; Story Time: Wednesdays, at 11 am

British Raid of 1778

Kids Talk & Craft: Saturday, 9/28 at 10 am. Come learn about the British Raid that attacked villages along the Acushnet River and then play with

Colonial toys and even write with a quill!

Silent Films Set to Live Music

Monday, 9/30 at 2 pm Watch films "Cameraman's Revenge" by Ladislav Starevich, and "Sleeping Beauty" by Lotte Reiniger set to live music.

The Larchmont Remembered Presentation

Monday, 10/7 at 6 pm Providence Journal Columnist Daniel Harrington will share his PowerPoint presentation on the sinking of the SS Larchmont, RI horrific sea disaster.

Short Film Fest

The Bristol Community College Foundation is pleased to host the Manhattan Short Film Festival! THREE Showings across TWO Campuses! Watch 10 amazing short films, and then YOU be the judge!

Tickets are \$20 per person. All showings begin at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30.

Thurs., 9/26: Fall River Campus, Margaret L. Jackson Theater. Proceeds from this showing support Bristol's Theater program.

Fri., 9/27 and Sat., 9/28: Attleboro Campus. Proceeds from these showings support the Attleboro Campus Fund.

For tickets visit <https://bristolcc.edu/about/thebristolcommunitycollegefoundation/events/>

Acushnet to hold Special Town Meeting on Monday

By Beth David
Editor

The Town of Acushnet will hold a Special Town Meeting this Monday, 9/30/24 at the Ford Middle School, 708 Middle Road, at 7 p.m.

Town Meeting will be asked to vote on 17 articles, with spending articles ranging from a few thousand to \$4.2 million. Bills of prior years totals \$14,178. Article 2 requests \$9,500 for the Assessors Department to correct budget expenses. Article 3 asks for \$47,818 for MS-4/stormwater permit compliance from the Stormwater Management Stabilization Fund.

Other spending articles include: funding union contracts, \$19,775; \$550,000 from Solar Tax Revenue to fund the school roof; \$5,500 from EMS reserve fund (ambulance receipts) to fund a study for the fire department in the areas of Operations, Staffing

and Facilities to improve operations and create a Capital Improvement and Staffing Plan; \$49,999 from the EMS fund for renovations to Fire Station #3; \$660,000 for a new ambulance; transfer of \$186,026 from the Special Education Fund to pay special education and recovery high school programs, out-of-district tuition or transportation for special education students

Three articles ask to authorize the Select Board to enter into contracts for \$4.2 million for Energy Management Services and Energy Savings at the Acushnet Elementary School and the Ford Middle School. The articles were requested by the School Committee and have no recommendation from the Select Board or the Finance Committee, which will report at TM. They require a 2/3 vote.

Town meeting will also be asked to

remove Section 3-1-2 of the Town Charter which prohibits elected and appointed officials from taking a paid job with the town for at least two years after the expiration date of their term.

In the explanation, the Select Board writes: "This restriction places a draconian constraint on filling vacant positions with competent candidates. It also is somewhat redundant in that the Massachusetts Ethics Law sufficiently restricts public officials from benefiting or participating in matters that they dealt with as elected officials."

Other bylaws changes include amending the Soil Conservation Bylaw.

The Warrant is available from the Town Clerk's office, 30 Main Street (Parting Ways Building), 508-998-0200, and is on the website at <https://www.acushnet.ma.us/home/pages/town-meeting-0>

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Recipe of the Week

Pasta Caronera

One 16- oz. box thin spaghetti
 3 large eggs
 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese
 1/2 lb. bacon strips, diced
 1/3 cup diced onion
 4 garlic cloves, minced
 2 tsp chopped fresh chives
 (garnish)

In small bowl, whisk eggs with cheese thoroughly. Set aside.

Cook pasta until tender but firm. Drain well, reserving 1/2 cup pasta water.

In large skillet, cook bacon on med. heat until crisp. Reduce heat.

Add onion and garlic and saute until fragrant. Add half of the reserved pasta water to the pan. Fold in pasta, and gently toss to combine.

Pour the egg mixture into the hot pasta. Stir noodles quickly until the eggs thicken.

Thin out sauce with remaining pasta water if needed. Add salt & pepper to taste.



I have a friend who is very smart and reads all the time. She is also very generous of her time. If you don't understand something and ask her for an explanation, she is always willing to tell you what she knows or thinks. If she doesn't know the answer to your question, she will tell you so and often say she will find out and get back to you.

I feel very fortunate to have her as a friend and value the friendship.

My problem is that when I tell her something, she will question me about what I said over and over.

Let me give you an example. When I said to her, our mutual friend Benz told me he was working a night job to make extra money. She asked me why

Dear Frankie

Are you Sure?

Dear Frankie,
 I have a friend who is very smart and reads all the time. She is also very generous of her time. If you don't understand something and ask her for an

he would do that. The guy is loaded. I then said that's what he told me. She will then ask if I know how much money airport service dogs make. And it will go on and on.

How can I get her to accept what I say?

Conrad

Dear Conrad,

Not everyone has the same communication style. Perhaps your friend is thinking out loud. What you told her doesn't fit her view of the person, and she is trying to figure it out by posing questions about Benz to you. Her questioning may be about him and not your word.

However, if you feel uncomfortable defending what you say to her regularly, cut the conversation short, say, "That's all I know," and move on to another topic.

But don't take it personally. Different strokes for different folks, as the humans say.

Best, Frankie

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Fairhaven man thanks first responders for saving his life

By Beth David
Editor

Mark Paquette thought he was having heartburn, although he had never had it before so he wasn't quite sure what it felt like anyway.

"Come to find out, I was having little mini-heart attacks," Mr. Paquette said in a phone interview.

Then he had a couple of other episodes: one when he was sweating a lot, and the Tums just didn't seem to be helping as much. He called his son to take him to the hospital, but his son called 911. They both arrived at the same time on Friday, 9/13/24

"They literally saved my life in the driveway," said Mr. Paquette. Paramedics assessed him quickly, according to a post on the Local 1555 Facebook page. They confirmed he was having a heart attack and then his heart stopped requiring immediate defibrillation.

He was taken to Charlton Memorial Hospital in Fall River where they operated on him, putting in stents.

Mr. Paquette, 56, said his heart stopped again at the hospital.

"When they put the stents in, the

very next day, I felt like a million bucks," said Mr. Paquette, a carpenter, who is anxious to get back to work, but has to wait until he is cleared by his doctor. He was out of the hospital by Monday.

"It could've gone south," said Mr. Paquette, adding everything was "perfect" because it happened in the ambulance where paramedics could work on him immediately.

Mr. Paquette paid a visit to Group 4 at the Fairhaven Fire Department and treated them to lunch to say thank you. Then he called the Neighb News so the community will know about the actions of the

paramedics.

"I just thought these guys should be recognized for what they do," said Mr. Paquette. "I didn't realize how

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Mark Paquette (CENTER) poses with members of the Fairhaven Fire Department who saved Mr. Paquette's life when he suffered from a major heart attack on 9/13/24 and his heart stopped, requiring paramedics to revive him while he was in the ambulance in the driveway of his Fairhaven residence. Photo from Fairhaven Firefighters Association, Local 1555, Facebook page.



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Food Truck Fest fills center with taste delights despite rain

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven's first Food Truck Flavor Fest filled the town center with taste delights and lots of people despite a steady rain and some pretty good wind. Lines in front of almost all the trucks were long, with waits of more than 30 minutes. Except, alas, for the cold, ice cream type places.

Lindsay Watt of Fairhaven and her friend Lori Candido of New Bedford said they would not let a little storm stop them from being able to sample different foods in one place.

"I was hungry," said Ms. Candido. "And I like food trucks. They have fusion cooking. I wanted to try it."

And, it wasn't a full downpour, at least not at first.

"We're not blowing away," said Ms. Ms. Watt.

"It's not the *Wizard of Oz*," said Ms. Candido.

In the alcohol area, Luke Isaksen, Emma Moorehead, John LaBrode, and Claire Hubert were hanging out under the tent.

Ms. Moorehead said it was a new tradition

"It's nice to have events we can walk to," said Ms. Hubert.

At the Blue Stream Shellfish tent, Dale Leavitt said he considered only taking 100 oysters because of the weather. He did, however, take 500. At about 7 p.m., he was opening bag #4. Each bag has 100 oysters.

Across the street, though Sorbae Frozen Treats did not

fare quite as well.

"It's not the weather for it," said Monica, but added she got more than she expected.



L-R: Luke Isaksen, Emma Moorehead, John LaBrode, and Claire Hubert enjoy a cold brew under the tent in the alcohol area at the Town of Fairhaven Food Truck Flavor Fest on 9/20/24 in front of town hall. Photo by Beth David.



ABOVE LEFT: L-R: Dale Leavitt, Lacy Berma, and Cody Jardin of Blue Stream Shellfish are busy shucking oysters at the Town of Fairhaven Food Truck Flavor Fest on 9/20/24 in front of town hall. ABOVE MIDDLE: Kids dance in the rain in front of Town Hall. ABOVE RIGHT, L-R: Martha and Tom Aiello stop to smile for the local free sheet while enjoying raw oysters from Blue Stream Shellfish. BELOW LEFT: The Adobo Republic food truck, which features Modern Filipino Cuisine, has a long line on Walnut Street. BELOW RIGHT: Allie Thiel, Head of Youth Services and Community Engagement at the Millicent Library, staffs the book bike, featuring lots of books about food. Photos by Beth David.



Slim pickings at Fairhaven town auction this year

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven's annual town auction of surplus property had slim pickin's this year on a rainy Saturday morning, 9/21/24. There was very little office furniture, and no bicycles, which are usually a big draw. The one bike from the Marine Resources Department disappeared after being declared surplus, but before it made it to the public works barn, according

to Harbormaster Tim Cox.

Some chairs from the Oxford School and a few letter organizers were about it for office stuff.

The biggest ticket item was a 1991 Fairhaven Fire Department bucket truck that sold for \$750 to Patrick Corkery, who let his son, also Patrick, do the bidding. The younger Corkery bought several items and even got a round of applause for outbidding someone for a kayak, with a winning

bid of \$75.00

Two of the six dinghies from the

Marine Resources sold, one for \$20 and one for \$1.

A 1989 Fire Department box truck sold for \$200, also to the younger Corkery.

Several pieces of old equipment from the sewer department also got snapped up: a trash pump for \$50, a sand blaster for \$50, a Roto roter for \$20. A Huskee riding lawn mower that did not run, went for \$1 to Susan Dwyer.

The auction is held in September every year to dispose of items that have been declared surplus by the



Patrick Corkery the elder (LEFT) takes a picture of his son, Patrick, while Tommy Wilson reaches out to pat him on the back after the younger Corkery outbid a competitor for a red kayak for \$75 at the Fairhaven annual town auction of surplus property on 9/21/24 at the public works garage. RIGHT: Fairhaven Select Board member Andrew Romano, playing auctioneer, points to a bidder vying for the Fire Department bucket truck, which sold to Patrick Corkery for \$750. Photos by Beth David.

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criminal justice program into the academy. After visiting and learning more, however, he was convinced.

"I think it's a great program," said Chief Dorgan, adding that in the future he hopes to get more candidates from there.

The board also voted to approve the Ms. Ellison's appointment of Alyssa Botelho to the Community Development Coordinator position that is the new iteration of the Director of Tourism job, which has been vacant since Chris Richard retired in May.

Ms. Botelho currently works in the town's Cable TV department. She is also known around town as an independent film maker, and she works as Marketing Manager for BOLD Real Estate.

SB Andrew Romano recused himself from the discussion and left the room because he is a Real Estate agent with BOLD.

The board also declared as surplus a weathervane that was on the Oxford School. The request from the Historical Commission was to give it to the North Fairhaven Improvement Association to restore it and display it, however that organization voted not to accept it.

John Medeiros and Jeff Lucas, both members of the NFIA, asked the board to give it to them, saying they believe it does have historical value despite the determination of the Historical Commission.

There was quite a bit of discussion about how to go about declaring a piece of town property as surplus and giving it to specific individuals, instead of offering it to the public for purchase.

"I am very passionate about this weathervane," said Mr. Medeiros, adding he was not sure where it should go, but it should not be scrapped.

He said the vocational students might be able to restore it, and he can reach out the Lions Club, where he is also a member.

"I find it hard to believe it has no historic value," said Mr. Lucas, and discussed the difference between monetary value of an object and the historic value it may have to a place.

"If you're going to toss it out, toss it out into my truck right now," said Mr. Lucas.

In the end, the board voted to declare it surplus property and suggested Mr.

Medeiros and Mr. Lucas talk to Ms. Ellison about how they can acquire it.

The weathervane has been stored at the Millicent Library for about 10 years and needs to be moved.

The board also voted to approve winter storage for boats at Hoppy's Landing for \$25 per foot. Harbormaster Tim Cox said the property is dormant in the winter and it can hold a lot of boats, which will provide revenue for the town.

After the meeting the *Neighb News* asked if money generated at Hoppy's Landing can be moved to the general fund or if it has to go into the Hoppy's Landing Revolving account to be used only at Hoppy's Landing. The board did not have a clear answer by press time.

The board also met in executive session to discuss the use of town counsel and who on the board would have access to that, a continuation of a discussion that began in open session at a previous meeting. After the executive session, Ms. Powers said the board had made changes to the proposed protocols and would present it to the public at the next meeting.

Acushnet plants tree in memory of Norman Fredette

By Beth David
Editor

The Town of Acushnet recognized Norman Fredette, who died unexpectedly in May after a short illness, at the age of 64, with a tree planting on 9/24/24. Mr. Fredette was the town's Tree Warden at the time of his death, and had served on the Board of Public Works. He was an outspoken and well known member of the community.

Acushnet Town Administrator Jamie Kelley spoke to a crowd of about 25 friends, family, and town officials after the tree was planted in the Parting Ways Green between Town Hall and the Parting Ways building.

"There are people who contribute their time and skills to making their community a better place to live. Norm was one of those people," said Mr. Kelley. "He was also our tree warden, a job he did well for many years."

Mr. Kelley said many people in Acushnet appreciated Norm, as is shown by the dedication of the tree.

He said he always felt better after talking to Norm.

"I know I will miss him and his raunchy jokes and his parting words: 'God bless,'" said Mr. Kelley. "God bless Norm."

Mr. Fredette's wife, Maria, was on hand, and said it was a "great honor," and she was "very overwhelmed" with the love and support of the town.

"I knew he was well liked," she said. "But now I really know how loved he was."

Mr. Fredette's daughter, Sara, said she felt "very nostalgic and honored by the town planting a tree for him."

"He's been part of many things in Acushnet," said Sara.



ABOVE: Acushnet Town Administrator, Jamie Kelley, speaks at the ceremony dedicating a Lavendar Twist Redbud tree planted in the Parting Ways Green near Acushnet Town Hall on 9/24/24 in honor of Tree Warden Norman Fredette, who died suddenly after a short illness in May. BELOW, L-R: Mr. Fredette's daughter, Sara, and his wife, Maria, pose by the tree. Photos by Beth Davd.



"He was such a beloved person, we felt we had to do something," said Mr. Kelley after the ceremony, adding that Sydney Viveiros in his office spearheaded the effort.

Ms. Viveiros said she thought a tree for the tree warden was a good idea. They ordered the tree

in the spring, but had to wait for the proper time to plant it.

After the ceremony, the public was invited into town hall for coffee and pastries. Many people lingered outside in the green in the comfortable fall weather.

Acushnet staff raised \$500 for the project, plus a house plant they gave to Mr. Fredette's family in May. Roseland Nursery donated the cost difference for soil and fertilizer; Bob Medeiros of A. Medeiros Contracting donated his time and machinery to dig the hole; maintenance staff, Matt and Brady, planted the tree and installed the memorial plaque.

The tree is a Lavendar Twist Redbud. It blooms purple buds in the spring, has large leaves for the rest of the summer and fall.

The ceremony is available on demand on the town's YouTube channel, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_AbCMcflfOU

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PAQUETTE: cont'd from page 11

hard their job is."

He said he is old school, does not go to the doctor as often as he should, and was stubborn about it that night, too. But he was especially grateful that his son had the sense to call 911.

"I would've died in front of my son," said Mr. Paquette. "That's how quick it happened."

He said doctors tell him he is headed for a full recover, but it will be a long time, several months. Meanwhile, he can't work. He cautions anyone who has heartburn who never had it before.

"Chances are there's more going on than what they think," he said.

FRANKIE: cont'd from page 10

Frankie at dearfrankiecolumn@gmail.com. The Fairhaven Neighborhood News publishes the Dear Frankie column. To receive a free online subscription, readers can email neighbnews@comcast.net, request their name be added to the email list or visit www.neighbnews.com to read the paper online or to download the latest issue.

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Fairhaven

Board of Appeals

Wed., 10/2, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 9/30, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Broadband Study Comm

Thurs., 9/26, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Commission on Disability

Thurs., 10/17, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 10/7, Town Hall & Remote, 6 p.

Planning Bd 40R Info mtg

Tues., 10/1, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Bd 40R Hearing

Tues., 10/8, Town Hall, TBA

School Committee

Wed., 10/16, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Select Board

Mon., 9/30, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Tues., 10/15, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

Bylaw Review Comm

Thurs., 9/26, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Golf Committee

Thurs., 9/26, Town Hall 4:30 p.m.

Special Town Meeting

Mon., 9/30, Ford Middle Sch., 7 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

	Sept. 2024	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	26	0328	1559	1050	2343
Friday	27	0435	1706	1158	---
Saturday	28	0540	1803	0033	1248
Sunday	29	0628	1846	0115	1332
Monday	30	0707	1923	0152	1411

	Oct 2024	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Tuesday	1	0741	1958	0218	1441
Wednesday	2	0816	2034	0148	1417
Thursday	3	0851	2111	0159	1433
Friday	4	0929	2150	0227	1504
Saturday	5	1007	2228	0302	1538

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

Public Hearings/Legal Notices

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven

Conservation Commission
Monday, October 7, 2024 at 6:00pm
Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting will be conducted in person and via remote means, in accordance with applicable law. This means that members of the public body as well as members of the public may access this meeting in person, or via virtual means. In person attendance will be at 40 Center Street, and it is possible that any or all members of the public body may attend remotely, with in-person attendance consisting of members of the public. M.G.L. Ch. 30a, § 20(f) requires anyone that intends to record any portions of a public meeting, either by audio or video, or both, to notify the Chair at the beginning of the meeting.

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The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold the following Public Hearings pursuant to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. c. 131, s. 40) and the Code of the Town of Fairhaven Chapter 192, Wetlands:

a. SE 023-1384, CON 023-277: 39 Nelson Avenue, Map 43, Lots 224 & 225 Request to amend the

Order of Conditions filed by Stephen Taylor by adding stone retaining walls that were not included on the original plan. Lot falls within FEMA Flood Zone VE (El.19') at Assessor's Map 43, Lots 224 & 225.

b. CON 023-463: 25 Shore Drive, Map 29C, Lot 615 Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Judith Pacheco-Young to confirm the limits of the Coastal Beach & Coastal Dune Resource Areas as depicted on the plan. The entire site falls within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, FEMA Flood Zones VE (El.17') & VE (El. 19') located at Assessor's Map 29C, Lot 615.

c. SE 023-____, CON 023-464: 67 Nakata Avenue, Map 43, Lot 100 Notice of Intent filed by Joseph Dupre to excavate, grade area at seawall & install 90' x 10' x 6" concrete slab with pitch; slab to be poured on top of existing sea wall. Lot falls within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, FEMA Flood Zone VE (El. 19'), Buffer Zone to BVW and Coastal Beach at Assessor's Map 43, Lot 100.

d. SE 023-____, CON 023-465: 69 Nakata Avenue, Map 43, Lot 99 Notice of Intent filed by Joseph Dupre to excavate, grade area at seawall & install 90' x 10' x 6" concrete slab with pitch; slab to be poured on top of existing sea wall. Lot falls within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, FEMA Flood Zone VE (El.19'), Buffer Zone to BVW and Coastal Beach at Assessor's Map 43, Lot 99.

e. SE 023-1398, CON 023-315: Starboard Drive, Map 42, Portion of Lot 9 Request to amend the Order of Conditions filed by John Mathieu to omit Condition number 40, which forbids modifying the structures to increase the design load of the septic system beyond a 2-bedroom dwelling. The lot falls within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone VE

(El.17' & El.19') at Assessor's Map 42, Portion of Lot 9. f. SE 023-1442, CON 023-397: Starboard Drive, Map 42, Portion of Lot 9A, Subdivision Lot #1 Request to amend the Order of Conditions filed by John Mathieu to omit Condition number 58, which forbids modifying the structures to increase the design load of the septic system beyond a 2-bedroom dwelling. The lot falls within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone VE (El.17' & El.19') at Assessor's Map 42, Portion of Lot 9A, Subdivision Lot #1.

g. SE 023-____, CON 023-466: Starboard Drive, Map 42, Portion of 9A, Subdivision Lot #1. Notice of Intent request filed by John Mathieu to allow the placement of an on-site septic system. The applicant is proposing to install a 1,300-gallon septic tank with a denitrification system, a 1,000-gallon pump chamber and raised Eljien In-drain chamber pressure dosed leaching area. The lot falls within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone VE (El.17' & El.19') and does not have any other resource areas on it or within 100 feet at Assessor's Map 42, Portion of 9A, Subdivision Lot #1.

Information regarding remote meeting access, listed above, will also be provided on the Conservation Agenda posted on the Town's website at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Copies of the applications and site plans listed in this hearing notice may be viewed at the Conservation Office in Town Hall, located at 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA and links to the applications are on the Town Website.

Karen Isherwood, Chair,
Fairhaven Conservation Commission
FNN: 9/26/24

From our readers

Sylvia Will Champion Policies that Benefit All

I am writing to express my strong support for Mark Sylvia's candidacy in the upcoming election, for state representative in the 10th Bristol District. As our community faces pressing challenges, we need leaders who will champion policies that benefit all residents. Mark Sylvia is that leader.

Most important to me is Mark's approachability and professionalism. Mark sincerely cares about our community and will listen to people of the 10th district regardless of your political beliefs. As our town moderator, he has been a consum-

mate professional, navigating our town meetings through difficult conversations with grace and diplomacy. These skills will serve him well in the state house.

Moreover, I agree with his positions on housing reform, controlling the cost of childcare, and healthcare affordability.

In particular, his stance against divisive politics and book bans shows he will defend our fundamental freedoms and right to access information. As a longtime school

librarian and advocate for intellectual freedom, this is important to me.

Mark Sylvia has the vision, values, and knowledge to move our community forward. I encourage all voters to learn more about his platform and consider giving him their support on election day.

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