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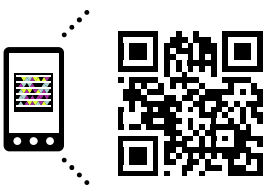
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Teeming with information you need.  
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

## Finally! A little bit of weather that's fun



Bronx Cornier is all ready to "catch" his big brother, Matthew, as he rides down the hill at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven after the region saw about four inches of snow on 2/9/25 (while mom, Brittany, catches it all on video). 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

Awww, man! That was no fun at all. I thought we were going to hear all kinds of fun stuff about Patrick Cahh and his pal, but the Select Board kicked the can down the road (page 4). Ah well.

Meanwhile, all of our papers were gone from Town Hall on Monday. Gee...wonder where they went. I mean, really guys. You're pathetic. Trust me...lots of people saw it anyway.

Okay...here's a biggie. Are you ready? (I'm not.) The train...yes THE train...the TRAIN to BOSTON...for real (we think) is actually going to happen (maybe).

Now, I know some of you have been perplexed by my silence on the... ah...I can't get the word out.. the-the-t-r-a-i-n to BOSTON!

Well, I grew up in these parts. My whole life that train was coming back. Didn't someone jump in a river or say he'd eat his hat or something promising a train to BOSTON? Like 20 years ago?

So, I just didn't believe it. I'm still skeptical, but, hey, it's got real train tracks now, and real trains that have been running on said tracks, and humans ready to be conductors and passengers, and there are signs (SIGNS) and parking lots and everything! They even set rates.

So, I figured I'd better get something in here or the *Neighb News* would ... would (ugh, dare I say it?), miss the train (I know, it should say boat, but...). Anyway, see page 16 for a story on how the train is supposed to start next month, for real. But, the Feds have to approve one more thing. And, with the Big Buffoon in the White House screwing up things just for fun, who knows?

But, I would be shirking my responsibility as the stellar journalist I am if I didn't let my readers know that THE TRAIN IS COMING! THE TRAIN IS COMING! (probably).

In all seriousness, though. The train will bring problems with it of course. But, it will allow people to get to the good jobs in Boston. No matter how hard we all try, the good jobs are concentrated in the The Hub. It's just not fair that we haven't had a train in 62 years.

My Aunt Cil, who is no longer with us, was a hairdresser in the 50s right up to...probably the 90s. She was a pioneer, for real. She got married late in life, so before she married her lifetime man, she had to make her own way. Most of my aunts (I had an even dozen) worked in the mills at some point. But Aunt Cil had bigger aspirations. I wish I had the sense to ask her more questions when I was a teenager. But I did ask her where she went to get trained. She said Boston. I said, how the hell did you do that? Because, well, I'd seen her drive, y'know? She said...wait for it...there was a train.

Yup, she took that train to Boston every day for weeks and got trained as a hairdresser. Then she opened up Ivy's Beauty Salon on Purchase Street and trained sooo many of a certain age. (You know who you are.) She was a successful business woman when that was a rare thing. God bless her, she was a bona fide pioneer and she didn't even know it. She just did her thing. She lived her life. And she had a belly laugh like no one else. And the train made it possible.

I'm delighted that more people will have that option now (probably). It sure took long enough.

I've always felt that we must've really pissed off Beacon Hill (we meaning New Bedford) back when we were lighting the world with whale oil and then dominating with textiles. I think we must've been arrogant jerks. Because Beacon Hill sure seems to be slamming us for the last 100 years. Or, as I wrote in an op-ed in the Big Conglomerate across the river many years ago...you just can't see the SouthCoast from Beacon Hill.

But we can see you. And now, we can get there (well, maybe, I think, probably, next month, unless...)

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

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our story on the Powder Puff race, we made a mistake on who created the Change.org petition, it was another supporter, not Ms. Price. She has been sharing the petition on social media. We apologize for any confusion our error may have caused.

# Walgreen's is closing a Fairhaven store

By Beth David  
Editor

Walgreen's is closing one of its Fairhaven locations on March 19. The company has two locations in Fairhaven, one at 220 Huttleston Avenue at the corner of Narragansett Boulevard, which will remain open; and one at 85 Huttleston Avenue, at the corner of Holcomb Street.

The 85 Huttleston Avenue location had been a Rite-Aid that was acquired by Walgreen's in 2018. The town has had two locations since then.

In a statement, the company said it had previously announced they were closing 1200 stores across the country as part of their "turn-around strategy."

"Our retail pharmacy business is central to our go-forward business

strategy," reads the statement. "However, increased regulatory and reimbursement pressures are weighing on our ability to cover the costs associated with rent, staffing, and supply needs. It is never an easy decision to close a store. We know that our stores are important to the communities that we serve, and therefore do everything possible to improve the store performance. When closures are necessary, like the one in Fairhaven, we will work in partnership with community stakeholders to minimize customer disruptions. We intend to redeploy the majority of our team members from those stores that we close."

The company said that prescription customers will be notified by

mail and their prescriptions will automatically be transferred to the 220 Huttleston Avenue location.

Customers who get their prescriptions filled at both stores are eligible to receive free delivery for 90 days. They need to speak to the pharmacist to set up that service.

Fairhaven also has a CVS on Route 6 (Huttleston Avenue) at 10 Sarah's Way; a pharmacy at Stop & Shop, 221 Huttleston Avenue. Southcoast Health also has a pharmacy at its medical building on Mill Road.

Fairhaven Pharmacy is an independent pharmacy that is also located in Fairhaven at 72 Main Street. The locally owned shop competes with the chains by offering personalized service and delivery.

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# Select Board sets hearings to possibly discipline Carr, daSilva

By Beth David  
Editor

The Fairhaven Select Board revised its agenda for the 2/10/25 meeting twice, with the last revision posted at 5:30 that day, a half-hour before the meeting was scheduled to start.

The first agenda included two executive sessions to discuss the "discipline or dismissal of, or complaints brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual." One was for Patrick Carr, the chairperson of the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Vice Chair of the Planning Board; the other against Ruy daSilva, the Vice Chair of the ZBA and a PB member.

Both have been embroiled in controversy for months over possible conflicts of interest due to bylaws changes, and more recently, a clash with the School Department over a storage shed being built that would result in the storage containers Mr. Carr leases to the High School no longer being needed. The ZBA stopped that project, siding with abutters who appealed the issuance of the building permit.

The first revision to the 2/10 agenda moved the complaints to open session and added an executive session to discuss legal advice regarding the high school project.

The second revision added an executive session to "discuss possible litigation: Patrick Carr and Ruy daSilva."

Neither Mr. Carr nor Mr. daSilva was at the meeting, and in the end, the open meeting topic was passed over after a lengthy recess while the board met in executive session with Town Counsel.

SB member Andrew Saunders recused himself from discussions involving Mr. Carr, but not Mr. daSilva; SB member Charles Murphy recused himself from discussions involving Mr. daSilva, but not Mr. Carr.

When they returned from executive session, SB chairperson, Stasia Powers, said they would pass over the two items regarding Mr. Carr and Mr. daSilva. They set the date of Wednesday, 2/26, to hold both hearings.

In another matter, the board approved an aquaculture license for

Shawn Skinner. The two-acre site will be in the same area as five other aquaculture sites in Deacon's Cove, in a designated area already mapped out for Aquaculture. The lease is for three years.

The Marine Resources Committee recommended approval.

Mr. Skinner told the board he wants to grow oysters and has been learning from local aquaculture operators. He has been a commercial shellfisherman for 31 years, and will fund the operation himself. He already has two boats he can use.

The vote by the board is just the first step. He will need approvals by state agencies, and then will have to sign a contract with the town.

In another shellfish matter, Harbor-master Tim Cox asked the board to reduce the cost of a shellfish license for non-residents. The fee was increased last year from \$135 to \$275 for non-residents, resulting in a drastic drop in applications and revenue. The point of raising the fee was to increase revenue to the town. However non-residential sales

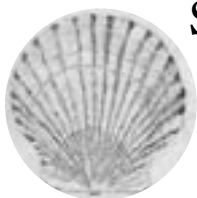
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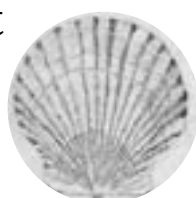
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Featuring handmade crafts, art & photography, farm fresh produce, antiques, books, vintage collectibles. You'll find things for every member of the family at this shaded corner under the trees at Livesey Park, Fairhaven.

Vendors may email: NorthFairhavenMarket@gmail.com. Get more info and applications at <https://northfairhavenmarket.substack.com/> Find them on Facebook.

## At the Shep

The following events will be held at Shepherd Center for Performing Arts, a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization dedicated to supporting local and regional Music, Dance, Theatre and Film, 34 Center St (William St entrance), Fairhaven

- Fri, Feb 14 & Sat, Feb 16, 7:30 pm: Jennifer Palmer directs "Love Letters," by A.R. Gurney, a beautiful story with 2 powerful actors; with delectable Valentine's Day desserts Tickets \$25
- Sun, Feb 16, 3 pm: The Hot Club Cheese Roll performs a vocal and instrumental mix of jazz in the style of "Gypsy Jazz" from 1930's Paris, along with a contemporary song or two. Tickets \$25

Doors open 1/2 hour before shows. For more information and tickets, visit [theshepherdcenter.org](http://theshepherdcenter.org)

## Coffee House

If you're looking for a fun night out with your valentine, the Women's Alliance of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven is presenting The Green Street Band in a coffeehouse-style setting from 7 to 9 p.m. Feb. 15.

This six-piece band of local musicians plays a mix of popular cover tunes from the '50s and beyond, along with some originals by band leader Paul Hadfield. The band's name reflects that three members live on Green Street.

In addition to Hadfield (vocals/guitar), the members are Bruce Benson (lead guitar), Carl Soares (bass guitar), Dave Medeiros

(acoustic guitar/vocals/harmonica), Frank Cairns (lead rhythm guitar/vocals), and John Pacheco (drums).

All seats are first-come, first-served. Doors open at 6:30. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors, at the door. Coffee, tea, and sweets will be available for purchase.

The parish house at 102 Green St. is handicapped accessible via a ramp off the Center Street driveway. For more information about the church, call 508-992-7081 or visit [uufairhaven.org](http://uufairhaven.org).

## 6 Hand Piano

Join Seaglass Theater Company for an afternoon of musical mayhem as three extraordinary pianists come together to present *All Hands on Deck*, works arranged for six hands on a single piano. A Valentine-themed dessert reception will follow the concert. On Sun., 2/16, at 3 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven, 102 Green St., Fairhaven.

The concert stars Angela Gooch, Jodi Goble and Matthew Larson in a rousing display of musicianship and teamwork.

Tickets range from \$25-30.00, and include the dessert reception, and may be purchased online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/manage/collections/3963123/events>

Tickets may also be purchased with cash, credit card, or check the day of the concert.

For more information, please visit [www.seaglasstheater.com](http://www.seaglasstheater.com) or call 508-951-7187.

## Fhvn GOP

Massachusetts and our Nation are at a turning point. A significant political realignment is underway. Our State is moving decisively to the right. Please join the Republican movement of common sense government at the Tues., 2/18, Republican Town Committee meeting. We meet the third Tuesday of each Month at 6pm 32 Abbey Street Fairhaven.

Contact us at [fairhavenrtc@gmail.com](mailto:fairhavenrtc@gmail.com) or call RTC Chair Bob McConnell 508-863-0416

## Black History Mo.

Celebrate Black History Month with the following events.

### Pumphrey Bros. Storytime

Wed., 2/19 from 10:30-11:30 AM,

Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven. Accessible.

Celebrate Black History Month with a special storytime honoring award-winning author-illustrator brothers Jarrett and Jerome Pumphrey! We'll read their books and create our own stamp art inspired by their illustration style. All ages are welcome! Younger children may need adult assistance with the craft.

### Book Discussion

To celebrate Black History Month, the Friends of the Millicent Library will sponsor a discussion of Mark Twain's *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* and Percival Everett's *James*. We will meet in the auditorium of the Millicent Library, 45 Center Street (Walnut Street entrance) at 6:30 on Monday, 2/24.

In 1884, Twain published the story of Huck Finn, his friend Tom Sawyer, and the fugitive slave Jim as they dodged danger and death on the Mississippi River. The book has remained popular, though controversial, ever since.

In 2024, Percival Everett retold their adventures from the point of view of James — as the fugitive slave prefers to be called. This prize-winning novel is as difficult to put down as the original.

You are welcome whether you've read one book, both books — or are just curious.

### Free Film

Join the Millicent Library and the Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven for a special Movie Night during Black History Month! We'll be screening *Sweet Freedom* — a powerful 28-minute historical drama set in 1839 New Bedford, directed by Fairhaven's own Alyssa Botelho. Thurs., 2/27, 6:30-7:30 p.m., in the UUSF auditorium, 102 Green Street across from Millicent Library.

Witness the incredible story of Mary "Polly" Johnson, an Afro-Indigenous confectioner and Underground Railroad station master who risked everything to protect freedom seekers, including Frederick Douglass.

Following the screening, stay for a conversation and Q&A with Alyssa and historian Lee Blake. They'll dive into the film's historical accuracy, its ties to the region, and the importance of honoring unsung heroes like Polly.

## Veteran Speaker

Dan LeBlanc, a local veteran and author of "Deckhouse My Story," will share his life story at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16 at Fort Taber-Fort Rodman Military Museum and Veterans Memorial, 1000Cs Rodney French Blvd., New Bedford.

Dan grew up in a home filled with the love of his mother and the discipline of his father.

His father was a World War II veteran who served on D-Day and was a prisoner of war.

As Dan grew up as a young athlete, he wanted a life in the military and chose the U.S. Marine Corps. He served in Vietnam and returned home with disabling injuries.

He began a new life, only to have roadblocks thrown in his face.

His presentation is part of the museum's winter 2025 historical lecture series.

The talk is free and there is ample free parking. For more information, call 508-994-3938 or e-mail [info@forttaber.org](mailto:info@forttaber.org).

## AHA! Storytelling

Hear the lesser-known stories of New Bedford during AHA! Night, I AM NB on Thurs., 2/13. This is the first of two AHA! Nights highlighting the important, unknown, or under-told stories of the city's past and present shared through spoken word, music, art, film, and more. February's AHA! Night has a special emphasis on Black history in honor of Black History Month. The second part of the series, on March 13th, will have a special focus on Women's History.

Get full schedule at <https://ahanewbedford.org/next-aha/>

## Art Talk & Perf.

FREE FOR ALL. Thurs., 2/13, 6 p.m., at New Bedford Art Museum, 608 Pleasant St. Experience a live performance by Butler Flats Group as they perform songs inspired by Arctic Voices, life at sea, and the maritime trade industry. Then join us for an ArtTALK public lecture titled: 1839 to Now, Photography, Technology and the Fine Arts: The Ever-Shifting Landscape with photographer R.A. Friedman.

Using the photographs from William Bradford's seminal 1869

monograph "The Arctic Regions" as a starting point, and bringing the discussion up to the present day with captures from the Hubble telescope, Philadelphia artist RA Friedman will discuss photography's changing relationship between science and the humanities; its ability to document versus its aesthetic possibilities. The talk will examine how the evolution of technology has influenced both the products of visual art as well its creation. It will look at how shifts in culture and society have impacted how photography is perceived, guiding a dialogue on the future of the art form.

FREE: For tickets, visit <https://tinyurl.com/2dv5pzcj>

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## Free Lobster Days

New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center (FHC) is pleased to announce the return of Lobster Days during February school vacation week. This family-friendly event is designed to educate the public and local youth about Massachusetts' commercial lobster industry. Associated activities include demonstrations and talks by working lobstermen, story time, lobster-themed crafts, and more. Lobster Days 2025 will take place on

Thurs. 2/20, and Fri., 2/21, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.. Admission to the Center is free on both days of the event.

Local lobstermen Dave Casoni and Steve Holler of the Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association will be on hand to answer questions about commercial lobstering and lead lobster biology demonstrations. Participating families will also be able to try their hand at making a lobster hand puppet, get their face painted, and enjoy lobster-themed stories throughout both days. You can learn about all Lobster Days 2025 activities by visiting <https://fishingheritagecenter.org/lobster-days-at-fhc/>

Lobster Days 2025 is made possible through the generous support of the Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

## Dock-U-Mentary

New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center (FHC) and New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park are pleased to announce three upcoming free film screenings as part of the

Dock-u-mentary series. Screened at the National Park auditorium at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford, Dock-u-mentaries is a free film series hosted on every third Friday at 7:00pm from October through April. The films explore a variety of themes and topics related to the commercial fishing industry as well as the history and traditions of the maritime world.

On February 21, FHC will be screening the film *Life by Lobster*. Set against the stunning backdrop of coastal Maine, *Life by Lobster* takes you inside the lives of five young lobstermen who have put everything on the line to pursue the Downeast dream, to own a business, raise a family, and stay true to a proud way of life. On March 21, FHC will be screening the 2019 film *Seadrift*. On April 18, FHC will be screening *A Watershed Moment*.

For more details and registration visit the Fishing Heritage Center's website [events calendar](https://fishingheritagecenter.org/events/calendar): [fishingheritagecenter.org/ calendar](https://fishingheritagecenter.org/calendar).

## At Whale Museum Nautical Myths, Legends & Sea Creatures

The New Bedford Whaling Museum invites families to embark on an unforgettable voyage during February School Vacation Week, from Sat., 2/15 through Sat., 2/22. The Museum's "Nautical Myths, Legends & Sea Creatures" program promises a week filled with interactive activities, engaging storytelling, and hands-on exploration for all ages.

Inspired by illustrations in the Museum's Rare Books Collection, visitors will dive into the wonders of ocean lore and legendary sea creatures. Guests can enjoy museum-wide scavenger hunts, 3D theater experiences, and guided highlight tours throughout the week. To add to the excitement, visitors are encouraged to dress as a daring pirate, enchanting mermaid, or mysterious sea creature for a chance to win a participation prize!

Activities are included as part of general admission, except for the 3D film screenings. Film tickets can be added to your admission purchase.

Visit <https://www.whalingmuseum.org/program/nautical-myths-legends-sea-creatures/>

# HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

## Winter Fest

Newport Winter Festival: Feb. 14-23. The Newport Winter Festival is packed with over 150 events full of food, music and fun! Check out our calendar listing by date to see what is happening each day of the festival. You can also check out our Featured Events page to help you plan your festival week! Every event listed with a \* (snowflake) is a family friendly event so join us for them all!

Visit <https://www.newportwinterfestival.com/online-ordering> for ticket prices. Bracelets are \$10 and offer discounts grant access to amazing discounts at all festival events.

## GOP Mattapoissett

The Mattapoissett Republican Town Committee (MRTC) welcomes members, guests and community members to join us on Thurs., 2/20 for Pizza & Movie Night. Socializing from 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM with Pizza, cash bar, and light snacks available. At 6:30 the MRTC will commence the meeting to discuss upcoming town elections and the importance of supporting our candidates. At 7:00 pm we are excited to present a screening of "Am I a Racist." The movie is a 2024 American satirical documentary comedy film starring conservative political commentator Matt Walsh. Walsh goes deep undercover in the world of diversity, equity, and inclusion exposing the grift and uncovering the absurdities through hidden social experiments. Please join us to challenge the mainstream narrative and engage in meaningful conversation.

At the Niemad Facility, 57 Fairhaven Rd., Mattapoissett, MA. If you have any questions contact Chairperson Paul Criscuolo, [PCMattyGOP@proton.me](mailto:PCMattyGOP@proton.me)

## At Acushnet Library

The following events are at the Acushnet Public Library, 232 Middle Road. Visit <https://acupl.org>

**Intro to Birding: Birding Past & Present Sat., 2/15, Noon-1:30 p.m.** Mass Audubon will lead the Intro to Birding: Birding Past & Present program. This program will introduce you to birding basics, from identifying bird families to the various available

tools and resources. Find out what makes birds unique in the animal kingdom, where and how to locate birds in urban, suburban, and rural communities, and learn about basic bird biology and behavior. Join one of the fastest-growing hobbies in North America. All ages are welcome.

**Movie Matinee Mon., 2/24, 2-4 p.m** Join us in the Community Room for a movie. Please bring a covered beverage and a snack if you wish. The Movie Matinee is for ages 18+. This month's movie is *Hidden Figures*.

As the United States raced against Russia to put a man in space, NASA found untapped talent in a group of African-American female mathematicians who were the brains behind one of the most significant operations in U.S. history. Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, and Katherine Johnson crossed all gender, race, and professional lines. In contrast, their brilliance and desire to dream big, beyond anything ever accomplished by the human race, firmly cemented them as true American heroes in U.S. history.

## Maple Days

Old Sturbridge Village welcomes February with new events, a new exhibit, and many favorite programs returning this month.

Included with standard daytime admission on select dates in February and March, guests can see the entire sugar-making process, from tapping the trees to "sugaring off," and learn why maple sugar was more commonly used than maple syrup in early New England. Costumed historians will also cook period foods made with maple products and the tinner and cooper will make maple-related items.

Maple Days are Feb 19 through March 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. In addition, guests can stop by the Miner Grant Store and the Ox & Yoke Mercantile to purchase a variety of maple-themed items. Find maple syrup, maple candy, maple-themed books, maple-scented soaps and lotions, and more!

Additional winter season events include walking through historic buildings, engaging with our costumed historians, and seeing heritage-breed animals. Guests are encouraged to reserve tickets in advance for their date of arrival.

Tickets and information can be found online: <https://www.osv.org/event/maple-days/>

## SAVE THE DATES: Free Gospel Choir

The Mattapoissett Museum and the Trustees of the Mattapoissett Christian Church at 5 Church Street are proud to bring back, by popular demand, Tabor Academy's Celebration Gospel Choir on Thurs. 2/27, 6:30pm. This is a free event and open to the public; no registration is needed. The Tabor Celebration Gospel Choir is a 20-voice choir, composed of faculty, staff, and students. It was founded in January, 2023 and had its debut at Tabor Academy's MLK Jr. 2023 chapel service.

The Choir is led by Tyrone Black, Associate Head of School at Tabor Academy. Its members sing mostly traditional gospel music with a few contemporary pieces.

Most of the songs are from the late 20th and early 21st century. They will range from old traditional pieces such as God Is by the Late Reverend James Cleveland, to more contemporary pieces called Glory Glory by New Direction. The Choir will also sing a piece with a Caribbean flare, entitled He Reigns Forever.

## At the MAC

The following events are at the Marion Art Center, 80 Pleasant St., Marion; Register at [marionartcenter.org/events](http://marionartcenter.org/events).

### February School Vacation

The MAC will once again host school vacation workshops for ages 5-8 years old. The cost for each workshop is \$35 for MAC members and \$40 for nonmembers. Instructors Benares Angeley and Aylin Cetik will guide your child through the following activities:

**Circus Camp Mon., 2/17, 10:00am-12:00pm:**

**Science & Art Tues. 2/18, 10:00am-12:00pm:**

**Playful Prints Tues., 2/18, 2:00-4:00pm:**

**Mixed Up & Messy! Wed., 2/19 10:00am-12:00pm: .**

**Faces & Places Wed., 2/19, 2:00-4:00pm:**

**Who Let the Bugs Out?! Thurs., 2/20 2:00-4:00pm:**

# Time is running out to run for local office

Nomination papers for town elected in Acushnet are still available, but Fairhaven is all closed up.

Fairhaven's election is on Monday, 4/7/25. Acushnet's election is on Tuesday, 4/22/25.

## Acushnet

February 28 is the last day to take out nomination papers.

So far there are no contested races, but there is the possibility of a contested Selectboard race. Incumbent Robert Hinckley has taken out papers for his seat on the SB., and

former police chief Christopher Richmond also took out papers. Neither one had returned them by press time.

All elected boards have seats up for reelection, including: Selectboard, Board of Assessors, Board of Health, two School Committee seats, two Commissioner of Trust seats, Cemetery Board, Park Commissioner, Planning Commissioner, Tree Warden.

Candidates must collect 42 certified signatures from registered voters.

The Town Clerk's office will be open until 5 p.m.

on the following deadline dates: 2/28/25, the last day to request; 3/4/25, the last day to file papers.

The last day to register to vote in the 4/22 election is Friday, 4/11.

For more information, contact the Acushnet Town Clerk at 508-998-0215.

## Fairhaven

February 12 was the deadline for requesting papers in Fairhaven, past our press time. It is possible someone pulled papers after we went to print. Deadline for returning papers is 2/14, so the field will not be set until then.

So far Fairhaven has four contested races. There are two people running for one seat on the Select Board: Natalie Mello and Rick Trapilo. Incumbent Stasia Powers is not running for re-election. Fairhaven's School Committee has four people running for two seats: Incumbents Brendalee Smith and Erik Anderson; Kelly Ochoa, Pattie Pacella. Planning Board has three possible candidates for two seats: Incumbent Cathy Melanson, Sean Powers, Miles Grant. Mr. Powers has not returned papers. Board of Health has two candidates for one seat: Incumbent Brian Meneses, Cristina Lopes. Mr. Meneses has not returned papers.

Last day to register to vote for the 4/7/25 annual town election is 3/5/25.

For more information, contact the Fairhaven Town Clerk's Office, at 508-979-4023 ext. 3.

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## Supportive Social Day Program

Supportive Social day Program is a structured and supervised program for seniors in need of socialization or for those who may have cognitive disabilities. Persons who are 60 and older, who are independent with eating, ambulation, medication administration, continent, are not an elopement risk, Please contact Sally Bourke or Debra Chmiel at 508-993-9455 for further information.

## Mall Trips

Reservations accepted for mall trips at beginning the 15th of the prior month. There is a \$6 charge unless otherwise noted. Please bring exact amount. The van leaves the Fairhaven Senior Center promptly at 9: 2/19, Providence Place; 2/26, So. Shore Plaza; 3/5, Twin River Casino; 3/12, Warwick Mall; Providence Place Mall.

## Walking Schedule

Walk with friends at the Rec Center gym next door from 12–12:30 p.m., Monday–Friday. FREE

## Join Us for Lunch

We serve lunch every weekday at 11:30 a.m. To schedule a lunch, call the day before by 10 a.m. Voluntary donation of \$3 (Please note price chance). To let us know you want to join us, and to arrange for a ride, call 508-979-4029.

## Monday Movie Matinee

**Feb. 24, 12:15 p.m.** Featuring *Love at First Sight*. Romance. On their flight from New York to London, Hadley and Oliver fall in love with each other. However, they lose each other at customs and the possibility of ever meeting again seems improbable, but destiny may have a way of changing the odds.

If you would like lunch before the movie at 11:30 a.m., please call the center the Thursday before to reserve a meal, 508-979-4029. \$3 donation towards the meal. The movie is free.

## Memory Cafe

Feb. 27, 11:30–1:30. Please call to reserve a spot by Feb. 24.

A Memory Cafe is a gathering that individuals with early to moderate

Alzheimer's or other memory loss and their care partner, family or friends can attend. It's a time and place where everyone can interact, find support, establish friendships and share concerns without feeling embarrassed or misunderstood.

Lunch is pork with mushroom cream sauce, rice pilaf. There will be musical entertainment by Tony & Pat following lunch and socializing.

Space is limited. Please sign up by 2/24 at 508-979-4029.

## AARP Tax-Aide

AARP TaxAide IRS Certified Volunteers will be in Fairhaven filing federal and state taxes starting in February until April 15, 9 a.m. to noon.

Please call 508-979-4029 for an appointment. This is a free service.

## Legal Help

Free 15-minute consultation with Atty. Suzanne Seguin. Call the center for info, 508-979-4029.

South Coastal Counties Legal Services, advocates for older adults, 508-979-7150.

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## Kool Kids February Vacation

Get ready for a fantastic time at the February Vacation program.

Designed for children in kinder-

garten through 6th grade, each day is packed with fun activities, including games, team building challenges, STEAM projects and art.

Your child will make new friends and create lasting memories. Don't forget to pack a lunch, snacks, a reusable water bottle, and be sure to wear comfy clothes and sneakers!

Program runs Feb 18th-22 (Tuesday-Friday) 8am-4pm Member \$42, non member \$45. per day Fairhaven Recreation Staff

## Sweet Creations

Ages 8-11. Join us for a delightful baking journey! In this engaging 4 week program, children will learn baking fundamentals, creativity and teamwork. Hands-on baking and decorating, new recipes each week! Each participant will receive measuring cups & spoons of their very own along with printed recipes

of what they made in the program. Cookies explored will be no bake, bars and drop cookies. Best of all they get to bring home their tasty treats. Please inform us of any food allergies at sign up. (Thursdays) Feb 20th-Mar 13th 4 weeks 4-5:30pm

Members \$50. Nonmembers \$55

## Build Your Own Solar Robot

Build explore and take home your very own Solar Fleet Robot! This hands-on science adventure from Minds in Motion will ignite your curiosity as you create six unique solar-powered lunar models, including Space station, Space dog, Space shuttle Astronaut and more! Join us for this exciting journey into the world of solar energy, space exploration and creativity.

Saturdays 9-12pm March 8&15th Member \$140./ Non-member\$150.

# Recipe of the Week

## Game Day Chili

- 2 lb lean (80%+) ground beef
- 1 med onion, chopped (1/2 cup)
- 3-4 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1-2 tsps ground cayenne pepper
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 can (6 oz) organic tomato paste
- 1 3/4 cups beef-flavored broth
- 1 bottle (12 oz) dark regular or nonalcoholic beer
- 3 cans (8 oz each) Muir Glen™ organic tomato sauce
- 2 cans (15 oz each) pinto beans, drained, rinsed
- 1 can (4 oz) Chopped Green Chiles, undrained
- Toppings, if desired: Sour cream, Shredded Cheddar cheese, Lime wedges

In 5-6 quart Dutch oven, cook beef, onion and garlic over med. heat 8-10 minutes, stirring occasionally, until beef is thoroughly cooked; drain.

Add chili powder, cumin, red pepper and paprika; cook 1 minute. Stir in tomato paste; cook 1 minute. Add remaining chili ingredients; stir until combined. Heat to boiling; reduce heat to low. Cover; simmer 2 hours. Serve with desired toppings.



# Dear Frankie

## When Bad Things Happen for No Good Reason

*Dear Frankie,*  
What do you say to a friend who can't get a break?

In October, my friend Apple was out for a walk, and a dog charged and bit her in the leg. Besides being in shock, she could barely walk for a week.

In November, when she was walking home from the park, a disheveled man who was talking to himself approached her and kicked her in the stomach. She was badly bruised and laid up for weeks.

In December, while crossing the street at a green light, a car came careening around the corner and hit her, and she had to go to the veterinarian hospital in an animal control van. No bones were broken, but she was bruised from head to toe

and a mental wreck.

Whenever I visit her, she asks me to tell her what she did she do to cause these terrible things to happen to her. I don't think she did anything to cause them, and I don't know what to say to make her feel better.

*Sligo*

*Dear Sligo,*

Wow, what a string of bad events. I can only imagine how scary they were for her.

First, let her know how sorry you feel for her and understand how scary these events would be for anyone. Tell her she didn't do anything to cause these incidents. Unfortunately, she was just in the wrong place at the wrong time. Encourage her to walk with a friend until she can regain her confidence. Offer to accompany her when she decides to go out again.

*Best, Frankie*

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dropped from 45 to nine, resulting in a decrease from \$6075 to \$1935 in actual fees collected.

The Marine Resources Committee approved a recommendation to the SB to charge \$175 for a non-resident shellfish license. It is still an increase from the \$135, but not as drastic.

In his letter to the board, MRC Chairperson, Michael McNamara, said residential permit sales also dropped, from 283 to 191. He said the board believes the drop in sales is due to a combination of the frequent shellfish closures last year, and the "extreme fee increases."

The fee for Fairhaven residents increased from \$30 to \$50 last year. The MRC did not recommend any changes to that fee.

In other business, board members named their choices to be on the Town Administrator Search Committee. The board had decided that each of the five members would pick and person, and the Board of Public Works and School Department would also have a representative on the committee.

Ms. Powers chose Pam Kuechler, a

former, long time School Committee member and chairperson; SB Vice Chair Charlie Murphy chose former Harbormaster David Darmofal; SB clerk Andrew Saunders chose Finance Committee member Ken Blanchard; SB member Andrew Romano chose former Town Administrator Mark Rees; and SB member Keith Silvia chose former Fairhaven Executive Secretary Jeff Osuch.

The committee will work in conjunction with a professional search firm.

Interim TA, George Samia, told the board he had three possibilities. He and Mr. Romano will interview the firms that are interested working with the town and make a recommendation to the full board which will then vote to pick one.

The board also talked what needs and priorities they should discuss with newly elected State Rep. Mark Sylvia, who will be at a meeting soon to learn what the town needs.

Mr. Saunders reiterated his oft-mentioned comment that the state needs to give more aid to municipalities. He said the state has

\$8 billion in its rainy day fund and the interest alone would go a long way to help cities and towns.

"We can't cut our way out of it anymore," said Ms. Powers. "It's an unending challenge."

The board also said they would discuss funds for housing with Mr. Sylvia; and regionalization possibilities.

In another matter, the board appointed three people to fill the sudden vacancies on the Conservation Commission. Four people had expressed interest, but Justin Methia did not attend the meeting, so the board was not able to ask him questions.

They appointed local business owner, Karyn Ferreira; local realtor Diane Tomassetti, who is also on the Planning Board; and Karen Goodhue, who said she decided at the last minute to apply.

The SB also appointed Melanie Jansky to the Sustainability Committee.

There are a number of openings on a variety of boards. To earn more visit <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/volunteeropportunities>

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## Kids enjoy a bit of tubing in rare snowfall this season



The region saw about 4" of snow this Sunday, a rare occurrence this winter. This is the first snow that we couldn't just ignore. It was enough to need plowing and shoveling and the temperatures stayed well below freezing so it is still not about to melt anytime soon. The forecast predicts a dusting to one inch over the weekend, but nothing significant. At Fort Phoenix, the *Neighb News* missed some of the bigger kids from earlier in the day, but we caught the Cornier family enjoying some tubing and sledding on one of the smaller hills. ABOVE LEFT: Bronx (L) and Matthew Cornier get a shove down the hill at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven from their father, Matthew Sr., while mom, Brittany supervises after the region saw about four inches of snow on 2/9/25. ABOVE RIGHT: Matthew Cornier, Sr., takes a turn down the hill solo after a shove from his dad. BELOW LEFT: Bronx Cornier goes down the hill solo. BELOW RIGHT: Matthew Cornier gives a thumbs up to the photographer as he goes down the hill solo. *Photos by Beth David.*



## New PR for local candidates

In addition to the traditional candidate statements, the *Neighb News* will begin to list non-fundraising events that candidates are holding, such as meet-and-greets and sign holding.

For now, candidates may submit up to 100 words to announce events that are free to voters and do not involve fund-raising.

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# ORR/FHS hockey team celebrates Senior Day with a win



Old Rochester Regional/Fairhaven High School Boys Hockey celebrated Senior Day on Saturday, 2/8, at Tabor Academy. The Bulldogs Co-op team defeated a very physical Plymouth South team by a 2-0 shutout. Tucker Roy recorded his second shutout of the season, and the ORR/Fairhaven boys improved to 9-7 on the season. ABOVE LEFT: ORR/FHS captain Caleb Bousquet (19) knocks a Plymouth South defenseman off his skates in an effort to get to a loose puck in front of the Plymouth South net during the game on 2/8/25 when the ORR/FHS Bulldogs won 2-0. ABOVE RIGHT: Tucker Roy covers the puck while his teammate defenseman Thomas Carrico (16) treats him to a shower of snow during the first period. BELOW LEFT: ORR/FHS goaltender Tucker Roy covers up the puck as a Plymouth South forward attempts to grab the rebound. BELOW RIGHT: ORR/FHS forward Michael Brown (27), puts the brakes on in the Plymouth South end of the ice in the final moments of the game. BOTTOM LEFT L-R: Fairhaven High Seniors, Justin Marques, Jarrod Frates, Nate Lewis, Michael Brown, and Gavin Austin. BOTTOM RIGHT: ORR/FHS center Chase Almeida (17) reacts when his team takes an early 1-0 lead during the first period. Photos courtes of Bruce David.



# Avarie Vaughan is Acushnet's 351 Ambassador

## Press Release

Superintendent Dr. Paula Bailey and Albert F. Ford Middle School Principal Michelle Silvia are proud to announce that eighth grader Avarie Vaughan represented Acushnet Public Schools in Boston on 1/25/25 as Project 351 kicked off a year of youth-led service.

Avarie has been named an eighth-grade service Ambassador, joining representatives from the Commonwealth's other 350 communities.

"Avarie Vaughan was chosen to represent Acushnet because she shows empathy and a willingness to help those in need," said Principal Silvia. "She treats others with respect and inclusivity. And she is always looking to build positive relationships with peers and our school community."

On 1/25, the student Ambassadors were joined by Massachusetts Gov. Maura Healey, Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll, state Secretary of Education Patrick Tutwiler, and other community leaders for a day of service and celebration in Boston.

"The young people who serve with Project 351 are great examples of what makes Massachusetts a leader in so many important ways," said Gov. Healey. "These Ambassadors demonstrate what is possible when we work together to make the changes we all want to see in our own

communities. I'm proud to join them as they embark on this important year of leadership and service."

Project 351, a nonprofit organization, annually unites a class of unsung heroes for a transformative year of leadership development, enrichment, and impact through unifying statewide service campaigns.

"We're so proud Avarie represented us in Boston," said Dr. Bailey.



Albert F. Ford Middle eighth grader Avarie Vaughan represented Acushnet in Boston on 1/25/25, as Project 351 kicked off a year of youth-led service. Photo courtesy Acushnet Public Schools.

"I can't wait to hear about the community service ideas she brought back to Acushnet from the Project 351 celebration. And I can't wait to see those ideas implemented in our schools."

This year, Project 351 celebrates its 15th year with a collective social impact on more than 1.4 million lives. Project 351's annual Launch celebration honored the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King.

"It's inspiring to see the incredible passion of these young people at work in their schools and communities," said Lt. Gov. Driscoll. "With every service project that is undertaken, a ripple effect travels across the state, impacting thousands of lives and strengthening the bonds that connect us all."

Launch Day kicked off 12 months of leadership development through Alumni mentorship and enrichment through Project 351's Service Leadership Academy. Through Project 351, Ambassadors develop the skills and confidence to mobilize their hometowns in service campaigns that address critical issues including hunger, clothing insecurity, and educational equity.

On Launch Day, Ambassadors traveled from across the state to convene at the John F. Kennedy

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## Kuechler Supports Ochoa

Fellow voters,

I am reaching out to you all to ask you for your consideration in support of Kelly Ochoa for School Committee. Over the years I have had the privilege of seeing the good work Kelly does and I am confident she is ready for this new role.

I met Kelly as a fellow parent on the playground. Early on I could see her passion and compassion for doing what's best for the children around her. As our children grew, and her career moved forward, I could see her passion for the students she taught and the children she knew.

As an educator I believe she understands the role of the school committee, as well as understanding the challenges that face school committees in difficult budget times. She does a great job of listening to all aspects of a situation to make the

## From our readers

best decision possible. She brings an educator's perspective to the table, while being open to other points of view to help make the best possible decisions in the current landscape.

I know she believes in equity for all and doing what is best for our community. That is why she gets one of my votes for school committee on April 7th. I hope you will cast one of your votes for her too.

*Pam Kuechler, Fairhaven*

## Mello is Intelligent, Capable

Natalie Mello has our respect and support for the position on the Fairhaven Select Board.

She brings a vast background of personal and professional skills which will benefit the town. She has been active in this community on the Historical Commission, the Community Preservation Committee and as a substitute teacher and town meeting member.

She was an elected member of a regional school committee for five years. She has served on the Board of Directors for numerous nonprofits. Professionally, her career centered around higher education where she was recognized for her expertise in education abroad.

We have been residents of this beautiful town for 10 years. One of our first "welcomers" was Natalie Mello. We have since come to know Natalie as an extremely intelligent, capable, hard-working woman. She is very approachable and open to ideas and is willing to stand up to express her opinion.

Her education, work and volunteer experience lend themselves well to this position. Fairhaven is fortunate that she is willing to step up to benefit the town that she loves.

*Gail Costello and  
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# THE TRAIN IS COMING! THE TRAIN IS COMING! (We think)

Press Release from "State Senator Mark Montigny

Senator Mark Montigny (D-New Bedford) has championed the South-coast Rail project since its inception, authoring the project's key enabling law and vital capital funding that jumpstarted the project for the Greater New Bedford region. In particular, Montigny's laws included the project's very first environmental impact study as well as the later primary work for the design, permitting, and construction from New Bedford and Fall River to the Cotely Junction in Taunton along with over \$250 million in state bonding authority.

Given the extensive history of this project, along with its many starts and stops, the public is eager to see train service finally commence in New Bedford. On 2/7, T officials informed Senator Montigny that passenger service will begin on March 24, 2025.

"Given the many false promises over decades, many residents reasonably remained skeptical of Southcoast Rail, but we can finally say that the trains are rolling into

New Bedford," said Senator Montigny. "I greatly appreciate that General Manager Eng listened to my concerns last year and has since ensured a firm timeline, fares, and schedules. Although important to the economic development of the region, South-coast Rail carries with it the very real unintended risks of unaffordable housing and gentrification that we warned about and will continue to increase over time. As rail begins to unlock new opportunities for our community, we must also remain focused on addressing these concerns."

As of now, all project infrastructure construction is complete, and the MBTA recently completed an extensive testing phase for the route's positive control system. The MBTA also submitted all required documents to the Federal Railroad Administration.

## Where are the Stations?

All six stations are completed. Stations are fully accessible. They are: East Taunton Station site, 1141 County Street, Taunton; Church Street Station site, 387 Church Street,

New Bedford; New Bedford Station site, Acushnet Avenue (at Whale's Tooth Parking Lot), New Bedford; Fall River Depot site, 825 Davol Street, Fall River; Freetown Station site, 153 South Main Street, Assonet; Middleborough Station site, 161 South Main Street, Middleborough

The new stations are in Zone 8, meaning a one-way fare to Boston will cost \$12.25 with a reduced rate at \$6 for seniors and the disabled. Weekend and federal holiday fares are \$10. The train is free for children under 11, individuals who are legally blind, police, firefighters, and military personnel. A total of 32 daily trips will run to and from South Station. There will be a total of 15 trips on the Fall River line and 17 trips on the New Bedford Line with a total of 32 trips between South Station and East Taunton. There will be a total of 26 trips between South Station and East Taunton on the weekends. The MBTA anticipates trains to run every 70 minutes on weekdays and every 2 hours on the weekends.

The trip from New Bedford to

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South Station should take about 90 minutes.

Parking will cost \$4 per day on weekdays and \$2 per day on weekends and holidays—the same parking rate as similar Commuter Rail stations.

Late night service will be offered to South Coast Rail stations with the last train leaving Boston just before midnight.

It is the first time in 65 years that New Bedford will have train service to Boston.

Learn more at <https://www.mbta.com/projects/south-coast-rail>

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"Project 351 is powered by the idealism and ideas of 8th-grade change makers," said Carolyn Casey, Project 351 Founder and Executive Director. "As we welcome our 5,588th Ambassador, we celebrate the transformative good made possible when we unite in common cause. And we uplift the values they stand for — kindness, compassion, and respect for the dignity of all."

Learn more about Project 351 at <https://project351.org>

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## Upcoming Meetings

### Fairhaven

#### Board of Public Works

Mon., 2/24 Arsene St., 6 p.m.

#### Charter Committee

Thurs., 2/13, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

#### Commission on Disability

Thurs., 2/13, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

#### Conservation Commission

Mon., 2/24, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

#### Livable Streets

Thurs., 2/13, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

#### Planning Board

Tues., 2/25, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

#### School Committee

Wed., 2/26, FHS Lib., 6:30 p.m.

#### Select Board

Mon., 2/10, Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.

#### Town Mtg Advisory

Wed., 2/19, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Acushnet

#### Master Plan Subcomm

Thurs., 2/13, Police Station, 6 p.m.

#### Selectboard

Tues., 2/25, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

#### Planning Board

Thurs., 2/6, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### TIDE TABLE

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

	Feb. 2025	HIGH a.m. p.m.		LOW a.m. p.m.	
Thursday	13	0815	2039	0234	1455*
Friday	14	0856	2119	0240	1450*
Saturday	15	0935	2157	0259	1508*
Sunday	16	1014	2238	0325	1533*
Monday	17	1056	2323	0356	1603*
Tuesday	18	1143	---	0431	1637
Wednesday	19	0013	1235	0513	1720
Thursday	20	0104	1327	0612	1817
Friday	21	0156	1420	0720	1921
Saturday	22	0253	1524	0824	2022
Sunday	23	0359	1631	0933	2126
Monday	24	0458	1724	1042	2232

\*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft.  
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## FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, February 25, 2025 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, February 25, 2025, 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](http://fairhaventv.com). To Join the Meeting from home Log on to:

<https://zoom.us/j/93163358101?pwd=NXg5WnUxZ3lLK3drSVBMM2JPTXE0QT09>

or call 1-929-205-6099 - Meeting ID: 931 6335 8101 - Passcode: 740257

Live on Fairhaven TV Channel 18 and [fairhaventv.com](http://fairhaventv.com)

The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following applications: SP25-02 Walmart – TKG Fairhaven Commons LLC, the owner of 42 Fairhaven Commons Way, requests a special permit to modify the existing parking striping and signage and increase the number of pickup parking spaces. The property is located at Map 26 Lot 13.

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. 8128 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: 2/6/25, 2/13/25

## Notice of Amendment to Fairhaven Tobacco Control Regulation

The Fairhaven Board of Health unanimously voted to adopt new tobacco regulations entitled "Restricting the Sale of Tobacco and Nicotine Delivery Products" at their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday January 15, 2025, following a Public Hearing held on Wednesday December 18, 2024. The regulation changes include but are not limited to: the addition of language from the 2020 state law change (105 CMR 665), prohibition of smoking bars, increase in the minimum pricing for cigar sales, and more.

A copy of the regulations is available for pickup at the Fairhaven Board of Health office (40 Center St. Fairhaven, MA 02719) or on the Fairhaven Board of Health website [www.fairhaven-ma.gov/board-health/news/tobacco-regulations-2025](http://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/board-health/news/tobacco-regulations-2025)

The new regulations will go into effect on March 1, 2025.

FNN 2/6/25, 2/13/25

## TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

ENGINEERING & RESIDENT INSPECTOR SERVICES. HEDGE STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (PHASE 4)

The Town of Fairhaven seeks qualifications for engineering as well as resident inspector services for its 2024 CDBG funded project, Hedge Street Improvements, Phase 4. The set fee is a total of \$66,000.00

The Town must receive a PDF (.pdf) format electronic copy of any proposal by email to the attention of Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent at [bpw@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:bpw@fairhaven-ma.gov)

fairhaven-ma.gov no later than 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 27, 2025. It is the responsibility of the respondent to confirm actual receipt of the proposal. The Town reserves the right to reject any Proposals deemed not to be in its best interest and waive minor technicalities.

Complete specifications and proposal requirements are available at the Fairhaven Board of Public Works, 5 Arsene Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719 Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. and email by contacting Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent, Phone: (508) 979-4030, [bpw@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:bpw@fairhaven-ma.gov).

The Town of Fairhaven is an EOE employer and encourages Women and Minority-owned businesses to submit proposals.

Board of Public Works for Fairhaven, MA  
FNN 2/13/25, 20/20/25

## Announcement:

The following bylaw changes which were accepted at the Fairhaven Annual Town Meeting which convened on May 4, 2024 have been approved by the Office of the Attorney General, are published herewith in accordance with the current regulations. Claims of invalidity of any of the amendments to the bylaw by reason of any defect in the procedure of the adoption or replacement may only be made within ninety days of this announcement.

Previously published on 12/19/2024 and 1/9/2025.

Copies of the bylaw may be examined at the Town Clerk's Office, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA

### ARTICLE 20 AMEND BYLAWS ZONING AND PLANNING

#### MOTION 6

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to amend Bylaws Chapter 65 as written in the warrant.

#### MOTION 7

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to amend Bylaws Chapter 306 as written in the warrant.

#### MOTION 8

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to amend Bylaws Chapter 316 as amended on the floor.

#### MOTION 9

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to amend Bylaws Chapter 322 as written in the warrant.

Elisabeth E. Horan, Interim Town Clerk, Fairhaven  
Previously Published  
FNN, 2/13/25, 2/20/23.

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven

### Conservation Commission

Monday, February 24, 2025 at 6:00pm  
Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

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

Anyone wishing to access the meeting via remote means may do so in the following manner:

Join Zoom Meeting:

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Meeting ID: 869 5315 5076

Passcode: 633695

Or call: 1-929-205-6099

In-person attendance is permitted for the public at Town Hall at 40 Center Street

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. CON 023-484: 2 Oxford Street, Map 13, Lot 001 Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Robert & Nina Weeks to install an in-ground pool, spa, and pool house. Portion of property located in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, FEMA Flood Zone VE (El. 6') and Buffer Zone to Coastal Beach at Assessor's Map 13, Lot 001.

b. SE 023-\_\_\_, CON 023-485: Ebony Street, Map 43C, Lot 389-400 Notice of Intent filed by Mike Ristuccia for proposed septic with wastewater denitrification system. Property contains Bordering Vegetated Wetlands, Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, FEMA Flood Zone VE (El. 17'), and NHESP Priority Habitats at Assessor's Map 43C, Lots 389-400.

c. CON 023-486: 40 Whisper Lane, Map 42A, Lot 164 Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Jeremy & Aislinn Ewing to enclose 14' x 8' open patio in rear of house. Portion of lot located within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, FEMA Flood Zone VE (El.17') at Assessor's Map 42A, Lot 164.

d. SE 023-1476, CON 023-454: 27 Silver Shell Beach Drive, Map 41, Lot 54 Notice of Intent filed by Nancy Blouin to place u-shaped driveway in front yard with a garden in the center. Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, FEMA Flood Zone VE (El.19'), Buffer Zone to Coastal Dune and Buffer Zone to Coastal Beach at Assessor's Map 41, Lot 54.

e. CON 023-457: 67 Nakata Avenue, Map 43, Lot 100 Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Dupre, Inc. to excavate, grade area and install concrete slab on top of seawall. Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, FEMA Flood Zone VE (El.17') and Buffer Zone to Coastal Beach at Assessor's Map 43, Lot 100.

f. CON 023-458: 69 Nakata Avenue, Map 43, Lot 99 Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Dupre, Inc. to install concrete pad land side of seawall. Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, FEMA Flood Zone VE (El. 17') and Buffer Zone to Coastal Beach at Assessor's Map 43, Lot 99.

The agenda will be posted on the Town's website at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Copies of the applications and site plans 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 under current filings.

Jake Galary, Acting Chair,  
Fairhaven Conservation Commission  
FNN: 2/13/25

## Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday March 4th, at 6:00 p.m.  
Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts  
Public Hearing In-Person in Banquet Room or via Zoom

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or call 1-929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 941 1513 7952

Passcode: 361259

1. REF#: ZBA-025-024: 481 Sconticut Neck Rd, Map 29, Lot 027. Applicant and Owner: Bradley Johnson. Applicant is seeking special permit for 8' fence instead of 6' fence, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-19B Use Regulation Schedule.

Patrick Carr, Chair, Fairhaven ZBA  
FNN: 2/13/25, 2/20/25

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Come and meet Rick, learn more about him and enjoy appetizers Thursday, February 20 from 5:00 - 7:30PM at Traveler's Alehouse, 111 Huttleston Ave in Fairhaven. Suggested donation of \$25 for the event.

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