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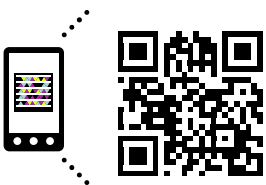
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Teeming with information you need.  
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

## It's almost time...almost



Pope Park in Acushnet saw the first signs of summer on Sunday, 3/16/25, when the Fairhaven/Acushnet 11U Bolts hosted the Brian Rose Baseball 11U Bulldogs. ABOVE: James Reardon of the BRB 11U team steals second base as Fairhaven/Acushnet Bolts shortstop Seth Couto leaps for the baseball while teammate Brantley Soucy (24) backs up the play during a pre-season scrimmage game on Sunday, 3/16/25, at Pope Park in Acushnet, when the Bolts fell short 10-1. See page 11. Photo by Bruce David.



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*"The security of the Nation is not at the ramparts alone. Security also lies in the value of our free institutions. A cantankerous press, an obstinate press, a ubiquitous press must be suffered by those in authority in order to preserve the even greater values of freedom of expression and the right of the people to know."*

# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.



Publisher Beth David with  
Charlie, aka Evil Dog

So, the train, right? On 3/24? Right? Hmm...I'll let you know. I need to see it for myself. Maybe I even need to get on the stupid thing before I believe it.

Election day is getting close, so this week's issue, naturally, has lots of letters and candidate stuff. See pages 12 and 13 for statements from School Committee candidates.

And on page 11, a little more about the baseball kids. I wish I had room for more pictures, but, it is election season. In any case, it's a sign that spring is just about here. Just a few days to that first day of spring.

And on page 3 a story about White Christian Nationalism, which found its way into our local election.

After some contact with a few people, it became clear that as soon as people saw the word "Christian" they felt their religion was being attacked. This is not the case.

White Christian Nationalism is a specific thing, and it has nothing to do with the kind of life Jesus Christ told you to live. Really, people, everyone needs to stop the knee-jerk reactions to stuff. White Christian Nationalism is a racist, sexist white supremacist ideology. They believe only White Christians should be full citizens of this great country of ours that was founded on the promise equality.

They do not believe in the separation of church and state, which is the most foundational of principles creating our great country. They want us to become like the crazy-countries ruled by religious zealots.

Well, we are a pluralistic society, and our diversity isn't going anywhere. But, with what we see happening in DC with the Big Buffoon, I think we cannot just write off this stuff. This thinking is dangerous. It's un-American. We all need to understand it for what it is, and recognize it when it rears its ugly head.

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

Until next week then, see ya,

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

# What is White Christian Nationalism?

By Beth David

Editor

What is White Christian Nationalism? The political ideology has made its way into our local election this cycle, with people here making the same mistake as nationally: confusing this political ideology with Christianity.

White Christian Nationalism (WCN) is not the practice of Christianity, it is a political belief that America should be for White Christian males and everyone else is a second class citizen. It does not believe in the separation of church and state, and seeks to undermine any institution, law or regulation that supports a secular nation.

The website of Americans United for Separation of Church and State explains about WCN: "While they're sometimes openly aligned with racist movements, their ultimate goal is seen as a branch of white supremacy because it would result in a society governed by conservative white Christian men who would make decisions for everyone else."

Unfortunately, when people see the word "Christianity," they often react as though their faith is being attacked, and not a political ideology that is rooted in racism and sexism.

The *Neighb News* received a couple of off-the-record missives about Select Board candidate, Natalie Mello, who co-led an information session about WCN at the Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven (the Unitarian Memorial Church on Green Street) with the Rev. Maria Uitti McCabe.

Ms. Mello said the session was designed to inform and educate people on what WCN is.

She said she believed the session achieved its goal for the approximately 50 people who attended.

Ms. Mello, who identifies as a white Christian, also said part of the problem is that some people do not understand what the UU church is all about, either.

The UU philosophy believes in

teaching about all religions and emphasizes the shared values of various religions. A commitment to social justice is central to Unitarian Universalism.

Ms. Mello was criticized on social media for taking part in the session, including from her Select Board opponent, Rick Trapilo.

Mr. Trapilo sent a statement to the *Neighb News*, saying that he had seen various explanations by Ms. Mello and rebranding of the meeting.

"I find the messaging confusing and will simply let my fellow Fairhaven residents judge for themselves whether such divisive language further fractures our community," wrote Mr. Trapilo.

"My candidacy is solely based on my sincere commitment to bringing financial stability to our town and ending the divisions — both within our community and our town's leadership — that have cost us untold thousands of dollars in legal fees. Enough is enough. We must work together for the future of our town. United we stand; divided we fail," he wrote.

In a phone interview, the *Neighb News* asked Mr. Trapilo if he was defending White Christian Nationalism.

"No," he said emphatically. "Who in their right mind defends something like that?"

He said his complaint was with Ms. Mello's "backpedaling" and "flip-flopping."

Ms. Mello said that before she retired, part of her job was to run workshops on anti-racism, and that is why Rev. McCabe tapped her to help.

"It is about the White Christian Nationalist movement in the United States," said Ms. Mello. "Not about white Christians or patriotic Christians."

The original flyer had a picture of a flag that said, "Jesus is my savior, Trump is my president."

Ms. Mello said that offended some people, so they changed the poster, because it was not about espousing

an anti-Trump message, she said.

"We are talking about a very specific political movement that has gained some traction recently," she said.

Rev. McCabe said the church often holds classes, community conversations, and workshops on anti-racism and other issues facing society. They have nothing do with partisan politics. And White Christian Nationalism is one of those issues.

"These are issues that are part of our lives as spiritual beings," said Rev. McCabe, adding that she is extremely mindful of the fact that they can become political when people want them to be.

She said she wanted to make it very clear that part of her role as a minister is not to be partisan. The separation of church and state, she said, is "worth having a conversation about."

"Unfortunately, we live in a climate where issues of faith have become politicized," she said. "That's never, never my intent. My intent is to talk about what's going on in the world."

When someone pointed out that the original poster was offensive to some for political reasons, they changed the poster, "the moment I heard it caused distress."

And she invited the person to attend the session.

She noted that she went to a Christian Seminary and many in the Unitarian Universalist congregation in Fairhaven identify as Christian.

Rev. McCabe has been a guest on local radio talking about dismantling racism, which is important for people of faith.

She said the classes and conversations are theological for understanding different kinds of beliefs and how they work in our lives.

"This is all part of what we do here," she said.

Ms. Mello said she had the option of not helping to conduct the session, or they could have postponed it until after the election. But that was never

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## Support the Food Pantry

The Shepherd's Food Pantry at the Long Plain United Methodist Church in Acushnet spends more than \$5,500 each month to keep the shelves stocked. It serves more than 120 families each week and has seen a sharp increase in families seeking food.

Tax deductible donations may be sent to Shepherd's Pantry, PO Box 760, Fairhaven, MA 02719. Visit [https://food-banks.org/detail/the\\_shepherds\\_pantry\\_acushnet\\_ma.html](https://food-banks.org/detail/the_shepherds_pantry_acushnet_ma.html)



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## From our readers

### Ochoa Understands the Needs of Students

I support Kelly Ochoa for Fairhaven's school committee and urge the residents of Fairhaven to vote for Kelly Ochoa on April 7th!

I have known Kelly for many years in multiple capacities:

- As a professional educator, a public-school classroom teacher who understands the needs of today's students and family who works hard to bring quality educational opportunities to her students. In addition, Kelly has professional experience supporting the academic, social, and emotional growth of students impacted by homelessness and poverty working as a program coordinator with School on Wheels.
- As a long time, Fairhaven resident, Kelly has spent countless volunteer hours in meetings, on the phone and in the street building and understanding our community.
- As a parent, Kelly well knows the challenges working two jobs and raising twins!

We should vote for Kelly because

she is an example of service over self and will be a talented, fiscally responsible, committed member of Fairhaven's school committee.

*Deirdre Healy, Fairhaven*

### Mello Has What it Takes

It's harder than ever to find good people who care about the Town to make the commitment to serve as a member of the Select Board. Long meetings, tough decisions and frequent criticism don't make it an ideal volunteer opportunity. But still, we are fortunate that there are individuals in town who, year after year, continue to devote their skills and expertise to serving the Town, and our community is better for it. Such a person is Natalie Mello.

Natalie, through her work experience and previous public service, has repeatedly demonstrated she has what it takes to be an effective and highly capable leader of our community.

A successful public servant is one that listens and does their homework. Their decisions are fact-based, and votes are made in the best interests of

the community. They work collaboratively with other members of the Board to reach consensus in a respectful and civil manner, even when there is disagreement. They respect the roles, professionalism and guidance of staff for their input but hold them accountable for implementing the policies and goals established by the Board. They consider both the short term and long-term view, recognizing that the decisions made during their tenure impact the future and that good governance takes time. Most of all, they recognize that they serve the community, and that residents and taxpayers deserve quality services, a great education for their children, safe roads, responsive public safety and services for our aging population.

Natalie, by virtue of her experience, love of Fairhaven and commitment to good local government checks all of these boxes.

I hope you will join me in supporting Natalie Mello for the Fairhaven Select Board.

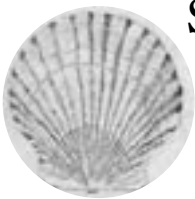
*Mark Rees, Fairhaven*

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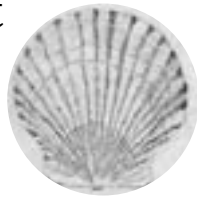


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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Fhvn Dem Comm

Please join us for our next Democratic Town Committee meeting. We meet on the last Wednesday of the month at The Millicent Library at 6pm in the Auditorium. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 26th. For more information please contact [ann.richard@gmail.com](mailto:ann.richard@gmail.com)

We welcome everyone, the space is handicap accessible from the Walnut Street entrance.

## Old Photos Needed

The Fairhaven Historical Society is looking for old photographs of Fairhaven restaurants from the past that no longer exist. Interior or exterior shots are welcome. If anyone would like to submit one to us for an upcoming Fairhaven Historical Society free summer event we would love to use them!

Please either submit them via private message on Facebook or email them to [info@historicalsocietyfairhaven.org](mailto:info@historicalsocietyfairhaven.org). We will be sure to give you credit!

## At the Shep

Shake off the winter blues and put on your dancing shoes. Grab the family and come to The Shepherd Center for an afternoon of toe-tapping, high-energy tunes. The Shepherd Center for the Performing Arts presents: The Old Country Band

"Kickin' Cabin Fever" on Sun., 3/23, at 3 pm, 34 Center St (William St entrance), Fairhaven MA

Doors open at 2:30. Tickets \$25, children 12 and under are free with an adult. For tickets and information, visit <https://theshepherdcenter.org/>

The Shepherd Center for the Performing Arts is a non-profit dedicated to supporting local and regional performing arts.

## Blood Drive

Red Cross Blood Drive, Sunday, March 23rd 9:00 am to 1:30 pm. St. Mary's Church Parish Hall, 440 Main St., Fairhaven.

Schedule your appointment at <https://www.redcrossblood.org> Appointments are needed. Schedule online or call 1-800-RED CROSS

## St. Mary's Photos

St. Mary's Church will be having a 100th Anniversary celebration on September 7th at the Century House in Acushnet.

We are seeking any photos you may have of the Basement church. If anyone has photos they would like to share please contact the rectory at 508-992-7300. We would love to make copies of these so we could use them in an anniversary booklet.

## Candidates Night

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Candidates night.

## SAVE THE DATES:

### Seussical: Get Tickets NOW

The Fairhaven High School Theatre Company is thrilled to announce the production of this year's spring musical, *Seussical*. Experience the magical world of Dr. Seuss and his most famous characters in this musical for all ages!

When chaos erupts in the Jungle of Nool, it will take The Cat in the Hat, Horton the Elephant, Gertrude McFuzz and a gaggle of characters to bring harmony back to their world. Written by Tony Award winners Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty (Once on this Island, Ragtime), this musical extravaganza teaches us all that "a person's a person no matter how small."

*Seussical* will be performed at Fairhaven High School on April 3rd, 4th, and 5th at 7PM, with a matinee on April 6th at 2PM. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and students, and \$10 for FHS students and staff (ID required at the door).

Tickets are assigned seating and can be purchased online at [https://gofan.co/app/school/MA22183\\_1](https://gofan.co/app/school/MA22183_1). Please note this production is expected to sell out, and tickets may not be available at the door. For more information, please email [mrebello@fairhavenps.net](mailto:mrebello@fairhavenps.net).

## Candidate Events

This section is for Acushnet and Fairhaven candidates to announce free events. Submit your listing up to 100 words to [NeighbNews@comcast.net](mailto:NeighbNews@comcast.net). Include the kind of event it is, e.g., meet-and-greet; the day and date; time; location, including full address. Fund-raising events can be promoted in paid ads. Visit our website to download a rate card at <https://neighbnews.com>

### Grant/Planning Board

Join Miles Grant, candidate for Fairhaven Planning Board, on Fri., 3/21, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. starting at Rescue Cafe (414 Main Street) as we'll meet, then take a stroll around Benoit Square and Oxford School Residences to discuss some key issues: What can Oxford School's successful redevelopment teach us about efforts to

revitalize other historic properties? How is Benoit Square's new traffic pattern working, and what challenges will it face as the new Fairhaven/NB Bridge is built? Please RSVP on Facebook, in case of inclement weather, we'll post updates there.

### Mello/Select Board

Natalie Mello, candidate for Fairhaven Select Board, is holding two free events.

"Hello to Mello" meet and greet, Sat., 3/22, from 9 to 11 a.m. at Mey Breakfast, 16 Main Street, Fairhaven.

"Hello to Mello" meet and greet, Wed., 3/26, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Hanami Tea House, 358 Main Street, Fairhaven.

### Ochoa/School Committee

Kelly McGowan Ochoa, candidate

for Fairhaven School Committee, is holding meet and greet at Saffron by the Sea, Sun., 3/23, from 10am-12pm.

Join Kelly and find out her ideas for our schools.

### All Candidates Debate

There will be a candidates debate for the four contested races in Fairhaven: Select Board, School Committee, Planning Board, Board of Health, on Sun., 3/30, from 1-3 p.m., at Traveler's Alehouse, 111 Huttleston Ave. (Route 6), Fairhaven.

The purpose of the Candidate Debate is to give Fairhaven voters an opportunity to hear you, the candidates, answer and discuss the issues of importance to them in this election. This is your opportunity to directly speak to the Fairhaven

CANDIDATES: cont'd on page 12

# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## Military Speaker

Chuck Kenneally, U.S. Army tanker retired with 43 years of military service, will be the guest speaker at 2 p.m. Sun., 3/23, at the Fort Taber-Fort Rodman Military Museum and Veterans Memorial, 1000C South Rodney French Blvd, New Bedford.

He is a member of Abrams Company Fourth Battalion "Burt's Knights" United States Army brotherhood of tankers.

In the past 10 years, Abrams Company has refurbished 19 public monument tanks in five New England states, including three public monument tanks in New Bedford.

He has also refurbished 23 tanks and armored vehicles for the Collins Foundation's American Heritage Museum in Hudson.

This talk is part of the museum's historical lecture series. Admission and parking are free.

## Dock-U-Mentary

New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center (FHC) and New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park are pleased to announce a free film screening as part of the Dock-umentary series at the National Park auditorium, 33 William Street, New Bedford. Dock-umentaries is a free film series hosted on every third Friday at 7:00pm from October through April.

On March 21, FHC will be screening the 2019 film *Seadrift*. In 1979, a Vietnamese refugee shot and killed a white crab fisherman at the public town docks in Seadrift, Texas. What began as a dispute over fishing territory erupted into violence and ignited a maelstrom of boat burnings, KKK intimidation, and other hostilities against Vietnamese refugees along the Gulf Coast. Set during the early days of Vietnamese arrival in the U.S., *Seadrift* is a feature documentary that examines the circumstances that led up to the shooting and its dramatic aftermath, and reveals the unexpected consequences that continue to reverberate today.

For registration and more information visit <https://fishingheritagecenter.org/calendar/>

## OLOP Fish Fry

Please join us on March 21, 28, and April 4 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM for

Our Lady of Purgatory's Lenten Fish Fry at the OLOP Parish Center, 4254 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford, MA. It's a great opportunity to enjoy baked or fried fish & chips (cole slaw, rolls, dessert, and a beverage) all for a donation of \$15.00. It's also a great time to share some laughter and fellowship.

Purchase your tickets today by contacting us at (508) 996-8934 or [officeolop@gmail.com](mailto:officeolop@gmail.com)

## Noir Nights

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Tickets may be purchased in-person. Advanced entry tickets are available through our website [newbedfordart.org](http://newbedfordart.org) or by phone, 508-961-3072. New Bedford Art Museum, 608 Pleasant Street, New Bedford, MA 02740 Hours: Thursday-Sunday, 9am-5pm.

### Double Indemnity (1944)

Sun., 3/23, Showtime: 5 p.m.

*Double Indemnity* was one of the original handful of cynical American thrillers which, when released en masse in France after the war, gave rise to the term film noir. This shady cycle often featured treacherous women duping guileless men. Few of these were more alluring than Phyllis Dietrichson, who ensnares policy salesman Walter Neff in her scheme to do away with her husband and claim the insurance payout.

## Support Boating Ctr

Community Boating Center, Inc. (CBC) is pleased to announce that the 2025 Opening of the Bay, Oceans of Opportunity fundraiser, is being held Saturday, May 10, 2025 from 6-10 pm. This year's event will be at Kilburn Mill, 127 W Rodney French Blvd, New Bedford, overlooking Clarks Cove and CBC's headquarters. Guests will enjoy dinner, dancing and a silent auction.

All proceeds from the celebration will go toward providing scholarships

for youth of Greater New Bedford for CBC's Summer Youth Sailing Program.

Individual tickets are available at <https://www.communityboating.org/otbhome2025/>

For more information on tickets, serving as a sponsor, or providing auction contributions, please contact Amy Larkin at 508-992-9219 or visit the [www.communityboating.org](http://www.communityboating.org) All members of the community are invited to attend, and are encouraged to purchase tickets soon, as this event usually sells out.

## Vocal Auditions

Four parts available for Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Baritone "Greek Chorus" inspired roles. Singing parts of hymnals and modern songs to be incorporated into Your Theatre Inc.'s production of "Dead Man's Cell Phone" by Sarah Ruhl at: Steeple Playhouse, 159 William Street, New Bedford MA 02740. Enter on the right/City Hall side of building, ramp door.

Must be able to memorize, hold harmonies and be able to vocalize in different styles. No need for a prepared audition song, but you can bring music to be considered on a case-by-case basis for the audition.

Feel free to bring music for song options you are familiar with.

Open Audition dates: Thurs., 3/20, 6-7:30 p.m.; or Sat., 3/22, 3-3:30 p.m.,

Contact Eric Paradis with questions: [eric@yourtheatre.org](mailto:eric@yourtheatre.org)

## Navy Day

The New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford, is proud to partner with the Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC) Division Newport to host Navy Day on Sat., 3/22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission to the museum on Navy Day is free for all valid Department of Defense identification card holders, veterans and their families. Navy Day offers a full schedule of fun and educational opportunities.

For complete agenda, visit [whalingmuseum.org/program/navy-day-2025](http://whalingmuseum.org/program/navy-day-2025). Admission is free for Museum members; adults \$23, seniors (65+) \$21, youth \$13. For more information, visit [www.whalingmuseum.org](http://www.whalingmuseum.org).

# HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

## Clothing & Toy Sale

Gently used clothing for the entire family, toys & jigsaw puzzles. All at bargain prices. Fri., March 21, 1-7 pm; Sat., March 22, 9 am-1 pm.

Sat. special fill a bag for \$3, Boutique items 50% off.

St. Julie Billiard Church Hall, 494 Slocum Rd., Dartmouth. Sponsored by the Ladies Guild

## Author Event

Come to the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St., Wed., 3/26, from 6-7 p.m. to hear Mattapoisett resident Chris Mader speak about his recently published first book entitled *Make the Adjustment*.

Mader's book discusses how embracing change and overcoming adversity will help people achieve better outcomes both in their personal and professional lives. Over the past three decades, Mader has specialized in training and developing leaders, executive coaching, keynote speaking, and developing talent at all levels, and management roles to the C-Suite. Previously a professional athlete, Mader has been fortunate to spend time competing with elite athletes and business professionals, giving him a unique perspective on what drives performance, motivation, and excellence in diverse and dynamic environments. Mader has been a guest lecturer and published author on topics such as managing across multiple generations, change management, emotional intelligence, and global growth strategy. Signed copies of his book will be available for purchase. This free program is open to all.

## Gov Job Website

The Healey-Driscoll Administration launched a new website. [mass.gov/fedup](http://mass.gov/fedup), that provides employment and job training resources for federal workers, including individuals who have been laid off by President Donald Trump and Elon Musk. The website features job search tools for careers in state and local government, the state's MassTalent platform to promote careers in high-growth industries, and services and job training resources available at MassHire career centers statewide.

The website also includes veteran-specific employment resources to support those who have served and are now facing uncertainty due to federal workforce cuts. Veterans make up nearly 30 percent of the entire federal workforce, and the recent VA layoffs disproportionately impact these workers, jeopardizing veteran care and services nationwide.

Massachusetts has more than 46,000 residents who work for the federal government in various sectors, including public administration, education, transportation and warehousing, and for the postal service. The resources highlighted on the new website include more than 160,000 job postings in the private and public sector.

For more information, please visit [awww.mass.gov/fedup](http://awww.mass.gov/fedup) or find a local MassHire career center.

## Energy Meeting

Massachusetts' plan to meet its clean energy goals by expanding its offshore wind portfolio faces an uncertain future with the return of a new Trump administration and the president's policies designed to prevent wind power development.

Solar power holds much potential, but its ability to scale is limited by grid capacity issues and requires significant investment. Other technologies, including fusion and low-carbon hydrogen, offer promise for a clean energy transition but have yet to be implemented in the commonwealth. With a new federal administration harboring policies that may not support Massachusetts' key energy initiatives, what's the best way forward?

Join Massachusetts energy leaders in government, industry and advocacy for an important discussion about Massachusetts' energy policy and its goals for a net zero future.

In-person event, Wed., 3/26, 8 a.m. (networking), 9-10:30 am (program) MCLE Conference Center (10 Winter Pl, Downtown Crossing, Boston.)

For more information and to register, <https://tinyurl.com/3zetd8t>

## Coin Show

The Coin Club of Greater New Bedford will be hosting Coin Show, Sun., 3/30, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM / Westport Town Hall Annex, 856 Main

Road, Westport, MA, Free Admission"

## DHS Production

Dartmouth High Theatre Company will be performing "Gunfight at the Bingo Corral" for a special one-night only performance on March 29 at 7pm in the High School cafeteria, 555 Bakerville Rd. This is a unique interactive show which includes five bingo games that are interwoven into the story. Bingo cards are included with the purchase of a ticket.

This is guaranteed to be a fun night of singing, dancing, bingo, and comedy! Tickets are available at the Dartmouth High Theatre Company website, <https://tinyurl.com/5y5r56j4>, and all tickets are \$20.00 each. You can also call or text to reserve your ticket at 508-441-4602. Proceeds from the performance will be used for an upcoming Dartmouth High Theatre Company field trip.

## Clothing & Toy Sale

Gently used clothing for the entire family, toys & jigsaw puzzles. All at bargain prices. Fri., March 21, 1-7 pm; Sat., March 22, 9 am-1 pm.

Sat. special fill a bag for \$3, Boutique items 50% off.

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## MAC Performance

The Marion Art Center (the MAC) presents *Ripcord*. The playwright is David Lindsay-Abaire, who has won multiple Tony awards for his work as well as a Pulitzer Prize for Drama.

A sunny room on an upper floor is prime real estate in the Bristol Place Senior Living Facility, so when the cantankerous Abby is forced to share her quarters with new-arrival Marilyn, she has no choice but to get rid of the infuriatingly chipper woman by any means necessary. A seemingly harmless bet between the old women quickly escalates into a dangerous game of one-upmanship that reveals not just the tenacity of these worthy opponents, but also deeper truths that each would rather remain hidden.

Remaining show dates are March 21, 22, 23, 2025. Friday, Saturday shows at 7:30pm and Sunday matinee is at 2:00pm. Tickets are \$20 for members and \$23 for nonmembers. Visit [marionartcenter.org/events](http://marionartcenter.org/events).



## UU Society of Fairhaven welcomes all!

10 a.m. March 23: "Trusting Love in a Time of Hate" with Larry DeSalvatore

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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: 3/26 Hyannis Mall & Trader Joe's; 4/2, Tiverton Casino; 4/9, Hyannis Mall & Trader Joe's; 4/16, Mashpee Commons; 4/23, Wrentham Village Outlets

## 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.

## Walking Schedule

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

## Monday Movie Matinee

**Mar. 31, 12:15 p.m.** Featuring *Waking Ned Devine*. Quirky Comedy. When best friends Jackie O'Shea and Michael O'Sullivan discover someone in their small Irish village has won the lotter, they immediately set off to see if the winner is in a sharin gmoo. Deducing that Ned Devine is the lucky man, O'Shea and O'Sullivan pay him a visit, only to find him dead from shock. Since Devine is the only one who can claim the price, he townsfolk band together to convince the claim inspector that O'Sullivan is really Devine, and split the cash.

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.

## 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.

## Memory Cafe

Mar. 27, 11:30–1:30. Space is limited. Please sign up by 3/24 at 508-979-4029.

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 hot dog, baked beans, carrots, hot dog bun, orange, ketchup. There will be musical entertainment by Tony & Pat following lunch and socializing.

# Fairhaven Recreation Center

Open Mon-Thurs, 6 a.m.–8 p.m.; Fri., 6 a.m.–6 p.m.; Sat., 8 a.m.–2 p.m.; Closed Sunday • 227 Huttleston Ave, 508-993-9269 <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/recreation-department>

## Flashlight Egg Hunt

**24th Annual Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt (pre registration is required)** Join us for the annual flashlight egg hunt. Children will search for their eggs on the Recreation center grounds and return them to the Easter Bunny for a special treat. Don't forget to bring your flashlight & camera for pictures with the Easter Bunny. In the event of Rain, the event will be held indoors at the Center. Date: April 11th Time: 7:15 PM for ages up to 5, Time 7:45pm for ages 6-11

\$7 due at registration Deadline to register is Tuesday April 8th. No late registrations will be accepted. No walk-ins will be allowed on the night of the event

## Kool Kids April Vacation

Get ready for a fantastic time at the April Vacation program. Designed

for children in kindergarten 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 April 22nd-25th (Tuesday-Friday) 8am-4pm Member \$42, non member \$45. per day

## QB Workshop

Join us for an exciting Quarterback Workshop led by Jayce Duarte, former Fairhaven High BlueDevil QB! Young football players will have the opportunity to enhance their quarterback skills through a variety of throwing drills, footwork exercises and agility training. This program is designed to improve accuracy and overall athleticism while learning

from an experienced local athlete. Don't miss this chance to take your game to the next level Sundays April 6th-May 4h (no class 4/20) Grades 6-10 Member \$20 Non-member \$25.

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# Recipe of the Week

## Irish Brown Bread

- 2 Tbsp. salted butter, melted, plus more for the pan
- 1 cup rolled oats, divided
- 3 cups whole wheat flour
- 2 esp. baking soda; 2 tsp. kosher salt
- 1 cup stout beer, like Guinness
- 1 cup buttermilk; 1/4 cup molasses
- 2 Tbsp honey

Preheat oven to 350°. Butter a 9x5" loaf pan. Roughly chop 1/4 cup of rolled oat. Evenly coat the bottom and sides of the pan with the chopped oats, tapping out any excess and reserving them for the top of the loaf. Set aside.

In a large bowl, whisk together the remaining 3/4 cup of rolled oats, flour, baking soda, and salt. Make a well in the center of the dry ingredients. Add the melted butter, stout, buttermilk, molasses, and honey. Stir until just combined, being careful not to over mix. Transfer the mixture to the prepared pan, smooth the top with small offset spatula and scatter the reserved chopped oats over top.

Bake until a skewer inserted into the center of the loaf come out clean, 45-50 minutes. Allow to cool for 10 minutes, then remove from the pan and transfer to a wire rack to cool completely before slicing.



# Dear Frankie

## Military Family

*Dear Frankie,*  
I come from a canine and human military family. My dad was a major in the army and my two siblings, King and Duke, served in the canine army corps.

King was a bomb sniffer. He served for 10 years and retired as a decorated hero. Duke worked with the military police and told many tales of apprehending his fair share of bad guys. There were a few bad girls but mostly guys. King was no slouch either when talking about the hair-raising reconnaissance expeditions he experienced.

If I keep up the family's military tradition, which everyone expects me to do, I will be old enough on my next birthday to sign up. The truth is I don't want to serve in the military. I'm not very courageous and criminals

scare me. I love my dad and brothers and don't want to disappoint them. But I know I'm not cut out for a military career, for me it would be a life of misery.

*Sherman*

*Dear Sherman,*

I commend you for recognizing that a military career is not for you. I suggest you tell your dad and brothers that you won't be following in their footsteps as soon as possible to end their false expectations.

Tell them that you are more than willing to work with or on behalf of soldiers, but you don't want to be a soldier. One way you thought you might serve, is working as a therapy dog at the VA hospital or as a visiting companion to soldiers in their homes.

You might suggest the family start a new military tradition by having your brothers also become therapy dogs. Another thought is that your brothers speak at local groups and schools about their military experiences, and you become their agent.

*Best, Frankie*

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## U11 baseball kids take to the field



The Boys of Summer emerged from their hibernation on Sunday afternoon at Pope Park in Acushnet. The Fairhaven/Acushnet 11U Bolts hosted the Brian Rose Baseball 11U Bulldogs for a pre-season scrimmage game on a perfect afternoon for baseball. Temperatures were in the low 60's, the sun was shining, and spirits were high as Spring was in the air. The crack of the bat, the chatter of both teams, the only thing missing was the smell of popcorn and cheeseburgers coming from the concession stand. Here's to a great season for both organizations. This warm-up to the season ended with the Bolts falling to the BRB team

LEFT: Fairhaven/Acushnet Bolts U11 catcher Julian Nina tags out Brian Rose Baseball 11U Ben Bernardo who was attempting to score from second base on a base hit during a pre-season scrimmage game on Sunday, 3/16/25, at Pope Park in Acushnet, when the Bolts fell short 10-1. *Photo by Bruce David.*

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# Candidate Statements: Fairhaven School Committee/2 seats



## **Erik Andersen**

Hello Fairhaven,

My name is Erik Andersen, and I am running for re-election for the Fairhaven School Committee. I was honored four years ago when I was elected to serve this Town as your School Committee representative.

During my tenure, we have achieved milestones like Unified Sports, State recognition for our AP Department, revamp of the Music Department, and the after-school

enrichment programs. We also, just recently, became the first fully accredited school district in the Commonwealth, thanks to our dedicated teachers and administrators. This is truly an amazing achievement for all of us!

As a licensed mental health therapist, I understand the importance of emotional development for students as well as the importance of emotional regulation. My career involves working in fields that require transparency, such as crisis work, ED social work, and currently at a substance abuse clinic.

In my roles as a father, husband, and therapist, I prioritize passion, integrity, and support for public schools, including Fairhaven Schools. I believe in the equity of high standards for all students and providing each student with what they need individually to achieve those standards. When we talk about “real life experience” I deal with Anxiety and Dyslexia. I understand, as a parent, what it takes to advocate for your child for a 504 or IEP.

I look forward to connecting with everyone and sharing my passion for our schools. I have always tried to show up and do my part for this town, either at the Town Meeting, volunteering time as a Mariners Soccer coach, doing local fundraisers with my family, or as a member of the School Committee. I bring high standards and dedication to our school district, where we continue to excel despite limited resources. My door is always open, and I hope to keep serving our community.

It always seems impossible  
until it's done.

*Nelson Mandela*



## **Kelly McGowan Ochoa**

My name is Kelly McGowan Ochoa and I am running for one of the seats on the School Committee. I have been a lifelong resident of the SouthCoast and raised my children here in Fairhaven. I am well qualified to represent the residents of Fairhaven on the school committee. Let me share some of the reasons why.

Education is one of the best gifts we can give our children. I believe that all students have the right to receive the best possible education and opportunities. Being an educator for over 30 years, I feel like I can bring a new perspective to the school committee. I have also been an active participant in our town as an elected town meeting member for several years. Currently I am a member of the town's Belonging Committee. I feel that, with this experience, I have demonstrated the leadership qualities needed to be a school committee member.

As a school committee member I will work to ensure that the school system meets the evolving needs of students and families. One of the jobs of a school committee is to ensure responsible and transparent use of school funds and to ensure that taxpayer money is being used effectively. My experience as a town meeting member, voting on the annual budget and other financial matters and as a taxpayer I am able and committed to being that voice.

Over 30 years ago, I served as a Peace Corps volunteer working in Honduras. One of the things that I did while working with teachers there was to find creative ways to develop materials for their classrooms with little to no money. This is a lesson that has never left me. As a teacher now, I am always seeking creative ways to enhance my lessons with little to no money. And as a member of the School Committee I will do the same.

As an educator, I know that it is important to promote a safe, healthy, and welcoming school environment for everyone. I would like to be a voice for change and progress in Fairhaven while working to ensure that the school system meets the evolving needs of students and families. I hope you will consider voting for me for School Committee on April 7th.

## **CANDIDATES: cont'd from page 5**

community and showcase who you are as a candidate.

Candidates will answer questions from the three-person panel moderated event. All questions to the candidates will cover various aspects pertinent to the Town of Fairhaven. The candidates will not be informed of the questions. The forum will follow the nonpartisan, unbiased and impartial format established by the moderator.

The event is free and open to the public. It will be recorded and will run

on Channel 95, and will be available on demand on FairhavenTV.com.

The forum is sponsored by the Committee to elect Keith Silvia, 774-263-2249, [ksilvia2@yahoo.com](mailto:ksilvia2@yahoo.com)

### **Government Access Channel Candidates Night**

The Town of Fairhaven Government Access department will hold a candidates night on Thurs., 3/27, at 6 p.m., in the Town Hall Auditorium. It will run live on channel 18 and on

[FairhavenTV.com](http://FairhavenTV.com)

The public is encouraged to submit questions for candidates to [FairhavenTV@gmail.com](mailto:FairhavenTV@gmail.com) by March 21. Please specify which position the question is intended for.

Residents are asked to submit questions in advance to be asked anonymously to candidates. Each candidate for a particular seat will have an opportunity to answer the same question, with a rotation of who answers first.

# Candidate Statements: Fairhaven School Committee/2 seats



**Pattie  
Pacella**

Hello, Fairhaven! My name is Pattie Pacella and I kindly ask for your vote on Monday, April 7, 2025, for me for the School Committee! I grew up in Fairhaven and am proud to be a FHS 1987 graduate.

I am very familiar with how Fairhaven works, as I was employed by the Town for a little less than ten years. I started in the Planning Department, then worked in Assessor's, and ended my career with Fairhaven in the Building Department.

I have been very involved with Fairhaven as my community. I am on my second year with the Finance Committee currently. I have been on the Town Government Study Committee, the Community Preservation Committee and have been a Town Meeting member for more than 10 years. I am a member of the Fairhaven Rotary Club, and have held the position of past president.

I believe in putting 100% in learning, listening and asking questions if I'm going to commit to being on a committee for the better of the Town.

I am choosing to run for School Committee because it will allow me to Learn, Collaborate, and be a Resource to parents. I would love to see a school support program/group to share resources to parents with children who have special abilities. I am a proud MOM to my daughter Grace, who has special abilities!

There are so many resources available and I look back at when my daughter was just three and had her first testing to get into early intervention in the Fairhaven Public School System; it was a frightening experience as I didn't know (what I know today) about how to navigate the system. I think I would be a great asset to new parents who are looking at the school system without a clue on how to navigate or even ask the right questions.

I am willing to assist parents learn and navigate what they need to to better understand without the frightening (and lots of tears) that I have experienced as a parent with a child with special abilities. My experience is unique to my child and our situation, but if I can assist a parent and welcome them to the Fairhaven School System, that would be my focus.

I also believe there should be more transparency among the SC to the Town residents without the negative connotations, from both sides! I believe we are fighting the wrong fight as the football field and the shed are not the fights I'd like to see or hear about; our students are #1, encouraging ALL abilities to be the best they can be. We all learn differently and we need to remember that.

As a community, we need to review the town budget and ask questions. We are losing good teachers to other districts and our goal should be to help keep them.

I want to learn more about net school spending and assist in educating our Town residents where their tax dollars are going.

Let's make the discussions we are having constructive!



**Brendalee Smith**

My name is Brendalee Smith, and I am honored to announce my candidacy for re-election to the Fairhaven School Committee. Over the past year, I have proudly served as an advocate for collaborative communication, academic growth, and financial stewardship, ensuring our schools thrive. I stepped into this role to complete a departing

member's term, but one year is simply not enough to implement lasting change. That is why I am respectfully asking for your vote on Monday, April 7th.

During the last year, I have had the privilege of participating in initiatives that reinforce our town's commitment to education. One particularly inspiring event was an elementary school's "Kindness Week," where I joined fellow community members in greeting students with words of encouragement. Witnessing their joy and curiosity reaffirmed my dedication to fostering a positive learning environment. Additionally, I was proud to vote in support of our High School's National Art Honor Society students traveling to Dublin, Ireland, to compete in the Junk Kouture Competition — an incredible opportunity for our young artists!

My passion for education extends far beyond my role on the committee. As the Founder of Stop Abduction, a program dedicated to student safety, I developed safeguard tools for in-person and online communication for students from kindergarten through college. Our interactive education programs teach students to redefine who a stranger is, validate their gut feelings, and base decisions on solid facts to enhance their personal safety and awareness.

My career has also included coordinating multi-disciplinary teams dedicated to the rescue and rehabilitation of juvenile victims of trafficking and violent crimes. I have provided training for school superintendents, principals, school resource officers, and law enforcement, equipping them with the tools needed to safeguard students.

In addition to my work in education, I have experience as the Director of Admissions for a private junior/senior high school, where I shaped the admissions policies and marketing strategies to support the school's growth and accreditation. As the President and CEO of Amel Technology, I have led global advancements in liquid crystal display (LCD) technology, demonstrating my expertise in corporate budgeting, project management, and team leadership.

Currently, as the Director of Community Development for a New Bedford-based nonprofit, I assist individuals on the verge of homelessness by connecting them with housing solutions and strength-based programs. My team and I are dedicated to providing the necessary resources to prevent and end homelessness in our communities.

Above all, my greatest joy comes from my four incredible children, who inspire me every day with their adventurous and pioneering spirits!

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## Ken Blanchard Supports Trapilo

I don't usually write endorsements however, I felt compelled to share my opinion for this particular select board race.

Let me first say, I have lived in Fairhaven for thirty-five years. I worked for the City of New Bedford for near forty years, most of which as a department head, leading multiple departments. I served directly for, and at the pleasure of five different mayors. This experience gave me the opportunity to witness up-close and personal, many different leadership styles and varying degrees of qualifications of proven municipal leaders.

It is with the utmost certainty and confidence I can attest, that Rick Trapilo is the most qualified and best suited person to serve on our select board at this time in our town's history.

We need someone with vast business experience in both finances and recruitment of highly qualified personnel. I would add to those qualifications a very important attribute, common sense!! I have always felt that no matter where it came from or the level of education you have attained, if you lack common sense you will fail to be a valued leader. Rick Trapilo has all of these.

Given our current financial predicament, our budget busting legal costs and our desperate need for a qualified and competent town administrator we need to add Rick Trapilo to the select board to help to get these matters resolved professionally and quickly.

I respectfully ask you to consider joining me and my entire family in voting for Richard "Rick" Trapilo for

Select Board.

*Ken Blanchard, Fairhaven*

## Espindola Supports Powers

The Mission Statement of the Planning Board, as written on the Town website, reads "The Planning Board studies the resources and needs of the Town, particularly conditions affecting public welfare and safety related to land use and development. The Board uses the Master Plan and related processes to plan and make recommendations for the development of the Town, with special attention to the proper housing of Town residents"

I feel that there are times when we lose sight of the very important words "particularly conditions affecting public welfare and safety related to land use and development".

We all want to see responsible growth but we also need to recognize that it is the responsibility of the Planning Board to act in the best interest of the residents of the community, first and foremost.

Sean Powers is running for a seat on the Planning Board and I am supporting Sean because I know he will stay true to that mission. He will advocate for the proper balance between development, protection of the residents of the Town and retaining the charm that makes Fairhaven such a desirable place to live.

He has already taken the training required, showing his dedication. He is committed to using the Town's Master Plan as a guide to his decision making, showing that he

will take the documented interests of residents of the Town in mind at all times.

Sean is a very smart person, and he is willing to put in the time and effort and do his homework on the issues. I know this because I experienced it first hand, having worked with Sean for twenty years at Acushnet Company. As an Information Technology professional, Sean has spent his career listening to people explain their problems, assessing the complexity of their individual circumstances and solving problems to their satisfaction.

I believe Sean's many years of experience as a technical, analytical and customer service oriented person at work will place him in a great position to utilize those same skills in his role on the Planning Board.

Sean will listen, he will work hard for you and you can rely on him to adhere to the Mission of the Planning Board as outlined on the Town's website.

I will be voting for Sean Powers for Planning Board, not only because he is a trusted friend, who I feel is worthy of this position, but because I know he is a great choice to represent all of us.

I hope you will consider joining me in casting a vote for Sean Powers for Planning of Fairhaven Board on Monday, April 7th.


*Bob Espindola, Fairhaven*



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**SMITH: cont'd from page 13**

education, I am confident that I can continue to serve Fairhaven with integrity and vision. I look forward to the opportunity to build on the progress we've made. With your support, we can continue building a school system that nurtures, protects, and empowers every student to reach their fullest potential.

I humbly ask for your support and your vote on April 7th. Together, we can strengthen our schools and our community!

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really an option for her.

"I did the session because it was about me living my faith," said Ms. Mello.

In the end, the session was successful, according to both Ms. Mello and Rev. McCabe. One person who filled out the evaluation said they would not judge people because of those terms. They learned it was not about attacking white Christians.

"I'm glad I did it," said Ms. Mello.

To learn more about White Christian Nationalism, visit Americans United for Separation of Church and State at <https://www.au.org> or watch "God and Country," available on Prime for streaming (90 minutes).

To learn more about Unitarian Universalism, visit <https://www.uua.org>. To learn more about the Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven, visit <https://www.uufairhaven.org>

The WCN session, which was held on March 9, was recorded and will be available on the church's website soon.

## Upcoming Meetings

### Fairhaven

**Board of Public Works**  
Mon., 3/17 Arsene St., 6 p.m.

**Charter Committee**  
Wed., 3/19, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

**Commission on Disability**  
Thurs., 3/13, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

**Conservation Commission**  
Mon., 3/24, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

**Cultural Council**  
Wed., 3/19, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

**Finance Committee**  
Thurs., 3/20, Arsene St., 6:30 p.m.  
Tues., 3/25, Arsene St., 6:30 p.m.

**Planning Board**  
Tues., 3/25, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

**School Committee**  
Wed., 3/26, FHS Lib., 6:30 p.m.

**Select Board**  
Mon., 3/24, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### Acushnet

**Board of Appeals**  
Tues., 3/25, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

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

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Friday	21	0127	1355	0629	1835
Saturday	22	0222	1449	0737	1945
Sunday	23	0317	1548	0847	2055
Monday	24	0419	1655	0950	2202
Tuesday	25	0524	1754	1055	2313
Wednesday	26	0617	1841	1151	---
Thursday	27	0702	1924	0014*	1236*
Friday	28	0746	2008	0105*	1320*
Saturday	29	0831	2055	0156*	1406*
Sunday	30	0920	2144	0250*	1456*
Monday	31	1009	2234	0341*	1544*

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## TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN INVITATION TO BID

The Select Board of the Town of Fairhaven, Massachusetts, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from General Contractors for the roof replacement for the council on aging and recreational center in Fairhaven, MA at 227 Huttleston Ave., in accordance with the documents prepared by DHK architects

The scope of the work includes:  
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General bidders and sub bidders must meet all Chapter 149 guidelines and must be DCAMM certified. All bids must include a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and a signed DCAMM Update Statement. General Bidders shall have completed similar work on at least five buildings

ITEM: General  
BIDS DUE: Bids: May 16th 2025 by 3pm  
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All bids for this project are subject to applicable public bidding laws of Massachusetts, including G.L. c.149, §44A through 44H, as amended.

Attention is directed to the minimum wage rates to be paid as determined by the Commissioner of Labor and Industries and the weekly payroll record submittal requirements under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 through 27D inclusive.

Attention is further directed to the requirements of G.L. c.149, §44D requiring submission of a Division of Capital Asset Management-approved Certificate of Eligibility and Update Statement with all bids.

Selection of the contractor will be based upon bidder qualifications, including evidence of past performance in similar projects, and bid price. The contract will be awarded to the bidder deemed by the awarding authority to be the lowest responsible and eligible bidder.

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Select Board, Town of Fairhaven,  
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## TOWN OF ACUSHNET

The Acushnet Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing at its meeting on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street Acushnet. This hearing is on the petition of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, ("Cornerstone") is submitting information in support of NSTAR's plans to install an additional 115kV line within Eversource's Right of Way #143.

Eversource Energy and National Grid propose to extend the 115-kilovolt (kV) transmission line from Acushnet, MA to Fall River, MA, to improve system reliability. The preferred route will be 12.1 miles long, and the Eversource section is 7.9 miles long running from Acushnet, through Dartmouth and ending in New Bedford.

The new transmission lines will cross above the following public ways:

1. Main Street at a location approximately 425 ft south westerly of its intersection with Heritage Lane.
1. Middle Road at a location approximately 331 ft north easterly of its intersection with Fairway Drive.
1. Park Drive at a location approximately 446 ft north easterly of its intersection with Wild Rose Lane.

Board of Selectmen  
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Kevin Gaspar, Sr., Member  
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## Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday April 1st, at 6:00 p.m.  
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Passcode: 361259

1. REF# ZBA-025-025: 481 Sconticut Neck Rd, Map 29, Lot 027. Applicant and Owner: Bradley Johnson. Applicant is reapplying for a special permit vs a variance. For 8' fence instead of 6' fence, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-19B Use Regulation Schedule.
2. REF#: ZBA-025-026: 2 Oxford Street, Map 13, Lot 24. Applicant and Owner: Robert and Nina Weeks. Applicant is seeking determination for side yard vs front yard. Pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaws 198-22-A-3 Accessory Building use & 198-33 Definitions.
3. REF#: ZBA-025-027: 10 Wilbur's Point Drive, Map 43, Lot 81-83. Applicant and Owner: Lars Vinjerud. Applicant is seeking a 13.4 ft. variance from the front setback (16.6 ft. vs. 30ft) and a 5ft. variance from the rear setback (25 ft. vs 30ft.) Pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaws 198-18.

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Mr. Trapilo has taken the initiative during his time as a Planning Board member and demonstrated his collaborative approach to solving multifaceted infrastructure projects in a fiscally responsible manner.

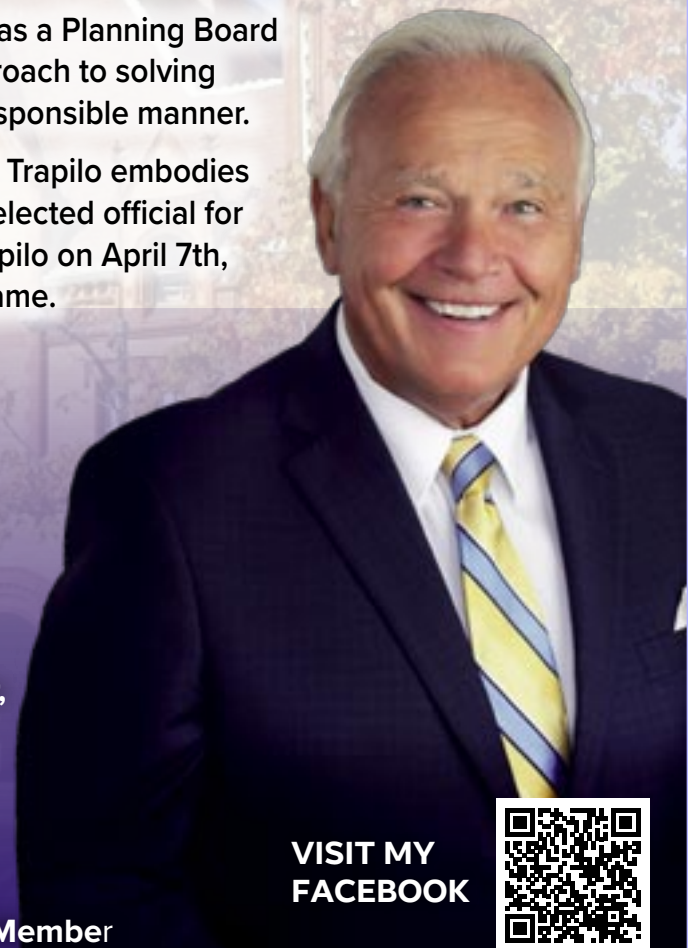
We are a strong community with a rich history. Mr. Trapilo embodies the very best of what we could hope to see in an elected official for the Town of Fairhaven. I will be voting for Rick Trapilo on April 7th, and I humbly ask my fellow neighbors to do the same.

Respectfully,

**Daniel Lopes**

Lifelong Resident of the Town of Fairhaven

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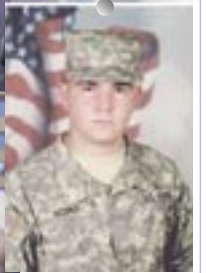
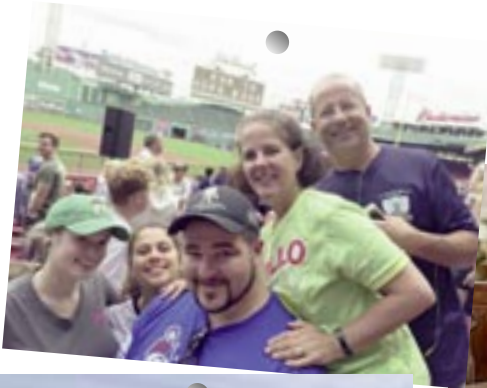
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