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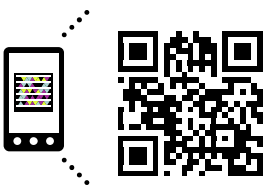


## March for Meals celebrates Meals on Wheels

Coastline Elderly Services celebrated the Meals on Wheel program with their annual March for Meals event in Fairhaven last week. See page 12 for story.

L-R: Rui Campos, manager of the Fairhaven BayCoast Bank Branch, Susan Ouimet of Coastline Elderly, and Mary Cardoso of BayCoast Bank fill the trays of food that will go out to Meals on Wheels recipients while Gerami Pacheco, Elderly Nutrition Program Director, looks on during the March for Meals event at Fairhaven Council on Aging/ Senior Center on 3/21/25.

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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

The TRAIN! The TRAIN!  
OMG, people are going to faint. It's here, it's really here!!!!

Well, by now you probably know a couple of things about me. One: I don't do mornings well.

Two: I was skeptical of this whole train thing.

Hence, I was not one of the people waiting at 4:27 a.m. to see the first train off to the Big City.

But this monumental occasion must be acknowledged by this little free sheet. (See page 11.)

I find myself thinking of my Aunt Cil (see 2/13/25 issue/editorial) who took the train to Boston every day for weeks to go to hairdressing school in the 50s...or may the 40s.

I have every intention of riding the T to Boston soon to let you know how it all works.

And the governor and other state officials actually found SouthCoast! That's more amazing than anything. Whodathunkit? I was ready to bet they'd get lost, but...well, we have GPS now, right?

Meanwhile, I've seen so many stories about how we can enjoy the Big City and what to do when you get there. I will definitely be writing a story for the Boston folks to know what to do when they get to new Bedford. We have lots of cool stuff here.

Okay, now a hard one. I've been avoiding this discussion for a long time, but the Big Buffoon in DC made things worse, of course. My printer gets their newsprint from Canada. Now, I'm already so far behind paying them that I'm amazed they keep printing this thing. With the increase, I truly, truly, do not know how this is all going to work.

So, if you like this little free sheet, please donate. It's easy. Just click on the "donate now" button on our website to go to PayPal, or send a check. Any amount will help.

And to those of you who just read that and laughed out loud or giggled with glee, I say: May the fleas of a thousand camels infest your armpits.

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,

Glory to Ukraine!  
Glory to the Heroes!



Publisher Beth David with  
Charlie, aka Evil Dog

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# Fairhaven SB recognizes MO LIFE; says farewell to Powers

By Beth David  
Editor

At its meeting on 3/24/25, the Fairhaven Select Board issued a proclamation to M.O. L.I.F.E. (Murphy and Others Living Interdependently for Future Endeavors) commemorating its 30th anniversary. The organization, which was founded and is still run by SB member Charles Murphy, provides support services to people with disabilities so they can engage in the full range of life experiences.

SB Chairperson, Stasia Powers, read the proclamation, which reads in part, "the values of dignity, respect, and empowerment guide the mission of M.O. L.I.F.E., creating a positive impact on individuals, families, and the broader Fairhaven community."

The board also recognized the two people who will receive this year's Katie Brienzo Personal Achievement Award from M.O. L.I.F.E.: Manny Rivera-Ramirez and Melissa Dineen.

The board also heard a presentation from Resource Lighting & Energy, with a proposal to install Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations at a variety of locations around town.

Jon Scavone told the board that the

company will use grant money from the Mass. EV Incentive Program to install the charging stations at nine or 10 places in town.

The charging stations would not be free to use, as the town ones are, so it would generate revenue for the town.

The board discussed the different places that the charging stations could go, including the schools, Senior/Rec Center, and parks.

The board did not vote, but instead suggested that Mr. Scavone meet with the department heads so they can decide if the charging stations make sense for their departments, and where the best locations would be for their respective areas.

Interim Town Administrator, George Samia, suggested that Mr. Scavone attend a department head meeting.

In another matter, the board voted on their recommendations for Town Meeting articles.

The board did not grant approval for an all alcoholic beverages license for the Full Bloom Festival set for June 29. No one was there to speak for the project, and the board had questions. They will address it again at a future meeting.

The board also did not approve a

conservation restriction requested by the Buzzards Bay Coalition for a property off Camel Street. SB member Keith Silvia said that fellow board member Andrew Saunders, who was not in attendance, had questions about the property that had not been answered.

Allen Decker of the BBC said he was unaware of any information that he had not provided. He will get the information to the board and they will take up the matter at another meeting.

The 3/24 meeting was the last regular meeting for Ms. Powers who did not seek re-election. The board will meet on election night for the results, and Ms. Powers said she wanted that night to be about the election, so she read a statement about her tenure in public service.

Ms. Powers thanked the voters of Fairhaven for allowing her to serve the town for the past 18 years, 14 years on the school committee, and almost four on the Select Board.

"I am especially proud to have been only the second woman to serve on the Select Board and the first to hold the position of Chair," said Ms. Powers,

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## From our readers

### Powers is Thoughtful Listener

I am writing to express my support for Sean Powers in his candidacy for the Fairhaven Planning Board. As a proud alum of the Fairhaven school system, I have had the privilege of knowing Sean for over 40 years. Throughout that time, he has consistently demonstrated a level-headed and community-minded approach in all that he does.

Professionally, I have worked alongside Sean and can personally attest to his integrity, responsiveness, and expertise in his role as an I.T. professional. He is a thoughtful listener who carefully evaluates information before making decisions — qualities that are invaluable in town government.

Sean has a deep understanding of Fairhaven's past, present, and future. He remembers a time when Alden Road was pastureland and when the Stop & Shop Plaza was a bowling alley. Yet, he also recognizes the need for responsible growth. As he has stated, "Balance must be met by promoting smart, responsible growth

that benefits residents and businesses alike."

This balanced approach is essential to preserving our town's rich history while ensuring a bright future for generations to come.

Fairhaven is more than just a place to live for Sean — it's home. He chose to raise his family here and is deeply invested in our community. I have no doubt that he will serve as a responsible and thoughtful steward of Fairhaven's future.

I encourage you to support Sean Powers for the Fairhaven Planning Board.

*Michael McNamara, Fairhaven*

### Mello Gives Full Self

I am writing this letter in support of Natalie Mello for select board of Fairhaven.

I have known Natalie and her husband David for over a decade. Initially we became acquainted through business, however, we soon became friends as well. I have had the pleasure and honor to serve with her on the board of a nonprofit and watched how her contributions to that board have benefited the

organization.

In my opinion, Natalie has always given of her full self with projects and causes such as local organizations, nonprofits, and veterans support networks.

I believe that the select board of Fairhaven deserves a member who has fresh thinking and values fiscal responsibility. For these reasons, I am in support of Natalie Mello.

*Howe Allen, Fairhaven*

### Mello has deep Understanding of Fairhaven

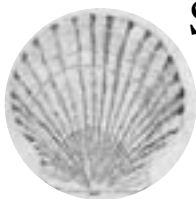
Natalie Mello possesses the skill set we need on the Fairhaven Selectboard.

I have seen her talents at work as a fellow member of the Fairhaven Historical Commission and have only recently become aware of her other experience and service to other nonprofits and institutions. She has demonstrated a deep understanding of our Town and region's unique opportunities. She is independent, clear minded and fair. Her background prepared her well for the difficult decisions facing our Town. I

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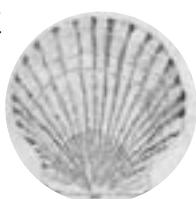
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## Vote by Mail

Last chance to request a ballot by mail for the 4/7 Fairhaven election is Mon., 3/31, until 5 p.m., town clerk's office, 508-979-4023, Ezt. 3; 40 Center St., Fairhaven.

Last day to apply for absentee/in-person absentee ballot is Fri., 4/4.

You may register to vote for the Annual Town Election Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm—until Friday, March 28 at 5pm. Mail-in Voter Registration Forms are available at the Town Clerk's Office, the Millicent Library and State and Federal offices.

ELECTION is on Mon., 4/4, polls open 10 a.m.–8 p.m. All precincts vote at the Recreation Center, 227 Huttleston Ave. (behind Stop & Shop).

## OLOA Annual Dinner

Our Lady of Angels Club will hold its annual dinner on Sat., 4/12, from 5–8 p.m., at 7 Jesse St., Fairhaven. Choice of Chicken Mozambique or BIFANA. Ticket: \$15. Call or text Joe Mello, 508-733-4608, for tickets.

## 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.

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).

## Storytime Election

Storytime Election: Sat., 4/5, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Town Election is coming up... but did you hear that The Millicent Library and Fairhaven Town Clerk's Office are holding a very special election, too?

The Town Clerk's Office will certify the results, and the winning princess will come and read to us (and help us create themed crafts) at storytime on Saturday, April 5th at 11:00 AM. Feel free to dress like a princess, a suffragist, or both!

To register for the event, visit [millicentlibrary.org/events-calendar](http://millicentlibrary.org/events-calendar)

## Tree Meeting

Meeting for the Trees in Fairhaven, Mon., 3/31, 6-7pm Millicent Library Auditorium, 45 Center St. (Walnut

Street entrance).

Are you concerned about the health and welfare of trees in Fairhaven?

Would you like to see more trees planted? Or help advocate for the trees we have?

Come to the first meeting about Trees in Fairhaven! This group is open to all.

Contact: [treesinfairhaven@gmail.com](mailto:treesinfairhaven@gmail.com) if you have questions or if you want to be contacted via email about future Tree related meetings and events.

## Resilience Survey

The MVP 2.0 Fairhaven Team has been working to understand how extreme weather and environmental changes impact our community. Thanks to feedback from residents, the team has developed six potential seed projects—funded by a \$50,000 grant from the EEA's Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) 2.0 program.

Now, it's your turn to decide! Vote for your favorite project idea: In-person at the Millicent Library (display in the Roger's Room); Online at: <https://www.research.net/r/fairhavenmvp2>

The survey will be available until April 10th. This initiative builds on Fairhaven's previous MVP planning efforts, ensuring the town's resilience priorities reflect community needs. Survey responses are anonymous, and any optional contact information will remain confidential. Questions? Email: [amatthews@srpedd.org](mailto:amatthews@srpedd.org) for more information!

## Candidate Events

same question, with a rotation of who answers first.

### 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 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

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

# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## OLOP Fish Fry

Please join us on March 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)

## Cleanup

Operation Clean Sweep & New Bedford Science Café are teaming up for a major clean-up, at low tide of the channel between Harborwalk and East Rodney French Blvd. We need an army of volunteers, as many as possible. This clean-up will go a long way toward beautifying the view from the Harborwalk.

Join us on Sat., 3/29, from 1-4 p.m. during low tide. Park in parking lot at end of Gifford St. Sign in & receive a bag.

Bring: Boots or sturdy sneakers. Also gloves & pickers if you have them. We also will provide gloves, pickers, bags, & rakes.

Bags and other debris will be placed along the path next to the inflow channel and removed by a city truck at the end of the day.

Rain Date: May 10, 11:30 to 1:30

## Science Cafe

Please join us for New Bedford Science Café, Tues., 4/1, from 6 to 8 p.m., The Last Round Bar & Grille, 908 Purchase St., New Bedford. Open to everyone. Free, save for the beer! Free parking in rear of building.

Jamie Jacquart, Assistant Director of Campus Sustainability at The University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth, will be discussing "What's The Deal with Heat Pumps?"

Jamie will be joined by Glenn Morel, a technician with considerable experience installing heat-pump systems and an instructor in the HVAC/R program at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School; and Dan Amarante, a graduate of the same program who has worked for several HVAC companies and serves as a training rep for Plumbers Supply Co.

For more than a century, humans have been burning fossil fuels in order to heat their homes and using electricity to cool them. However, by all indications, the next generation of heating and cooling will be powered by heat pump technologies. But what exactly are heat pumps? How do they work? What do they cost? And why does transitioning to them really matter to society. The speakers will also be sharing information from the MassSave program, including what incentives are available.

## Recycling Misinfo

Sorting Through the Misinformation of Recycling featuring Katie Drews of Eureka Recycling, on Thurs., 4/3, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at UMassD Charlton College of Business, Lecture Hall 149 (Park in lot 14); and 6:30-8:30 p.m. at New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill.

As Co-President & CEO at Eureka Recycling, Katie provides comprehensive executive leadership across organizational strategy, finance, communications, Zero Waste policy, and community engagement and education.

Before joining Eureka in 2021, Katie's professional journey spanned various sectors, including higher education, corporate, and nonprofit realms. With a strong foundation in marketing and business strategy, she has demonstrated a keen ability to drive impactful change and innovation. Katie is an alumna of Hamline University in Saint Paul, MN, holding both a BBA and an MBA.

## Live Music

First Fridays After Dark: A Night of Live Music, Cocktails, and Culture at the Whaling Museum!

Another unforgettable evening awaits at the New Bedford Whaling Museum as they continue their thrilling First Fridays After Dark series on April 4th! This dynamic event blends art, history, science, and entertainment into a truly unique experience. Enjoy cocktails from the cash bar, savor complimentary lite bites, and immerse yourself in the magic of the Museum after hours!

Under the towering whale skeletons in the Jacobs Family Gallery, the talented Moonbellies will take the stage at 6:00 p.m., delivering

their captivating mix of original music, Americana, Old-Time, Québécois, Irish, and Cajun tunes. This charismatic ensemble represents the next wave of string band musicians, seamlessly blending the energy of a new generation with the rich soul of folk music traditions.

Doors open at 5:00 p.m. New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, NB. Fri., 4/4, 6-8 p.m.

RSVP: RSVPs required via the New Bedford Whaling Museum website, <https://www.whalingmuseum.org>

Cost: Tickets are \$10 for museum members or \$20 general public.

## Free YTI Prod.

The unique vision of Your Theatre's newest show directors, Lauren R. Helley of Dartmouth and Nicole Perullo of Westport, takes center stage in "When the Clock Stops," a program featuring two one-act plays, running one weekend only. This special New Director's Showcase takes place at the Steeple Playhouse, 159 William St., in downtown New Bedford and is made possible in part by the Mass Cultural Council.]

Fri. & Sat., 4/4 & 4/5, 7:30 p.m.; Sat. & Sun., 4/5 & 4/6, 2 p.m.

"All Sales Final," an absurdist comedy, tells of an unfortunate life at an abrupt end.

"Tracks." What will happen when a group of strangers meet on a dirty subway platform, with few belongings and stopped watches?

Tickets are complimentary, with donations gratefully accepted. All seats are open seating; for free and "choose what you pay tickets" go to <https://steepleplayhouse.ludus.com/>. Contact the box office ([boxoffice@yourtheatre.org](mailto:boxoffice@yourtheatre.org) or 508-993-0772) with questions.

## Ernestina Sails

Set sail aboard the historic Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey this May and September! these sails are the perfect opportunity for anyone interested in learning about commercial fishing, sailing, and the history of the maritime world

Tickets go on sale to the general public April 1: \$60 Adults, \$30 kids (ages 12-4), Children under 3 and under free. Tickets at <https://tinyurl.com/mryehbyb>. Visit <https://fishingheritagecenter.org>

## Vendors Wanted

The Dartmouth Farmers Market is seeking farms, food vendors, and artisans to join us on Fridays!

We are located in South Dartmouth at 789 Dartmouth Street, behind St. Mary's Church, en route to picturesque Padanaram Village. Our market hours are 12 PM to 5 PM, from June 6 to October 24, with bundled pricing options available.

Application is on our website [www.dartmouthfarmersmarket.com](http://www.dartmouthfarmersmarket.com)

Email: [info@dartmouthfarmersmarket.com](mailto:info@dartmouthfarmersmarket.com), find us on Facebook.

## 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 Bakervill 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.

## 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

## Concert

New Bedford Symphony Orchestra presents ELAN: Elegance, intellect, surprise, delight. Victoria Bond's Dancing on Glass evokes the unique musical language that has garnered accolades for this American composer and conductor. Scion for solo cello reveals Betsy Jolas, doyenne of Franco-American sophistication, still at the top of her game at age 97. Moritz Moszkowski's Suite for Two Violins and Piano offers turn-of-the-century fireworks and we celebrate the 150th anniversary of

Maurice Ravel's birth with his ravishing String Quartet. Musicians: Jesse Holstein, violin; EmmaLee Holmes-Hicks, violin; Anna Griffis, viola; Leo Eguchi, cello; Janice Weber, piano

**Sat., 3/29, 3 PM**, St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, 124 Front Street, Marion

**Sun., 3/30, 3 PM**, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 351 Elm Street, South Dartmouth

Tickets \$25: Must be purchased in advance and will not be available at the door.

If you click on the purchase tickets link and it states that tickets are not available and you do not see a blue "BUY" box, that means the concert is sold out. If concerts sell out, you may request to be added to a waitlist by emailing [asmith@nbsymphony.org](mailto:asmith@nbsymphony.org) by noon on the Friday prior to the concert.

Please note that our office hours are Monday – Friday, 9 am – 5 pm., <https://nbsymphony.org/chamber-series-2024-2025/>

## Art Exhibit

The Marion Art Center is pleased to present its newest exhibition, the Pastel Paintings of Janet Schwartz & Dave Kaphammer, which features two artists working in pastels. The exhibit runs April 5 through May 16 with an artists' reception on Saturday, April 5th from 3:00-5:00pm at the MAC, located at 80 Pleasant Street, Marion.

Although trained as an art teacher, Janet Schwartz initially put off her artistic interests to pursue a corporate career. During her lengthy work commutes, she was inspired by the energy and chaos of highway lights and reflections and began painting in earnest in her free time. In 2021, she traded in her corporate career for a full life of painting and teaching painting – and she hasn't turned back.

Strong light and cast shadows can make the most ordinary scenes appear magical in the works of Dave Kaphammer. He is inspired by late afternoon light breaking through trees, reflecting off water, or falling across an old tractor, casting interesting shadow shapes. Recently his interest has expanded to the old New England architecture in his neighborhood..

For more information visit [marionartcenter.org/on-exhibit](http://marionartcenter.org/on-exhibit)

## Women of Westport Point

The isolated cluster of houses at the end of Main Road has been home to whaling captains, fishermen, and farmers. Their names are recorded on the plaques that adorn each house. But, the Point was also home to their wives, mothers, and daughters. Moreover, in the 20th century, it attracted some remarkable female artists, writers, and unusual characters. This project seeks to unfurl their life stories, which are so closely tied to houses that line Main Road at Westport Point

This project is supported by the Westport Point Neighborhood Association, and by the Westport Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Browse profiles of more than 50 women at <https://wpthistory.org/category/women-of-westport-point/>


## Concert

FirstWorks, a leading non-profit arts presenter in Providence, RI, announced bhangra brass band Red Baraat's return to Providence this spring with their vibrant concert spectacle, "Festival of Colors." The event takes place at The Strand Ballroom and Theatre, 79 Washington Street in Providence, RI on Thursday, April 3, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. and is an immersive celebration that features kaleidoscopic visuals, joyful dancing and the hard-driving rhythms of North Indian bhangra music.

Tickets are available online starting at \$25 at <https://firstworks.org> and at The Strand Box Office, (401) 618-8900.

Led by the dynamic bandleader Sunny Jain on the dhol, Red Baraat has transformed the festive spirit of the Hindu holiday of Holi into an exuberant, year-round musical extravaganza. Red Baraat has been described by NPR as "the best party band in years." Their performances meld North Indian bhangra music with elements of hip hop, jazz and punk. Their "Festival of Colors" is not just a concert, it is a movement of spirited celebration and communal joy.

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Visit our website at: [http://fairhavenma.virtualltownhall.net/Pages/FairhavenMA\\_COA/index](http://fairhavenma.virtualltownhall.net/Pages/FairhavenMA_COA/index)

## 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: 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.

## 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 lottery, 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.

## Easter Dinner

Join us for a special Easter Dinner hosted by the Fairhaven Council on Aging, on Sun. 4/20, 11–1 p.m.

Come celebrate the season of renewal and joy with us! Enjoyh a delicious meal surrounded by good company. RSVP. Please call to sign up at 508-973-4029 by April 14th.

## Attention Veteran Women

We would love to include more images of the veteran women from Fairhaven to be featured alongside their fellow veterans.

If you have served and would like to contribute a photo, we would be honored to display it. We kindly request that the photo be unmounted, in either 8x10 or 5x7 size, with the name of the individual written on the back. Additionally, if someone other than the veteran submits a photo, we ask that permission from the family be obtained.

Thank you for your service and for helping us recognize and celebrate the contributions of our veteran women.

# 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>

## Pint Sized Picassos

Join us for this messy, pre-k art program and watch your little artists bloom as they paint, draw and sculpt their way to becoming creative and confident young individuals. Let the colors of imagination flourish in this enriching art adventure.

April 14-May 12th 10am-10:45am Mondays Members \$35. Non-Members \$45

## 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

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# Recipe of the Week

## Meatball Black Bean Chili

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 12 beef meatballs
- 1 onion finely sliced
- 2 mixed peppers sliced
- 1/2 large bunch coriander leaves and stalks chopped
- 2 large garlic cloves crushed
- 1 tsp hot smoked paprika
- 2 tsp ground cumin
- 1 heaped tbsp light brown soft sugar
- 2 x 400g (14 oz.) cans chopped tomatoes
- 2 x 400g (14 oz) cans black beans drained and rinsed
- Cooked rice to serve

Heat the oil in a large flameproof casserole dish over medium heat. Fry the meatballs for 5 mins until browned, then transfer to a plate with a slotted spoon.

Fry the onion and peppers with a pinch of salt for 7 mins. Add the coriander stalks, garlic, paprika and cumin and fry for 1 min more. Tip in the sugar, tomatoes and beans, and bring to a simmer. Season, return the meatballs to the pan and cook, covered, for 15 mins.

Serve the chili with the rice and the coriander leaves scattered over.



something when I had. Then we get into a yes-you-did, no-you-didn't kind of argument.

Recently, it occurred to me that my friend might have memory problems, so she doesn't remember what she or I said. When I asked her if she was having any issues with memory, she said now that I mentioned it, she thought I had memory problems.

I didn't believe I was, but just to be sure, I took a two-hour memory test and scored above average in every section.

How can I have a better relationship with my friend? Our friendship

# Dear Frankie

## Changes

*Dear Frankie,*  
My friend from puppyhood and I have hit a relationship snag. The problem we are having is she will say she told me something when she hasn't, or she will say I didn't tell her

means a lot to me and I'm committed to doing whatever I can to get it back on track.

*Wilma*

*Dear Wilma,*

Now that you recognize what is happening to your friend, you can start by not telling her she didn't tell you something. If she accuses you of not sharing some information, say you are sorry you thought you had.

Changing how you respond when issues arise should alleviate the back-and-forth altercations you have been having about who said what.

Your friend isn't ready to hear or accept that she may have a memory problem. Pursuing the issue with her will only cause more friction in your relationship. Whatever you do, don't tell her you aced the memory test.

As time passes, her memory problem will arise in various ways and become evident to her, whether or not she cares to acknowledge it publicly.

Everyone comes to terms with age-related issues differently. Friends accept one another's changes and

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# THE TRAIN IS HERE! THE TRAIN IS HERE!

By Beth David  
Editor

The long-promised MBTA Commuter rail from New Bedford to Boston has actually arrived, after a 65 year absence. The Governor, Lt. Governor, and a host of other politicians and state and local officials converged on New Bedford, Fall River, and Taunton for the first day of actual, real, commuter rail service on 3/24/25. They then met up in Taunton for a ribbon cutting ceremony.



Mass. Gov. Maura Healey speaks in Taunton. Photo courtesy of Glenn C. Silva.

About 150 people were in New Bedford for the 10:43 train to Taunton to meet up with the Governor. In Taunton more than 500 people were on hand to listen to the speech-making.

“For the first time in over 65 years, the cities and towns of southeastern Massachusetts will now have passenger rail service to and from downtown Boston,” said Gov. Maura Healey in Taunton.

In a press released, State Rep. Mark

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# March for Meals celebrates Meals on Wheels program

By Beth David

Editor

Coastline Elderly Services held its annual March for Meals event this month, visiting several Councils on Aging, including Fairhaven on 3/21/25. The event celebrates the Meals on Wheels program at a time when budgets are strained more than ever.

Fairhaven Select Board member Andrew Romano took his hand at sealing up meals for the ride people's homes. Rui Campos and Mary Cardoso of Fairhaven's Bay Coast Bank branch, helped fill the plates. They all joined delivery drivers for a bit to meet some people who rely on the program to get at least one hot meal a day.

The meals go out Monday through Friday to almost 120 Fairhaven residents. On Fridays, they get two meals for the weekend.

It's not only about the food, though. For a lot of people, the contact with the delivery person is

the only contact they will have with someone in person.

Justin Lees, Coastline CEO, said the squeeze on finances has been getting worse. Some Meals on Wheels (MOW) programs have had to start waiting lists, something Coastline hoping it will never have to do.

"The program is always underfunded," said Mr. Lees, but noted it always has bipartisan support.

MOW relies on state and federal funding for about 30% of the cost of the program. The rest comes from donations, some health insurance reimbursement, and a \$3 requested donation per meal.

The projected deficit this year is \$1.4 million.

Rui Campos, Manager of the BayCoast Fairhaven branch, said he decided to help because Coastline is a "great organization."

He said BayCoast encourages employees to volunteer in the community. He said they also donate funds.

"I like to get involved in the community and help the elderly," said Mary Cardoso, who also works at BayCoast. "This is fun."

Later in the day, after their ride along, the both said they enjoyed the conversations they had with people who received meals, and they were happy to help.

The meals include a hot entree, a roll and butter, milk,



ABOVE: Fairhaven Select Board member, Andrew Romano, helps by sealing meals, under the supervision of Kim Brown, Elderly Nutrition Program Assistant, during the March for Meals event at Fairhaven Council on Aging/Senior Center on 3/21/25. BELOW: Delivery workers, Rick Barboza and Peter Richard chat while waiting for the meals to be ready. Photos by Beth David.



and dessert.

Coastline's MOW delivers 1600 meals each day to seniors in seven surrounding towns, including Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoissett, New Bedford, Rochester. They also go to Cuttyhunk. Anyone over 60 can request a meal. Contact your COA/Senior Center, or contact Coastline directly. You can donate to Coastline at <https://coastlinenb.org> or call 508-999-6400. The office is located at 863 Belleville Ave., New Bedford.

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Sylvia (D-Fairhaven) said, "As the new representative in the seat once held by Transportation Chair Straus, I am proud to witness the realization of a project he dedicated so much of his time and effort to. The opening of the

South Coast Rail is a monumental step forward for our region, bringing economic opportunity, increased accessibility, and improved transportation options to our communities, and I look forward to continuing the

work of building a better, more connected future for all of us."

SouthCoast Rail from New Bedford will run 17 trips each weekday.

The full schedule is available at [mbta.com](http://mbta.com) or <https://tinyurl.com/2yw9v54>. Fares are free every day until March 31. Then, through April 27, parking and fares are free.

After that, regular fares will be \$12.25 each way, \$6 for reduced fare customers (seniors, disabled, etc.). Visit <https://www.mbta.com/fares/reduced> for full list.

All commuter rails are \$10 flat fee on weekends.

Stations are in downtown New Bedford, 536 Acushnet Avenue (Whale's Tooth Parking Lot), and 387 Church Street. After 4/27, parking will be \$4 on weekdays, \$2 on weekends.



Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll (CENTER), New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell (LEFT), with state Sen. Mark Montigny (RIGHT) and other officials cut the ribbon at the Downtown New Bedford station on 3/24/25 for the opening of SouthCoast Rail, MBTA commuter rail service to Boston. Photo courtesy of Glenn C. Silva.



# Candidate Statements: Board of Health/1 seat



## **Cristina Lopes**

I, Cristina Lopes, am running for the Fairhaven Board of Health. As a dedicated resident raising my family here and active

town meeting member, I am driven to make a positive impact.

With my extensive medical background, I am confident in my ability to address the unique needs of our community. I am committed to ensuring that every resident feels supported, informed, and empowered to thrive. I would be honored to earn your vote and serve on the Board of Health.

Fairhaven has been my home for the majority of my life and now I'm lucky enough to raise my own family here. My husband and I currently oversee the Facebook group Old Town Fairhaven where we publish town board and committee events, election info, health and safety tips,

and educational information from the town. As well as everyone's favorite the Town-Wide Yard Sale.

Being involved in our community is very important. I believe we all have a responsibility in some shape or form to give back as neighbors. One way I believe I can is by being on the BOH. Working in the medical field for over a decade has given me hands-on experience to understand the needs of our community as well as adapt to any situation that may arise. I would like to bring my passion to the board.

My experience in the field has been broad and diverse. I began working in a short-term rehab facility providing direct care to patients while learning to master skills such as time management, skills training, Alzheimer's/dementia training certificates, infection control, patient safety, compliance for all state and federal laws, regulations and most importantly communication.

From there, I worked for the South Coast Visiting Nurse Association in Fairhaven. Working there gave me the ability to learn from some of the best in-home care. This included PT, OT, Lic Social Workers, Nursing, Palliative and Hospice Care. I was fortunate to

work with people who were always willing to teach and provide an ample amount of community resources leading me to be well versed in our communities' needs.

While visiting homes I saw a wide range of cases. Many were affected by poor living conditions due to financial hardships, hoarding, and environmental issues outside of the home. This brought a need for an assessment from a local health agent to get involved and provide assistance. The biggest obstacles I witnessed were finances, mental health needs, drug and alcohol addiction, and a lack of family support.

If elected, it is my goal for the community to feel supported in their needs and that each individual is heard. All while ensuring that we are adhering to the Mass General Laws, the Department of Public Health, and local by-laws. Being transparent with the residents when issues occur and tackling some of our biggest issues head-on is my top priority. I hope to earn your vote for April 7th for the Board of Health position.

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Incumbent Brian Meneses, who was appointed to fill a vacancy, did not send a statement.*

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believe Natalie will work hard to bring us together to form concerned, thoughtful and well researched decisions.

Natalie Mello is the right choice and the necessary voice for Fairhaven.

*Nate Bekemeier, Fairhaven*

### **Espindola Supports Mello**

Early in her campaign, Natalie Mello reached out to me as a twelve-year member of the Select Board for a bit of history and for me to share some of my experiences. I walked away quite impressed. She understands that the single most important responsibility of the Select Board comes at the time of hiring a Town Administrator. Natalie has had relevant experience in hiring high-level executives including the Dean of Undergraduate Studies at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, the President of The Forum on Education Abroad (a professional association of over 5000 international members), the Superintendent of Schools and Executive Directors of Non-Profit organizations. That type of experience is directly

relevant and would be a great asset to the Select Board in the TA hiring process.

Natalie also understands that, in order for the Town to get back on track, we need an experienced, professional Town Administrator willing to dig into the details. She understands the importance of realistic short and long term financial forecasting. She realizes that the Town needs a comprehensive plan that considers the enormous impact of pending union contracts, staffing analysis, capital needs, etc. The Select Board is responsible for the delicate balance between services, care of our assets (including historic buildings) and tax impact on residents.

Major policy decisions should not be made without complete information, without a vision toward the future. Unfortunately, that is what the Select Board has had to do in recent years.

Natalie understands that the outlook of the Town is not as bleak as some would have you believe. She understands that, with the right

decisions, the Town actually has the capability to improve services over time and, through a proper debt management plan, the capacity to tackle large-scale capital projects. Without a plan, it's logical to conclude that it's impossible, but the Town deserves better. I was pleased to learn that Natalie and I share an analytical way of thinking and I am very confident that her critical thinking skills will serve the Select Board well.

Natalie is a realistic person. She does not subscribe to the belief that the State has the capacity to bail out the Town of Fairhaven (and the other 350 communities in Massachusetts) through their rainy day fund, as some would have you believe. A cardinal rule in government finance is that you never use reserves to fund annual operating expenses because it is not sustainable. It is not prudent to assume help will be on the way with a simple request to the State and taxpayers should not be misled to

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Natalie will push for the type of analysis and vision the Taxpayers of Fairhaven deserve from Town Administration. With that in hand, the Select Board will be in a much better position to make sound policy decisions that can get the Town back on track in short order.

I hope you will join me in voting for Natalie Mello for Select Board on April 7th.

*Bob Espindola, Fairhaven*

### Fidalgo Supports Mello

I am writing to proudly endorse my friend Natalie A. Mello for the Fairhaven Selectboard. She has a proven track record of dedication, integrity, and ethical leadership qualities we need now more than ever.

Natalie brings invaluable experience in municipal and nonprofit financial management, a sector often misunderstood but crucial to a community's well-being. Unlike the business world, where profit drives decisions, municipal and nonprofit finances require balancing fiscal responsibility with the mission of serving the public. Natalie has spent years navigating this complex system, ensuring that resources are prioritized for the health, wellness, and sustainability of the communities she has served.

Beyond her professional expertise, Natalie has consistently stepped up in service, not just in Fairhaven but in every community she has called home. She has actively contributed to boards and committees, using her knowledge and leadership to support local governance, fiscal responsi-

bility, and community well-being.

Her work with Worcester Polytechnic Institute's international study abroad program is a testament to her ability to build strong relationships, develop far-reaching programs, and manage complex initiatives. She has earned the trust of colleagues and professionals in handling one of our most valuable assets — our students — demonstrating her commitment to ethical leadership, thoughtful decision-making, and the success of future generations.

Her professionalism, knowledge, and unwavering dedication to doing what is right make her the right person to help lead Fairhaven forward during this crucial time. Let's elect leaders who are honest, accountable, and passionate about serving our town.

If these qualities are something you also value in leadership, I ask you to join me in voting for Natalie A. Mello for the Fairhaven Selectboard.

*Jess Fidalgo, Fairhaven*

### Trees find Common Ground in Natalie Mello

*Tree translation by Lynne Mason*

The Trees of Fairhaven had a meeting through the "tree root broadcasting network" and voted unanimously to endorse Natalie Mello for Fairhaven's Select Board.

The Black Walnut said, "She cares about people and trees, and has the right balance of keen intelligence and common sense so we trust her."

The Red and Japanese maples spoke about her invaluable experience working with Fairhaven's departments. "So she can be effective from day one. We know she will go out on a limb for our town."

The Black Cherry trees said, "We have witnessed her branching out, networking and respectfully listening to all viewpoints. She can work collaboratively and we need her skill set."

Ginkgo trees voiced support and said, "She knows how to balance the concerns of people, the natural environment, finances and property values, and town departments. We are 'rooting' for her to win."

The Dogwoods emphasized, "Mello won't waste our time 'barking' up the wrong tree. She understands highly technical information and knows how to select folks for leadership, like a Town Administrator."

The Poplar trees, of course, joined the popular vote and also endorsed Mello. They love her focus on fiscal accountability and transparency, and her work with supporting balanced budgets with non-profits.

The Pitch Pines overheard Mello tell Lynne Mason of Fairhaven, "...as a member of the Select Board I will support a practical healthy tree cover. I was so sad about the trees on Union Street."

We trees record our history in our growth rings and feel a treeship with Mello for her work at the Fairhaven Historical Society. She knows the past of our town but is forward thinking.

Eastern Red Cedars pledged not to leave any leaf unturned in turning out the vote. Young people will benefit from her commitment to public school teachers. She was a school committee member earlier in her career.

The Trees promise to provide shade and fresh air to all the voters on April 7th as they head for the polls.

*Respectfully, Your Town's Trees, as told to Lynne Mason, Fairhaven*



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challenges and adjust their expectations and responses accordingly.

*Best, Frankie*

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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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adding she looked forward to the time when a majority female SB is "not a milestone, but the norm."

She said she has always tried to act with integrity, preparation, and thoughtfulness.

"I have always approached decisions with the best interests of the entire town in mind," she said adding leadership is not always easy and difficult decisions are sometimes required. "I stand by each one, knowing they were made with the town's well-being at heart."

She said her proudest moment was her work on the town's financial policies, a task that also improved capital planning.

She urged her fellow board members to pick a new TA who will support town staff with respect.

Ms. Powers also left the board with some words of wisdom, telling them they should lead with courage and purpose, and reminding them that they are the highest elected officials in town.

Always act in the best interest of the entire town, "not just the few voices who are frequent callers or close acquaintances."

And remember that the School Department is an integral part of town; they are shaping the "next generation of responsible Fairhaven citizens."

She said they should trust in the collective wisdom of the board: "you guys have experience."

She also thanked her family, and noted that the past year has been "challenging."

"But I believe we will emerge from this stronger."

The meeting is available on demand at [FairhavenTV.com](http://FairhavenTV.com)

## Upcoming Meetings

### Fairhaven

#### Board of Public Works

Mon., 3/31 Arsene St., 6 p.m.

#### Charter Committee

Wed., 4/2, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Thurs., 4/10, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

#### Conservation Commission

Mon., 4/7, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

#### Lagoa Friendship

Mon., 4/7, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

#### Livable Streets Comm

Thurs., 4/3, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

#### Planning Board

Tues., 4/8, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

#### School Committee

Wed., 4/9, FHS Lib., 6:30 p.m.

#### Select Board

Mon., 3/31 (Budget), Town Hall, 6 p.

Mon., 4/7 (Election), Town Hall 8 p.

Mon., 4/14, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### Acushnet

#### Selectboard

Tues., 4/1, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

#### School Comm/Selectboard

Joint meeting/Debt Exclusion

Wed., 4/16, Ford MS, 6 p.m.

### TIDE TABLE

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	Mar. 2025	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
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*

	Apr. 2025	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Tuesday	1	1100	2326	0426*	1628*
Wednesday	2	1153	---	0510*	1713*
Thursday	3	0023	1254	0600	1803
Friday	4	0125	1357	0721	1919
Saturday	5	0226	1458	0950	2158
Sunday	6	0327	1602	1107	2329

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## Town of Fairhaven Public Hearings

The Fairhaven Charter Committee will hold two public hearings, on Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 6:30PM and Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 6:30PM at Town Hall. The hearings are on the topic of the proposed Charter. A Working Draft is available on the Town of Fairhaven website. Attendance is available for both in-person and online, with Zoom links available on the website.

Fairhaven Charter Committee,  
Morgan Dawicki, Chairman  
FNN 3/27/25, 4/3/25

## TOWN OF ACUSHNET Public Hearing Notice

The Acushnet Board of Selectmen will hold a joint public hearing with the Acushnet School Committee on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ford Middle School in the auditorium located at 708 Middle Road, Acushnet. This hearing is on the topic of the debt exclusion, for the Acushnet Elementary School's HVAC installation, that will be on the Town's annual election ballot.

Board of Selectmen  
Robert Hinckley, Chairman  
David Wojnar, Member  
Kevin Gaspar, Sr., Member  
FNN, 3/27/25, 4/3/25

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, April 7, 2025 at 6:00pm  
Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting will be conducted in person and via remote means, in accordance with applicable law. This means that members of the public body as well as members of the public may access this meeting in person, or via

virtual means. In person attendance will be at 40 Center Street, and it is possible that any or all members of the public body may attend remotely, with in-person attendance consisting of members of the public. 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.

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

a. CON 023-489: 180 Balsam Street, Map 43B, Lot 39 Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Louise Merrick to install an aluminum perimeter fence within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, FEMA Flood Zone VE (El.16') at Assessor's Map 43B, Lot 39

b. SE 023-\_\_\_\_, CON 023-490: 0 Perry Street, Map 31A, 434 Notice of Intent filed by David Vermette to construct a single-family home with associated driveway, grading, and utilities. The applicant also proposes to stabilize a portion of the lot previously disturbed and cleared. The parcel contains NHESP Priority Habitat and Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetate Wetlands at Assessor's Map 31A, Lot 434.

c. SE 023-\_\_\_\_, CON 023-491: 60 Highland Avenue, Map 28A, Lot 164 & 165 Notice of Intent filed by Laura Tykodi to construct a single-family dwelling on a pier foundation within the Buffer Zone to a Bordering Vegetated Wetland and within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage. The house will be serviced with municipal water and sewer at

Assessor's Map 28A, Lots 164 & 165.

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.

Brandon Estrella, Chair  
Fairhaven Conservation Commission  
FNN: 3/27/25

## 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 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:

- Replacement of both roofs according to specifications in bid package.

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: Filed sub bids are due May 8th by 3:00 pm the General contractor is due May 15th 2025 by 3pm

A Pre-Bid Conference is to be held on April 17th at 10:00 am at 227 Huttleston Ave.

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

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**Mr. J. P. Lemieux**

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# VOTE on Monday, April 7

**A leader of integrity who is committed to collaboration with a proven history of working with others to solve complex problems.**

**I am confident that Natalie's life experience, work history and attitude towards others suits her well for the Fairhaven Select Board. Her election would contribute I believe to good things happening in Fairhaven.**

*Bill Straus, Former State Representative*

**Natalie has all the qualities it takes to be an effective board member. She is honest, fair, bright, concerned, and willing to put in the time and effort it takes to serve on the select board.**

*Geneva Woodruff, Ph.D., Fairhaven*



**Everyone who has worked with Natalie knows that she is smart, articulate, thoughtful, and collegial. What fewer people know is that she is a diligent steward of the taxpayer's money.**

*Beth Luey, Fairhaven*

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