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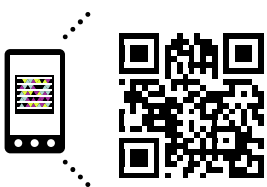
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Voters deliver upsets in Fairhaven



Voters in Fairhaven ousted two incumbents on Monday, including two-term Planning Board incumbent, Cathy Melanson. ABOVE: Natalie Mello's supporters hold signs along with other candidates outside the Fairhaven Recreation Center where all precincts voted on 4/5/25 in the town election, when Ms. Mello won a seat on the Select Board. See page 12 for story. Photo by Beth David.



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First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Judge Murray Gurfein, Pentagon Papers case, June 17, 1971:

"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.

The voters have spoken. Sadly, only 16% of registered voters in Fairhaven actually showed up, but...they have spoken. See page 12. And they decided they wanted new faces.

There's all kinds of chatter on both sides about how bad or how good the result is. What it means, etc.

Some peopple are trying to spin it that those who got in are the same ole same ole because of who supported them. But, the reality is that two very well known town officials did not win the seats they wanted. That's not the same ole same ole, guys. Keeping incumbents is the same ole same ole. Electing the regular faces is the same ole same ole.

This election season got a bit nasty at times. Let's all put on our big kid pants now and move forward, okay?

We have a fun story about a rare waterdog breed called "Barbet." Many thanks to Barbara Leger for writing the story. Because I was not going to get around to it. And, well, the puppies have a schedule, dontchaknow? See page 14 to learn about them.

The Big Buffoon's random cuts have reached our little burg. See page 3 for the hit the Fairhaven school department is facing. And more cuts are on the way.

But, hey, he's gonna save you some \$5K in federal tax money, right? And your 401K is soaring! Um....no? Hmm...I'm sure it'll come back. If you're old, though, and don't have time to wait, then tough luck, right? So much respect for old people.

Oh, and may I point out that MassHealth is Medicare? Anyone who has a parent in a nursing home who is getting it paid for by MassHealth needs to pay attention.

People are cheering on the breaking of things when they do not even know how they work. And that includes the Big Buffoon and his top campaign donor.

God help us all.

As for the cruelty this country is showing to immigrants now, it is completely contrary to what this country is supposed to be about. I said way back at the beginning of this nightmare that this guy didn't even know what it meant to be an American. Now he's proving it. And so many of you are cheering him on. I do not know what you learned about America in school, but it clearly was not the same as I learned.

But, more on that another time.

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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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Feds terminate \$106 million in education funding in Mass.

Press Release

The Healey-Driscoll Administration is condemning the Trump Administration's illegal move to terminate \$106 million in K-12 education grant funding for Massachusetts. On Friday, 3/26 at 5:03 pm, the U.S. Department of Education notified all states about its decision to end the federal Education Stabilization Fund liquidation period effective three minutes prior, at 5:00 pm. Nationally, it is estimated that this decision terminates over \$2 billion across 41 states. In February 2025, the Trump Administration had just reaffirmed that Massachusetts had until March 2026 to spend the funds.

The funding was intended to support a multitude of statewide efforts to address pandemic-related learning loss, with a focus on literacy, math and science areas where learning was particularly disrupted during the pandemic. Recent test scores show that, while Massachusetts students continue to lead the nation, they have still not fully recovered from the learning lost during the pandemic. This funding helped address those

gaps by supporting mental health services, high-dosage math tutoring, purchasing of high-quality instructional material with a focus on science, and enhanced screenings to identify students' risk of poor reading outcomes, including risk of dyslexia.

This funding was supporting building upgrades across 20 school districts to improve air quality through HVAC installations and build outdoor learning spaces for students. Some projects were enhancing security in schools, including the purchasing of cameras, door alarm, and emergency response technology. As the federal government had committed to these funds, the projects are all currently underway but had been delayed due to continued supply chain issues and labor shortages.

The funding was also supporting professional development for educators, such as DESE's Learning Acceleration Network and five Regional Licensure Centers that help emergency teacher license holders get provisional or initial licensure to

stay employed in Massachusetts public schools.

Locally

According to the press release, New Bedford will lose \$15,603,433 in funding; Fairhaven will lose \$250,802. Acushnet was not listed as an impacted school district.

Fairhaven Superintendent, Tara Kohler, said the money for Fairhaven is being used to fund an HVAC study for East Fairhaven School and Hastings Middle School. The buildings get very hot, she said.

As of now, they have only been told about the COVID money, said Ms. Kohler, but they have also been told to prepare for more cuts, possibly 25%. The state sends the district about \$2 million a year.

Those funds cover Title I, Title II, which are for a variety of things, including Special Education, curriculum development, professional development, and help for lower income students.

"This has never been at risk before," she said. "It has only been at risk of not increasing."



Worship with us this Easter Season!

Palm Sunday • April 13 • 10 a.m.

A special service when we will remember Jesus' last days before crucifixion.

Maundy Thursday • April 17

Soup Supper: 5:45 p.m. in Maddaford Vestry (William St. entrance)

Tenebrae Service: 6:30 p.m. in Sanctuary (Center St. entrance)

Join us for a meaningful service when we remember how Jesus met with his friends on the night before he died and celebrated Communion with them. Then listen and watch as we contemplate Jesus' passion and seven last words as candles are extinguished one by one.

**Good Friday • April 18 • Noon – 3 p.m.
in the Sanctuary**

Personal Meditation/Prayer Time

Our sanctuary will be open for anyone who wants to spend a portion of this time in meditation and prayer.

Easter Sunday • April 20 • 10 a.m.

Join with other members and friends of our church to sing out "Christ is Risen" as we celebrate the resurrection in song, prayer, and scripture.

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Friends Say Thanks



The Friends of the Millicent Library Board thank the Fairhaven community and Friends members for their continued and generous support, book and monetary donations, and participation in the Friends FREE programs and events.



In 2024-2025 your donations to the Friends have provided:

- FREE textbooks and materials for the American Government Course
 - Five author talks FREE to the public
 - FREE pumpkins at Kid's Fest 2024
- FREE Children's Books at December 2024 used book sale
 - Donation for special celebration of the 40th Annual Teddy Bear Parade and Picnic, August 16, 2025
- FREE book discussion led by Friends Board Member
 - Provided refreshments for Nina Ott Jazz Concert



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UU Society of Fairhaven welcomes all!

10 a.m. April 13: "A Time for Regeneration - A Green Sanctuary Celebration"

Led by Laura Gardner and Susan Jennings, Faith Formation director

Children welcome at service!

"Second Hour" activities: tree planting, "green" crafts, garden design brainstorming

The Rev. Maria Uitti McCabe
102 Green St., Fairhaven uufairhaven.org 508-992-7081

AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

New Event Website

The Fairhaven Office of Community Development has a launched a new web page for event listings: discoverfairhaven.org/events

With the launch of the new Discover Fairhaven website, we now have a dedicated, user-friendly events calendar where visitors can easily browse upcoming happenings. The calendar includes helpful tags to sort by event type, making it easy for residents and visitors to explore what's going on in town.

Individuals and organizations can also submit events to be listed.

Events must take place in Fairhaven.

Event descriptions and imagery must be appropriate for all audiences and free from offensive or inappropriate content. This includes, but is not limited to, anything that is discriminatory, vulgar, violent, or otherwise unsuitable for a general audience.

Discover Fairhaven will review all submissions before they are published. Submit events well in advance to ensure they go live before the event date.

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.

Old Stone Schoolhouse Open

The Fairhaven Historical Commission & The Old Stone Schoolhouse are pleased to present our 2025 Season opening schedule. The Schoolhouse, 40 North St., Fairhaven, will be open from 11am - 2pm on the following Saturdays (with the exception of Memorial Day weekend, when we will open on the Monday holiday): April 12 (Season Opener!), May 3, Monday, May 26 (Memorial Day), June 14, July 5, July 12, July 19, July 26, August 16, August 30, September 20, October 11, Nov. 1.

In partnership with the Fairhaven Historical Society & the Public School Department, this year we plan to

open every weekend in July, to coincide with the tours and openings of the Fairhaven Academy and Fairhaven High School.

Find the Fairhaven Historical Commission on Facebook for updates and info throughout the season. Look forward to seeing you at the Schoolhouse!

Music in the Library

See page 7.

Eco Fair

The Eco-Fair is returning this year to town and as in the past, the fair will be held on the lawn of the Unitarian Church on Sat., 4/12 from 12-3pm.

The Fairhaven Sustainability Committee, along with the UU Society of Fairhaven and The Millicent Library are sponsoring this free event. From 12-3pm the community is welcome to join us with vendors, games, music and much more for this eco-friendly time. Many local organizations will be attending, town committees and businesses to provide the public with information and educational materials. We encourage folks to ride their bikes or walk to the fair, but street parking is available in the center of Fairhaven. Rain date, 4/13.

If you have any questions, please contact ann.richard@gmail.com

Fhvn Repub Comm

Please join us, be part of something bigger in your community.

The Fairhaven Republican Town Committee membership is growing! We meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 32 Abbey Street, Fairhaven at 6pm. All are welcome to attend our next meeting on Tues., 4/15. Contact us at fairhavenrtc@gmail.com or call

Committee Chair Bob McConnell at 508-863-0416 with any questions or concerns. We welcome any guest speaker interested in addressing our Committee.

Free Movie

Join South Coast Cinemaniacs for "Ball of Fire" (1941), a screwball comedy retelling of a fairy tale classic! Nightclub singer Sugarpuss O'Shea (Barbara Stanwyck) seeks sanctuary with a group of encyclopedia writing professors. She's the

Snow White to their band of dwarves. Is the youngest (Gary Cooper) only fascinated by her facility with American slang?

The program starts on Monday, April 14 at 5:30 PM at the Millicent Library on 45 Center St., Fairhaven. All are welcome, and the event is free! Use the Walnut St. entrance.

South Coast Cinemaniacs meets the second Monday of the month, excluding holidays, to watch and discuss classic movies.

For more information, email club president Beth Ann Gallagher at: southcoastcinemaniacs@gmail.com

April fun at UUSF

Spring is in the air at the Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven, 102 Green Street.

Egg Hunt

At 11:30 a.m. April 20 (following Easter Sunday service), children of all ages from the community are invited to join in an egg hunt for candy and prizes.

April Vacation

School vacation events are planned in collaboration with the Millicent Library. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 22, Earth Day will be celebrated outdoors with a scavenger hunt, book reading, and a bring-your-own picnic on the lawn. From 9 a.m. to noon April 23, a sewing camp will have 5- to 13-year-olds of all skill levels in stitches! From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 24, there will be a "Family Hangout," with games, crafts, and conversation. Bring your own brown bag lunch to enjoy outdoors.

Harrop Center is handicapped accessible via a ramp off the Center Street driveway. For more information about the church, call 508-992-7081 or visit uufairhaven.org.

Business Mixer

Businesses are invited to Fairhaven & Friends Business Mixer, hosted by the Fairhaven Economic Development Committee (EDC)! This is a great opportunity to connect with fellow business owners, gain valuable insights, and learn more about how we can continue working together to strengthen our local economy.

Thurs., 4/17, Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center St., 5:30 p.m.

Evening Highlights: Meet repre-

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sentatives from local lodging partners; Learn from the Commission on Disability how you can be an accessibility ally; Plenty of time for mingling and making connections over light refreshments!

Additionally, we're sharing a general update on the work of the EDC, informed by the valuable input many of you provided at the April 2024 networking event.

At the Shep

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

- **An Evening of Joni and Cat.** The music of two legendary singer-songwriters in one great show! Sat,

April 12, 7 pm (doors open 6:30). Tickets \$20 online; \$25 at door For tickets & info visit <https://theshepherdcenter.org/events/>

Nicole Gauthier performs "A Tribute to Joni Mitchell" with a powerful voice naturally reminiscent of early Joni - a voice that will melt your heart.

John Fuzek presents "CatMoonshadow," a tribute to the music of Cat Stevens.

SAVE THE DATE:

NFIA Egg Hunt

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association invites you to join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sat., 4/19, at Livesey Park, Parker Street, Fairhaven, 9 a.m. SHARP.

Children from toddler to 12 are invited to participate. Categories are:

Toddler to age 4, 5-8, 9-12.

Bring your Easter basket and come out to welcome the Easter Bunny.

West Island 5K

The 12th Annual West Island 5K will be held on Sun., 4/27, with the Kids Mile at 10am and 5K at 11am., at West Island Improvement Association Community House, 41 Causeway Rd., Fairhaven.

More info and registration link at westisland5k.org). Registration: \$20.00 - K-12 students registering for the 5K; \$25.00 - Adult 5K registrations; \$5 Kids Mile Run.

All proceeds benefit Fairhaven High School Cross Country Program, West Island Improvement Association Scholarship Fund, Strive and Achieve

Volunteers are needed! Sign up, become a sponsor, or volunteer: westisland5k.org/5k-runwalk

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

SAVE THE DATE

DAV Clamboil

DAV Chapter 7 New Bedford, is holding a clamboil fundraiser on Mon., 5/19, at Danny's Seafood Restaurant, 574 North Front Street, New Bedford, MA 02745; 4-7 p.m. All you can eat \$50.00

There is Priscilla plate for non seafood preference

50/50 Raffle \$1 per ticket. Free Door Prizes, 10 Total Prizes Given Out

Tickets: call DAV at 508-992-3766; at theThe Door; or at Danny's Seafood Restaurant.

Thank For Supporting Our Veterans

AHA!

AHA! Night: Project Planet is our annual celebration of the Earth, and more specifically, what we can do here to preserve our sustainable South Coast.

Join or enjoy the Project Planet Procession as it moves through downtown New Bedford. It will feature our newly-crowned Mother Earth and Father Ocean, an appearance by Miss New Bedford, the return of the Creature of the Plasticine Era, and more! T'em Blessed also returns as host of the parade festivities.

Local businesses, galleries, and

museums are planning special events for you, including arts & crafts, music, and conversations. Plus, it's the opening night of the 2nd annual New Bedford Film Festival!

To join the procession, register by April 4: <https://ahanewbedford.org/next-aha/> where you will also find the full schedule of events.

Battle Talk

A discussion on "The Battle of the Atlantic," the longest continuous military campaign of World War II, will be presented at 2 p.m. Sun., 4/13 at the Fort Taber-Fort Rodman Military Museum and Veterans Memorial, 1000 South Rodney French Boulevard, New Bedford.

The talk, the final historical lecture of the spring season at the museum, will be presented by Professor Tom G. Nester, Ph.D, of Bridgewater State University.

The presentation is free and open to the public. There is ample free parking.

NB Film Fest

Are you ready for the New Bedford Film Festival 2025? April 10-13, 2025, we will celebrate bold and diverse cinematic stories and storytellers in the whaling city of New Bedford, Massachusetts!

Film lovers and makers, save these

dates to experience the New Bedford Film Festival for your first or second time!

The New Bedford Film Festival showcases authentic and powerful cinematic stories, cultivates emerging storytellers, and promotes the city's growing creative economy.

Visit <https://filmfreeway.com/NewBedfordFilmFestival/> for schedule and tickets.

Bunny Shoot

Food, fun prizes! The New Bedford Rifle and Revolver Club, 246 Bolton St., New Bedford, will sponsor a Bunny Shoot on Sun., 4/13 from noon to 4 p.m. No...no actual bunnies are harmed in this event, honest.

All ages are accepted, no license required. Door prizes, caravan auction, 50/50 raffle.

All profits benefit Troop 3 for camp scholarships.

Cost: \$1 per target; 3 shots/target.

Visit <http://www.nbrcc.com/clubevents.html> or email secretary@nbrcc.com; 508-990-2523.

Living Stations of the Cross

On Sun., 4/13, at 2pm in Brooklawn Park, come enter in to the Passion of Our Lord. *A Living Stations of the Cross*

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will be presented by members of both St. Anthony of Padua Church in New Bedford and the Immaculate Conception Church.

This Palm Sunday reenactment depicts the way of the cross, the suffering and death of Jesus Christ. The actors will begin the presentation on the steps of St. Joseph's church plaza, across from the park on Acushnet Ave. From there, the Way continues into the park, with those in attendance following the progress of the Way through the 14 Stations of the Cross.

Portuguese Prog.

The New Bedford Whaling Museum

presents an immersive cultural program as part of the Portuguese & Lusophone-World Lecture Series, celebrating the rich traditions of Portuguese-American communities. This event is made possible with the support of the Department of Portuguese and Brazilian Studies at Brown University and FLAD - Luso-American Foundation of Lisbon.

On April 17th, the focus is the enduring cultural ties between New Bedford and the Azores. The evening will begin include a welcome from State Rep. Antonion Cabral; book release of *Shades of Black and Gray* — An Inquiry into the Island of Pico and its History by Azorean immigrant Joel

Silveira Avila; and a screening of *The Last Azorean Whalemens*, an Emmy-nominated documentary by filmmaker Nick Francis that preserves the stories of the last whalemens from the Azorean islands of Pico and Faial. The night concludes with a panel discussion led by Sara da Silva Quintal, a first-generation Azorean American, offering further insight into these powerful cultural connections.

A lite reception will follow each program. Reservations for each program are strongly recommended. Tickets are \$5 for museum members or \$10 for the general public. Visit <https://www.whalingmuseum.org> for tickets.

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Spring Book Sale

The Friends of the Mattapoisett Library invite book lovers of all ages to their upcoming Spring Book Sale on Friday, April 12, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Library Community Room at 7 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett. This event is a great opportunity to find gently used books at affordable prices while supporting the library's valuable programs and activities.

In preparation for the sale, the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library will also be accepting book donations on Thursday, April 10, and Friday, April 11, from 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM. Community members are encouraged to donate gently used books to help make the event a success.

All proceeds from the sale directly benefit the library, funding programs, events, and resources that enrich the Mattapoisett community.

For more info, email friends of mattapoisettlibrary@gmail.com.

Acushnet Library

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

Train Tech Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays through April at 2 pm. Drop in to learn how to ride the Fall River/New Bedford Line. Learn how to get the MTicket app, a Senior Charlie Card for discount tickets, pay for parking, and more!

Movie Matinee: Mon., 4/14, 2-4 p.m. featuring *Fall Guy*. He's a stuntman, and like everyone in the

stunt community, he gets blown up, shot, crashed, thrown through windows, and dropped from the highest of heights, all for our entertainment. And now, fresh off an almost career-ending accident, this working-class hero has to track down a missing movie star, solve a conspiracy, and try to win back the love of his life while still doing his day job. Join us in the Community Room. Please bring a covered beverage and a snack if you wish. The Movie Matinee is for ages 18+, 2 hrs, PG-13.

History Coffee Hour: Thurs., 4/17 at 11 am. A new group is gathering to discuss Acushnet's history. Join the conversation and share stories or photos from the past. Bring your coffee and memories. We will supply historic documents, photos, newspaper clippings, and more!

For more details, see our online calendar at acupl.org.

Music in the Library

On April 12, 2025 at 11:00 AM and 2:00PM and May 10, 2025 at 11:00 AM and 2:00PM, Seaglass Theater Company and the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra will present Music in the Library at four libraries across the SouthCoast. Due to space constraints at the library, the 4/12 concert is presented in partnership with the Millicent Library at the historic Unitarian Church in Fairhaven.

The concerts are free and all are welcome. The May 10th concerts are

part of ArtWeek SouthCoast- a multi-day festival connecting innovative, creative, and affordable art and cultural events in communities from Fall River to Wareham from May 8-18..

Music for string quartet and voice
April 12 11:00AM Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven 102 Greet St. (in partnership with the Millicent Library)

April 12 2:00PM Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St.

May 10 11:00AM Dartmouth Library North Branch, 211 Cross Rd.

May 10 2:00PM New Bedford Free Public Library Main Branch, 613 Pleasant St., Downtown

Featuring Addison Pattillo, Soprano; Marcus Huber, Tenor; and instrumentalists from the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra

The Music in the Library series is supported in part by grants from the Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Mattapoisett and New Bedford Cultural Councils, local agencies which are supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

For more information, please visit www.seaglasstheater.com or call 508-951-7187.

Spring Concert

The Marion Art Center is pleased to present Aoife Clancy for an evening of music & song on April 18, 2025 at 7 pm at 80 Pleasant St. Marion. The cost for members is \$20 and for non-members \$25. Tickets, information and reservations at marionartcenter.org/events.

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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: 4/16, Mashpee Commons; 4/23, Wrentham Village Outlets; 4/30, K&A Creations/Fairhaven 5/7, Plainridge Park Casino.

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

April 14, 12:15 p.m. Featuring *You're Cordially Invited*. Comedy. When

two weddings are double-booked at the same venue, the father of one bride and the sister of the otehr bridge try to preserve the wedding weekend.

Popcorn, pretzels and candy are part of the movie experience. If you would like a drink other than water, please feel free to bring your own. No alcohol. Thank you.

Would you like to have lunch before the movie? Please call lus the Thursday before the movie to reserve yourself a lunch. \$3 donation for the meal. Call 508-979-4029. 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 inclue 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.

Memory Cafe

Apr. 24, 11:30–1:30. Space is limited. Please sign up by 4/21 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 Baked Chicken with mushroom cream sauce, mashed potatoes, carrots, oatmeal roll, pudding, fruit. There will be musical entertainment after lunch and socializing. This month's entertainment is made possible by a generous donation in memory of Brian Hinds.

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>

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

Kool Kids Summer 2025 Register Now!

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Fairhaven Recreation's premier summer camp experience is designed for children entering 1st grade to 7th grade. Every day, our campers will enjoy a diverse range of sports, games, art and STEM activities. Children will enjoy Special themed events, Friday pizza lunches, cool water activities and exciting field trips. For more information and

pricing visit the Rec center or go online at <https://fairhavenrecreation.activityreg.com/> 9 weekly sessions

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

Recipe of the Week

Easy Popovers

- 1 tbsp shortening
- 2 large eggs, room temperature
- 1 cup whole milk
- 1 tbsp butter, melted
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp salt

Preheat oven to 450°. Using 1/2 teaspoon shortening for each cup, grease the bottoms and sides of six 6-oz custard cups or the cups of a popover pan. If using custard cups, place on a 15x10x1 inch baking pan.

In a small bowl, beat eggs; blend in milk and butter. Beat in flour and salt until smooth (do not overbeat).

Fill cups half full. Bake 15 minutes. Reduce heat to 350°; bake until very firm, about 30 minutes longer. Remove from oven and prick each popover to allow steam to escape. Serve immediately.



They think commercial dog food is poisonous and the cause of many canine illnesses.

At a recent play date, Skipper's mom called us into the kitchen for a snack she made of kibble and doggie liver paste from a can. When I saw what it was, I panicked. I knew I needed time to think about how to handle the situation. So, I went to the door to indicate I wanted to go out, and thankfully, Skipper's mom understood and opened the door.

I had no cell phone so I couldn't call home for advice. So, I decided to act sick when I returned to the house.

Dear Frankie

Healthy Food

Dear Frankie, My parents are health nuts. Everything they eat and wear is organic.

They have always cooked my food and prepared me a lunch box for doggie daycare.

complimented me for my quick thinking and said in the future, I should say I was highly allergic and on a restricted diet when offered food.

Since the playdate, Skipper hasn't talked to me. A mutual friend told me Skipper thinks I pretended to be sick because I thought his food wasn't fancy enough. Should I tell him the truth about the food he is eating?

Tick

Dear Tick,

I don't think he would believe you if you told him his food was unhealthy and poisonous, just as you wouldn't believe him if he told you his food was healthy and nutritious.

I don't condone lying, but feigning an allergy might be the most diplomatic way to handle such a situation. Doing so would avoid what Skipper might perceive as judgmental comments about the food he eats.

Give Skipper a little time to cool down. Then tell him you don't want your friendship to end. Emphasize how much you enjoy his company and suggest you spend time playing rather than eating together.

Best, Frankie

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From our readers

Letters Offer No Guide

Months of FNN letters and candidates' statements on the April 7 local elections provided no guide to voting.

"enthusiastic approach to community engagement....strong collaborative leadership style.... meaningful difference in the community.... humility, humanity...work for the greater good....collaborative leadership style"

These glittering generalities, these floating abstractions, are as empty as Trump's "beautiful" tariffs with benefits in an unknowable future. Or Leftist fantasies of equality. Or eternal life with God. They are not guides to life in concrete reality.

"deep commitment to responsible governance....meaningful difference

in the community....humility, humanity... greater good....vision for sustaining Fairhaven as a vibrant community....clear decision-making.... cohesive cooperation"

These are mystical or subjective ideals of the unfocused mind with no definite meaning. There is no mind at work, focused, thru the senses, onto concrete reality. You wouldn't hire a car mechanic, doctor or carpenter like this. It's emotion-guided, political power for the purpose of power. Unlimited majority rule. Mob rule. Lynch mob. Democracy.

"dedicated and passionate individual who has consistently demonstrated her commitment to our community....smart, responsible [anti-growth] growth....leadership, vision, and dedication....deep connection to this community....dedicated and

Who is "the public?" It's not you.]

Where is America's founding morality of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness? Where is the politics of the RIGHT to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness? Where is an ideology of individual rights? Candidates who discuss Fairhaven's money problems don't limit government to the protection of individual rights. Unlimited majority rule needs unlimited political power and unlimited spending.

Pragmatism is arbitrary, short-range, pseudo-practicality, like an addict seeking drugs instead of focusing his mind on his life as a whole. We are drifting to the future. Practicality needs absolute, long-range goals. Ideology unifies the mind, unifies action, unifies man's life.

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Fairhaven voters deliver two upsets

By Beth David
Editor

Voters in Fairhaven ousted two incumbents in the local election on Monday, 4/7/25, including two-term Planning Board incumbent, Cathy Melanson. Voters also did not re-elect Brendalee Smith to the School Committee.

Fairhaven had four contested races this year: Select Board, which had an open seat, as Stasia Powers did not seek re-election; School Committee, which had four candidates for two seats; Board of Health, which had two candidates for one seat; and Planning Board, which had three candidates for two seats.

In the Select Board race, newcomer Natalie Mello beat out former Planning Board member Rick Trapilo, 1122 to 982*. Mr. Trapilo's term was up on the PB, and he chose to run for Select Board instead. It was Ms. Mello's first attempt at a townwide seat in Fairhaven.

As is the custom in Fairhaven, Government Access ran the results live on Channel 18 and online at FairhavenTV.com, giving all candidates a chance to address voters one last time. The SB held a meeting before the election results, so all five SB members were present.

In her remarks, Ms. Mello thanked the voters and her volunteers.

"I appreciate the confidence people have in me. I couldn't be prouder of the campaign we ran," said Ms. Mello, adding that she looked forward to getting to work immediately.

In a separate interview, Ms. Mello told the *Neighb News* she felt relieved and hopeful.

The key to her victory she said was, "Knocking on doors and running a clean, above-board campaign."

In his public remarks, Mr. Trapilo congratulated Ms. Mello and also



Sean Powers, Planning Board

outgoing SB member Stasia Powers.

"My congratulations to Natalie on behalf of the town," said Mr. Trapilo. "I wish you success."

"It was a close race. The town got what it voted for," Mr. Trapilo told the *Neighb News* later. "I'm happy for Ms. Mello. Best wishes to the town, sincerely."

The big upset of the night was the ouster of Cathy Melanson from the Planning Board, where she had served for eight years. Two newcomers took the two seats although both last names are familiar to voters. Miles Grant was top vote-getter with 1137 votes. He is not related to Kevin Grant who also sits on that board. Sean Powers got 1102 votes. He is the husband of Stasia Powers, who served on the School Committee and the Select Board.



Miles Grant, Planning Board

Mr. Grant thanked everyone who supported him and voted for him.

"I'm overwhelmed and grateful for the support," he said, and congratulated Mr. Powers, and thanked Ms. Melanson for her service.

Mr. Grant said that on the campaign trail he heard about how things will be different and changes to come.

"And I think this is just the beginning to me in terms of delivering on some of those things we talked about," said Mr. Grant.

Afterwards, he told the *Neighb News*, "The hard work has just begun. I'm grateful for the town's trust in me."

He said he heard a lot of concerns from people on the campaign trail and there is a lot of skepticism from people about if change can happen.

Mr. Powers thanked everyone, saying they all did a "fantastic job."

He said he would be getting started as soon as he could and was looking forward to the first meeting.

Ms. Melanson told voters that her



Natalie Mello, Select Board

13 grandchildren have been telling her to spend more time with them, nowt maybe she can.

She noted that she is on other boards.

"And I will never stop working for this town," said Ms. Melanson, adding she knows the law, has offered a lot, and can still offer more.

She wished Mr. Powers and Mr. Grant good luck.

"And I'm not done yet. That's all I have to say."

In the School Committee race, newcomer Kelly McGowan Ochoa topped the field with 1102 votes, followed by incumbent, Erik Andersen, with 1041. Brendalee Smith, who was appointed to fill a vacancy, lost her seat, coming in third with 699 votes. Pattie Pacella drew 630 votes.

Mr. Andersen told voters he was "very thankful that I get another three years to work for this beautiful town and beautiful people and beautiful kids."

Afterwards he said he felt relieved. "I'm glad it's over," said Mr. Andersen. "And I feel very humble."

He said it was his first election in the "trenches," because his last one was uncontested.

"I did it being myself," he said.

He did not knock on doors, but he did have some signs printed; he went to both candidate events; and he was active on Facebook.

"And I have a lot of good friends, which is how I was able to spread the word," he said.

Ms. Ochoa told voters she looked forward to working with the school committee and "doing the best I can for these kids."

"We worked hard. We started in January and worked hard," she told the *Neighb News* later. "Now the real work begins."

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Ms. Smith told voters that she could not say enough about the process.

"Because that's where we get to meet so many amazing people," she said. "So I have to say thank you for an incredible opportunity to stand with so many of you about great things for our students, for our school community and of course for our town."

She said the town is in great hands with Mr. Andersen and Ms. Ochoa.

"Our School Committee will be blessed to have the both of them participate as a school committee member," said Ms. Smith, adding that she hopes to continue to work in some capacity with the school department.

Ms. Pacella thanked everyone and congratulated the other candidates.

"We really got along really well, so I'm happy for them as well," said Ms. Pacella. "And unfortunately for the rest of the town and for all of you, I'm still on the Finance Committee."

In the Board of Health race incumbent Brian Meneses, who had been appointed to fill a vacancy, retained

his seat against challenger Cristina Lopes, 1021 to 900.

Mr. Meneses thanked everyone who voted and said he wanted to continue to work with the other BOH members and Town Hall staff, "to continue doing



what we're doing."

He also thanked Ms. Lopes for running saying she did an "excellent job."

Ms. Lopes thanked voters and her supporters.

"And though I didn't win, I still want to advocate for all of those people here in town," she said, adding if

anyone needs anything they can reach out to her.

Uncontested races included: Town Clerk, with Interim Clerk Elisabeth Horan elected with 1613 votes; Commissioner of Trust Funds, with incumbent Barbara Acksen receiving 1317 votes; Board of Public Works, with incumbent Anne Morton Smith receiving 1410 votes;

"I'm just so happy," said Ms. Horan. "I've never been happier professionally, and I'm thankful."

SB member Andrew Romano got everyone to give a standing ovation to outgoing SB member Stasia Powers.

"And thank you for trusting me for the past 18 years," she said amid the clapping.

Then she banged the gavel one last time to end the meeting.

Turnout was 16%, with 2165 voters out of 13,516 registered voters casting ballots.

Election will be available on demand at www.FairhavenTV.com. It was not uploaded by press time.

**Numbers are unofficial. They will be certified later this week.*

Millions protest across US and world against Trump policies

By Beth David
Editor

Millions of people demonstrated at peaceful "Hands Off!" rallies in more than 1200 cities across the US and in Europe and Canada on 4/5/25 to protest the Trump administration's executive overreach and resulting threats to our constitutional form of government, cuts to services, mass firing of government workers, and steep tariffs on countries around the world. There were no reports of arrests anywhere in the US.

In Boston, more than 100,000 protesters gathered at the Boston Common and marched to government center in the rain and cold.

The event started with remarks by Rev. Mariama White-Hammond, Pastor, New Roots AME Church and Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll, at the Common. US Sen. Ed Markey; Jessica Tang, President AFT-MA; Carol Rose, President ACLU-MA; Chastity Bowick, Founder of Trans Resistance, and others spoke at government center, with entertainment by the Dropkick Murphys.

"We are inspired by how many people came out — despite the rain — to say Hands Off, peacefully," wrote the organizers in a statement. "We are grateful to the people of Boston and all of Massachusetts who showed up to prove that the spirit of America is alive and well — and will never be silenced. This fight is just

beginning, and we're mobilizing to jumpstart the opposition. Together, we have the power to stop this takeover. We urge people to join one of our organizations and keep taking action."

Boston's Hands Off! was organized by the Indivisible Mass Coalition, Mass 50501, Swing Blue Alliance, and UU Mass Action, and a large number of co-sponsor organizations representing many diverse groups, causes and communities from across the Commonwealth.

Learn more and watch the livestream at <https://www.mass50501.com/events/april5>. To see photos from around the country, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/4393fyer>



Marchers take to the streets at the Boston Hands Off! rally and march on 4/5/25 to protest the Trump Administration's executive overreach and resulting threats to our constitutional form of government, cuts to services, wholesale firing of government workers, and steep tariffs on countries around the world. Visit <https://www.mass50501.com/>. Submitted photos by Michael Sparks Keegan, Michael_sparks_keegan (Instagram); Michael Sparks Keegan - Photographer (Facebook).

Discover the Barbet: A Rare Treasure in the U.S.

By Barbara Leger

Special to the Neighb News

Tucked away in history as one of the world's oldest waterdogs, the Barbet (bar-bay) is a breed like no other. Beloved in Europe and Canada for centuries, this intelligent affectionate companion is finally making its mark in the U.S. However, with only a few thousand in the country and just five AKC breeders, the Barbet remains a well-kept secret.

Unlike other breeders, I am the only UKC Barbet breeder listed in the United States. My love for this ancient, pure breed led me to the United Kennel Club (UKC), where family participation in showing dogs is at the heart of its values. Unlike commercialized dog shows, UKC events allow only family members to present their dogs, ensuring that every champion title is earned through dedication and love.

The Barbet's rich history dates back to the Middle Ages, and one of its most famous owners was King Henry IV of France (1553-1610). Known for his deep affection for the breed, the King was often seen with his loyal Barbet by his side. These dogs were prized for their keen intelligence, affectionate nature, and remarkable water-retrieving abilities, making them favorites among both royalty and hunters.

The breed's name comes from the French word *barbe*, meaning "beard" referring to their distinctive, curly



These ten UKC registered Barbet waterdogs will be available for adoption soon. Visit <https://barbiesbarbets.com/> for more details. *Website screenshot.*

coated faces. While once widespread, the Barbet nearly disappeared in the 20th century due to wars and declining hunting traditions. Thankfully, dedicated breeders across France and Europe worked tirelessly to preserve this exceptional breed, leading to its resurgence today.

Our Barbet journey took an exciting turn when our veterinarian encouraged us to bring a litter into the world — and we did! On March 12, 2025, we welcomed 10 beautiful, healthy puppies, each one registered with their UKC champion pedigree. They will be ready to go home to their forever families April 26th at eight weeks old.

More than just beautiful companions, Barbets are highly intelligent, easy to train and eager to serve their owner. Their natural versatility

makes them outstanding family dogs, therapy dogs, and hunting or exercise partners. Did I mention that the Barbet is hypoallergenic and does not shed; the coat is hair not fur and is as soft as chinchilla.

Whether retrieving from the water, excelling in obedience or simply providing unwavering companionship, a Barbet quickly becomes a cherished member of the family.

Now we want to share this rare and extraordinary breed with our neighbors. If you're looking for a dog that is both loving and capable, a Barbet might be the perfect fit for your heart and home.

Visit: www.barbiesbarbets.com and contact us to learn more about welcoming one of these special puppies into your life!



LEFT: Barbara Leger of New Bedford, Mass., poses with her two Barbet waterdogs, Paisley and French, who have just had a litter of 10 UKC registered puppies that will be available for adoption soon. RIGHT: Paisley and French are dressed as royalty, as it should be. Visit <https://barbiesbarbets.com/> for more details. *Submitted photos.*



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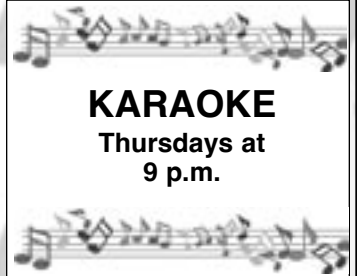
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Attention is further directed to the requirements of G.L. c.149, §44D requiring submission of a Division of Capital Asset Management-approved Certificate of Eligibility and Update Statement with all bids.

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.

The Town of Fairhaven is an affirmative action/equal opportunity owner/purchaser.

The Town of Fairhaven reserves the right to waive any informalities, to accept or reject, in whole or in part any or all bids, or take whatever other action may be deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

*Select Board, Town of Fairhaven,
40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719
FNN, 3/27/25, 4/3/25, 4/10/25*

Announcement:

The following bylaw changes which were accepted at the Fairhaven Special Town Meeting which convened on November 19, 2024 have been approved by the Office of the Attorney General, are published herewith in accordance with the current regulations. Claims of invalidity of any of the amendments to the bylaw by reason of any defect in the procedure of the adoption or replacement may only be made within ninety days of this announcement.

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

ARTICLE 1: CHAPTER 40R ZONING BYLAW AND MAP AMENDMENTS

By majority vote, the Town voted to amend Chapter 198 of the Fairhaven Town Code, entitled "Zoning," a.k.a. the Town of Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw, as follows:
i. by adding to Section 198-14, entitled "Establishment

of districts," at the end of Subsection A, the following new overlay district:

Fairhaven Smart Growth Overlay District (FSGOD) and
ii by adding a new Section 198-29.9 thereto, entitled "Fairhaven Smart Growth Overlay District (FSGOD)," as follows:

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and, further, to amend the "Town of Fairhaven Zoning Map," as referenced in Section 198-14(B) of the aforementioned Code, by adding thereto, or supplementing the same with, maps entitled "Fairhaven 40R Smart Growth Overlay 4-2 Smart Growth Zoning Map (Plaza Area SGOD)," dated 6/19/24, and "Fairhaven 40R Smart Growth Overlay 4-2 Smart Growth Zoning Map (Waterfront Area SGOD)," dated 6/19/24, "both prepared by Dodson & Plinker; or take any action relative thereto."

ARTICLE 14: BYLAW, COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

By majority vote, the Town will voted to establish a bylaw, Chapter 5 Commission on Disability, or take any action relative thereto.

*Elisabeth E. Horan, Interim Town Clerk, Fairhaven
FNN, 4/3/25, 4/10/25*

Town of Fairhaven Notice of Public Hearing

The Town of Fairhaven will hold a Public Hearing at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 17th, 2025 in the Board of Public Works Conference Room, 5 Arsene Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719. In accordance with MGL Chapter 87, Section 3. Discussion of requested removal of 4 hazardous trees located at 26 Dover Street (±18" Maple), 33 Alpine Ave (±14" Maple) and two at 21 Alpine Ave (±16&18" Maple). Anyone opposed to the removal of these trees should do so in writing per MGL 87 at said hearing.

FNN 4/10/25

Upcoming Meetings

Fairhaven

Board of Assessors

Thurs., 4/17, Town Hall, 4:30 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 4/14, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Charter Committee

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

Tues., 4/15, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Commission on Disability

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

Community Preservation

Wed., 4/16, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

**Finance Committee
with School Comm.**

Thurs., 4/10, Arsene St., 6:30 p.m.

Livable Streets

Thurs., 4/17, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 4/15, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

With FinCom, 4/10, Arsene St., 6:30 p.m.

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

Select Board

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

Acushnet

ELECTION

Tues., 4/22, Polls open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

All precincts vote at Acushnet
Elementary School, 800 Middle Rd.

Historical Commission

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

Planning Board

Thurs., 4/17, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

School Comm/Selectboard

Joint meeting/Debt Exclusion

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

TIDE TABLE

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

	Apr. 2025	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	10	0708	1926	0158	1404
Friday	11	0744	2001	0239	1409
Saturday	12	0820	2037	0308	1352
Sunday	13	0857	2114	0244	1415
Monday	14	0936	2152	0300	1448
Tuesday	15	1015	2231	0329	1524
Wednesday	16	1055	2313	0403	1601
Thursday	17	1138	2359	0437	1638
Friday	18	---	1230	0515	1719
Saturday	19	0054	1327	0601	1809

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

Public Hearings/Legal Notices

NOTE: All legal notices are available on the Neighb News website, www.NeighbNews.com, under the "Legal Notices" tab on the top of the main page. Legal ads are also available at <http://masspublicnotices.org>, search under "Fairhaven Neighborhood News"

ACUSHNET CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Police Station Conference Room, located at the Acushnet Police Station, 64 Middle Road, Acushnet, Massachusetts.

- **Request for an Amended Order of Conditions – Applicant: Syncarpha Park Drive, LLC Owner: White's Farm, Inc. / Off Park Drive SE 001-0553.** A Request for an Amendment to an existing Order of Conditions was filed by Syncarpha Park Drive, LLC for property located Off Park Drive, Map 17, Lot 22B.13. The applicant proposes to install a solar photovoltaic (PV) array consisting of 4999 kW and battery storage project within the 100' foot buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. Revisions include wetland crossing areas and wetland flagging. The applicant is represented by Robert Bukowski of Weston & Sampson Engineers. Plan name is Park Drive Solar PV Development dated December 10, 2020; revised plans dated March 20, 2025. Review of matters presented; votes may be taken.
- **Request for an Amended Order of Conditions – Applicant: Syncarpha Park Drive, LLC Owner: White's Farm, Inc. / Lambert Street SE 001-0582A** Request for an Amendment to an existing Order of Conditions was filed by Syncarpha Park Drive, LLC for property located at Lambert Street, Map 17, Lot 13. The applicant proposes development of an access road with proposed wetland impact and associated replication to access the Park Drive Solar project, this is an alternative access road. Revisions include wetland crossing areas and wetland flagging. The applicant is represented by Robert Bukowski of Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc. Plan name is "Proposed Lambert Street Access Road Site Plans" dated May 9, 2023, revised plans dated March 20, 2025. Review of matters presented; votes may be taken.

Mark Minton, Acushnet Conservation Agent
FNN, 4/10/25

TOWN OF ACUSHNET

The Acushnet Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing at its meeting on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street, Acushnet, MA 02743. This hearing is on 3 different petitions for pole installations.

- Petition #MA2024-23 from Verizon New England Inc. and NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource. To place (5) new jointly owned poles – 102/30.5 – at 35 Mendall Rd., 102/31.5 – at 31 Mendall Rd., 102/32.5 – at 27 Mendall Rd., 102/33.5 – at 25 Mendall Rd., and 102/34.5 – across from 20 Mendall Rd. The installation of these poles is at Eversource's request, for the purpose of cable upgrade along route.
- Petition #MA2024-25 from Verizon New England Inc. and NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource. To place (5) jointly owned poles – 139/1.5 – at 634 Main St., 139/2.5 – at 27 Perry Hill Rd., 139/3.5 – at 35 Perry Hill Rd., 139/4.5 – at 53 Perry Hill Rd., 139/5.5 – at 53 Perry Hill Rd. Eversource requests Verizon install 5 new midspans along Perry Hill Rd.
- Petition #MA2024-26 from Verizon New England Inc. and NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource. To place multiple jointly owned poles – 102/18.25, 102/21.5, 102/22.5, 102/26.5, 102/28.5, 102/29.5 – along Mendall Rd. The installation of these poles is at Eversource's request, for the purpose of cable upgrade along route.

Board of Selectmen
Robert Hinckley, Chairman
David Wojnar, Member
Kevin Gaspar, Sr., Member
FNN, 4/10/25, 4/17/25

Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

The Zoning Board of Appeals is hereby giving notice that a meeting will be held by the Board on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at 6:30 P.M. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street, Acushnet, MA 02743.

- **Case #2025.03.25B (Continued from March 25, 2025 Meeting)** A case of Buzzards Bay Coalition of

91 South Main Street who is petitioning the Board for a variance from the Acushnet Zoning Bylaws, Section 3.3.2(e) (1), Minimum Lot Area, to create two buildable lots. The Applicant has engaged an engineering firm to prepare an ANR to subdivide the 15,900 square foot parcel of land into two (2) buildable lots. The Applicant seeks to divide the property to create a house lot and a garage lot with the ANR Plan. The Applicant states the house lot will be sold and the garage lot will be retained by the Applicant to service the abutting 17-acre conservation restricted parcel they purchased.

- **Case #2025.03.25D (Continued from March 25, 2025 Meeting)** A case of Norman Shurtleff for property located at 79 Middle Road who is petitioning the Board for two variances from Section 3.3.1 (E) (1), Minimum lot area & Section 3.3.1 (E) (2), Minimum frontage, to create two buildable lots. The Applicant has engaged an engineering firm to prepare an ANR Plan to subdivide the 20,327 square foot parcel of land into two (2) buildable lots. The Applicant seeks to divide the property to create a house lot and a to be constructed house lot with an ANR Plan.
 - **Case #2025.04.29A** A case of John LeBlanc, Trustee for property located at 1315 Main Street who is petitioning the Board for a Section 3.4 Special Permit, conversion of non-conforming use. Premises is located in Residence A Zoning District and is a pre-existing non-conforming use/structures. The applicant proposes a 1,872 sq. ft. house on Lot 44 and a 2,787 sq. ft. house on Lot 44A. There are two (2) existing buildings now on Lot 44.
 - **Case #2025.04.29B** A case of Andrew Giangreco for property located at 201 Peckham Road who is petitioning the Board for a Special Permit Sec. 3.3.1A. (1) for permission for a kennel exceeding 20 dogs. The number of dogs requested is in excess of the 15 allowed by right.
 - **Case #2025.04.29C** A case of Robert C. Roderiques for property located at 0 Enose Street who is petitioning the Board for a Variance Sec. 3.3.1E. (1), development standards. The applicant requests a variance under this section to construct a 28' x 40' single family dwelling on a 9,600 sq. ft. lot, which is short 400 sq. ft. from meeting M.G.L. Chapter 150, section 10, which would be short 50,400 sq. ft. under the zoning bylaws. The stated reason for the petition is per M.G.L. Chapter 150, section 7 allows an ADU unit to be constructed on the subject property and the applicant would prefer to construct a single-family dwelling on a separate lot but is short 4%, or 400 sq. ft.
- ***Plans are available for public view in the Town Clerk's office, 130 Main St., Acushnet, during their normal business hours***

FNN, 4/10/25, 4/17/25

TOWN OF ACUSHNET PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A Section 5, you are hereby notified of a public hearing.

The Acushnet Planning Board will hold a hearing on Thursday April 17, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., to consider three proposed amendments to the Town of Acushnet General By-laws Article VIII Zoning, which was submitted for the 2025 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. The proposed amendments are summarized as follows: 1.) to remove all references to Accessory Apartments; 2.) amend Section 8 Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations; 3.) amend the Town of Acushnet Zoning Map.

This meeting will be held hybrid, at the Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall, 122 Main Street, Acushnet, MA 02743, and over Teams.

The text of these proposed amendments may be viewed at the office of the Town Clerk and the Planning Board office, at Acushnet Parting Ways, 130 Main Street, MA 02743, during normal business hours. The legal notice is also available on www.masspublicnotices.org. All persons, parties, or corporations interested therein may appear and be heard in relation thereto.

Mark Francios, Chairman Acushnet Planning Board
FNN, 4/3/25, 4/10/25

FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 6:30 pm
And

Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 6:30 pm
Town Hall, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

To access remotely Log onto:

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On March 24, 2023, the bill to extend Open Meeting Law regulations governing remote participation has passed MA legislation and been signed by the Governor. This bill will allow remote and hybrid meeting options for public bodies through March 31, 2025.

Pursuant to an amendment to Town Bylaw Chapter 50 § 13, all government meetings are available through web/video conference and are recorded.

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a public hearing at the above date and remote and physical location.

1. Vote on whether the Planning Board should vote to recommend the warrant article adding 0 Alden Rd., Map 28 / Parcel 022B to the Fairhaven Smart Growth Overlay District – Plaza District.

The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on a proposed addition of 0 Alden Rd., Map 28 / Parcel 022B, 1.02 acres, to the Fairhaven Smart Growth Overlay District (FSGOD) – Plaza District, to be considered at Special Town meeting on May 3rd 2025, and to decide whether to recommend approval to the Select Board or not. The lot is currently zoned Business, as is the rest of the FSGOD – Plaza District, and would remain so, but would have the overlay district applied to it.

A copy of the warrant is on file for public review at the Land Use & Planning Office, Fairhaven Town Hall from 8:30 am until 4:30 am, and is available online at: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/land-use-planning/>

To schedule an appointment to review the warrant or other information please call the Land Use & Planning Department at (508) 979-4023 Ext. 8123

Cathy Melanson, Planning Board Chair
FNN: 4/3/25, 4/10/25

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 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.

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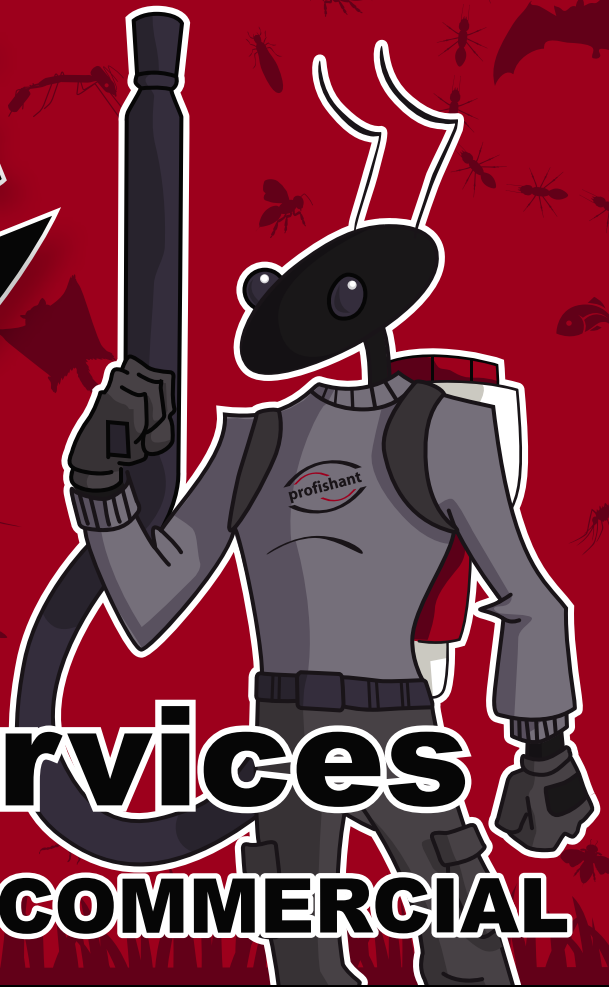


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