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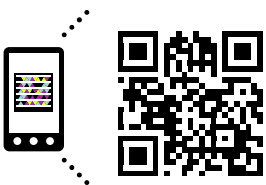
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Kids get hands on at Touch-A-Truck event



Young Landon is hands on at the wheel of the Fairhaven public works department's backhoe at the North Fairhaven Improvement Association's Touch-A-Truck event at Livesey Park in Fairhaven on 8/17/25. See page 12. *Photo by Beth David.*



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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.

Summer! Where have you gone? It's almost back-to-school time. YIKES! Next week the kids start heading back to class.

Then it's OLOA Festa time (see page 3). Some changes are in store for this year. It's a shame that a few idiots had to ruin it for the rest of us. The carefree openness of past years is gone. Now it's metal detectors and bag searches. I am not happy that I will have to leave my trusty pepperspray behind. There really ought to be an exception for personal protection devices. But, I guess that's an argument for another day.

It's not that we are unsafe on the feast grounds, of course. It's getting to and from them. That's always the case, when going to any event, especially at big venues.

The wrong people ending up paying the price for so-called safety.

Meanwhile the Big Pinocchio in the White House continues terrorizing citizens and residents of this once-great country with his abuse of the military as police officers. Ridiculous and performative. The streets of DC are empty, but he calls that safe.

What was it that Benjamin Franklin said: "They who can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

Yet, here we are. Old Ben is rolling in his grave.

We have an update on the Atlas Tack property on page 4 and a couple of pictures of the collapsed roof. Wow. That's one crazy looking mess.

We also have a bunch of fun stuff (as we always do, despite the claims of some whiners). There's Touch A Truck on page 12 and Teddy Bear on page 13. There's also a great little piece on young Ashton Conlon who raises money for the animals on page 11; and a fun one about a father and son who played football together (page 14).

There's other stuff in here, of course. While you're paging through, be sure to 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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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our story about the fire in Acushnet, the address was incorrect. The garage that burned down was at 12 Rotch St.; the house that sustained damage was at 10 Rotch Street. We apologize for any confusion the error may have caused.

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OLOA Feast announces changes, including metal detector

Press Release

To all guests, patrons, members and volunteers. This year there will be a few changes to our OLOA (Our Lady of Angels) feast.

It is our top concern to make sure that the feast is as safe as possible so everyone can come enjoy our beloved 95 year old tradition of the OLOA Feast. We have installed security cameras throughout the grounds. There will be a much bigger police presence; there will only be one entrance and three exits. We will be searching bags, backpacks, and have a metal detector which everyone will have to pass through.

Anyone looking to have adult beverages or play adult gaming will have to show proof of age (21+) upon which you will receive a wrist band for the day.

No outside food or beverage will be allowed entry. No weapons will be allowed entry. No face coverings will be allowed.

Anyone who does not comply will not be allowed entrance.

We are looking forward to seeing



Members of the Our Lady of Angels Catholic Association carry the OLOA statue in the procession on Main Street in Fairhaven on 9/2/24. *Neighb News file photo by Beth David.*

everyone there enjoying themselves with great food, music and friends. Don't forget your ID

Feast Details

The Our Lady of Angels Feast will be held on the feast grounds, 7 Jesse St., Fairhaven, on Sat. 8/30, 5 p.m.-midnight; Sun., 8/31, noon to midnight; Mon., 9/1, 10 a.m. to 10

a.m., procession at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

Dubbed the "biggest little feast," the 95th annual OLOA festa is a showcase of local Portuguese culture, featuring three days of Portuguese and American food and entertainment. Admission and entertainment are free, purchase required for food and beverages. You must purchase tickets for food and beverages.

Saturday, 5-Mid.

Opening ceremonies 6 p.m. followed by a concert by Banda Santa Cecilia of Fall River; music by 7 Day Weekend, 8 p.m.-mid.

Sunday, noon-mid.

2 p.m., Richard Canastra & Paul Savoie Show; music by Hardwire, 8 p.m.-mid

Monday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

Feast Mass, 10 a.m. at St. Mary Church, Fairhaven. Mass celebrant, Father Chris Paschal of Mt. Carmel Parish, New Bedford.

Procession at 1 p.m. followed by auction.

6-10 p.m., music by The Promix. Grounds close at 10 p.m.

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Atlas Tack Working Group updates Select Board

By Beth David
Editor

The Atlas Tack Working Group gave a presentation on its progress to the Fairhaven Select Board at its 8/11/25 meeting.

Rick Trapilo said the ATWG voted him in as chairperson, met at least once a week since they were formed, and found out some surprising information about the Atlas Tack Superfund site.

The site was partially cleaned up, with the land behind the building now home to wildlife along the bike path. That land is still not safe, however, for residential use.

One building still remains, and is a safety hazard in a lot of ways. The building is still privately owned, with the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) both playing a role in trying to get the owners to clean it up.

Once the largest employer in Fairhaven, The Atlas Tack Corp. was owned by Henry Huttleston Rogers and operated from 1901 to 1985, producing wire, tacks, steel nails, and

other metal products. Heavy metal waste from the production contaminated soil, groundwater, and the nearby wetlands.

The building is on Pleasant Street, near the former Rogers School, adjacent to the bike path, in the center of town. Town officials have long discussed ways to remove the blighted building.

The problem is, if the town takes ownership of the property, the town will be responsible for the multi-million dollar cleanup cost.

The plan is to get the owners and the government to pay for the cleanup.

Mr. Trapilo told the board that there is money available for the cleanup of superfund sites.

The ATWG looked at three things, he said: The land, the building, and the trust ownership.

The end goal, he said, is for the site to be returned to a productive use.

The DEP confirmed that the company paid \$2.335 million for cleanup, but that is a fraction of what it will take.

The site is about 40 acres, with 12

being suitable for industrial use only. There are still many tanks and wells on the site, said Mr. Trapilo, but added that the state has done "a tremendous amount of work" to clean up the site.

According to the Atlas Tack page on the EPA website, about 108,000 tons of contaminated soil, debris and sediment were excavated and disposed of off site.

The "end game," said Mr. Trapilo, is to get the site cleaned up enough to be off the superfund list.

The ATWG met with the DEP, other environmental officials, and town officials, and toured the site.

No one realized how bad the building was, he said. The roof has almost totally collapsed into the building.

Both the police and fire chiefs submitted letters with safety concerns about the building. The police letter says that trespassers have entered the building and police officers have had to respond. With the building in such disrepair, it is dangerous for officers and the public.

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Name the JellyFishBot

Fairhaven's new grant-funded harbor cleanup robot is officially here—and you can see it for yourself in the Town Hall lobby! This high-tech helper will soon be patrolling our harbor, scooping up floating debris and keeping our waters beautiful.

But first... it needs a name!

Stop by Town Hall to check it out in person and drop your best name ideas into the collection box—or submit online here: <https://forms.gle/oYAfVVC4eCjXGKYA6>

Name submissions close before Huttleston HarborFest on Saturday, August 23rd. Come vote for your favorite name from 11 AM–3:30 PM at Fort Phoenix's Grimshaw Park, and be there at 4 PM for the big reveal!

Let's give this hardworking harbor hero a name worthy of Fairhaven!

Brought to you by the Town of Fairhaven Land Use & Planning Dept, Fairhaven Marine Resources Department, and Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District.

Taste of Portugal

The Fairhaven Lions Club presents Taste of Portugal, Sat., 8/23, at the Fairhaven Council on Aging/Senior Center, 229 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

Serving a traditional Portuguese Dinner: Choice of Cacoila or Chicken

Dinner 5-7pm and Music 7-9pm. Price: \$25.00 per ticket. Raffles, dancers, and more. Call or text Liz for tickets 774-454-6322

All proceeds benefit the Eye Research and Scholarship Fund

Fhvn Dem Comm

The monthly meeting of the Fairhaven Democratic Town Committee will be on Wed., 8/27 at 6pm in the downstairs auditorium of The Millicent Library. Please join us, everyone is welcome.

Our next major event will be at Buttonwood Park in New Bedford on Saturday, August 30th from 12-2pm. Stand Together for Workers Rights, we continue to fight for a living wage, universal healthcare, and affordable child care. Please bring food donations for PACE Food Bank.

Any questions please contact

Ann.richard@gmail.com

Outdoor Markets

Fairhaven Farmers Market At the Bright Yellow Farm Stand, 151 Alden Rd, Fairhaven, Sundays, 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. through Oct. Visit www.fairhavenfarmersmarket.com or call 508-496-9209. See ad on page 11.

Farmers Market/Roxann's Garden Center 189 Alden Rd, Sundays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Huttleston Harborfest Monthly through the summer, featuring themed celebrations, unique vendors, entertainment. From 11 a.m.–4 p.m. at Grimshaw Park (near tennis courts at Fort Phoenix) on Saturdays: 8/23, A Splash of Art, featuring local artists hands-on activities, and live art in action; 9/20, Medieval Renaissance Faire.

Visit www.discoverfairhaven.org/

North Fairhaven Market

Weekly on Saturdays through September from 10 AM to 3 PM at Livesey Park. This vibrant market features arts, crafts, farmers, antiques vendors, and a variety of foods, including fresh wood fire pizza (Dough and Basil), Japanese street food (Hanami Tea House), and more.

Interested vendors can email NorthFairhavenMarket@gmail.com. Visit [visit Facebook.com/NorthFairhavenMarket](https://www.facebook.com/NorthFairhavenMarket).

Costume Swap

Halloween Sustainability Costume Swap. Drop off clean, used Halloween costumes and decorations in the bin at Town Hall, 40 Center St., or at The Millicent Library from now until October 8th

On October 8th there will be a free event at the library with a Halloween Swap table, along with other Halloween crafts.

Costumes should be clean, and non-violent (no gore). Don't limit yourself to just costumes. Jewelry, scarves, crazy hats, anything that can be used for a costume as well as decorations will be accepted.

Drop off Mon.–Fri., 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. at Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center St., or The Millicent Library: Mon & Wed 9am-8pm, Tues & Thurs 9am-6pm, Friday 10am-6pm, Sat. 9am-3pm.

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

Boat America Course

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary's Flotilla 65 will run its 2025 FALL SEMESTER 2-week Boat America course (BA) for 4 evenings – Mondays and Thursdays, September 15 through September 25 – from 7-9 pm at the Acushnet River Safe Boating Club (ARSBC), 80 Middle Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

This 8-hour course is an in-depth and interesting boating safety course, and provides the knowledge needed to obtain a safe boating certificate required by the Hanson-Milone Act.

Designed for both the experienced and the novice boater, it is taught by Coast Guard Auxiliary instructors with extensive knowledge of local waters. It is a perfect introduction to recreational boating fundamentals, such as: types of boats, boating vocabulary, boating law, safety equipment, safe operation and navigation, boating emergencies, trailering, and water sports. Students who successfully complete the course and pass the exam are awarded certificates and cards.

The \$25 fee includes the textbook and all course material. Class size is limited, register early at <https://tinyurl.com/595thrz3>

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Schaeffer, Flotilla Commander via email: schae5900@gmail.com.

Walking Tour

Free. 10 a.m.–noon. Every Tuesday through August.

Tales of an old seaport village. Take a free, guided walking tour through historic Fairhaven with local historian Bob Foster or Michael Hevey. Learn stories and legends from the 1700s to the 1890s in this "Small Town with a Big History." Weather permitting. Perfect for history lovers, curious visitors, and longtime locals alike.

Water Flow Testing

The Fairhaven Water Department will be conducting water flow testing (light flushing) on a continuing basis in various parts of town. This can result in brown water.

Call the Public Works, 508-979-4030, to sign up for notices to know if they will be in your neighborhood.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

3rd EyE HQ Grand Opening

3rd EyE Youth Empowerment, a driving force in youth leadership development and creative community building for over two decades, is thrilled to announce the Grand Opening of its new headquarters at 230 Union Street in downtown New Bedford on Sat., 8/23. We will offer a twist on the organization's annual Third EyE Open Hip Hop Festival.

Free Concert

Visitors and residents are invited to New Bedford's annual Summer Sound Series, now organized by AHA! New Bedford, delivering to downtown a lineup of musicians who will have you dancing in the streets!

The free Summer Sounds Series concerts take place on select Fridays throughout the summer, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, alternating between stages on closed portions of lower Union Street and Purchase Street.

Aug. 22: Colby James & The Ramblers. Rock-Country. Purchase Street Stage.

Jazz Concert

New Bedford JazzFest (NBjF) continues its Acoustic Jazz Series on Sun., 8/24 with the Wood Street Jazz Band from 4:00-6:00 PM at the historic Steeple Playhouse, 159 William Street, New Bedford. The event will feature live acoustic jazz in an informal setting, as well as insightful questions and conversation with the band.

Early bird tickets are \$22-\$25, with general admission \$27 at the door. All tickets are available at steepleplayhouse.org. The building is completely accessible to all, and there is free parking on the street, as well as in the adjacent parking lot and Elm Street Parking Garage.

Doors will open at 3:30 PM. There will be concessions and soft drinks available for purchase.

Wood Street Jazz is a Rhode Island jazz quintet steeped in the rich history of soul-stirring grooves and irresistible rhythms.

Workers' Rights

Join us on Sat., 8/30, at noon at Buttonwood Park in New Bedford, for

our "Stand Together for Workers" event, which is part of a group of nationwide events happening on Labor Day Weekend to support workers' rights. We are also standing for workers abducted from New Bedford, in addition to all workers. The event is sponsored by Indivisible South Coast New England, 50501Mass, the AFL-CIO, PACE, Fairhaven Democratic Town Committee, Democracy Unleashed, Mujeres Victoriosas de New Bedford, Westport Democratic Town Committee, and Rochester and Mattapoisett Democratic Town Committees.

We are having a food drive of non-perishable items to benefit the PACE food pantry. There will be music and guest speakers. There will also be a fundraising table for Mutual Aid of New Bedford.

Vigils For Love

Love your neighbor. No exceptions.

Join us on Wednesdays in New Bedford from 5:30-6:30 p.m. for weekly multifaith gatherings in support of all immigrants living in our community. Contact vigilsforlove@use.startmail.com if you have any questions.

The next events will be

- **South End:** T Lopes City Park, 1 Washington St. Sept. 3, Sept. 17
- **North End:** Nye Street Park, 63 Nye Street. Aug. 27, Sept. 10, Sept 24

SAVE THE DATES:

Lebanese Feast

Join Our Lady of Purgatory Maronite Catholic Church at our annual Lebanese Festival on the OLOP Parish Grounds at 4254 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford, MA 02745. Fri., 9/12 from 5-11 p.m.; Sat., 9/13, noon-11 p.m. No outside food or drink.

Free admission. Cash bar and food available for purchase. Featuring live entertainment, delicious Lebanese and American food, saj, dancing, raffles. Entertainment by Mitchell Kaltsunas with Bashir El-Khoury Band, and Tarek Abdelhai

For more information, please contact the Parish Office at (508) 996-8934 or by e-mail at officeolop@gmail.com.

We hope to see you at the Festival!

CPC Workshop

Mayor Jon Mitchell and the Com-

munity Preservation Committee are kicking off the fiscal year 2026 Community Preservation Act application cycle with an application technical workshop on Thurs., 9/4 at 6 p.m. on the third floor of the Downtown New Bedford Free Public Library, 613 Pleasant St.

The CPC strongly encourages all those interested in applying for funding during this cycle to attend the workshop to learn about the changes to the application process. A budget of approximately \$1.8 million will be available to fund CPA-eligible projects.

Questions concerning CPA and the application process can be directed to Jessica Bailey, CPA Manager by email at CPA@newbedford-ma.gov. Application materials will be available on the City's website <http://www.newbedford-ma.gov/planning/community-preservation/> on Sept. 4.

Miss NB Contestants

The Miss New Bedford scholarship organization is seeking contestants for its upcoming "miss" and "teen" competitions. A local preliminary of the Miss America Organization, the competition awards college scholarships, fosters interview and public speaking skills, and empowers confidence and leadership in young women.

An info session will be held on Sunday August 24th at the Cheryl McCormack Academy of Dance, 731 Tarkiln Hill Road in New Bedford. To reserve a seat, email info@missnewbedford.org or visit www.missnewbedford.org.

No experience is necessary. Eligibility is open to women ages 14 to 27 who either live, work, or attend school in New Bedford, Acushnet, Assonet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Freetown, Lakeville, Mattapoisett, Rochester, Wareham, or Westport.

As a scholarship program, entry fees are minimal. Organizers also offer a "closet" for contestants to borrow from including gowns, shoes, jewelry, and more.

Phases of competition include talent, evening wear/red carpet, lifestyle and wellness, an on-stage question, and a private off-stage interview; there is no swimsuit portion.

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Cruise Night

Thurs., 8/28, Acushnet Town Green/Parting Ways, 5–8 p.m. Classic cars, great food from local vendors, and oldies music with DJ Dave Blast from the Past. Sponsored by the Town of Acushnet, 122 Main St.

Free Sea Chanteys

Please join the Mattapoisset Museum, 5 Church Street on Sat., 8/23, at 3:00 PM for a free concert by the New Bedford Harbor Sea Chantey Chorus.

The New Bedford Harbor Sea Chantey Chorus is one of the most harmonious crews to come ashore. Their repertoire of work songs of the Yankee sailor and whaler reflects the region's rich maritime heritage. This 24-voice group sings ballads and ditties of global mariners and coastwise fisherfolk in North America, the Cape Verde Islands, and the British Isles. Be ready to have fun and learn how to "rant and roll like a true-born sailor"! Also performing with the Chorus will be Butlers Flats, a group of chorus members who will also sing sea chanties.

The New Bedford Harbor Sea Chantey Chorus is a volunteer group of the Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey. This event is FREE, but donations are gladly accepted.

SAVE THE DATES:

Miss Apple Peach Pageant

The public is invited to the Miss Apple Peach Contest, Sat., 8/30, at 6 p.m., at Ford Middle School, 708 Middle Road, Acushnet. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Tickets available at the door only; \$15 general admission, \$10/students.

For more information, email MissApplePeach@gmail.com or find them on Facebook and Instagram.

Clothing Drive

Jr. Miss Apple Peach, Willow Niles will be collecting essential items for local kids in need. We are seeking underwear, socks, pajamas, and plain t-shirts in youth to teen sizes. Bring your donations to the pageant. Items will be donated to the Department of Children and Families.

Apple Peach Fest

Celebrate the Apple Peach Festival's 44th Year! Sept. 6th & 7th,

2025 10:00 - 6:00PM, at Long Plain Museum 1203 Main St. Acushnet.

PARADE: Sun., 9/7, Departing from Pope Park at 10:00am and ending at the festival at 11:00am.

Visitors will be able to park in lots across from the fairgrounds off of Main St. There will also be shuttle buses provided by the Festival, leaving from Acushnet Elementary School on Middle Rd. We highly recommend this option.

The festival is free to the public but donations are always welcome.

Questions and all other inquiries: applepeachfest@gmail.com or visit <https://applepeachfestival.com/>

Music on the Porch Day

Sat., 8/30 Play Music on the Porch Day featuring local favorites The Jethros. Noon to 2 pm under the pavilion at the Acushnet Public Library, 232 Middle Road, Acushnet.

The family tree goes like this: Gaston Jethro plays bass as though it were seven distinct instruments; Rufus Jethro sings and plays trumpet, trombone, and uke; Cornelius Jethro plays drums; Homer Jethro sings and plays guitar; LeRoy Jethro plays trombone; and Boney Jethro whistles and plays fiddle, bones, and other small percussion. Together, they are The Jethros, and they are delighted to present their folk/blues/alt/soul/swing-jazz/bluegrass/funk/country/mariachi/klezmer stylings to one & all.

Jazz Jam

Once again the MAC invites musicians from across the SouthCoast to join us for the annual Jazz Jam at the MAC. On Saturday, August 30th, become part of the long tradition of the jazz jam session, complete with participation from community musicians. The event will begin at 7:00pm and will take place at the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater located at 80 Pleasant St, Marion, MA.

Join us to listen in, or if you're a musician, sign up to join us on stage! If you'd like to join the Jazz Jam players on stage, please email info@marionartcenter.org with "Jazz Jam" in the subject line. Please include your name, phone number, and list how you want to participate (instrument, vocals, etc.). Band leader Phil Sanborn will contact all players before the event.

Tickets for the event are on sale at

marionartcenter.org/events and cost \$20 for members and \$25 for nonmembers. Musicians may join for free, but donations in any amount are always appreciated.

Our house band – Matt Richard on piano, Paul Del Nero on bass, and Gary Johnson on drums – will support the improvisers as they interpret many "jazz standards" in various style formats.

Coin Show

Coin Show, Sun., 8/31, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Westport Town Hall Annex, 856 Main Road, Westport, MA. Free Admission.

Seeking Cadets

Gosnold Division and Training Ship Patriot State of the Naval Sea Cadet Corps are welcoming new applicants to the training program at Mass. Maritime Academy. Young men and women between the ages of 11 and 17 who may be interested in nautical or military opportunities are encourage to join.

Scheduled events include an annual Swim Meet, community service, parades, ceremonies, marksmanship training, skills competition weekend at Joint Base Cape Cod and many other activities, as well as annual summer training, nationwide.

Training is conducted on alternating Saturdays between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. at Mass. Maritime Academy. Interested applicants should contact Lt. Cdr. James McLoughlin at 508-759-8606. View us on "Facebook" at Gosnold Division.

The U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps is a non-profit youth program, federally chartered by Congress in 1962 and is supported by the Navy and Coast Guard. Gosnold Division has operated continuously on Cape Cod since 1975.

Town Yard Sale

Acushnet's Townwide Yard Sale is on Sat. & Sun., 9/6 & 7 from 9 a.m.–2 p.m. (some yards may go later).

If you would like to have a yard sale on one or both days, fill out the form to be added to the participation list and the route map: <https://forms.gle/uodhU5FFczYufTDe7>

You have until end of day AUGUST 30TH to sign up as a participant.

Find them on Facebook for more info



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Tech Cafe

Do you need help with your cellphone or computer? Stop by the Fairhaven Senior Center for FREE help at our Tech Cafe! Every Thursday from 3-4 p.m.

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with his lemonade stand, with increasing numbers each year. The last few years, the whole neighborhood has gotten involved, with an annual bash that includes gift baskets and other ways to donate, and, of course, the lemonade.

This year he raised \$2,110.00, up from year's \$1,600.00.

The young animal lover said when he was five, he wanted to raise money for a good cause. His mother had a list of possibilities, including the Fairhaven Animal Shelter.

After he was presented with the award, Ashton said he chose the shelter because, "I just like animals more than people sometimes."

He said it made him feel good to help animals and he hoped more people would do the same.

He was joined on Friday by his mom, stepdad, grandmother, and two of his four sisters. The family has rescued two older chihuahuas.

Ashton's mother, Tammy Galligo, said that while it is for a purpose, everybody knows about their annual big bash.

"I'm so proud of him," said Ashton's sister, Ashlie. "He really is just the greatest kid and I see how he became an inspiration."

"He's an exceptional kid," said Ashton's sister, Allie. "I'm just so proud of him."

Ashton's "Lita" (grandmother), Deborah Tanguay agreed.

"I just support him," she said. "I throw out the 20s and give candy."

Sen. Montigny presented the citation to Ashton inside the Fairhaven Animal Shelter. Then Ashton presented Animal Control Officer, Terry Cripps, with \$2,110.00 from this year's donations that will go into the shelter's gift



L-R: Fairhaven Animal Control Officer, Terry Cripps, receives an envelope from Ashton Conlon on 8/15/25 at the Fairhaven Animal Shelter with a \$2110.00 donation from Mr. Conlon's annual fundraising efforts. Photo by Beth David.

account.

Learn more about the Fairhaven Animal Shelter on the town's website, or find them on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FairhavenAnimalControlandShelter>

Recipe of the Week

Stuffed Full Casserole

2 cups elbow macaroni,
uncooked
1 pound ground beef
1 (14.5-ounce) can diced
tomatoes, drained
1 (8-ounce) can tomato sauce
1 tablespoon sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon garlic salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 cup sour cream
3 ounces cream cheese, softened
3 green onions, chopped
1 cup cheddar cheese, shredded
Preheat the oven to 350°.
Grease an 11x7-inch baking dish.

In a 6-quart stockpot, cook the macaroni to al dente according to the package directions.

Drain the water and return the macaroni to the pot.

While the pasta is cooking, in a large skillet over medium heat, cook the beef until no longer pink, about 6-8 minutes.

Stir the tomatoes, the tomato sauce, the sugar, the salt, the garlic salt, and the pepper into the cooked beef.

Transfer the meat mixture into the prepared baking dish.

Stir the sour cream, the cream cheese, and the green onions into the pasta. Spoon the pasta mixture over the beef mixture, spreading evenly.

Sprinkle the casserole with the cheese. Bake, covered, until the cheese is melted and bubbly, about 15-20 minutes.

Let the casserole stand for 10 minutes before serving.



lounging on the window seat, watching the comings and goings in the neighborhood.

When my parents went into assisted living, I was adopted by Gloria and Harold, who were in their late twenties and overactive. One of the first things Harold told me was that I would be in tip-top shape in no time. True to his word, Harold wakes me every day at five a.m. for a five-mile run.

Gloria's idea of breakfast is a green goddess shake and a bowl of protein kibble that tastes like dirt. She says I need protein to keep up my strength for aerobics at the dog park and my afternoon doggy yoga class at her studio.

When I heard Gloria tell Harold she was applying for a few full-time positions, I was ecstatic.

However, my euphoria was short-lived. This morning, she told me she has planned a two-

Dear Frankie

Third Time's the Charm

Dear Frankie,
My first adoptive parents were in their seventies and laid back. I typically got up around 9:30, went for a short walk, had breakfast, and spent my mornings

week vacation for the three of us to walk the Appalachian Trail before she returns to work. I don't think I can hold up.

Roddy

Dear Roddy,

I feel your pain. Gloria and Harold's focus on healthy eating and exercise reminds me of my neighbors in Boston. Every morning, I would see them warming up for a run, taking off on their bike, or heading to a gym, a golf course, or a tennis court.

Within ten years, and I'm not exaggerating, every one of them had some form of orthopedic procedure for their back, knee, ankle, or hip. Someone was always limping or walking with crutches.

I once asked one of them why they would do that to their body and was told it was "the high" and "being in the flow," whatever that meant.

My advice is to start limping and fainting when you get up and hope Gloria and Harold will take pity on you and leave you at home. They may decide, however, that you are not the dog for them. If so, you might find

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Young volunteer gets citation from state for FR efforts

By Beth David
Editor

Ashton Conlon has a tough act to follow: his own. The 12-year-old has been raising money for the Fairhaven Animal Shelter for years, since he was five, and has raised thousands.

So, last Friday, 8/15/25, State Senator, Mark Montigny, presented young Ashton with an official citation from the Mass. Senate for his "tremendous charitable efforts supporting animals in need at the Fairhaven Animal Shelter."

Sen. Montigny told the group of family and friends gathered that animal issues were very important to him. He noted that he sponsored a number of bills focusing on animal welfare, including a law banning cat de-clawing.

"I'm just a plain old animal lover," he said.

He noted that he learned early on that people care about animals a lot, explaining that his social media posts will get almost no interaction, unless they are about animals or animal legislation.

Sen. Montigny also entertained the



Young Ashton Conlon poses with family members and State Sen. Mark Montigny during an event on 8/15/25 at the Fairhaven Animal Shelter to present a Mass. Senate Official Citation to Mr. Conlon for his efforts raising money for the shelter, L-R: Allie and Ashlie (Ashton's sisters); Sen. Montigny; Rick Galligo (back, Ashton's stepdad); Ashton; Tammy Galligo (Ashton's mom). Photo by Beth David.

group with a story about rescuing a cat from Greece, and all that adventure entailed.

"I'm very proud of you, I'll tell you," said Sen. Montigny.

He told Ashton that he made a

difference and literally saved animal lives with his donations. He reminded everyone that Fairhaven is a no-kill shelter.

The first year, Ashton raised \$127

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Kids get hands on at Touch-A-Truck event



The North Fairhaven Improvement Association's annual Touch-A-Truck event had a steady stream of visitors in the morning, right up until the heat got oppressive on Sunday, 8/17/25, at Livesey Park. The park had big trucks from the public works department, a fire truck, police cruiser, a Bristol County Sheriff's Office K9 unit, a few cool looking cars and more. The fire department even fired up the hose to cool kids off. Learn more about the NFIA at <https://northfairhavenimprovementassoc.weebly.com> or find them on Facebook. ABOVE LEFT: Trucks from the Fairhaven public works department are lined up for people to get close-up and hands-on. ABOVE RIGHT: Young Henry looks very comfortable in the driver's seat of the dump truck. BELOW LEFT L-R: A concrete buggy and an excavator (which were hauled by the pickup truck and trailer behind them) from Gil-Den are on display. BELOW RIGHT: Ellie takes a hand at the fire hose with a little help from Fairhaven Firefighter/Paramedic Jonathan Cox and lots of encouragement from her mom, Ashlee. Photos by Beth David.



Kool Kids Dive into Ocean Learning

Submitted

The Fairhaven Recreation Department's Kool Kids Summer Program recently wrapped up "Under the Sea Week," giving participants a hands-on introduction to marine life and ocean conservation.

Staff from the Fairhaven Marine Resource Department and Fairhaven

Conservation visited the program to teach children about the importance of keeping waterways clean. Students were particularly fascinated by the demonstration of a "jellyfish bot," a remote-controlled device designed to collect trash from Fairhaven Harbor.

The week concluded with a field trip to Mystic Aquarium in Connecticut,

where participants saw beluga whales, seals, and sea lions, and even had the opportunity to touch stingrays.

The combination of local learning and an immersive aquarium visit gave students both a deeper appreciation of marine animals and an understanding of how to protect their habitats.



LEFT: Fairhaven Recreation Department's Kool Kids participants check out a display during their field trip to Mystic Aquarium during Under the Sea Week. RIGHT: Representatives from the Fairhaven Marine Resources Department demonstrate ocean cleanup methods. Submitted photos.

Teddy Bears and their humans parade through town

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven's Teddy Bear parade celebrated its 40th anniversary with a jaunt through the center of town and fun activities on the lawn of the Unitarian church on Saturday, 8/16/25. Children and their adults marched from the Millicent Library up a few blocks and through Our Lady's Haven, giving the residents there a chance to see the kids and enjoy the festive atmosphere.

Daisy D. Dots and her band of cheery clowns led the parade and provided face painting afterwards on the lawn of the UU church. Other activities included huge bubble making, and small stuffed animal making. Everyone was also welcome to some free donuts and cold water.

The Library also had a lot of old pictures on hand, tracing the event

back to its beginning.

Several people found themselves in the photos from when they were young and showed their own children, who attended on Saturday, said Allie Thiel, Assistant Director and Head of Youth Services for the Millicent Library.

She also said it was the biggest event they have had, with more than 250 marchers participating.

She thanked the Friends of the Millicent Library for sponsoring the Wishkors, providing small unstuffed animals and the stuffing to make them, all for free.

"We really wanted to celebrate this in a special way," said Ms. Thiel. "We're really glad people came out for the 40th."

And all ages showed up, from those in strollers, to teens to grandparents.

Sisters, Harper, 14, and Piper, 11,

have been going since they were little. And they show no signs of growing out of it yet.

"It's really fun," said Harper. "I like seeing the Teddy Bears that the kids bring."

She said she used to take a bigger bear, but now has a more modest one.

Piper had an even smaller bear, one she got at her dance recital.

She also said she likes to see Daisy D. Dots and all the different bears that kids take with them.

Young Eden Costa was working hard to stuff her new Teddy Bear with the Wishkors stuffing, while mom, Erin, supervised.

"What a nice event this is," said Erin.

To learn more about the Millicent Library's programs, visit <https://millicentlibrary.org> or stop by at 45 Center Street, Fairhaven.



ABOVE LEFT: Residents of Our Lady's Haven clap and smile as the 40th Teddy Bear Parade sponsored by the Millicent Library in Fairhaven strolls through the grounds on 8/16/25. ABOVE MIDDLE: A little girl pushes her Teddy. ABOVE RIGHT: Marchers make their way through the grounds of OLH. BELOW LEFT: Daisy D. Dots paints the face of Rosemary Hebert as part of the festivities after the parade. BELOW RIGHT: Eden Costa stuffs a Teddy Bear with Wishkors stuffing, while her mom, Erin, supervises. *Photos by Beth David.*



Father and son play for football summer league

By Beth David
Editor

Dennis Arsenault thought it was fun to play football in his 40s into his 50s. Then he decided to hang up his cleats. Until his son, Rudy, 20, said he'd like to play, too.

A father-son team within the team was born.

Dennis and Rudy played for the New England Bombers this summer in the New England Football League. They are undefeated this season, even though Rudy had to go off to college at Worcester Polytechnic Institute for the last couple of games. The Bombers have one game left.

Dennis played when he was at Fairhaven High School, and Rudy played at Old Rochester. At some point, after having fun playing with dad, Rudy asked at WPI if he could be a walk-on, in his junior year. WPI watched some old films of Rudy in high school and agreed.

So, Rudy is away at school, but Dennis will finish out the season with the team. He said he was going to stop after last year, but then Rudy showed an interest in playing with

him on the team.

How do you resist that?
You don't.

"I appreciated it. I enjoyed it," said Dennis. Overall, Dennis said it was fun having his son on the team with him.

"A lot of fun," he said, adding that it is not something you see often.

He said he's sure there's another father-son duo playing on a team somewhere, but he has not heard of any.

"It's not common," said Dennis.

He said he was also glad that neither one of them got hurt during the season.

They played their last game together on 8/9/25, then Rudy headed off to school.

"You can't put a price tag on it. Money can't buy it," said Dennis. "It's a once-in-a-lifetime thing, y'know."

So what will Dennis, a contractor by trade, do to stay his shape now?

"Oh, there's plenty to do," he said.

Although Rudy was busy at football camp, he took a few minutes out of his busy schedule to talk to the

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L-R: Rudy Arsenault and his dad, Dennis, are all suited up ready to play for the New England Bombers in the New England Football League at a game in June. Submitted photo.



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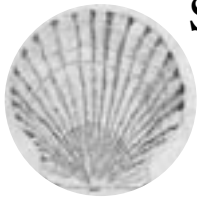


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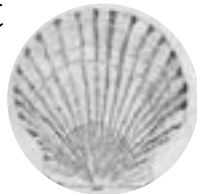
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yourself with another family. But hopefully, the third time will be the charm.

Best, Frankie

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He said he was glad he took the opportunity to play in the summer league. It made him realize how much he missed football.

"I've been having a lot of fun," said Rudy. "I'm glad I'm back in it. I didn't realize how much I missed it until I played with my father."

As for playing with the old man?

"It was very cool," said Rudy, adding he was the youngest person on the team and his father was one of the oldest...not the oldest, but almost. "So it was pretty cool to be on both sides of the age kind of thing."

Rudy also said his father went to all his games in high school and he heard stories about his father playing in high school, so it was good being on the field at the same time.

Rudy also works with his father during the summer.

"So it was a nice break to do something fun with him," said Rudy. "Most people don't get to to that, and I'm glad I took advantage of it."

Now he's playing in his last two years of college, something he never would have done, he said.

"I'm very happy my mind got made up."

Oh...the team won the game on 8/9 and the one after that, currently with a 9-0 record. They have one game left.

Upcoming Meetings

Fairhaven

Board of Appeals

Tues., 9/2, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Health

Wed., 8/27, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 8/25, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 8/25, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Livable Streets

Thurs., 8/21, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 9/10, FHS Lib., Time TBA

Select Board

Mon., 8/25, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

Planning Board

Thurs., 8/21, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

School Committee

Tues., 8/26, Ford MS, 6 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

	Aug 2025		HIGH a.m. p.m.	LOW a.m. p.m.
Thursday	21	0708	1929	0149 1340
Friday	22	0752	2012	0237 1434
Saturday	23	0836	2055	0317 1517
Sunday	24	0919	2137	0338 1537
Monday	25	1000	2218	0341 1553
Tuesday	26	1040	2258	0357 1617
Wednesday	27	1121	2340	0421 1645
Thursday	28	---	1205	0450 1718
Friday	29	0027	1255	0523 1757
Saturday	30	0119	1348	0602 1851
Sunday	31	0213	1441	0656 2004

	Sept. 2025		HIGH a.m. p.m.	LOW a.m. p.m.
Monday	1	0306	1536	0804 2112
Tuesday	2	0405	1639	0907 2220
Wednesday	3	0512	1740	1009 2332
Thursday	4	0607	1828	1115 ---
Friday	5	0650	1909	0011 1210

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ACUSHNET CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 27th beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Meeting Room, located at 122 Main Street, Acushnet, Massachusetts.

A Notice of Intent was filed by SUSAN BENOIT for property located at 18 LYNNE ELLEN DRIVE, Map 17, Lots 29 & 64. The applicant proposes to UPGRADE A FAILED SEPTIC SYSTEM WITH THE PROPOSED SEPTIC TANK AND PUMP TANK WITHIN THE 100' BUFFER ZONE. THE PROPOSED LEACH FIELD IS OUTSIDE OF THE BUFFER ZONE. The applicant is represented by FORESIGHT ENGINEERING INC. Plan name is "SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM UPGRADE DESIGN" dated 7/16/25.

James Souza, Chair
FNN, 8/21/25

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• **Public Hearing – RDA – Jose Castelo / Map 17 Lot 73 - Lot 4 Deep Brook Drive** A Request for Determination was filed by Deep Brook Estates LLC / Jose Castelo for property located at Map 17, Lot 73. The applicant proposes to construct a single-family dwelling with associated driveway paving, grading, utilities, tree removal and landscaping. The applicant is represented by Jamie Bissonnette of Zenith Consulting Engineers, LLC. Plan name is "Subsurface Sewage Disposal System New Construction" dated July 1, 2025.

• **Public Hearing – RDA – Jose Castelo / Map 17 Lot 75 - Lot 5 Deep Brook Drive** A Request for Determination was filed by Deep Brook Estates LLC / Jose Castelo for property located at Map 17, Lot 75. The applicant proposes to construct a single-family dwelling with associated driveway paving, grading, utilities, tree removal and landscaping. The applicant is represented by Jamie Bissonnette of Zenith Consulting Engineers, LLC. Plan name is "Subsurface Sewage Disposal System New Construction" dated July 1, 2025.

• **Public Hearing – RDA – Jose Castelo / Map 18 Lot 12S - Lot 14 Deep Brook Drive** A Request for Determination was filed by Deep Brook Estates LLC / Jose Castelo for property located at Map 18, Lot 12S. The applicant proposes to construct a single-family dwelling with associated driveway paving, grading, utilities, tree removal and landscaping. The applicant is represented by Jamie Bissonnette of Zenith Consulting Engineers, LLC. Plan name is "Subsurface Sewage Disposal System New Construction" dated July 1, 2025.

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James Souza, Chair
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Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday September 2nd, at 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Public Hearing In-Person in Banquet Room or via Zoom. Join the Zoom Meeting
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/94115137952?pwd=MXp0VWpKTFBEMlU1pWScTtVzJCQT09>
or call 1-929-205-6099 Meeting ID: 941 1513 7952 Passcode: 361259

1. REF# ZBA-025-033: 9 Jeannette Street, Map 34A, Lot 062C. Applicant and Owner Richard Ferreira seeks a Special Permit to authorize housing chickens on property in a Single Residence (RA) district not to exceed 10 chickens, not to include roosters, for the coop to be at least 20 feet from any dwelling and at least 10 feet from the property line, and for the applicant to submit an operations and maintenance plan for manure, food and water to the Board of Health, pursuant to the Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-16, Use Regulation Schedule and Chapter 405, Animals.
2. REF# ZBA-025-034: 0 Point Street, Lot 131. Applicant/Owner is seeking a special permit for seasonal camper on lot pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-16 regulation Schedule.
3. REF# ZBA-025-035: 0 Monodach Ave, Lot 224. Applicant/Owner is seeking a special permit for seasonal camper on lot pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-16 regulation Schedule.
4. REF# ZBA-025-036: 159 Sconticut Neck Rd, Map 28B, Lot 279. Applicant and Owner: Roy Gendron. Applicant is seeking a variance for building coverage and lot coverage. Applicant building coverage is 15% and the proposed is 26%. The lot coverage is 25% proposed is 37%, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18 RR District Use Regulation Schedule.
5. REF# ZBA 025-037: 17 Shore Drive, Map 29C, Lot 619 & 620. Applicant/Owner is seeking variance for setback rear needs 30' proposed is 22 1/2'. Left and Right side needs 20' proposed is 10.7'. Pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18.
6. REF# ZBA-025-038: 23 Summer Street, Map 10, Lot 166. Applicant is seeking Administrative Appeal on issuance of building permit for new ADU # 25-0451. Pursuant to M.G.L. c.40A, § 3.

Patrick Carr, Chair, Fairhaven ZBA
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Fairhaven Housing Authority INVITATION TO BID

The FAIRHAVEN HOUSING AUTHORITY, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Contractors for the Intercom Upgrade and Keyless Door Access at

State Aided Development: Oxford Terrace (667-3) in Fairhaven, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by **ROGUE ENGINEERING & DESIGN**.

The Project consists of but not limited to: Replacing existing intercom system and adding access control. The work is estimated to cost **\$318,000.00**.

All bidding Requests for Information (RFIs) shall be submitted online by 09/09/2025 at 2:00PM EDT for general bids.

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive.

THIS PROJECT IS BEING ELECTRONICALLY BID AND HARD COPY BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please review the instructions in the bid documents on how to register as an electronic bidder. All Bids shall be submitted online at biddocs.com and received no later than the date and time specified.

General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) in the following category of work, and must submit a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and signed DCAMM Prime/General Contractor Update Statement.

General Bids will be received until **12 September 2025 at 2:00PM EDT** and publicly opened online, forthwith.

General bids and sub-bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (including all alternates) and made payable to the **FAIRHAVEN HOUSING AUTHORITY**. Note: A bid deposit is not required for Projects advertised under \$50,000.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for review at biddocs.com (may be viewed and downloaded electronically at no cost).

General bidders must agree to contract with minority and women business enterprises as certified by the Supplier Diversity Office (SDO). The combined participation benchmark reserved for such enterprises shall not be less than 13% of the final contract price including accepted alternates. **Request for waivers must be sent to EOHLC (Chad.Howard@mass.gov) 5 calendar days prior to the General Bid date. NO WAIVERS WILL BE GRANTED AFTER THE GENERAL BIDS ARE OPENED.**

The Contractor and all subcontractors (collectively referred to as "the Contractor") agree to strive to achieve minority and women workforce participation. The Workforce Participation benchmark is set at 6.9% for women and 15.3% for minorities. The Workforce benchmark percentages are a **statutory** requirement under MGL c. 149 § 44A(2)(G).

PRE-BID CONFERENCE / SITE VISIT: Scheduled Date and Time: 09/02/2025 at 10:00AM EDT Address: 275 MAIN ST, Fairhaven, MA 02719 Instructions: None

The hard copy Contract Documents may be seen at: Nashoba Blue Inc., 433 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749; 978-568-1167

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The Fire Chief wrote that although all ignition sources have been removed, the building is still vulnerable to fire. The chemicals that are undoubtedly embedded in the structure would be dangerous to the public if a fire erupts.

"We were astounded at the condition of the building," Mr. Trapilo told the SB.

He said no one had realized the extent of the roof collapse, until they sent a drone up to take photos.

"I was in shock," said Building Commissioner, Rick Forand.

He said he did not even realize there was a building there. Then he could not believe how easy it was to get on the site. He said the building is not to be saved. It is a "demo order."

He explained some of the procedure and regulations around issuing a demolition order. But now that he knows about it, he said, he has no choice because someone could get hurt.

On thing that can be done immediately, he said, is for the security fence to be moved. He said it is too close to the building.

Of course, the bike path is also just feet away from the building, but there is not much he can do about that.

The building is just in a "bad spot," he said.

"It's just bad overall," said Mr. Forand.

He told the board that after he sends the letter to the owners, they have five days to respond. If they do not agree to the fixes, then the town will have to do it.

Once he sends the letter, the clock



ABOVE AND BELOW: Aerial photos from July, 2025, shows the extent of the collapse of the roof of the Atlas Tack building in Fairhaven, a superfund site that has been neglected for years. Photos courtesy of the Town of Fairhaven.

starts ticking, and the town could be on the hook for the repairs to the fencing.

SB member Andrew Saunders, who is an attorney, ran through some of the legal possibilities. He said he saw no reason for the owners to object, saying that he could not see an argument for how a security fence would "prejudice their position."

Mr. Forand will work with Interim Town Administrator George Samia to get the letter to the owners and get the property secured.

Mr. Trapilo said that overall, the ATWG uncovered good news for the town, most notably that there is money available to clean up super-

fund sites. The EPA said they do not want a superfund site in Fairhaven.

Eventually, he said, the property may be useful again.

"So there is a good end game down the road," said Mr. Trapilo.

He commended Mr. Forand for getting the video of the roof, so the letter can go out.

"It's been kicked down the road now for decades," said Mr. Trapilo.

The Town Clerk was cc'd on all emails from the group and all materials are available on request by the public.

SB Vice Chair Andrew Romano, who chaired the meeting in the absence of Charles Murphy, thanked Mr. Trapilo and the ATWG for the work and the presentation. He noted that his concern had been that the public would be in the dark if the group was not an official committee, but Mr. Trapilo allayed those fears.

"This is exactly what I wanted," said Mr. Romano. "You guys could not have come more prepared."

The EPA conducted a five year review in 2020, and the 2025 review is ongoing. Visit the EPA website for details on the site including its history and the work already done: <https://tinyurl.com/yc7e7cp3>

The letters from the Fire Chief, Police Chief, and the Health Agent are available on our website: www.NeighbNews.com



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