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

Harborfest wraps up for season



Organizer, Alyssa Botelho (CENTER), is getting skewered by her colleague as she poses for a photo with other volunteers during the last Huttleston Harborfest of the season, which had a Medieval Faire theme, on 9/20/25, at Grimshaw Park in Fairhaven. See page 12 for story. *Photo courtesy of Fairhaven TV.*



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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.

Ugh...ICE in Fairhaven (page 11). How f'g gross to see those masked thugs roaming our town to take away hard working people. Our own Ann Richard, though, didn't let them get away without an earful. Say what you will about her, but the woman has guts. Which is more than I can say for the masked men (and I use the term loosely), who won't show their faces, give their names, or even say which agency they are from as they haul away painters. Painters for heaven's sake. Go after criminals like you said you would.

This county is IN an authoritarian state. I do not understand how there are still people who do not see that, or who just don't care. The one thing that set us apart has gone down the shithole. And some of you are all like...ohhh....my 401K is high. All is right with the world.

No, it isn't.

I watched an episode of "The FBI Files" this week, all about a months long investigation involving hundreds of agents to take down a home invasion ring in. All I could think of was how the Big Buffoon is pulling people off of investigations like that to pluck dish washers out of restaurants because their papers aren't quite right.

God help us all.

Fairhaven lost a good one last week. Allen Days, of Fairhaven Father's Day Road Race fame, passed away (see obituary on page 14). Allen truly left his mark on Fairhaven, and he left a lasting legacy, too. The road race still contributes to all sorts of nonprofits. And although he stepped back a bit a couple of years ago, it's still going strong. Rest in peace, Allen.

Planning Board had a truly bizarre meeting this week (see page 3). There's more to that story to be sure. We'll stay on it for you.

We have a Select Board story for you, too. See page 4 for that. It is probably the last one for our Interim TA, George Samia. He did a fantastic job while he was here. He was lots of fun to listen to, as well. He always had a good story to add to the mix and illustrate his point. I'm sorry I had to cut the SB story short when I found out about the bizarre PB meeting, and decided I needed to get that in for this week.

No wonder I never get any sleep.

Anyway, I digress. See you around the state, George. You helped us through a tough time, and left things in relatively decent shape for the new guy. Keith Hickey should be starting soon, so...let the budget games begin.

There's lots of other stuff in here, of course, including an assessment of Route 6 (page 13), and our cover story (page 12) that looks like it was super fun. And, of course, lots of happenings on pages 5, 6, 7.

While you're paging through, be sure to notice who our advertisers are so you can tell them you saw their ads in the *Neigh 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 Select Board story in last week's issue, we made a mistake identifying the position of Eleanor Chew, who spoke on behalf of the Historical Commission. She is the Clerk. We apologize for any confusion our error may have caused.

Fairhaven Planning Board holds bizarre five-minute meeting

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Planning Board held a meeting on Tuesday, 9/23/25 that lasted less than five minutes after four members walked out.

The agenda, after two revisions, had a "Public Informational Q&A regarding the Timothy Street and Hiller Avenue Subdivision Project."

Deleted was the section that said Dave Davignon, project engineer, would share information about the project. Q&A would be directed to the Land Use and Planning Director, Bruce Webb.

Many abutters were present.

As soon as the meeting started, Kevin Grant read a statement that read in part: "Madam Chair, due to the absence of legal counsel, which has been repeatedly requested for tonight's proceedings, I do not feel it is wise to continue, nor is it fair to the residents."

He said he would not take part in the proceedings and advised other members to do the same. He walked out, followed by PB members, Jessica Fidalgo, Miles Grant, and Sean Powers.

"Well, this is all new to me everybody, thank you," said PB chairperson Dianne Tomassetti.

She said because there was no longer a quorum they would have to table the issue to the next meeting on October 14.

Someone in the room asked if there had been requests for town counsel.

"I can't exactly explain to you but

A bit later on Facebook, PB member, Kevin Grant, posted a series of screen shots

at the time there was seemingly no need for counsel so they were not invited," said Ms. Tomassetti.

Bob Espindola, an abutter to the project, asked that the documents distributed be read into the record, or he should take them back.

Ms. Tomassetti suggested that he take his documents back.

PB member Patrick Carr asked if any board member in the past two weeks asked for town counsel to be present.

"Not one," said Ms. Tomassetti.

"Not true," called someone from the room, who was later identified to the *Neighb News* as resident, Amy Goyer.

"We're not asking anybody to talk right now," said Mr. Carr.

He repeated his questions, were there any submissions or requests for town counsel by any board member.

"I'm not aware of any," said Ms. Tomassetti. "Thank you. This meeting has now ended."

A bit later on Facebook, PB member, Kevin Grant, posted a series of screen shots* which show a back and forth between him and Ms. Tomassetti, and between him and Interim Town Administrator, George Samia, asking for Town Counsel, from 9/23/25, the same day as the meeting.

In those exchanges, Mr. Grant asks for TC to be present. Ms. Tomassetti responds that TC will be available by text if necessary, but will not be at the meeting. She says that the meeting is informational only, so TC is not required.

*Screenshots are available on our website, www.neighbnews.com

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Fairhaven Select Board agrees to ride-along for Rochester Police

By Beth David
Editor

At its meeting on 9/22/25, the Fairhaven Select Board agreed to allow a Rochester police officer to ride along with Fairhaven police; accepted two proposals from Fairhaven Wind that they would discuss in executive session.

Fairhaven police chief, Daniel Dorgan, told the board that the Rochester Police Department tries to have the same amount of field training as Fairhaven, but Rochester does not have the call volume that Fairhaven has.

He said it is not unusual for them to go a whole night shift without a single call, but Fairhaven is very busy. He said Rochester Police Chief Michael Assad is "very forward thinking," in getting his department where it needs to be.

He proposed that the officer who is now in his field training phase ride along with Fairhaven officers for two weeks.

Chief Dorgan said the two towns already have a mutual aid agreement. Lt. Swain would work on the evalua-

tion and report back to Rochester.

Interim Town Administrator, George Samia, said the town's labor counsel also represents Rochester, so that is why it was before the board. She would feel more comfortable if the board voted on it, he said.

SB member, Andrew Saunders, asked how the arrangement would benefit the town.

Chief Dorgan said because Fairhaven has a mutual aid agreement with Rochester, it is in the best interests of both towns for officers to be similarly trained. He also said there was a money component to it because of the mutual aid agreement.

Mr. Saunders asked that the town make sure the insurance is sufficient to cover the situation. He also suggested they add a dollar amount, even if just \$1.

The board voted to approve the agreement with the amendments.

The board also received two proposals from Fairhaven Wind that were not made public. An executive session item was scheduled for the end of the meeting to discuss the proposals.

Project owner, Sumul Shah, summarized them saying that one is to repower the turbines, which would require a change in the contract with the town. He said if they decided to go that route, he would have to order parts by July of next year. There is much to be done before they are ready to order parts, so he urged the board to act quickly.

The second proposal is to accelerate the timeline for the town to take over the project completely. That would give the town the control to shut down the turbines whenever there were complaints from abutters.

Mr. Shah and Mr. Saunders had a bit of a back-and-forth about a request made by Mr. Saunders. Mr. Shah seemed to think he had gotten the information.

Mr. Saunders said he had wanted Mr. Shah to find out from the Building Commissioner if he would issue a permit for the repowering of the WTs considering the bylaw had changed.

In the end the board voted to have Mr. Shah meet with both Mr. Saunders and the Building Commissioner to clear up the misunderstanding.



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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Riverside 175th

Riverside Cemetery, 274 Main St., Fairhaven, is turning 175 on Sat., 9/27. We will have an anniversary celebration from 10 a.m. to noon, followed by a walking tour of the property from noon to 2 p.m. Visit <https://riversidecemetaryfairhaven.weebly.com>

Diaper Drive

Ends Sept. 30. First Congregational Church, Fairhaven is holding a Diaper Drive to benefit PACE, a non-profit who believes families should not lack basic essentials to maintain health and well-being. Needed sizes: 5, 4, Newborn, 1, 7, 6. Donations can be dropped off at: First Congregational Church, 34 Center St., Fairhaven, Tues., Wed., Thurs. & Sat., 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Citizen Petitions DL

Fairhaven will hold a special Town Meeting on Wed., 11/19 (**NOTE date change**), at 7:00p.m., in the Auditorium at the Elizabeth I. Hastings Middle School, 30 School Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

Citizen's Petition deadline: noon, Tues., 9/30. Visit <https://fairhaven-ma.gov/town-moderator/>

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. S

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

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 [Facebook.com/NorthFairhavenMarket](https://www.facebook.com/NorthFairhavenMarket).

Author Event

Sept. 29, 6:30 p.m., Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven. See

ad on page 14.

FHS Theatre

The Fairhaven High School Theatre Company is thrilled to announce the production of this year's fall play, *Almost Maine*. You will be invited to travel to Almost, Maine — a place that's so far north, it's almost not in the United States. And it's not quite a town, because its residents never got around to getting organized. So it almost doesn't exist. One cold, clear, winter night, as the northern lights hover in the star-filled sky above, the residents find themselves falling in and out of love in unexpected and hilarious ways. Knees are bruised. Hearts are broken. But the bruises heal, and the hearts mend — almost — in this delightful midwinter night's dream.

Almost Maine will be performed at Fairhaven High School on October 23rd and 24th at 7PM, with a matinee on October 25th at 2PM. There will be no Sunday performance. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and students, and \$10 for FHS students and staff (ID required at the door). Tickets are general admission and can be purchased online at https://gofan.co/app/school/MA22183_1. For more information, please email mrebelo@fairhavenps.net.

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 when there will be a free event at the library with a Halloween Swap table.

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

CPC Applications

The Fairhaven Community Preservation Committee is accepting applications for the FY27 funding round. The FY27 Community Preservation Submission Guidelines and Application Forms are available on the Town's Community Preservation Committee Webpage: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/community-preservation-committee>.

Activities that can be funded are: Acquisition, creation, and preserva-

tion of Open Space; Creation, preservation, and support of Community Housing; Acquisition, creation, and preservation of Historic Resources; Acquisition, creation, and preservation of land for Recreational Use.

The Deadline for CPC applications is 10/3/25 by 12:00 PM. Further information is available from the Planning and Economic Development Department at (508) 979-4023, Ext. 8123 or email recordingsecretary@fairhaven-ma.gov.

SAVE THE DATES:

Manjiro

Join us for the 19th Manjiro Festival, a celebration of the friendship between Fairhaven and Tosashimizu, Japan, on Sat., 10/4, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Fairhaven Town Center, 40 Center St, Fairhaven.

Live Japanese and American musical entertainment, Taiko Drummers, Martial Arts, Food and Craft booths, Multiple Drawings and Silent Auction, Japanese sale items, vendor booths and much more!

Fire Dept Open House

Join the Fairhaven Fire Department on Sun., 10/5 from 1-3 p.m. for an open house with lots of demonstrations and giveaways, 144 Washington St., Fairhaven, 508-994-1428.

Featuring: vehicle extrication, live fire demo (weather dependent), fire extinguisher demo, free pizza, Sparky the Fire Dog, and more!

Places for People

Monday, October 6 6:30—8:00 PM
UUSF Auditorium 102 Green Street,
Fairhaven, MA, 02719

Fairhaven resident Will Gardner, founder of SouthCoast Places for People (SCPP), shares how neighbors across the South Coast are taking action to shape the places we live. Learn about SCPP's current projects—like the Route 6 Working Group, the ADU Accelerator helping homeowners add gentle housing, and efforts to rethink parking in our downtowns. Discover how simple, people-powered activities—block parties, bike buses, walk audits—are building community and resilience. You'll come away with concrete ways to get involved and help create safer, more vibrant streets right here in Fairhaven and beyond.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Clean Up

Volunteers needed Sat., 9/27, 9am - 12pm. Headquarters located at Sid Wainer & Son 2301 Purchas St. New Bedford, MA

You can pre-register online. Free t-shirts to all volunteers. Gloves and tools provided. Wear closed-toe shoes. Review the safety notes. Free pizza from Dominos! Walk-ins Welcome. Register: <https://operationcleansweep.net/cleanups-operation-clean-sweep/>

Douglass week

A series of events celebrating the lasting impact of Frederick Douglass and his family will be held in Boston, Lynn, and New Bedford, three Mass., cities where the renowned abolitionist lived and worked. #DouglassWeek 2025 will feature exhibits, conversations with Douglass descendants, activists, educators, and scholars, musical performances featuring Broadway artists, and guided tours of historic sites; and virtual events.

New Bedford

Mass Humanities, the New Bedford Historical Society, & #DouglassWeek Present: In the Footsteps of Frederick Douglass: A Day in New Bedford (FREE EVENT), Thurs., 10/2.

A complete list of sites is found here: <https://douglassweek.org/october2>. Registration is required. Travel with the group or join the tour at the New Bedford Historical Society, 21 7th Street #3 New Bedford, MA 02740.

About: Explore New Bedford, where Frederick Douglass lived for five years, raised his young family, and earned his first wages as a free man. This day-long guided tour includes the Nathan and Polly Johnson House, Abolition Row, murals, museums, and more, with lunch featuring a talk by historian Tim Walker.

More information and event updates can be found at www.douglassweek.org/events2025

Vet of Year Noms

Veterans Transition House seeks nominations from the public between now and October 1, 2025, for Veteran of the year, presented to a regional veteran in recognition of his or her outstanding contributions to

veterans, veterans' issues, and the community as a whole.

The nomination form is at <https://www.vetshouse.org/veteran-of-the-year-application/> and can be requested by emailing info@vetshouse.org or by calling 508-992-5313 x 2. Completed forms can be emailed to info@vetshouse.org or mailed to Veterans Transition House, 1297 Purchase Street, New Bedford, MA 02740-6636. If you know a veteran who is deserving of special recognition, Veterans Transition House encourages the submission of your nomination as soon as possible.

The Veteran of the Year Award will be announced in October and presented at a special reception on Thursday, November 6, 2025. For event sponsorship and tickets, please contact David Guertin at david@vantageinphilanthropy.com or 401-868-0365. This event is a fundraiser to support veterans housing, outreach services, and the meals program delivered by Veterans Transition House.

Author Event

Meet local author, Trina Bigham, as she launches her book, "Better Than Ordinary, Breaking Barriers on a Journey of Resilience and Hope," a true story about the birth of her son who was born fighting to survive.

Join us for an afternoon of stories, music, art, and community on Sun., 9/28, 1-4 p.m., at New Bedford Arts and Cultural Emporium, 101 W. Rodney French Blvd., Studio 260, New Bedford. Accessible.

For more information, call or text Karen at 774-628-6415.

Food Truck Fest

Food Truck Festivals of America is bringing the ultimate food truck and craft beverage experience to New Bedford for the 9th time! Join us on Sat., 10/4, from noon to 5 p.m. at Fort Tabor, 1000 S. Rodney French Blvd.

Prepare your taste buds for some of the area's hottest food trucks, serving up mouthwatering fan favorites like Portuguese and American culinary fusion, loaded Fries and Tater Tots with all the toppings, sizzling BBQ, bold Indian food, and creamy Hard & Soft serve ice cream.

Featuring more than 20 food

trucks; nine breweries; local artisans selling handmade goods and delicious packaged food; DJ all day. Visit <https://www.foodtruckfestivalsofamerica.com/>

Artist/Author Talk

The Rotch-Jones-Duff House, is partnering with the New Bedford Free Public Library for an artist's talk with graphic artist and illustrator Melissa "Sawhand" Philley.

On Oct. 1, Philley will give a talk at the library, 613 Pleasant St., NB, about her latest graphic novel: *Quaker, Whaler, Traitor, Spy! The Trials of William Rotch*, an artistic collaboration with history professor, Dr. Sarah Crabtree. Participants will be able to partake in an artist-led activity and other fun games.

This talk is a part of the project titled, "America's 250th: Unraveling the Revolutionary Journey of William Rotch Sr." The project explores a new historical graphic novel about the life of William Rotch Sr., penned by Dr. Sarah Crabtree and illustrated by Melissa Philley, through a series of programs and an exhibition of about 20 artworks from the book, opening at the RJD on November 20th. It is funded by Eastern National, a non-profit partner of the National Park Service.

SAVE THE DATE:

Pumpkin Parade

On Thurs., 10/9, from 4pm to 7pm, the grounds of the Rotch-Jones-Duff House, 396 County St., NB, will become overrun with a bustling display of Jack-O-Lanterns. At 5:30pm, Cool Banana Wig will perform, bringing kids up to play a variety of unique homemade instruments built by the band. Refreshments will be served. Inside the mansion, children can participate in a scavenger hunt with prizes. FREE. The suggested donation is \$5 for individuals and \$10 for families. This event is also part of AHA night.

The RJD is looking for pumpkin carvers for this event! Interested carvers who want their pumpkin masterpieces a part of the display should email Lauren Pothier at lpothier@rjd़museum.org. Carvers are asked to provide their own pumpkin and deliver finished pieces to the Museum by noon on 10/9.

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

At the MAC

The following events are at the Marion Art Center, 80 Pleasant St., Marion; marionartcenter.org.

Music at the MAC

The MAC has a fantastic fall music lineup, including the hugely popular Unplugged series, with 3 dates left for 2025. Join us upstairs in the MAC's Patsy Francis Gallery for an evening of unplugged music featuring Nina Ott and Chris Lopes on Friday, October 3. Don't miss Unplugged on November 21st with Jack Coleman and Donn Legge performing. There will be two seatings for the October and November events - the first from 7-8pm and the second from 8:30-9:30pm. Tickets are for one seating and are \$15 for MAC members and \$20 for nonmembers.

More information and tickets can be found at marionartcenter.org/events.

Play

MAC Theater Presents *Proof* by David Auburn and directed by Rick Sherburne. The production will be at the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater at 80 Pleasant St. Marion, MA.

Catherine has been dealing with a lot. For four years, she has been the sole caretaker for her father, Robert, a genius mathematician who was dealing with mental illness. After his death, she's left wondering if her advanced penchant for mathematics indicates an inclination toward mental illness in herself. This concern is shared by her sister, Claire, who encourages her to leave her family home and live with her in New York. Along the way, Catherine becomes involved with Hal, one of her father's admirers and former students. Catherine is put in the position of proving that some of the mathematical genius left behind in Robert's office were actually her own work.

Catherine is played by Emma Peterson, and MAC regular Donn Tyler takes a turn as Robert, Catherine's father. Oliver Asker returns to the MAC as Hal, and Charlotte Baxter plays Claire. The play is stage-managed by Robert Mahowald and the technical director is Steve McManus, with Jacob Sherburne as Set Designer.

The show dates are Friday, Saturday and Sunday from Oct. 10-26.

Friday and Saturday curtain time is 7:30 pm and the Sunday matinee starts at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$20 MAC members and \$23 for nonmembers. More information and bookings are at marionartcenter.org/events/proof

Art Reception

Artists Margaret Bruzelius & Nanci Worthington are featured in a new exhibition opening on October 11 with a reception from 3-5 pm. The artists, more than peripherally related, are excellent craftspeople in their respective mediums. One is rooted in nature, and the other in a world of myth and fantasy.

The MAC will be hosting Artist Presentations on Sat., 11/1, at 11:00 am with both artists.

The exhibition is open through 11/14/25. The MAC Galleries are located at 80 Pleasant St., Marion, MA. Thurs-Sat 10am-2pm daily. For more information visit [www.marionartcenter.org/on-exhibit](http://marionartcenter.org/on-exhibit).

At Acushnet Library

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

- Thursday, October 2, The Readers' Group Morning Edition will discuss The Great Mrs. Elias by Barbara Chase Riboud at 11 am.
- Thursday, October 2, The Readers' Group will discuss The Forgotten Garden by Kate Morton at 6 pm.
- Monday, October 20, The Movie Matinee will feature the award-winning LA LA Land at 2 pm.
- Monday, October 20, Knitting & Crocheting Group at 6 pm.

Music in the Woods

Sat., 9/27 (rain date 2/28), 11am - 2pm, is the Lloyd Center for the Environment's 5th Annual Music in the Woods - a much-anticipated event that blends music and nature!

Held amidst the natural surroundings of the Lloyd Center's 82-acre campus, this free event for Lloyd Center members (\$50 fee per carload for non-members) features live music performances, nature walks, and various interactive activities.

Both Lloyd Center members and the general public are invited to enjoy a musical afternoon on the Center's trails and grounds with musicians

from the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra, Old Time Fiddle Session with Jeff Angeley, and classic jazz by McMullen & the Mallicks, as well as Tweet's Treats delicious ice cream! There will also be other refreshments available.

Free for Lloyd Center members. \$50 per carload for non-members (comes with a free 6-month Family membership). Register and get tickets at <https://lloydcenter.org/calendar/music-in-the-woods/>

SAVE THE DATES:

Howl-o-ween Pet Parade

Salem has gone to the dogs (and cats and lizards and bunnies), and we couldn't be happier about it!

Salem Main Streets is pleased to present the annual Howl-o-ween Pet Parade! The 2025 pet parade will return to Derby Wharf on Sat., 10/11, at 11 am, with the usual fun, costumes, and contest with prizes. NEW this year - parade will be lead by the winner of Salem's very first Dog Mayor race!

We ask all parade participants to register online in advance if possible (registration to go live in September). We request a small donation of \$5 for Salem residents and \$10 for non-residents. All proceeds go directly to Salem Main Streets in support of special community programs (like this one!) all year round.

Visit <https://www.salemmainstreets.org/events/howl-o-ween-pet-parade>

Extra Trains for Salem

The MBTA with its Commuter Rail operating and maintenance partner Keolis Commuter Services (Keolis) will operate increased weekend train service to and from Salem during the month of October. Several extra trains will run on Saturdays and Sundays during peak times on the Newburyport/Rockport Commuter Rail Line. The increase in service will help accommodate visitors to Salem for Haunted Happenings events, and the schedule will be available soon at mbta.com/cr.

Passengers can utilize the unlimited \$10 Weekend Commuter Rail Pass for their journey to and from Salem.

For more information, please visit mbta.com



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From our readers

Comment Utterly Abhorrent

The tragic murder of Charlie Kirk in Utah on a college campus has left many of us stunned and in deep sorrow. This cowardly act has taken a person's life, leaving a wife, now widow, to mourn and two children to grow up without ever knowing their dad. Parents received devastating news that that no parents should ever hear, that their child was dead. This brutal killing casts a heavy shadow across our nation and our own community of Fairhaven.

Like so many others, I was saddened by this senseless crime against a man who sought to publicly engage with our youth, sharing his beliefs in patriotism, government and religion. Charlie was exercising his First Amendment rights, fostering open debate and dialogue on a university campus which must never become places where political differences are answered with violence. Political figures from all sides, Republicans, Democrats, and Independents, have joined forces to denounce these acts as attacks on all our collective values.

What adds to the heartbreak is that, in the wake of such a tragedy, some in our town have responded with ridicule and mockery instead of compassion. On the Hometown Fairhaven Uncensored Facebook page, I came across a Facebook post by Shane Sher, husband of Ann Richard, Chair of the Democratic Town Committee. His post: "Breaking: Charlie Kirk loses gun debate" in response to Mr. Kirk's death, was utterly abhorrent and profoundly insensitive. Such responses like this are unacceptable and shows a complete lack of humanity or moral principles.

I ask, Mr. Sher that while attending the Unitarian Church that you and your family are members of, listening to your reverend speak about tolerance, compassion, and unity, did your Facebook post reveal your true nature? How unifying, compassionate, and tolerant you are by responding to Mr. Kirk's tragic death with "Breaking: Charlie Kirk loses gun debate." A divisive and disturbed response.

Does this capture the essence of our town? A family is grieving. A wife has lost her husband, and two children will now grow up without

their father. Our actions and comments should be used to bring comfort, unity, and understanding, not ridicule and hatred. I hope and pray that we strive to be better and learn that compassion is for all.

Daniel Silvia, Fairhaven

Democrats are Anti-Individual Rights

The Fairhaven Democratic Committee recently met to discuss appealing to voters with anti-individual rights policies that loot the most productive people for the short-range benefit of the least productive people. No mention was made of Federal taxes that are paid mostly by the wealthy and not at all by the poor.

They want that loot to pay for an arbitrary, undefinable, "living wage," adding to Medicare socialism with "universal health care" socialism, adding to Social Security socialism with "retirement" socialism, and "affordable child care" socialism. And \$20/hour minimum wage socialism based on inflation, not the productivity of individuals. There was no mention of Federal Reserve counterfeiting that (1) IS the inflation that causes price rises and, (2) MORE destructively, shifts investment decisions from long-range, productive businessmen to short-range, unproductive bureaucrats with anti-prosperity political goals.

They praised Mandami, the socialist/communist NYC politician who wants to "end billionaires" like Marx wanted the middle-class owners of property "swept out of the way, and made impossible." Democrats are the party of good intentions, consequences be damned. Today, Mandami said that if elected mayor, he would seek the arrest of Netanyahu, the President of the pro-Western, American ally, Israel.

Fairhaven Democrats also discussed their personal sacrifices in donating time and money to local charities. They didn't link that to Democratic policies. Perhaps it was their version of Republican prayer. Did I stumble into the Church Of St. Karl? Republicans, at least, are honest about the religious basis of nationalism. Democrats evade the religious basis of their allegedly rational socialism. They call it altruism and divert your attention with claims of helping people. But at a

sacrifice, not for profit. Helping people is not the moral part of altruism.

I had come to hear about policy, not vows of poverty. I left with a Marxist poster of a fist holding a wrench and calling for a collectivist "Power To The People," "workers' rights" and "Workers Over Billionaires."

The poster also recommended various moderate and extreme Leftist groups which, in turn, recommended other and various moderate and extreme Leftist groups: Indivisible Massachusetts, Democracy Unleashed, New Bedford Coalition To Save Our Schools, Massachusetts 501, Democratic Socialists Of America, Our Revolution Massachusetts, Common Start, Jamaica Plain Progressives, New Democracy, Progressive Massachusetts, Massachusetts Immigrant & Refugee Advocacy, We The People, and Massachusetts 50501.

The most revealing view from these groups is "COMMUNITY OVER CHAOS," the ancient, tribal, religious claim that the individual is evil. Trump agrees.

Stephen Grossman, Fairhaven

Who Wasted Our Money?

Critics say the Mattapoisett Special Town Meeting on October 4th is a "waste of money."

Let's be clear: if it is a waste, it's because of the supporters of the expansion of the select board from 3 to 5 members. They created this situation when they rushed their Home Rule petition through the Legislature on the very day our citizen petition was certified.

Had they respected the process, this meeting would be binding — exactly as the law intended.

Instead, their maneuver stripped away the force of our vote, while leaving taxpayers to foot the bill for the meeting.

So, let's turn their argument on its head: the only way this meeting is wasted is if you don't show up. A strong turnout and a resounding YES vote will prove that citizens, not political insiders, set the direction of Mattapoisett.

Saturday, October 4th, 1 PM, ORR High School Gymnasium — be there. Show them that democracy is never a waste.

Dennis P McLaughlin, Mattapoisett

Recipe of the Week

Pumpking Chia Pudding

This Pumpkin Chia Pudding is easy to make and tastes like a slice of pumpkin pie. It's perfect for a quick breakfast or afternoon snack!

1/4 cup chia seeds
1/2 cup almond milk
1/2 cup canned coconut milk
1/4 cup pumpkin puree
1 tablespoons almond butter
1 tablespoon maple syrup
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
Optional: whipped cream for topping

Whisk together all of the ingredients except the chia seeds.

Add the chia seeds and whisk again until well combined.

Pour the mix into a glass storage container and place it in the refrigerator. After a few minutes, give it another stir to make sure everything is evenly combined.

Leave the chia pudding in the fridge overnight. In the morning give it a good stir and then top it with whipped cream, cinnamon, and pumpkin seeds.

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Dear Frankie

The Run

Dear Frankie,
For years, my mom and I went for a daily run with her friends and their dogs on the track at the dog park. When she went back to work, she offered my brother Peter ten dollars to run with me during the week. Peter tried to get fifteen, but my mom wouldn't budge.



The first week went as planned. After that, when we arrived at the park, Peter would sit on a bench and scroll through his phone, and let me wander around.

At dinner, whenever Mom asked Peter about our day, Peter would regale her with all sorts of stories about who we saw and what they said. I told Rufus, the mayor of the park, about Peter, and he said that all the dogs at the park knew Peter was a liar and was conning my mom.

It wasn't very pleasant to hear what they thought about my brother. Is there anything I can say to Peter to stop him from being such a jerk?

Peanut

Dear Peanut,

I doubt anything you say will change him. However, you might get his attention another way. Next time at the park, ask your friends to surround Peter and bark. Eventually, one of your mom's friends will notice and call her.

The conversation will lead your mom to question why Peter is on his phone instead of running with you. She might ask her friend to confront Peter or require him to video his runs before paying him.

I also suggest your mom make Peter run with her on several weekends as a consequence. Sometimes, it takes a village to raise a smart aleck.

Best, Frankie

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Feds take three workers in Fairhaven

By Beth David
Editor

Federal agents, presumably ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) arrested three men who were on their way to work to paint a house in Fairhaven on Friday, 9/19/25. The agents stopped the van that was carrying the men on Middle Street, near the Pease Park boat ramp at about 7:30 a.m.

Ann Richard said she had worked on some weeding near the bike path before work and was heading to her job when she noticed the agents in the street. She turned around and confronted them.

"I said, I can't just drive by this," she told the *Neighb News* in a phone interview, adding she could not just let them do what they wanted without challenging them.

She said one agent was "huge" and tried to intimidate her. She said she did not care, telling him he could not do anything to her.

She first told them to take off their masks and show her their badges, she said, asking them what they were doing there.

"They screamed at me, 'you're not supposed to be in the street.' I said 'you're in the street,'" she said, and told them they had no authority over



Ann Richard confronts federal agents who took three painters into custody on Middle Street in Fairhaven as they were on their way to work on 9/19/25. Photo submitted by a reader who wishes to remain anonymous.

her. "I kept questioning them, 'why are you here,' and I said 'I'm not ICE: cont'd on page 17



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Harborfest goes out with a “hear ye, hear ye”

Jonathan Comey

Neighb News Correspondent

As the start time of Saturday's Medieval Faire neared, Alyssa Botelho and her crew of Discover Fairhaven volunteers were rushing around Grimshaw Park at Fort Phoenix, putting the finishing touches on the final event of the Huttleston Harborfest series.

The preparations paid off, as a steady stream of fair(e)goers came and went all day and into the night, most wearing costumes or at least a smile.

“We were very happy, it was a lot of fun,” said Botelho, the town’s Tourism Director. “It was definitely a great day, and we’re confirmed to do it again next year.”

Scores of vendors with a medieval theme, “or at least medieval-adjacent,” in Botelho’s words, were on hand, along with live music and a nighttime screening of “A Knight’s Tale” with a special guest emcee, Oscar-winning writer-director Brian Helgeland.

When you’re running an event with multiple vendors from different towns and with different approaches, there’s a tell-tale sign if things are going well or not: what’s the vibe like with 15 minutes left in the official run time?

“A lot of times, at that time the vendors are packing up to get going,” Botelho said. “But people were still interacting, buying and selling way past close (4 p.m.), and that was great to see.”

On a beautiful last Saturday of summer, the parking lots and roadsides were packed; not an uncommon experience at Fort Phoenix. But on this day the focus was on the small park above the tennis courts, where scores of tents were occupied with an assortment of off-beat vendors and food trucks were ready to serve.

Over the outdoor speakers, medieval versions of an eclectic group of modern songs lilted above the grounds: Nirvana’s “Smells Like Teen Spirit” and Michael Jackson’s “Beat It” translating surprisingly well to lute and harpsichord.

Flags with town territories flapped high in the wind, representing East Fairhavenshire, The Centre Towers, Isles of Sconticut and Olde Oxford Village. The port-a-potties even were in the spirit, as signs pointed the way to “Ye Royal Restroom.”

Mike Akin of Acushnet was there with a display of his homemade “Clever Meadows” candles.

“It’s something I’ve been doing the last few months, kind of a hobby, I’m just here to see how it goes,” he said.

A collection of folks in period garb represented “The Society for Creative Anachronism,” a national organization dedicated to the crafts and skills of the Middle Ages and Renaissance.

At one point an announcement came over the PA: “Hear ye, Hear ye,” it began ominously, then: “We are looking for the owner of a Honda Odyssey, license plate number ...”

People could collect a gold coin from the Discover Fairhaven stand and leave it in the treasure chest on their favorite vendor stall. The winner was Coloroom Designs of New Bedford, which had a table full of intricate, angular 3D printed products that were on brand for the event - swords, steins, dragons, etc.

“Some of the designs, we do ourselves, some we license, and



we work with multiple different artists,” said Cristina Cairo, who started the business with her husband two years ago. They were there with their two daughters, in period garb. “We don’t normally do dragons, but we knew they’d be popular with this event. It’s fun!”

The Harper and the Minstrel, aka Jay and Abby Michaels, played multiple sets of Celtic music, and costume contest winners were crowned in several different divisions.

The nighttime portion was a live screening of the classic movie “A Knight’s Tale,” which was introduced by its creator, Brian Helgeland.

“I had always wanted to connect with Brian, dating back even to high school,” said Botelho, a filmmaker in her own right. “But there was never a direct reason to. I thought this was a great opportunity to try and get him, so I basically emailed his agent every week until he said yes!”

Helgeland, whose latest movie “Finestkind” was set in the New Bedford fishing industry, spoke to the crowd about the importance of pursuing dreams, which is at the heart of the movie and in his personal arc from local kid with ideas to Hollywood powerhouse.

“The whole theme of the movie is that a person can change their path.” Botelho said. “He was sharing stories all night, it was great.”

This was the last in a series of five Huttleston Harborfest events, and wrapped up the first year of Botelho’s stint in the town’s tourism office.

“It felt like the big grand finale, definitely,” she said. “I learned so much about event layout, and the way my team works. Learning who can do what and what the process is, I think we really came a long way.”



TOP: A young festival goer learns about an old school version of “time out” during the last Huttleston Harborfest of the season, which had a Medieval Faire theme, on 9/20/25, at Grimshaw Park in Fairhaven. ABOVE: Two young princesses observe the artist at work. Photos by Jonathan Comey.

Rte 6 walking tour documents high speeds, recommends fixes

By Will Gardner

Special to the Neigh News

In the wake of three serious crashes on Route 6 across Pope's Island this year, at least two of them fatal, dozens of concerned citizens from across Fairhaven and New Bedford gathered September 16 for a walk audit of the corridor.

Organized by SouthCoast Places for People with staff support from the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD), participants included members of the Fairhaven Select, Planning and School Boards, Fairhaven Fire, Fairhaven Police, New Bedford Police, Fairhaven BPW, and Fairhaven Livable Streets, as well as concerned neighbors.

Participants met at the Noah's Place playground and walked from the Pope's Island Marina east to Fairhaven High School, documenting conditions for people walking, biking, and driving. Among the key findings:

- Despite posted speed limits of 30-40 miles per hour, participants measured average vehicle speeds of 52 mph. A law enforcement official reported that vehicles are regularly clocked above 50 mph along Pope's Island and that police often only

pull over drivers traveling at least double the speed limit.

- No congestion was observed on Route 6 during the weekday peak hour (5-6pm). The only slowdown occurred when the swing bridge closed to through traffic at the quarter hour. Westbound queuing for the bridge is further exacerbated by left-turning vehicles into the commercial plaza.
- Even with more people crossing between the marina and playground to the south and businesses to the north, there is no crosswalk at all on the nearly mile-long stretch of Route 6 across the harbor connecting the marina/playground to the retail businesses on the north side, despite this being a common crossing point and the site of a serious pedestrian injury last July. Audit participants observed several people attempting to cross with considerable difficulty.
- Despite most businesses being on the north side, limited access to New Bedford from the north side and no bike infrastructure means most people walking and biking share the south sidewalk, too narrow in multiple locations to accommodate two-way traffic.

- The crosswalk on the west side of the Main Street intersection is 71 feet long and signal timing for pedestrians crossing from Fairhaven High was too short for even a group of able-bodied adults to cross safely on time.

Recommendations from the audit include:

- Immediate safety fixes (lighting, trimming hedges, clearing obstructions, signage corrections).
- A near-term pilot project to get vehicle speeds to better match limits on the bridge and the commercial stretch.
- Longer-term redesign recommendations to better reflect the values of safety, freedom to move, and community connection along this important gateway between Fairhaven and New Bedford.

SouthCoast Places for People and SRPEDD will continue working with MassDOT, elected officials, local committees, businesses, and nonprofits to keep people informed and gather feedback.

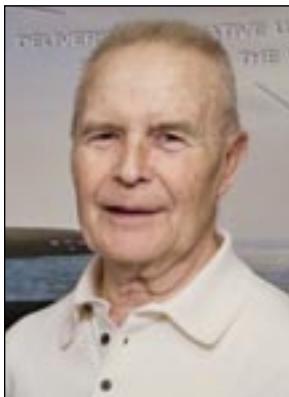
The public is welcome to review the audit findings and recommendations at <https://bit.ly/Route6WalkAudit>.



LEFT: Will Gardner (2nd from right) speaks during the walking tour of Route 6 on 9/16/25 between New Bedford at Pope's Island and Fairhaven High School. RIGHT: Concerned citizens and local officials take the tour. *Submitted photos.*



Obituary: Allen Days, Sr.



Allen E. Days, Sr.

Allen E. Days, Sr., 88, of Fairhaven passed away at home Thursday, September 18, 2025 surrounded by his loving family after a period of

declining health. He was the loving husband of 68 years to Florina "Flo" (Talbot) Days.

Born and raised in Fairhaven, son of the late Enos E. Days, Jr. and Hazel (Sampson) Days, he was a graduate of Coyle High School in Taunton and then served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War. Allen was the owner/operator of Days Electric and Days Health and Sports in Fairhaven for many years. He was a

communicant of St. Joseph's Church in Fairhaven.

Allen was the originator and Race Director of the Fairhaven Father's Day Road Race for 51 years. All proceeds of which benefit the local community. He ran numerous road races and marathons over the years. He was a member and former Treasurer of the Fairhaven Lions Club and was very active in many charities throughout his life. Allen received the 2003 Rotary Club of Fairhaven, Service Above Self, Man of the Year Award, a 2010 Fairhaven High School Hall of Fame inductee, 2014 Standard Times Man of the Year and he was also Past President of the St. Joseph's Church Couples Club.

He is survived by his loving wife Flo; his children, Karen L. Peckham and her husband Robert of Dartmouth, Allen E. Days, Jr. and his wife Cynthia of Fairhaven and Carol-Ann Days-Merrill and her husband Paul of Madison, NH; 10 grandchildren, Katie Peckham, Kellie Shockley, Julia,

Jacob, Jordan, Joshua and Justin Days and Taylor, Sarah and Steven Days-Merrill; three great grandchildren, Collin, Xander and Taylor "TJ"; a brother Paul Days of New Bedford and several nieces and nephews. Allen was the brother of the late June Smith.

In accordance with his wishes he will be cremated and a Mass of Christian Burial will be Celebrated Tuesday, September 30, 2025 at 10AM in St. Joseph's Church, Fairhaven. The family will be receiving visitors from 9:30AM until the start of the Mass. At the conclusion of the Funeral Mass, the procession will follow the route of the 10K Fairhaven Road Race to his final resting place in Riverside Cemetery, Fairhaven. Arrangements are by the Fairhaven Funeral Home, 117 Main Street, Fairhaven. For memorial register please visit, www.hathawayfunerals.com.

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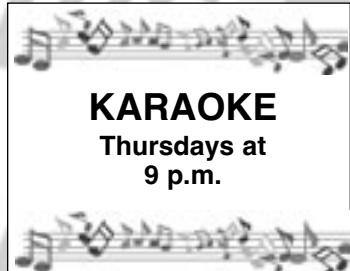
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listening to you."

At some point, Fairhaven police showed up and they were "wonderful." They just happened to be at the boat ramp for an incident. They told her to be careful, she said.

She told them, "I'm not backing down from these guys."

She said it was wrong that these men who were just trying to get to work were arrested. The owner of the company was there with her young child watching as the men were detained.

"I'm not going to let these people do this to families," said Ms. Richard. "I'm just not going to just drive by and let that happen."

Someone called the ICE hotline and they came to help, she said.

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hearing on Wednesday, October 1, 2025, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Meeting Room, located at 122 Main Street, Acushnet, Massachusetts.

• Public Hearing RDA – Acushnet Company / 115 Manchester Lane / Map 11 Lot 25C.34 A Request for Determination of Applicability was filed by Acushnet Company for property located at 115 Manchester Lane, Map 11, Lot 25C.34. The applicant proposes to remove existing pavement and a portion

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Someone asked her if she had been trained on how to confront ICE. She said she had not.

"I'm just going to stand up for you," said Mr. Richard.

According to a news report by the New Bedford Light (link below), three Guatemalan men were detained, and one was released a few hours later in Burlington, where he had to arrange his own ride home.

If you see ICE in your town, call the LUCE Immigrant Justice Network of Massachusetts Hotline, 617-370-5023, staffed 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day across multiple languages. Visit lucemass.org

Find more details on the Fairhaven raid at <https://newbedfordlight.org/3-guatemalan-men-arrested-in-early-morning-fairhaven-raid/>

of the base material and repave within the existing driveway width of 14 feet for approximately 1,050 feet from the guard shack towards the visitor's center. The applicant is represented by William F. Madden, P.E. of G.A.F. Engineering, Inc. Plan name is "Plan to Accompany Request for Determination of Applicability" dated September 10, 2025.

James Souza, Chair
FNN, 9/25/25

Upcoming Meetings

Fairhaven

Board of Appeals

Tues., 10/7, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs., 10/2, Arsene St., 6:30 p.m.

Historical Commission

Tues., 10/7, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Marine Resources Comm

Thurs., 10/2, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Municipal Harbor Plan

Public Meeting, Wed., 10/1, Town Hall Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 10/14, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 10/15, FHS Media Lib., 6:30 p.m.

Select Board

Tues., 10/14, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Town Meeting Petition DL

The citizens petition Deadline for the fall Town Meeting is 9/30. See page 5 for details.

Tree Removal Hearings

Mon., 9/29, 5 Arsene St., 4:30 p.m.

Acushnet

Board of Appeals

Tues., 10/21, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Comm

Wed., 10/1, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Wed., 10/8, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 10/7, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Soil Board

Wed., 10/1, COA/Sr Ctr., 6 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

Sept. 2025	HIGH	LOW
	a.m.	p.m.

Thursday	25	1045	2306	0342	1615
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Friday	26	1126	2350	0414	1647
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Saturday	27	---	1214	0449	1723
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Sunday	28	0043	1310	0527	1809
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Monday	29	0140	1406	0614	1914
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Tuesday	30	0236	1500	0723	2029
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Oct. 2025	HIGH	LOW
	a.m.	p.m.

Wednesday	1	0331	1558	0838	2132
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Thursday	2	0433	1701	0944	2232
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Friday	3	0533	1756	1052	2326
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Saturday	4	0621	1842	1152	---
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Sunday	5	0703	1923	0010	1241
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* = 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 Neigh News website, www.NeighNews.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"

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Fairhaven

Conservation Commission

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

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

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

Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86953155076?pwd=VFdUQkhzdVYrNzJlQktiVi9XGppZz09>
Meeting ID: 869 5315 5076
Passcode: 633695

Or call: 1-929-205-6099

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

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

a. CON 023-533: 12 Jerusalem Road, Map 29B, Lots 641-646 Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Brian & Kayleigh Beauregard to propose a 171 S.F. addition to an existing single-family home within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF), FEMA Flood Zone VE (El.18).

b. CON 023-534: 7 Peirce's Point, Map 28, Lot 032 Request for Determination of Applicability filed by John Behan to construct 6' x 16' shed that will be raised 6" off the ground and supported by (6) sonotubes. Work to take place within Buffer Zone to Salt Marsh.

c. SE 023-1369, CON 023-255: 10 Diamond Street, Map 29, Lots 46 & 72 Amendment request filed by Jamie & Ruby Medeiros to pave the garage driveway with asphalt or concrete. The proposed work to take place in a buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW) & Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF), FEMA Flood Zone AE (El.14').

d. SE 023-____, CON 023-535: 1 Crow Island, Map 44, Lot 1 Notice of Intent filed by Kathryn Barnett for a proposed floating dock expansion as well as after-the-fact permitting of existing stone seawall, fixed dock with boat house and bulkhead within the Acushnet River for the purpose of obtaining a Chapter 91 license. Parcel located within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF), FEMA Flood Zone AE (El.6') and work within buffer to Coastal Bank & Land Under the Ocean.

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

Copies of the applications and site plans may be

viewed at the Conservation Office in Town Hall, located at 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA and links to the applications are on the Town Website under current filings.

Brandon J. Estrella, Chair
Fairhaven Conservation Commission
FNN: 9/25/25

October 9, 2025 will be publicly opened and read. To obtain bid specifications visit <https://fairhavenma.gov/beacon/>. The Board of Public Works reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids if it is in the best interest of the Town to do so.

FNN 9/25/25

ACUSHNET CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 8, 2025 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Meeting Room, located at 122 Main Street, Acushnet, Massachusetts.

• Public Hearing NOI - Kenneth J. Camara, 12 Archer's Way, Acushnet, MA, Map 16 Lot 18-F. A Notice of Intent was filed by Kenneth J. Camara for property located at 12 Archer's Way, shown as Assessors Map 16 Lot 18-F. The applicant proposes to construct an in-ground pool, cabana with connection to existing septic system, retaining wall, fenced enclosure around pool and associated site work within the buffer zone of bordering wetlands. The proposed work is shown on a plan titled "Plan of Site Improvements for New Garage, In-Ground Pool & Cabana" dated August 20, 2025 by Charon Associates Inc. The applicant is represented by Rick Charon, P.E. of Charon Associates Inc.

James Souza, Chair
FNN, 9/25/25

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• Public Hearing RDA - Brookside Realty Trust, 1094 Main Street, Map #7 Lot #15. A Request for Determination was filed by Brookside Realty Trust for property located at 1094 Main Street, Map 7, Lot 15. The applicant proposes to remove and replace the sewage disposal leaching area which services the mobile home park. Work to be performed within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland. The applicant is represented by Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc.

James Souza, Chair
FNN, 9/25/25

TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids marked "CLEANING AND RE-DEVELOPMENT OF MUNICIPAL GRAVEL PACKED WELLS" will be received at the Board of Public Works Office, 5 Arsene Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719 not later than 2:00 p.m. October 9, 2025 and at 2:00 p.m.

ACUSHNET SOIL BOARD PUBLIC HEARING:

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Soil Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 1, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Council on Aging, 59 1/2 South Main Street, Acushnet, MA, 02743. This is regarding the PJ Keating Soil Removal Permit application for property located at 72 S. Main Street, Acushnet, MA 02743.

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ACUSHNET BOARD OF SELECTMEN PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Board of Selectmen will hold two public hearings on Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 4:00 PM in the Selectmen's Meeting Room located at the rear of the Town Hall, 122 Main Street, Acushnet, MA 02743.

• The purpose of the Public Hearing regards the amendment of the Class II Used Car Sales License for 5 Hayes Street Auto, located at 5 Hayes St., Acushnet, MA 02743.

• The purpose of the Public Hearing regards the application of a Class II Used Car Sales License for Jarrod's Auto Wholesalers LLC (DBA Gem Auto Sales), located at 5 Hayes St., Acushnet, MA 02743.

Board of Selectmen

FNN, 9/18/25, 9/25/25

Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday October 7th, 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=MxpoVWpKTFBEUmluT1pWScTiVzJCT09>
or call 1-929-205-6099 Meeting ID: 941 1513 7952 Passcode: 361259

1. REF# ZBA-025-036: 0 Blueprint Road Map 43B, Lot 181, Book 24925, Page 463, Ctr# 5926. Applicant and Owner seeks a Special Permit for relief of accessory building not on a principal lot. Pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-33 Regulation Schedule.

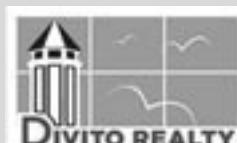
Patrick Carr, Chair, Fairhaven ZBA
FNN: 9/18/25, 9/25/25

ACUSHNET CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Conservation Commission will hold a public

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To commemorate the day, special guests will present, historic walking tours will be offered, a new entrance sign will be dedicated, two new funds, designed to preserve our legacy, will be formally announced and refreshments will be served. The first new fund is the Beautification Fund for the maintenance of the trees, shrubbery, natural plantings and flowers. The second is the Restoration Fund for the repair and maintenance of seasoned and broken gravestones. Your generous tax-deductible donation, no matter the size, will make a significant difference in helping us manage the sacred landscape honoring those who are at rest and preserving the legacy of Riverside Cemetery for future generations.

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It would be my pleasure for you to join us in marking this important milestone and thank you for your consideration in helping us preserve this important part of our community's heritage. Your donation can be sent to the address above, noting "Beautification Fund" or "Restoration Fund". For more information, please contact Tracy Travers, Trustee/Anniversary Committee at tracytravers@comcast.net.

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