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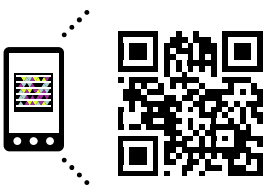
Geese hang out in an inlet of the foggy marsh on Goulart Memorial Drive in Fairhaven on 3/8/26, while the "snow-eating fog" helps to melt the snow from the blizzard two weeks before. See page 12. *Photo by Beth David.*

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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.



Publisher Beth David with  
Charlie, aka Evil Dog

I cannot fathom (get that?) how I could live on this island for more than 30 years and not know that fog eats snow. Hmm...unless I did know and I forgot....just slipped my mind. Yeah, I'll go with that...I think.

Anyway, it's true, fog eats snow. I looked it up. See page 12.

I don't even know where to begin with this buffoon. He thinks everything is a performance. It's a war, people are getting killed, displace, their homes destroyed. And the Big Buffoon is making videos and asking people if they like the performance. He's demented.

And we are now officially the bad guys. We bombed a school. An elementary school. An all girls elementary school. More than 160 people died, 145 of them were little girls.

And the babbling buffoon and his minions are bragging about how precise our weapons are.

But we bombed a school.

The ends do not justify the means. The means matter. The means define who we are as a nation. The means define our collective soul as a people.

We are now the bad guys. We bombed school with little girls inside and we did not even apologize.

In this country, it's individual cruelties. Emmanuel Damas, 56, was living in Boston when he was taken into ICE custody in September.

He died from a toothache. You read that right. He got a toothache, he was in ICE custody, they refused to treat him until the infection was out of control.

Meanwhile, 700,000 people in Lebanon, the land of m ancestors, have been displaced.

Tell me again how this makes us great?

Until next week then, see ya,

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our article on the budget last week we made an error. It was Jim Hebert who asked about possibly selling the Rogers School. Kathy Lopes pointed out that money had been set aside to mothball the building. We apologize for any confusion our error may have caused.

# Three Fairhaven artists receive state grants

By Beth David  
Editor

The Fairhaven Cultural Council has announced that three Fairhaven artists received grants from the Mass. Cultural Council. Brian Cass (Music), Heather Martin (Visual Arts), and Kylie Serpa (Multidisciplinary) won Creative Individual Grants.

"This is a highly competitive grant to win," wrote Beth Ann Gallagher, Chair, Fairhaven Cultural Council.

According to Dan Blask, Program Manager, on the Mass. Cultural Council website...

"Mass Cultural Council believes that when creativity thrives, so does the Commonwealth. We are honored to announce 464 grants of \$5,000 each — a total of \$2,320,000 — supporting artists, culture bearers, and creative practitioners as part of the Fiscal Year 2026 Grants for Creative Individuals.

The program awards unrestricted grants to individuals in all creative fields: visual artists, literary artists, theater and dance artists, film/media artists, music artists, designers, traditional artists/culture bearers,

drag artists, cross-disciplinary artists, and more. We received 3,125 eligible applications to Grants for Creative Individuals. Grants were decided through a review process that includes geographic distribution, funding priorities, and scores from reviewers from the Massachusetts cultural sector.

Reviewers prioritized applications based on the program mission: to equitably advance creativity throughout the Commonwealth with unrestricted grants to individuals who demonstrate achievement of creative expression and commitment to their artistic/cultural practice. Approximately 96% of the grantees are receiving their first grant from Mass Cultural Council.

Brian Cass is a guitarist, producer, and music professor at Berklee College of Music. He performs locally with his rock and roll group, Brian & the Cassettes; and with The Overclock Orchestra.

Heather Martin is the owner of Rising Tide Pottery. They offer open studio memberships, workshops, classes, and more. Visit <https://risingtidepottery.com>

[risingtidepottery.com](https://risingtidepottery.com)

Kylie Serpa is a multidisciplinary artist who works in film,

This announcement reflects Mass Cultural Council's third year of Grants for Creative Individuals funding. The program was launched in FY24 after a year-long evaluation of our support for creative individuals as part of the Agency's Racial Equity Plan. We plan to offer the Grants for Creative Individuals to Massachusetts creatives every year, subject to the Agency's state budget appropriation and governing Council-approved spending plan.

The Grants for Creative Individuals are part of Mass Cultural Council's sustained effort to advance creativity in the Commonwealth. Sign up for the monthly Artist News e-newsletter to receive all updates, details, and deadlines for Mass Cultural Council's funding and support for creative individuals.

Learn more at <https://massculturalcouncil.org/>

See this year's list of recipients at <https://tinyurl.com/4k72ade6>

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# Fairhaven Select Board discusses storm response

By Beth David

Editor

Fairhaven Town Administrator, Keith Hickey, addressed the Select Board and other town officials at the SB meeting on 3/9/26, to provide a review of the town's response to Winter Storm Hernando, the blizzard that struck on Sunday, 2/22 and continued through Monday, dumping more than 30 inches of snow in Fairhaven.

Mr. Hickey said that public works, fire, police, schools, and other town employees all worked together to respond to the storm. The Hastings Middle School was opened as a shelter. They met by phone at least twice a day. The town added personnel and equipment to respond to the storm.

At the height of the storm, the lack of visibility made it too dangerous for plows to be out on the road. They were pulled back for about five hours on Monday, he said. After they got back, plows worked around the clock until every single street had at least one plowed lane.

Mr. Hickey stressed that the storm was extraordinary. A few weeks before, the town had about 14 inches of snow, and the Board of Public Works addressed that storm without any additional assistance. For the blizzard, though, the town got people and equipment from communities across the state and from local private companies.

Fairhaven utilized 28 additional pieces of equipment for snow removal.

Mr. Hickey also addressed the two pieces of equipment that failed and needed to be repaired. He said both were back in service before the end of the cleanup. The loader had a radiator issue; the grader had an

electrical issue.

During the storm, fire and police continued taking emergency calls. Fire answered 136 emergency calls, including two structure fires. The police answered 350 calls, that also included welfare checks.

Fifteen people were transported to the shelter, which was staffed around the clock, and others got there on their own.

At one point, two-thirds of Fairhaven was without power. There were over 12 trees and large limbs blocking roads, that required the public works department to divert from plowing to address those. He said public works had to leave plow routes to lead Eversource to downed wires. Plow drivers also had to support police and fire in responding to emergencies when their vehicles could not reach people.

Mr. Hickey said the town hall generator did not automatically go on as it should have. He commended the police chief for "trudging through two feet of snow" to help get it started.

The generator switch is "dated," he said and he will review its reliability for the future. Without power at town hall, the phone network does not work. He will look into getting grant money to replace it.

Mr. Hickey also said that the BPW ran short on road salt because of a statewide shortage. He credited harbormaster, Tim Cox, with using personal connections to get some to the town. The BPW had to mix the salt with sand to stretch it out a bit.

Looking back, he said, there is always room for improvement.

He urged members of the public to sign up for the alerts which updated people after every meeting of the department heads.

He said it was an "extraordinary" storm.

"I know it was frustrating," he said, for people who did not see the work going on behind the scenes. "People went above and beyond."

Mr. Hickey said it was a team effort to get roads cleared for people to get to doctor appointments. He said he was confident no other community responded better than Fairhaven.

"It was very impressive to see," he said.

Mr. Hickey said no town is ready for 30 inches of snow and it would be fiscally irresponsible to be staffed up to that level all the time.

Mr. Hickey thanked the residents for who had to deal with a lot of challenges, liked missed appointments.

Vincent Manfredi addressed the board, saying he was not complaining, but had an observation. He said sidewalks and corners near Hastings Middle School were not clear, forcing students to walk in the street. He said most homeowners cleared sidewalks, but the condo complex did not.

He also noted that there was some confusion as to who is responsible for the overpass sidewalks, the town or the state.

Bob Pink also addressed the board, saying he wanted to commend the public safety officials, not only for their effort, but for their "prudence."

He said they had to make some "hard decisions" on behalf of employees, such as pulling the trucks off the road.

"I happened to be in the middle of it, unfortunately," said Mr. Pink, but added he saw them go "all out" to maintain access to buildings.

"I commend them 100 percent,"

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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Democratic Caucus

All Democrats are invited to their annual caucus on Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 6pm at Fairhaven Senior Center, 229 Huttleston Ave. Please join us in voting for members to represent our committee at the annual convention on May 30, 2026 in Worcester.

For more info contact fhvndems@gmail.com.

## Mr. Fairhaven

Fairhaven High School PTO presents Mr. Fairhaven, Sat., 3/21, 6 p.m., Hastings Middle School Auditorium. Tickets: \$20 adults/\$10 students.

For tickets contact Heidi, 508-965-2907; Deb, 508-525-7650; Rebecca, 508-826-7672; or email fairhavenhspto@gmail.com

For payments by Venmo, please put name and number of tickets. Tickets will be held at door.

## GOP Meeting

The Fairhaven Republican Town Committee will be hosting the newly appointed Town Manager Mr. Keith Hickey at our 6pm Tuesday March 17th St. Patricks Day meeting.

The FY2027 Budget Proposal, Level Funding vs. Prop 2.5 Override option will be discussed, as well as hearing from candidates for Town Office as well as Atlas Tack Factory updates.

We will have nomination papers for all Republican candidates for office in the September 1st, 2026 primary and November 3rd 2026 General elections also, as well as candidate information.

This will be our first meeting at this beautiful new location at The Fairhaven Senior Center at 227 Huttleston Ave (rt.6) Fairhaven, Ma 02719. Please contact us at fairhavenrtc@gmail.com or call Comittee Chairman Bob McConnell at 508-863-0416 with any questions or concerns."

## Anastasia

The Fairhaven High School Theatre Company is thrilled to announce the production of this year's spring musical, *Anastasia*. Based on the 1997 animated film, *Anastasia* follows the story of a brave young woman as she sets out to discover the mystery of her past. Pursued by a ruthless Soviet officer determined to silence her,

Anya enlists the aid of a dashing con man and a lovable ex-aristocrat. Together, they embark on an epic adventure from Russia to Paris to help her find home, love and family.

Anastasia will be performed at Fairhaven High School on March 26th, 27th and 28th at 7PM, with a matinee on March 29th at 2PM. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and students, and \$10 for FHS students and staff (ID required at the door).

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

## Concerts

On March 14, 2026 at 3:00 PM and March 15, 2026 at 3:00PM, Seaglass Theater Company will present Echoes of Ireland at two historic Massachusetts churches.

The concert celebrates Ireland's rich musical legacy — from the haunting beauty of traditional folk tunes and the elegance of classical masterpieces to the excitement of Broadway favorites and the energy of modern pop hits. From "Danny Boy" to U2, there is something for everyone!

The concert stars Erin Hogan, Marcus Huber, Hannah O'Brien and Matthew Larson-four incredibly versatile artists who bring a wealth of experience to the musical genres presented.

Tickets are \$30.00, and may be purchased online at Eventbrite:

<https://echoesofirelandmilton.eventbrite.com> for March 14 in Milton

<https://echoesofirelandfairhaven.eventbrite.com> for March 15 in Fairhaven

Tickets may also be purchased with cash, credit card, or check the day of the concerts at each venue a half hour before each performance.

For more information, please visit [www.seaglasstheater.com](http://www.seaglasstheater.com) or call 508-951-7187.

## At the Shep

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

Film, 34 Center St (William St entrance), Fairhaven

**Aoife Clancy & Eddie Dillon** will play an eclectic mix of Celtic music, Americana, and original songs in an evening of music and storytelling on Saturday, March 14 at The Shepherd Center for the Performing Arts, 34 Center St. (William Street entrance) at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 online at <https://tinyurl.com/mr26p6nj> and \$25 at the door.

## SAVE THE DATES:

### NFIA Easter Egg Hunt

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

Children from toddler to 12 are invited to participate. Categories are: Toddler to age 4, 5-8, 9-12.

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

### OLOA Annual Dinner Get Tickets NOW!

Sat., 3/28, 5-8 p.m., Our Lady of Angels Club, 7 Jesse St., Fairhaven, MA 02719. Chicken Mozambique OR BIFANA. \$15/pp. Call or text Joe Mello, 508-733-4608, for tickets.

### Soup Night

Please join the St. Mary's Parish Faith Formation Classes for a great community event. We will have Soup, Salad, Refreshments & Desserts. We will also have a Raffle Table with many different baskets created by each class. All proceeds will go towards a year-end event for our students.

Sat., 3/28, 5:30 p.m. after Mass, downstairs in the parish hall, 440 Main St., Fairhaven. Tickets are \$5 per person and available for purchase after Masses, during classes or reserve tickets by calling Liz Medeiros, 508-726-3817, or emailing her at [bizliz1196@gmail.com](mailto:bizliz1196@gmail.com)

### Herring Run Talk

In observance of the spring equinox kicking off the fish moon, join the Fairhaven Acushnet Land Preservation Trust Land Manager Waban Webquish (Marcus) for a presentation on the annual herring run in nearby Acushnet, Massachusetts.

Monday, March 30, 6:30 PM-7:30 PM, UU Auditorium, 102 Green St., Fairhaven. To register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/ycx5c88t>

# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## Stop the War

Stand-out against the Israel-USA genocide against the Palestinian people in Gaza and the West Bank, Mondays, 5–6 p.m., Route 6 and Route 140, near Buttonwood Park. Honk for peace.

## Volunteers Needed

The Fort Taber-Fort Rodman Military Museum is looking for volunteers.

If you would like to be involved in celebrating the veterans and military history of New Bedford, MA, and surrounding area.

Please think about volunteering a few hours of your time each week at the museum. Please consider coming by the museum and filling out a volunteer application form.

The museum is located at 1000c Rodney French Blvd., New Bedford, MA; 508-994-3938; Wednesday through Sunday, 1–4 p.m.

## NB Half Marathon

The City of New Bedford and the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick are hosting the 47th annual New Bedford Half Marathon on Sunday, March 15. The race begins and ends on Pleasant Street by City Hall in the historic Downtown district. More than 1,800 runners will start the race at 11 a.m.

The race starts and ends just steps away from the Whaling National Historical Park, right in historic downtown.

The 13.1-mile course takes runners to the North End and South End of the City. In addition to a physical challenge, New Bedford's course offers runners and spectators a sightseeing journey. Runners travel along New Bedford's expansive coastline, including East Beach and West Beach. In between the beaches on the peninsula lies Fort Taber Park, where spectators can visit the Civil War-era Fort Rodman and the Fort Taber-Fort Rodman Military Museum and Veterans Memorial. The beautiful Buttonwood Park is a great place to watch the early leg of the race. After watching your family and friends pass by, visit the Buttonwood Park Zoo while you wait for the roads to clear to head back downtown.

Visitors are encouraged to explore New Bedford before and after the

race. There are plenty of unique shops, amazing restaurants and sights to check out across the City. Please visit <https://explorenewbedford.org> for some ideas.

For more information on the race and race day activities please visit [newbedfordhalfmarathon.com](http://newbedfordhalfmarathon.com).

## OLOP Fish Fry

Please join us on March 13, 20, 27, and April 3 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM for Our Lady of Purgatory's Lenten Fish Fry at the OLOP Parish Center, 4254 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford, MA. It's a great opportunity to enjoy baked or fried fish & chips (cole slaw, rolls, dessert, and a beverage) all for a donation of \$18.00. It's also a great time to share some laughter and fellowship.

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

## AHA!

Thursday, March 12th. The stories continue with part two of our I AM NB storytelling series. This AHA! Night celebrates the personal and untold stories of New Bedford as expressed through art, music, spoken word, and more, with a special focus on the stories of women in recognition of Women's History Month.

Visit <https://ahanewbedford.org/next-aha/>

## Concert

On March 13th at 7:00pm, the beautiful Steinway in the Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum parlors will be used to accompany local singers for an evening concert featuring songs ranging from classical to contemporary Broadway, jazz, pop standards, and more. The singers feature Rey Billups, Michael Eckenreiter, RJD staff member Lauren Pothier, and Dave Laros, who will also be accompanying on the piano. Capacity in the parlors is limited so arrive early for your choice of seating. Tickets are available online (<https://app.dvforms.net/api/dv/8lvy85>) and at the door for \$15. Students with an ID can purchase tickets for \$10 at the door.

Please call the museum at (508)997-1401 or email Lauren at [lpothier@rjdmuseum.org](mailto:lpothier@rjdmuseum.org) with any questions.

## Concert

How many instruments can one soloist play in a single concert?

You'll find out on March 14 at Boldness Unbound, and we promise, it will be exhilarating!

Percussion virtuoso Cynthia Yeh, principal percussionist of the Chicago Symphony, joins us to perform Eternal Rhythms by acclaimed composer Avner Dorman—a piece bursting with pulse and color.

By the end of the night, the rhythms, energy, and sheer joy of this music just might recharge you, leaving you lighter, brighter, and ready for whatever comes next.

Join us for Boldness Unbound on March 14, 7:30 PM, The Zeiterion, New Bedford. For tickets: <https://nbsymphony.org/2025-2026-season/boldness-unbound/>

## SAVE THE DATES:

### No Kings 3

March for the people, downtown New Bedford, Sat., 3/28, 3 p.m. Gather at the District Courthouse, corner of 6th and Kempton Streets.

## Scholarships

The Azorean Maritime Heritage Society plans to award \$8,500 in scholarships to six local students this year. The Faial, Pico, and Bela Vista scholarships (\$1,500 each) named after each of our whaleboats. The Dr. Mary T. Vermette Memorial Scholarship (\$2,000) honoring our founder and her dedication to keep our shared maritime heritage alive. A Memorial Scholarship for Arminda C.N.S. da Silva (\$1,000) and a Scholarship In Memory of Jose Pacheco Branco and Clotilde da Rosa Branco (\$1,000).

Scholarship applications are due April 1st and can be downloaded from the website at [www.azoreanmaritime.org](http://www.azoreanmaritime.org).

## Grant Applications

Applications are available for Women's Fund SouthCoast.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis through April 1st. Grant awards will be announced in May 2026 and funding for projects will begin in July 2026.

If you have any questions, please contact Audrey Straw at [astraw@womensfundsouthcoast.org](mailto:astraw@womensfundsouthcoast.org).

## St. Patrick's Day Parade/Boston

The 122nd South Boston Evacuation Day/St. Patrick's Day Parade, Sun., 3/15, 11:30 am. Visit <https://southbostonparade.org/>

Begins at Andrew Square, straight up Dorchester St., right on Telegraph St., right around Thomas Park, left on G St., right on 6th St., left on K St., right on 4th St., left on P St., left on East Broadway, bear right to West Broadway, right on A St.

For spectators: It depends on what type of experience you are looking for. If you are looking to take in the parade from one of the many restaurants along the route, or are looking to take in the parade with the masses, Broadway, especially between Broadway Station and L Street, is a great place to be. If you are looking to avoid the crowds, great options include taking in the parade from Medal of Honor Park or Thomas Park, as well as a street on the route other than Broadway.

### Extra Trains

The MBTA is preparing for the annual St. Patrick's Day parade and festivities in South Boston on Sunday, March 15, 2026. With nearly a million people expected to attend the parade, the MBTA is implementing several measures to accommodate the increased ridership and to remind the riding public what everyone can do to help maintain a safe and family-friendly environment. Riders are encouraged to check out the MBTA's St. Patrick's Day Guide for information on taking the T to the parade, how to pay fares, and more at [mbta.com/StPatricksDay](http://mbta.com/StPatricksDay).

## St. Patrick's Day Parade/Newport

Newport, RI, St. Patrick's Day Parade, Sat. 3/14, 11 a.m. Begins at City Hall, proceeds down Thames St. to Carroll Ave. Visit <https://www.discovernewport.org/> for places to park and watch, etc.

## Tour de Crème Ride

The Iconic Tour de Crème Bike Ride Returns for 2026!

Clear your schedule and mark your calendars: on Sunday May 31st, the

Tour de Crème bike ride returns for its 8th year. Cycle from Mattapoisett and surrounding towns stopping for a free scoop of ice cream at creameries all along the routes. Register and choose between 9, 25 and 47-mile rides. Afterwards, riders join the post-ride party at Munro Park in Mattapoisett for even more ice cream, food, live music, and cold beverages. This is not a race and riders of all ages and abilities are encouraged to participate.

Registration will open March 15th for both RIDERS AND VOLUNTEERS. To stay up to date follow The Tour de Crème Facebook page and visit [tourdecreme.org](http://tourdecreme.org) to learn more.

Not interested in riding? There are many different volunteer opportunities available. Fundraising is also encouraged for riders and non-riders alike! This fantastically fun event is a fundraiser for the Mattapoisett Land Trust and the Friends of the Mattapoisett Rail Trail who work to improve and expand hiking and biking trails throughout Mattapoisett.

## Corned Beef & Cabbage

Join the Mattapoisett Knights of Columbus, 57 Mattapoisett Rd (Rte 6), on March 14th for a corned beef and cabbage dinner. We will have both sit down service and to go service available.

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## At the MAC

The following events are at the Marion Art Center, 80 Pleasant St., Marion; [marionartcenter.org](http://marionartcenter.org).

### Playwrights Incubator

The MAC is now accepting applications for the 2026-2027 MTPI season. Applications are due by March 31 at 11:59pm EST. The MAC Theater Playwrights Incubator is a program for first-time playwrights to see their work realized on the stage.

The MAC Theater Playwrights Incubator is a structured program that aims to discover and support, through workshop and production, new stage plays by first time, unpublished regional playwrights. Any new writer who has not yet been published or had a play produced is invited to submit her or his script or outline for consideration. There is no cost to participate in this program.

Visit [marionartcenter.org/mtpi](http://marionartcenter.org/mtpi)

### Auditions

The MAC will be auditioning for roles in the theater standard *Our Town* by Thornton Wilder. Pippa Asker is directing the production. Auditions will be held on Saturday, March 21, 10:00am-12:00pm and on Sunday, March 22, 5:30-7:30pm at the MAC, 80 Pleasant St. Marion. There are nine performances: June 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, 2026; Fri/Sat evenings are at 7:30pm and Sunday matinees are at 2:00pm

*Our Town* is a tender, poetic exploration of everyday life, love, and loss in the fictional New England town of Grover's Corners. Told through the eyes of the omniscient Stage Manager, the play follows the daily routines of two neighboring families—the Gibbsses and the Webbs—as their children, George and Emily, grow up, fall in love, and confront the passage of time. With minimal scenery and a focus on language and imagination, *Our Town* invites audiences to notice the beauty in ordinary moments—shared meals, childhood friendships, and small-town rituals—and to reflect on what it truly means to be alive. Simple in form but profound in impact, the play remains one of the most beloved works in American theater.

For more information on the audition process and the roles/sides visit [marionartcenter.org/auditions](http://marionartcenter.org/auditions).

# From our readers

## Bye Bye Noem

*Say goodbye to Kristi Noem*

As her emoluments were to her boss  
unknown  
Being the first publicly fired  
As her usefulness has expired  
And despite her costumes and lip  
filler  
No one likes a puppy killer  
And of all your most exposed and  
egregious sins  
Was not apologizing for the two  
murdered Minnesotans  
But do not despair as not all is lost  
You have your blanket to face the  
frost  
And if you are in a lesser job with  
diminished pay  
You can be employed in commercials  
looking happy and gay

*Betty Ussach, Dartmouth*

## The Results of The Presidency of Donald Trump

Let's set the record straight. Donald Trump's election and his administration have achieved dramatic results. He has enacted

upon a mandate of the election. He won all five swing states and won a vast majority of the electoral college.

Starting with our border with Mexico. He stopped the massive invasion of illegal immigrants pouring into our country. While many came here for economic reasons, others to escape persecution, many were criminals, they were here to prey on innocent victims. They were drug dealers, cartel members, sex traffickers, rapists, murders. Trump put a stop to this.(1)

He achieved 5-7 peace treaties between warring nations. Brokered a peace agreement between Hamas and Israel, signed by most Middle Eastern countries.(2)

Gasoline prices are the lowest in years. Inflation has cooled from 8% to 2-3%.(3)

Real income has gone up, interest rates have come down, the murder rate is the lowest in 125 years, crime had gone down. DC is now a safe city.

Most importantly destroyed Iran's nuclear capability. However, their quest for power is undeterred, their goal is world dominance. These

Islamist rulers are ruthless, 20,000 demonstrators have been killed protesting in their quest for freedom. Democrats have remained silent about it.

The present-day Democratic party bears no resemblance to the party of John Kennedy said ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country. They have become the party of Marxists and communists whose goal is power and control.

The demonstrators and rioters in Minnesota have not right to interfere with ICE officers who are removing criminal illegal immigrants. They have no right to go into churches, disrupt services, frighten and intimidate children.

Mayor Frey and governor Walz are currently under investigation for 10-12 billion dollars of tax payer money gone missing. Mostly going to Somali immigrants, millions being sent to Somalia.

The right and lawful way to immigrate into this country is like my mother-in-law and her daughter who

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## Supportive Social Day Program

Supportive Social day Program is a structured and supervised program for seniors in need of socialization or for those who may have cognitive disabilities. Persons who are 60 and older, who are independent with eating, ambulation, medication administration, continent, are not an elopement risk, Please contact Sally Bourke or Debra Chmiel at 508-993-9455 for further information.

## Mall Trips

Reservations accepted for mall trips at beginning the 15th of the prior month. There is a \$6 charge unless otherwise noted. Please bring exact amount. The van leaves the Fairhaven Senior Center promptly at 9: 3/18, Providence Place Mall; 3/25, Warwick Mall; 4/1, First Light Casino; 4/8, Prov. Place Mall; 4/15, Mashpee Commons; 4/22, Wrentham Village Outlets.

## Join Us for Lunch

We serve lunch every weekday at 11:30 a.m. To schedule a lunch, call the day before by 10 a.m. Voluntary donation of \$3 (Please note price chance). To let us know you want to join us, and to arrange for a ride, call 508-979-4029.

## Easter Dinner

Join us for Easter Dinner, Sun., 4/5, 11 a.m.–1 p.m., at the Fairhaven COA/Senior Center. Ham, red bliss mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls & butter, cookies & brownies.

Please call by Wed., 3/25 to sign up, 508-979-4029.

## Movie Mondays

Popcorn, pretzels and candy are part of the movie experience. If you would like a drink other than water, please feel free to bring your own. No alcohol. Thank you. All shows at 12:15.

Would you like to have lunch before the movie? Please call us the Thursday

before the movie to reserve yourself a lunch. \$3 donation for the meal. Call 508-979-4029. The movie is free.

**March 16.** *Priscilla.* Romance & Drama. When teenage Priscilla Beaulieu meets Elvis Presley, the man who is already a meteoric rock-and-roll superstar becomes someone entirely unexpected in private moments: a thrilling crush, an ally in loneliness, a vulnerable best friend.

**March 23.** *Green Book.* Period Drama & Comedy. A working-class Italian-American bouncer becomes the driver for an African-American classical pianist on a tour of venues through the 1960s American South.

## Walking Group

Walk with friends at the Rec Center gym next door from 12–12:30 p.m., Monday–Friday. FREE. Classic hits from the 50's, 60's, 70's. It's the perfect way to stay active, lift your spirits, and connect with others during the chill months ahead.

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## Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt NOTE DATE CORRECTION

25th Annual Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt (pre registration is required) Join us for the annual flashlight egg hunt. Children will search for their eggs on the Recreation center grounds and return them to the Easter Bunny for a special treat. Don't forget to bring your flashlight & camera for pictures with the Easter Bunny. In the event of Rain, the event will be held indoors at the Center. Date: **March 27** 7:15 PM; 11 and under \$7 per person

## KoolKids April Vacation

Embark on a thrilling school vacation program tailored for grades K-7, packed with an array of activities! Dive into active games, team sports, captivating art projects, exhilarating science challenges, brain-teasing, team building and much more. Our program is designed to ignite creativity, teamwork and exploration while ensuring each

child has a blast in a dynamic and inclusive setting. Please ensure children wear comfortable clothing and sneakers. They should also bring a water bottle, a snack, and lunch each day 8am-4pm April 21-24 No program April 20th

## Town Meeting Kool Kids Day

A fun filled day program tailored for grades K-7, packed with an array of activities! Dive into active games, team sports, captivating art projects, exhilarating science challenges, brain-teasing, team building and much more. Our program is designed to ignite creativity, teamwork and exploration while ensuring each child has a blast in a dynamic and inclusive setting. Please ensure children wear comfortable clothing and sneakers. They should also bring a water bottle, a snack, and lunch for the day. Starts 1 hour before town meeting and ends 30 minutes after Town meeting concludes. Free for current Town

Meeting members. \$35.00 for non-voting Town meeting attendees.

## Qigong Class

with Robin Fielding Join us for a calming and restorative Qigong class led by experienced instructor Robin Fielding. Qigong is a gentle mind-body practice that combines slow, flowing movements, focused breathing, and mindful awareness to promote relaxation, balance, and overall well-being. This class is suitable for all fitness levels and abilities. Participants will be guided through easy-to-follow movements designed to reduce stress, improve flexibility, support circulation, and cultivate inner calm. No prior experience is necessary. Come as you are, wear comfortable clothing, and enjoy an hour dedicated to movement, breath, and mindfulness. you can register for this class online and pay at class. The \$10 will be paid directly to the instructor. Starting March 4th Wednesdays 5pm-6pm

# Recipe of the Week

## Brown Derby Cocktail

*For Your Oscars Watch Party*  
 A simple blend of bourbon, fresh grapefruit juice, and honey syrup, the Brown Derby is a classic cocktail with roots in Hollywood's Golden Age. It takes its name from the iconic hat-shaped Los Angeles restaurant, though the drink is widely believed to have been created elsewhere: the Vendome, a star-studded lunch spot opened in the early 1930s by Billy Wilkerson, founder and publisher of The Hollywood Reporter.

- 1 1/2 ounce bourbon
- 1 ounce fresh grapefruit juice
- 1/2 ounce honey syrup

Add the bourbon, grapefruit juice, and honey syrup to an ice-filled shaker and shake until well-chilled.

Strain into a chilled coupe.

Garnish with a grapefruit twist after expressing the oils into the drink.

From [www.foodandwine.com/](http://www.foodandwine.com/)



# Dear Frankie

## Beauty vs. Brains

Dear Frankie, Cassie and Luella are both wicked smart math students.

Cassie is a tall, lanky Irish Setter with silky red fur. Luella is a short terrier mix with coarse tan fur.

Whenever the teacher asks a question, they are always the first to raise their paws. Most of the time, the teacher will call on Cassie.

Last week, the principal chose Cassie to represent our school at the state math competition.

Why doesn't Luella get the same recognition as Cassie?

Annabelle

Dear Annabelle,

It might have something to do with Cassie's good looks. Humans admire physical beauty.

They will do anything to make

themselves look good: personal trainers, diets, cosmetic and dental surgery, you name it.

Still, they say that beauty is only skin deep and that what matters is not how you look on the outside, but who you are on the inside.

If they really believed that, why do they spend billions of dollars on beauty services and products every year?

Best, Frankie

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# Obituary: Roberta A. (Tavares) Rose



## Roberta A. Rose

Roberta A. (Tavares) Rose, 81, of Fairhaven passed away Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at St. Luke's Hospital with her loving family by her side. She was the

beloved wife of 60 years to Edward G. Rose.

Born in New Bedford, daughter of the late John and Mary (Amaral) Tavares, she was a lifelong resident of Fairhaven and graduate of Fairhaven High School. A homemaker, Roberta loved spending time with her family, watching her children and grandchildren play sports and attending their events.

She is survived by her loving husband Edward; her children, Gary E. Rose and his wife Lynn of New Haven, VT and Wendy Almeida and her companion Seth Alexion of Fairhaven; six grandchildren, Scott

Almeida, Matthew Rose and his wife Taylor, Paige Almeida, Jaclyn Dylewski and her husband Phill, Shelley Rose and Shane Almeida and his wife Felicia; three great grandchildren, Sophia Almeida, Sage Almeida-Shervo and Miles Dylewski; her siblings, Patricia Read, John Tavares and his wife Jean and Robert Tavares; and several nieces and nephews.

In accordance with her wishes, private arrangements are by the Fairhaven Funeral Home, 117 Main Street, Fairhaven.

For memorial register please visit, [www.hathawayfunerals.com](http://www.hathawayfunerals.com).

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is my wife. She immigrated from the Azores, worked hard, learned to speak English, studied for and passed her citizenship test. Many of the residents of this area are of Portuguese heritage. They are hardworking, law abiding patriots.

The only reason for the open border policy of the Democrats was to get their vote and seize power.(4) I say wake up and get informed, vote

informed. Both yours and your children's future depend on it.

*John Pond, Fairhaven*

1 Study after study after study have shown that the vast majority of people fleeing southern countries to come to the US are not criminals and, after they get here, are less likely to commit violent crimes than native-born US citizens.

2 This claim has been debunked over and over again. The wars he claims

to have resolved are either still going on, or the participants who did reach an agreement have said the US had nothing to do with it

3 This is also false. The inflation rate was not 8% when he took office It was 2.7% and rose to 3% in the fall (before the Iran war)

4 Only citizens can vote. This has always been true. Is true now. And is not about to change anytime soon.

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# Snow is rapidly disappearing under the fog

By Beth David  
Editor

Snow-eating fog is a thing. For real. It is “advection fog” forms from warm, humid air moving over the

snow, and is called snow-eating fog. The moisture condenses to create the fog. The process of condensation creates heat, melting snow much faster than dry air.

We had a lot of fog on West Island this week. Whether or not it is technically “advection fog,” is up for grabs. But it sure looked like it ate up some snow.



LEFT: A couple of geese take off from the water while boats are shrouded in fog on Sunday morning, 3/8/26, at Hoppy's Landing in Fairhaven. RIGHT: Geese paddle past fog-shrouded pilings at West Island Marina in Fairhaven on 3/10/26. Photos by Beth David.

## Two killed when fishing boat capsizes

The F/V Yankee Rose, which is based out of New Bedford, but has been fishing out of Provincetown in recent years, capsized on Thursday, 3/5/26, with two people on board. According to a US Coast Guard press release, one person was recovered from the water at about 12:27 p.m. He was later identified as Angel Luis Nieves, 37. The other person has still not been found.

The press release said “Good Samaritans” reported the capsized boat at Race Point, which is about 2

miles off of Provincetown.

On Friday, the USCG suspended its search for the other crew member.

The Coast Guard and Massachusetts Environmental Police are investigating.

Family members have identified Truett Holcomb Jr., 61, as the second crew member.

“This is another devastating reminder of the dangers that come with life at sea and another tragedy for Massachusetts’ fishing industry and the families who make their living on the water, especially so soon after

the loss of the Lily Jean in Gloucester,” said Governor Maura Healey in a statement. “Fishing has defined the identity of coastal communities across the northeast for generations, bringing both the pride and the heartbreak that come with this work. Every time a vessel leaves the harbor, families understand the risks that come with this work, and moments like this are felt deeply across the entire industry.”

GoFundMe pages have been created in memory of both men.

## STORM: cont'd from page 4

said Mr. Pink.

SB member, Natalie Mello said friend of hers took advantage of the shelter, and “had nothing but positive things to say.”

She said his apartment had no heat, he is in his late 80s and does not drive. They picked him up and he got three hot meals. He was very comfortable.

SB member Keith Silvia said he reached out the public works six times for emergencies and they “did it every time.”

He said everyone was positive, and we will do better going forward.

SB chairperson, Charlie Murphy, said he heard a lot about neighbors helping neighbors, clearing out fire hydrants, helping seniors who were stuck indoors.

“That’s what Fairhaven is all about,” said Mr. Murphy.

He said he did talk to highway superintendent Josh Crabb, he was on just a few hours of sleep.

“They worked round the clock,” said Mr. Murphy, adding the town is “very blessed” to have this type of personnel who care about the safety of residents. “We have exceptional staff here and we’re very lucky.”

SB Vice Chair, Andrew Romano, who was in the hospital out of state due to a car accident, said he had nothing better to do than look at Facebook. He was delayed getting out to go home because of the storm. When he got back, he said he thought they were “being pranked” because of how clear the roads were.

He said he as impressed, and thanked staff.

To sign up for alerts that you can get by phone, text, and email (smart911), visit the town’s website at <https://fairhaven-ma.gov> or <https://tinyurl.com/4nr3nfmn>

# Fairhaven Select Board approves change in town hall hours

By Beth David  
Editor

Effective the week of 3/23/26, Fairhaven Town Hall will no longer be open on Friday afternoons. At its meeting on 3/9/26, the Select Board approved a recommendation by Town Administrator, Keith Hickey, and approved by the unions to amend town hall hours.

The new hours will result in town hall being open for 41.5 hours, instead of 40, but will also close on Friday afternoons. The new schedule adds an hour in the morning, opening at 7:30 instead of 8:30; and adds 1.5 hours on Monday nights, closing at 6 instead of 4:30. Fridays, the town hall will close at 11:30 a.m.

New hours are: Monday, 7:30 a.m.– 6 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.; Friday, 7:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

In another matter, the board voted to close the section of the bike path that runs along the old Atlas Tack building and divert users to South Street, which will be closed to through traffic.

The results of an inspection indicate there is a risk of falling debris from the deteriorating building. The debris could fall on the bike path and be a danger to users. The one block section is between Pleasant Street and Adams Street. There is one house on South Street, and that home owner will be allowed to use the road.

The town will place Jersey barriers and install signs alerting bike path users and drivers of the detour.

The town has been trying to work with the owners of the building to have it demolished. When that happens, the road will open up again.

The board also voted on changes to a variety of building department fees. Most went up, but a couple of them were reduces.

Building Commissioner, Rick Forand, told the board he just wanted to make some updates. He also added a couple of fees in the electrical division. The new fees are on the website.

The board also voted to accept a new contract for the police department. Changes include an increase in the hourly rate for details.

Police Chief Daniel Dorgan told the board that Fairhaven pays less than surrounding towns, by as much as \$30/hour, making it difficult to get officers to work details in town. The rate will be \$75/hour in the first year of the contract, then \$77, then \$80.

Salaries will increase by 1% for each of the three years of the contract. The sick leave buy back has been eliminated.

SB member Keith Silvia proposed that SB members waive their stipend due to the budget constraints the town is facing this year.

Mr. Silvia said he has been attending Finance Committee meetings and they are going over the budget with a

incentive to entice a diverse pool of volunteers. The job entails a lot of weekends and evenings. If someone works evenings or weekends, they may have to miss work to be on the board.

Mr. Silvia said he did not feel that anyone who runs for Select Board would really need the money.

“I don’t think that money is going to hurt them,” said Mr. Silvia.

“I don’t think we can make that assumption,” said Mr. Romano.

Mr. Hickey explained the timeline if they waited to vote, to get the change into the budget for this year. He also said it could be waived for just one year, and they could reinstate it when the fiscal situation is better.

Mr. Silvia said his mind was made up so it would not matter if they waited until the next meeting.

Ms. Mello said she was in support of the motion, but she wanted to “take issue” with the assumption that this amount of money would be a motivator or not. It may not have any bearing on the present board members, but it might matter to others.

In the end it passed, with Mr. Silvia, Andrew Saunders, and Ms. Mello voting yes; Mr.

Romano voting no; SB chairperson Charlie Murphy abstaining because he is not running for reelection.

In another matter the board reviewed suggested changes the state has made to the proposed charter. Changes were mostly edits to language and not substantive. Town Counsel, Heather White, reviewed the changes with the Charter Committee last month. The changes will now go back to the state to be approved for the townwide ballot vote in the local election on 6/9.

During the public comment period, Erin Carr and Bob Espindola both asked that the full investigative report on the Timothy/Hiller subdivision constructive approval be released. The board voted at its last meeting to release the executive summary but not the full report.

The board also convened in executive session “to discuss results of complaints regarding the constructive approval of the Timothy/Hiller Subdivision under the Former Land Use & Planning Director.”



“fine-tooth comb” to find savings, cutting as little as \$50.

He said if the town is going to ask for a Proposition 2 1/2 override to close the projected \$1.5 million deficit, then the board should show it is serious. SB members receive \$6,687/year. The savings would be just over \$33K.

SB member Natalie Mello asked if the waiver would be contingent on the override failing or if they would just eliminate it.

“We just give it up,” said Mr. Silvia, saying the town needs to cut even if the override passes.

“It’s not a lot, but it’s something,” said Mr. Silvia.

SB member Andrew Romano, said the proposal put him in an uncomfortable position. He said the amount of money will not make or break him, but he felt they should wait until the election to let new members decide.

He said the five of them may not need the money, but other people might. He said the reason a stipend was recently increased was to be an



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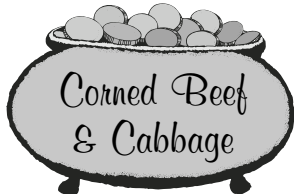


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**ELECT:** cont'd from page 18

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As of press time, four people had taken out papers for two seats on the Select Board: Miles Grant, Pam Kuechler, Keith Silvia (incumbent), Rick Trapilo. Two people had taken out papers for two seats on the Board of Public Works: Marcus Ferro, Brian Wotton (incumbent). Incumbent Louise Ponte took out papers for her seat on the Trust Commission.

Two Planning Board seats and one partial term to fill a vacancy are up for Planning Board, with Kevin Grant and Sharon Simmons up for reelection; and the unexpired term currently held by Jeffrey Lucas also on this year's ballot. Both Mr. Grant and Ms. Simmons have taken out papers for their seats.

Two School Committee seats and one unexpired term will be on the ballot, with Brian Monroe and Stephanie Pickup in the full term seats and Donna McKenna in the seat she filled after a vacancy. Mr. Monroe has said he will not seek reelection. Erik Baumann has taken out papers for School Committee.

One seat on the Board of Health is up, incumbent Justine Frezza has taken out papers for her seat.

One Housing Authority seat is up, Ronnie Manzone is the incumbent, but she has indicated that she will not run for reelection. Jake Galary has taken out papers for that seat.

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## Upcoming Meetings

### Fairhaven

**Atlas Tack Working Group**

Thurs., 3/19, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

**Board of Appeals**

Tues., 4/7, Town Hal, 6 p.m.

**Commission on Disability**

Thurs., 3/12, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

**Conservation Comm**

Mon., 3/16, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

**Economic Development Business Mixer**

6/19, Traveler's Alehouse 5:30

**Finance Committee**

Thurs., 3/12, Arsene St., 6:30 p.m.

**Lagoa Friendship Pact**

Thurs., 3/12, Town Hall 6:30 p.m.

**Livable Streets**

Thurs., 3/19, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

**Marine Resoures Comm**

Thurs., 3/12, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

**Open Space & Rec**

Mon., 3/16, Town Hall, 11:30 a.m.

**School Committee**

Wed., 6/18, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

**Select Board**

Mon., 3/23, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

**Sustainability**

Tues., 3/17, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### Acushnet

**Board of Appeals**

Tues., 3/24, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

**Conservation Commission**

Wed., 3/25, Police Station, 6 p.m.

**Select Board**

Tues., 3/17, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

## TIDE TABLE

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

	Mar. 2026	HIGH a.m.	LOW p.m.	LOW a.m.	LOW p.m.
Thursday	12	0313	1542	0848	2045
Friday	13	0414	1649	---	1207
		---	---	---	2149
Saturday	14	0519	1749	---	1231
		---	---	---	2259
Sunday	15	0611	1834	---	1201
		---	---	---	2357
Monday	16	0653	1914	---	1229
Tuesday	17	0732	1952	0042	1302
Wednesday	18	0811	2032	0125*	1340*

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# Public Hearings/Legal Notices

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## Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

The Zoning Board of Appeals is hereby giving notice that a meeting will be held by the Board on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 6:30 PM in the Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street, Acushnet, MA 02743.

- **Case #2026.03.24A** A case of Maurice A. Bergeron for property located at 11 Rogerson Avenue. The Petitioner seeks a Variance pursuant to Sec. 3.3.1E (3) (c), to construct a 22' X 24' Garage, 6 ft. from the side setback vs. the required 15 ft. setback.
- **Case #2026.03.24B** A case of Ryan Rego of Isaksen Solar for property located at 1046 Main Street, Map 7, Lot 24A. The Petitioner seeks a Variance pursuant to Sec. 3.3.1E (3) (c), to install a Ground Mounted Solar System 8 ft. from the side setback vs. the required 15 ft.
- **Case #2026.03.24C** A Case of Noah Drew Gomes for property located at 0 Lambert Street (NOTE STREET CORRECTION), Map 18, Lot 121. The Applicant seeks a Special Permit pursuant to Sec. 3.3.1E (1) (7), to build a Single-Family Dwelling located on this non-conforming lot with a non-conforming pre-existing garage.

\*\*\*Plans are available for public view in the Town Clerk's office, 130 Main St., Acushnet, during their normal business hours\*\*\*

FNN, 3/5/26, 3/12/26

## Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday April 7th, at 6:00 p.m.

Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street  
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Public Hearing In-Person at Town Hall or

via Zoom. Join the Zoom Meeting

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or call 1-929-205-6099 Meeting ID: 941 1513 7952 Passcode: 361259

1. REF# ZBA-026-006 28 Ocean Ave, Map 29C, Lot 213. Applicant and Owner Gladys's Hom seeks variance for 30' rear set back, variance will be for 10'. Pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18.
2. REF# ZBA-026-007: 286 Mill Rd. Map 39, Lot 029A, Book 93, Page 31. Applicant and Owner Steve and Mary Sturgeon seeks variance for an ADU max of 900 square feet Proposed ADU is 64 feet over. Pursuant to ADU bylaw 198.32.1.

Patrick Carr, Chair, Fairhaven ZBA  
FNN: 3/12/26, 3/19/26

## Fairhaven Planning Board NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 6:30 pm  
Town Hall, 40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday March 24, 2026, at Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA. The Planning Board Meeting will be conducted in Town Hall and remotely and will be televised live on Fairhaven TV Channel 18 and fairhaventv.com.

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or call 1-929-205-6099 - Meeting ID: 931 6335 8101 -  
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The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following Definition Subdivision application: **DS25-02 at 0 Duchaine Street** – Potential Properties, LLC. Proposes to subdivide the property to create 2 building lots by creating the legal frontage along the street with a construction of a 20 foot wide gravel roadway and hammerhead turn around. The property is located 0 Duchaine Street Map 34A Lot #38.

Copies of the applications are on file for public review at the Planning Board Office, Town Hall, by appointment and on the Town website. To schedule an appointment to review the application call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4023, Ext. 8128 or go to: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/planning-board/pages/current-permits-being-reviewed-special-permits-definitive-subdivisions>

Jessica Fidalgo, Chair, Planning Board  
FNN: 03/12/26, 03/19/26

## ACUSHNET PLANNING BOARD

In accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A Section 9, you are hereby notified of a public hearing.

The Acushnet Planning Board will hold a hearing on **Thursday, April 2, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**, to review a **Special Permit** as follows:

**Submitted by:** MD Southcoast Properties, LLC  
**Property owner:** MD Southcoast Properties, LLC  
**Represented by:** David Davignon / Schneider, Davignon, & Leone, Inc.

**Scope of Work:** Proposed construction of a 12-

dwelling unit (6 duplexes) over-55 complex  
Location: 72 Middle Road, Acushnet, MA Map 24 Lot 35

This meeting will be held in the BOS Meeting Room, 122 Main Street, Acushnet, MA 02743 and over Teams. Please see virtual meeting information on the agenda to be posted at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting. All persons, parties, or corporations interested therein may appear and be heard in relation thereto.

Mark Francois, Chairman, Acushnet Planning Board  
FNN, 3/12/26, 3/19/26

## ACUSHNET CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 25th beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Police Station located at 64 Middle Road, Acushnet, Massachusetts.

• **Public Hearing NOI – Kelly Chasse – 4 Elderberry Drive / Map 16 and Lot 171 (MassDEP NOI File Number SE 001-0621).** A Notice of Intent was filed by Kelly Chasse for property located at 4 Elderberry Drive in Acushnet, Massachusetts 02743, Map 16, Lot 171. The applicant proposes to construct a residential addition at the existing single-family dwelling. The applicant is represented by Christian Farland of Farland Corp.

James Souza, Chair  
FNN, 3/12/26

## ACUSHNET CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday March 25, 2026 beginning at 6:00 pm at the Acushnet Police Station Conference Room located at 64 Middle Road

A Notice of Intent was filed by Logan Zalewski for property located at 166 Lawson Ave, Map 15, Lot 437. The applicant proposes to upgrade a septic system with septic tank, pump tank, and raised leach field with associated grading. The applicant is represented by Foresight Engineering Inc.

James Souza, Chair  
FNN, 3/12/26

## Acushnet has no contested seats; Fairhaven is still open

### Acushnet

Acushnet's election will be held on Tuesday, 4/28/26. Nomination papers are now available. The last day to submit signatures was 3/10. The last day to register as a voter is Friday, 4/17.

The polls will open at 8 a.m. and close at 6 p.m. on Election Day. All precincts vote at the Acushnet Elementary School, 800 Middle Road.

For more information on how to run for office, contact the Town Clerk, 508-998-0215.

Ryan Rezendes is the sole candidate for the Selectboard seat.

School Committee has two seats on the ballot. Both incumbents, Ronald Houde and Mellissa Cordeira have returned papers and will run unopposed for their seats/

Two seats are also up for the

Trustees of the Library. Incumbent Joan Howland has taken out papers; incumbent John Roy has not.

There will be no candidate on the ballot for Town Moderator, Tree Warden, Park Commissioner, or Commissioner of Trust Funds.

Other seats are: Town Clerk, incumbent Pamela Labonte has returned papers, but they still need to be certified; Board of Assessors, incumbent Robert Brown has returned papers; Board of Health, incumbent Robert Medeiros will be on the ballot; Cemetery Board, incumbent Joanne Cioper will be on the ballot; Library Trustees, incumbent Joan Howland will be on the ballot, but John Roy's seat will not have a name; Planning Commissioner, incumbents Bryan Deschamps and

Peter Giampa have returned papers but they have not been certified; newcomer Paul Soucy, returned papers for Housing Authority, but they had not been certified by press time.

### Fairhaven

Fairhaven's election is on Tuesday, 6/9/26, and nomination papers are now available. To be on the ballot, candidates must collect 50 signatures of registered voters. The last day to take out papers is Thurs., 4/16. Last day to return papers is Thurs., 4/21.

The last day to register to vote is Fri., 5/29 by 5 p.m.

The polls will open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. All precincts vote at the Fairhaven Recreation Center, 227 Huttleston Avenue.

ELECT: cont'd on page 17

# Trapilo announces run for Select Board



Today, I am proud to officially announce my candidacy for the Fairhaven Select Board.

I believe deeply in public service — and in the spirit of

never giving up.

As a financial business leader with a master's in business administration and decades of executive experience, I understand budgets, revenue strategy, and long-term planning. I have built businesses and had to make payrolls for all my valued employees. I will listen carefully, act with maturity, and honor the responsibility of serving on our Select Board.

Again, this year, we face town budgets that force difficult choices — deep service cuts, tax overrides, or increased fees for trash pickup, water, and sewer. At the same time, every household is grappling with rising heating costs, insurance premiums, groceries, and medical expenses. This cycle — where the financial burden of government continues to

fall squarely on the backs of our residents — must end.

I will pursue innovative, responsible ways to strengthen Fairhaven's revenue base through smart, thoughtful growth — without repeatedly forcing residents to choose between overrides, reduced services, or leaving the town they love.

## Why vote for Rick?

Because I will provide leadership you can trust. I will work diligently to ensure that every family, young, old and those on fixed income can build a future they can afford right here in Fairhaven.

Over the past year, I have had the honor of serving as Chair of the Atlas Tack Working Group. The former Atlas Tack property is designated as a Superfund site by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and presents one of the most significant environmental challenges in our community. Our team has focused on securing the perimeter of the site and supporting enforcement of Fairhaven's Building Commissioner's demolition order. Our work has been grounded in data, consensus-building, and a commitment to protecting public safety while removing the stigma from the surrounding neighborhood.

Leadership also means standing up when it is difficult.

I was a voice for respect and due process when a neighborhood and our Town governance were denied their rightful legal procedure to review and approve or not the subdivision plans for the Timothy/Hiller Subdivision. Elected officials were wrongly attacked, and a neighborhood was wrongly denied its due process. The lesson we should learn from the independent report published February 18, 2026, is that our Town government must be properly funded and managed by professionals who give their best efforts on behalf of the Town. Leadership requires fairness, integrity, and the courage to defend respectful civic service.

I continue to work with SRPEDD to champion clean water for our beaches and recreational areas. I have proudly stood with neighbors impacted by wind turbine noise and shadow flicker — because protecting the quality of life in our neighborhoods is a fundamental responsibility of Town leadership.

Fairhaven deserves professional leadership — leaders who stay at the table, focus on solutions rather than personal disputes, and commit to a generational plan for financial stability and community prosperity.

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