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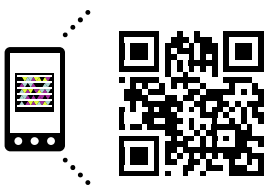
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

NALC Food Drive collects 4,280 pounds



Volunteers of the Shepherds Pantry in Acushnet pose for the local free sheet with some of the 4,280 pounds of food collected in Fairhaven during the National Association of Letter Carriers annual food drive on 5/9/26. See page 16. *Photo by Beth David.*



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First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

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

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

"The security of the Nation is not at the ramparts alone. Security also lies in the value of our free institutions. A cantankerous press, an obstinate press, a ubiquitous press must be suffered by those in authority in order to preserve the even greater values of freedom of expression and the right of the people to know."

From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Publisher Beth David...
VROOM VROOM!

Oh boy...I think I'm too old for my life. Here it is, well into tomorrow and I'm not done yet. That means I have to give short shrift to the Big Bufoon and his hell-bent effort to destroy this once-majestic country of ours. So, I'll keep it short: Wow, Canada, you are ROCKING (look it up).

In any case, we have lots of local stuff to go on about anyway.

Ruy daSilva continued his whine-fest about how hard he worked a bazillion years ago to get a license for two cars and how is it "substantial" to go from two to 40. Yeah, two to 40. I kid you not. See page 4 for that.

Then he called Romano a "little one." HEE HEE!
Popcorn time!

It's all at the beginning of the meeting, so you don't even have to scroll to find it.

We have election stuff....and election stuff.

First, we have candidate statements for Planning Board hopefuls. See page 18 for the contenders for the full term seat, and page 24 for the unexpired term.

The League of Women Voters held a candidates night in Fairhaven. See page 15 for that.

MassDOT visited Acushnet to talk about proposed changes to South Main Street. Don't hold your breath on that one. See why on page 27.

We've got a slew of letters from our readers this week. I suspect that will hold until the election. See page 12 for the start of those.

See our cover story on page 16. So glad to see that donations were up this year over last year. We had a couple of years of decline, so I hope this is a new trend. The pantry can always use more volunteers, too, so check if out if you are so inclined.

There's plenty of other stuff in here. While you're looking for it, be sure to notice who our advertisers are so you can tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*.

Until next week then, see ya,
Glory to Ukraine!
Glory to the Heroes!

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Encampment, harborfest, cannon-fire all this weekend

Fairhaven's Fort Phoenix and adjacent Grimshaw Park will host an encampment and Harborfest, including cannon-fire on Saturday night as part of the Harbor of Courage weekend. Visit <https://www.discoverfairhaven.org> for details.

Encampment

**Fort Phoenix, Fort Street,
Fairhaven, MA.**

**Sat., 5/16, 10:00 a.m. – Dusk • Sun.,
5/17: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Join us for MA250: Harbor of Courage, commemorating the first naval engagement of the American Revolution and one of Massachusetts' defining moments. Set on Fairhaven's scenic waterfront, this event will bring history to life with

This special MA250 celebration honors the bravery, strategy, and spirit of those who shaped the nation. Families, history buffs, and waterfront enthusiasts alike are invited to witness, learn, and experience a day of American heritage like no other.

This event is family-friendly, handicap accessible, and a perfect

weekend outing for history buffs and students alike. (Weather permitting).

Come honor the legacy of the citizen-soldiers who defended our South Coast. Let's make this 250th-anniversary season one for the history books!

- Featuring living history throughout the day
- FBunker tours available throughout the day
- FMusket firing demonstrations every hour on the hour
- **F2:00 PM – Battle on the Beach (Patriots vs. British, muskets)** Located below the hurricane barrier. Free public access with excellent viewing from the barrier
- FCannon firing planned for around sunset, around 7:00 PM

Harborfest at Grimshaw Park

Sat., 5/16, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The Huttleston HarborFest: Harbor of Courage Festival Assembly at Grimshaw Park brings the waterfront to life with artisans, activities, food, libations, and family-friendly fun.

While Revolutionary War encampments, demonstrations, battle reenactments, and living history take place throughout the Harbor of Courage weekend, this special HarborFest section at Fort Phoenix offers a lively festival atmosphere alongside the historic action.

ARTISANS & ACTIVITIES: Wolf & Bear Co, KMC Fluid Art, Pat's Quilts, Ruel The Art, Seaside Siren, Twisted by Ken, Montana Dreamin, Angel's Craft Nook, Color Bloom Designs, Harborside Rope Works, Paul St Pierre Bookshop, Michelle The Mad Hatter, Linger Awhile Photography, Fairhaven Recreation Center, Custom Jewelry Designs by Marie, Conservation Dept & Commission, New Bedford Dept of Children & Families, Yesterday's Heirlooms are Today's Treasures

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Select Board continues car lot hearing again

By Beth David
Editor

At its meeting on 5/11/26, the Fairhaven Select Board again continued the hearing for Artistic Auto, citing an opinion by Town Counsel that the matter had to go to the Planning Board first.

Town Administrator, Keith Hickey, said the change from two cars to 40 cars for a used car license is a substantial change. Getting a special permit and site use plan is necessary because it is already a nonconforming use.

Owner, Ruy daSilva, who is also on the Planning Board, argued that the increase from two to 40 cars would not be detrimental to the neighborhood. He already has that many cars on the lot, he said, for repairs.

"I could do it," said Mr. daSilva, adding he was just trying to do it the "right way."

The property is under agreement, and the new owners want to create a car dealership. The property is on both sides of the street, 98 and 99 Middle Street. The plan for cars uses both lots.

Mr. daSilva primarily does body work and car repairs on the property. He said he got the two-car license to sell because he also had a tow truck at one point and sometimes got stuck with cars, so he needed a dealership license to be able to sell them.

He said he went through a lot to get the two-car license years ago and did not believe increasing from two to 40 was a big change.

He repeated over and over that he had enough room for parking 40 cars and even more.

Mr. Hickey said the permit would not be for parking, it would be for selling cars, with room for customers, etc. Mr. daSilva said the cars would not be sold there, they would be bought and sold at the auction.

Mr. daSilva said it was unfair to him.

"I'm the one who's being targeted here. I'm the one with enough parking on my property to run my business and I have many businesses next door to me, and I don't complain to nobody," said Mr. daSilva. "But again, I feel like I'm being targeted."

"Who's targeting you," asked SB

member Andrew Romano.

"Certain people on the board... maybe you" said Mr. daSilva.

The two talked over each other a bit.

"Mr. Hickey sought an opinion from legal counsel, and that means I'm targeting you?" said Mr. Romano.

"Yes, you are," he said, and they went back and forth a bit.

"And again, I don't care. I'm tired of being, like I said, I'm not turning around and play games with you," said Mr. daSilva. "You know what I mean? Okay. Because you know something? You are a really sneaky little one. And again, you turn around, you want to play your games. I'm not going to play these games. You know what I mean? Either way, the problem's going to be solved."

SB chairperson, Charlie Murphy, asked if they should continue the hearing instead of voting "no," so the process would not have to start over. They also discussed when the next Planning Board meeting was and the logistics and timing of the matter going in front of both boards.

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Encampment

See page 3 for details.

Marsh Isl. Cleanup

Join the Marsh Island cleanup effort, Sat., 5/16, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.. Marsh Island, now a peninsula, is the largest remaining stretch of undeveloped land along the Fairhaven/New Bedford Inner Harbor. Nearly 25,000 pounds of trash and debris were removed along its shoreline last fall with a tremendous group of volunteers! Join us for spring cleaning after the impressive fall cleanup.

Wear close-toed shoes.

Contact Operation Clean Sweep: newbedfordclean@gmail.com; operationcleansweep.net

Flags on Graves

The Fairhaven Veterans Services Office will be placing the flags at the cemeteries on May 16th at 9:00 am with a rain date of the 17th same time.

We welcome all volunteers, we will meet at Riverside cemetery for 9:00. Any questions, call Jane or Mike at the Veteran office 508-202-4603.

Town Yard Sale

Fairhaven town-wide yard sale on Sat. & Sun., 5/16 & 17.

Find them on Facebook and other social media sites for addresses.

Animal Shelter

To benefit the Fairhaven Animal Shelter, Sat. & Sun., 5/16 & 17, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the shelter, 200 Bridge St., Fairhaven.

Please join us this weekend for our annual yard sale featuring our non profit organization Friends of the Fairhaven animal shelter, this is the first event they are coordinating so let's show our support!! All proceeds benefit our animals whether it's medical bills or supplies every penny counts and is appreciated.

Fhvn GOP

The Fairhaven Republican Town Committee will be meeting on Tues., 5/19, 6pm at the Fairhaven Senior Center, 227 Huttleston Ave (rt. 6) We hold our monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of each month promptly starting at 6pm. We are accepting applications to join our rapidly growing membership.

We will have much to discuss at

our next meeting including post GOP convention delegate and candidate review, the Fairhaven Town meeting warrant and article discussion and upcoming June 9th Town elections. Per Massachusetts General Law (M.G.L) Chapter 55 sec 12 our committee is entitled to submit to the Board of Registrars of Voters a list of enrolled party members who are interested in serving as election officers no later than June 1st. Please consider serving, just by joining our committee you will be greatly rewarded. Contact us at fairhavenrtc@gmail.com or call Chairman Bob McConnell at 508-863-0416.

SAVE THE DATES:

Memorial day Parade

Fairhaven will hold its annual Memorial Day parade on Mon. 5/25. Marchers will meet at the back of the High School, corner of Main and Route 6, at 8:30 with the parade stepping off at 9:00. They will march to Riverside Cemetery where there will be a ceremony. If the weather does not cooperate we will have a service at the senior center at 11:00. Regardless of the weather there will be a gathering at the senior center following the ceremony.

If you are unable to walk and would like to ride in the parade, contact the COA/Senior Center, 508-979-4029.

Fairhaven Cable Candidates Night

Town of Fairhaven Government Access TV will host a candidates night on Thurs., 5/28, at 6 p.m., in the Town Hall auditorium, 40 Center St. Fairhaven. It will run live on Channel 97 and livestream on FairhavenTV.com

Submit Questions

Please submit your questions to FairhavenTV@gmail.com by May 24. Please specify which position the question is intended for.

Residents are asked to submit questions in advance to be asked anonymously to candidates. Each candidate for a particular seat with have an opportunity to answer the same question, with a rotation of who answers first.

St. Joseph School Play

St. Joseph School Drama Club will be performing *Dear Edwina JR.*, featuring music by Zina Goldrich and book and lyrics by Marcy Heisler.

This heartwarming musical follows the adventures of a thirteen year old advice columnist and problem solver named Edwina, who dishes out advice and wisdom with the help of her friends and a little song and dance. The production features witty musical lessons exploring courtesy and politeness that will have you laughing out loud. At the heart of all this fun is a wonderful message about the importance of treating one another well.

The curtain goes up Friday, May 29 at 6:00 pm, Saturday, May 30 at 6:00 pm, and Sunday, May 31 at 2:00 pm. General admission tickets are priced at \$12.00 for adults, students, or seniors. You may purchase tickets at the door, call 508-996-1983 or email info@sjsf.dfrcs.org

UU Summer Camp

The campus of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven will be alive this summer with the sounds of youngsters playing, exploring, and building friendships.

The church is offering a three-session summer camp for children ages 5 to 12 beginning July 20. During the first week, the kids will learn about ecology. "Music Around the World" begins July 27, and the third session, starting Aug. 3, centers on mindfulness.

Camp hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday. The cost is \$300 per session, with a \$40 discount for a sibling to attend.

For more information, email Camp Director Rachel Cesarini atcesarinirachel@gmail.com, call 508-992-7081, or visit uufairhaven.org.

WIIA Plant Sale

Indoor/Outdoor Yard and Plant Sale, Saturday, June 6 from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, West Island Association Bldg, 41 Causeway Road, Fairhaven.

Pickleball Clinics

Monday and Tuesday June 8 and 9 Beginners Clinic 12:00 AM-2:00 PM at Livesey; Monday and Tuesday June 15 and 16 5:00-7:00 PM at Livesey

If you are interested, please send a check for \$30 payable Fairhaven Pickleball Association to Dan Ferreira at 12 Grant St. Acushnet, Ma. 02743. You can also use Venmo. Fairhaven Pickleball Association, if it is your first time phone code is 7190. You can call Dan at 508-728-7190.

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Fairhaven Improvement Association holds 143rd annual mtg

Press Release

The Fairhaven Improvement Association (FIA) held its 143rd Annual Meeting and Dinner on Wednesday, 4/15/26, bringing members and guests together for an evening of reflection, recognition, and appreciation for those who contribute to the continued vitality of the Fairhaven community. The annual event celebrates the Association's longstanding mission to Preserve Yesterday — Improve Today — Plan Tomorrow by recognizing individuals and businesses whose efforts help enhance the town's character, civic spirit, and sense of place.

Each year, the Fairhaven Improvement Association presents Business Beautification Awards and Outstanding Community Service Awards to recognize those who demonstrate pride in the community and a commitment to improving the quality of life in Fairhaven.

During the evening, the Association presented its 2026 Business Beautification Awards to Olivia's Restaurant and Off the Hook Bar and Grill. These awards recognize local businesses that contribute to the visual appeal and welcoming atmosphere of the community through thoughtful maintenance, attractive storefronts, and an overall commitment to enhancing Fairhaven's historic charm.

Daphne Vietch accepted the award on behalf of Off the Hook Bar and Grill. Olivia's Restaurant was also recognized for its continued efforts in beautification but was unable to attend the awards dinner.

Outstanding Community Service Awards were presented to Mike Jenney and Sherry Lopes in recognition of their dedication and meaningful contributions to the

Fairhaven community. Both individuals have demonstrated an ongoing commitment to service and volunteerism, reflecting the strong civic values that have long been a hallmark of the town. Kathy Lopes accepted the award on behalf of her sister, Sherry Lopes, who was unable to attend the event.

State Representative Mark Sylvia, a past president of the Fairhaven Improvement Association, joined the celebration and presented each recipient with an official citation from the Massachusetts House of Representatives. The citations recognize the positive impact each honoree has made through their service, leadership, and commitment to the community.

The FIA, founded in 1883, continues

to support local initiatives that promote beautification, historic preservation, civic engagement, and community pride. Through programs, events, and partnerships, the Association works to foster a strong sense of connection among residents while helping to preserve the unique character of Fairhaven for future generations.

The Annual Meeting and Dinner remains an important tradition for the Association, providing an opportunity to gather, reflect on the past year's accomplishments, and recognize those who help make Fairhaven a special place to live, work, and visit.

For more information about the Fairhaven Improvement Association, visit fairhavenimprovement.org.



L-R: Fairhaven Improvement Association President, Frank Fostin; award recipients, Mike Jenney, Daphne Veitch (representing Off the Hook), Kathy Lopes (accepting the Outstanding Community Service Award on behalf of Sherry Lopes), and FIA Vice President Nils Isaksen. Photo credit: Mary Boucher and Monika Whalley

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Memorial Day Cookout

Join us on Friday, 5/22, at 11:30 a.m. for our annual Memorial Day Cookout, serving hot dog, hamburger, potato salad, coleslaw, chips, watermelon.

Please call to sign up by 5/18, 508-979-4029. Graciously sponsored by Coastline. Suggested donation of \$3 to Coastline for the meal.

Elder Law Program

Fairhaven Council on Aging will participate in the Mass. Bar Association's Elder Law Program, May 26, 10:30 a.m. Local seniors can learn about Elder Law issues at a free event at the Senior Center. The event is part of the statewide Elder Law Education Program presented by the Mass. Bar Association.

Among the topics discussed are Veterans Affairs Financial Benefits, how to protect your home and assets, power of attorney and health care proxies, reverse mortgages, Home-

stead and Life Estates, Medicare/Medicaid changes, and alternatives to nursing home care.

Brandon Walecka of Walecka Law will be the presenter. To sign up, please call 508-979-4029.

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: 5/20, Wrentham Villaget Outlets; 5/27, So. Shore Plaza; 6/3, Tiverton Casino; 6/10, Newport, RI, Thames Street; 6/17, Garden City, Cranston; 6.24, Hyannis Mall & Trader Joe's.

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.

May 18. Green Dolphin Street. Adventure, Drama, Romance. A young man loved by two sisters becomes a naval officer and sails to New Zealand where he drunkenly writes a marriage proposal to the wrong sister, profoundly affecting the life of the other.

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Recreation Staff, Cushman Park. May 23–June 20th (5 sessions). Saturdays: Grades 4-5, 9am-10am; Grades 6-7, 10am-11am; Grades 8-9, 11am-12pm. Members: \$100. Non-Members: \$110 (6 sessions)

Fairhaven Recreation is partnering with TrueBounce Guardians to bring an exciting new Co-ed Basketball Clinic to Cushman Park this spring! This 5-week clinic will feature 3 on 3 skills & drills with league play, giving players the chance to build skills, gain confidence, compete, and have fun in a positive and energetic environment.

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the community! This event is free!

Qigong Class with Robin Fielding

Fairhaven Rec ages 16+. Wednesday, 5 PM–6 PM: 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 without payment. The \$10 will be paid directly to the instructor.

Recipe of the Week

Million Dollar Pork Chops

Pork chops:

- 2 1/2 pounds boneless pork chops
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 tsp ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon granulated garlic
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil

Topping:

- 1 (6-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup crispy bacon crumbles (about 8 slices)
- 1/2 cup chopped green onions
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Optional garnishes: crumbled bacon, green onions
Preheat the oven to 425°

In a med. bowl, mix the mayo, cream cheese, bacon crumbles, green onion, and half of the cheddar cheese until fully combined.

Heat the oil in a large, oven-safe skillet over medium-high heat.

Season each side of the pork chops with pepper, salt, and garlic. Once the oil is hot, cook the pork chops for 1 minute on each side.

Pour the cheese mixture evenly over the pork chops. Drizzle the remaining shredded cheese over the top, then transfer the dish to the oven.

Bake for 10-14 minutes, until the internal temperature reaches 145°, or until the pork chops are cooked fully through.

Garnish with additional green onions and bacon, then serve immediately.



Dear Frankie

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Dear Frankie, Mother's Day

is almost here, and I want to give her something special to show she's the best mom ever.

I keep choosing between the bone I buried by the oak tree in February, which is now perfectly aged, or Binky, my smelly but favorite toy.

But I'm not sure she'll realize they're gifts. What do you think? Barney

Dear Barney,

Of course she'll understand — she's your mom. Moms know more than you think. She'll definitely be

touched by your kindness.

It's a hard choice. Which one could you give up? I think it might be the bone.

People always say, "It's the thought that counts," so this is your mom's chance to prove it.

Best, Frankie

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Family Fun Fest

On Saturday, May 16, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, the Andrea McCoy Recreation Center, 181 Hillman St., New Bedford, will transform into a vibrant hub of activity for the 5th Annual Family Fest. This free community event invites families from across the Greater New Bedford area to enjoy a morning of play while connecting with vital local resources.

Admission and activities are FREE; food is available for purchase.

Beyond the games and crafts, Family Fest serves a deeper purpose: bridging the gap between families and the programs that support them. Representatives from cornerstone organizations, including the New Bedford Free Public Library, Little People's College, Community Boating Center, PACE, and many more, will be available to share information about their services, summer programs, and educational resources.

Family Fest is a collaborative effort by PACE Child Care Works, the New Bedford Birth to 3rd Partnership, New Bedford Parks, Recreation & Beaches, and the Greater New Bedford Youth Alliance. Together, these organizations work to ensure that every child in New Bedford has the tools, resources, and community support needed to thrive.

AHA! Night

It's National Preservation Month, so you're invited to join AHA! New Bedford for AHA! Night: Preservation Celebration on Thursday, May 14th, across downtown New Bedford.

KICK OFF YOUR AHA! NIGHT: DOCENT-LED TOUR

Not sure where to go on AHA! Night? The AHA! team will be handing out schedules and answering questions at the AHA! table at the Star Store. This is also where you can take a tour with an AHA! Docent. New Bedford Food Tours' Pam and Victoria will highlight many of the night's activities as well as hidden gems, history, and food tips. The tours begin at 5:00 and 5:30 pm at the AHA! table and will last approximately 45-60 minutes. Attendees can "hop off" at any time to further enjoy their AHA! Night experiences. No registration required.

Featured in this month's AHA! Night will be the unique opportunity

to join tours of the Nathan and Mary (Polly) Johnson House, covering the house history and its inhabitants, courtesy of the New Bedford Historical Society.

Over at the New Bedford Public Library, the library's art curator will perform the first annual wash and wax treatment of the historic whaleman statue.

The New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center will open its newest exhibit, *In History's Wake*, exploring the complicated history and legacy of the 1976 Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act

The New Bedford Whaling Museum will host an Old Time Fiddle Session and Community Gathering from 6-8

Get details on all AHA! events at <https://ahanewbedford.org/next-aha/>

Free Exhibit Last Chance

South Coast Artists, Inc. is presenting their 2026 Members' Invitational Exhibition through May 16, at Gallery X, 169 William Street, New Bedford, MA. Visitors are welcome at no charge, Wednesdays – Fridays, 11am and Saturdays and Sundays, noon to 3 pm.

Harbor Update Mtg

EPA is hosting a virtual annual update meeting on May 20, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. for the New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site. The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.

EPA staff will discuss:

- awyer Street Facility
- Next steps for the New Bedford Harbor cleanup
- Fish consumption outreach
- Monitoring and maintenance of remediated salt marshes and sediment caps

Meeting link: <https://usepa.zoomgov.com/j/1611310063>

The link to the meeting is also available on the New Bedford Harbor website: <https://www.epa.gov/new-bedford-harbor>

YTI Production

A Few Good Men, By Aaron Sorkin, Directed by Eric R. Paradis

"You can't handle the truth!" Before the iconic film, there was Aaron Sorkin's electrifying play, *A Few*

Good Men. When two U.S. Marines are accused of murder, a cocky lawyer and a determined investigator uncover a dangerous web of loyalty, honor, and the blurred lines of duty within the military. Prepare for a night of intense drama and thought-provoking questions during this gripping courtroom battle.

Fri., Sat., 5/15, 5/16 at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., Sun., 5/16, 5/17 at 2.

Tickets: \$27, \$22/Seniors & Students; \$5 MCC Card to Culture. Open Seating at all performances. Visit <https://yourtheatre.org/wp/> Online ticketing closes two hours before curtain. Tickets may still be available for purchase at the box office. The box office will open about 45 minutes before curtain with the house opening a half hour before curtain.

Ample parking is available in the city lot at 6th and William Streets, and metered street parking is free evenings and weekends. Wheelchair accessible entrance is on the 6th St. side of the building, facing city hall.

New Exhibit

The Fishing Heritage Center's next gallery exhibit, *In History's Wake: The Magnuson-Stevens Act at 50*, explores the complicated history and legacy of the 1976 Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA). The Act established the 200-mile limit and laid the groundwork for much of the governance and oversight that manages the commercial fishing industry today. An important piece of legislation, MSA continues to provoke strong reactions on New Bedford's waterfront.

In History's Wake examines the evolution of the industry and the often-challenging relationship between commercial fishermen, the state and federal government, environmentalists, and scientists.

We'll be hosting a free exhibit opening during the May AHA! Night on Thurs., 5/14, from 5:00pm until 7:30pm, at 38 Bethel St., New Bedford. The exhibit will remain on display through Spring 2027.

In History's Wake is funded with support from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, an Eversource Community Impact Grant, the Dartmouth, Mattapoisett, New Bedford, and Westport Cultural Councils, and the Helen Ellis Trust, Bank of America, N.A., Co-Trustee.

From our readers

Lizzie's Owner Against Traffic Changes

I am writing as the owner of Sweet Lizzie's Bake Shop to express my concern regarding the proposed change to convert our street from a two-way street to a one-way street.

As a small business, we rely heavily on ease of access, visibility, and convenience for our customers. Changing the traffic flow may create confusion, limit accessibility, and reduce the natural flow of pass-by traffic that supports not only my business but others along the street. Many of our customers make quick, spontaneous stops, and any added difficulty in reaching us could discourage those visits.

Additionally, a one-way street could impact parking availability and overall traffic patterns in ways that may unintentionally harm local businesses that are already working hard to serve the community.

I respectfully ask that the town carefully consider the potential economic impact on small businesses before moving forward with this proposal. We value our place in the

community and hope to continue serving residents without added barriers.

Thank you for your time and consideration

*Elizabeth Khoury,
Sweet Lizzie's Bake shop*

Tarrant Supports Miles Grant

I am writing to enthusiastically endorse Miles Grant for the Fairhaven Select Board.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Miles for 3 years and throughout that time, I have consistently been impressed by his commitment to our town and the people who live here. He brings a thoughtful, practical approach to local issues and a genuine willingness to listen to all residents. He wants to represent residents on the issues that impact them and consistently shows a deep understanding of what matters most to our community.

Miles currently serves as a member of the Planning Board, gaining valuable firsthand experience in responsible development, zoning, and long-term community planning

and demonstrates the ability to carefully balance growth with preserving the character of our town — an essential skill for effective leadership on the Select Board.

At a time when thoughtful leadership is essential, Miles offers a balanced perspective, sound judgment, and a commitment to transparency. I believe he will carefully consider decisions, communicate openly, work hard to represent the best interests of our town, and will serve with integrity and dedication as a Select Board Member.

I encourage my fellow residents to support him in the upcoming election!

Elizabeth Tarrant, Fairhaven

Badwey Supports Kuechler

I first got to know Pam Kuechler when she was a candidate for the Fairhaven School Committee. During her tenure on the the board I soon realized the lady is fearless!

When the Rogers and Wood School merger became so controversial, Pam took the bold move of stating her

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opinion why the merger was best for the town and she backed up her belief with reason and empirical evidence.

Pam has shown true leadership by NOT shying away from controversial issues and by tackling important problems head-on.

Fearing consequences most politicians will only tell voters things they want to hear, not Pam. While Pam may not always tell the voters things they want to hear she will always tell them the truth. The lady is fearless!

It has been a refreshing pleasure for me to see Pam go from candidate to elected official and follow through on her promises.

It is because of Pam's attributes of bravery, integrity, kindness and her goal to work towards the greater good that I wholeheartedly support her for Select Board.

It would be an honor to have Pam Kuechler represent the town of Fairhaven as its newest Select Board Member.

Mark Badwey, Fairhaven

Equitable Home Ownership Opportunities, Postponed?

The Chairman of our Finance committee said at the Town Meeting, they received the information from the Town Administrator, article 24, last minute.

Article 24 was the same article as 26 Citizens Petition to adopt a Municipal Housing Trust, per chapter 44 section 55C.

The TA's article, 24 added a wrench of confusing, provisions, and bylaws.

All those things could've been worked out after the adoption of that chapter, and before going to the Attorney General for final approval.

The TA added bylaws and provisions without the Finance dept., Select Board and the Public's knowledge. So it took everybody by surprise, including me.

The reason for the Citizens Petition article 26 to just adopt the municipal housing trust fund C.44 s.55c was because of receiving pushback from the CPC Chairman, and not being allowed to speak at the CPC meeting.

I tried to convey to the Chairman of the CPC committee back in September 2025, that we had intelligent citizens of Fairhaven who wanted to make sure that our CPA funds were not continuing to go towards lesser needs, especially

when facing a deficit.

People this is not a time to be frivolous.

I received no return calls from CPC to discuss the financial benefits of having a Municipal Housing Trust fund, to help CREATE Equitable Home Ownership opportunities, for our Educated Middle Income Residents.

CPA funding, by law is a public process. Mmm?

I was advised to present a Citizens Petition. Which was stamped on February 5 of 2026 by the town clerk, asking to allocate 50% of the CPA funds, for the next several years to go towards equitable homeownership opportunities.

This would've greatly contributed to curing our yearly predicted deficits.

I would like the people of Fairhaven to understand that the CPC committee can work like hand in glove with C44 s.55C Trust fund.

The funds for the Trust, would've initially come from the CPA funds-Housing category, as the initial kickstart for the housing trust fund.

It's unfortunate that no one realized that we could have started reserving CPA funds 8 YEARS ago, when our 2040 Master Plan was recognizing by our residents, that we were in great need of equitable homeownership opportunities.

This # 1 CPA funding category of the 4 categories, namely, Recreation, Open Space, Historic and Housing, is where we would have been able to create a healthy financial return back into the community. And received more State funding.

Both petitioners and teachers who spoke to me after the town meeting, once having heard me speak, were outraged that town meeting members would distribute \$95,000 to making a firetruck pretty, instead of holding those funds in reserve, to address the critical needs, for Equitable Home Ownership Opportunities.

CPA article 19- was cleverly placed on the Warrant before a debate to reserve CPA funds could have even taken place.

Michelle Costen, Fairhaven

In Support of Miles Grant

I write in support of Miles Grant, who is a candidate for election to the select board of Fairhaven. Driven by a genuine commitment to honesty, transparency and accountability, Miles

campaigned and was elected to the Planning Board in 2025.

During his tenure on this extremely important board, he worked toward bylaw and zoning reform with an eye toward encouraging growth and simultaneously maintaining the charm of Fairhaven's historic neighborhoods. Miles has worked to build support for statewide solutions to make our government more open and responsive. His professional life as communications director for Partners in Democracy is a testament to his commitment and dedication to making government work for the people.

Miles is familiar with the challenges faced by the Town; he has the skills and experience to be an effective problem solver and innovative leader. I am impressed by his willingness to address issues head-on and his unwillingness to settle for less than the best for our Town!

I enthusiastically support Miles Grant and ask you to vote for him on June 9th.

Cindy Johnson, Fairhaven

How the Islamic Republic of Iran is Governed

Prior to the 1979 Islamic revolution of Iran, Iran's leader was Mohammed Reza [Pahlavi]. He had close ties to both Britain and the United States. He wanted to modernize Iran with western culture, institute land reforms, and abolish strict dress codes for women, and have free elections.

The 1979 Islamic revolution was led by [Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini] who resented Reza's effort to modernize Iran to western values such as women's rights, dress codes, instill land reforms and free elections.

This changed radically with the takeover of Ayatollah Khomeini with his strict adherence to sharia law. Under this rule the Ayatollah is the supreme ruler and any infraction is punishable by imprisonment or death. Just witness the execution of over 30,000* who were demonstrating for reforms and freedom.

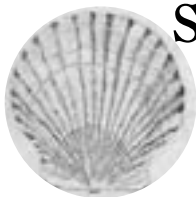
The goal of these Islamic extremists is to establish an Islamic state, governed by strict Sharia law. Their goal is world dominance** where they have complete control.

They are responsible for the

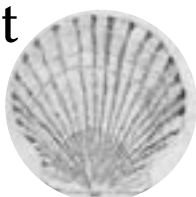
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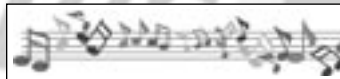
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League of Women Voters holds candidates night in Fairhaven

By Beth David
Editor

Candidates for office in Fairhaven faced questions about the budget, how they would handle conflict and what challenges they see for their prospective boards.

All candidates were invited to the event sponsored by the League of Women Voters of SouthCoast, and held at Hastings Middle School on Thursday, 5/7. The event will be available on FairhavenTV.com soon.

Fairhaven has three contested races, with three candidates vying for two seats on the Select Board (SB); three candidates vying for a full term seat on the Planning Board (PB); and two candidates vying for on unexpired term on the PB.

Candidates in contested races were allowed an opening and closing statement, and answered questions posed by moderator, Jack Eklund. Candidates in unopposed races were allowed a statement of up to five minutes.

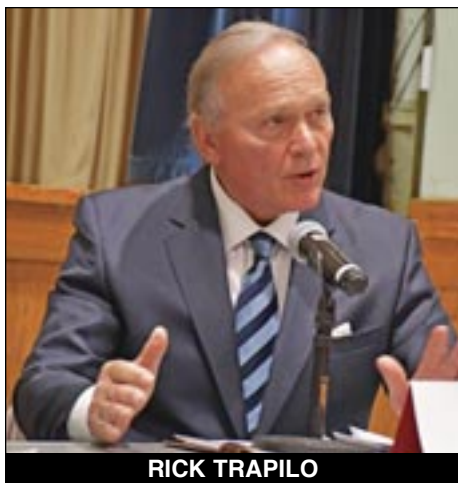
All three SB candidates attended: Miles Grant, Pam Kuechler, Rick Trapilo. All would be new to the board.

For Planning Board, incumbents, Kevin Grant and Sharon Simmons, and newcomer, Mona Phillips, are running for two full-term seats.

The board also has an unexpired term due to a resignation, with Jennifer Cardoza and Andrew Panek running for that seat.

Mr. Panek sent his regrets, saying he had a work conflict. Ms. Simmons did not respond to the League, said Moderator Jack Eklund.

Ms. Cardoza, Mr. K Grant, and Ms. Phillips answered the same questions



RICK TRAPILO

aimed at the PB.

In the uncontested races, School Committee candidates Erik Baumann and Michael Sherman gave statements.

Mr. Eklund asked SB candidates four questions, including if they believed the town had a revenue problem, a spending problem or both, and what their approach is to taxes vs. fees and expanding the commercial tax base and handling measures like overrides.

Miles Grant said the override was only a Band-aid, but he supported it to take the town to next year. He said the town depends on local aid from the state, but it is not enough and we cannot expect the legislature to "bail us out."

He noted that the future has issues that make this year look small, such as the Wind Turbine contract coming to an end, and the tuition agreement



PAM KUECHLER

with Acushnet Schools changing.

Ms. Kuechler said the town needed a multi-pronged approach. Prop 2 1/2 "leaves us with a deficit," she said.

She said there are things the town can do with neighboring communities, there are opportunities with the coastline and other things the town is not taking advantage of. She said the town needs to hire an economic development and planning director who could look at those things.

Mr. Trapilo said both the spending and the revenue do not math.

He said he does not support the override because the Finance Committee did not support it.

"I'm a fiscal conservative," said Mr. Trapilo, adding that the town needs to look at "how we spend every dollar."



MILES GRANT

He said they need to look at a "better business model" with the schools, fire and police department, and they need to go to the state house and get more of the income taxes back. He said the town gets 26 cents back from every dollar sent.

"We need more," said Mr. Trapilo.

In his opening and closing statements, Miles Grant, who is currently on the Planning Board, said he wanted to make sure challenges are debated thoroughly, collaboratively, and civilly. He said his top priority is working to rebuild confidence in town government.

"We can turn the page on the politics of division, drama, and cronyism that have gripped Town Hall for too long, and build a brighter future together," said Miles Grant. "I'll continue working to earn your trust and your vote."

In her statements, Ms. Kuechler, noted that her professional career requires working with local, state, and federal legislators.

"Those experiences have taught me how to build relationships, navigate complex systems, and move initiatives forward in practical and collaborative ways," said Mr. Kuechler. "But my commitment to Fairhaven is also deeply local."

She noted her 15 years on the School Committee, working through difficult challenges.

"I understand budgets. I understand collaboration. I understand the importance of balancing priorities while keeping the long-term future of the town in mind," said Ms. Kuechler. "Most importantly, I understand that

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NALC Food Drive collects 4280 pounds in Fairhaven

By Beth David
Editor

This year's national food drive brought 4,280 pounds of food to the Shepherd's Pantry in Acushnet on 5/9/26. The National Association of Letter Carriers food drive is the largest one-day food drive in the nation, and began in 1993.

The amount is up from last year's 3,860, but still not up to 2024's 4,680 pounds. Not that pantry director, Gerry Payette, would ever complain. He is grateful for every pound.

And he is grateful to the volunteers who show up week after week to sort food, pack food, and help hand out food to those who need it.

"We are so blessed to have all the volunteers for 26 years," said Mr. Payette. "All not paid."

In its 34th year, the food drive has collected an estimated 1.94 billion pounds total.

The food collected in Fairhaven was taken to the postal annex on Pequod Road by letter carriers, and then by truck to the pantry.

At the pantry, a group of about a dozen volunteers unloaded the truck and stacked it. Volunteers will then check expiration dates on every item, sort and bag them for distribution.

The Shepherd's Pantry distributes food on Saturday mornings from 9 to 11 a.m., 1215 Main Street, Acushnet,

at the Long Plain United Methodist Church.

It is staffed completely by volunteers. If you would like to donate your time as a volunteer, you can call the pantry at 508-763-9289. If you would like to donate funds, send to P.O. 760, Fairhaven, MA 02719. There is a bin at the Millicent Library (Walnut Street entrance) and at Stop & Shop in Fairhaven, to drop off food.

Learn more about the NALC food drive at <https://www.nalc.org/community-service/food-drive>.

To learn more about the Shepherd's Pantry, find them on Facebook.



ABOVE LEFT: Volunteers of the Shepherds Pantry in Acushnet work quickly to unload and stack 4,280 pounds of food collected in Fairhaven during the National Association of Letter Carriers annual food drive on 5/9/26. ABOVE RIGHT: Volunteers use a makeshift ramp to get food from the truck to the basement. BELOW LEFT: Some of the 4,280 pounds of food is stacked waiting to be sorted and bagged for distribution. BELOW RIGHT: Martin Hansmann helps to stack boxes. *Photos by Beth David.*



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leadership is not about conflict—it's about bringing people together to get things done."

She also said Fairhaven is a community filled with possibility.

"I believe leadership matters. We need experienced leadership that listens, works hard, and focuses on solutions rather than division," she said.

Mr. Trapilo said Fairhaven needs experienced business leadership.

"Our town's financial model is broken," said Mr. Trapilo. "Asking residents to pay more each year through Proposition 2 1/2 overrides cannot be the solution. Families are feeling the rising cost of living. We owe it to you the taxpayers to fix what's broken."

He said he will propose an Efficiency Working Group to identify real cost savings, "because every dollar we save is a dollar we don't take from YOU!"

He also said he will be a "persistent voice" to get Fairhaven tax dollars back from Boston.

"Third, we must grow smartly and responsibly," said. "I will support a long-term economic development plan that strengthens our tax base while protecting Fairhaven's unique coastal character."

Mr. Trapilo emphasized his business experience.

"I will bring something that is not common today...common sense to decisions," said Mr. Trapilo, adding he has served on the Planning Board, Atlas Tack Working Group and other boards.

"At the end of the day, this election is not about politics — it's about our families, our future, and the kind of



town we leave to the next generation," he said.

"I am at heart an optimist," said Mr. Trapilo. "We can protect our schools. We can support public safety. We must help seniors stay in their homes. And we must create a future where young families can afford to live and thrive here. I have that passion and ability to deliver on this promise."

Planning board members were also asked four questions, including how they would handle any conflict of interest issues they may face.

Ms. Cardoza said she has been through COI training and would have to tell the board when she had a conflict.

Kevin Grant said it is not up to the member to decide what is a conflict.



The appearance of a conflict is enough to recuse himself.

"I always err on the side of recusing," he said.

Ms. Phillips said it was pretty straightforward, adding everyone has an understanding of the concept of fairness and they abide by it.

They were also asked what challenges the board faces within the next two to five years.

Kevin Grant said both 40B and 40R developments, but they "could be good problems to have."

He said the nature of the projects can be quite large and will have an impact on surrounding neighborhood. He said it does not* necessarily mean a bad impact.

"But people are always scared of change," he said, adding that in the plazas, a 40R development "could work wonders."

Managing those projects will be a



challenge. They can give a lot of economic relief but they have to be done right.

Ms. Phillips said the 40B development being proposed now is going to be a challenge, and she is not sure how to solve it. She said she will encourage a lot of dialogue and learn from other communities to employ best practices.

In the longer term, she said, as a coastal community, Fairhaven will have to deal with more frequent and more extreme storms.

"It threatens our infrastructure," said Ms. Phillips. "Infrastructure repairs are extremely expensive."

She said there are things the town can start doing now.

"Those are great answers. We are all trying to do the same thing," said Ms. Cardoza**, such as encourage growth.

She said they need to reach out to the community. The need to know we are here, she said, and they need to know we are being smart.

In her opening and closing statements, Ms. Cardoza said she grew up in Fairhaven and has two daughters in the school system now.

She is running because she cares deeply about Fairhaven, she said.

"The Planning Board plays a critical role in shaping Fairhaven's future," said Ms. Cardoza. "It is responsible not only for guiding development but ensuring that all projects comply with our town's bylaws and regulations. That means decisions based on facts, the law, and the long-term best interest of the town not pressure, politics, or personal preference."

She said applicants deserve a level

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Candidate Statements: Planning/Full Term/2 seats

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Kevin Grant

My name is Kevin Grant, and I am running for re-election to the Planning Board.

Over the past 4 years, the Board has faced many challenges. We have had 3 Town Planners (one of whom was serving in a hybrid — and wholly ineffectual — role) along with long periods of having zero Planner (including now). We have had 3 Town Administrators. Vast turnover in other departments has also negatively impacted the ability of the Town and the Board to function well or efficiently.

We also saw the defeat of the two longest-serving PB members. While some relish a “fresh start” at any opportunity, the loss of decades of cumulative knowledge and experience (along with the turnover referenced above) helped set the stage for Open Meeting Law violations, conflict of interest charges, countless legal fees and chaos. The loss of public faith and trust in this board is well deserved.

Through it all, I have been consistent and steadfast in my insistence on policy and procedure, transparency, honesty and integrity. I have demanded that the public have access to Town Counsel when they are directly impacted by ongoing litigation, leading a walk-out when that counsel was denied. I have brought my concerns about conflict of interest when it was decided behind closed doors to include Board members’ properties in the 40R district to the then Chair of the Board and the Town Administrator. When I received no response, I brought those concerns to the public and to the press. An attempted censure of myself and Jessica Fidalgo by the remaining board members because of this had to be rescinded at the advice of Town Counsel for being groundless.

I made the motion for an independent investigation into the Timothy/Hiller debacle and went before the Select Board to advocate for the necessity of it. This town cannot send the message that if you have enough money and time to run out a clock then court rulings will not

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Mona Phillips

Protection. Resiliency, Optimism

My name is Mona Phillips and I'm seeking election to the Fairhaven Planning Board.

The Planning Board's mission is to protect, sustain and build resilience for our community. Wise land use decisions today position us to meet future economic and environmental challenges while preserving our quality of life.

I have a deep appreciation for our coastal community, which boasts a rich social and maritime history, natural beauty, and a distinctive small-town atmosphere characterized by genuine neighborly care. Preserving these unique attributes is essential.

Having relocated to Fairhaven from a small town in New Jersey where I served on the Zoning Board of Adjustment, my experience underscores the importance of making decisions prioritizing public welfare, safety, sustainability, and economic health. I am proud of the accomplishments we achieved and committed to upholding these same principles if elected to the Fairhaven Planning Board.

As a coastal community, Fairhaven is increasingly vulnerable to severe storms threatening our shoreline, public and private property, open space, historical buildings and commercial waterfront. It is vital that we recognize the risks and prepare for this reality by coupling local land use expertise with innovative, forward-looking solutions.

In my professional career as the Financial Controller for a mid-sized chemicals company, I was recognized for effective problem-solving, fostering teamwork, conducting thorough analysis, and collaborating with or learning from other organizations solving complex problems. As an environmental advocate, I've supported practical, cost effective and forward-looking solutions to our climate challenges.

A Planning Board Member's role is to uphold by-laws, provide impartial judgment, offer strategic insights, and

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Sharon Simmons

Meet Sharon Simmons — Candidate for Fairhaven Planning Board.

Hello my fellow townspeople. It's

hard to believe it's been four years since you chose to have me as part of the planning board. I am humbled and grateful. There was and still is a lot to learn. T

he biggest addition to town was the adoption of 40R. There was much intense planning in many areas along with community workshops and public events for coffee and questions. For me, this was very exciting as I love a good challenge. Removing obstacles and thinking out of the box, is what I do best.

I look forward to continue to work with the board to develop new ideas that would provide growth in the town.

I'm a lifetime resident of Fairhaven with a strong passion for its people, its history, and its buildings. My family of 4 generations has resided here. I'm a graduate of St Joseph's School, Hasting Jr High, and Fairhaven High School Class of 1979.

Not only was I raised here, I also work here, play here and know the community and people well.

I've been fortunate to introduce many people to Fairhaven to establish their place of residence. I believe my 30 years of work experience and knowledge brings value to the town and its people. Running for a second term continues the opportunity for me to give back to the community as they have given to me.

I respectfully ask for your vote on June 9th, 2026, allowing me to serve a second term on the planning board.

Thank You! Sharon Simmons

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		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
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Friday	15	0719	1940	0041*	1237*
Saturday	16	0805	2028	0130*	1326*
Sunday	17	0855	2120	0224*	1420*
Monday	18	0949	2213	0321*	1518*
Tuesday	19	1043	2307	0412*	1612*
Wednesday	20	1139	---	0458*	1702
Thursday	21	0004	1240	0548	1758
Friday	22	0105	1342	0657	1936
Saturday	23	0204	1439	0850	2143
Sunday	24	0300	1535	1000	2300
Monday	25	0357	1634	1106	---
Tuesday	26	0500	1732	0001	---

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Upcoming Meetings

Fairhaven

Ballot Questions Mtg

Tues., 5/19, Town Hall, 6 p.m.
Town Officials will discuss the ballot questions. Public is invited to ask questions in person and via Zoom.

Board of Health

Wed., 5/20, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 6/1, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Candidates Night/ Fhvn TV

Thurs., 5/28, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Commission on Disability

Thurs., 5/14, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Conservation Comm

Mon., 5/18, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Cultural Council

Wed., 5/20, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Livable Streets

Thurs., 5/21, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Marine Resources

Thurs., 5/14, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Mon., 5/25, Main Street from High School to Riverside Cem., 9 a.m.
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Planning Board

Tues., 5/26, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 5/20, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Select Board

Tues., 5/26, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Sustainability Comm

Tues., 5/19, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Acushnet

Board of Appeals

Tues., 5/26, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Wed., 5/13, Police Sta. 6 p.m.

Select Board

Wed., 5/27, Town Hall, 4:30 p.m.

SPECIAL ELECTION

Old Colony Building Vote

Sat., 6/20, Acushnet Elem., 10-6

TOWN MEETING

Mon., 6/15, Ford MS, 7 p.m.

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TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS INVITATION TO BID

The Town of Fairhaven invites sealed bids for miscellaneous annual services.

Interested parties may view the list of services by requesting the documents free of charge in Portable Document Format (PDF) by visiting the Town of Fairhaven website at the following link: <https://fairhaven-ma.gov/beacon/>

Sealed bids will be received in accordance with the instructions outlined in the bid documents. All bids must be submitted by the specified deadline and in the manner prescribed.

The Board of Public Works reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids if it is in the Town's best interest to do so

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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, May 26, 2026, at 6:30 PM in the Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street, Acushnet, MA 02743.

- **Case #2026.03.24C (Continued from 4/21/26)** A Case of Noah Drew Gomes for property located at 0 Lambert Street, 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.

- **Case # 2026.05.19A** A Case of Adriano Vicente for property located at 619 Main Street, Map 21, Lot 16. The Applicant seeks a Special Permit pursuant to Sec. 3.3.1B (8) and (11) to allow Used Car Storage and Sales.

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

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Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday June 2nd, at 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts
Public Hearing In-Person at Town Hall or
via Zoom. Join the Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/94115137952?pwd=MXp0VWpKTFBEUmluT1pWSctiVzJCQT09>
or call 1-929-205-6099 Meeting ID: 941 1513
7952 Passcode: 361259

1. REF# ZBA-026-012: 31 Hedge Street, Map 15, Lot 096. Applicant Lindsay Taylor seeks a Special Permit to authorize housing chickens on property in a Single Residence (RA) district not to exceed 10 chickens, not to include roosters, for the coop to be at least 20 feet from any dwelling and at least 10 feet from the property line, and for the applicant to submit an operations and maintenance plan for manure, food and water to the Board of Health, pursuant to the Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-16, Use Regulation Schedule and Chapter 405, Animals.
2. REF# ZBA-026-013: 101-103 Ashley Island Rd, Map 29, Lot15 & 16A, Book 4552, Page 32. Applicant Carlos A Pereira requests a variance from section 198-32.2 "dock and Piers" (9) Depth of water at mean low water. The depths are 10"-12" vs. 30" minimum.
3. REF# ZBA 026-014: 7 Sippican Street, Map 42A, Lot 257 & 259, Book 12244, Page 34. Applicant/Owner Frederick Miller requests a variance from Zoning By Laws 198-32.2 "Docks and Piers" (3) (a) & (5) to construct a pier longer than 75 ft and closer than 25 ft. from a property line.

Patrick Carr, Chair, Fairhaven ZBA
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Obituary: Naomi Shaw



Naomi Shaw

Naomi Shaw, 78, passed away peacefully on May 2, surrounded by loved ones.

Born January 27, 1948, in South Carver, MA,

to David L. Shaw and Eleanor G. Reis, she was raised in Middleborough and later lived in Fairhaven and Wareham, MA.

Naomi earned a master's degree in english literature and taught at Fairhaven High School for 32 years, serving as head of the English Department. She was a devoted educator who inspired generations of students to pursue their dreams. She enjoyed hosting gatherings with friends and cherished time with her family. She was an active member of the Unitarian Universalist Church in

Fairhaven, where she sang in the choir and served as a docent.

She is survived by her daughter, Jessica Shaw Battaini; her grandchildren, Penelope and Julian Woods; her brother, David Shaw; and her nephews, David, Craig, and Scott Shaw. A memorial service will be held on June 6 at 10:00 AM at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 102 Green Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Cure Alzheimer's Fund or the Alzheimer's Association.

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apply to you, or if we have a certain level of negligence in our elected officials the rights and quality of life of the common citizen are not protected.

The Planning Board of the past one to two years is not the one I was elected to in 2022. We were effective, thorough and respected. I have been working and fighting ever since to return us to that status. We are blessed to have Andrew Panek, with the affordable housing credentials we desperately need, and Mona Phillips,

with an in-depth track record of climate change planning coupled with ZBA experience running with me this year.

I do not serve because I feel the town has aggrieved me and I'm looking to undo a process which I feel has caused me harm. I don't enjoy campaigning or even serving. Time away from my family, even 2 nights a month — is not something I look forward to. But our work here is not finished, and I do believe it is important.

Thank you sincerely for your support.

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foster understanding. My Corporate, Public Service and Environmental Advocacy makes me well-suited for these responsibilities and I will bring my abilities and values, plus a large dose of optimism achieving the Planning Board's Mission.

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deaths of well over 1000 Americans. The 1983 bombing of the Beirut Marine barracks resulting in the death of 234 Marines was carried out by Hezbollah Islamic Jihadists directed and supported by Iran. Hezbollah and Hamas and others are proxies of Iran. Since October 2023 Iran [and its proxy groups] has been involved in more than 180 attacks on Americans. I challenge anyone to Google this and research this for themselves.

This is a culture which chants death to Israel and to America which planned and funded Hamas's raid on Israel on October 7, 2023, when over 1,000 men, women and children were brutally murdered and over 1000 captured.***

Obama tried to stop Iran's nuclear bomb development by secretly sending Iran over one billion in cash.****

The Iranians took the money and laughed in his face. Trump is the only

president who has taken decisive action to eliminate this threat. While operation hammer was an outstanding success it was only a temporary setback to their quest to develop ICBMs with atomic bomb warheads capable of reaching the U.S. Anyone who thinks otherwise is completely naive and gullible if they think Iran would not use them on us.

Iran has diverted much of its economy to the development of armament in the form of missiles, drones, ships, planes, and mostly the development of ICBMs, with atomic warheads together with the concealment of them. If not for the intervention of Trump they would soon have the ICBMs with atomic warheads capable of reaching the US. I say they would use them. Theirs is a culture that worships death.

John Pond, Fairhaven

*This number is impossible to verify

due to the lack of transparency in Iran. The estimates range from 5,000 to 35,000.

***Some are now contending that under the regime of Donald J. Trump, the goal of the United States is world dominance.

***251 people were abducted in the 10/7/23 attack on Israel.

****The deal was not secret, it came from Iranian funds seized in the 70s, the money was a mix of currencies from other countries, not all US dollars.

To suppress free speech is a double wrong. It violates the rights of the hearer as well as those of the speaker.

Frederick Douglass



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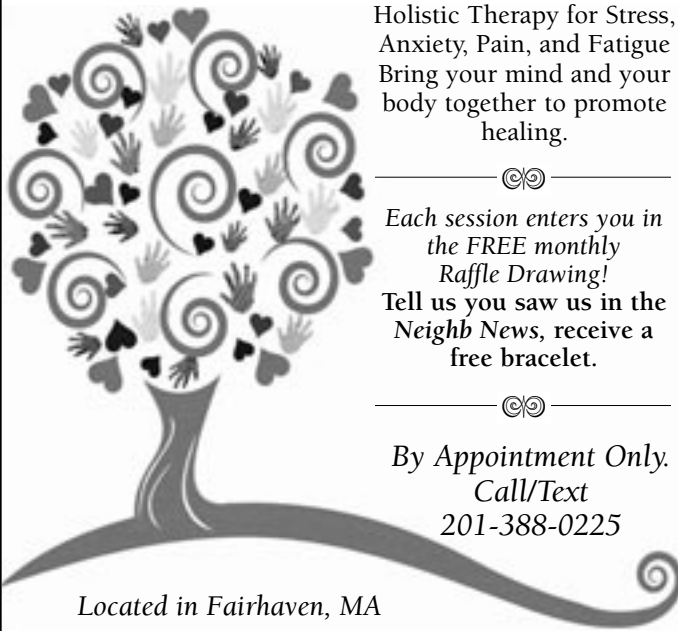
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We currently have about 24 active participants and about 50 members in total. The drop-in begins at 8 AM on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays during the summer at a central location on Rte 6.

New players should play at a level of 3.0 or higher. Please see our website at <https://mattapoissetttennis.com>. We welcome anyone who would both enjoy playing tennis with no promise of playing at Wimbledon and also having a good time with many sociable people as well.

For further information please call Mike at 781-888-1110 or Ellen at 978-844-1117

Old Colony revote

The Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School district has voted to hold another vote on the building project in all the towns on Sat., 6/20, from 10-6.

The district is holding a series of virtual town halls to inform residents of the project.

- May 14, 7 p.m.
- May 18, 5:30 p.m.
- May 26, 6 p.m.
- June 1, 7 p.m.
- June 10, 7 p.m.

Register at tinyurl.com/OCBUILDINGPROJECT.

Learn more at oldcolonybuildingproject.com

Horseshoe Crab Challenge

Horseshoe crabs are one of Massachusetts's most popular creatures—and these living fossils are an important part of our marine ecosystem.

During May and early June, horseshoe crabs visit our coastal beaches to spawn. This provides a special opportunity for the public to have an up-close encounter with this 400-million-year-old species.

Through this challenge, we want to learn where you go to see horseshoe crabs spawn. No matter your

experience, we'd love to hear about your sightings!

How to participate:

- Check the tides and choose a beach – horseshoe crabs tend to spawn at high tide and are most often seen on Cape Cod, the South Coast, and the Islands.
- Find a crab! Look, admire, celebrate—but do not touch or disturb! Crabs can be found in pairs or burrowing in sand as they deposit eggs.
- Take a photo! Use our iNaturalist project (<https://tinyurl.com/45ue7m5h>) or online survey (<https://tinyurl.com/44mcknjb>) to share your sighting with DMF and the community!

You might even run into DMF staff, partner organizations, and volunteers as we collect long-term data to monitor spawning beaches and the health of horseshoe crab populations.

Auditions

The MAC Theater will be conducting auditions for The Constant Wife by Somerset Maugham, and adapted and directed by Kate Fishman.

Get your groove on. This classic play is reimagined for the late 1960s, when women's liberation was rising, social norms were shifting, and everything was groovy.

This adaptation drops Maugham's sharp social comedy into the vibrant, swirling world of the late 1960s—a moment when women were questioning marriage, autonomy, and identity with new fire. In this story Constance Middleton, the stalwart wife of a philandering Harley Street doctor, starts reassessing her life and her choices both past and present. Her decisions are bold and surprising to herself and everyone who knows her. Through it all, Constance emerges as a heroine who discovers her power in a world buzzing with change.

Auditions will be held in the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater at 80 Pleasant St on Saturday, May 16, 1:00-3:00pm, Sunday, May 17, 1:00-3:00pm, and Saturday, May 30, 10:00am-12:00pm. Auditions will be held in the MAC Studio on Sunday, May 31, 1:00-3:00pm. Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script.

For more information see

marionartcenter.org/events

SAVE THE DATES

Acushnet Memorial Day

Please join the Town of Acushnet and our Veterans in honoring those that gave the ultimate sacrifice. At Veterans Park on Sat., 5/23, at 930am for our ceremony. There will be refreshments served at Acushnet American Legion, 71 Hope Street, following the program. Inclement weather ceremony will be held indoors at Acushnet American Legion

FR for Genesis

Join Us in Supporting Genesis Ferreira. Our community is coming together for something truly important. Genesis is a brave 7-year-old fighting Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML) for the second time. She is now preparing for a life-saving stem cell transplant, and she needs all of us behind her. Let's show what our community is made of.

Sat., 5/30, 5:30 PM – 10:00 PM, Columbus Hall, Mattapoissett, Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner, Cash Bar, Raffles & Prizes

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FR for ALS

An evening of friendship, food, drink, music, and love to benefit Compassionate Care ALS in honor of Dr. Nick Dagenais, May 28, 6–9 p.m., Century House, 107 So. Main St., Acushnet. Live Music y Last Day on Earth & Joy Pereira.

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Candidate Statements: Planning/One seat/1 year

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Jennifer Cardoza

I am a lifelong Fairhaven resident, a mother of two daughters, and a candidate for the Planning Board. My husband and I chose to build our life here because of the strong neighborhoods, schools, and sense of community that make Fairhaven special and I'm committed to protecting that.

I work in municipal government as an Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police, where I'm

involved in budgets, procurement, and daily operations. That experience has given me a clear understanding of how local decisions are made and how they directly impact residents. I bring that practical, behind-the-scenes knowledge with a focus on accountability, efficiency, and transparency.

My background is rooted in service and leadership. I previously worked for the Salvation Army, New Bedford as part of their emergency disaster team, coordinating relief efforts during critical situations. I currently serve on the executive board of Discovery Language Academy, where I manage projects that support students and staff. I also serve on the board of Blue Saddle Foundation, helping first responders access mental health resources and assisting in securing grant funding.

I've also served on the Commission on Disability, advocating for accessibility and inclusion. I believe local government should work for everyone, and residents deserve clear communication and a voice in decisions that affect their daily lives.

As a parent, I'm deeply invested in Fairhaven's future. My daughters are active in school and the community, and I understand that the decisions we make today will shape this town for years to come. Those decisions should be made thoughtfully, considering infrastructure, traffic, schools, and neighborhood character not just what looks good on paper.

I support exploring practical solutions to today's housing challenges, including zoning options that allow for smaller, more attainable homes done in a way that fits Fairhaven and preserves what people value about it.

I am running as an independent voice. I'm not aligned with any group, and I'm not interested in going along to get along. Every decision should stand on its own merits, guided by facts, fairness, and what's best for Fairhaven.

I'm running to bring a practical, common-sense approach to the Planning Board focused on transparency, responsible growth, and the long-term health of our community.

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Andrew Pank

Hello Neighbor,

My name is Andrew Panek and I am running for the Fairhaven Planning Board. I started coming to Fairhaven in the 90's when my parents bought a small seasonal house on the neck. We kept a little fishing boat at Earl's, I caused trouble jumping off the causeway bridge, and lived any boy's dream of a Summer at the

beach.

The Fairhaven I grew up with is the Fairhaven I cherish. Days spent in boat shoes and bathing suits, prime rib dinners at Mike's, and the smell of Hoppy's Landing reminding you of the true character of Fairhaven. It shaped my future by guiding me to Mass Maritime, where I graduated with an Engineering degree and a coastguard license to sail on ships.

After more than 20 years abroad, serving our country, and experiencing the world, my family and I have returned to my favorite place on earth. Equipped with a wide breadth of experience and a Master's degree in Education, I am excited about the opportunity to invest in my community. It's been a dream to put down roots here and to see my children enjoy the Fairhaven I love. It's these reasons I have decided to run for Planning Board.

I hold a MA Unlimited Construction Supervisors License and I am the Director of Housing Development at PACE inc. in New Bedford and teach construction and OSHA at YouthBuild. I own a small business in St. Louis with some rental properties, however my passion is community development. I envision a bustling and picturesque future where thoughtful housing developments are married with natural resources.

I will bring a sharp, focused mind to the Planning Board. I will follow town bylaws and promote industry best practices. To me, this is an opportunity to preserve the beauty of Fairhaven, while thoughtfully growing into the future.

I would be honored to receive your vote for Planning Board on June 9.

Respectfully, Andrew C Panek, M.Ed.

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Joseph Wilkerson, who said he is one of the new owners, said they wanted to close on the property next week. He asked if they asked for 20 cars, would that be acceptable.

"I would respectfully suggest that a substantial increase is from two to 20," said Mr. Hickey.

Mr. daSilva reiterated that he owned the property for 21 year and there was never a problem with parking.

"So it's turned into more than what I expected," said Mr. daSilva. "I could say a lot more but I won't. But again, it's just — it's not right. It's not right."

In the end the board voted to continue the hearing and ask Mr. Hickey to coordinate with Planning Board to take up the matter at their meeting.

In another matter, the board supported a request by Erin Carr to create a gift account for the Phoenix Bike Trail with the money to be used for maintenance of the bike path, and specifically for clearing ice and snow. The money would be used to pay private companies for snow removal, with the Board of Public Works administering the details, such as inviting bids and choosing the company.

Using a private company would take the pressure off the BPW, which has the responsibility for clearing all the roads in town, and also has authority over the bike path. Ms. Carr gave her presentation to the BPW.

The next step is to write the rules of the account, which will include how the money can be spent, and who is authorized to spend it. It will then be voted on by the SB which has the authority to set up the account.

The board also authorized the Economic Development Committee to

You are a really sneaky little one. And again, you turn around, you want to play your games. I'm not going to play these games. You know what I mean? Either way, the problem's going to be solved.

[Ruy daSilva to
Andrew Romano]

seek a grant to study the feasibility of creating housing on a town owned lot on Spring Street through a ground lease to a private developer.

A ground lease would allow the developer to use the property without the up-front costs of buying it. In addition to saving money on th property, it would be easier to get financing because they would be partnering with the town.

The rents in the apartments would

be below market rate, but they would be available to anyone. The lower rates would allow renters to save to buy a house, or simply save on housing. They could also be available to moderate and low income people, but they would not be restricted that way.

The apartments would be for people who fall in between: They make too much to qualify for low income housing, but do not make enough to afford market rate rents.

EDC member, John Hinds, said he spoke to the Executive Director of the Fairhaven Housing Authority and staff about providing administrative support if the project is built. He said they were supportive, and it does not conflict with their mission.

The board voted to allow the EDC to pursue the grant.

In his report to the board, Mr. Hickey told the board that he and Assistant TA/Town Accountant, Anne Carreiro, will hold a question and answer session to discuss the three ballot questions on Tuesday, 5/19, at 6 p.m. in Town Hall. The public is invited to participate in person and via Zoom.

The town election is on 6/9. In addition to voting for candidates in all town-wide races and Town Meeting, voters will be asked to vote on three ballot questions: 1: to remove fire and police from Civil Service; 2: a Proposition 2 1/2 override; 3: to accept a town Charter.

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playing field.

"Equally important, the Planning Board must function as a team. Members must work together respectfully, listen to one another, and make decisions through collaboration not division," she said, adding that she does not have a "one-size-fits-all mindset...My focus is making sure projects are done the right way thoughtfully, responsibly, and with the community in mind."

Kevin Grant said he was born and raised in Fall River, with two school teachers for parents.

It was a devoutly religious household, he said, and that religion was frugality.

In his job he is a supply chain expert dealing with a lot of international trade and negotiating

contracts.

He said he "might be delusional," but he was drawn to serve on the PB out of a sense of volunteering, not politics.

"I get a lot from our town and our country," said Kevin Grant, adding he wants to give back.

He also said the town is facing some very tough issues.

It is not smart politics and he has put himself in a difficult space sometimes, by saying difficult things.

"I don't have any regrets," he said. "I love this town very much. We have to take a very hard look at what sort of town we want to have."

On her opening statement Ms. Phillips noted her experience in municipal government in Highland Park, NJ, where she served on the

Zoning Board of Adjustment, and the Redevelopment Agency. She said Highland Park is a lot like Fairhaven in size, "rich social history, natural beauty and best of all, the small town feel we enjoy where neighbors know neighbors and we care for one another."

She said the town faced many of the same issues.

"I'm proud of the Highland park accomplishments and want the same for Fairhaven," said Ms. Phillips.

"The guiding principle behind all my work is honesty, I tell it like it is; and integrity; and in my Public Service, stick to the fundamental, supporting the public good," she said. "If elected, I will bring my "can do" attitude and optimism to the get the job done for Fairhaven."

Mass. DOT outlines options for South Main Street

By Beth David
Editor

Officials from Mass. DOT (Department of Transportation) held a public meeting in Acushnet on 5/6/26. About 30 members of the public and town officials attended to give their opinions about the proposed changes. The basic plan is to make improvements to the roadway, which is a state road now, then turn it over to the town.

There was some question as to which entity would pay for which pieces of the \$13.5 million project. At the beginning of the slide show it said 80% would be paid for with Federal Aid, and 20% would be paid for with State Aid, but during the course of the presentation and discussions, it became clear that the town would carry some costs, a point Selectboard chairperson Kevin Gaspar pointed out. One thing not covered would be land acquisitions.

The overall scope of the project includes widening the road in some spots, construction of continuous sidewalks, a paved shared use path, on street parking, brick sidewalks, adding seven crosswalks (from two to nine), a dedicated left turn lane onto Alden Road, stormwater drainage improvements.

Most people said that improvements to the road may sound like a good idea, but the details made it seem improbable.

Mr. Gaspar noted that the town would get stuck trying to maintain a brick sidewalks, and after hearing that the state would pay for the improvements, "now we are paying for engineering."

Mr. Gaspar noted that the slides show other towns and Acushnet does not have the space to do the things shown in the slides.

"There's no way we can do that," he said.

He also took issue with the plans getting as far as they did without Mass DOT going to the Select Board. They have been working with the Town Planner, and Mr. Gaspar said he remembered one Zoom meeting a long time ago.

He said it is the Selectboard that will "take the heat" so that is where they need to go.



Acushnet Selectboard chairperson, Kevin Gaspar, speaks at the MassDOT meeting on 5/6/26 about proposed changes to South Main Street. Photo by Beth David.

He said they need to have public meetings and get more people involved.

Mr. Gaspar also addressed the possibility of the state taking land to widen the road saying "people are going to lose their minds," if the state takes two or three feet from their front yards. Some houses on the road are very close to the street.

"I know my residents pretty well and they are not going to be happy when you start taking their land," said Mr. Gaspar, adding that the road does not only impact the people who live on it, "It impacts the whole town."

Kevin Smith said PJ Keating has trucks weighing 80,000 to 100,000 pounds using the road that can add up to 100 million pounds per day.

He said it will be like the Autobahn. No way should the town take over the road, he said, "IT will bankrupt us."

He also noted that a previous project ended up costing more because there is ledge that had to be blasted.

"That ledge goes all the way to Nantucket," said Mr. Smith.

"There's no way to widen that road," said one woman who owns property on the street. "You're gong to take part of our land then dump this on the town so we can pay more taxes."

A couple of people suggested extending Route 240 so PJ Keating trucks could access the highway from the other end of their property.

Speakers also noted that the water and sewer pipes were about 100 year old. Mr. Gaspar said if the cost is on the town for that, then residents on the street may end up with a betterment fee.

Sooner or later, MassDOT will have to go to a Selectboard meeting, said Mr. Gaspar, "And based on what I hear is you are going to get a big fat 'no.'"


The meeting is available on demand on the town's YouTube channel at <https://tinyurl.com/2s4caz7hc>

The pre-recorded presentation is available on the MassDOT website at <https://tinyurl.com/26axmwn8>

Email MassDOT directly at MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us and reference Project ile No. 612611 in the subject line.

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