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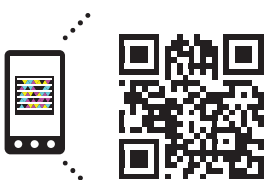
Members of different militias practice drills with their muskets during the Revolutionary War Encampment sponsored by the Acushnet Historical Society on 8/23/26 at the Long Plain Museum. See page 12 for story. Photo by Beth David.

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."



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Bummer...Dolly Parton is no longer with us. The multi-talented megastar was truly one of a kind. As a writer, I marvel at her simple turn of a phrase. And that voice!

She was also a great and compassionate human being. Rest in Peace, Dolly.

Closer to home...

The Planning Board is in popcorn-worthy territory this week (see page 8). Mr. Carr and his cronies have way too much time on their hands. Page after page after page after page. A writing course in conciseness might do them well. Alas...no, I have not read every word yet. It's already way past tomorrow.

As it is, I had to pull a fun day-trip story because tomorrow was bumping right into yesterday (okay, it's late, or...er, early).

The Select Board also had a meeting (see page 4). Not nearly as entertaining, but they did get some work done.

And we have lots of fun stuff, too. Our cover story features old stuff: old techniques, old guns, old clothes. See page 12 for that.

Early voting ends tomorrow (see page 18) for the primary being held on 9/1.

Meanwhile the Big Buffoon is making lists and lists and lists. The Feds will soon be the ones to decide who gets to vote in this country. Hah! What could possibly go wrong, right?

Remember when Ronald Reagan said government needs to get out of the way, and the scariest words in the world are, "I'm from the government and I'm here to help"? Yeah, we're there now.

And through it all the regime is plucking people off our streets for no cause at all and throwing them in prison and kidnapping them to countries they have no ties to.

I made bunch of notes on the fly for this part of the column, but...it's late, and I'm having trouble understanding my scribbles. One word stands out very clearly, though: heartbreaking. This is heartbreaking for our country. And even more heartbreaking because of those who still think it's okay.

There's other stuff in here, of course. Thumb through to find it all, and while you do that, be sure to notice who our advertisers are so you can tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*.

Until next week... see ya,

Glory to Ukraine!
Glory to the Heroes!



Publisher Beth David...
VROOM VROOM!

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Fairhaven CPC applications open

The Fairhaven Community Preservation Committee is accepting applications for the FY28 funding round. The FY28 Community Preservation Submission Guidelines and Application Forms are available on the Town's Community Preservation Committee Webpage - <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/community-preservation-committee>.

Since 2006, the Fairhaven CPC has appropriated over \$8,400,000 that

have created 126 affordable housing units, supported another 362 affordable housing units, protected over 755 acres, created and maintained several recreation facilities, and restored 60 historic preservation projects.

Activities that can be funded are:

- Acquisition, creation, and preservation of Open Space.
- Creation, preservation, and support of Community Housing.
- Acquisition, creation, and preser-

vation of Historic Resources.

- Acquisition, creation, and preservation of land for Recreational Use.

The Deadline for CPC applications is Friday, October 2, 2026 by 11:00 AM.

Further information is available from the Planning and Economic Development Department at 508-979-4023, Ext. 8123 or email recording secretary@fairhaven-ma.gov.

Fifth annual 5K to remember Conrad Roy III

Join us to honor the life of Conrad Roy III in our 5th annual Conrad's Law 5K on 9/12, at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven at 9 a.m. This year's event lands on what would have been Conrad's 31st birthday.

Walkers, \$20; runners, \$25. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/4krw5f2p>

We started this event to honor Conrad, wrote the organizers on Facebook, but it has become something bigger. It's a chance to remember him, support one another, and shine a light on suicide coercion so more people understand it and

know the warning signs.

Whether you walk, run, volunteer, or simply come to be there, you matter. Every person who joins us helps keep Conrad's memory alive and helps spread a message that could save a life.

Bring your family, invite a friend, and walk with us.

Together we can remember Conrad, support those who are struggling, and continue working to prevent suicide coercion.

Conrad's Law is a bill that would make coerced suicide a crime. In 2014

Conrad Roy III, a Fairhaven resident, died by suicide at the age of 18 after being coerced by Michelle Carter through a series of text messages and phone calls. She was convicted of involuntary manslaughter and served just under one year in jail.

Mass. is one of only eight states without a specific law making coerced suicide a crime. Bill S.2382 has been stuck in committee on Beacon Hill since 2019.

Find Conrad's Law on Facebook for more information.

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Fairhaven Select Board appoints Gallagher to Budget WG

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Select Board finalized the membership of the Budget Working Group at its meeting on 8/24/26; approved funding for the Public Safety Complex Committee to issue an RFQ; approved the sale of the town's \$7.9 million loans/bond; and approved a Class II auto repair/auto body license for the property at 98-99 Middle Street.

Fairhaven Fire Chief, Todd Correia, told the board that the \$50,000 would be used to issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and to hire a professional to help guide the Public Safety Complex Committee in its mandate to find a suitable way for the police and fire departments to upgrade facilities. The consultant will be asked to look at town owned properties and privately owned properties in Fairhaven to determine their suitability to be used for either department or for a combined public safety complex.

The RFQ, which is available online in the packet for the meeting, details the needs of both departments.

The board voted unanimously to expend the money that was authorized at a Special Town Meeting in November of 2025.

The board also authorized the borrowing of \$7.9 million for a variety of projects approved at Town Meeting this year. Town Treasurer/Collector, Carla Maurao, told the board the rates are 4.0% and 4.26% for the different loans. Town Administrator, Keith Hickey, told the board that the town has retained its very high AA+ bond rating, allowing the town to secure low rates.

The board also held a public

hearing for Stealth Collision, Inc., DBA Artistic Auto Body and Stealth Auto Center, 98-99 Middle Street, the site of the former Artistic Auto.

The Class II license is for two retail cars and also for repairs. Co-owners, Joseph Wilkerson and Antoine (Tony) Boutros, attended the meeting. No members of the public commented.

The board voted 4-0, to approve the license, with Rick Trapilo, recusing himself because he was involved in the sale of the property.

The board also voted to appoint Kevin Gallagher to the Budget Working Group, filling the slot for the resident with public safety experience. Mr. Gallagher is a retired Acushnet Fire Chief. He also served on the Fairhaven Board of Health, an elected position; and the Finance Committee, an appointed position.

Mr. Gallagher said that conditions have only grown more dire since his time on the Finance Committee, with the town now facing a \$1.5 million deficit.

He said it is time for thoughtful economic development, to identify efficiencies and inefficiencies, improve operations, and develop long term solutions.

Mr. Gallagher outlined some of his experience, including that he helped to regionalize five fire departments.

"You can't unring a bell," said Mr. Gallagher, adding that decisions need to be made, discussions need to be had. "But they need to be deliberate and thoughtful and painfully in the weeds of how the government in town is structured."

SB member, Andrew Saunders said there may be opportunities to regionalize, but reminded Mr. Gallagher he was not just tasked with

working on regionalization.

The board voted unanimously to appoint him to the Budget WG.

In another matter, the board heard a summary of Town Administrator, Keith Hickey's goals for the coming year. The goals will be used to evaluate Mr. Hickey's performance at his annual review next year.

Mr. Hickey stated 9 goals with sub categories, including to maintain long term financial stability; strengthen capital planning; improve organizational effectiveness; Labor relations and Human Resources; improve public communication and transparency; economic development; grant administration; provide Select Board support; community partnerships.

The board also declared surplus items for the town auction on 9/19.

Mr. Hickey asked the board to remove the Ford Explorer no longer needed by the police department from the list. He said town hall employees are in need of a vehicle, and he public works department said they can repair the Ford.

Items for auction include office supplies, tools, and a 2005 Chevy Tahoe from the Fire Department.

In another matter, the board voted to request a review of the town's financial forecast by the state's Financial Management Resource Bureau. The services is provided by the state at no cost to the town.

The board also met in Executive Session to discuss complaints against the Conservation Commission chairperson.

Committee Vacancies

The Town of Fairhaven has several vacancies on different boards/committees. Visit <https://fairhaven-ma.gov/volunteer-opportunities/>

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Fill-A-Bag

Heavenly Treasures thrift store, at First Congregational Church, 34 Center St. (use William St. entrance), Fairhaven. Open Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Fill-A-Bag: \$5/bag (we supply the bags), all women's and men's clothing Aug 29, Sept. 2, Sept. 5

Outdoor Movie

Join us for a magical outdoor movie night under the stars as we celebrate the 55th anniversary showing of "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory!" Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and enjoy a fun-filled evening with family and friends at Fairhaven Recreation.

The movie begins at 7:00 PM on August 28, and admission is just \$10 per family. Popcorn and a sweet treat will be provided, making this a deliciously fun night you will not want to miss. Register your family today!!

In case of bad weather movie will be shown in the gym

Taste of Portugal

The Fairhaven Lions Club presents Taste of Portugal, Sat., 8/29, at the Fairhaven Council on Aging, 229 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven, MA 02719. Dinner 5-7pm and Music 7-9pm

Serving a traditional Portuguese Dinner: Choice of Cacoila or Chicken. Featuring raffles, dancers, and more.

Tickets: \$25.00 pp. All proceeds benefit the Eye Research and Scholarship Fund. Call or text Liz for tickets 774-454-6322

Costume Swap

Halloween Sustainability Costume Swap. Please drop off clean, used Halloween costumes and decorations in the bin at Town Hall, 40 Center St. or at The Millicent Library from now until October 6th. On October 7th from 4-6pm, there will be a free event at the library with a Halloween Swap table, along with other Halloween crafts.

Costumes should be clean, and non-violent (no gore). Don't limit yourself to just costumes. Jewelry, scarves, crazy hats, anything that can be used for a costume as well as decorations will be accepted. We will also have a DIY section for children to make their own costumes or add to

an existing one.

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

This program is Sponsored by The Millicent Library and Fairhaven Sustainability Committee

Register on our website: millicentlibrary.org/events-calendar

SAVE THE DATES:

OLOA Feast

The 96th Annual Our Lady of Angels Feast, Sat., 9/5— Mon., 9/7, featuring on the OLOA Feast grounds, 7 Jesse Street, Fairhaven.

Dubbed the "biggest little feast," the 96th annual OLOA festa is a showcase of local Portuguese culture, featuring three days of Portuguese and American food and entertainment. Admission and entertainment are free, purchase required for food and beverages.

Sat. 9/5, 5 p.m.-midnight; Sun., 9/6, noon to midnight; Mon., 9/7, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., procession at 1 p.m.

Conrad's Walk

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Bring your family, invite a friend, and walk with us.

Together we can remember Conrad, support those who are struggling, and continue working to prevent suicide coercion.

Town Auction

Fairhaven will hold its annual town auction on Sat., 9/19, at the public

works building, 5 Arsene Street, at 9 a.m. The public is invited to bid on items that have been declared surplus by the town. The Select Board voted to declare surplus items at its 8/24/26 meeting. A variety of items from different departments will be available to bid on, including office supplies, tools, and a 2005 Chevy Tahoe.

Evenings at the Fort

Step back in time this season with the Fairhaven Village Militia during their "Evenings at the Fort" series at historic Fort Phoenix! Held on select Wednesday evenings, these free, family-friendly events offer a unique opportunity to learn about the rich history of the Fort and view the bunker alongside guided militia men and learn about the role Fairhaven played in the revolutionary war.

The events are weather-permitting and handicap accessible. Mark your calendars for this season's schedule:

September 16: 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

October 14: 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Bike Path Ribbon Cutting

Phoenix Bike Trail Ribbon Cutting, Sat., 9/12, 11 a.m., Main and South Streets, Fairhaven. Special guest, State Rep. Mark Sylvia. Celebrate the resurfacing and other improvements recently completed. Refreshments. All are welcome. Sponsored by the Fairhaven Economic Development Committee and the Fairhaven Board of Public Works.

Run to Remember

The Annual LCpl Matthew Rodriguez 5K Run to Remember will be held on Sun., 10/25, at Fort Phoenix State Reservation, 100 Green St., Fairhaven, MA 02719, at 9 a.m. Register at TeamSmilingWarrior.org. First 125 registrations before Sept. 30 receive a FREE race t-shirt.

Pre-Registration fee (ends 10/23): Runners & Walkers, \$30; Active Military, \$25. Same-day registration +\$5.

For more info, call 774-306-6372, or email lauren@thesmilingwarrior.org.

Benefits The LCpl Matthew R. Rodriguez Memorial Foundation which was created in memory of LCpl Rodriguez, 19, a Fairhaven resident who was killed in Afghanistan on 12/11/13.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Bill Murray Movie Marathon

LAST ONE:

Tickets: \$12. At the Zeiterion, 684 Purchase St., NB. www.zeiterion.org, 508-994-2900

- *Groundhog Day* (1993) – Monday, August 31, 7:00 p.m.

The Zeiterion is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a mission to steward its historic theater as a gathering place for performing arts experiences where learning, connection, and creative expression thrive. Tickets are available for purchase at www.zeiterion.org and by phone at 508-994-2900 or in person at 684 Purchase Street, New Bedford, Mass. Wednesday through Saturday, 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and two hours before ticketed events and one hour before movies.

Free Concerts

The Summer Sound Series of weekly concerts returns to Downtown New Bedford, bringing crowds and free entertainment on Friday nights through the beginning of September.

During Summer Sound Series concerts, there will be free parking available at the Elm Street Garage and the Zeiterion Garage. All concerts are weather permitting.

All concerts run from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Remaining dates are:

AUG. 28: BRIAN & THE CASSETTES

Location: Purchase Street. Genre: Indie. Note: Special Guests TBD

SEPT. 4: ENTRAIN

Location: Lower Union Street. Genre: Funk and world

Call for Artists

Analog: An Antidote to AI Art

In an era shaped by artificial intelligence, *Analog: An Antidote to AI Art* celebrates the enduring power of human imagination, intuition, and authentic artistic expression. This exhibition invites artists whose work reflects the distinctly human experience of making, embracing experimentation, imperfection, memory, materiality, and lived experience.

Rather than rejecting technology, *Analog* asks a timely question: What makes art unmistakably human?

We welcome original work in all

visual art media and genres, including painting, sculpture, ceramics, printmaking, textiles, fiber, photography, installation, mixed media, assemblage, drawing, book arts, jewelry, sound art, olfactive art, biophilic practices, and other forms that demonstrate personal vision and meaningful engagement with materials and process.

As AI-generated imagery becomes ubiquitous, *Analog* turns our attention to what algorithms cannot replicate: intuition, vulnerability, touch, chance, personal history, and the countless decisions embedded in the creative process. The exhibition celebrates originality as an expression of curiosity, resilience, and the uniquely human impulse to make meaning from the world around us. We seek work that reveals touch, struggle, experimentation, art that reflects the imperfect, unpredictable, and deeply personal nature of human creation.

CASH PRIZES: \$1000 First Place; \$500 Second Place. Deadline: 9/24

Visit <https://newbedfordart.org/analog-call/>

CPA Apps Open

New Bedford's FY27 Community Preservation Act application cycle opens with an application technical workshop at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10 on the third floor of the New Bedford Free Public Library, 613 Pleasant St.

The CPC strongly encourages all those interested in applying for funding during this cycle to attend the workshop to learn about the changes to the application process. A budget of approximately \$1.9 million will be available to fund CPA-eligible projects. Q&A will follow the.

Application materials will be available on the City's website <http://www.newbedford-ma.gov/planning/community-preservation/> on Sept. 4.

SAVE THE DATES:

Lebanese Festival

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

or hookah.

Free admission. Cash bar and food available for purchase. Featuring live entertainment, delicious Lebanese and American food, saj, dancing, raffles, hookah. Entertainment by Mitchell Kaltsunas (Friday), Ahmad AlKaisi (Saturday), Wood Dr. Band (Saturday afternoon).

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

Science Cafe

Please join us for New Bedford Science Café, Tues., 9/15, from 6 to 8 p.m., The Last Round Bar & Grille, 908 Purchase St., New Bedford. Open to everyone. Free, save for the beer!

Our guest John Mustard, Professor of Earth, Environmental & Planetary Sciences at Brown University, will discuss "Space Exploration: What's the point?"

The thrilling voyage of NASA's four-person crew aboard Artemis II around the Moon in April inspired the world. In retrospect, what was accomplished? Jack will consider whether the human flight program is worth it and share the prospect of future missions, including a trip to Mars planned for the late 2020s that will utilize a nuclear-powered spaceship that could reduce travel time from 9 to 2 months.

Free parking in rear of building. Videos of recent events can be found on our website.

CNA Training

The MassHire Greater New Bedford Workforce Board, serving as the lead applicant for the MassHire Southeast Region 6 Workforce Boards, has been awarded a new \$499,865 Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund grant through Commonwealth Corporation to sustain Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) training throughout South-eastern Massachusetts.

Individuals interested in future training opportunities or healthcare employers interested in partnering with the initiative may contact Jacqueline Sylvia, Senior Director, at 774.762.5064 or email jacqueline@mhgnb.com.

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Cruise Night

Thurs., 8/27, Acushnet Town Green/Parting Ways, 122 Main St., 5-8 p.m. Classic cars, great food from local vendors, and oldies music with DJ Dave Blast from the Past. Sponsored by the Town of Acushnet

At Acushnet Library

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

Music on the Porch Day

Celebrate Play Music on the Porch Day with us, Sat., 8/29. The Jethros will perform from noon to 2 pm under the pavilion (not a porch, but that's OK!)

Pedal for the Path

The South Coast Bikeway Alliance (SCBA) will hold its seventh regional bike ride, Pedal for the Path, on Sunday, August 30. Beginning and ending at Running Brook Vineyard, 335 Old Fall River Road, Dartmouth. 35 miles or 21 miles of fabulous cycling, postcard-perfect scenic views, more historic places than you can count, and, along the way, memorable treats and more! A post-ride celebration features a food truck, wine, and beverages for purchase, and live music by the Jethros. Register at <https://southcoastbikeway.com>

Online registration closes at 6 p.m. on 8/29. Event-day registration is welcome at 8 a.m. on 8/30. The ride starts at 9 a.m. \$45.

Flock Cameras Disc

The Acushnet Selectboard will discuss the of Flock cameras in Acushnet at its meeting on Tues., 9/2, at Town Hall, 122 Main St., at 4:30 p.m.

If you cannot attend, send an email to BOS@acushnet.ma.us with comments or concerns. All emails received will be distributed to the board.

Join The Apple Peach Parade

Under a month away is our Apple Peach Festival. The Parade is happening rain or shine on Sunday September 13th. Please if you want to participate in the parade be at Pope Park, corner of Main and Pope

Streets, by 9 a.m. and be ready to roll for 10 a.m. We can throw candy so stock up.

The route is 5 miles from the park to the grounds at the Long Plain Museum, 1203 Main St.

We want to make this year's parade bigger than ever. Hope to see you all there. There are still no walkers in the parade.

Women-On-Target

The Sippican Rod & Gun Club is pleased to announce its annual NRA Women-On-Target program which will be held on Sat., 9/26, at 215 Dexter Lane, Rochester, MA.

The program will begin at 8:00 AM and finish at 5:00 PM. The program's morning session will teach the NRA Home Firearm Safety Course, which qualifies participants to apply for a Massachusetts License-To-Carry (LTC), or Firearms Identification (FID) card. Following a catered and healthy lunch, the women will individually be provided practical and safe shooting experiences by rotating through the club's pistol range, 50- and 100-yard rifle ranges, and shotgun trap range.

The \$110.00 fee includes all training materials, eye and ear protection which will be yours to keep, use of the club facility, morning snacks, lunch, ammunition, and use of firearms.

If any questions, please contact Bill Fredericks at 508-317-0203, or email: airborne1715@gmail.com.

To register please provide: your full name (including middle initial), mailing address, email address, telephone number, date of birth, along with a check made out to the "Sippican Rod & Gun Club" for \$110.00. Mail to: Sippican Rod & Gun Club, Attn: Women-On-Target, PO Box 182, Rochester, MA 02770.

The class is limited to the first 24 participants registered. When the full class is registered, further information of the program details will be provided via email. Considering that previous programs have had a waiting list, all those interested are encouraged to apply soon. We hope to see you there!

SAVE THE DATES:

Apple-Peach Festival

Celebrate the Apple Peach Festival's 45th Year! Sept. 12th & 13th,

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

PARADE: Sun., 9/13, Departing from Pope Park at 10:00am and ending at the festival at 11:00am. You do not have to register for the parade, just show up!

Featuring music all day long, vendors, fun activities, museum open.

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

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

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

Job Fair

2026 SouthCoast Job Fair, presented by One SouthCoast Chamber in conjunction with our sponsors, LifeStream and MassHire Greater New Bedford Career Center, and in partnership with the Bristol Workforce Board, Thurs., 9/10, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Venus de Milo, 75 Grand Army of the Republic Highway, Swansea, MA 02777.

Discover opportunities with the region's leading companies and dynamic businesses. Whether you're seeking your next career move or just exploring, this is the place to be!

Free Admission for job Seekers: Come Dressed to impress!! Don't forget to bring resumes. Spanish translating by South Coast Hispanic Chamber

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/2xa4mur4>

Harvest Fest

South Coast Harvest Festival. Fall family fun for everyone!

Sept. 25-27, The Westport Fairgrounds, 200 Pine Hill Road, Westport: Fri., 9/25, 3-8 p.m.; Sat., 9/27, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sun., 9/28, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Autumn themed event featuring live music, fall food, an artisan market, fall garden displays, and antique trucks. Tickets can be purchased at the event and are \$10 for adults; \$5 for children 5 to 12, and free for children younger than 5.

Visit <https://southcoastharvestfestival.com>

Three PB members file OML complaints

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Planning Board meeting on 8/25/26 got off to a contentious start, but eventually got back on track with regular business, although occasional spats surfaced throughout the meeting.

At the very start of the meeting, Chairperson, Jessica Fidalgo, addressed a correspondence agenda item from member, Patrick Carr, for an agenda request distributed to the board for the 9/8 meeting.

Mr. Carr, however, said he wanted to discuss it that night, 8/25. Ms. Fidalgo said no one had a chance to read his lengthy correspondence, a five-page list of questions about procedures surrounding the use of Town Counsel (the town's attorney).

Mr. Carr had submitted the document for the last meeting, but then revised it and resubmitted it on 8/25.

In a followup interview, Ms. Fidalgo said that she felt she had to give the correspondence to board members at one meeting, but then hold it until the next meeting to give them time to read it.

During the 8/25 meeting she said that the emails contained his opinion, so she is not allowed to share it with the board before the meeting.

Generally speaking, opinions have to wait to be discussed during the meeting. Sending it to everyone on the board is considered deliberating outside of a public meeting, which is a violation of the Open Meeting Law (OML). Emails and documents that contain information only are allowed.

The two went back and forth for a bit, until Ms. Fidalgo said she would recess the meeting if Mr. Carr did not relent.

"I am trying..." he began.

Ms. Fidalgo interrupted and recessed the meeting for five minutes, during which time the board members sat at the table not speaking.

When they reopened the meeting, Mr. Carr made a motion for the board member who asked to be on the agenda be recognized to speak. Ms. Fidalgo ruled the motion out of order.

The two went back and forth a bit, both invoking "Roberts Rules of Order."

Ms. Fidalgo stuck by her decision

that the motion was out of order.

Mr. Carr "advised" that there will be more Open Meeting Law violations filed against the board.

The board also had three Open Meeting Law Complaints on the agenda, one from Mr. Carr, one from member Ruy DaSilva, and one from member Jennifer Cardoza.

All three complaints contend that the cancellation of the 8/11 meeting was a violation of the open meeting law.

When an OML complaint is submitted, the board in question is supposed to decide what kind of response they want to send, i.e., that they feel there was no violation and why, or that they acknowledge a mistake. Then a letter is drafted to the complainant who can accept the letter of explanation or appeal to the Attorney General's Division of Open Government.

Ms. Fidalgo said the complaints were not properly submitted on the form required by the state, but that all three eventually did use the right form, so they would discuss them at

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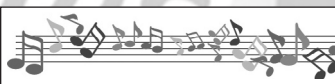
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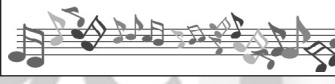
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Movie Mondays

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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.

Aug. 31, Trading Plaes Comedy. Louis Winthorpe III is an executive in one of Philadelphia's leading investment firms. While Billy Ray Valentine has spent his entire life in the ghetto surviving on his wits. The find their positions reversed in a scheme set in motion by the greedy, conniving Duke brothers, founders of the brokerage firm where Winthorpe is a partner.

Sept. 14, Erin Brockovich Drama. A flamboyant law firm secretary works tirelessly for a small town wrecked by a utility company's pollution.

Office Hour With State Rep. Mark Sylvia

State Rep. Mark Sylvia will hold an

office hour at the Fairhaven Council on Aging/Senior Center, on Mon., 9/14 from 9–10 a.m. If you need to speak with him before then, call 617-722-2400.

Empowering Older Adults with Technology

1:30–3:30 Must bring your own device. Must call to sign up, 508-979-4029.

AI is Here to Stay, Sept. 14, AI is everywhere (almost) and is here to stay, whether you like it or not! So, it's best to understand it and use it to your advantage. We'll cover the basics of AI, including an overview, how it got here, the pros, cons, and worries, and an introduction to some practical ways to use it.

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.

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The movie begins at 7:00 PM. Popcorn and a sweet treat will be provided, making this a deliciously fun night you will not want to miss. Register your family today!! In case of bad weather movie will be shown in

the gym

PRE-K SOCCER

Ages 3-5 Recreation Staff Tue, Sept 8-Oct 6 3:45 PM-4:30 PM Members: \$50 | Non-Members: \$60. Pre-K Soccer Fun is a dynamic and interactive class that introduces children to the basic concepts of soccer while emphasizing fun, imagination, and socialization. Through age-appropriate activities and games, staff create a positive learning atmosphere that encourages children to explore and experiment with the sport. Sessions focus on developing key motor skills such as running, jumping, kicking, and coordination. We use various fun exercises and games to help children

build a strong foundation for athletic development. Shin-guards are welcome but not necessary

SOCCER Ages 6-9

Recreation Staff Tue, Sept 8-Oct 6 4:45PM-5:30 PM Members: \$50 | Non-Members: \$60 Location: Fairhaven Rec back field. This class introduces children to basic soccer concepts while emphasizing fun and friendships. Our instructors create a positive learning atmosphere that encourages children to have fun with the sport. We use various fun exercises and games to help children build a strong foundation for development. Shin guards are encouraged but not necessary.

Recipe of the Week

Bourbon Baby Back Ribs

5 lbs. pork ribs, cut in half
1 tsp salt
1 tsp pepper
1 cup ketchup
1 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup bourbon
1/4 cup horseradish

Preheat oven to 475°.

Place ribs, meaty side up in large roasting pan. Sprinkle with salt and pepper and bake at 475 for 30 minutes.

Combine ketchup, brown sugar, bourbon, and horseradish.

Arrange ribs in a 6 ft. slow cooker, adding sauce on each layer. (Ribs may have to be cut smaller to fit.) Cover and cook on low for 9 hours. Remove and cover to keep warm pour drippings and sauce from cooker into a pan. Bring to boil, then simmer over med. heat 20 mins or until thick (Sauce will be reduced by half.) Brush sauce over ribs before serving.

From "Recipes from Land and Sea" available at Seamen's Bethel, NB

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Living Off The Land

Dear Frankie,
My parents just inherited a farm in Northern Maine. It's on a river, forty minutes from the nearest town, and has neighbors you'd need binoculars to see.

My parents' plan is to open a farm stand to sell the maple syrup they make, and fruits and vegetables they grow. The problem is wearing overalls and trapper hats have never been my thing.

So, if they move, what do you think about me surrendering to a local shelter and taking my chances that a nice local family who lives near a dog park will come along and adopt me?

Shelby

Dear Shelby,

Forty minutes from town, no neighbors in sight, that's remote. But

before you pack your leash, let's look at the upside. Learning how to tap a tree, chasing critters, summer swims in a river. That's not a punishment, that's a story most city dogs would kill to tell.

How about asking your parents if they would consider a one-year trial before making Maine their permanent zip code.

As for the shelter, I've been there. Trust me. The floors are hard, and the blankets are thin.

Best, Frankie

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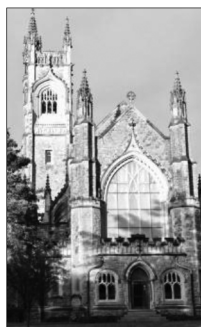
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FALPT continues river cleanup efforts

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Acushnet Land Preservation Trust held another cleanup in the Acushnet River at the White's Factory property in Acushnet on 8/22/26.

Volunteers with the FALPT has been working to create clear

pathways along the river to support the herring's migration next season. They have cut branches, cleared debris, and collected lots of trash.

On 8/22 the FALPT posted on Facebook that they covered "half a mile of river, collected 177 bottles, 160 broken bottles, seven tires, and about 30 other random pieces of

rusty old metal from the beautiful Acushnet River! Now that's something to be proud of! STEWARDSHIP at its best!"

To learn more about the FALPT, find them on Facebook, email falptfalpt@gmail.com, or call 774-521-8489.



The Fairhaven Acushnet Land Preservation Trust held a cleanup in and around the Acushnet River on 8/22/26, when they collected 177 bottles, 160 broken bottles, seven tires, and about 30 other random pieces of rusty old metal. ABOVE LEFT: Volunteers display some of the debris they pulled from in and around the Acushnet River ABOVE RIGHT: A pile of debris awaits its final destination BELOW LEFT: Bottles are piled up after volunteerpulled them from in and around the Acushnet River BELOW RIGHT: Volunteers gather around near base camp. *Submitted photos.*



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Encampment demonstrates 1770s skills

By Beth David
Editor

A little bit of rain did not stop area militias from demonstrating the skills of Revolutionary era America in Acushnet on Sunday, 8/23/26. Members of the Fairhaven Village Militia, Dartmouth Militia, Rehobeth Militia, and Wareham Militia set up camp on the front lawn of the Long Plain Museum on Main Street.

Militia members demonstrated skills such as fire starting, military drills, tinsmithing, herb identification, and the ins and outs of musket-fired weapons.

The museum was open to the public, and people could get ice cream and hot dogs from vendors.

The rain held off while they militias set up, then it rained just as one o'clock rolled around, the official start time of the event. It only lasted about an hour though, and then the hardy residents of Acushnet came around to check out the scene.

"I will never give up," said organizer, Pauline Teixeira of the Historical Society, as the rain came down.

"I'm so happy," she said when people started showing up after the rain stopped.

Ron Malouin of the Rehobeth Militia, pointed out the various plants around the grounds, explaining which ones are good for medicinal purposes and which ones are just good

nutrition. He pointed out Lady's Thumb (good nutrition); salsify, a dandelion look-alike that is very tasty and has good nutritional value; lamb's quarter (nutrient); wood sorrel, a clover look-alike that has a lemony zest and should only be eaten in moderation to avoid a bad digestive response (ahem); and a few others.

Most of them, however, are weeds to the average homeowner with a lawn.

"We kill 'em," said Mr. Malouin. "Instead of using them."

"It's really interesting," said Dianne Baker, who was learning about weeds with her friend Patti Vargas.

The two got there just as it started to pour. They took refuge in the museum until it stopped.

At the Fairhaven Village Militia tent, Brandon Estrella was explaining the workings of a black powder rifle, and how a solder in the 1770's might have traveled with it.

Tinsmith John Garcia demonstrated



how a compact "chamber stick" was an all-in-one unit to light a candle with flint, hold a candle, and transport a candle.

Acushnet resident, Eldon Barrett marveled at the hot chocolate maker, with wooden stirrer.

"I love Revolutionary War history," said Mr. Barret.

Michael Cravinho, with the Dartmouth Militia, described a display of black powder rifles, including one for huntin large game, one small caliber, and one that the soldiers would have carried.



TOP: Matthew McDonald, Lt. Commander of the Fairhaven Villiage Militia, inspects his black powder handgun during the Revolutionary War Encampment sponsored by the Acushnet Historical Society on 8/23/26 at the Long Plain Museum. ABOVE LEFT: Eldon Barrett of Acushnet checks out the intricacies of a tin candleholder while Tinsmith, John Garcia, of the Fairhaven Village Militia explains how it all works ABOVE RIGHT: Ron Malouin of the Rehobeth Militia explains that Curly Dock is a "good edible" with lots of nutirents to (L-R) Patti Vargas and Dianne Baker. Photos by Beth David.

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the meeting, starting with Mr. DaSilva's. She said that the discussion had to stick with the information in the box, limited to 3,000 characters, on the state form, not the additional pages.

Mr. DaSilva's complaint, obtained by the *Neighb News*, was five pages; Mr. Carr's was seven; Ms. Cardoza's was on the form.

Ms. Fidalgo said the Attorney General's office will not read anything outside of the information in the box.

Although they discussed Mr. DaSilva's complaint, it was Mr. Carr who did the most talking about it.

Ms. Fidalgo said in her opinion there was no OML violation, that the meeting was canceled because they had no public hearings, no applications, and no other pressing business.

"There really was nothing to discuss," agreed PB Member, Mona Phillips.

Ms. Cardoza, however, said she had done a lot of work getting information on Battery Storage for solar installations, and had expected to present her findings at that meeting.

Mr. Carr said that Ms. Fidalgo conducted an electronic poll via email and phone, through office staff, to vote on cancelling the meeting. He said Mr. DaSilva felt uncomfortable and pressed to cast his vote electronically.

Mr. Carr also said he was not included and did not have an opportunity to vote.

Ms. Fidalgo cautioned him to stick to Mr. DaSilva's complaint.

Mr. Carr said he felt he was not being respected as a board member to speak.

Ms. Fidalgo said she was just asking him to stick to Mr. DaSilva's complaint.

The two went back and forth a bit, with Ms. Fidalgo saying if he could not "handle" what she was saying then they should table it and ask Town Counsel to weigh in.

The board voted 4 to 3 to table the discussion and find out from Town Counsel if the AG's office will read beyond the 3,000 characters on the form. Ms. Fidalgo, Ms. Phillips, members Sean Powers and Miles Grant voted yes; Mr. Carr, Mr. DaSilva, Ms. Cardoza voted no. Kevin Grant was absent.

In another matter, the board

discussed regulations around battery storage for solar facilities. The board wants to craft a bylaw regulating them. Ms. Cardoza has been working on language, but Ms. Fidalgo said that she learned just that afternoon that the state had just revised their template.

The bylaw would regulate property line setbacks, how close the battery units can be to each other, etc. The board will also have to decide if a special permit is necessary, so they can place specific restrictions on each facility, or if it will be handled like any other building project.

Mr. Grant said he would like to see a process that includes a lot of public engagement.

The board decided to table the item to the next meeting to give Ms.

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Cardoza a chance to compare the changes that were made in the state's template.

Town Planner, Dawn Quirk, updated the board on changes to Chapter 40A of Mass. General Laws, which regulates the authority of municipalities to create zoning. Ms. Quirk said there are some changes the town will need to make in its bylaws to comply with the state changes.

Town Counsel, Heather White, is reviewing the changes flagged by Ms. Quirk. Ms. White should be finished with her review and she will be at the next PB meeting.

"You're probably not going to want to hear this either," said Mr. Carr, noting he was making a statement

and not asking for permission.

He said he had requested two agenda items about policies and procedures and this is why, he said, because they were not following them.

Ms. Fidalgo said they were following them, but noted she had acknowledged a mistake earlier in the meeting.

"I don't feel comfortable talking about it because it's not on the agenda," said Mr. Carr.

"Then you can wait until next time when it is on the agenda," said Ms. Fidalgo.

In another matter, Ms. Quirk informed the board of a grant opportunity from MIT Department of Urban Studies and Planning seeking to partner with a coastal community interested in resilience zoning.

The town needs to send a letter of interest. If Fairhaven is chosen, the group will study development in low lying areas. They will work with the town and community to work on recommendations.

"I am just so excited about this," said Ms. Phillips, noting how vulnerable Fairhaven is to coastal storms. "I think this is wonderful."

The board talked about a few different ways to make sure the letter of interest makes its way to the top of the pile.

Ms. Quirk said the grant has not been released yet, the organization needs the letter of interest now.

"We need to get this grant," said Ms. Phillips.

Ms. Quirk also told the board that the town is in the process of replacing PermitEyes with Citizenserve for processing permits online.

She said it will also make it easier to locate ADUs (Accessory Dwelling Units) in town.

Ms. Quirk said she is trying to count the number of ADUs the town has, but has been having difficulty. The process for building an ADU or converting space to one is handled like any other building permit or addition, so she has been having difficulty flagging them.

The state has asked municipalities to start collecting data on ADUs, but it has been difficult, she said.

The next meeting is scheduled for 9/8.

The meeting is available on demand at www.FairhavenTV.com

Community input sought for EV chargers

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven's Municipal Energy Manager, contracted through Mass Save, will be at the North Fairhaven Open Air Market on Saturday, 9/19, to get input from the public on where to locate chargers for electric vehicles.

William Lefebvre gave presentation to the Select Board at its meeting on 8/24/26, and told the board that he will have maps and other materials to help people identify the places that would be convenient for them to have electric chargers.

Fairhaven only has three locations with chargers that the public can access. None of them provide revenue for the town. Mr. Lefebvre explained that there are three levels of charging, starting with the regular residential outlet and ending with L3, the fastest.

Rockland Trust has two L2 Ports; Alden Buick GMC has 1 L3 Port; South Coast Health System has 12 L2 Ports.

The town did have two at the Board of Public Works building, but those are no longer active after the grant money ran out.

The plan would be to eventually install chargers that people would pay to use, with proceeds going to the town.

L1 chargers (standard home outlet) charge about 3-5 miles of range per

Mr. Lefebvre and his team will be at the North Fairhaven Open Air Market on 9/19, to get input from the public on where to locate chargers for Electric Vehicles

hour. L2 chargers use a 240V outlet and add 12-40 miles of range per hour. L3 chargers, which are the chargers found in commercial parking lots, etc., add 100+ miles of range in 15-30 minutes.

Mr. Lefebvre said the town has 247 registered plug-in hybrid or Electric Vehicles.

Mr. Lefebvre and his team will be asking residents what the barriers are that are stopping them from buying EVs. The group will identify incentives and resources available to help people switch to EVs. They will also have a flyer with a survey.

The information will be used to help them decide where to place the chargers.

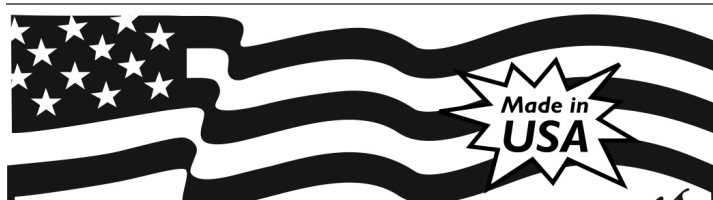
Mr. Lefebvre has begun discussions with EV charger developers to explore the best way to move forward.

The information they receive on the 19th will be instrumental in that decision making.

The survey, "Barriers to Electric Vehicle Adoption - Fairhaven" is available online.

It includes 8 questions, including what barriers are preventing you from owning an EV, and where would you suggest placing EV chargers.

The survey is not limited to Fairhaven residents. It is available at <https://tinyurl.com/7k522ez2>



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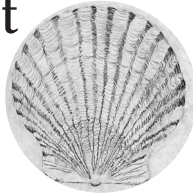
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Upcoming Meetings

Fairhaven

Board of Appeals

Tues., 9/1, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon. 8/31, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Bylaw Review Comm

Thurs., 8/27, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Comm

Mon., 8/31, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Cultural Council

Wed., 9/9, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Historical Commission

Tues., 9/8, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Open Space & Rec

Mon., 8/31, Remote, 11:30 a.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 9/8, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 9/16, FHS Media Ctr., 6:30

Select Board

Mon., 9/14, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Acushnet

Conservation Commission

Wed., 9/16, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 9/2, Town Hall, 4:30 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

		Aug. 2026		HIGH a.m.	p.m.	LOW a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	27	0804	2021	0125	1327		
Friday	28	0842	2100	0154	1408		
Saturday	29	0923	2141	0229	1453		
Sunday	30	1004	2223	0309	1537		
Monday	31	1047	2307	0349*	1619		

		Sept. 2026		HIGH a.m.	p.m.	LOW a.m.	p.m.
Tuesday	1	1134	2356	0428*	1702		
Wednesday	2	---	1227	0510*	1749		
Thursday	3	0054	1328	0558	1850		
Friday	4	0155	1428	0700	2010		
Saturday	5	0256	1530	0817	2132		
Sunday	6	0402	1639	0934	2330		
Monday	7	0515	1746	1107	---		
Tuesday	8	0615	1840	0033	1231		
Wednesday	9	0704	1926	0117	1325		
Thursday	10	0749	2010	0156	1418		

*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft

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Public Hearings/Legal Notices

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TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN PUBLIC HEARING

The Fairhaven Select Board will hold a public hearing at its meeting on Monday, September 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall, located at 40 Center St., Fairhaven, MA. This hearing is on the petition Job # WO# 27795573 from NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY D/B/A EVERSOURCE ENERGY VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC.

Request permission to install 1 (one) new FO pole to be labeled 108/9.5 in the Right of Way of Green Street. The proposed location is necessary to provide upgraded electrical service to 26 Green Street.

Select Board:

Andrew Romano, Chair
Natalie A. Mello, Vice-Chair
Pam Kuechler, Clerk
Andrew B. Saunders
Richard F. Trapilo
FNN: 8/27/26, 9/3/26

LEGAL NOTICE

Request for Qualifications Design & Engineering Services

The Town of Acushnet is seeking responses from qualified firms for Design and Engineering services, as defined by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 7C, Section 44-58, to provide Design Services for the planning, design and construction of the new Acushnet River Valley Golf Course Clubhouse. The Town is seeking the services of a Designer to provide architectural and engineering design services including, but not

limited to, schematic design, design development, construction bid documents, cost estimates, permitting, and bidding services and construction administration and closeout services. All applicants must submit in conformance with the RFQ document, which is available by email request to Jorge Figueiredo, RTA Architects + OPM at jorge@rt-architects.com. In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, the fee for professional services will be negotiated based on a not to exceed limit.

There will be an on-site briefing session at 2:00 PM on September 1, 2026 at the golf course property (685 Main Street, Acushnet, MA 02743). Sealed Proposals are due in the Office of the Town Administrator (122 Main St., Acushnet, MA 02743) no later than 2:00 PM on September 10, 2026.

The Town's Board of Selectmen is the awarding authority. The Selectmen reserve the right to waive any informalities and to accept or reject any and all proposals and to award the contract as deemed to be in the best interest of the Acushnet River Valley Golf Course and the Town of Acushnet.

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TOWN OF ACUSHNET PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Acushnet Board of Selectmen will hold two public hearings at its meeting on on Wednesday, September 2, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. at the meeting room in Town Hall, located at 122 Main St., Acushnet, MA.

- In accordance with Chapter 140, MA General Laws, notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on the application of Main Street Auto Sales to apply for a Class II Motor Vehicle License to buy, sell, exchange or assemble second hand motor vehicles on 625 Main Street, Acushnet, MA.

- Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138, Section 15

of the MA General Laws that an open Board of Selectmen's Meeting will be held to approve a Transfer of Stock and Change of Officers/Directors for an existing Wine and Malt Beverages Package Store License, New England Farms, Inc. D/B/A New England Farms, premises consists of one floor with a sales area, 5 door walk in cooler with a back room and storage area (+/- 3600 sq. ft) and numbered 158 Main St., Acushnet, MA 02743.

Kevin Gaspar, Sr., Chairman
Robert Hinckley
Ryan Rezendes
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FNN, 8/20/26, 8/27/26

Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing

Tuesday Sept. 1, 2026, 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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/94115137952?pwd=MXp0VWpKTFBEUmluT1pWScUtiVzJCQ0T09>

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

7952 Passcode: 361259

1. **Zoning Determination:** The Board will reclassify on the zoning determination associated with the applications for the properties located at 249 Main Street and 97 Balsam Street. Upon further review, the requested zoning relief was improperly classified as a variance rather than a special permit. The Board will not reconsider the underlying decision on the application.

Patrick Carr, Chair, Fairhaven ZBA
FNN: 8/13/26, 8/20/26

Fairhaven Public Schools Offers Meals at No Cost for Students

Fairhaven Public Schools participates in the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program. As part of this program, all schools offer healthy meals every school day at NO COST to the students due to the implementation of the Community Eligibility Provision for school year 2026-2027. Students receive breakfast and lunch at school without having to pay a fee or submit a household application.

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From our readers

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I have noticed over the last few weeks that young riders on e-bikes have been riding down the middle of our streets. Many have been doing

wheelies endangering themselves and putting drivers at risk of hitting them as well.

It has become very worrisome to see this happening. Parents should be made aware that their kids are doing this. Someone is bound to get killed

or seriously injured.

Not only have I been witness to this but my husband has seen it on Sconticut Neck Road many times.

I think the police should be getting involved to stop this soon.

Sharon Howarth. Fairhaven

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Press Release

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Thanks to the generosity of our members and donors, they have grown steadily over time. AMHS is committed to helping our Portuguese-American community's youth achieve higher education and to growing our scholarship offerings over time.

On Monday, August 10, 2026, AMHS issued six scholarships totalling \$8,500.

- The Dr. Mary Vermette Scholarship of \$2,000, named after the founder of AMHS, to James Almeida of Dartmouth High School. He plans to study Construction Management at Roger Williams University.
- The Faial Scholarship of \$1,500 to Jane O'Connell of Glastonbury High School. She plans to study Pre-Law at Stevens Institute of Technology.
- The Pico Scholarship of \$1,500 to Grace Rebello of Bishop Stang High School. She plans to study Nursing at Simmons University.
- The Bela Vista Scholarship of \$1,500 to Diwalny Nunez Hernandez of Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School. Diwalny plans to attend UMass Dartmouth to study Criminology with a minor in Psychology with



Recipients of the 2026 Azorean Maritime Heritage Society Scholarships, pose for a photo after receiving their certificates on 8/10/26, L-R: Piper Reis, Meghan Costa, Grace Rebello, James Almeida, Diwalny Nunez Hernandez, Jane O'Connell. Photo submitted by Azorean Maritime Heritage Society.

- intent to eventually study Law and become a Forensic Psychologist.
- Scholarship in Memory of Jose Pacheco Branco & Cotilde da Rosa Branco of \$1,000 to Piper Reis from New Bedford High School. She plans to study Environmental Science and Public Policy at Harvard University.
- Arminda C.N.S. da Silva Memorial

Scholarship of \$1,000 to Meghan Costa from Somerset Berkley Regional High School. Meghan plans to study Elementary Education at Endicott College.

Please visit our website to learn about our scholarships and volunteering opportunities: www.azoreanmaritime.org.

Early voting ends 8/28 for primary election

Early voting ends this Saturday in Massachusetts for the state primary election on Tuesday, 9/1/26. Offices on the ballot include all statewide positions, U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative and District Attorney.

In the primary election, voters need to pick a ballot based on party. The winner of each primary in each party will face off against each other i

On election day, polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. statewide.

Acushnet

Early voting in Acushnet can be done at the Parting Ways Building (Town Clerk's Office), 130 Main St. on the following days/times:

- Thurs., Aug. 27, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Fri., 8/28, 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

On election day, all precincts vote at Acushnet Elementary School, 800

Middle Road.

If you have any questions, call the Town Clerk's office, 508-998-0215

Fairhaven

Early voting in Fairhaven is at the Town Clerk's Office in Town Hall, 40 Center St. on

- Thurs., 8/27, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Fri., 8/28, 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

On election day, all precincts vote at the Fairhaven Recreation Center, 227 Huttleston Ave. (near Stop & Shop).

If you have any questions, call the Town Clerk's office, 508-979-4023.

New Bedford

Early voting will take place daily to Friday, Aug. 28, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the third floor of the Main Public Library, 613 Pleasant St., located in Downtown New Bedford.

Any New Bedford resident who is

uncertain about their voting status or designated polling location, has changed their address since the last election, or would like to request an absentee/mail-in ballot should contact the Board of Election Commissioners at 508-979-1420.

The Elections Office is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mail-in/absentee ballots can be requested by:

- Responding to the postcards sent to registered voters from the Mass. Secretary of State's Office.
- Visiting the Election Commission page on the City's website, www.newbedford-ma.gov/election-commission.
- Visiting the Elections Office at City Hall (133 William St., Room 114).
- Calling the City's Elections Office at 508-979-1420.

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