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## FHS sends 150 out into the world



School Committee member Colin Veitch does a little dance with his daughter Sarelle Veitch, just before she gets her diploma at Fairhaven High School's graduation ceremony on Sunday, 6/4. School Committee Chair Pamela Kuechler (LEFT) and FHS vice principal MJ Muello (RIGHT), clearly are enjoying the show.. See story on page 12. Photo by Beth David.



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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

I know I should give a great graduation message, but the old time just keeps ticking away. The printer is waiting, and, yes, I know oodles of my faithful readers are sick of hearing it. But I've some space to fill and about five minutes to fill it, so...

Okay, one sort of error from last week. I said the Big Flag would not be flying until July 4, but I totally forgot about Homecoming the last Saturday in June. The Big Flag will be flying courtesy of the Fairhaven High School Alumni Association

Speaking of which. We have a whole new crop of Alums. See pages 12 & 13 for that.

The Carter trial started this week (see page 3). I got there for a couple of days, and I'm hoping to get there for most of them, but...being one-person shop makes it tough.

I did get some help this week, though. We pulled Pattie Pacella out of *Neighb News* retirement and sent her off to Acushnet for Town Meeting. Nothing like throwing her into it with both feet, huh? See that on page 16.

Mary Macedo played pinch-hitter for me with the Selectboard. See page 4 for that.

The Colonial Club wants you to know it is not dissolving (see page 19), and it is not selling off the whole kit & caboodle.

Now back to the grads.

I don't have time to be oh-so-eloquent. But I do have a little space left.

So, I'll compress my lofty message as much as I can.

Two things...two things.

Choose your friends well (see page 3 if you doubt me).

And, don't hate your job. Just don't. You don't have to love every minute of it, but do something you get some pleasure out of. That way, when you're working like a fool with two minutes to spare, you'll at least know you like it. See ya

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

# Michelle Carter waives jury trial, trial begins this week

By Beth David  
Editor

In a surprise move on Monday, 6/5, Michelle Carter waived a jury trial, opting to have her case heard by Judge Lawrence Moniz. The trial started this week with witness testimony instead of jury selection.

Ms. Carter is being charged with involuntary manslaughter in the suicide death of Conrad Roy III. Mr. Roy's body was found in his pickup truck in the KMart parking lot in Fairhaven on July 13, 2014. A gas-powered water pump was in the back seat of the crew cab. He died of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Detectives found hundreds of text messages from Ms. Carter encouraging Mr. Roy to kill himself, and helping him research ways to do it.

In the first three days of testimony, prosecutors painted the picture of a needy girl who craved attention from friends who rebuffed her. She resorted to incessant texts and other methods to get attention.

The defense, instead, pointed to instances when those very same friends texted encouraging words and

praise for Ms. Carter.

In her opening statement, Assistant District Attorney Maryclare Flynn said that Ms. Carter used Mr. Roy's death to make people feel sorry for her. Ms. Flynn said that Mr. Roy would not have killed himself without the encouragement he got from the texts and phone calls.

Ms. Flynn said that Ms. Carter used Mr. Roy in her "sick game of life and death."

By her own admission in texts and emails to friends, Ms. Carter said she was on the phone with Mr. Roy when he got out of the truck because he was scared, and she told him to get back in.

She also told people he was missing and she thought he had killed himself while she knew he was still alive, something Ms. Flynn called a "dry run" to make sure she would get the sympathy she craved.

Defense attorney Joseph Cataldo told the court that Mr. Roy killed himself. It was a suicide, not a homicide, he said. Ms. Carter was at home in Plainville at the time.

He talked about Mr. Roy's previous

attempts at suicide and said his death was a result of his own plan.

On Tuesday, Mr. Roy's mother Lynn Roy testified, saying that the family barely new Ms. Carter, who told friends that Mr. Roy was her boyfriend.

Ms. Roy got emotional as she testified that her son was missing and that her husband saw the truck at KMart with emergency personnel around it.

"There's yellow tape around our son's truck," she said her husband told her.

Then he told her that her son was inside.

She also said her son was spiritual and that he kept at least one set of rosary beads in his car.

Former Fairhaven police officer David Correia then told the court about how he started the search for Mr. Roy. After he left his mother's house in Fairhaven, he spotted a dark colored Ford pickup truck.

He said he was following the vehicle trying to get close enough to see the license plate. The truck

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## The Town of Fairhaven invites you to share your ideas for the Fairhaven 2040 Master Plan

Tuesday, June 13, 2017 • 6:30 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

Council On Aging/Senior Center • 229 Huttleston Ave. • Fairhaven

Fairhaven is preparing its Comprehensive Master Plan update!

The first Public Meeting was held on April 6th at the Town Hall during which participants discussed issues, opportunities, and a 15-20-year vision for Fairhaven. As we move forward with the Master Planning process, please join us for the second Public Meeting on June 13th to review and discuss:

- ❖ **Our Draft Vision Statement: Where do we want to be in 20 years?**
- ❖ **Our Draft Goals: What do we want to achieve in 20 years?**
- ❖ **Preliminary Implementation Strategies: How can we get there?**

For more information, please contact Bill Roth at the Town's Planning and Economic Development Office ([billr@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:billr@fairhaven-ma.gov)) or at (508) 979-4082 Ext. 122

Refreshments will be provided!

# Selectboard names Kevin Swain sergeant

By Mary Macedo

**Neighb News Correspondent**

On Monday, 6/5 the Fairhaven Selectboard acknowledged the appointment of Kevin Swain to Police Sergeant. The town administrator, with input from the police chief, makes the appointment. Fairhaven Chief of Police Michael Myers spoke very highly of Mr. Swain and his dedicated work to the town.

Mr. Myers said that Mr. Swain has been working as temporary sergeant and has been doing a tremendous job, and that he is highly respected in the police department and in town.

Selectboard Chairperson Bob Espindola also spoke highly of Mr. Swain saying that his work is "very impressive."

Selectboard member Daniel Freitas explained that a lot of people would not have stepped up to take on more responsibilities like Mr. Swain has done, and that he has done a great job.

Selectboard member Charles Murphy said that he has known Mr. Swain for a long time and he has been a great member of the Fairhaven community.

"You will definitely make Fairhaven proud," Mr. Murphy said.

With many kind words and respect for Mr. Swain, the Selectboard let Mr. Swain's son Cohen pin the new badge onto his father.

In another matter, the Selectboard met with Dave Dickerson and Dave Lederer about the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) request to use town property to access Marsh Island for cleanup and restoration.

Mr. Dickerson explained that they would like to clean up the shoreline at Marsh Island due to the presence of PCBs. Mr. Dickerson explained that they need permission to do the cleanup, as well as possibly create an access path to the area.

He said they could access Marsh Island by water, but they are weighing the cost differences. Building an



Sgt. Kevin Swain of the Fairhaven Police Department receives his sergeant pin from his son Cohen at the Selectboard meeting on June 5, 2017. Photo courtesy of Charles Murphy, Sr.

access road would probably raise the cost because they already have the equipment to access by water.

Mr. Dickerson told the board that after the cleanup is finished, everything will be restored to the way

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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Beach Cleanup

World Oceans Day Beach Cleanup, June 10th, 1-3:30pm. Meet at the corner of Pilgrim Avenue and Cherry Street. Cigarette filters and rigid plastics collected will be sent to Terra Cycle to be recycled.

Children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.

Please wear closed toe shoes. Gloves, bags, tools and refreshments will be provided. Please bring a reusable water bottle.

For more information: [bethesolutiontopollution@gmail.com](mailto:bethesolutiontopollution@gmail.com)  
[www.facebook.com/pollutionsolution](http://www.facebook.com/pollutionsolution)

## Father's Day Road Race

43rd Father's Day 10K and 5K Road Races Sunday, June 18, 2017 Begins at Hastings Middle School, 30 School Street, Fairhaven Start time, 9:00 a.m.

The annual running of a 10K, TAC sanctioned course through the lovely, historical Fairhaven streets features some of New England's top runners. There is also a shorter 5K race. Sponsored by Fairhaven merchants and Fairhaven Road Race Inc. Online entry fee is \$20 for adults, \$10 for children 13 and under and adults 70 and over, plus a service charge. Online registration deadline Friday, June 16 at 11:00 p.m. Late registration and early number pickup will be at Hastings Middle School, 30 School Street on Saturday, June 17, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. No race day entries. For registration, call 508-997-9460. For more information and online registration, visit <http://www.fairhavenroadrace.com/>

## Yoga in the Park

Tuesdays, June 20 through August 22, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Cushman Park, Green Street, Fairhaven Kripalu certified yoga instructor Jeff Costa leads. Bring your own yoga mat. Weather permitting. Free. For more information, call 508-287-2482.

## Fitness Bootcamp

Thursdays, June 22 through August 24, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Cushman Park, Green Street, Fairhaven Certified functional trainer Wayne Goulart leads. Bring your own mat and set of weights. Weather

permitting. Free. For more information, call 508-287-2482.

## WI Breakfast Buffet

FIRST OF THE SEASON

Sunday, 6/18, West Island Community Center, 41 Causeway Rd., West Island, Fairhaven, 8-11 a.m.

By the West Island Improvement Association. Breakfast includes scrambled eggs, pancakes, fruit, cereal, coffee and juice. **\$8 adults, \$4 children under 12.** Tickets are available at the door. Accessible.

## Wanna play?

Fairhaven Town Employees LOVE to play kickball, but we want some outside competition! Can your organization, business, or group of friends gather 7 or more players of all ages to JOIN US for a kickball game?

You don't have to have any athletic ability: We promote wellness, exercise and FUN!

We have the field and equipment, all you need to bring is your team. Every Wednesday night, 5-6 p.m., we will host a game at Cushman Park. Next date is 6/7. Please call to be put on our schedule, or if you have any questions, Phil Cardoza, 508-993-6978.

First game is on Wed., 6/7.

## WIIA Scholarships

The West Island Improvement Association is again pleased to announce that it will be awarding its annual scholarships. This will mark the 32nd year of the Association's Scholarship Fund which began in 1985. Scholarships are limited to sons, daughters, and grandchildren of WIIA members.

Applicants must be members of the current high school graduating class. Applications are expected to represent a complete, accurate, and honest appraisal of the candidate's performance and status. This application must be accompanied by an official high school transcript and a 500-word essay pertaining to what West Island means to you and why.

**Sat., 6/17, is the deadline for filing.** Any applications received after this date will be considered ineligible. Presentations will be made at the annual West Island Scholarship Breakfast on July 9.

For applications, call Linda Meredith, Chairperson, 508-994-8751;

or Terry Pereira, 508-994-7266.

## Donate your vehicle

Your car, truck or camper may be worth more as a donation than a trade-in. Call the Mass. Association for the Blind at 1-888-613-2777 for details. This is a free tow, quick pickup, and donations are tax deductible.

Proceeds benefit blind and vision impaired persons in Mass. Visit [www.mavi.org](http://www.mavi.org).

## Mariner Soccer Scholarships

The Mariner Youth Soccer Association, which has provided soccer instruction, skills clinics and both recreational and competitive soccer opportunities to children 4-18 in the communities of Fairhaven, Mattapoisett, Marion, Rochester and Acushnet for over 25 years, is pleased to announce that it will be offering four \$500.00 scholarships to Mariner Youth Soccer Alumni this Spring. Criteria are at a minimum: must be a high school senior living in one of the above listed communities and must have played for Mariner Youth Soccer for a minimum of 4 years. **Scholarship deadline is June 15, 2017.**

Download application at [www.marineryouthsoccer.com](http://www.marineryouthsoccer.com) or email [angeladawicki@gmail.com](mailto:angeladawicki@gmail.com)

## Tour Guides Needed

The Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society is recruiting tour guides for its summer season. Tour guides are needed for the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Museum at 11 Cherry Street, Fairhaven as well as for the Manjiro Trail which traces the eight Fairhaven locations that were pertinent to Manjiro's life when he lived in Fairhaven.

Information sheets and scripts are provided during training/orientation sessions. Uniform and gift shop discounts also available to active tour guides. Ability in Japanese is a big plus but totally unnecessary for majority of tours. Hours are flexible and there are no age limitations.

This is a great opportunity to become familiar with a significant piece of local international history.

Contact Gerry Rooney, President, 508-995-1219 or [Gerry@WMFriendshipHouse.org](mailto:Gerry@WMFriendshipHouse.org).

# Wood School students spread kindness through town

By Beth David  
Editor

You know April showers bring May flowers, but in Fairhaven, it seems that May rains have sprouted another kind of colorful crop: Kindness Rocks.

This year's theme at Wood School has been "Empahty — Be The Light!"

The school practiced empathy by participating in the Kindness Rocks project. Each child in the elementary school designed and painted a rock that was carefully placed in special spots all around town on 5/31.

Already, *Neighb News* readers have stumbled on the rocks, which brought a smile to their faces.

"It is our hope to spread light throughout Fairhaven and brighten the day of others," reads the flyer sent to the *Neighb News* by Principal Amy Hartley-Matteson.

The colorful rocks have upbeat messages on them, such as "Dare to Dream," "Be Happy," or "Be Kind."

The goals are to inspire others and to recruit everyone who finds the rocks to "join the pursuit of inspiring others through random

acts of kindness."

One parent already said that she heard a story of one little boy who learned to spread the cheer. He wanted to take the rock he found on the bike path. When his mother told him that taking it would deprive other people of enjoying it, he decided to go home, make his own rock and then

swap it out with another one.

Just the kind of story Ms. Hartley-Matteson was hoping for.

To learn more about the Kindness Rocks Project visit <http://thekindnessrocksproject.com/>

And don't be shy about painting your own rocks and adding to the crop.



LEFT: Kindness Rocks at the Fairhaven Post Office on June 3. The flyer states: "Take one if it means something to you. Share one with a friend in need of a little inspiration. Add one to the pile and join us in spreading the kindness. Take One. Share One. Inspire Others. Be Kind." Photo by Beth David. RIGHT: Wood School students hold up the Kindness Rocks they made before heading out around town to spread the kindness. Photo courtesy of Amy Hartley-Matteson.

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## Local car is a stah!

### Submitted

You've probably seen it driving around town. That spare tire on the front and the "God Bless John Wayne" bumper sticker on the back make George Vezina's 1986 Ford pickup hard to miss.

Well, recently, that same truck was seen in the season finale of the TV show "The Americans." George has been working on the show down in New York the last two seasons as a Background performer using his 1974

Volvo. (The show is set in the 1970's to 80's).

On this particular day, the old Volvo called in sick so "Zepherine" (named after his Great Grandmother) was called into service.

"Whenever I use her on set, the crew always seems to love her," said Mr. Vezina.

Recently, the truck was used in filming two scenes in the movie "Daddy's home 2" and was also seen in the movie "Joy" alongside Jennifer

Lawrence and Robert DiNero.

"I have five cars and so far four of them have been used in TV or movies," Mr. Vezina said.

So the next time you're watching a movie and you see a car or a person walking by that looks familiar, take another look: They just might be.

George J. Vezina is a full time actor who lives in Fairhaven. To learn more about his roles, and to see if you recognize him from around town, visit [www.georgevezina.com](http://www.georgevezina.com)



LEFT: There's George Vezina's truck parked on the left, halfway up. "We shot this scene in Brooklyn, under a highway," said Mr. Vezina in an email. RIGHT: "And that's actress Holly Taylor glancing at the bumper sticker just before she gets into her car and drives off." The bumper sticker says "God Bless John Wayne." Photo courtesy of George Vezina.

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Auditions are held in the playhouse located in St. Martin's Church/Hall complex, 136 Rivet Street at Country Street, in New Bedford. The auditions are open to all actors over the age of 16, regardless of prior experience with YTI.

Auditions will consist of a series of cold readings, alone and with an acting partner, and will be conducted by members of YTI's Directorial Staff.

Your Theatre celebrates diversity and seeks people of all backgrounds regardless of age, race, creed, national origin, or sexual orientation. All are welcome! Dare yourself! Join in the challenges and excitement of community theatre as Your Theatre, Inc. enters its 71th season!

The upcoming season includes "Don't Dress For Dinner", "Vanya and Sonya and Masha and Spike", "Anastasia", "Six Degrees of Separation" and "God Of Carnage"; plus several yet to be announced special attractions planned for presentation at the theatre and various venues around greater New Bedford. See the web site at [yourtheatre.org](http://yourtheatre.org) for more information.

Experience is not necessary; just the desire to participate and share the experience of live theatre and the enjoyment of collaborating with other talented individuals.

## WWII Living History Program

10th Annual World War II Living History Program June 10, and June 11. Saturday 9:00AM to 4:00PM & Sunday 9:00AM to 3:00PM At Fort Rodman at Fort Taber Park, New Bedford, MA

The Fort Taber Fort Rodman Historical Association, Inc. in cooperation with the City of New Bedford are sponsoring the 8th Annual WWII Living History reenactment and camp Saturday, June 10 and Sunday, June 11, 2017.

The camp will be open, free to the public, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM on

Saturday, June 27th and from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Sunday, June 28th.

Re-enactors representing American, British, Canadian, and German soldiers will provide a living history camp outside of Batteries Walcott, Gaston, and Cross in the City's Fort Taber Park (Fort Rodman).

The event will depict military life for both the Allied and Axis military around 1944. There will be a battle demonstration at 2:00PM each day as well as a display of WWII era vehicles.

The Fort Taber ~ Fort Rodman Historical Association, Inc. is committed to assisting in the restoration, preservation and perpetuation of Fort Rodman and its surroundings and demonstrating how this fort is representative of the development of coastal fortifications from the Revolutionary period though the mid-20th century. The Association also is dedicated to preserve the memory and legacy of our area veterans and their service to our nation.

The Fort Taber ~ Fort Rodman Military Museum is open daily from 1:00PM to 4:00PM.

For further information please contact Joseph Langlois 508-996-3850 or Bob Bromley 774-357-9591, or the Fort Taber Fort Rodman Military Museum at 508-994-3938.

## Descendants of Whaling Masters

Descendants of Whaling Masters, Inc.'s 43rd Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 10, 2017, at the Wamsutta Club, 427 County Street, New Bedford, Massachusetts. Social hour 12 noon to 1 p.m., with luncheon and a business meeting, election of officers and program following. Luncheon menu choices are: baked stuffed breast of chicken, baked scrod or Caesar salad with grilled chicken. \$30.00 per person (all inclusive). Guests are welcome. Keynote Speaker Spinner Publications publisher, Joseph Thomas. Mr. Thomas's talk will include a slide presentation about the final days of whaling and the last whaling voyage out of New Bedford. R.S.V.P. by June 5, 2017, with menu selection for each reservation. Please mail check made payable to: "Descendants of Whaling Masters,

Inc." c/o William H. Potter, Jr., Treasurer, 194 Main Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719. 508-994-0961

For more information about Descendants of Whaling Masters visit <http://www.whalingmasters.org>, follow DWM on Facebook, or write to: P. O. Box 3026, New Bedford, MA 02741.

## Exit closure

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division District 5 will temporarily close Exit 15 on I-95 and a section of Route 18 in New Bedford for two nights beginning at 8:00 p.m., on Tuesday, June 13, 2017.

Exit 15 on I-95 and Route 18 Southbound, between Coggeshall Street and Union Street, will be closed from 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. each night on June 13 and June 14, to allow for bridge deck repairs on the Exit 15 ramps and removal and reapplication of pavement markings on Route 18. One lane of travel will be open on Route 18 Northbound.

The section of Route 18 impacted by construction activities is scheduled to reopen to traffic at 5:00 a.m., on June 14 and June 15.

A temporary detour will be in place each night for all motor vehicle traffic.

Drivers who are traveling through the affected areas should expect delays, reduce speed, and use caution.

All scheduled work is weather dependent and/or may be impacted should any sort of emergency situation occur.

## Fish Photo Exhibit

The New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center, 38 Bethel St., NB, is pleased to announce the opening of Taken Out to Sea: Fishermen's Photography. An opening reception will take place on June 8, 2017 at 7:30 during AHA and will run until July 30, 2017. This exhibit provides fishermen with an opportunity to share their world.

Commercial fishermen venture offshore where very few of us will ever go. They experience the beauty of sunrises and sunsets at sea, encounter marine life only seen by most in aquariums, and endure the power of nature at its worst.

Call (508) 993-8894 for info

# HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

## Colonial club auct.

Marion Antiques, Music Hall, 164 Front St., Marion, will hold an auction on Sat., 6/10, at 10 a.m. featuring the contents of the historic Fairhaven Colonial Club. Items include paintings by Charles Gifford, Lemuel Eldred, William Bradford; whaling items, including scrimshaw; logbooks, etc.

Visit [www.marionantiqueauctions.com](http://www.marionantiqueauctions.com) or call 508-748-3606.

## Exit Closure

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division District 5 will temporarily close Exit 10 on I-95 West for two nights beginning at 8:00 p.m., on Sun., 6/11

Exit 10 (to Route 88 South) on I-95 West, will be closed from 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. each night on June 11 and June 12, to allow for bridge deck repairs on the Exit 10 ramp. The exit is scheduled to reopen to traffic at 5:00 a.m., on June 12 and June 13.

A temporary detour will be in place each night for all motor vehicle traffic. Drivers who are traveling through the affected areas should expect delays, reduce speed, and use caution.

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## Touch a Truck

Sun. 6/11, noon to 3:30 p.m., UMass Dartmouth, \$6/person, \$20/family maximum, 2 under free.

Climb on, explore and imagine in more than 50 vehicles. Bring a non-perishable food item to benefit the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Our goal is to fill the bed of a 1951 Fort F1 Pickup Truck.

Free face painting and balloons with admission. All proceeds benefit Westport Scouting activities. Visit [www.masstouchatruck.com](http://www.masstouchatruck.com)

## Growing Flowers Workshop

Join SEMAP and Weatherlow Florals to learn all about managing production of specialty cut flowers. Tour the flower fields and hoopouses at Weatherlow Farms and learn the ins and outs of growing specialty cut flowers for use in floral

design, whether for weddings, events, or your dining room table! We'll discuss sourcing seeds and plugs, trialing new varieties, harvest and post-harvest tricks for extending vase life, and what fun flowers and foliages you might want to add to your cutting garden.

When: Thursday, June 15, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Weatherlow Farm, 845 Sodom Rd, Westport, MA 02790 Cost: \$5 Beginning Farmer, \$15 SEMAP Members, \$20 General Public. Register online at [semaponline.org/cutflowers](http://semaponline.org/cutflowers)

## Free Zumba

Exciting news! Outdoor Zumba with Pati, Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. will continue to be offered as a free class through the end of June. Please meet in the parking lot between the Marion Town House and Library.

In the event of rain the class will be held at the Music Hall, 164 Front Street. No registration required, just grab a water bottle and your sense of humor and join us! This program is made possible by a grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs.

## Bird Walk

Take a walk with the Coalition and experienced local birder Nate Marchessault to look and listen for songbirds, shorebirds, and raptors on Saturday, June 10 at 8:00 a.m. at Nasketucket Bay State Reservation in Mattapoisett. This free morning walk will follow the trail through the woods to the beach overlooking Nasketucket Bay.

Pre-registration is required for this free program. To RSVP or to get more information, visit [www.savebuzzardsbay.org/events/nasketucket-bay-bird-walk-jun-10-2017/](http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/events/nasketucket-bay-bird-walk-jun-10-2017/) or contact the Buzzards Bay Coalition at (508) 999-6363 ext. 219 or [bayadventures@savebuzzardsbay.org](mailto:bayadventures@savebuzzardsbay.org)

This event is part of Discover Buzzards Bay, an initiative to help people across the Buzzards Bay region find unique and exciting ways to explore the outdoors, get some exercise and connect with nature. Local residents can use Discover Buzzards Bay to get outside and discover woods, wetlands and waterways from Fall River to Falmouth. To learn more, visit [savebuzzardsbay.org/discover](http://savebuzzardsbay.org/discover). Discover Buzzards Bay is sponsored

by Southcoast Health.

## Author Event

Come to the Swansea Community Center at 260 Ocean Grove Avenue, Swansea, on Sunday, June 11th, at 2:00 pm to hear Edward Lodi talk about his recent book, *Who When Where in King Philip's War*. During his talk he will give a brief overview of the war, including its causes, its beginnings in Plymouth Colony, its rapid spread throughout New England, and its long-lasting effects on both the English and the Indians. He will focus on various individuals—men, women, and children, on both sides—who fought in the war, or were its victims, or who otherwise played significant or memorable roles.

Lodi, author or editor of more than a half dozen books pertaining to King Philip's War, spent years researching material for his book, which includes an alphabetical Who's Who of approximately 450 entries, with a brief biographical sketch for each; an almost day-by-day chronological listing that begins with events leading up to the war and continues until its tragic conclusion; and a listing of Indian Place Names. The book also features twenty-four illustrations.

He welcomes questions during and after his talk; a book signing follows.

The talk is free and sponsored by a grant from the Swansea Cultural Council. For more information visit [www.swansealibrary.org](http://www.swansealibrary.org) or call the Swansea Public Library, 508-674-9609.

## Blood Drive

Miss Bristol County, Jillian Zucco, will host a community blood drive with the American Red Cross on World Blood Donor Day, Wednesday June 14, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at St. Anthony's Church hall at 22 Barstow St. in Mattapoisett.

While walk-ins are welcome, it is recommended to schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (733-2767) or by signing up online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and searching by zip code 02739.

If you cannot donate blood, consider making a tax deductible contribution to Boston Children's Hospital through the Children's Miracle Network on her page: <http://www.missamericaforkids.org/Donate/JillianZucco>.

# Recipe of the Week

## My fav Peppermint Bark

1 pkg (16 oz) vanilla-flavored candy coating (almond bark), broken into pieces.  
24 hard peppermint candies

Cover cookie sheet with waxed paper, aluminum foil or cooking parchment paper. Place candy coating in 8-cup microwavable measure or 2-quart microwavable casserole. Microwave uncovered on high 2 to 3 mins, stirring every 30 secs, until almost melted. Stir until smooth.

Place peppermint candies in heavy plastic bag; crush with rolling pin or bottom of small heavy saucepan. Pour crushed candies into wire strainer. Shake strainer over melted coating until all of the tiniest candy pieces fall into the coating; reserve the larger candy pieces. Stir coating to mix evenly. Spread coating evenly on cookie sheet. Sprinkle evenly with remaining candy pieces. Let stand about 1 hour or until cool and hardened. Break into pieces.

Chocolate-Peppermint Bark: Substitute chocolate-flavored candy coating for the vanilla candy coating.

Drizzled Peppermint Bark: Heat 1/2 cup semisweet chocolate chips or white baking chips and 1 tsp shortening until melted. Drizzle over Peppermint Bark before letting stand 1 hour.

By Vivian Glazier

# From our readers

## Democrats are "disillusioned obstructionists"

It's with gratitude and thankfulness to see a president who honors and respects the fallen and wounded veterans who fought and died in the service of our country.

He spoke in depth of the courage and sacrifice of the men and women who fought and died for our country at Arlington. I have no doubt of his sincerity and respect for country and our veterans.

Now as a nation where we enjoy freedom of speech and religion, what

I find so disturbing is the stated goal of his opposition in the form of some of the Democrats who are so embittered they'd rather see our country fail than Trump succeed.

For the most part they are disillusioned obstructionists who are using any means possible to discredit him and impeach him. They are putting their selfish bitter motives over the good of the country.

Finally as a Christian I believe God has given our nation a chance to repent and pray for forgiveness and blessing but only if we truly repent.

John Pond, Fairhaven

## CG suspends search for missing boater

From press release materials

The Coast Guard suspended the search Wednesday, 6/7, at 7:19 a.m., for a boater that went missing Tuesday off Salisbury Beach.

The search was suspended following a first light search conducted by a 47-foot Motor Lifeboat crew from Station Merrimack River and a rescue helicopter crew from Air Station Cape Cod. Approximately 67 miles of track line was searched in a 14 square mile area over 17 hours.

The , Salisbury Harbor Master and Police Department, the Merrimack Police Department, and the Newburyport Police responded at about 5:40 p.m. on Tuesday to two people in the water after their boat reportedly capsized in rough seas.

One person was rescued from a nearby jetty uninjured, and brought to the hospital by on-scene emergency medical services personnel. Neither person was wearing their lifejackets at the time of the incident.

When the Coast Guard's 47-foot Motor Lifeboat crew arrived on scene to locate the second person, they reported spotting him facedown and unconscious in the surf zone.

While attempting to rescue him from the churn, the boat and crew were struck by an 8 to 10 foot breaking wave. When they recovered from the impact, the man was nowhere in sight.

The search included: An MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter from Air Station Cape Cod; a 47-foot Motor Lifeboat from Station Merrimack River; The Salisbury Harbor Master; Salisbury Police Department; Merrimack Police Department; Newburyport Police department

The search will remain suspended pending the development of new information.

## To share a recipe with your neighbors

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# Graduates told to appreciate life and change the world

By Beth David  
Editor

The rain held out just long enough for 150 students to graduate from Fairhaven High School outside on Sunday, 6/4. A theme of unity and promise rang throughout the speeches. This year marked the first time that students all wore one color robe and girls and boys were not split up into two groups. In the past, the girls wore white and the boys wore blue, and never the twain shall meet.

This year also marked the last graduation for long time Vice Principal MJ Muello, who is retiring in December. Principal Tara Quirk Kohler is also moving on to another position, but she will still be with the district as Assistant Superintendent.

Senior class president Brooke Douglass told her classmates that they are different people than they were four years ago.

She said that life will throw obstacles their way, but, "I am confident you will clear the hurdles."

The most valuable lesson, she told them, is to, "Appreciate life, make the most of everything."

"Life is a gift," she said.

Jessica Rinker took her classmates on a trip down memory lane, with many a joke that only they would understand.

She told them that they started out as two groups: The Acushnet kids and the Fairhaven kids. But now they are united as one graduating class.

Ms. Rinker said that people misunderstand what unity is. That it does not mean they will agree on everything.

She said unity started the moment they walked through the door their freshman year.



There were times, though...

"It's high school, so there's going to be drama," said Ms. Rinker. "Now we sit together and we share the moment."

She pointed out it was unanimous to switch to one color for the robes.

"We are soaring, flying," said Ms. Rinker. "There's not a start in the heaven we can't reach."

"We are all in this together," said Ms. Rinker. "Let's go show the world what unity really is."

Superintendent Robert Baldwin noted that his youngest son graduated that day, ending a bit of an era.

He praised the staff and faculty and said the students humbled him.

This class, he said is the last one to have attended all four elementary schools. The Oxford and Rogers are now closed.

He said they are now the people that the little kids will look up to.

Dr. Baldwin also noted that more and more Acushnet residents are choosing Fairhaven High School.

He noted all the different activities they have participated in and won awards for. To watch how they have grown, and what they have done, has been the "pleasure of our lives."

He assured them that good things were in store for them.

"As long as you are good people, good things will happen to you," said Dr. Baldwin.

"You're amazingly good human beings. Never change that," he said. "Because of you, we all have been made better."

Ms. Kohler, noting it was her last class as principal, reflected on her time at FHS a bit.

She told them to take time to dedicate themselves to making the world a better place. She said she is proud of the progress they have made.

"It has truly been one of the greatest accomplishments and experiences of my life," said Ms. Kohler.

After it was all over, students had a mix of emotions as they milled around outside taking



ABOVE: Twins Austin and Ross Brown sing at their graduation from Fairhaven High School on Sunday, 6/4. BELOW: A student shows her excitement at getting her diploma. Photos by Beth David.

photos with family members.

Isaiah Medina, who is going to UMassD for Criminal Justice, said graduating was "bittersweet."

He'll miss the sports and his friends, but is happy to be moving on.

Daniel Perry just said he was happy. His plans include volunteering at the animal shelter.

"I don't know how I feel," said Bethany Ramos, who is going to the University of Rhode Island to become a Pharmacist. "A lot of emotions."

She said she will miss FHS but feels she has a "great future" ahead of her.

"Overwhelmed," said Taylor Pickup, who is going to Mass. College of Liberal Arts for Biology and pre Med. "Bittersweet, excited about what's to come, but said it's over."

Twin brothers Austin and Ross Brown will be splitting up for college.

Austin said he felt "amazing," and is headed to Bristol Community College for Computer Aided Design.

"Relieved," said Ross, who is headed to UMassD for chemistry. He said he is looking forward to the next step being a "great adventure."

He said FHS pushed them, encouraged them, and made them strive for more. It was a "stepping stone to a bright future."

"I'm read for the future," said Austin. "Because of them, we're ready for this."

"Excited, accomplished," said Danielle Burke, who is headed to Bridgewater State for elementary education.

"Proud of myself," said her friend Amber Ferreira, who plans to go to BCC.

# 150 graduate from Fairhaven High School

Gabriella N. Aadland  
*Honors*  
Mary K. Abernathy  
*Honors*  
Brendan A. Araujo  
Lauren J. Arbec,  
*Highest Honors*  
Tristen I. Askew  
Jamie D. Baker,  
*Highest Honors*  
Samuel R. Baldwin  
Matthew M. Barboza  
Angella A. Barton  
*Highest Honors*  
Nicholas P. Beaudoin  
*Honors*  
Cody G. Beaulieu  
Jeffrey M. Benoit  
Ryan J. Besse  
Austin R. Borges  
Alyssa A. Botelho  
*Highest Honors*  
Cortney L. Bourgeois  
*Honors*  
Matthew H. Braley  
*Highest Honors*  
Nathan R. Brandi  
Jayde M. Breault  
*High Honors*  
Jillian D. Brodeur  
*Highest Honors*  
Austin R. Brown  
Ross S. Brown  
*High Honors*  
William R. Buker III  
John P. Bulgar  
Danielle M. Burke  
Logan M. Bussiere  
Stephen N. Bussiere  
Eagan J. Cabral  
*High Honors*  
Jacob M. Cabral  
Sierra R. Canastra  
*Honors*  
Tess A. Cardoza  
Andrew J. Carreiro  
Brian A. Chase Jr.  
Olivia G. Chase  
Sarina M. China  
*Honors*  
Nicholas T. Chouinard  
Frank Consiglio Jr.  
Ashley M. Costa  
Gregory M. Couture  
Max R. Cruz  
Samuel R. Dahlberg  
*High Honors*  
Aidan E. Deconinck  
Andrew J. DeMello  
*Honors*

Serena L. DeOliveira  
*Honors*  
Chase R. DeTerra  
Jake T. DeTerra  
Patrick R. Dillon  
Brooke Douglass  
*Salutatorian*  
*Highest Honors*  
Alexis K. Duarte  
*High Honors*  
Noah J. Duarte  
*Honors*  
Autumn R. Dugan  
Madison A. Edwards  
Demetri C. Efthimiades  
Amber M. Ferreira  
David M. Ferreira  
Caitlin E. Fidalgo  
*High Honors*  
Kennedy L. Figueiredo  
Colton J. Fitzsimmons  
Erin V. Fletcher  
Sean R. Flynn  
*Highest Honors*  
Matthew J. Foster  
Amber R. Freitas  
Cassie L. Freitas  
Haley B. Furtado  
*Honors*  
Kaitlyn E. Furtado  
*High Honors*  
Nathan F. Garcia  
*Honors*  
Samantha L. Geerdes  
Brandon M. Gladu Jr.  
Justin M. Gracia  
Lee E. Guillotte Jr.  
Eric T. Harrison  
Eve E. Hartig  
*High Honors*  
Savanna K. Holmstrom  
*High Honors*  
Jaime L. Jackson  
Nadine R. Jones  
Monique L. Kachadoorian  
*Highest Honors*  
Ryan C. Labonte  
Megan R. Lafleur  
*Honors*  
Aleksis M. Lague  
*Honors*  
Kamryn D. Lanzoni  
*High Honors*  
Myles C. Larkin  
Jonathan E. LeBlanc Unger  
Taryn M. Ledogar  
Hannah E. Lima  
*Highest Honors*  
Sydney M. Lobo  
Loriann M. Lugo

Diogo M. Maciel  
Leah C. Major  
*Honors*  
Serena G. Manning  
Anna C. Marinelli  
Tyler J. Marinelli  
Kayla M. Martins  
Jake D. Mayer  
Ethan G. McCarthy  
Zackery J. McNaught  
Isaiah M. Medina  
Dale C. Mello  
Keagan J. Mello  
Camille A. Moniz  
Gaspar M. Morais  
Edward H. Motta  
Alek M. Moura  
*High Honors*  
Linda T. Nguyen  
*Honors*  
Noah T. Nickerson-Spence  
Hannah L. Nordstrom  
*Honors*  
Madison N. Oliver  
*Honors*  
Amelia A. Ostiguy  
Logan D. Parker  
Jayson A. Paulson  
*Honors*  
Daniel K. Perry III  
Taylor N. Pickup  
*High Honors*  
Lucrezia M. Piglia  
*Honors*  
Nicole A. Pike  
*Honors*  
Madyson E. Pires  
*Honors*  
Logan A. Quintal  
*High Honors*  
Bethany L. Ramos  
*Highest Honors*  
Kate-Lynne E. Rapoza  
Beau B. Raymond  
*Honors*  
Brett L. Raymond  
*Honors*  
Jessica A. Rinker  
*Valedictorian*  
*Highest Honors*  
Cynthia D. Robert  
Abigail A. Rose  
*Honors*  
Julia P. Rousseau  
Ryan M. Ruccolo  
*Honors*  
Erick D. Sa  
Nevin M. Santos  
Michael L. Sargent  
Christian E. Schmidt

*Honors*  
Raven L. Seby  
Robert J. Silvia  
Hailey E. Simon  
*Highest Honors*  
Mikala M. Soares  
Marco R. Sousa Jr.  
*Highest Honors*  
Sariya L. Souto  
Adam J. Souza  
Alexis L. Souza  
Alex M. Stalter  
*High Honors*  
Leah V. Stevenson  
*Honors*  
Megan R. Sylvia  
*Honors*  
Jeffrey W. Szynal  
*High Honors*  
Nathan J. Tavares  
Peyton C. Teixeira  
*Honors*  
Destiny M. Terry-Pacheco  
Samantha A. Testa  
Shaina M. Thomas  
*High Honors*  
Elizabeth M. Vanasse  
*High Honors*  
Keenan T. Vargas  
Sarelle C. Veitch  
*High Honors*  
Korianha A. Winterson  
Nathaniel T. Wordell  
*High Honors*  
Katelyn B. Wypych  
Nathaniel R. Zak



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Session 1 June 28-July 21  
Session 2 August 2-August 25  
Futures (ages 11-16) July 24-July 27 Mon-Thur 9:00-12:00 noon. Fees: Tykes & Superstars, \$50 Members, \$60 Non Members; Futures, \$65 Members, \$75 Non Members

## Kool Kids Summer

Kool Kids is for children entering grades 1-age 12. Children will have fun each day by participating in a variety of sports, games and art activities. Each session will also include special themed events. Children are grouped by the Grade they will enter in the Fall. Don't miss out on this great summer program. Last year's program was full almost every week. Sign up early so we can take more participants than last year \$130 per week for members, sibling discounts available, also non member rates. Hours: Monday thru Friday 8AM-3PM, Drop off 7:45AM—Pick up 3pm. \*Extended day will be available; AM only (7AM), \$25, PM only (4PM), \$25 Both \$40

## Youth Track & Field

This summer, Fairhaven Recreation will be continuing our youth track and field program for children ages 3 through grade 8. This program starts at the end of the school year and runs for 4 weeks. The program is Free with your play card or \$20. without, and will meet 2 days a week at Cushman Park from 6-8PM Program starts June 19th This program is open to everyone

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## Mall Trips

6/14: Thames Street area shopping, 6/21: Plymouth Shopping Newport R.I.

6/28: South Shore Shopping

## Entertainment: 12:30-2:30 p.m.

6/8 Ray J • 6/15 Ray J • 6/21 D&D

## Special Activities

### Health Awareness/Fit Quest

FIT QUEST has changed their name to HEALTH AWARENESS. The group meets every Thursday from 9-10:00 a.m. at the Fairhaven Senior Center come and enjoy the information and fun it's FREE.

### The Longest Day

Wednesday, June 21, at 5:30 p.m. Join our Fairhaven team for THE LONGEST DAY, a day that's all about love for all those affected by Alzheimer's disease. In collaboration with Fairhaven Council on Aging, we are hosting a potluck dinner at the Fairhaven Senior Center. Bring a dish to share. We'll provide water, plates, utensils and napkins for everyone. We hope to see many of you! Please RSVP to the Fairhaven Senior Center, 508-979-4029

### Alzheimer's Association

Healthy living for your brain and body, an education program on insights into how to make lifestyle choices that may help you keep your brain and body healthy. Monday, June 26th 2017 from 1-3:00 p.m. at the Fairhaven Council on aging.

Please call our 24/7 Helpline at

1800-272-3900 to reserve a spot or to ask questions.

### Sewing Circle

With Debbie Rock. Please come and join the fun, we have the sewing machines, just bring in your material, etc. The Sewing Circle will meet at the Fairhaven Senior Center. In June the group will meet Mondays June 5th, 19th from 1-3:00 p.m. and Thursdays June 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th from 6-8:00 p.m.

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# Acushnet rejects regionalization study; quorum remains

By Pattie Pacella

## Neighb News Correspondent

Acushnet town meeting voted on 6/5 to indefinitely postpone an article that would have supported a study to explore the possibility of regionalizing schools with Fairhaven.

Article 16 sparked discussion on both sides of the issue. Fairhaven has already received a grant for the study, so the Acushnet article was to create a volunteer committee to explore the issue.

School Committee chairperson Sarah Gomes stated that the Town of Fairhaven had approached them to participate in the study.

"It is simply to study the options," she said.

Resident Rebecca Ashley stated that she was a teacher in the Acushnet Elementary School for 13 years, and she had some concerns. She said she believed Acushnet students out-perform Fairhaven students.

"Why fix something that isn't broken," asked Ms. Ashley.

Moderator Nicholas Gomes stated the true discussion of the article should be the "studying" of the regionalization, not whether regionalization is good or bad for their community.

Monique Cote said that "Fairhaven has gauged us in the past," and Acushnet students are in the Top 10.

"We make them look good," said Ms. Cote. "Why are we not keeping our students in our schools?"

"On the motion of a study, we're not against a study," said John Howcroft, a Finance Committee member. "A study should've been done prior to this study to see if we need this study,"

After a bit of wrangling over how to word his motion, Mr. Howcroft motioned to indefinitely postpone Article 16, and it passed overwhelmingly.

Several other articles of the 32 on the warrant also garnered some discussion.

The snow deficit article to add \$175,000 for snow removal got a few hackles up.

"When did it snow enough last year for the sum of \$175,000," asked Amy Andrews. "There's a lot of streets that weren't even plowed."

Town Administrator Brian Noble said that the budget for snow removal has always been in a deficit and never

properly funded.

"Snow removal has always been under budget," he stated. "When you see snow falling from the sky, think of it as money landing on the ground."

Paul Pelletier asked a point of order question, calling out the new moderator for not asking for opposing votes.

Mr. Gomes took a minute to speak to his predecessor, long time moderator Robert Francis, then apologized.

"Yes, you're correct," said Mr. Gomes. "Going forward I will ask for those in opposition to the Article."

In Article 5, which was the Fiscal 18 Annual Budget of \$28,224,714 the budget was passed unanimously with just a few small discussions and debates. First, Resident Paul Pelletier asked how much was in the reserve fund and was told approximately

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A study should've been done prior to this study to see if we need this study [John Howcroft]

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\$60,000 dollars, but that number was not finalized.

Newly elected Selectboard member Roger Cabral raised a concern about the Town Clerk's position. He said he wasn't looking to change any dollar figures, however he wanted the Town Meeting members to be aware that the Town Clerk has always been a part-time position and now they were making it a full-time position with a \$69,000 salary.

Mr. Cabral was concerned with the "timing" of it all, stating that the election was just held a couple of months ago, and he wondered if the public had known that the position was going to become full time with a \$69,000 salary attached to it, if in fact more people would've not tried to run for the position.

Mr. Cabral also raised the concern whether or not the position should be appointed versus elected.

"It's not for us to make that decision tonight," he said. "But certainly to keep it in mind for future

discussions."

Fellow Selectboard member Michael Cioper said that what Mr. Cabral neglected to say was that they are actually reducing a full-time clerk's position to part-time and increasing the Town Clerk's position to full-time, which in fact is only a difference of approximately \$4,800 a year in total.

Town Clerk Pamela Labonte said that she has been Town Clerk for approximately nine years and has always been the type of person that reflects on what's best for the Town

"I have worked tirelessly regardless of the fact that I was only supposed to work 20 hours a week," she said, adding that she was confused on why Mr. Cabral was bringing it up at TM for the first time and not at the forum that was held last week for Town Meeting.

She said she was not looking to "sit back"

"I love what I do," she said. "I take this position very professionally."

Resident Norman Stanley stated that both Ms. Labonte and Mr. Cabral were right in their remarks. He stated that he believed Mr. Cabral was right that it was bad timing, but also that Ms. Labonte is a great Town Clerk.

Mr. Cabral stated that his comments were not meant to attack Ms. Labonte directly or personally.

"I am merely concerned on the timing of this matter and the change of compensation," he said.

Andrew Gomes asked how many hours is part-time versus full-time.

Ms. Labonte said that by law, there is no recommendation on the number of hours she is required to work; however to obtain health insurance she has to work a minimum of 20 hours.

Mr. Gomes then asked her about working Tuesday evenings.

Moderator Gomes called Andrew Gomes out of order, stating that they had to keep the discussion specific to the Town Clerk's wages as listed in the FY18 budget.

Resident, Constance Preston asked if the position could be voted tonight to change to an appointed position versus an elected.

Again, the moderator ruled Ms. Preston out of order, but thanked her for her comments.

"That certainly can be brought up

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at a future meeting," he said.

A bit of discussion occurred for Article 30, which was to see if the Town Meeting members would vote to amend Article II, Section 2 of the Bylaws as follows, "Any number of registered Town voters present shall constitute a quorum sufficient for any Town Meeting for the transaction of all business."

That would mean that if only one person shows up for TM, the meeting could be held.

"I'm not in favor of lowering the quorum," Mr. Gaspar said. "However, I'm not sure what the difference of .001% and 1% is."

He expressed concern over sometimes not meeting the quorum.

"I definitely think there has to be some thought on this," he said. "It's a shame that we can't get 75 people here, there are over 7,000 registered voters and we can't even get 75?"

"A quorum protects taxpayers, it makes sure that there are checks and balances," said Mr. Howcroft. "I'm in opposition of this article."

Leslie Dakin also spoke against the change. He stated that without a

quorum any department could "stack the meeting."

He then added that he wanted to make a motion to table the article and it was seconded.

Unfortunately, Mr. Gomes informed Mr. Dakin there was a "technical deficiency in the motion as stated." Mr. Gomes advised him that he was a part of the debate brought forward by

### Quotable quote:

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This is the last time I'm going to second a motion. Come on, audience, this is a meeting of participation!  
[Roger Cabral]

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Mr. Howcroft and because he participated in that discussion, he then cannot make a motion to table

the Article.

"But it doesn't stop someone else from the audience in making the same motion," Mr. Gomes stated.

Paul Pelletier made the motion to table Article 30 and it passed unanimously.

In other business, TM:

- Approved \$75,000 in Community Preservation Committee funds for the Parting Ways building; but did not approve \$20,000 in CPC funds for the Perry Hill Church;
- Approved a temporary moratorium on recreational marijuana facilities;
- Approved borrowing \$285,000 for a new ambulance;
- Approved \$100,000 for technology improvements;
- Approved \$180,000 for three trucks for the Department of Public Works;
- Approved \$110,000 in Sewer Enterprise funds for a new pump station at the school, with an additional \$100,000 paid from the school department budget;
- Approved \$50,000 to expand the parking lot at the schools;

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# Colonial Club not dissolving, not selling off all artifacts

By Beth David  
Editor

The Fairhaven Colonial Club is losing its long-time home, but that does not mean it is dissolving, said board member Beth Luey, who represented the club at a special meeting of the Fairhaven Historical Commission on Friday, 5/26.

In a follow-up email, Ms. Luey said that the Colonial Club existed before it had the use of the house at 6 Cherry Street and it will continue after they lose it.

"And we will continue to pursue the same two goals," said Ms. Luey. "To advance understanding of Fairhaven history and to promote friendship among the members."

The club is selling off some of its collection of artwork and other historical items at an auction on Saturday, 6/10 (see listing on page 9).

Ms. Luey said that many historical items, including early maps, documents, Coggeshall family records and photographs, have been donated to the Fairhaven Archives in the Millicent Library. She said several groups, including the Whaling Museum and town curator, were invited to purchase items in advance of the auction at below market prices.

"As a result, paintings, some documents and some pieces of furniture

have found new homes," said Ms. Luey in a statement.

David Despres, the chairperson of the Fairhaven Historical Commission, said they held the emergency meeting at the request of the Selectboard and invited Town Administrator Mark Rees and Town Counsel Thomas Crotty, who both attended, along with Selectboard member Daniel Freitas.

Mr. Despres said that the point of the meeting was to see if the town had any standing in the matter.

He said the reality is that the Colonial Club is a private organization and is not a non-profit.

"We really don't have any right as a town board," said Mr. Despres. "The scope of the meeting was to see if the town has any legal claim, and we don't."

He said many people are asking lots of questions, such as why the club is selling the items instead of storing them, or asking how they could lose the building in the first place. But those questions are "not appropriate" for his board to ask, he said.

"The reasons why they did it, it's totally their call," said Mr. Despres. "All that they own was either purchased by them or donated to them for their own use."

He said the town never donated

anything to the club, none of the items on sale belong to the town, they do not accept donations as a non-profit and do not present themselves as a non-profit.

"This is just a private club, they have a right to do what they want," said Mr. Despres. "We didn't question their reasoning."

The club was established in 1912. In 1916, the building was left in a trust by Martha Coggeshall for use by the club. The building itself was never the property of the club, only the contents were. Bank of America administered the trust and it ran out of money. The bank notified the club that they would have to vacate the premises because BoA was selling the building.

"Our only interest [in holding the meeting] was to see if the town has any claim," said Mr. Despres. "The reasons they did it are entirely their own."

The Colonial Club's collection includes original paintings by Fairhaven's famous names, such as Charles Gifford, Lemuel Eldred, and William Bradford. It also includes whales teeth scrimshaw, whaleship journals, whalebone items, gold coins, jewelry, furniture, 19 century toys. For online catalog visit [www.marionantiqueauctions.com](http://www.marionantiqueauctions.com)

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turned into the Kmart parking lot and he lost it. Then he saw Conrad's vehicle out of corner of his eye.

Mr. Correia said he was not able to see Mr. Roy in the vehicle until he walked very close to it.

The prosecution made a point of noting the position of the body. The defense had made a claim in pre-trial proceedings that the truck was not seen in that spot overnight.

The court visited the KMart parking lot in Fairhaven on Wednesday to see where the truck was.

The prosecution showed photos of Mr. Roy's body in the vehicle, with his head to the side. Not only did it show that he was difficult to see from a distance, but the photos also showed a red color to his skin, which is indicative of carbon monoxide poisoning. Family members cried openly in court when the photos were shown.

The judge would not allow a video that Mr. Roy made of himself to be

shown in court, although it was entered into evidence. Because there is no jury, Judge Moniz said it was not necessary to play the whole video, that he would be sure to watch it.

Several of Ms. Carter's former friends, Allie Eithier, Lexie Eblan, and Sam Boardman, testified about the text messages she sent to them about Mr. Roy's death.

The prosecution used the texts to hammer home the point that Ms. Carter got sympathy and comfort from her friends, who had not been spending a lot of time with her.

The trial is expected to last at least through next week. An expert witness is expected to testify that Ms. Carter's use of antidepressants caused a big change in her, and that is why she started

encouraging Mr. Roy to kill himself.

The three friends who testified this week said that they did not see a change in her behavior.



Assistant District Attorney Katie Rayburn gestures as she speaks to Judge Lawrence Moniz at the KMart plaza in Fairhaven on Wednesday, 6/7. Michelle Carter is seen in the background listening, next to her attorneys, Cory Madera (LEFT) and Joseph Cataldo (RIGHT). *Photo by Glenn Silva.*

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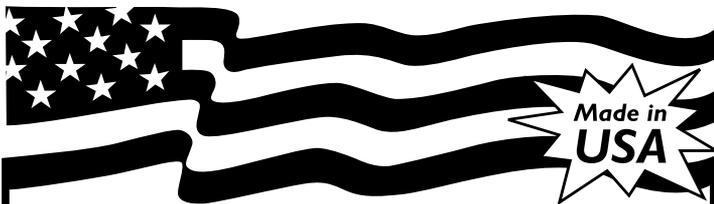
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|           | June<br>2017 | HIGH<br>a.m. p.m. | LOW<br>a.m. p.m. |       |       |
|-----------|--------------|-------------------|------------------|-------|-------|
| Thursday  | 8            | 0757              | 2014             | 0309  | 1309  |
| Friday    | 9            | 0836              | 2053             | 0218  | 1341  |
| Saturday  | 10           | 0918              | 2134             | 0235  | 1420  |
| Sunday    | 11           | 1000              | 2215             | 0309  | 1503  |
| Monday    | 12           | 1042              | 2257             | 0346  | 1546  |
| Tuesday   | 13           | 1126              | 2341             | 0422  | 1627  |
| Wednesday | 14           | ----              | 1214             | 0500  | 1710  |
| Thursday  | 15           | 0031              | 1307             | 0541  | 1759  |
| Friday    | 16           | 0125              | 1359             | 0632  | 1901  |
| Saturday  | 17           | 0217              | 1450             | 0733  | 2011  |
| Sunday    | 18           | 0310              | 1544             | 0833  | 2114  |
| Monday    | 19           | 0408              | 1644             | 0929  | 2218  |
| Tuesday   | 20           | 0512              | 1744             | 1027* | 2324  |
| Wednesday | 21           | 0610              | 1837             | 1127* | ----  |
| Thursday  | 22           | 0701              | 1925             | 0024* | 1224* |
| Friday    | 23           | 0750              | 2014             | 0118* | 1317* |
| Saturday  | 24           | 0842              | 2107             | 0216* | 1414* |
| Sunday    | 25           | 0936              | 2159             | 0316* | 1514* |
| Monday    | 26           | 1029              | 2251             | 0406* | 1608* |

\*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft  
\*\*Predicted minus tides from -1.1 ft to -2.0 ft or more

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it was before. He said the equipment they would be using is standard equipment such as backhoes, bulldozers, and excavators etc.

Mr. Dickerson also explained that they take precautions to make sure there is no leaking of the PCBs, which will be taken to a PCB landfill.

Mr. Freitas asked about how many trucks there would be and around what times of day.

Mr. Dickerson said there would be around 200 trucks and it would be during normal business hours.

Mr. Freitas also asked if they had any complaints about the cleanup project they did in New Bedford.

Mr. Dickerson said that they did not have any complaints other than one student in New Bedford that was concerned they would not restore the area after the cleanup.

Mr. Murphy told Mr. Dickerson that there needs to be communication with residents, letting them know the exact dates and time frames of when the cleanup occur.

Karen Vilandry, president of the Hands Across the River Coalition (HARC) spoke up about her concerns regarding the cleanup. She asked if

the residents near Marsh Island would be notified.

Bill Roth, Director of Planning and Economic Development in Fairhaven, explained that some residents in the area received a letter from the Selectboard, as well as a question and answer sheet and a copy of a colored map showing the areas of cleanup.

Ms. Vilandry also expressed concern with the possibility of PCB's getting "kicked up into the air." She is also concerned about the time of year the EPA will be conducting the cleanup.

She said they should do the cleanup in the winter when residents will have their windows closed, that way if PCB's are leaked into the air, they cannot travel into homes.

Mr. Lederer explained that they monitor all the areas that they have cleaned up and in the past and there have been no sign of PCB's leaking. He said that they continue to monitor the areas and there have been no issues so far.

Mr. Dickerson said they hope to begin the cleanup in late summer to early fall.

Ms. Vilandry suggested that something be posted in the *Fairhaven*

*Neighborhood News* to notify the public of the cleanup, as well as the time frames in which it will take place.

"The prime concern is public health," Ms. Vilandry said. "We just want to know that the PCB's are being removed safely."

The Selectboard approved the standard access agreement to allow the EPA/NOAA access to Marsh Island, but EPA run a notification in the *Fairhaven Neighborhood News* and *The Standard Times* about when the cleanup will occur.

In another matter, the Selectboard accepted a letter of resignation from Debra Charpentier from the Historical Commission. Ms. Charpentier stated in her letter that it was an honor and privilege to serve for Fairhaven for 25 years and if help is ever needed to contact her at anytime.

Mr. Murphy said that Ms. Charpentier was an asset to the town, who had a "great wealth of information." Mr. Murphy said he is sure that Ms. Charpentier will still be around for as a resource.

Mr. Espindola agreed with Mr. Murphy saying that Ms. Charpentier will be greatly missed.

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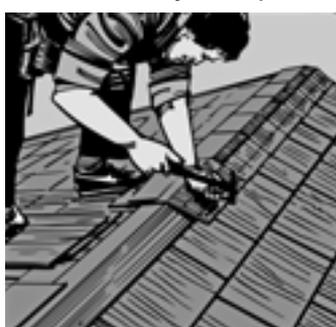
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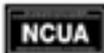
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