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Huttleston Marketplace ends best season yet



Signage around the last Huttleston Marketplace on Saturday, 9/19/20, gives friendly reminders that we are still in a pandemic. The outdoor market had its best year ever, with 65 booths on the last day, the most the marketplace ever had. See page 12 for story. *Photo by Glenn C. Silva*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Brrr...it got cold out there. I was really hoping for a couple more fishing excursions, but, gee. BRRR.

The Fairhaven Selectboard met this week (see page 4). The meeting went on forever. No, really, it was like four hours long.

And these guys think the Town Administrator has too much power, they want to take some away and give it to themselves. Geesh. Pay attention. Not that they can anyway. The duties are laid out in the TA act, so...

Mr. Espindola keeps pushing for the free report by the Department of Revenue. He's been pushing pretty hard for it for months now. And Dan Freitas, the chairperson, is dead set against it. Keith Silvia just follows Dan, so...you know where that vote's going. Actually, I'm not sure it came up for a vote.

Anyway, my point here is this: Mr. Espindola clearly thinks it's very important and will help the town get its finances in ship shape. I wonder, eh, if he knows there's a problem somewhere and he's looking for a way to get it out to the public. I also wonder if Mr. Freitas knows about that same problem and does NOT want it out in the public. And Keith...well, doesn't matter. He'll just do what Dan tells him to do.

Makes you wonder, huh? Why the push back on a study that's free by the state and will give lots of great information. Of course, they'll have to look at the books, right?

There's some fun stuff in here, of course. Our cover story is one of them (see page 12). We haven't any of the usual events to cover this summer, so it was nice to be out there at a normal event.

We've also got a couple of pictures of the new sign at Fort Phoenix (page 13).

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Until next week then...see ya,



Beth David, Publisher

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

COVID-19 update: Schools start classes

By Beth David
Editor

Local schools opened last week, with both Fairhaven and Acushnet using a hybrid model, meaning most students will have a combination of remote and in person learning. Some families opted to have students learn remotely full time, using tools that the schools provided with tailored a curriculum for the district.

Statewide, Massachusetts still has a low daily positive test rate at 1.57%

Fairhaven remains a "lower risk" community according to the state's interactive map, which color codes cities and towns according to the number of cases/risk. Fairhaven is green, which is lower risk, but is not the lowest. Fairhaven had a two-week count of five cases, which is relatively higher than the two weeks prior. The town has a total of 264 cases, with an average percent positivity of 85%, which also represents a higher rate. A total of 6,052 tests were administered in Fairhaven.

Acushnet is gray on the map, the lowest risk. Total case count is 112, with fewer than five cases in the last

two weeks, but it still higher than the prior two weeks. The town had a total of 2,815 tests, including 344 from the last 14 days. The percent positivity in Acushnet is 1.16%, which is higher than previous weeks.

Massachusetts has had 125,866 confirmed cases, with 2,105,178 individuals tested. As of Tuesday, 9,118 people have died in Mass. from the virus.

To learn more and see daily updates, visit <https://www.mass.gov>

The Mass. travel advisory is still in effect. Anyone traveling to or from all but 10 states is required to self quarantine for 14 days. Exceptions include those commuting for work or school. The 10 states that

are exempt from the restriction are Colorado, Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Vermont, and Washington.

For details, including the exceptions, visit <https://www.mass.gov/forms/massachusetts-travel-form>



Students at Fairhaven High School are spread out in Room 7 last week during the first week of school. Photo from Fairhaven Public Schools Facebook page.

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Selectboard members, ZBA spar over several issues

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

The Fairhaven Selectboard and the Zoning Board of Appeals met jointly on 9/21 for a discussion on training opportunities for ZBA members that resulted in a plea from the ZBA for support beyond training and education.

Selectboard Chairperson Daniel Freitas turned it over to Selectboard member Bob Espindola "because this is Bob's," said Mr. Freitas, who was immediately irritated by Mr. Espindola's passing out of written information to fellow board members.

How many times did he have to tell Mr. Espindola to stop presenting papers during a meeting, Mr. Freitas wondered aloud, adding that in the past he has cautioned Mr. Espindola that he would "table these things from now on" because he does not like to be handed new information on the spot during meetings.

Mr. Freitas let out a long and loud sigh and started to fashion a motion of sorts to table the matter but then replaced a potential motion with a "This has got to stop."

Mr. Espindola defended himself and his handout saying he had Robert's Rules of Order on his side, which allows him to present in writing whatever he was prepared to state verbally, not to make the meeting longer, which was Mr. Freitas' concern with a packed agenda, but in order to streamline the discussion and as a courtesy to his fellow board members.

Instead, Mr. Freitas said it was not fair to the board to have to read along while Mr. Espindola speaks and that Mr. Espindola could have just emailed it for the board to review over the weekend.

Mr. Espindola said that he did email the points of discussion to the other members, but maintained that it would be a violation of the Open Meeting law to include any written form of the motion he would propose during the meeting.

As the ZBA waited and the clock ticked on, Mr. Freitas expressed his frustration further and lamented over how interactions between the two gentlemen such as this one wind up with emails and comments about, for example, "How I interrupt and how I'm rude and mean to you," said Mr. Freitas.

"I now believe that you are doing this on purpose," he stated.

Seemingly unaffected by the accusation, Mr. Espindola took his written statement and explained how one of the fiscal year 2021 goals of the Selectboard was to offer appointed board members

opportunities for training and, after conversations with Director of Planning and Economic Development Paul Foley, the former building commissioner, and town counsel, that it might be valuable for the ZBA, and the Selectboard as well, to consider.

"I'm certainly willing to attend the training," said Mr. Espindola, "and it could be — if anyone in here tonight wants to have a specific topic other than what was presented to us by Mr. Foley in the packet — just speak up."

It would be totally voluntary, he said, and not everyone on the board would need to attend.

ZBA Chairperson Peter DeTerra said most of the ZBA members have undergone training before, and suggested that instead of making the ZBA attend the Selectboard meeting that perhaps Mr. Espindola should have attended a ZBA meeting to discuss the issue.

Mr. DeTerra said he knew there could be some improvements in ZBA matters,

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but credited any apparent struggle with insufficient support from Building Department staff. Most notably, he said. Board members are not being provided with the information packet ahead of meetings, which the board would historically receive in hand one month prior to the next meeting. Perhaps it was due to a high turnaround in staff, he suggested, and he emphasized the importance of receiving the packets early.

ZBA member Francis Cox loudly expressed his own discontent with packets being undelivered, and called out with a need for support from the Town.

At one point, Mr. Espindola suggested either town counsel or the interim building commissioner should attend ZBA meetings to support the board as it deliberates the appeals before them.

"They say they need support during every meeting," said Mr. Espindola. "Now you are asking that, and we are saying that we will provide that for you."

He said any upcoming training could

include staff as well so that the board can inform them what it needs in order to conduct business.

He asked Mr. DeTerra: "How does the town staff identify what they need to provide in the packet, and when do they know that?"

"Well, we're a volunteer board," said Mr. DeTerra, "so it goes through the Building Department," which he said prepares the packet, photocopies all the plans, and gives to the ZBA one month in advance.

Town Administrator Mark Rees said he would ask the interim building commissioner to assist with that, and Mr. Rees said he would meet with Mr. DeTerra to discuss what improvements can be made to give the ZBA the support it needs and possibly attend meetings regularly until a new building commissioner is found.

Town Counsel Thomas Crotty was relieved, because he had "no great desire" to attend all ZBA meetings, as he put it.

Mr. Espindola reassured the ZBA that his offer for training should not be taken out of context and meant to suggest he is criticizing the board.

"What I'm trying to do is help you and provide the structure ... to do the best job that you can," said Mr. Espindola.

Mr. Freitas suggested more funding for training be added into the budget for all town departments and boards.

The ZBA members stayed at the meeting to listen to Patrick Carr, owner of A-1 Crane, who had his request for executive session meeting minutes put onto the agenda out of frustration for allegedly not having received the information he requested back in January.

Mr. Crotty explained how executive session minutes are kept, approved, and then released to the public, but argued that a request to appear on an agenda to seek access to the minutes was not part of the proper procedure.

Mr. Freitas said he preferred to hear from Mr. Carr, who claims that a Cease and Desist Order from former Building Commissioner Kristian White is causing him an undue financial burden as he settles a zoning-related appeal for a second time. Although the board could not adjudicate the matter, Mr. Freitas allowed Mr. Carr to speak.

According to Mr. Carr, he has been trying to retrieve executive session minutes with "zero response."

Mr. Rees said that, despite the allegations, he has responded to the

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Pirates & Privateers LAST one

This will be the last Pirates & Privateers Presentation of the season, **Friday 9/25, 10 a.m.** Fort Phoenix, south end of Fort St., Fairhaven, MA. Tour begins at fort flagpole. WEATHER PERMITTING

For Public Safety, all audience members must wear masks and maintain six feet of separation.

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UFO in Fairhaven?

A *Neighb News* reader saw something otherworldly in the afternoon sky on Sunday, 9/6, around 2:40 p.m.

The large object flew low over the water along Goulart Memorial Drive before disappearing into the clouds heading north.

If anyone saw anything, please share your story with Mass. Chapter of The Mutual UFO Network, 617-602-9763, or find the mon Facebook.

For information about MUFON, visit <https://www.mufon.com>

Broadband Survey

As Fairhaven's Broadband Study Committee, we have made it a key priority to research the feasibility of establishing local control of this essential infrastructure. The goals of the committee for this project include the following:

1. Lower the cost of internet access by 25%-30% for residents and businesses.
2. Significantly increase the speed and reliability of internet access.
3. Increase competition and give residents multiple options for ISPs on demand in real time.
4. Build a state-of-the-art network that will improve economic development and foster innovation.
5. Leverage the network to improve the services provided in the town including public safety, transportation, healthcare, education, emergency communications, and new services that will become possible with advanced network infrastructure.

The unfortunate reality is that the current dominant internet access model in our country is one where network operators build closed

proprietary systems that are designed to maximize profit. Alternatively, construction of a Fairhaven Broadband Network utility seeks to maximize value and lower costs through competition.

We are inviting Fairhaven residents to take the Fairhaven Broadband Survey 8 simple questions, takes less than 3 minutes. Please visit www.connectfairhaven.com to learn more and take the survey.

Fairhaven Farmers Market

At the Bright Yellow Farm Stand, 151 Alden Road, Fairhaven (next to National Bleach). Sundays through 10/25, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Featuring beef, chicken, produce farms, honey, eggs, herbs, jams, organic soaps and bath salts. Accepts senior and WIC Farmers Market Coupons, SNAP.

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Shallow Water Analysis

The Coast Guard is conducting a Waterways Analysis and Management System Study on the Shallow Draft System, which applies to waters less than 12 feet deep, to update its policies and make navigable waterways of the United States safer and more efficient.

Waterway users, interested parties, and stakeholders are invited to provide comments or feedback via the tool posted at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ShallowWaterWAMS>. This link will remain available until Nov. 1. Our waterways have become increasingly congested and complex. While the number and size of the vessels traveling through the U.S. Marine Transportation System has increased, the number and in some cases size of U.S. navigation corridors has not. The recreational boating industry has also seen steady growth over the last decade further congesting the waterways.

To address these changes and determine navigation requirements for the Shallow Draft Waterway System, the Coast Guard will consider feedback from local maritime partners and stakeholders that

operate on the affected waterways.

The study's purpose is to determine the navigational needs and requirements of vessels operating in shallow draft navigable waterways throughout the country. The study will focus on the existing shallow water Aids to Navigation system, future development projects, waterborne commerce transiting these waters and marine casualty information.

For more information, Email CGNAV@uscg.mil using the subject line: "Shallow Draft WAMS."

Library Pick-up

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We still have a moratorium on book donations for the foreseeable future.

For up-to-date information and changes, please check our website at millicentlibrary.org where you can find out about our ebooks, databases, streaming movies and TV and more.

Fishing Derby

The 2020 Massachusetts Saltwater Fishing Derby runs through 11/30. Entries must be caught on rod and reel, meet minimum qualifying weights and lengths, and be caught in state waters and/or first landed in a Massachusetts port.

For entry forms and additional information about the Derby visit https://www.mass.gov/saltwater-fishing-derby?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Four Fairhaven firefighters sworn in

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

The pinning ceremony for graduates of the Massachusetts Fire Academy usually occurs during the graduation ceremony, but the pandemic changed all that, resulting in an outdoor gathering of the new recruits, their families, and Fairhaven firefighters and town officials on the front lawn of Town Hall the evening of 9/21.

“We could not be more proud of them,” said Fairhaven Fire Chief Timothy Francis as he introduced Fairhaven’s four newest firefighters: Michael Farias, Jordan Cabral, Scott Rittenhouse, and Shawn Oliveira.

Mr. Farias, joined the department in July 2019. He graduated from the academy in March, 2020, at the start of the pandemic. He is nationally certified as a paramedic and worked as one in Wareham for a number of years.

Mr. Farias was this year’s recipient of the Mass Fire Academy’s top recruit award, the Richard N. Bangs Award, which is given to the outstanding student of each graduating class.

“That’s a big deal, because that’s never been done in Fairhaven before,” said the chief. “Michael did a great job for us in the academy, and the rest of them also are going to do a great job for us here.”

Fairhaven Fire Lieutenant Douglas Silveira presented Mr. Farias with the award that night, and his mother, Elizabeth Farias, pinned her son’s badge on him.

Mr. Cabral joined the Department in November 2019 and graduated from the academy in August 2020. He has worked as a nationally certified paramedic in New Bedford and lives in Fairhaven. Cabral’s uncle, Acush-



L-R: Newly pinned and sworn in Fairhaven firefighters Michael Farias, Jordan Cabral, Scott Rittenhouse, Shawn Oliveira, listen during a ceremony outside of Fairhaven Town Hall on 9/21/20 when they were sworn in by the town clerk and had their badges pinned on them by their relatives. Photo courtesy of the Fairhaven Fire Department.

net Police Sergeant Gary Cooper, pinned the badge to Cabral’s uniform.

Mr. Rittenhouse, of Fairhaven, joined the Fairhaven department in November 2019 and graduated from the academy in August 2020. Also a nationally certified paramedic, he has spent years working as a paramedic in New Bedford. He wife, Courtney, pinned his badge on him.

Mr. Oliveira, of New Bedford, was hired in Fairhaven in November 2019 and graduated from the academy on September 11, 2020. His wife, Jenna, performed the badge pinning while holding their young son, Grayson, in her arms.

The four were sworn-in by Town Clerk Carolyn Hurley.

“The Mass Fire Academy is a highly competitive academy,” said Chief Francis. “The recruits from all over the commonwealth — each one of these recruits performs with commit-

ment, dedication, and respect.... Their averages were all better than the class averages ... so we’re very proud of that.”

Their stellar performance, said Chief Francis, is because of the guidance given the recruits from the four shift lieutenants.

Fairhaven Selectboard Chairperson Daniel Freitas congratulated the new firefighters, saying, “I know from experience that you are joining the elite force of our country, I think, personally.”

Mr. Freitas said he has heard all sorts of complaints since becoming a Selectboard member, like dogs barking and trees on sidewalks: “But one thing I’ve never heard a complaint about is the Fire Department.”

After the ceremony, the Selectboard members offered the new recruits a few congratulatory words and plenty of fist bumps.

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Brewer Banner vows to be 100% renewable by 2030

Press Release

Brewer Banner Designs is the latest local proprietor to commit to make the switch to 100-percent renewable electricity. Penny Brewer signed onto The Climate Reality Project's 100% Committed campaign in August, pledging that Brewer Banner's electricity would come entirely from renewable sources by 2030.

This announcement comes on the heels of pledges from Salon B (Dartmouth) and Boutique Fitness (Mattapoisett, Taunton and Westport) to transition to renewable electricity, showing that Southcoast business owners are taking control of their energy futures.

The Brewer Banner announcement comes at a time when both the reality of the climate crisis and the practical steps to solve it have never been clearer. Seventeen of the 18 hottest years on record globally have occurred in this century, with 2016 and 2019 nearly tied for hottest overall.

Uncontrolled wildfires are wreaking havoc on the West Coast, fueled by drought conditions, lightning strikes, and human error. Meanwhile, oceans are rising, warming, and spawning ever more severe coastal storms around the globe. The current Atlantic hurricane season is also setting unwelcome records: the most named storms by August and the most tropical storms to make landfall in the continental United States before September.

Climate Reality Massachusetts Southcoast brings together the passion to fight climate change with the passion to protect our local environment.

"Members of this chapter will partner within our own communities on public outreach, education, and advocacy to achieve our goals," says Laura Gardner, who founded the chapter in late 2019. "But we can't do it alone. I challenge other businesses across the Southcoast to join us and take the 100% Committed pledge. Together, we are an unstoppable force for change."

Founded by Nobel Laureate and former U.S. Vice President Al Gore, The Climate Reality Project is leading worldwide efforts to accelerate the shift to clean energy and solve the climate crisis. With a global movement of over 25,000 Climate Reality trained leaders, we are spreading the truth about the climate crisis and building popular support for clean energy solutions.



L-R: Ann Richard of Fairhaven gives a fists up as Fairhaven resident Penny Brewer, owner of Brewer Banner Designs, signs a commitment to make her company's electricity come from 100% renewable sources by 2030. *Submitted photo.*

With the climate crisis threatening our planet and ways of life, The Climate Reality Project's 100% Committed campaign works with communities, universities, and businesses worldwide. By taking action and committing to run on 100-percent renewable electricity, we can make a difference in our communities and around the world.

For more information visit <https://www.climate realityproject.org/initiative/100-committed>, and email climateralitysouthcoast@gmail.com to learn how to get involved locally.

Acushnet FD tests school staff before first day of school



LEFT: Members of the Acushnet Fire Department provide COVID-19 testing to teachers and staff at the Acushnet Elementary School on 9/15/20. The crew went to Fort Middle School on 9/16/20 to test teachers and staff there. School started in Acushnet on 9/16. The FD thanked the Selectboard for authorizing the project, the school community for being so welcoming, and the taxpayers for making the funds available. "And a very special THANK YOU to this crew of EMTs for taking the training and being involved in this very important community project," wrote the department on Facebook. *Photo from the Acushnet Fire & EMS Facebook page.*

Scout Recruiting

For all Boys and Girls Ages 5-20

One of the New Bedford Area's oldest scouting organizations will be hosting an open house recruitment event on **Sat., 9/26, from 10:00AM-2:00PM outside the St. Joseph/St. Teresa's Parish on 51 Duncan Street in New Bedford.** Our sponsored organization represents four scouting units that span all genders and ages from five years old to 20 years old.

- Pack 24 (Boys and Girls 5-10yrs) Meets Thursday nights (64 years running)
- Scouting, BSA Troop 24B (Boys 11-17) Meets Wednesday nights (80 years running)
- Scouting, BSA Troop 24G (Girls 11-17) Meets Tuesday nights (1 year running)
- Venture Crew 24 (Boys and Girls 14-20) Meets Thursday nights (23 years running)

We will have some games and activities. Masks and social distancing will be required for all participants and our scouts and leaders will host this event outdoors and complying with all COVID-19 precautions.

The Boy Scouts of America uses uniquely hands-on learning experience and opportunities toward advancement while promoting budding interests. Youth will unlock the world of discovery around them and forge a path for the future.

Paper Shred Day

Sat., 10/3, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at New Bedford High School, 230 Hathaway Blvd. All participants and staff must wear masks. Vehicles will enter through the parking lot at Parker Street. When each participant reaches the shred truck, they will remove the boxes from their vehicle and empty boxes into a wheeled shred bin. Participants will take boxes home with them. For safety purposes, participants are not able to watch the destruction of their paper.

All are welcome at the event. Individuals may bring a maximum of two boxes of paper. Paper clips and staples do not need to be removed, but please remove paper from folders and binders.

For more information, please visit nbcu4u.com/shred-day/ or

newbedfordrecycling.org. Also, call the Department of Community Services at (508) 979-1692 or the Greater New Bedford Regional Refuse Management District at (774) 503-0254 or email Marissa@gnbrmdistrict.org.

Art Classes

Join us for outdoor clay classes around Downtown New Bedford! Masks covering the nose and mouth are required and participants will be a distance of at least six feet from each other. If you are buying two registrations for one household, please note this during check out and we will seat you together. It can be sunny so please consider bringing a hat and sunglasses!

- Clay Al Fresco (October 3, 10) Saturday AM (10:00am-12:00pm) Adult: Members \$60, Non-Members \$54. Saturday PM (12:30-2:00pm) Youth (6+/Teens). Members \$40, Non-Members \$36
 - Clay Al Fresco II: Nautical Hand Building (October 17, 24) Saturday AM (10:30am-12:30pm) Adult: Members \$60, Non-Members \$54 Saturday PM (1:00-2:30pm) Youth (6+/Teens) Members \$40, Non-Members \$36
- Visit <https://newbedfordart.org/art-classes/>

At the Drive-In

Drive-Ins are back, at the Seastreak Ferry Whale's Tooth parking lot, 532 Acushnet Ave., New Bedford. Visit <https://zeiterion.org/drivein/> for details and to buy tickets.

Rebecca Correia and Friends, Thurs., 9/24, 7 p.m., \$50 per vehicle.

Splitting her time and musical career between Nashville and the Southcoast, Rochester native Rebecca Correia meets a lot of talented artists – and she's invited three of them to perform with her on stage at The Zeiterion Drive-In. She'll be joined by Keb Hutchings on guitar, Ben Cardoza on bass, and Joaquin Santos on drums. This self-described "Sheryl Crow meets Gavin Degraw" performer has been lauded as "one of the best singer-songwriters in America."

American Graffiti, Sat., 9/26, 7:30 p.m.; \$25/vehicle.

This Academy Award-nominated

classic, voted one of the American Film Institute's top 100 Films Of All Time, features the coming of age of four teenagers on their last summer night before college. Rediscover drag racing, Inspiration Point and drive-ins all over again in this nostalgic look back at the early '60s. The incredible soundtrack brings you the most memorable rock 'n' roll hits of the era. Directed by George Lucas and produced by Francis Ford Coppola, this classic stars Harrison Ford, Richard Dreyfuss, Ron Howard, Suzanne Somers, Cindy Williams, Wolfman Jack and Mackenzie Phillips.

Rating: PG Running time: 112 minutes

The Saskia Laroo Band, Jazz meets Hip-Hop, Fri., 10/2, 7 p.m.; \$40/vehicle

Coined in America as "Lady Miles Davis of Europe," Saskia Laroo is a current feature on the face of 21st century trumpet artistry. Born in Amsterdam, she travels the world playing a combination of jazz, pop, world and dance with her band, often an international bunch well-versed in many styles. "I want people to have a good time, to dance when I play. I don't just play for other musicians," she says. Thus, her joy comes to life with this group: some tradition, lots of hipness, groove, ba-ad solos, bold rap vocals, and her mellifluous trumpet leading the way. The Saskia Laroo Band brings an organic mix of pure jazz and funky hip-hop. The performance will feature Saskia on trumpet, vocals, and alto sax, Warren Byrd on keyboard and vocals, PremeAlom on rap vocals and vocals, Tang Sauce on rap vocals, Douglas 'Basszilla' Long on electric bass, and Dexter Pettaway on drums. Audiences all ages and backgrounds welcome!

Short Plays Marathon

The Call for Plays has been extended, and **five selected Virtual Plays will be presented this November.** The CALL FOR PLAYS, including plays written for Zoom, or a Virtual Platform, has been **EXTENDED until 9/30/20.** For further information, please email us at culturepark.ed@earthlink.net

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Call for Walkers

Register for the 32nd Annual Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai, in Boston at Marathon Start Line, October 4, 2020; Time: 7:00 am start, 4:00 pm finish (all-day event)

On Sunday, 10/4/20, thousands will participate in the annual fundraising walk for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute to support all forms of cancer research and patient care.

To register or volunteer, visit www.JimmyFundWalk.org or call (866) 531-9255. **Registrants can enter the promo code NEWS for \$5 off the registration fee.** Walkers who do not have a team to join are more than welcome to contact the Jimmy Fund Walk to connect them with other walkers in their area.

Barnyard Storytime

Barnyard Story Time, Peace for Ponies, 12 Great Neck Road. Wareham. 9/26, 2-4. \$10/child. Story & animal-themed activity. Outside w/social distancing. For more info call 508-667-8638 or go to peaceforponies.com.

Virtual Film Fest

Sixth annual GlobeDocs Film Festival, Oct.1-12. With GlobeDocs, The Boston Globe furthers its reach as an organization dedicated to shedding light on the truth by presenting the work of filmmakers near and far who are also focused on telling important stories, large and small.

GlobeDocs holds free screenings year around to lead up to this five-day documentary festival designed to engage, promote, and celebrate film and production talent.

Films are specifically curated to include a lively, hosted post-film conversation with Globe journalists to turn screenings into an opportunity for the community to come together and have an open dialogue.

Visit <http://view.ceros.com/boston-globe/globedocs-2020/p/1>

Halloween Show

Hammond Castle Museum Offers "Horror of Abbadia Mare" a hand-crafted adaptation of Five H.P. Lovecraft stories, Oct. 9; 16; 23; 30

Program This Halloween season Hammond Castle Museum will offer a

room to room-to-room theater performance of *The Horror of Abbadia Mare*, an adaptation of five H.P. Lovecraft stories set within the Castle and adapted around one of America's most prolific inventors of his time, John Hays Hammond Jr. The five adaptations include Lovecraft's Dunwich Horror, Dreams in the Witch House, The Hound, the Color Out of Space, and From Beyond. Set in the fall of 1929, Hammond falls prey to his genealogy which was cursed nearly four centuries ago. As guests move through the inner rooms of the Castle they come upon various members of the Hammond household and are drawn into a story of frantic and tragic happenings within the Castle's walls.

Performances begin at 6 pm and run every 15 minutes through 9 pm on Friday, October 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th. **Tickets are \$25 each. Advance ticket purchase is required,** at: hammondcastle.org/TheHorror. Hammond Castle Museum, 80 Hesperus Avenue, Gloucester,

Fish Webinar

The New England Fishery Management Council will hold a three-day meeting by webinar from Tuesday, September 29 through Thursday, October 1, 2020. The public is invited to listen live and provide input during designated opportunities for public comment. The Council still cannot hold a large, in-person meeting due to indoor gathering limitations, travel restrictions, and public safety considerations associated with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Visit <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5172076717962269709> or contact Janice Plante, 607-592-4817, jplante@nefmc.org.

The Fight to Vote

Visit <https://www.stagesoffreedom.org/forum/youth-teens/watch-the-fight-to-vote>

Suppressed 2020: The Fight To Vote by Robert Greenwald (Director of Outfoxed, Walmart: The High Cost of Low Price, and Making A Killing: Guns Greed and the NRA) is a short, powerful documentary about the growing threat of voter suppression to our 2020 election.

Deeply personal accounts from voters of color across the state of

Georgia reveal deliberate, widespread voter suppression in the 2018 midterm election where Stacey Abrams fought to become the first Black female governor in the U.S.

Polling place closures, voter purges, missing absentee ballots, extreme wait times and voter ID issues were in full effect again during the 2020 primaries and are on-going across the country right now, all disproportionately affecting Black Americans and minorities from casting their ballots.

Now, amidst a global health crisis, the cruel weaponization of vote-by-mail restrictions has turned the constitutional right to vote into a choice between life and death. Suppressed 2020 is a call to action against the calculated, unconstitutional and racist attacks intended to suppress the right to vote in America.

Free Douglass Talk

Visit <https://www.stagesoffreedom.org/frederick-douglass> Fri. 10/9 at 6PM Register now.

Join us for a free virtual talk with Pulitzer Prize winner Dr. David Blight, whose book, *Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom*, is being made into a major motion picture, as he explores Douglass' long & little-known relationship with Rhode Island. The event concludes with a spiritual sung by the Schiller Chorus.

Graveyards

Welcome to the Graveyard! Cemeteries of Mattapoissett. On Thurs., 10/8 at 6:30 PM, the Mattapoissett Museum will host a fascinating online presentation by the Gravestone Girls about New England cemetery art, history and symbolism. The virtual tour, called "Welcome to The Graveyard," takes us from colonial burial grounds, through the rural cemetery movement of the 19th century, and into 21st century locations. It examines why we have cemeteries and gravestones, why they look like they do, and how styles and art have evolved over almost 400 years.

Free. Virtual event via Zoom. To register go to mattapoissettmuseum.org/events. For or more information please contact Kyle DeCicco-Carey at 508-758-2844 or director@mattapoissettmuseum.org.

Recipe of the Week

Spicy Pumpkin Soup

oil for brushing
 1 large onion, chopped
 1 1/2 cups vegetable stock
 3 cups pumpkin purée
 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
 1/2 cup evaporated skim milk

Heat a lightly oiled large saucepan over medium heat, add onion and cook for 2 minutes. Add stock, pumpkin purée and nutmeg. Simmer gently until mixture boils. Stir in evaporated milk and serve immediately. Garnish with fresh chopped parsley if desired.

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From our readers

We are living the nightmare

Dear Mr Pond, Beth did your homework for you and clarified some of the statements in your last letter.

Thank you Beth.

You used such big words in your last letter I had to get out my dictionary. My favorite ones were that we will "go into a socialist, Marxist tyranny controlled by elitist hypocrites."

Oh my!

Don't you realize we are already

living "The Nightmare," it can't get any worse.

C. Denkel, Fairhaven

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Cathy Delano

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DNRT focuses on local pollinators at annual meeting

Press Release

The decline of native pollinators and what individuals can do to help reverse this reduction was the focus of guest speaker UMass-Dartmouth Professor Dr. Rob Gegear at the Dartmouth Natural Resources Trust's (DNRT's) 49th Annual Meeting of Members held on September 17. Following state coronavirus guidelines, the meeting was held outdoors at the DNRT Center at Helfand Farm, where attendees were distanced from each other on the lawn in front of the historic Helfand house.

Gegear opened his talk by describing the diversity of pollinators and the plants that host them, as well as the economic and ecological importance of these species.

Gegear then spoke about "The Beecology Project" that he launched to involve citizen scientists in identifying which native pollinators are attracted to which plant species. Starting with the 11 native bumblebee species in Massachusetts, the project has been able to identify which native

flowers can be planted to benefit the most imperiled bumblebee species.

Based on the data gathered through the Beecology project, Gegear then set up a test plot at the Helfand Farm Community Gardens to demonstrate the effectiveness of these native plants in attracting

DNRT has heard from many people about how important its reserves and nature trails have been to them for exercise, escape, and relaxation during this time of crisis.

declining bumblebee species.

Installed in the spring of 2020, the garden plot is already a success, attracting two species of declining bumblebees. Following his talk, Gegear gave a tour of this plot. Going forward Gegear will expand his research and his partnership with DNRT to include pollinator corridors

and research stations at other DNRT reserves.

The Annual Meeting began with reports by DNRT Treasurer Tip Tracy, Executive Director Dexter Mead, and President Lorraine Granda. Tracy highlighted the excellent financial health of DNRT while Mead and Granda thanked DNRT members old and new for their outpouring of support since the pandemic began.

DNRT has heard from many people about how important its reserves and nature trails have been to them for exercise, escape, and relaxation during this time of crisis.

Mead also thanked all those who contributed to the success of its 2019 "Preserving Dartmouth's Coastal Farms" campaign, done in partnership with the Buzzards Bay Coalition (BBC). This project succeeded in raising \$2 million to protect the 128-acre Apponagansett Bay Farm on Bakerville Road and the 21-acre Eva's Garden on Jordan Road.

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Huttleston Marketplace says “good bye” to a great season

By Beth David
Editor

The final Huttleston Marketplace of the season was a great success, with 65 booths, the most ever, on Saturday, 9/19/20, according to Fairhaven Office of Tourism Director Christopher Richard. The marketplace spread out way beyond its usual space to accommodate the extra booths and keep them apart to stay within COVID-19 guidelines.

Signs reminded people to wear masks, keep six feet away from each other, wash their hands and wash produce before eating it.

In its third year, the outdoor bazaar features vendors selling select hand made arts and crafts, quality antiques and vintage collectibles, upcycled items, fresh farm produce, and locally prepared foods.

This year, however, there was no live entertainment, no bounce house or other extra activities that would compromise the COVID-19 guidelines.

Most vendors said that the season was a good one, with a surprising amount of foot traffic. Several said that it was one of the few that managed to stay open during the pandemic. Farmer's markets were exempt from the closings as long as they followed the guidelines.

Lisa Elliott, who sells hand woven wearables, said that customers were very good about wearing masks and social distancing.

“It was very successful,” said Ms. Elliott, adding that there were many

new people who discovered Fairhaven's marketplace because their markets were closed.

Market regulars Sharyn and Doug Meehan, however, said they thought traffic was down for them. They sell framed jigsaw puzzles.

“It's been an awesome day so far,” said Mr. Richard. “And a great, great season.”

He said many vendors joined for the first time this year because their regular events were canceled. Many of them said they will return next year, and a few already signed up. Vendors like the space, and although they will not be seven feet apart when not in a pandemic, Mr. Richard said that the HMP generally leaves more room between tents than other markets.

He said the vendors are all friendly with each other, and the whole atmosphere is very friendly and fun. This year's vendors were so satisfied with the experience that they gave him a thank-you card signed by all of them.

One of the things that sets the HMP apart is that vendors do not have to commit to all the weeks of the season.

For further information, contact



ABOVE: Charlie doesn't quite know what to make of the items at Some Things Fishy at the Huttleston Marketplace on the last day of the season, 9/19/20, unless of course, he just smells food. BELOW: Fairhaven Office of Tourism Director Christopher Richard shows a thank-you card signed by all the vendors. Photos by Beth David.

the Fairhaven Office of Tourism at FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov, 508-979-4085; or <https://fairhaventours.com/>



LEFT: Ray and Gizmo, an Italian Greyhound, both of Fairhaven, pose for the local free sheet during the final Huttleston Marketplace of the season, 9/19/20. MIDDLE: Barbara Bingham of "B and B Originals" keeps track of the masks she sells on a piece of notepaper at the Huttleston Marketplace. RIGHT: Since 1995, September 19th has been "Talk Like A Pirate Day" so Abby Black entertained with her unique dialect and humored the local free sheet with a quick photo shoot. Photos by Glenn C. Silva.

More photos from Huttleston Marketplace



LEFT: Sybil Krawczyk from Teal Farm shows off some locally grown produce during the final Huttleston Marketplace of the season, 9/19/20. RIGHT: Sixty-five vendors participate in the final Huttleston Marketplace of the season on 9/19/20 in Fairhaven, making it the largest one yet. *Photos by Glenn C. Silva.*

Fort Phoenix gets a grand entrance

Press Release

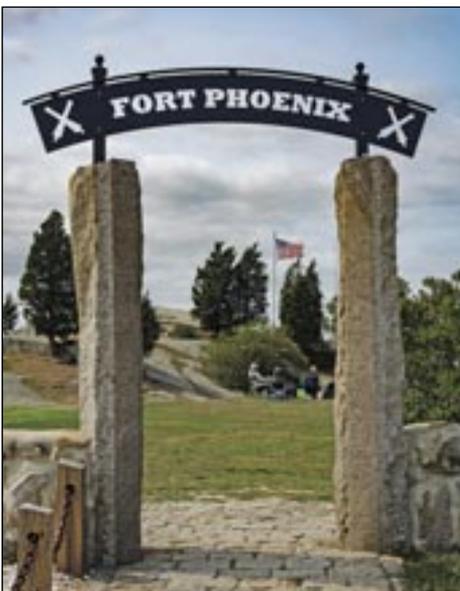
Under the direction of the Fairhaven Historical Commission, Fort Phoenix got a facelift at its main entrance leading to the Fort this month.

Large granite pillars at the parking lot entrance now hold up a beautiful new sign crafted from metal that bear the name "Fort Phoenix" with crossed cannons on each side.

The Revolutionary Fort is a beloved spot for many Fairhaven residents and a beautiful view of Buzzards Bay for tourists visiting our town. The Historical Commission funded the project and commissioned Costa Metal Fabrication of East



ABOVE: The new sign at Fort Phoenix and the old anchor create a welcoming look to the entrance of the fort that is on the National Register of Historic Places. BELOW: The American flag flutters in the distance on 9/16/20 as people sit and enjoy Fairhaven's Fort Phoenix, which just got a new sign over the entrance. *Photos by Glenn C. Silva*



Freetown, MA to make the sign.

"It was time for Fort Phoenix to get some needed renovations and enhancements," said Wayne Oliveira, Chairman of the Historical Commission.

Last season we had work done around the cannons to take care of some soil erosion around the stone parapet that surrounds the cannons. The lawn was regraded and reseeded as well as some masonry repairs.

In addition to the sign at the

entrance we added a large anchor in recognition of Fairhaven's nautical history. The iron anchor is Circa 1850 and came from a merchant ship.

A cast plaque was installed at the entrance to proclaim Fort Phoenix's listing on the National Register of Historic Places in 1972.

We hope that the public will enjoy these renovations and use the entrance as a great, new photo opportunity to record their visit to the spot.

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Flu Shots

Walgreens will be Administering Flu Shots for Fairhaven Seniors 60 years old and older at the Fairhaven Recreation Center on: **October 13th at 2:30 -3:30 p.m. and November 10th at 2:30-3:30 p.m.** Please call Fairhaven Council on Aging for appointment 508-979-4029. Social Distancing will be maintained and masks must be worn. Please bring your health insurance ccards with you.

Medicare Open Enrollment

SHINE appointments for MEDICARE open enrollment will be available from October 15th to December 7th SHINE APPOINTMENTS ARRANGED BY THE FAIRHAVEN COUNCIL ON AGING ARE FOR FAIRHAVEN SENIORS ONLY. Seniors from surrounding communities can call the Council on Aging in their Town for SHINE information.

If you have a Medicare Prescription Plan or a Medicare Advantage Plan

(HMO or PPO), you should receive a notice from your plan by the end of September. This notice outlines changes to be made to your plan for 2021. During this open enrollment period, you will be able to make changes to this plan.

Due to social distancing guidelines set by the state, no appointments for SHINE will be held at the Fairhaven COA, however, SHINE counselors will be working from home in an effort to meet your Medicare informational needs.

All correspondence between the seniors and the SHINE counselor will be done over the phone and email, if possible. Exchange of paperwork can be done through the senior center by calling the senior center from the parking lot. Someone will come out to get, or give, you your paperwork, SHINE feels confident that they will continue to be able to provide their outstanding service to those seeking assistance during this crazy and unprecedented time.

Please call the Fairhaven Council on Aging at 508-979-4029, for an appointment to speak with a SHINE counselor.

Register for virtual 10/4 Jimmy Fund Walk

Press Release

BOSTON — Register for the 2020 Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk: Your Way presented by Hyundai. This year, the Jimmy Fund Walk will be a virtual event in an effort to ensure the safety of everyone in the community. Participants will be encouraged to “Walk Your Way” from wherever they are most comfortable — whether that be from their neighborhood, favorite trail, or from a treadmill in their own home on Sunday, October 4th.

While the event will not physically bring walkers together along the famed Boston Marathon® course, it will continue to unite the community to raise funds to support all forms of

adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at the nation’s premier cancer center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

This year’s event will have a lower fundraising requirement (\$100 for adults and \$25 for those 12 years old and younger) and the registration fee is just \$5. Each walker who registers will receive a bib, and medal and the first 5,000 walkers to register will receive a commemorative Jimmy Fund Walk T-shirt.

Cancer care and research does not rest and with many events postponed or canceled, the support of dedicated walkers is needed now more than ever. Please register today and the

Walk staff can help you get your fundraising started.

To register to walk (#JimmyFund Walk) or to support a walker, visit www.JimmyFundWalk.org or call (866) 531-9255.

Anyone interested in additional information can reference the Jimmy Fund Walk: Your Way frequently asked questions or can send an email to JimmyFundWalk@DFCI.harvard.edu. The Jimmy Fund Walk has raised more than \$145 million for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in its 30+ year history. The Boston Athletic Association has supported the Jimmy Fund Walk since 1989, and Hyundai has been the presenting sponsor since 2002.



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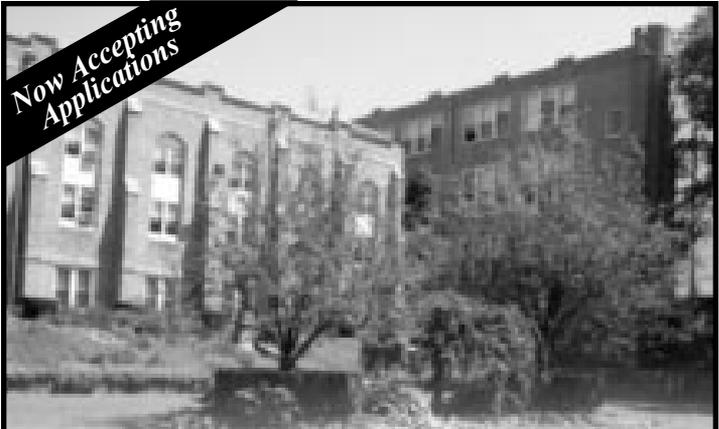
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Acushnet EMA's deputy director Jerry Sounik steps down

From the Acushnet Office of Emergency Management Facebook page

Jerry Sounik has announced that he is stepping down as Deputy Director for the Town of Acushnet Office of Emergency Management, Jerry has held this position for nearly 20 years.

Jerry will remain as part of the leadership staff but will serve in an advisory capacity. He will also continue to assist at our various assignments.

Jerry, a long time resident of Acushnet, dedicates much of his time to this community. In addition to Emergency Management Jerry is also

on the board of the Apple Peach Festival. Filling the Deputy Director position is Ed Caron formerly the Assistant Director for Operations

We would like to take this time to thank Jerry for his 20 years of service as Deputy Director and we are looking forward to his continued service with our agency.



LEFT, L-R: Acushnet Office of Emergency Management members Eric Chew, John Lawson, Jerry Sounik, Director Jerry Bergeron, Ed Caron stop for a selfie during an event in New Bedford. RIGHT: Jerry Sounik, who recently stepped down as Deputy Director of the Acushnet Office of Emergency Management, stands by an EMA vehicle. Photos from the Acushnet Office of Emergency Management Facebook page.



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various requests, but the work has been extensive and time consuming. Furthermore, there are "volumes" of executive session minutes still to go through the approval and public release process.

"This is still a pending matter and therefore it's appropriate to keep them in executive session. It's still an outstanding legal matter ... to protect the town's legal interest," said Mr. Rees.

Mr. Carr said he believed the Town was targeting his business after an abutter began complaining about the scale of his operation.

"This is hanging over my head," said Mr. Carr. "They're trying to run us out of town. They're trying to shut us down."

He said he suspected that Mr. Espindola's suggestion of ZBA procedure during the 7/13 Selectboard meeting had something to do with his case, saying Mr. Espindola's mention of having the ZBA work closer with the Planning Department relative to following the Master Plan "sparked his interest" because "this is what this entire case is on."

The current appeal goes back to a January 2013 case when Jerry Bettencourt, owner of Jerry's Auto and Cycle, was cited for unauthorized Industrial zone activity in a Mixed Use zone. The auto repair shop had been working on some of Carr's larger equipment, which he also stored at Bettencourt's site, prompting a neighbor to complain. However, the zoning used to be Industrial until it was changed in 1997, said Mr. Carr, unbeknownst to either Mr. Bettencourt or Mr. Carr, he said.

"There was no correspondence or notification to any of these owners that their zoning had changed," said Mr. Carr. From 1997-2013, he said, neither one knew.

In 2013, Mr. Carr said the ZBA ruled that the Industrial use of the property was grandfathered. Mr. Carr bought Mr. Bettencourt's business in 2017 and continued to service vehicles, including his own large equipment, until Mr. White issued the cease and desist order driven by five zoning violations.

Mr. Carr said he tried to explain the situation to Mr. White, who allegedly told Mr. Carr: "There's a new sheriff in town and things are going to be run differently around here."

He said Mr. White was "constantly harassing" and "berating" him "and [he] told me I was no longer able to run my business..."

He said the intent of the Master Plan is to run the Industrial businesses out of town in favor of Mixed Use businesses.

"There is no other explanation for it," he said. The matter, he said, has already been settled by the ZBA, and he resented having to appeal it.

Mr. Cox said he felt that the ZBA is wasting its time, saying, "This is a done case."

"I can tell you with 100 percent honesty," said Mr. Espindola, "that anything I brought up tonight when I talk about training [had] nothing to do with ... A-1 Crane whatsoever."

"I think this is unjust to you," said Selectboard member Keith Silvia.

"I do too," said Mr. Freitas.

Mr. Crotty explained that the cease and desist must be appealed before the ZBA. The substantive issue is whether the

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this [Bob Espindola]

activity at the auto repair shop is within the same scope as it was when Mr. Bettencourt operated it and whether that use should be grandfathered. He added that the 2013 decision was "not well-written [and] seems to say Industrial use is still allowed," but that the ZBA does not have the authority to zone property, only grandfather use.

Apparently, Mr. White perceived the use as different than it was when Mr. Bettencourt owned it, based on abutter complaints.

"It's a factual issue," said Mr. Crotty.

However, neither Mr. White nor the complaining abutter were around when Mr. Bettencourt ran his business, said Mr. Freitas, adding that he did not like saying anyone was "targeting" Mr. Carr, "Because it's an awful word."

Also during the meeting, Mr. Freitas became annoyed at Mr. Espindola when his agenda item, discussion of public participation during meetings, came up. Mr. Freitas wanted to table the matter, preferring to speed the meeting up (which wound up being nearly four hours long), as Mr. Espindola passed out one of his written handouts to accompany the

discussion.

Mr. Espindola wanted chairpersons of town boards to read the Attorney General's guidance on allowing the public to speak during meetings to encourage public participation when time permits.

Mr. Freitas motioned to table the matter because Mr. Espindola had only just introduced the written material, adding that chairs also reserve the right to deny public participation outside of a public hearing. He defended his decision during the last meeting to restrict public comment when Mr. Espindola wanted to discuss allowing a Department of Revenue financial management study.

Mr. Freitas continued to resist Mr. Espindola's push to discuss public participation, and the two wrangled for about 15 minutes until Mr. Espindola gave in and said, "I'll table it. I'm asking for a withdrawal."

"Bob, don't table it because I won't allow it to be tabled," said Mr. Freitas despite his own motion to table it. He defended himself saying he always allows people to speak and said, "Tell me when I didn't allow someone to speak."

The discussion continued; however, Mr. Espindola said he preferred to move forward than backwards.

"You're asking me to table this and now you're telling me not to table this," said Mr. Espindola.

"I made a motion, you made a motion," said Mr. Freitas. "So it's up to Mr. Silvia. I'm so sick of it, honest to goodness."

Mr. Silvia needed clarification on the two motions, first.

"You see, I take parts from both of it," Mr. Silvia said unable to choose.

"I'll let you off the hook," said Mr. Freitas tabling the matter, followed by a few minutes of him complaining about Mr. Espindola's manner of conducting business.

Also during the meeting, Mr. Rees announced that the Town will receive four COVID-19 related grants totaling \$2.1 million. The School Department will use \$1.7 million of it to fund its remote learning and hybrid learning programs for the year, while the rest of the Town will be allocated \$436,000 to cover COVID-related costs. The Town has also received a grant for \$50,000 to perform a Union Wharf feasibility study.

Mr. Rees will be issuing the Request for Proposals to hire a consultant to assist the town in its search for a new town administrator. Mr. Rees retires in January 2021.

Scenes from Acushnet's first week back at school

Acushnet students went back to school last week in a combination of remote learning and in person instruction.

"We have had an overwhelming great start to the school year!" wrote the district on its Facebook page on

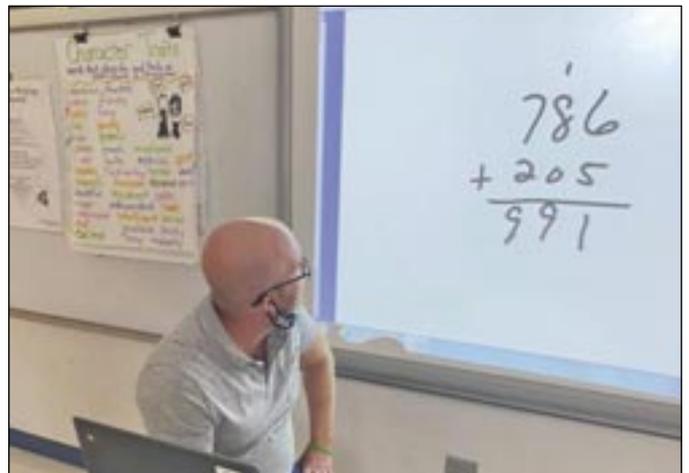
9/17/20. "Today we began welcoming some of our students back to the building, while the rest are learning remotely. As we continue to adapt to this new normal, we are also continuing to make technology improvements to our devices and network. Be

Well Acushnet!"

At the beginning of the week the Acushnet Fire Department tested teachers and staff for COVID-19 (see page 7) before the start of school.



ABOVE: Students are spaced apart in class in the Acushnet School district the first week of classes in the building, 9/17/20. Some students are learning remotely, while some are in the building. BELOW LEFT: Fourth grade teacher Ryan Powers teaches a class remotely. BELOW RIGHT: Some candid shots from the first week. *Photos from the Acushnet Public Schools Facebook page.*



Pedal for the path celebrates bike month

Press Release

On Sunday, September 13th, under sunny skies, bicyclists from around the region rode in the South Coast Bikeway Alliance's 3rd annual Pedal for the Path. This socially distanced free ride was held to celebrate Bike Month, highlight the bikeway progress happening in South Coast communities, and get feedback on paths that are still in the feasibility planning stages.

Riders could choose where they started and how far they wanted to go. The longest route option had riders bicycling from Horseneck Beach in Westport to Mattapoisett Neck Road in Mattapoisett.

- The Westport Bike/Ped Committee sent off the riders at 9 am. The group rode on the recently paved and striped bike lanes on John Reed Road and continued on East Beach and Horseneck Roads.
- Riders were greeted by the Dartmouth South Coast Bikeway Alliance (SCBA) members and Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) at the Dartmouth Y.
- Riders made their way to Pier 3 in New Bedford where they could learn about New Bedford's River Walk and the Blue Lane as well as connections to South Coast Rail stations. City of New Bedford planners, SCBA representatives and SRPEDD were all on site. More riders joined the fun at Pier 3 including the New Bedford Starchasers.
- Continuing on or starting in



ABOVE: Bicycle riders travel on the Padanaram causeway and bridge in Dartmouth during the Pedal for the Path on Sunday, 9/13/20. Submitted photo courtesy of SRPEDD. BELOW LEFT: Riders leave John Reed Road in Westport. BELOW RIGHT: Bicycle riders gather at the Dartmouth Y during the Pedal for the Path on Sunday, 9/13/20. Submitted photos.

Fairhaven riders met with Fairhaven Bicycle Committee and SCBA members who shared how a recent grant will improve the crossing at Scotcut Neck Road and access to the Wood School.

- From there all riders were encouraged to ride to the end of the Mattapoisett Rail Trail at Mattapoisett Neck Road. At that site, the Friends of the Mattapoisett Rail Trail shared the exciting news of the Shining Tides mile to open in 2021.
- SCBA representatives from Marion shared their plans to connect in the woods to Mattapoisett and follow a retired rail bed heading east towards Wareham.
- Wareham's SCBA representative shared plans to connect with Marion and Bourne through Wareham which are in need of funding.

The Feasibility Study

SRPEDD has been hired to conduct a Feasibility Study to determine the best way to connect Fall River to New Bedford with pathways. SCBA received funding from Community Preservation Commissions in Westport, Dartmouth and New Bedford for Phase 1. Phase 2 of the Feasibility

Study is being funded by a MassTrails grant and a Bay Coast Bank Community Grant. For more information visit <https://scba-feasibility-study-srpedd.hub.arcgis.com/>.

More Local Cycling Opportunities

Readers can continue to celebrate Bike Month by following the routes found at southcoastbikeway.com, <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/33707375> or create your own. Log your miles for Cycle September at <https://www.lovetoride.net/usa/groups/837>

Team South Coast Bikeway is also training for their participation in the Buzzards Bay Watershed Ride for clean water on October 4. Join their team at <http://support.savebuzzardsbay.org/goto/SouthCoastBikeway>.



Public Hearings/Legal Notices

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Fairhaven Planning Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 6:30 pm
Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday October 13, 2020, in the Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA on RZ 2020-02: **G. Bourne Knowles rezone to Business.** The proposal is to rezone the G. Bourne Knowles property located at 267-270 Huttleston Avenue from a Multifamily/ Apartment zoned district (RC) to Business (B). The Planning Board Meeting will be conducted remotely for the public. To Join the Meeting from home, Log on to:

<https://zoom.us/j/96461234265?pwd=endTRjdvQjJsamI3OHNF0G0yZVF0Z09> or call 1-929-205-6099 Meeting ID: 964 6123 4265 – Password: 441218. The meeting will also be televised live on Fairhaven TV channel 18 and streamed live on Fairhaventv.com.

The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following Rezone application: **RZ 2020-02 – G. Bourne Knowles RC to B.** The applicant, G. Bourne Knowles Co., Inc. and Leslie P. Knowles, is requesting a recommendation from the Planning Board to Town Meeting through the Rezoning public hearing review process to rezone their property, from a Multifamily/Apartment zoned district (RC) to Business (B). The location is 267-270 Huttleston Avenue, Map 31B Lots 302, 302A and 302C (22.12 acres).

A copy of the application is on file at the Department of Planning and Economic Development, Town Hall. The Department is currently by Appointment Only. To make an appointment call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4082, Ext. 122 or email pfoley@fairhaven-ma.gov.

For information on the project go to: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/planning-board/pages/current-permits-being-reviewed-special-permits-definitive-subdivisions>
John Farrell Jr., Chairman of the Planning Board
FNN: 9/24/20, 10/1/20

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Thursday, October 1, 2020 at 6:30 pm
Town Hall, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

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Also on Fairhaven TV Channel 18 and fairhaventv.com

1. DRAFT 2020 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLAN The Fairhaven Community Preservation Committee will conduct a Public Hearing to receive information and public comment on the Draft 2021 Community Preservation Plan.

Copies of the Plan may be viewed at the Office of Planning & Economic Development in Town Hall, located at 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA, and on the Town's Community Preservation Committee website: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/community-preservation-committee>

Paul H. Foley, Director, Department of Planning & Economic Development
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Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/95232377756?pwd=VjUwT3dudnBKV3RKYWZhbEttm9tdz09> or call 1-929-205-6099 Meeting ID: 952 3237 7756
Passcode: 591526

- Administrative Appeal by Fairhaven Shipyard – re: 7 Union Street.** Seeking reversal of zoning determination by the Town of Fairhaven Building Commissioner dated February 20, 2020. Continued from April 7, 2020, May 5, 2020, June 2, 2020, and July 7, 2020, and August 11, 2020, and September 2, 2020.)
- Administrative Appeal by A1 Crane – re: 86-88 Middle Street.** Administrative Appeal from a letter dated April 7, 2020 from the Building Commissioner stating that the operation on the site is in violation of the Mixed Use zoning regulations. (continued per applicant's request to September 2, 2020 Meeting, see attached.) Previously approved to Continue to November 3, 2020.
- 6 Vincent Street. Owner: Stephen O'Brian.** 198-16: Variance request for 4.2' side setback and a 4.2' rear setback in a RA District for a 24x24 garage.
- 50 Manhattan Ave. Owner: Eric Britto.** 198-16: Variance request for 5.4' on side, and variance for 6.0' on side for a jogged out small addition in a RA District, where side variance should be 10'.
- 480 Sconticut Neck Road. Owner: Jose Gouveia III** 198-18: Variance for 18' short of a required 20' side setback. 198-22: Variance request for 200' square feet over the allotted 700' sq feet for an accessory building in a RR District for a 30x30 garage.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman
FNN: 9/17/20, 9/24/20

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In other business, DNRT members elected four members to its Board of Directors: Elyse Baggen, Jim Dorsey, Dan King, and Doug Roscoe; and re-elected Jane Ashley, Bettina Borders, Mike Labossiere, and Katie White to second three-year terms. Officers elected were Lorraine Granda as President, Andy Mellgard as Vice-President, Peggy Gildersleeve as Secretary, and Clifford "Tip" Tracy as Treasurer. Outgoing Board members Bob Feingold, Jim Forbush, Susan Heide, Gretchen Knowlton, and Haven Roosevelt were all thanked for

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Upcoming Meetings

In-person attendance is restricted during the COVID-19 crisis. The information on how to join remotely is listed on the agendas. Most meetings also run live on the government access channels, and Fairhaven meetings are livestreamed at FairhavenTV.com

Fairhaven

Board of Appeals

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

Board of Assessors

Thurs., 9/24, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 10/5, Arsene St., 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 9/28, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Health

Thurs., 9/28, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Economic Development

Thurs., 9/17, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Espindola Office Hour

Tues., 10/6, Virtual, 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs., 9/24, Zoom, 7 p.m.

Thurs., 10/1, Zoom, 7 p.m.

Marine Resources Comm.

Thurs., 9/24, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 10/5, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

Board of Appeals

Thurs., 9/24, Zoom, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Thurs., 9/24, Zoom, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Fri., 9/18, Town Hall, 10 a.m.

Tues., 9/22, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

US Army Corps of Engineers, Cape Cod Canal/Wing's Neck

	Sept 2020	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	24	0213	1442	0744	2208
Friday	25	0313	1543	1005	2324
Saturday	26	0417	1650	1139	---
Sunday	27	0525	1752	0021	1236
Monday	28	0619	1839	0107	1323
Tuesday	29	0701	1919	0150	1407
Wednesday	30	0738	1956	0228	1447

	Oct 2020	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	1	0815	2033	0249	1504
Friday	2	0852	2111	0212	1438

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