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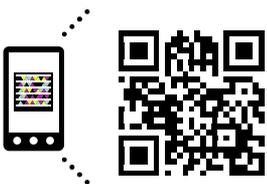
This crazy place adds new scariness every night, at 8 Beech Street in Acushnet. We have not idea what's going to go in those empty chairs (we were afraid to ask). It's just one of the many stops we have on our 2020 Halloween Trail. No walk-throughs this year, alas, due to COVID-19, but still many a scary haunt to tingle your spine and shiver your timbers. See page 12 for more stops on the Halloween Trail. *Photo by Glenn C. Silva.*

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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

Oh, so much to say and so little time to say it.

We have 12 stops on our Halloween Trail this year. I was worried we would have none considering the pandemic and all. But, we are the real Halloweentown... with Acushnet of course. No walk-throughs this year, but still plenty of great scaring going on. See page 12.

Town Meeting went on and on Tuesday night, but only got through less than half the items. You just never know what Town Meeting will do. See page 7 for how TM decided it was too risky to borrow \$1.2 million, but it's okay to take it from the savings account. I know, I know, one is a 2/3 vote, the other just a simple majority vote.

TM did all kinds of other stuff, too, and managed to appropriate the rest of the \$52+ million budget. Wrangled over a few thousand dollars forEVER, but then flew through \$52 mill.

Next week we'll have a story on the rest of it. They are scheduled to meet on Wednesday, past our press time for this week.

We also have a Selectboard story (page 4). Geesh...we're just giving away real estate these days...at TM, at Selectboard....

The Millicent Library has a new director. I'm not sure, but I think Carolyn Longworth gave us the slip. We want(ed) to write a story about her 43 years at the library but she managed to put us off. Now, Kyle DeCicco-Carey has taken the helm (see page 10). Hopefully we'll get a story on him soon, huh?

Tsk, tsk, Carolyn.

Early voting is underway all over the state (see page 11). It looks like both Acushnet and Fairhaven have seen big numbers.

Let's hope it keeps up. Early voting will continue right through Friday, 10/30 and includes Saturday Sunday hours.

The Selectboard did not put the legal notices item on the agenda for this week's meeting. I have no idea if that means they're dropping it or if they're going to include it again on a future agenda.

I want to thank my readers for the support, especially financial, that you have shown since this latest attack from Mr. Freitas. I hope you will all continue to contact the board members and let them know you read the *Neighb News*. Of course, a call to Mr. Freitas is probably a waste, but there are two other board members who will benefit from your input.

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Beth David, Publisher

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

# COVID-19 update: More communities move into red zone

By Beth David  
Editor

Fairhaven also moved into the red zone last week, joining Acushnet, New Bedford and Dartmouth as more COVID-19 cases were confirmed. The state updates its community level data on Wednesdays.

As of 10/14, Fairhaven had 297 total cases, with 22 of those in the past two weeks, and a positivity rate of 2.2%.

Acushnet had 143 total cases, with 20 of those in the last two weeks, and a positivity rate of 3.6%.

Marion and Mattaposett have both moved into the yellow, or moderate risk zone.

In an update on 10/20, Mass. Governor Baker and other officials announced a free testing site in Revere at Suffolk Downs, open to all residents of the Commonwealth.

The numbers are increasing statewide, more young people are testing positive for the virus, and asymptomatic spread is probably the cause for the rising cases, according to officials.

Gov. Baker also spoke about a plan to distribute a vaccine when one

becomes available.

Adults over 65 and healthcare workers, other essential workers, residents with underlying medical conditions will be among the first to qualify for a vaccine.

The state should receive 20,000 to 60,000 doses in the first phase.

At the briefing on Tuesday, officials said that young adults, 20-39, were testing positive at a higher rate than anyone else. This week saw the highest infection numbers than any day since May.

Officials continued to warn against large gatherings. The governor did not say he would reimpose restrictions, because, he said, the uptick in cases seems to be from informal events and social gatherings, not dining at restaurants or other public venues.

Gov. Baker said that people let their guards down in informal settings, not wearing masks, and getting close to each other.

Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders said that the COVID enforcement team has observed private parties with dozens

of people. In Everett, one event included more than 300 people, she said.

Authorities are also actively breaking up events in progress, and have prevented some from happening. State police warned organizers of an event in Revere, that was being promoted on social media, that they would be in violation of restrictions if they held the event.

## Cases

As of Tuesday, 10/20, Mass. had 142,295 confirmed cases, with 821 reported on that day; total deaths are 9,537, with 5 being reported on 10/20.

Visit <https://www.mass.gov/> for more COVID information.

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# Selectboard to make deal w/shipyard on lobster basin access

By Jean Perry

## Neighb News Correspondent

The Fairhaven Selectboard seemed unable to explain to Kevin McLaughlin of Casey Boat Realty on 10/19 why he still had not received a letter from town counsel that was promised to him two weeks ago, which Mr. McLaughlin met with metaphors to express his disappointment and scold the town for not giving him what he wanted when he expected it.

"Every time I ask for something," said Mr. McLaughlin, "it doesn't happen; there's another roadblock and another roadblock and another roadblock. I was told that I would get a communication from the town. I have not received a communication from the town."

"Your attorney has," said Town Administrator Mark Rees.

But Mr. McLaughlin insisted that Town Counsel Thomas Crotty did not reach out to his attorney, and the letter that the board on 10/6 told him he would get — one offering conditions to allow Mr. McLaughlin to use a town-owned bulkhead at Union

Wharf exclusively for the Buzzards Bay Rowing Club to access the water — never came.

On 10/6 Mr. Crotty was there to explain why the town has opposed allowing Mr. McLaughlin to build a pier for the rowing club off the Union Wharf bulkhead. It was not because the town opposed the pier, but because Mr. McLaughlin had allegedly asserted ownership over the bulkhead, said Mr. Crotty, which the town still owns according to the deed of the property that the town sold to Casey Boat Building Company in 1943. Mr. McLaughlin denied claiming ownership of the bulkhead and said all he wanted was for the rowing club to have its own dock there. The board offered to have Mr. Crotty draft a license allowing Mr. McLaughlin to use the bulkhead that they could ratify during the 10/19 meeting.

According to Mr. McLaughlin, he postponed appearing before the Zoning Board of Appeals for the pier, saying he did so because the board had offered to intervene and "in good faith" solve the problem that night.

"I— I— I agree," said Selectboard

Chairperson Daniel Freitas as Mr. McLaughlin interrupted him.

"Do you get my frustration here, guys?" said Mr. McLaughlin. "This is just one other board that is delaying things to the next meeting.... I just don't understand. This is such a simple thing and it's been dragging on for so long and, again, I left the meeting last week with a fair amount of hope that something was going to happen."

Mr. McLaughlin continued: "I didn't set the time, you guys set the time! You said we'll get back to you before the next meeting."

"Kevin, I have to agree with what you said," answered Mr. Freitas. "You're not spinning it; I recall that whole conversation, so I don't know why ... somebody didn't get back to you."

Selectboard member Bob Espindola said that, while Mr. McLaughlin likely would not appreciate the excuse, Mr. Crotty was likely "pretty busy" and probably did not get around to this particular matter "for reasons that were unintentional."

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Dress the kids in their favorite costume and come explore all that BPZOO has to offer! We'll provide families with a socially-distanced walk through experience with some twists and turns along the way. Our slightly spooky theme will include mazes, a scavenger hunt, plenty of trick-or-treat stations, endless photo opportunities including a photo costume contest, Halloween themed animal enrichment, and up-close meet and greets with the Zoo's Animal Ambassadors. Families are encouraged to bring their own "trick or treat" bags. All proceeds from Boo at the Zoo support the Zoo's education and family programs.

Boo at the Zoo Prices: Zoo Member: \$11 Adult, \$7 Child; Non-member: \$16 Adult, \$12 Child; Under 2 is free. Baby Boo Prices: Zoo Member: \$10 Adult, \$5 Child, Non-member: \$15 Adult, \$10 Child. Under 2 is free Visit <https://www.bpzoo.org>

## Haunted Town Hall

Virtual haunted town hall. See page 18 for details.

## Farmers Market LAST ONE

At the Bright Yellow Farm Stand, 151 Alden Road, Fairhaven (next to National Bleach). **Sundays through 10/25, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.** See page 6. [beef@comcast.net](mailto:beef@comcast.net)

## Early Voting

See page 11 for details.

## Board Vacancies

The town of Fairhaven has a variety of vacancies on volunteer boards, including the Planning Board, which has an elected position available due to a resignation.

The Planning Board is responsible for the review of development applications for subdivisions and special permits, as well as long-range planning for the Town including Zoning Bylaw amendments, plans such as the Master Plan and recommendations on housing. If interested in serving on the Planning Board submit a letter of interest to

the Town Clerk attention to the Planning Office, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719 or email [pfoley@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:pfoley@fairhaven-ma.gov)

## CPC Applications

The Fairhaven Community Preservation Committee is accepting applications for the 2021 funding round. The 2021 Community Preservation Plan, Submission Guidelines and Application Forms are available on the Town's Web Site on the Community Preservation Committee's page: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/community-preservation-committee>

- Activities that can be funded are:
- Acquisition, creation and preservation of Open Space.
  - Creation, preservation and support of Community Housing.
  - Acquisition, creation and preservation of Historic Resources.
  - Acquisition, creation and preservation of land for Recreational Use.

**The Deadline for applications is Friday, 11/13/20 by 12:00 Noon.**

Further information is available from the Planning and Economic Development Department. For information or appointments call (508) 979-4082, Ext. 122 or email [pfoley@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:pfoley@fairhaven-ma.gov).

## Cultural Council DL Extended

The Fairhaven Cultural Council Local Cultural Council Grant application window for 2021 projects has been **extended through November 16, 2020**. The council accepts online applications only. Online applications are now available from the MCC for LCC applicants via [www.mass-culture.org](http://www.mass-culture.org). Applicants must complete their forms entirely online and upload any required supplemental materials by the November 16, 2020 deadline.

Each year, the Fairhaven Cultural Council, a local organization supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC), awards Local Cultural Council (LCC) grants to support arts and cultural projects that directly benefit our community. Grant monies are distributed from both state and local funds designated specifically for this purpose.

For this grant cycle, applicants'

projects or events must take place between January through December 2021. The Fairhaven Cultural Council prioritizes projects that take place in Fairhaven and most directly benefit Fairhaven residents, as well as first-time applicants and new projects. Please refer to Fairhaven's official MCC page at <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/cultural-council> for full local guidelines and council funding priorities.

Contact chairperson Bill Levasseur for assistance or with any questions at [wjlevasseur85@gmail.com](mailto:wjlevasseur85@gmail.com)

## Vets Lunch To Go

Veterans Luncheon TO GO, The Fairhaven Council on Aging will be hosting a "Luncheon To Go" for Fairhaven Veterans and their spouses, on Tues. 11/12 from 12:00-12:30 to receive a hot dinner catered from Mac's Soda Bar. Please Call the Fairhaven COA (508-979-4029) if you would like a dinner.

## Fishing Derby

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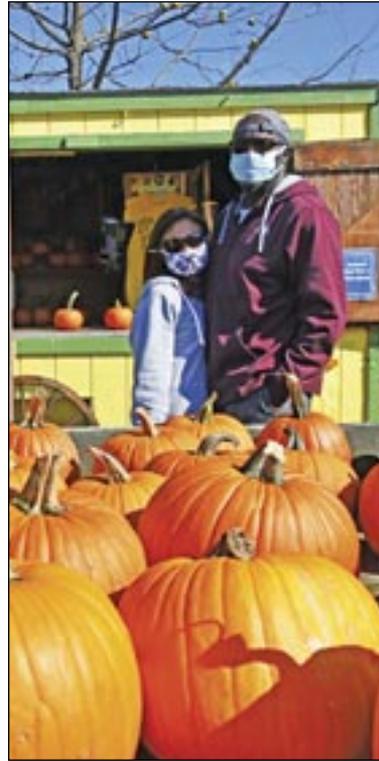
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Fish submitted for the weigh-in portion of the derby must be measured and weighed at a *Marine Fisheries certified weigh station*. Anglers participating in the catch and release portion of the derby are required to submit a picture of their fish on a measuring device. Entries may be mailed to our New Bedford office or emailed to [john.boardman@mass.gov](mailto:john.boardman@mass.gov).

Awards will be given to those anglers catching the heaviest (Weigh-In) or longest (Catch & Release) of each species for each of the three divisions: Men's, Women's, and Junior's (boys and girls aged 15 and younger).

For entry forms and additional information about the Derby visit [https://www.mass.gov/saltwater-fishing-derby?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://www.mass.gov/saltwater-fishing-derby?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

# One week left for Fairhaven Farmers Market



This is it: Last chance for local produce at the Bright Yellow Farm Stand in Fairhaven at 151 Alden Road. The market has been running every Sunday this season 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This Sunday, 10/25, is the last day of the season. There were pumpkins galore, and lots of produce, from lettuces to corn to tomatoes still available last week. And honey, too. You can also get locally grown, all natural beef from Joe Beaulieu, who runs the market with his wife Loralynn.

Contact Joe for beef or for information on the vendors at 508-496-9209, [allnaturalbeef@comcast.net](mailto:allnaturalbeef@comcast.net)

LEFT TOP: The market features a variety of local produce, including lots of pumpkins on 10/18/20, LEFT BOTTOM: Oakdale Farms still had lots of produce to sell on 10/18/20. LEFT, L-R: Sandy Eckenreiter and Jeremy Stuger pose for the local free sheet as they visit the farmers market on 10/18/20.

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# Town Meeting passes \$1.4 million turf project without borrowing

By Beth David  
Editor

You just never know what Town Meeting will do. Fairhaven's Special Town Meeting, held remotely on 10/20/20, got bogged down early on with an article that should have been an easy housekeeping type issue. Then, it a bit of a twist, an article to replace the high school football field with turf, to the tune of \$1.4 million, would not pass for borrowing the money in these pandemic times, but instead tapped surplus revenue to fund the project.

The original article called for \$1.2 million to be borrowed on a ten-year loan with a debt service of about \$170,000 per year, with the remaining other \$200,000 to be paid from the high school's trust fund.

The article created a lot of discussion. The Finance Committee passed it in a rare, 6-4 vote, with the dissenting group writing a minority report. Speaking for the group, FinCom member Bernard "Bernie" Roderick, a former Fairhaven school superintendent whose name sits atop the high school library, said that the group was not against the project. They just wanted to wait until the next annual town meeting in the spring because of the uncertainty of the pandemic.

This came after town officials touted the strength of Fairhaven's financial health, mostly pointed to the \$11.2 million the town has in a variety of stabilization funds. Some officials pointed out, however, that some capital projects were pushed to next year.

Superintendent of schools Robert N. Baldwin called the turf project "extremely critical."

He said the project was "vetted and approved" by a variety of boards and was rated second only to the senior center HVAC project.

Both Dr. Baldwin and Fairhaven High School principal Andrew Kulak said that the school's academic instruction was top notch, but students were suffering because of the athletic field.

The field routinely gets too wet to use, causing the teams to miss practices or pay to use other fields, causing them to lose the advantage of a home field. Student athletes are also getting hurt due to holes and slipping from the old grass field; and the teams lose the advantage of a home field because they often have to use another field that they pay to rent.

"We can't afford to wait another day

in the life of our students," said Dr. Baldwin, after noting that the town had the money.

He also noted that during the pandemic was the perfect time to undergo the project because athletes are not using the field anyway.

It was his motion to use surplus revenue instead of borrowing that passed.

Borrowing money requires a 2/3 vote from Town Meeting. Using surplus funds only requires a majority vote.

After much back and forth, some arguing for the borrowing, some arguing against the project altogether, the vote for the borrowing failed to meet the 2/3 threshold, 157 to 57. The motion passed, 100 to 63, to use \$1.2 million in surplus revenue and \$200,000 from the trust fund.

"This project really is one of hope," said Kevin Gallagher, a FinCom member, adding that the students of this year have been "knocked down extremely hard" in the last few months.

He said they persevered with their

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own inner strength and the project would lift them up.

Article 3 setting the salaries of town officers had a simple amendment to give the Town Clerk a raise from \$63,011 to \$66,961, and ended up in lots of discussion about the clerk, the Board of Health and the tree warden.

Town Administrator Mark Rees said that the clerk had been left off of the wage classification study because it is the only full time town hall position that is elected. The new amount would bring her salary closer to those in comparable towns.

Mr. Rees said they surveyed more than 20 communities with populations of 10,000-17,000 and found the average was \$71,939.

TM member Susan Spooner asked if the town could just add the \$39 to round it up to \$67,000, "and not jerk her around?"

The article passed with the original amount.

TM member Beth Luey asked to

amend the article to set the compensation for Board of Health members at \$3, noting that the board has caused a "great deal" of litigation recently costing the town a "fortune in legal fees," and the town is now in the red zone for COVID cases.

"There should be consequences for their behavior. In July the board members were approved for \$5,273 to be split among the three of them.

Diane Hahn agreed, saying the BOH should not be getting any more compensation. She also noted that BOH member Michael Ristuccia said he would not take the money. Mr. Rees said if he did, indeed, not take the salary, it would go back into the general fund.

Ms. Luey's motion required a 2/3 vote, but did not carry, although it did have a majority at 80 in favor and 51 against.

Donald Collasius, like Don Quixote against the windmill, rose again to take another opportunity to deprive the tree warden of his compensation of \$7,321/year. He tried to make the compensation contingent upon proof that the tree warden is doing his job.

"Compensation is typically based on job performance," said Mr. Collasius.

He said that the tree warden is waging a campaign of "no one tells me what to do in my town."

Mr. Collasius has been trying to get a very large tree removed that he believes will soon come down on his house.

"I've been chasing this monkey business for two years now," said Mr. Collasius.

That motion, to fix compensation for the tree warden at \$0, also required a 2/3 vote and did not reach the threshold ended in a near tie at 71 in favor, to 68 against.

Article 4, the \$52 million operating budget, was the main event, and passed 158 to 5, with a couple of questions and no real discussion.

Due to the pandemic and the fiscal uncertainty it caused along with the logistics of running a remote town meeting for the first time, the Select-board passed a 1/12 budget in June to cover July, and Town Meeting passed a 1/3 budget in July to carry the town through the end of October. The 10/20 meeting finished off fiscal year 2021, passing the budget through 5/31/21.

The FinCom report noted that the town now has a clearer picture of 2021 revenues, but still has a shortfall of

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## Mini Bazaar/ Lebanese Food

Our Lady of Purgatory Maronite Catholic Church is happy to announce that we will be sponsoring a **Mini Christmas Bazaar/Take Out Food Fest on Sun., 10/25, from 12 Noon to 5 p.m.** This special fundraiser is taking the place of the Summer Festival and Christmas Bazaar due to Covid-19. In light of the pandemic, this event will be **pre-paid & carry-out only.**

The full menu of food and pastries is available on our website at [www.ourladyofpurgatory.org](http://www.ourladyofpurgatory.org). There is also a link to place your order online (<https://www.ieatery.com/ma/new-bedford/olop>)

Then all you need to do is drive up on the 25th and pick up your delicious food in the parking lot of the church on the corner of Pleasant and Franklin Streets in New Bedford.

In addition to the Take Out Food Fest, we'll still be holding our the Annual Theme Baskets & Cash Raffle. These drawings will be held on Sunday, 11/22, immediately following the Divine Liturgy. The theme baskets will be shown via Zoom and will also be available for viewing on our website.

More details will be available next week. Contact the Rectory at (508) 996-8934 or [ourladyofpurgatory@verizon.net](mailto:ourladyofpurgatory@verizon.net)

## 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.

**THE AVENGERS (2012), Friday, October 23, 7:30PM, \$25/vehicle**

Iron Man (Robert Downey Jr.), Captain America (Chris Evans), The Hulk (Mark Ruffalo) and Thor (Chris Hemsworth) assemble together for the first time ever in this epic, action-packed blockbuster alongside Black Widow (Scarlett Johansson), Hawkeye (Jeremy Renner) and Nick Fury (Samuel L. Jackson). PG-13, 143 mins

**FROZEN 2 (2019), Saturday, October 24, 7:30PM, \$25/vehicle**

Why was Elsa born with magical powers? The truths about the past await her as she ventures into the unknown—to the enchanted forests

and dark seas beyond Arendelle. The answers are calling her, but they are also threatening her kingdom. Together with Anna, Kristoff, Olaf and Sven, she'll face a dangerous but remarkable journey. In Frozen, Elsa feared her powers were too much for the world. In Frozen 2, she must hope they are enough. PG, 103 minutes

**BLACK PANTHER (2018) Thursday, October 29, 7:30PM \$25/vehicle**

Marvel Studios' 'Black Panther' follows T'Challa who, after the death of his father, the King of Wakanda, returns home to the isolated, technologically advanced African nation to succeed to the throne and take his rightful place as king. But when a powerful old enemy reappears, T'Challa's mettle as king—and Black Panther—is tested when he is drawn into a formidable conflict that puts the fate of Wakanda and the entire world at risk. Faced with treachery and danger, the young king must rally his allies and release the full power of Black Panther to defeat his foes and secure the safety of his people and their way of life. Starring Chadwick Boseman, Michael B. Jordan, Lupita Nyong'o, and Danai Gurira. Rating: PG. 92 minutes

## Halloween at the Z Drive-In

Join us for Drive-In Halloween 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.

**HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA (2012) Friday, October 30, 7:30PM \$25/vehicle Costumes encourage. Free candy for kids on arrival**

Welcome to Hotel Transylvania, Dracula's lavish five-stake resort, where monsters and their families can live it up and no humans are allowed. One special weekend, Dracula (Adam Sandler) has invited all his best friends – Frankenstein and his wife, the Mummy, the Invisible Man, the Werewolf family, and more – to celebrate his beloved daughter Mavis's (Selena Gomez) 118th birthday. For Dracula catering to these legendary monsters is no problem – but his world could come crashing down when one ordinary guy (Andy Samberg) stumbles on the hotel and takes a shine to Mavis.

Rating: PG

Running time: 92 minutes

**THE ADDAMS FAMILY (2019) Saturday, October 31, 7:30PM \$25/vehicle. Costumes encouraged. Free candy for kids on arrival**

They're creepy, they're kooky, and they're moving somewhere spooky – New Jersey! The Addams Family is back in their first animated comedy about the kookiest family on the block. Funny, outlandish, and completely iconic, The Addams Family redefines what it means to be a good neighbor. Featuring the voices of Oscar Isaac, Charlize Theron, Chloe Grace Moretz, Finn Wolfhard, Nick Kroll, Bette Midler, Allison Janney, Snoop Dogg and more! PG, 87 minutes

## NB Early Voting

New Bedford Early Voting for the 2020 general election will be held at the New Bedford Main Library, 613 Pleasant Street on the following remaining days.

- Thurs. & Fri., 10/22 & 23, 8 a.m.–4 p.m.
- Sat. & Sun., 10/24 & 25, 8 a.m.–2 p.m.
- Monday through Friday, 10/26–30, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, polls will be open in the City of New Bedford from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Additional safety requirements including the use of masks/face coverings and the observance of social distancing will be in place due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Any New Bedford resident who is uncertain about their voting status, designated polling location, or who has changed their address since the last election, or any other question should contact the Election Commission office at 508-979-1420.

## Cancellation: GNB Marine Corps

The Greater New Bedford Marine Corps regrettably announces that the annual party, scheduled for 11/5, has been canceled due to the pandemic.

For more information, contact Senior Vice Commandant Ron St. John, 508-979-5062. For more information on the GNBMCCL, visit [www.gnbmcl.ning.com](http://www.gnbmcl.ning.com) or email [gnbmcl1775@gmail.com](mailto:gnbmcl1775@gmail.com)

# HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

## Early Voting/Acush

See page 11 for details.

## Free Concert

Fall Virtual Panoply, a vibrant collection of Past Tri-County Band Concert recordings, new offerings of small ensembles from band members, solos from Tri-County Scholarship recipients. Sun., 10/25, 3 p.m., visit [TriCountySymphonicBand.org](http://TriCountySymphonicBand.org) or view at ORC-TV: Comcast Ch. 9, Verizon Ch. 36 in Mattapoisett, Marion and Rochester.

Live stream at [www.Facebook.com/TriCountySymphonicFan](http://www.Facebook.com/TriCountySymphonicFan) and at [www.Facebook.com/orctv](http://www.Facebook.com/orctv)

## Spooky Old Sturbridge Village

*Phantoms & Fire* brings a new twist to the Halloween season at Old Sturbridge Village (OSV), with a series of haunting outdoor

performances and seasonal activities for all ages. Replacing the theatrical "Sleepy Hollow Experience," which has played at the Village since 2016, *Phantoms & Fire* offers guests a safe take on the Halloween season, following COVID-19 restrictions.

Pre-registration is required, with tickets available at: <https://www.osv.org/event/phantoms-and-fire/>. *Phantoms & Fire* is also coming to Coggeshall Farm Museum located in Bristol, R.I. on Sunday, Oct. 25 and Sunday, Nov. 1. Visit <https://www.coggeshallfarm.org/event/phantoms-and-fire/>.

## Voting Transpo

Early voting will soon begin for the Presidential/State Election (see page 11). For those seniors needing a ride to the Parting Ways Building in Acushnet to vote, the Acushnet Council on Aging will provide transportation on Thursday, 10/22 starting at 8:30 a.m.

Only two riders, plus driver, will be allowed on the van at any one time. Residents will have to call the COA in advance for a reservation, wear masks the entire duration of the trip and have a temperature screening before boarding the van.

Please call the COA, 508-998-0280 for more information.

## Acushnet Grab n Go Lunches

A Grab and Go lunch program will begin for Acushnet residents, age 60+, on Thursdays at the Acushnet Senior Community Center, 59 ½ South Main Street. The drive through meals will be available to the first 50 participants and will be provided by On the Go Catering. Advance registration is required and there is a suggested, voluntary donation of \$2/meal. Please call 508-742-9196 to register. Sponsored by Coastline Elderly Services.

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\$877,572. The amount has been covered through \$387,399 in cuts in the general fund operating budget and \$490,173 from free cash/surplus revenues. The cuts include a number of canceled seminars, conferences and trainings, and postponement of such things as office furniture and office supplies. There are no layoffs and the budget does include Cost of Living increases.

TM members also passed spending for the various enterprise funds: sewer, water, cable TV. Enterprise funds are comprised of fees from specific sources, such as sewer rates for the sewer fund. The money can only be used for related expenses.

The FY21 capital plan also passed, albeit with some discussion about replacing a 15-year-old fire department staff vehicle for \$52,000. The article (#9) also included the high school turf project. The two items were discussed separately. In the end, the vehicle was approved.

Dredging on West Island also got a boost with the passage of Article 10, providing \$13,217.20 from the waterway user fund for an engineering study to create an accurate estimate of the total costs of dredging to improve navigation.

Harbormaster Timothy Cox said he could not even give a ballpark figure because it depends on how much material

is removed. The study will cost \$39,900 and the town has some of the funds.

Mr. Cox said after the study is done the town can apply for grants to get the dredging done. The project could be done in phases, he said, if necessary. The article passed 127 to 12.

Article 11 also garnered some discussion, and had a healthy "no" vote with 96 in favor and 41 against.

The article authorized the Selectboard to swap property at Union Wharf. The town will swap a 2,565 square foot piece of property in the parking lot on Union Street for a 30x30 (900 square feet) piece of property that is smack dab in the middle of plans the town has for Union Wharf. The 900 sf parcel was acquired at a foreclosure auction and the owner's asking price is \$80,000.

TM member Jeffrey Lucas opposed the swap, saying it was better for the town to buy the 900 sf parcel outright and keep the 2,565 sf parcel.

The larger parcel is alongside the building next to it and would increase that building's lot size. Mr. Rees said the town would not lose any parking by simply reconfiguring the parking lot the town owns.

"I can't see how the value of that property can be equal [to the other one]," said Mr. Lucas. "I'm sure that strip is very valuable to them, but not

more than the 30x30 one is to us."

Mr. Rees said that TM should consider the "strategic importance" of the 900 sf parcel.

In a follow-up interview, Mr. Rees said that water rights are attached to the 900 sf parcel. The piece is in the way of plans that the town has for building over the water on pilings. The piece goes back to the MacLean's Seafood portion of the old building. The fish market was in the middle of the building that sat on pilings.

Town Meeting also approved road work, albeit with a lot of confusion due to typographical errors in the warrant. The original warrant named four streets, but the motion named different streets. Only Chase Road was approved.

Article 12, which would have used funds from the Capital Stabilization fund to acquire 172 Bridge Street (the old drive-in) for a public safety facility, was passed over at the request of the Selectboard. The same article also would have authorized disposal of a former public landing and boat ramp at the west end of Bridge Street, that the Seaport Inn leases from the town. The town is still negotiating terms, Mr. Rees said in a phone interview.

Town Meeting was set to reconvene on Wednesday to vote on the remaining articles, 14 through 35, in the warrant.

## Recipe of the Week

### Elbows and Sausage

1 lb. box elbow pasta  
14 oz. spice sausage  
1 tbsp oil  
1 small onion, chopped  
2 cloves garlic, chopped  
1 large bell pepper, cut into strips  
14 oz. can tomatoes  
1 cup vegetable stock  
S&P to taste  
Freshly grated Parmesan cheese

Cook pasta as directed on package. Grill sausage until brown, then cut diagonally.

Heat oil in saucepan. Add onion and garlic and cook until soft. Add bell pepper and cook for 6 minutes.

Add tomatoes and break with wooden spoon and cook for 10 minutes.

Add stock, salt and pepper, and sausage and cook for 10 minutes.

Toss with drained pasta and top with Parmesan cheese.

Seve hot, with a salad

*By Ella Stone*

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## Millicent has new Library Director

### Press Release

The Millicent Library Board of Trustees has announced the retirement of longtime Library Director Carolyn Longworth and the appointment of her successor.

Kyle DeCicco-Carey of Mattapoisett took up the post on 10/19/20.

“Carolyn has devoted herself to the Millicent Library for 43 years. While we wish her all the best as she transitions into retirement, we — and of course, the library patrons — will miss her dearly. However, we are delighted to have a librarian of Kyle’s experience and talents take the helm as director,” said Joanna M. Weeks, president of the Board of Trustees.

Longworth became the Millicent Library’s seventh director in 1985, succeeding Rita Steele. Previously, she had served as children’s librarian for eight years. Longworth helped usher the library into the computer age when she studied HTML to create its first website. She has been an excellent steward of the historic building, and a tremendous ambassador to visiting dignitaries.

DeCicco-Carey has nearly 20 years of professional library experience. He comes to the Millicent Library from Harvard University, where he was senior reference archivist in the property information resource center. He has experience as an interim library director at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, and is president of the Board of Directors of the Mattapoisett Historical Society.

Among other recent changes at the library, this summer also saw the retirement of the beloved youth services librarian, Jane Murphy, who had served the town’s youth for a decade.

“She knew all of the children and

### Millicent Library directors over the years

Don C. Stevens 1893-1901  
Drew B. Hall 1901-1911  
Galen W. Hill 1911-1926  
Louis F. Ranlett 1926-1928  
Avis M. Pillsbury 1928-1953  
Rita E. Steele 1953-1985  
Carolyn Longworth 1985-2020

*(Special thanks to Christopher Richard)*



Kyle DeCicco-Carey is the new Library Director of the Millicent Library in Fairhaven. He started on 10/19/20. *Submitted photo.*

families that attended Ms. Jane’s Storytime and looked forward to seeing them each week,” Weeks said. Murphy also had a very active Teen Advisory Group whose members helped out with programs and selecting materials for the teen collection.

Weeks was elected president of the board September 15, succeeding the late Christopher Bunnell. She was a page at the library during her high

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Fairhaven

# Early voting makes town clerk offices “crazy busy”

By Jean Perry

## Neighb News Correspondent

Early voter turnout has turned the Town Clerk's Offices in both Fairhaven and Acushnet into virtual ground zeros for democracy during the age of COVID-19.

Acushnet Town Clerk Pamela Labonte on 10/20 summarized the experience in two words: “Crazy busy.”

Early voting in Acushnet began on Saturday, 10/17 and went from 8:00 a.m. until noon. Ninety-two showed up to vote on the first day, followed by 123 on Sunday. By the end of the day on Monday, 10/19, Ms. Labonte had counted 398 ballots.

“And we've probably gotten back already approximately 600 mail-in ballots,” said Ms. Labonte.

“It's insane,” she said. “It's insane. There's no other way to describe it.”

Over at the Council on Aging in fairhaven, Town Clerk Carolyn Hurley has been equally inundated by voters eager to cast their ballots ahead of Election day on 11/3 in order to avoid the crowds and mitigate their potential exposure to the coronavirus.

As of midday on Tuesday, 10/20,

Ms. Hurley told the Neighb News that 750 had participated in early voting, and she had been receiving a steady stream of mail-in ballots. She said her office has sent out over 3,500 mail-in ballots to the Fairhaven voters who requested them.

“We are just straight out,” said Ms. Hurley. “Straight out!”

In other words, the Town Clerk's

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## The Town Clerk's Office has never seen an election like this one.

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Office has never seen an election like this one.

Still, said Ms. Hurley, “It's all going well. It really is nice and smooth, and people seem to be quite comfortable voting early at the COA.

“There's been an abundance of voting and I think we're handling it perfectly,” said Ms. Hurley.

Early voting in Acushnet is taking

place at the Parting Ways Building at 130 Main Street, and in Fairhaven at the COA at 229 Huttleston Avenue, and will continue until Friday, 10/30. Voting hours are the same for both towns: 8 a.m. to noon. on Saturday-Sunday, and 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Acushnet will be participating in “advanced processing” of early voting ballots, but has not yet set a date and time.

During advanced processing, ballots are removed from their envelopes, counted, and fed into the tabulators before Election Day. The public is allowed to be present to witness the process, and during this time the contesting of ballots is allowed.

Acushnet will decide on the time and date of its advanced processing by the end of Friday this week, and will post the details on [www.acushnet.ma.us](http://www.acushnet.ma.us).

Fairhaven does not participate in advanced processing, and will open and feed all mail-in and early voter ballots into the optical scanner on Election Day, 11/3.



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**Halloween is Saturday, 10/31**

*By Beth David*  
**Editor**

Welcome to our 15th annual Halloween Trail.

It's a different year to be sure. I'm sad to say that there are no elaborate walk-through haunts this year due to the COVID-19 risk. But, we still have our regulars, and I think a new one or two. The Halloween Horribles Parade in Fairhaven and the Halloween Parade in Acushnet have both been canceled for this year. But, I'm confident that everything will be back next year.

Meanwhile, visit these places. Most are view-from-the-street/sidewalk, or as you walk up to the house.

Most of these home haunters are going to offer candy and will do their best to be COVID safe. At my place, for instance, I will be using the ladle to give out the candy. In the past, I had the trick-or-treaters scoop out their own witch's brew. I will also leave it outside, instead of just inside the doorway.

They will still have to walk along the walkway, though, past the tree spirits and the graveyard to get to my yearly witch's brew.

Other places have said they will leave the candy out and let trick-or-treaters grab their own.

So, don't be shy, there's still lots of haunting to do, even in a pandemic!

Be sure to wear your COVID masks under your Halloween masks. Take lots of hand sanitizer with you and don't be shy about using it, okay?

No doubt there are other haunted houses that will welcome you on Halloween, but we only include the ones we know for sure want to be included on the trail.

If you see decorations, it's a good bet they have candy and will welcome you and your little ones so they can scare the bejeebers out of you. So, don't be shy. If you see a lot of decorations, you know they that at the very least they want you to stop and gawk, so feel free to do so.

As always, we tried to make this a logical geographical trail. We begin in North Fairhaven and move south from there, but, of course, this is America, land of the free and home of the car lovers, so feel free to visit any which way you want to. Just...get there! Thanks to all who sent in yards and helped out with pictures.

Enjoy your tour of the real Halloweentown.... yahahahahaha.

Oh...and Halloween is on a Saturday this year, and that night is also Daylight Saving Time.

**Also, be sure to visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/hauntedfhvn> for more yards.**

**Tips from the Health Department**

The Fairhaven Health Department has also issued some guidelines for staying safe during trick-or-treating.

Tips include: Enjoy Halloween activities outside rather than indoors; place grab and go bagged treats outside on the porch or front steps; consider leaving hand sanitizers; wear a mask; maintain six feet of physical distance from people not in the same household.

Do NOT participate in large gatherings; do not hand out treats if you feel sick, have tested positive for COVID-19, or have been exposed to someone with the virus, or if you are self-isolating after travel.

Limit group sizes to 10 people.

Visit <https://www.mass.gov/news/halloween-during-covid-19> for more tips on how to have fun on Halloween during the pandemic.

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They will hold a bake sale again to raise money for Boston Children's Hospital. Please wear your masks.

From the Ribeiros: "Even though we are dealing with some crazy times we are still displaying our crazy Yard of Terror for everyone to

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## Fairhaven Council on Aging

The Fairhaven Council on Aging Senior Center remains closed to the public until further notice. The staff is available to take phone calls and to assist you in any way possible.

### Early Voting at Senior Ctr

EARLY VOTING FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION HAS A NEW LOCATION. THIS YEAR IT WILL BE AT THE FAIRHAVEN SENIOR CENTER, 229 HUTTLESTON AVE. PLEASE ENTER ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE BUILDING SECOND DOOR. FOLLOW THE SIGNS. October 24, and 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Week of October 19-23 and October 26-30 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. PLEASE VOTE

### 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.

### Veterans Luncheon TO GO

The Fairhaven Council on Aging will be hosting a "Luncheon To Go" for Fairhaven Veterans and their spouse, on Tuesday, November 12, 2020 from 12:00-12:30 to receive a hot dinner catered from Mac's Soda Bar. Please Call the Fairhaven COA (508-979-4029) if you would like a dinner.



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## From our readers

### Congressional Overreach

In April 2020 I predicted that if Joe Biden won the Presidency Democrat power brokers would “dust off” the 25th amendment and replace him with whomever was selected vice president. My estimate at the time was within 6 to 12 months of inauguration but it could be sooner.

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) recently telegraphed this with a bill proposing a “committee” in the House of Representatives to determine the President’s competency.

It will not pass the Senate in 2020. It does, however, telegraph their post-election plan. This is fueled by her Trump Derangement Syndrome (TDS), but if there is a Biden/Harris win in November and a Democrat Congress, this bill could be pushed through in 2021/2022 allowing the party in power to override the Constitution by legislating control over the Executive branch.

To paraphrase President Obama, who said near an open microphone, that his life as President would be much easier without the Constitution getting in the way.

The proposed committee is unnecessary and likely unconstitutional. This is all about power.

The process for replacing a sitting President is spelled out in three of the four sections of the 25th Amendment. The Speaker and others want a “work around” tool they can apply without amending the Constitution.

The amendment process defined by Article V of the Constitution and 1 U.S.C. 106b requires passage by a 2/3 vote of both houses of Congress and ratification by three-quarters of the States. This takes time so some in the

House are trying to jam through a bill that, on its face, is unconstitutional. There’s that pesky Constitution again!

The 25th Amendment was passed in 1965 and ratified in 1967 following President John F. Kennedy’s assassination. Section 1, 2 and 3 cover replacing a President in the event of death or resignation, replacing a Vice President and the voluntary transfer of power by a sitting President, respectively. Each has been used at least once since 1967.

Section 4 makes the Cabinet the decision makers with written notice to the Senate and House of Representatives, if the Cabinet deems the President unable to perform. The President may challenge and the Cabinet has four days to review it and decide whether to continue. If nothing is done within four days of the challenge, the President remains on the job. It should be pointed out that this section of the amendment has never been used.

Section 4 is what the Speaker wants to control by inserting a committee with independent power or override power under section 4 that allows the House to insert itself in removal decisions and further destroy the separation of powers.

This is a dangerous precedent and does not fit with the intention of the original amendment based on my reading.

The nearly \$43 million dollar, Shiffshow impeachment effort should be a lesson. Policy, process or ideology differences would be manipulated to show incompetence and allow the legislature to micro-manage the Executive branch. Remember what the impeachment felt like!

Do we need a repeat of no due process, no evidence, unsubstantiated charges by anonymous sources spread by the Democrat supporting media, etc.? A weak President would be further weakened. I suspect the latter is the goal of the Democrat majority in their continued efforts to destroy our Republic.

Keep this in mind as you vote, but vote. Our junior Senator is an empty suit with nearly 50 years of no accomplishments who endorses the hugely expensive Green New Deal. Given his history, though, he may endorse it then vote against it as he has once already. He’s pandering to the “squad” and other far left people perhaps hoping for a strong committee seat.

The Democrat candidate for President is in even worse shape. As I’m writing this, he is on the campaign trail telling folks he is a strong Democrat and that’s why he is running for the Senate?

Don’t let hate decide for you. Vote on issues and performance of the current administration not because you, too, may have TDS. Your vote, make it count.

*Marsby Wartors, Fairhaven, MA*

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# YARDS: cont'd from page 13

Now pop up Washington St. and head to Scenticut Neck Road to go to West Island. We have it on great authority that there are more than a few yards on the way that will also welcome you, so pay attention.



7: 161 DOGWOOD STREET  
After the causeway, hang a left onto Dogwood to 161 which is just a couple of houses away from my place. My neighbors have once again made good use of their space in front of the house. I have NOOOO idea what's in store over there for the big night, so be prepared. They seem pretty darned enthusiastic, so, nothing would surprise me. *Beth David photo.*

8: 166 DOGWOOD ST.  
Scoot up the street a few hundred feet to my place on the left. Hopefully, I'll be up and running for the Big Night, but not before, I'm afraid. We can promise dead things, creepy noises, and a cauldron full of boiling witch's brew. *Beth David photo.*



9: 19 WEEDEN ROAD  
After you leave West Island, head east on Route 6 until you find Weeden Road. Take a right and find 19. We only have this one picture of the place, but...ooooh....it's pretty creepy and it looks like it's just a tease. They'll have treats for the tricksters, I'm told...if you can get by these guys. *Submitted photo.*

10: 8 BEECH STREET.  
Start out just over the town line from South Main, left on Lawson to Beech Street. You can't miss it (although you might WANT to). This elaborate yard goes on forever and is best seen at night. You'll want to visit it more than once because they add new stuff all the time. This yard has been ready for weeks, so you know these guys are serious! *Photos by Glenn C. Silva.*



**Acushnet**  
We have three Acushnet stops this year and they are GREAT ones. Wow. But we're sure there are more places to be scared by our northern neighbors.

11: 18 VILLAGE AVENUE.  
Now head own So. Main and take a right onto Main to Village Ave. Brrrr...a shiver just ran through me. These guys clearly have the obsession. Take your garlic, wooden stake, salt, and...whatever with you. You'll need it. *Submitted photo.*



12: 11 MONMOUTH AVENUE. The Baldwins are at it again and scarier than ever. *Submitted photo.*



## OFF THE TRAIL, BUT WORTH THE TRIP

### Virtual Haunted Town Hall

Fairhaven TV's third annual Haunted Halloween Party is going virtual this year. Join us for this FREE event on Thurs., 10/29, at 6 p.m. for trivia, games, live entertainment, and spooky stories. Visit [FairhavenTV.com/HauntedHalloweenParty](http://FairhavenTV.com/HauntedHalloweenParty) to sign up and get login information.

### Mystery bag pickup

The deadline has been extended to Thursday, October 22nd to sign up for

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### Boo at Zoo (not free)

SLIGHTLY SPOOKY FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY Now in its 19th year – Boo at the Zoo returns, with extra precautions, during the daytime to satisfy all your fall, Halloween and cool weather cravings. Want to show off your little ghosts and goblins? Baby Boo is for you! Baby Boo is geared towards children 5 and under, 5but any age is welcome!

**BOO: cont'd on page 5**

# Acushnet police department promotes two to sergeant

From Acushnet Police Department Facebook Page

The Acushnet Police Department is proud to announce two promotions.

One October 15, in front of the station in the accompaniment of family and friends, Officer Danny

DeAmaral and Officer Jeremy Fontes were each promoted to the rank of Sergeant!

Both Sgt. DeAmaral and Sgt. Fontes have been with the APD for a number of years and have graciously served the town in various roles.

Sgt. DeAmaral will be now be assigned as a patrol supervisor.

Sgt. Fontes will be assigned as the Detective Sergeant.

Please join us in congratulating both Sgt. DeAmaral and Sgt. Fontes!



ABOVE Acushnet Town Clerk Pamela Labonte sears in Danny DeAmaral (LEFT) and Jeremy Fontes (RIGHT) as sergeants in the police department on 10/15/20. LEFT, L-R: L-R: Sgt. Jeremy Fontes, Acushnet Police Chief Christopher Richmond, and Sgt. Danny DeAmaral pose in front of the Acushnet police station after a swearing in ceremony to officially promote Mr. Fontes and Mr. DeAmaral to sergeant on 10/15/20.

Photos from the Acushnet Police Department Facebook page.



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- Robert Bruce, 17 Cooke St, Fhvn, MA
- Christine & Aaron Cebula, 25 Ti moth St, Fhvn, MA
- Todd Correia, 24 Summer St, Fhvn, MA
- Timothy Desroches, 518 Sc.Nk.Rd, Fhvn, MA
- Susan Desrosiers, 15 Tanner Lane, Fhvn, MA
- Fhvn Firefighter Assoc, 146 Washington St, Fhvn
- Debra Farias, 334 Main St, Apt 310B, Fhvn, MA
- Richard Fernandes, 16 Alpine Ave, Fhvn
- Anne & Albert Fisher, 80 Nakata Ave, Fhvn, MA
- Kevin Gifford, 14 John Dyer Rd, Little Crompton, RI
- Lewis Hankins, 4 Spur Lane, Rolling Hills, CA
- Melissa Harrison, 21 Harvard St, Fhvn, MA
- Dorothy Howland, 46 Point St, Fhvn, MA
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- Thomas Justine, 1 Teal Circle, Fhvn, MA
- Philip Lafleur, 3 Hawthorne St, Fhvn, MA
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  - Kyle Daponte, 18 Coury Drive, Acushnet 02743
  - David Dompierre 74 North St, Fhvn 02719
  - Courtney Girouard, 35 Wamsutta Ave, Acushnet 02743
  - Joseph James, 358 Huttleston Ave, Fhvn 02719
  - Tara Kohler, 14 Grandview Ave, Fhvn 02719
  - Maria Menard, 45 Weeden Rd., Fhvn 02719
  - Nicholas Oliveira, 13 Homestead Ave, Fhvn 02719
  - Denise Portelance, 17 Shirley St, N.B. 02746
  - Cody Rodrigues, 39 Pilgrim Way, N.B. 02743
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## Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

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### 1. Administrative Appeal by Fairhaven Shipyard –

re: 7 Union Street.

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2. 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. (see attached-Exhibit 3) (continued per applicant's request to September 2, 2020 Meeting, see attached.) Previously approved to Continue to November 3, 2020.

3. 61 Church St. Owner: Patricia Shurtleff. 198-16: Variance request for 1.3' side setback for a proposed 24'x21.6' addition.

4. 30 Jameson St.Owner: Paul Archbault. 198-16: Special Permit request to convert garage to living space and add kitchen, adding 16x16 living space.

5. 20 Morgan Street. Owner: Robert & Jennifer Rodrigues. Administrative Appeal based on a letter dated September 15, 2020 from the Building Commissioner for land that is undersized in a RA District that had a foundation building permit expire in 2018.

6. 22 Morgan Street. Owner: Robert & Jennifer Rodrigues. Administrative Appeal based on a letter dated September 15, 2020 from the Acting Building Commissioner for land that is undersized in a RA District that had a foundation building permit expire in 2018.

7. 87 Shaw Road. Owner: Joao M Martins & Iola Martins. 198-22: Variance request for 260' square feet over the 700' sq feet for an accessory building (40x24 garage).

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Wed., 11/4, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### Board of Public Works

Mon., 11/2, Arsene St., 6:30 p.m.

### Conservation Commission

Mon., 10/26, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Planning Board

Tues., 10/27, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### School Committee

Wed., 10/28, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

Mon., 11/2, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Sustainability Committee

Tues., 10/27, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

## Acushnet

### Planning Board

Thurs., 10/22, Zoom/Call, 6:30 p.m.

## TIDE TABLE

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Friday	23	0153	1419	0718	2147
Saturday	24	0251	1516	1008	2257
Sunday	25	0351	1618	1123	2353
Monday	26	0455	1721	----	1218
Tuesday	27	0552	1812	0038	1304
Wednesday	28	0635	1853	0116	1345
Thursday	29	0712	1930	0144	1423
Friday	30	0747	2005	0118	1439
Saturday	31	0822	2043	0126	1408

	Nov 2020	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Sunday	1	0759	2022	0153	1336
Monday	2	0838	2102	0128	1411
Tuesday	3	0918	2143	0207	1448
Wednesday	4	1000	2227	0248	1525
Thursday	5	1046	2319	0328	1605
Friday	6	1140	----	0410	1651
Saturday	7	0017	1239	0501	1750
Sunday	8	0114	1335	0610	1901
Monday	9	0209	1432	0727	2004
Tuesday	10	0307	1534	0836	2104

\*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft  
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"With all due respect, Bob," said Mr. McLaughlin cutting him off, "We're all very busy people, but I didn't promise — I didn't make the promise."

Perhaps if Mr. Crotty had said he needed a month to get the letter that would be okay with him, he said.

"But I was promised that I'd have a draft of this license to review so that I could come back to you and we could finalize it during this meeting," said Mr. McLaughlin.

Mr. Freitas asked him if he would agree to allow the town to send him a letter on the following afternoon and, if Mr. McLaughlin found the letter agreeable, they could hold a special Selectboard meeting on Friday, 10/23 just for Mr. McLaughlin.

Mr. McLaughlin said he appreciated the offer, but added: "I don't want to waste the board's time and effort and create — I'm not asking for anything special, okay?"

"No," said Mr. Freitas, "but you —"

"All I'm asking for," said Mr. McLaughlin interrupting the chair, "is if somebody says something, and promises me something, that they do it, that's all."

Mr. Espindola said he would make himself available for a special Friday meeting as well. As he said that, Mr. McLaughlin interrupted him to tell him that his attorney had just texted him back confirming that Mr. Crotty never sent a letter.

"I think something needs to be done about that," said Mr. Freitas. "Because we can't be getting told that we're sending stuff out that's not out."

Mr. Rees said Mr. Crotty never said he sent a letter, rather he said that he "spoke with his attorney."

Mr. McLaughlin said that was false.

"Spoke to him about what?" asked Mr. McLaughlin laughing.

Mr. Rees responded in a serious tone: "About allowing you use of the Union Wharf basin under a license."

"Not to sound like a broken record," said Mr. McLaughlin, "I sat there and I was told that I would have a draft of some sort of a license or use of a license agreement from the town sent to me so I could review it and come to this meeting and discuss it, am I incorrect?"

"The way I remember it, yes, you are correct," said Mr. Freitas.

"We're just kind of kicking this can

down the road, guys," said Mr. McLaughlin. "So, when am I gonna get the letter?"

There was a five-second silence and then Mr. Rees said, "I will bring this up to town counsel's attention first thing in the morning."

"Okay," said Mr. McLaughlin. "What else can I do but just wait? Thank you."

Mr. Freitas asked Mr. McLaughlin to please call him if he did not receive the letter by 2:30 p.m. the next day.

"Thank you, and our apologies," said Mr. Freitas.

The board was ready to move on, but then Selectboard member Keith Silvia had a few questions on behalf of a resident he did not identify. After the meeting that resident called the *Neighb News* and identified himself as Robert "Hoppy" Hobson, Board of Public Works member and member of the Marine Resources Committee. He was angry that he was not given a chance to speak about the matter when he phoned into the remote Zoom meeting. He said at least two other people were in remote attendance and also wanted to speak but were not offered the chance.

On behalf of Mr. Hobson, Mr. Silvia said that for over 30 years a lobster boat has been docked at the spot in question, and he asked why the town would just give it away to Mr. McLaughlin when the town receives \$1,800 annually from the lobster boat. He also said there is a waiting list of lobster boat owners wanting a spot at Union Wharf.

Mr. Rees confirmed the presence of a lobster boat, but said the spot had been vacant for a year as the town works toward a solution with Mr. McLaughlin.

"That's not factual," said Mr. McLaughlin. "It's not true that there's been a boat there for the last 30 years."

"That basin has been used for lobster boats," said Mr. Rees.

"No it hasn't," Mr. McLaughlin interrupted.

"[The harbormaster] can provide better information in response to that," said Mr. Rees. "But the whole issue is ... in order to accommodate what everybody wants to do is move the ... rowing club boats over there. We're looking at what's best, not only for the lobster boatmen, but also for the town as a whole."

He said adding diversity to the use of Union Wharf aligns with the Town's Master Plan.

In a follow-up phone call with Mr. Hobson, he said Mr. McLaughlin is wrong, and that the name of the boat that has docked at that spot for 30 years is called the "Christine."

"But what really pisses me off," said Mr. Hobson, is that the transaction is being done without public input and virtually "hidden" from public view, which is what he wanted to tell the board if given the chance to speak.

"And the other thing," said Mr. Hobson, "They're going out of their way to have a meeting on Friday. Nobody can comment."

He then accused Mr. Rees of being "in bed with this Kevin guy," adding, "and so is Freitas."

"And you can put that in the article," Mr. Hobson insisted.

"Fairhaven/New Bedford is the biggest fishing port, dollar-wise, in the world, and the Town of Fairhaven wants to give land away?" said Mr. Hobson. "Who's in bed with who?"

According to Mr. Hobson, when he asked Mr. Rees the question last week, Mr. Rees told him that it was to help town businesses.

What Mr. Rees stated during the meeting was: "More to the point is, what is the highest and best use of that water area for the benefit of the most people?"

"The worst part is they're trying to hide it," said Mr. Hobson. "Why no public hearing?"

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