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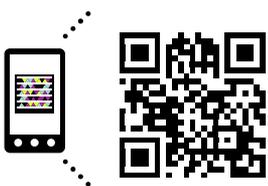
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Teeming with information you need.  
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

## Spooky pets and people converge on shelter



The Wicked Witch of Fairhaven tosses out treats and ...well, maybe spells?... from the window of the Fairhaven Animal Shelter on Saturday, 10/3/20. See page 12. *Photo by Glenn C. Silva.*



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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

Alas, the end of our last Halloween hype this week. But we have LOTS of it. Besides our cover story (page 12), we've got the Halloween Town Hall on page 6, Halloween in the Center on page 13, and the first West Island Witch Ride. Charlie and I joined that ride — see us up there? It was lots of fun. For my little dog, too!

We have meeting coverage in here, too, of course. The Selectboard meeting is the popcorn worthy one this week. Chairperson Dan Freitas, who likes to tell us how smart he is and what a thick skin he has, left the room in a little hissy fit.

Honestly, you can't make this stuff up. He berated Bob Espindola, who calmly kept making his case.

The issue was the recruitment of a new Town Administrator, without a doubt the most important decision they will make. It was on the agenda, the consultant was remotely connected, and everyone fully expected that the issue would get a full and thorough discussion. But, Mr. Freitas complained, yet again, that he only got the newest version that day.

Our Town Administrator is leaving on January 7, although he could be gone sooner with vacation and sick days he may have accrued. So, like...c'mon guys, this is November. These jobs take a long time to fill if you're going to do it right. Um...yeah, bit "if" right?

The irony is that he storms out of the room that he refuses to let us into. We have been asking to be let into the room, the press should NOT be kept out.

Mr. Rees, the TA, originally said it was his decision, then he said he polled the board members because his decision was made based on a policy they passed. Geesh.

So, Mr. Freitas said "no," Mr. Espindola said "yes," and Keith Silvia did not respond.

There you have it folks, your Selectboard. Tough guy bully, reasonable guy with a brain, and guy who lost his backbone. If you find it, please give it back to him.

No winner in the presidential election yet, but the local numbers came in by press time (see page 10). Looks like the buffoon might actually win again. God help us all.



Beth David, Publisher

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

# COVID-19 update: Fairhaven drops back to Phase 3, Step 1

By Beth David

Editor

As of Monday, 11/2, Fairhaven dropped back a notch in the reopening trajectory, due to the town being in the red on the state's map. The town is now in Phase 3, Step 1, instead of Step 2. The red designation is higher risk, and Mass. Governor Charlie Baker ordered that any community in the red for three weeks needs to go back a step in the reopening process.

The Fairhaven Health Department issued the following statement: "The Town of Fairhaven has been 'red' on the map for 3 consecutive weeks.

"It is very important that we continue to wash our hands, practice social distancing, and wear a mask/face covering to help limit the spread of COVID-19.

"Effective Monday, November 2nd Fairhaven will revert back to Phase 3 Step 1...Please reach out to the Fairhaven Board of Health (boh@fairhaven-ma.gov) or the Massachusetts Department of Labor Standards (safepublicworkplacemailbox@mass.gov) with any questions."

## Governor Orders More Restrictions

Governor Baker also signed three new executive orders designed to stem the tide of rising COVID cases in the state.

A revised stay-at-home advisory requires people to be home from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m., except for work commutes or essential errands, and walking outdoors. All bars and restaurants have to be closed between 9:30 p.m. and 5 a.m.

Gov. Baker also changed the statewide mask order. Everyone in a public space, even outdoors, is required to wear a mask, even if maintaining social distancing.

Private gatherings also have new limits: 10 people if indoors (down from 25) and 25 if outdoors (from 50).

Restaurants have to stop indoor dining by 9:30 p.m. to give people time to get home by 10, said the Governor, although take-out is allowed after 9:30. Liquor sales must stop at 9:30 p.m., although stores that sell other items may stay open to sell those items.

The state has also changed its website to include more details on community cases. The website is updated daily now instead of weekly.

Visit [www.mass.gov](http://www.mass.gov) for more information.

### The Fairhaven-Acushnet Land Preservation Trust

#### 2020 Annual Members Meeting

Monday, November 9th • 6:30 p.m.

Meeting will be held virtually, via Zoom.

For call-in information, please email [falpt.board@gmail.com](mailto:falpt.board@gmail.com).

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# Selectboard chair Dan Freitas walks out of meeting

By Jean Perry

## Neighb News Correspondent

Fairhaven Selectboard Chairperson Daniel Freitas let out a loud exhale as he stood up from the conference table during the 11/2 Selectboard meeting.

"I gotta leave," he said, picking up his bag and grabbing his coat from the back of his chair. "I'm sorry," he said and then breathed out another tight, audible lungful of air as he exited the nearest door.

Selectboard member Keith Silvia had not even stated what his motion was going to be before Mr. Freitas decided he'd had enough of the discussion about the Town Administrator recruitment position statement — a discussion that turned contentious right from the start when Mr. Freitas wanted to table it until the next meeting as board member Bob Espindola pressed to resolve the time-sensitive action that night.

At the start of the discussion, Senior Associate Sharon Flaherty from Community Paradigm Associates said she was able to incorporate the feedback and comments that Mr. Espindola and Town Administrator Mark Rees had provided her earlier in the day. She was able to provide the board just ahead of the meeting with another draft of the

write-up that includes a comprehensive overview of Fairhaven: its history, current economic status, political structure, demographics, and other pertinent information, along with compensation and benefits information and the qualifications and characteristics the Town seeks in a new town administrator. Aside from some minor additions, the statement was ready to be finalized, and Ms. Flaherty, standing in for principal consultant Bernie Lynch until his remote arrival, listened for any further final comments on a salary range.

"I'm OK with your recommendations," said Mr. Espindola. "You've done more of these lately than any other agency and, obviously, you know the market.

Since no one else in the room beyond Mr. Rees and Mr. Espindola had provided any feedback, Mr.

Espindola turned to Mr. Freitas and Mr. Silvia.

"It would be nice if the board would comment on that as well," he said.

Getting no response, he continued, "I don't know, it seems like an important factor."

Besides the tapping of Mr. Freitas's pen on the table, there was silence from the two Selectboard members.

After a moment, Ms. Flaherty offered: "Does the board want to take a vote on that or a vote on the position statement as a whole as amended with the recommendations—um?"

"Sharon, I just got handed this," said Mr. Freitas. "I didn't have time to

said Mr. Espindola. "I know how to read, Bob."

"Well, I know, but if we take the time.... We all talked about the time sensitivity of this process," said Mr. Espindola. "So, if we're near and we don't have too much else on our agenda, I think this is the last thing—"

"Bob," interrupted Mr. Freitas, "this is going to go back to Dan Freitas saying, a thousand times, please don't hand us anything at the meeting where we have to discuss it and waste people's time because this was handed to us. This I read—slightly went through ... when I got this today. I just got this, so if you want to read it, Bob, you can.

As he spoke, he punctuated many words with a bang of the table.

"I have said in the past, I don't like getting something and then automatically having something to say after," said Mr. Freitas. He suggested perhaps another meeting in a couple days to vote on the final statement.

"The majority of this was presented to us by the consultant [already]," said Mr. Espindola. "Again, my Open Meeting Law concerns always are I don't want to present my proposal for changes directly to the other board members; I want to do it during an open public meeting."

Mr. Espindola argued that he should read it, that the community would find it interesting, and so he started to read it.

Mr. Freitas rubbed at his eyes and 10 seconds into it, got up and left the room. Mr. Espindola continued uninterrupted while Mr. Silvia sat reading along silently. A minute later Mr. Freitas returned. He spent the next several minutes noisily shuffling papers, rearranging the items on the desk before him, and flipping through a nearby binder. Occasionally he sat motionless with the exception of his fingers tapping the wrist of his opposite arm as Mr. Espindola read for some time.

When he finished, Mr. Espindola pointed out that the segments of the document outlined in red to reflect changes were "probably about 3% of the text, maybe 5%.

"It's very limited, what was



Selectboard chairperson Daniel Freitas's chair is empty after he abruptly leaves the meeting on 11/2/20 with no explanation. Screenshot photo from FairhavenTV.com

read it, so.."

"Oh, sure," said Ms. Flaherty.

Mr. Freitas said he had only received a copy two hours prior to the meeting and then the final copy "three minutes ago" when Mr. Rees handed it to him. "I'd like to at least have read what's in the paper, so that's why I'm remaining silent right now because I don't want to stick my foot in somewhere and say I'm gonna vote for this and it's not in the paper..."

"Since this is such an important thing, and it's only a couple pages, I would recommend that we just read through it right now and then see if there's any comment we want to make," Mr. Espindola suggested. "If you'd like, I'll read it, Mr. Chairman."

Mr. Freitas just stared at Mr. Espindola.

"Is that OK?" Mr. Espindola asked him.

"I don't need you to read to me,"

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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## 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. 11/10 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.

## Manny Sylvia Tribute

*Last and Final Tribute To Manny Sylvia, 1/14/1911-12/07/2008*

There will be a "Last & Final" tribute to Manuel T. (Manny) Sylvia on Veterans Day at the Charles F. Albaugh Memorial Flagpole at the Main St./195 overpass. At this time his momentos and military flag will be burned at that location in a final, respectful ceremony and the ashes buried inside fence.

Manny Sylvia was born on January 14th, 1911, one hundred and nine years ago. He died at the age of 97 on December 7th, 2008. Manny's wife Marie predeceased him by several years and they had no children. In the final years of his life he had no known living relatives, but many, many friends in Fairhaven. The closest of which was John Medeiros (former owner of Medeiros Bus Company where Manny worked as a driver) who maintained a very strong and personal relationship with Manny through his final years.

This ceremony now is organized through the efforts of John Medeiros and retired Army veteran Mike Lemaire, who is the caretaker of the grounds at the overpass. After Manny's death in 2008 all of his belongings were distributed in accordance with his will or donated to charities, with the exception of his military flag and a small number of sentimental items which John still possesses. With almost no one around that would even remember the personable and friendly bus driver from the 1970s, John and Mike have determined that it would be a fitting tribute to fly "Manny's flag" this Veteran's Day and then finally dispose of these objects along with the flag in a manner that follows proper flag retirement etiquette. The burning of the items will be done at

the Main Street location at 3:00 p.m. on Veteran's Day, November 11th. All are invited for this short memorial to WWII army veteran Manny Sylvia.

Please Note: If anyone is interested in disposing of a military burial flag in a respectful and proper manner please contact John or Mike.

For more information please call John Medeiros at 508-990-0000 or Mike Lemaire at 508-454-0517

## Bay Adventures

When the weather turns cool, there is still plenty to do and enjoy outdoors, and the Buzzards Bay Coalition is here to help you with a few ideas for fall fun. The upcoming Bay Adventures for November offer activities for children and adults, and cover a range of outdoor activities. Each program also will incorporate social distancing measures recommended by public health officials and required by state regulations.

All Bay Adventures are free, but registration is required as space is limited. To register and for more info: <http://savebuzzardsbay.org/events>. The upcoming programs include:

- **Watershed Bikers: Fort to Fort Sat., 11/7, 10 a.m.** A casual, 16-mile ride starting from the Staples plaza in Fairhaven traveling the Phoenix Bike Trail to New Bedford and back again with stops at Fort Phoenix and Fort Taber Park for brief historical talks. .
- **Bird Tour: Allens Pond Mon., 11/9, 9 a.m.** Explore the grasslands of Allen's Pond Wildlife Sanctuary in Westport and Dartmouth. The walk will be led by a local birder and ecologist, and participants will learn about the birds that live in the areas.
- **Saturday at the Sawmill: Forest Bathing Sat., 11/14, 11 a.m.** A mindfulness walk and guided introduction to "forest bathing" at The Sawmill in Acushnet. The aim of "forest bathing" is to cleanse away stress through immersion in nature. Given current health concerns, the Coalition's outdoor programs are restricted to small groups. Guests should bring and be prepared to wear masks. When equipment and supplies are required, there will be no sharing among participants. Additional safeguards may be put in place as appropriate.

## 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

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).

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.

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 Levasseurat [wjlevasseur85@gmail.com](mailto:wjlevasseur85@gmail.com)

# Halloween Town Hall goes virtual

The Fairhaven Government/Public Access channel held its third annual Haunted Halloween Party at Town Hall on Thursday, 10/29, but this time they went virtual.

Participants could use Zoom to

join the party or view it online, or watch live on Channel 95.

Cable Access Director Derek Frates said that approximately 50 people joined through Zoom, and most of the children were in costume. Almost all

had a chance to interact with emcee Todd "The Magician" Migilacci. Another 110 people viewed online.

To watch the whole event, visit <https://www.fairhaventv.com/single-post/ftv-s-virtual-halloween-party>



The Fairhaven Government/Public Access Department its third annual Haunted Halloween Party at Town Hall on Thursday, 10/29. Approximately 50 people joined through Zoom, 110 viewed online, and it was also run live on Channel 95. LEFT: Children join through Zoom (BELOW) as Todd "The Magician" Migilacci entertains the crowd at Fairhaven's virtual Haunted Halloween Party at Town Hall on Thursday, 10/29. ABOVE: Todd "The Magician" Migilacci entertains the virtual crowd. *Photos courtesy of Fairhaven TV.*

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# The Witches of West Island RIDE!!!!

*Beth David*  
**Editor**

The Witches of West Island made their first Halloween Day ride around the island on Saturday, 10/31. About a

dozen witches traded in their brooms for bicycles and cackled their way along the roads of West Island, throwing candy where appropriate and spreading Halloween spirit.

The ride was rather hastily planned, but may become an annual event. Who knows? Stay tuned next year.



ABOVE & BELOW: The Witches of West Island take to the streets on Halloween Day, 10/31/20. ABOVE RIGHT: Witch Grace mugging it up for the camera. BELOW RIGHT: This charming fellow provides music for the ride. *Photos by Margie Joseph.*



## High winds toss the boats around a bit



LEFT: The Three Belles, with its mooring ball still attached, is beached on the north side of the Causeway Road beach on West Island on 11/2/20, after strong winds averaging around 35 miles per hour with wind gusts around 50 mph hit the area. MIDDLE: A seagull takes an interest in the beached Three Belles. RIGHT: A boat is submerged in the mooring field at West Island Marina in Fairhaven on 11/2/20. *Photos by Beth David.*

## Science Cafe

Do you love science? Do you love beer? Whether it's either, neither, or both...Lift a glass & join our Virtual Café! **Tues., 11/10, at 7pm Please join us for a VIRTUAL New Bedford Science Café!**

Our guest will be Jonathan Kurtis, MD, PhD, who will discuss "A Promising New Strategy for Combating Malaria." Last spring, the Kurtis lab made headlines for its report on a novel approach to a malaria vaccine. The research stems from studies of children in Tanzania with an unusual resistance to malaria.

Malaria is the #1 killer of children globally. Jonathan is Chair of the Dept. of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine at Brown University and Director of the Lifespan Center for International Health Research.

Register in advance: <https://umassd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwod-CvrD0oGtBhYdDnqv7VmHWZsvDqns>

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This Zoom presentation is made possible through a partnership with UMass Dartmouth.

## 3rd EyE Finale

The wild, improbable, magical ride that is "Your New Bedford" celebrates its finale on Thursday, 11/2

"Your New Bedford" is the series of pop-up 3rd EyE Unlimited events that launched last April in the city. It was the recipient of the first-ever "Art is Everywhere" grant, \$50,000 awarded by New Bedford Creative on behalf of MassDevelopment and the Barr Foundation.

Five "Your New Bedford" virtual events have entered the digital history books. The sixth and final pop-up as part of the grant will take place during AHA! New Bedford's cultural celebration on November 12.

No one could have predicted what 2020 would bring as the "Art is Everywhere" grant applications were evaluated back in March of 2020. Projects were discussed and scored virtually as Massachusetts went into shutdown and the arts community adjusted itself to a different reality.

With "Your New Bedford" the organization reached a new pinnacle

of purpose in a moment of reckoning and promise. While much of 2020 was fraught, the decision to award the first-ever "Art is Everywhere" grant to the project not only proved exciting, but prescient.

Join them as they continue to make history in the city with the sixth and final edition of "Your New Bedford" on Thursday, Nov. 12. It will take place as part of AHA! New Bedford's "Made in NB" day of virtual and "in real life" programming. The event will feature music and spoken word performances, the Dance Jam, live painting, community conversations (and some other surprises!), live from the stage of the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center as well as some other popup locations around New Bedford.

Find more "Your New Bedford" info at <https://3rdEyeUnlimited.org/yournb/> and the live stream on Nov. 12 at [Facebook.com/3rdEyEinc](https://www.facebook.com/3rdEyEinc).

## YTI Performance Ten Ways To Survive Life In A Quarantine

by Don Zolidis; Directed by Eric R. Paradis, **Nov 13-15, 2020, 7:30 PM**

If you're spending a long time at home, it can be a challenge to keep yourself occupied. Luckily, this presentation is full of handy solutions, from putting on a musical with your dog, to becoming an announcer for a made-up sport, to falling in love with an inanimate object. Hey, we promised handy solutions — we never said they wouldn't be strange. Whether or not you're inspired to take up origami and squirrel observation, you will enjoy this play! The production is being presented online only. Visit <https://yourtheatre.org>

## Virtual Concert

AHA! Night: Virtual Concert by Dave Penny, Thurs., 11/12, on Facebook Live at 7 p.m. By The New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center.

Tune in on Facebook Live for a virtual concert by Dave Penny! Dave Penny has been a steady presence on the local folk scene as a composer of songs that are truly unique to Newfoundland and Labrador.

This concert is a part of our series of programs related to our latest exhibit, *We Came to Fish, We Came to*

*Work: Stories of Immigration.* Visit <https://fishingheritagecenter.org/performances/> for more information.

## Apps for Women's Programs

The November 13th Community Partner Grant application deadline for funding from the Association for the Relief of Aged Women (ARAW) is quickly approaching. ARAW will contribute up to \$300,000 in support of community organizations and programs which best support ARAW's mission and vision that elderly women will live well and with dignity. The ARAW welcomes new initiatives and meaningful ways already in existence to address the needs and challenges faced by aging women today.

The ARAW's Community Partner Grant offers nonprofits and public entities in Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, New Bedford and Westport funding to continue, maintain or expand their programs through support of activities which align with the ARAW's prioritized funding areas and targeted population. Potential use of this grant funding includes support of staff salaries, program supplies and materials and other direct costs deemed reasonable for the success of the program/project. A total of up to \$300,000 will be offered and grant awards will range from \$1,000 – \$50,000.

The deadline for submission of grant proposals is November 13, 2020 at 5:00 pm EST. The full Request for Proposal is available at [www.arawofnb.org/about/grants](http://www.arawofnb.org/about/grants).

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## Acushnet COVID Testing

For Acushnet residents We will be conducting a FREE Covid testing clinic on Saturday, 11/7 from 9am-Noon at the parking lot between the schools, 800 Middle Road Acushnet. Based on the numbers that have come in since last week we fully expect Acushnet to be in the RED for a fourth straight week.

Testing helps stop the spread. Wearing masks, socially distancing and washing your hands helps slow the spread. Most importantly, contact tracing is showing that many of our October cases originate from small gatherings and parties!

Please, help us out. This weekend, do the right thing!

## Vets Day Flyover

Parades are canceled due to the pandemic, including Fairhaven's annual Veterans Day Parade, and Acushnet's annual memorial service.

But Acushnet has organized a **Veteran's Day Fly-over with a USCG MH60 Helicopter, on Wed., 11/11, 10:00-10:30 a.m.**

The Fly-Over is weather contingent, and may be canceled should a USCG emergency arise.

There is ample parking at the Veteran's Memorial at Pope Park to allow many residents the opportunity to view this event.

## Live Performance

FirstWorks, a Rhode Island non-profit dedicated to building community through world-class arts, announces a partnership with The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and New England Foundation for the Arts (NEFA) to premiere live, virtual performances by Rhode Island-based artists Rose Weaver and Sokeo Ros on **Nov. 9, 4 p.m. EST on Facebook Live**. The premiere will also be available for archived viewing on both the FirstWorks website <http://firstworks.org> and at Kennedy Center <http://kennedy-center.org/artsacrossamerica>.

Award-winning actress, singer, and writer Rose Weaver will kick off the livestream performance at 4 p.m. with "UnMuted Tears." Rhode Island's celebrated spinner of tales uses

songs, prose and dramatic storytelling to advocate, inspire and celebrate positive self-esteem.

At 4:30 p.m., storyteller, Hip Hop dance educator, and scholar Sokeo Ros will perform "Cambodian Lullaby," based on excerpts from his autobiographical solo show "From Refugee Camp to Project." The performance incorporates dance and movement to tell his redemptive story of a refugee's migration into a world where assimilation to gang violence and dance are the only ways to cope with day-to-day trauma.

The performances will be hosted by FirstWorks Executive Artistic Director Kathleen Pletcher.

"Arts Across America" is brought to you by Facebook. Learn more about the national program at <http://kennedy-center.org/artsacrossamerica>.

## Creepy Sea Creatures

They're wonderfully weird and downright creepy. Here are 5 of the most chilling creatures of the deep, dark, and mysterious ocean twilight zone, by the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (<https://www.whoi.edu>)

- **The Bristlemouth** With gnarly fangs and the ability to glow in the dark the bristlemouth fish should give you the chills. Visit <https://twilightzone.whoi.edu/explore-the-otz/creature-features/bristlemouth/>
- **The Pram Bug** If this alien-looking creature doesn't give you the creeps, it should. Visit <https://twilightzone.whoi.edu/explore-the-otz/creature-features/pram-bug/>
- **The Atolla Jellyfish** The "alarm jelly" looks like a creature that should be on an episode of *Stranger Things*. Visit <https://twilightzone.whoi.edu/explore-the-otz/creature-features/atolla-jellyfish/>
- **The Anglerfish** The female anglerfish may be hailed the queen of creep in the deep. Visit <https://twilightzone.whoi.edu/explore-the-otz/creature-features/anglerfish/>
- **The Swordfish** While the swordfish may not be the most scary-looking creature in the deep, its unique abilities should give you the willies. Visit [https://twilightzone.whoi.edu/explore-the-otz/creature-](https://twilightzone.whoi.edu/explore-the-otz/creature-features/swordfish/)

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Owners Kelly & John Zucco will be celebrating their **Grand Opening November 13-15, with a ribbon-cutting on the 13th at 2:00** and raffles, refreshments, and giveaways throughout the weekend.

The store boasts over 60 varieties of the freshest olive oils and aged balsamics available in the world! Their beautiful showroom functions as a tasting room where customers are encouraged to "try before they buy," offering a true culinary experience.

The hours for the new store, which launched a soft opening last month, are Tuesday through Friday 11-5, Saturday 10-4, and Sundays, beginning on 11/15, 11-4. For more information, call (508) 810- 0115 or visit [www.ripefromthevine.com](http://www.ripefromthevine.com).

## Greek to Go

St. George Greek Orthodox Church and the Ladies Philoptochos Society of Dartmouth are not able to have the Greek Festival or Holiday Fair due to COVID-19. However, they are sponsoring a fundraiser, "Greek...On The Go," which offers some favorite Greek food and pastries for take-out only. **Place your orders and pre-pay by Wed., 11/11**. Then on Sat., 11/21, drive up to the church and your delicious food will be taken out to your vehicle.

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## Recipe of the Week

### Seared Venison Backstrap with Blackberry Sauce

3 pounds of venison will feed about 4 people, with 3 medallions per portion.

3 lb venison backstrap, whole  
3 tsp salt  
1 tsp fresh cracked pepper  
1 tsp ground nutmeg  
6 oz fresh or frozen blackberries  
3/4 cup white sugar  
1/2 cup balsamic vinegar  
1/4 cup cider vinegar  
Juice & zest of one lemon  
2-4 cloves  
1-2 star anise (optional)  
Thyme sprigs for garnish

Preheat oven to 350°. Combine salt, pepper, nutmeg in small bowl. Dry off surface of backstrap with paper towels and sprinkle spice mix liberally on top.

Heat an oven proof skillet on high. Once smoking hot, place backstrap into skillet to sear, turning every minute or so to make sure all sides are cooked. Then place pan in the oven for 7-10 minutes.

Remove from oven and pan, place into foil and allow to rest 10 mins before slicing into medallions.

#### Sauce

Combine berries, sugar, vinegar, zest, juice, cloves and anise in a pan, and bring to boil. Add an optional pinch of salt.

After about 5 minutes of boiling, you should be able to "smash" the berries on the side of the saucepan using a wooden spoon. Continue rapidly simmering sauce 5-10 minutes to thicken.

Place medallions on a plate, spoon over generous portions of sauce and top with sprigs of thyme.

## Election Results

Fairhaven voters chose Joe Biden (D) over President Donald Trump (R) in the presidential election on Tuesday, 11/3/20. A total of 9510 voters cast ballots, with 5,028 choosing Biden and 4,229 choosing Trump. Fairhaven voters chose incumbent Sen. Edward Markey (D) over Kevin O'Connor (R) 5,142-4,037; and incumbent Rep. Bill Keating (D) over Helen Brady (R) 5328-3462.

The clerk's office did not provide turnout numbers by press time, but

using the previous numbers as a guide, it appears that more than 80% of voters cast ballots.

Acushnet voters chose Trump over Biden, 3193-2550; O'Connor over Markey, 2875-2754; and Keating over Brady 2883-2533.

Acushnet has 7863 registered voters. Turnout was 75%.

All numbers are preliminary, and will be finalized in the next few days, then certified by the state.

## Exit renumbering continues

### Press Release

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing that crews will continue converting all exit numbers in Massachusetts on specific roadways to a milepost-based numbering system, per Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requirements during the week of November 1. Work will typically be completed during the overnight hours.

MassDOT has released the following schedule for the week of November 1:

- Interstate 195 between Wareham and Seekonk
- Nightly, starting each evening at 8:00 p.m. through the next day at 5:00 a.m.

MassDOT launched the exit renumbering installations on October 18. The Route 140 corridor conversion has been completed. After crews complete work on I-195, the contractor will move to Route 25 between Wareham and Bourne and then to State Route 3 between

Braintree and Bourne. MassDOT will keep existing, "old" exit number signs at key locations for a minimum of two years.

For up to date information on the project please visit the project's website at [www.NewMassExits.com](http://www.NewMassExits.com).

For more information on traffic conditions, travelers are encouraged to:

- Dial 511 before heading out onto the roadways and select a route to hear real-time conditions.
- Visit [www.mass511.com](http://www.mass511.com), a website that provides real-time traffic and incident advisory information, access to traffic cameras, and allows users to subscribe to text and email alerts for traffic conditions.
- Follow MassDOT on Twitter @MassDOT to receive regular updates on road and traffic conditions.
- Download MassDOT's GoTime mobile app and view real-time traffic conditions before setting out on the road.

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# BPW discusses member responsibilities/authority

Mary Macedo

## Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Monday 10/19 the Fairhaven Board of Public Works met with attorney Jaime Kenny about BPW members' rules and regulations they should follow.

Ms. Kenny joined the BPW meeting via Zoom and introduced herself to the board stating that she is an attorney for many towns and is part of the Labor Council for Fairhaven and has been for quite a few years.

Ms. Kenny explained that as a board member they only have authority as a whole board. As individuals they have no authority. As far as interacting with town employees, board members need to be careful on what they say and how they say it. She suggested they always be professional when speaking with town employees.

Ms. Kenny said that individual board members saying inappropriate things to town employees is the number one thing most board members get in trouble for. Most people get in trouble for saying something discriminatory or

harassing. Board members could be individually liable for saying something inappropriate.

"You're kidding me right," BPW Vice-Chairperson Robert "Hoppy" Hobson said.

"No," said Ms. Kenny laughing.

Mr. Hobson asked if he sees a town employee out and about can he go over and say hi?

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So if he lights me up...  
I can't light him up  
[Robert "Hoppy" Hobson]

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Ms. Kenny said that any board member can go and talk to employees, but you just need to be careful with what you say.

Mr. Hobson explained that the town is small and a lot of town employees are close friends and even relatives. He asked what happens if he gets into a disagreement about a

subject with a town employee?

Ms. Kenny said that he would need to make sure that the words he uses are professional and appropriate.

"So if he lights me up... I can't light him up," Mr. Hobson asked.

Mr. Hobson asked, what if the employee starts complaining about things in town or work and he disagrees with what they are saying.

Ms. Kenny said that if the employee has a dispute you need to suggest they talk to a supervisor or look into filing a grievance.

"If you want to listen to an employee as board member... go ahead," Ms. Kenny said. "Just be careful with your response."

Ms. Kenny said he should direct the employee to speak with Mr. Furtado or the administrative assistant Becky Vento.

Mr. Hobson said that in Fairhaven now, anyone can accuse anyone of something even if it's not true. He said it happened to him. He also said that the town just settles grievances and that's not right either.

Board member Frank Coelho said

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## Spooky pets join the fun at the animal shelter

The Fairhaven Animal Shelter held a trick-or-treat event on Saturday, 10/31/20, from noon to 2 p.m. More than 200 people and pets showed up for treats and fun. The Wicked Witch of Fairhaven made an appearance, and treats were available for all the children, two-legged and four-legged alike. Children were also able to pet the shelter's bunny rabbit. For more information about the



Fairhaven Animal Shelter call 508-979-4028, or find them on Facebook. ABOVE LEFT L-R back row: Tinman Chad Almeida, Wicked Witch of the West Gina Berger, Lollypop Kid Cristina Almeida, Dorothy/Alexia Almeida holding Zsa Zsa as Toto; (front row) Cowardly Lion Jesse the Dog, and Scarecrow Chance Almeida did justice to the Wizard of Oz with their costumes. ABOVE RIGHT L-R: Jennifer, Derek, and Arya (in front) Frates with Obi the dog. BELOW FAR LEFT: Moira Spencer, a smiling witch, came from Plymouth. BELOW MIDDLE LEFT: The Wicked Witch of Fairhaven Alexis Cambra tosses candy and toys to Spot the Dog who handed them to children. BELOW MIDDLE RIGHT: Scarlett Lord as Elmo from Sesame Street pets Thumper the Bunny. L-R: Bailey, a Coon Hound; Nya, a Long Haired German Shepard; and Meeka, a Belgian Malinois pose for the local free sheet after hopping over the bridge from New Bedford.

*Photos by Glenn C. Silva.*



## Stolen sign brings out the LOVE in Biden/Harris supporters



Jennifer and Melanie Mead have a message for the person who stole their sign: Keep the sign! We will keep voting on the side of love. They said they had a Biden/Harris sign up. When someone they did not even know offered to give them a bigger one, they gladly accepted. They put it up on the fence where it stayed until Halloween night, when it was stolen.

"It's too bad because they damaged the fence," said Jennifer. Our intrepid photographer, who found this story as he was just cruising around town said: "This is the make-love-not-war moment I've been looking for during these trying times in an election year."

LEFT, L-R: Jennifer and Melanie Mead pose with their new sign on 11/2/20 after their Biden/Harris sign was stolen on Halloween night on the corner of Oxford and Main Streets in Fairhaven.

*Photo by Glenn C. Silva.*

# Halloween in the Center

Nobody does Halloween like Fairhaven Center (okay, maybe Salem, Mass.), even in a pandemic. The good folks of Fairhaven's village area found some creative candy delivery systems to keep the touching to a minimum, and still managed to keep the scaring at a maximum.

Lee Baumgartner on Pleasant Street said they all need a "taste of normalcy." Right, say we, goblins and ghouls and pirates and princesses. That's normal. RIGHT: Matey Tim Evans shows how his shute system works for delivering candy pandemic style in the center of Fairhaven on Halloween night, 10/31/20. TOP RIGHT: Lee Baumgartner passes out candy with tongs. FAR RIGHT: The Wolfman oversees the socially distanced trick-or-treating. BELOW LEFT: Sawyer Hevey rings a bell to announce his arrival. BELOW RIGHT: Some big kids show off their awesome costumes while trick-or-treating on Pleasant Street. BOTTOM LEFT: A pair of Colonels, aka L-R Laura Hubert and Kate Flannery have a fun time in the center. BOTTOM RIGHT: A couple of princesses contemplate the candy choices. Photos by Glenn C. Silva.



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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.

### 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 10, 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.

### Flu Shots

Walgreens will be Administering Flu Shots for Fairhaven Seniors 60 years old and older at the Fairhaven Recreation Center on: **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 cards with you.

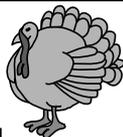


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# Acushnet Selectboard discusses Town Meeting articles

Pattie Pacella

## Neighb News Correspondent

The Acushnet Selectboard met on October 28, to review the Warrant Articles slated for the Special Town Meeting on November 14. With 15 articles to review, Selectboard chairperson Kevin Gaspar said he believed the meeting would be less than 90 minutes, but it went to nearly two hours.

Mr. Gaspar stated the first article and also the main focus for the Special Town Meeting was to approve the article for the roof repair at the Acushnet Elementary School. School Department Business Manager Kristin Flynn explained the process that she stated started two years ago.

Ms. Flynn said many studies and consultants have stated that the original section of the Elementary School roof "is on borrowed time."

She said the MSBA (Massachusetts School Building Authority) has awarded Acushnet \$1,334,232 for the project with the balance coming from Acushnet taxpayers. The total project cost for the 67,000 square feet of original roofing, is \$2,570,759. The town will need to pay the costs and then will be reimbursed by the MSBA. Town Meeting will be asked to authorize borrowing the full amount.

After the project is finished and paid for, about \$1 million will be bonded by the town. Town Meeting could then vote to lower the bond amount using free cash or other revenue sources. The bond will be spread out over 15 years and paid out of the solar fund.

Mr. Gaspar stated his main concern was the escalating prices of lumber and materials in the past few months due to the pandemic.

"I'm concerned if bids come in dramatically higher than what we are expecting, I'm not sure where the project will stand," said Mr. Gaspar.

The board voted to approve the article to Town Meeting.

The Selectboard also reviewed an article with the School Department on updating the school's curriculum.

Superintendent Paula Bailey stated the School Department has had curriculum audits and studies and the curriculum is outdated in all areas. Curriculum Director Kerri Stowfield stated the article targets reading and science.

Mr. Gaspar stated he was unsure how they started funding a curriculum out of articles versus the School budget. He said that Acushnet right now does not have all the funds available to go around.

He added that he was disappointed to hear that Acushnet students have only a 65% efficiency rating all the way up to the seventh grade.

"In my world of philosophy, if I spend a dollar I expect my return on my dollar and I'm not so sure that is happening, especially when we hear that students are reading at only a 65-70% efficiency rating," said Mr. Gaspar.

He asked why they should spend the money now versus the spring when the children are potentially back in the classroom.

Ms. Stowfield stated it was her professional opinion that students were accessing the curriculum on site and on digital platforms currently to access their learning both at home and at school.

"DESE (Department of Elementary and Secondary Education) has firm mandates for school learning and

Acushnet is committed to providing this uninterrupted learning experience," said Ms. Stowfield. "And we need to have digital access to make that happen."

Selectboard member, David Wojnar stated he too would like to see this discussion slated for the Spring budget and Town Meeting.

Mr. Gaspar asked how often the curriculum is updated and Dr. Bailey said it had not been done in years.

"Well that's shameful too," Mr. Gaspar stated. The reading deficiencies are very troubling to me."

Mr. Gaspar stated he felt they might not be able to fund everything they were asking for. By the end of the meeting, the Selectboard had decided there they could find \$77,000 to put toward the school department's request.

In other business, the Selectboard heard from Town Planner Henry Young for a \$15,750 request to prepare the 2021-2031 Master Plan for the Town of Acushnet.

Mr. Young reviewed his request in funding a new master plan as the last Master Plan was completed in 2008.

Mr. Gaspar asked if the \$15,750 was asked to fund his salary additionally or to use to pay whatever work is necessary to put into the Master Plan.

Mr. Young stated it was requested to add to his salary to put the work into the Master Plan.

Mr. Gaspar stated he was "One hundred percent against spending an additional \$15,750 to supplement your income."

He said that Mr. Young gets a base salary of \$36,000 and an additional \$11,000 in the Selectboard's budget for "special projects," and perhaps

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## SELECT: cont'd from page4

changed from when we initially received it," said Mr. Espindola. "Hopefully that gave you some time to read and understand it and see if you have any additional comments tonight and we can move forward."

"Bob," said Mr. Freitas, "we're going to be hiring someone for a position that we get a paper sent to us at around four, five o'clock in the afternoon when our packages were given to us on Friday. Then we sit here, and we're given another piece of paper with more stuff added to it...."

"I've said it a hundred times," continued Mr. Freitas. "I know you're playing your little game or whatever you want to do, and you're gonna continue doing it, Bob, but that I do not find fair to us because, at that point, we have to stop and do this. I'm not gonna listen to what you have to say on the thing because I think it's wrong when you do this."

The diatribe continued: "I don't appreciate getting handed stuff at the meeting," said Mr. Freitas. "I'm a pretty smart guy and I can figure out what's going on."

Espindola said he submitted his comments ahead of the meeting "so that we could have a productive conversation tonight — and the red lines tell you clearly what the difference is in the document. It's not that difficult."

Mr. Freitas leaned in toward Mr. Espindola and asked, "Are you working now? Do you work now? Are you retired, is that why you — Because I have a job and I try to get things done, and I try to come prepared for these things, and that's all I've asked for, [that] we don't hand papers...."

Mr. Espindola stated that yes, he is now retired, but that his last day of work was Friday.

"So that's irrelevant," he told Mr. Freitas, who gave his eyes a rigorous rub across with his hands.

Pressing Mr. Freitas to take action that night, Mr. Espindola asked if the board could move forward with the matter, and then added, "If we can't, if you don't feel comfortable, we can postpone it to another meeting."

"I said that I didn't feel comfortable, a million times!" said Mr. Freitas. "Maybe I think different than you, Bob. Maybe I want to understand what's being said and not thrown down my throat, but that's you."

Mr. Espindola turned his attention away from Mr. Freitas and toward Ms. Flaherty and asked her to confirm one of the edits he suggested earlier.

"There's really nothing in here to be concerned with, in my opinion, and we could move forward," said Mr. Espindola. "But if your interest and Selectman Silvia's interest is to delay it until the next meeting, then let's do that. But I'm in favor of moving

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I've said it a hundred times. I know you're playing your little game or whatever you want to do, and you're gonna continue doing it, Bob, but that I do not find fair to us because, at that point, we have to stop and do this. I'm not gonna listen to what you have to say on the thing because I think it's wrong when you do this. [Daniel Freitas]

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forward."

Participating in the debate for the first time, Mr. Silvia said he still wanted to look into the salary amount.

"What the salary is, what all the other town administrators [are getting] ... and where we stand — Are we high, are we low, are we middle?" asked Mr. Silvia.

With Ms. Flaherty still remotely in attendance, and Mr. Lynch now remotely present as well, Mr. Espindola pointed to the "experts in that field" on the Zoom monitor and suggested asking them.

But Mr. Silvia said he figured he could call Ms. Flaherty later and discuss that with her.

Mr. Espindola took the liberty and asked her, "Has this salary been

based on representative salaries from similar positions, similar community size Sharon?"

"It has been," she said. "I think Bernie may want to weigh in on this aspect as well."

Mr. Lynch apologized for his delayed arrival and confirmed that the \$155,000 amount is based on similar factors. He said the words "plus or minus" flanking the figure in the position statement give the board flexibility to adjust compensation according to the candidate's experience and qualifications.

"Does that answer your question?" Mr. Espindola asked Mr. Silvia.

Mr. Silvia responded with a slight head tilt to each side, but no verbal response.

"It's the will of the board," said Mr. Espindola. "If you're ready to move forward — I feel like I am — if you feel like you need to wait for another meeting that's [OK]."

Mr. Silvia asked Mr. Freitas if a special meeting would be agreeable.

Mr. Freitas shook his head and threw up his hands, saying, "You guys vote the way you want to vote. I'm perfectly happy. I'm perfectly happy with whatever you guys want."

"It's an important decision," said Mr. Espindola. "If you feel like you need more time, then, by all means, we just..."

"I make a motion that we, uh ... I don't know if it's acceptable for..." Mr. Silvia made it that far when Mr. Freitas rose from his chair, apologized, and vamoosed.

"Well, I guess, uh... as the vice chair, I'll resume with the rest of the meeting," said Mr. Espindola.

Picking up before Mr. Freitas's abrupt departure, "Selectman Silvia?"

At that, Mr. Silvia motioned to table the matter until a meeting could be scheduled later in the week for Mr. Freitas to participate. The meeting will likely be Thursday or Friday.

The discussion to appoint members to the town administrator search committee also had to be tabled for the next meeting because Mr. Freitas, who had expressed his desire for a Selectboard member to be appointed and wished to discuss it that evening, had already left.

## BPW: cont'd from page 11

he did not know why they were discussing the authority of the board. He said he did not see anything explaining the board members' responsibilities.

Ms. Kenny said she was trying to explain the state's laws.

Mr. Coelho said that he did not understand why they were having the meeting with Ms. Kenny. He asked if she represents the whole town or just labor negotiations. Ms. Kenny said she handled labor and employment and collective bargaining.

Ms. Kenny explained that she was here to represent the town as a whole not individual people.

Mr. Coelho said that he was not sure why the issues started. He said he talked to some town employees and believed that was the reason they called Ms. Kenny to meet with the board.

Mr. Hobson said that Mr. Coelho did not have the authority to talk to employees.

Ms. Kenny said that the board members do not have authority to direct town employees as an individual board member. Ms. Kenny said the board only has authority as a whole board.

Mr. Coelho said that before he was on the board, board members used to go on construction sites and check things out. He asked where it says that board members cannot go into departments in town and check things out.

Ms. Kenny said they can go into departments and check things out, but they cannot direct employees to do things.

Mr. Coelho said he should be able to investigate things.

Ms. Kenny said that individual board members cannot question employees.

Mr. Coelho said that it does not say in writing anywhere what the board members can and cannot do.

"I'm telling you what you can do," Ms. Kenny said.

Mr. Coelho also said that it was absolutely wrong that if a board member gets hurt doing town business that the town does cover the incident. Mr. Coelho said that the board should not have to sign a waiver to do town business. He said he checked with two attorneys and they said that what she was saying is illegal.

Ms. Kenny tried answering Mr. Coelho's questions and talking through Zoom, but Mr. Coelho kept talking over her.

"I'm speaking, I'm speaking, I'm speaking," Ms. Kenny said trying to speak over Mr. Coelho.

"Let her talk," board member Marcus Ferro said.

"I'm speaking to you," Ms. Kenny said to Mr. Coelho.

Ms. Kenny said that she never said any of those things about town coverage, waivers, or board members getting hurt. She said she has not heard about that situation, and said she could take those issues to town counsel.

Mr. Coelho explained that he thinks he confused her with the town's other attorney Tom Crotty. Mr. Coelho said Mr. Crotty told the board that they have to sign a waiver to go on town premises.

Mr. Coelho apologized to Ms. Kenny saying it was not her that said anything about the waivers.

"I appreciate your time," Mr. Coelho said. "And for putting up with my hearing loss."

Mr. Furtado explained that Ms. Kenny was there to tell new board members the do's and don't's and to answer any questions. He said that Mr. Crotty did say that BPW members were not covered if injured and that they should implement a type of waiver to sign. Mr. Furtado said the town is liable if a waiver is not signed and someone is hurt.

Mr. Hobson said a few years back he went into the BPW building and had his nomination papers with him

and he had a few employees sign them, but did not pressure any to do so. He said others did the same thing.

Ms. Kenny said that should not be done, and suggested they have an ethics training.

Ms. Kenny also said that board members cannot go to other town department without an invitation.

Mr. Coelho said that is not stated in writing anywhere.

Ms. Kenny said that they can put a policy together in black and white to make it clearer.

BPW Chairperson Brian Wotton asked if board members can just walk into the personnel area of the BPW building.

Ms. Kenny said that they need to stop at receptionist first.

Mr. Coelho thanked Ms. Kenny and stated that he never violated anything.

Mr. Ferro asked Ms. Kenny to clarify that the board members are not allowed to go into departments without an appointment or without a supervisor's permission.

Ms. Kenny said that is correct.

Mr. Ferro just wanted to confirm that he believes Mr. Coelho violated that.

Mr. Wotton also noted that the next meeting will be on Monday November 2nd at 6:00 P.M.

"That's for you Beth David," Mr. Wotton said laughing, and explained that Ms. David posted 6:30 p.m. in the *Neighb News*.

"Don't get her upset," Mr. Hobson said.

"I'm not trying to make her mad," Mr. Wotton said. "I figured I'd mess with her a little bit."

"You don't want to mess with her." Mr. Hobson said.

"She's been taking it easy on us," Mr. Wotton said.

"Thank God," Mr. Furtado said "Thank you!"

"And we appreciate that Beth," Mr. Wotton said. "Just messing with you."



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#### School Committee

Wed., 11/18, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

#### Selectboard

Mon., 11/16, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

#### Sustainability Committee

Tues., 11/17, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### Acushnet

#### Planning Board

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

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Wednesday	11	0410	1636	0946	2203*
Thursday	12	0505	1729	1051*	2258*
Friday	13	0553	1816	1145*	2346*
Saturday	14	0639	1903	----	1236*
Sunday	15	0726	1953	0034*	1331*
Monday	16	0816	2044	0125*	1425*
Tuesday	17	0908	2136	0218*	1512*
Wednesday	18	0959	2229	0307*	1553*
Thursday	19	1053	2327	0351	1636

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## From our readers

### Bring Back the Stocks!

In this Thanksgiving season, it is perhaps time to bring back a Puritan tradition: the stocks. They could be constructed on the Town Hall lawn, and public officials who disgraced their offices could be confined in them for as long as seemed fitting.

In the seventeenth century, there was no Facebook or Twitter where photos could be posted, but today's technology could provide a far-reaching and permanent record of their shame.

*Beth Luey, Fairhaven*

### Fairhaven Officials Have Let Down Residents

I am writing this while sitting on my porch greeting the goblins with their parents reveling in the normalcy of trick or treating. Yes, it's the "new normal"...a table on the sidewalk with individually wrapped candy in individual bags instead of door knocking and handing out candy face to face...but being able to do this at all is such a heartwarming treat after the cruel trick of Fairhaven moving into the COVID RED ZONE.

I'm angry about and disgusted by the actions of the three men that constitute our Board of Health and two thirds of the Selectboard. I have reviewed dozens of pages of

documentation wisely kept by the former Health Agent. I have read months-worth of minutes and watched hours of Government Access TV footage from the BOH and BOS meetings. After all of that, in my opinion, I believe that the actions as well as the inaction of Peter DeTerra, Mike Ristuccia, Geoff Haworth, Dan Freitas and Keith Silvia are directly responsible for the lack of containment of the COVID-19 virus in our community.

My research has focused on the past 12 months and I've learned that, from my point of view, the men who've been voted on or appointed to the BOH and the BOS have abused the public trust, put lives at risk and brought shame to our town.

I guess I'm supposed to be soooo very happy for the Chairman of the BOH because he was allegedly able to give his child and family the wedding of their dreams: A catered affair with a bar and a live band attended by over 150 people at the time when Governor Baker's order restricted the number of people gathering indoors to 50 people. Meanwhile I've had to give up my dream of having my 80-year-old parents travel from Florida to visit with my family during the upcoming holiday season. They and I are extremely saddened by this

because they believe that they will not be able to come up here again before they die, a very real possibility due to their co-morbid conditions and the fact that they live in a state that has one of the worst COVID stats in the country.

My chance of contracting the virus has increased enormously because I work at Stop & Shop and I'm willing to bet that at least 75% of the wedding guests live in our town or surrounding towns and that most of those do their grocery shopping at my store. Should I become positive my husband and sons are at higher risk as well. Not only are our lives at risk but also our livelihoods are because my household will be without four incomes, possibly for months.

So yeah, I am pissed about the shitshow created by five men who I believe are corrupt, ignorant and self-serving. They ousted our experienced Health Department employees and then appointed a young woman just out of college with NO experience in Public Health and basically receiving on the job training....DURING A GLOBAL PANDEMIC!!

I feel very strongly that they all need to be ousted from all town boards and banned from ever running for any in the future!!

*Diane Hahn, Fairhaven*

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## ACUSH: cont'd from page 16

the Master Plan should be considered a "special project."

Mr. Gaspar added that he has not seen or heard of anything that Mr. Young has done in the last several years to earn the \$11,000 as a special project.

"So to ask for an additional \$16,000 to an already salary of \$47,000 for a part-time Town Planner makes absolutely no sense to me," Mr. Gaspar said.

Mr. Young explained that communities usually hire a consultant to put together their Master Plan, and that is usually outside the realm of the Town Planner. He said a master plan is a monumental project and a worthwhile one to move the town forward.

Mr. Gaspar argued that there are people working for the Town on a full-time basis at forty hours a week that make \$40,000 and yet Mr. Young is asking for a \$60,000 salary and is only

part-time .

"I see this as a huge problem," Mr. Gaspar said.

Mr. Wojnar stated he was looking at it from a different point of view and explained the history behind the part-time Town Planner position.

He said he was previously on the Selectboard when they hired the part-time planner and then put in the additional money in their budget if there were special projects that came up that the Selectboard wanted the Town Planner to do.

Mr. Wojnar stated that the previous Master Plan was very well written and has been a great document for the Town of Acushnet to move forward with. He said he was in favor of a good project and thinks the Town needs it.

Mr. Gaspar stated he was not opposed to the master plan but he did not feel there was a need to pay the additional \$16,000 to Mr. Young.

Mr. Desroches stated he did not know what the alternative was.

Mr. Gaspar stated he would rather see the Master Plan under the "special project" line item of \$11,000 as they have already been paying Mr. Young.

"What are you getting for your \$11,000 now," Mr. Gaspar asked.

"You are getting a part-time planner," Mr. Wojnar said.

"We can agree to disagree," Mr. Gaspar said.

Mr. Desroches and Mr. Wojnar agreed to move the article forward to Town Meeting to allow Town Meeting to decide.

"No disrespect, Mr. Young, but I'm a 'no,'" Mr. Gaspar said.

The Selectboard planned to meet briefly on Wednesday, 11/4, at 10:30 a.m. to discuss reducing the Town Meeting quorum due to the pandemic.



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