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

New students check out East Fairhaven School



East Fairhaven School principal Wendy Williams gives a tour to students and their adults at a new student orientation on Friday, 8/28. Transfer students were given a special chance to tour the school, ask questions, and familiarize themselves with the building. All classes started school this week in Fairhaven. See page 12 for story. *Photo by Beth David.*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

I used the wrong
“your”????? AAARRGHHH

Oh, woe is I...

Okay, here we go. I tried to ignore this football inflation thing. Really, I did.

But... “Deflategate,” really?

Every news outlet is calling it that, in all seriousness. It’s the lead story, EVERYWHERE.

Heaven help us all. Watergate was serious, deflategate is a joke. What an insult to Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, who risked life and limb for that story.

Now, sit down, take a breath, and I hope I don’t lose you as a reader, but I must write this: Football is a GAME. It is a game. A game is something people play. Yes, a lot of money is involved and a lot of people really enjoy the game and take it seriously, but, it still remains a game.

And why does the NFL have that stupid rule anyway? At first I thought they were messing with other players’ balls. Then I learned that players on each team only get to play with their own balls. So, who the hell cares if they are up or down? Huh? Huh?

Oh yes, no need to ask: All puns intended, without a doubt.

Let ‘em inflate, deflate, half-inflate, or overinflate. What difference does it make if it doesn’t affect the other team?

Please, tell me what I’m missing here, because clearly I’m missing something. It’s a federal case for heaven’s sake. Geesh.

Moving on to more pleasant things.

It is Labor Day weekend, and although that is sad because it means the kids are back at school and summer is on the way out, it also means FESTA time!!!

The Our Lady of Angels Portuguese Feast is Fairhaven’s “big little feast” when people reconnect and share good food and fun, just like it’s oversized cousin on the other side of the river. If you’ve never been, now is your time to make up for it.

Be sure to try the Malasadas. The feast is three days, so you have time to go back and try every food there is. You should, too, because it’s all good.

On Monday, there’s a traditional procession down Main Street. More people show up to line the streets for that than at the parades, honest. See page 3 for details.

There’s plenty of other stuff happening on this holiday weekend, too. See pages 5, 8, and 9 for that.

We have some meeting coverage for you this week, too. See Selectboard on page 4 (and 13 and 19 and...and...it was a long meeting). See page 16 for Planning Board.

And, be sure to note who our advertisers are and tell ‘em you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*. Until next week then...



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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our story on the proposed expansion of the Liquefied Natural Gas facility in Acushnet, we made two errors. The fact sheet was not sent to neighbors, a letter that was not available at press time was sent to neighbors. And, the proposed tanks will be 3.4 billion cubic feet. We apologize for any confusion our errors may have caused.

OLOA Feast this weekend

On this holiday weekend, **Sat., Sun., Mon., 9/5, 6 & 7**, the Our Lady of Angels Catholic Association will hold its 85th annual Our Lady of Angels Feast. The traditional Portuguese "festa" offers three days of live music, Portuguese and American food, activities for children, vendors, an auction, and a religious procession.

Hours of Fairhaven's "big little feast" are: **Sat. 5 p.m.–Mid., Sun. Noon–Mid., Mon. Noon–10 p.m. Procession on Main Street Monday at 1:00 p.m., at Our Lady of Angels Feast Grounds, 7 Jesse St., (across from St. Mary's Church).**

Opening ceremonies on Saturday ae at 6 p.m., following by a concert by

Our Lady of Light Band of Fall River. Music by Legacy from 8 p.m. to Midnight.

On Sunday, music by Eddie and the Exciters from 2–6 p.m., and by Eratoxica from 8 p.m.–midnight.

On Monday, celebrate a Feast Mass at St. Mary Church on Main Street. Procession down Main Street from St. Mary's to Benoit Square and back starts at 1 p.m., followed by the auction at the feast grounds.

Music on Monday by Wild Nites from 6–10 p.m.

Activities for children include games, toy vendors, bounce house.

Most parts of the fair grounds are wheelchair accessible, but not all, call 508-990-0502 for information.



The Statue of Our Lady of Angels is about 800 pounds. It is carried by groups of men down Main Street in Acushnet during the procession of the annual Portuguese feast in Fairhaven. *Neighb News file photo.*

A sobering truth: Drunken boating kills

US Coast Guard Press Release
By Petty Officer 2nd Class
Cynthia Oldham

Drunken boating destroys lives.

Drinking alcohol and driving any vehicle is taking a risk, but on the water risks are elevated and consequences are devastating — and deadly.

This summer, New England Coast Guard crews have responded to multiple incidents involving alcohol and boating. In one of the most recent, it was not another boater who reported the reckless behavior aboard a boat near Martha's Vineyard, but a fearful passenger on the boat who called for help.

The marine environment — the sun's heat and water's motion — intensifies the effect of alcohol, and an inebriated mind, coupled with relaxed inhibitions and inexperience, is why alcohol is the number one contributor to fatal boating accidents.

People generally have a lot more

experience and confidence on the road than on the water. In fact, national data shows recreational boaters average only 110 hours — less than five days total — on the water each year.

A sudden change of weather, boat malfunction, or medical emergencies can quickly turn a pleasant day on the water into a disaster. If tragedy strikes, boat operators and passengers must have clear, sober minds to take appropriate action.

Consider what happened in May, when a boating disaster near Spectacle Island in Boston Harbor cost a woman her arm, and nearly ended her life.

The woman was one of many passengers aboard a boat partying with an operator who was under the influence. After jumping in the water, the woman was swimming near the boat's stern and the propeller struck her, sliced off her arm, and inflicted

severe body lacerations. The party turned to chaos.

Operating a boat, including paddle boats, with a blood alcohol content of .08 or higher is reckless and illegal. The statistics are scary. A boat operator with a blood alcohol concentration just above the legal limit, at .10 percent, is 10 times more likely to die in a boating accident than a sober boater.

Alcohol use on one boat threatens everyone on the surrounding water. If you plan to party on the water, have a designated sober boat driver and a reliable means to call for help.

Channel 16 on a VHF-FM radio is the preferred method to contact the Coast Guard, but the Coast Guard also has an easy-to-use boating safety app that features an emergency assistance button, which, with locations services enabled, will call the closest Coast Guard command center. It could save your life.



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Selectboard defends executive session move; revisits fish pier

By Beth David
Editor

With a full roster of appointments at its meeting on 8/31, the Fairhaven Selectboard also faced a room full of residents eager to weigh in on a variety of issues.

One of the more spirited discussions revolved around a complaint by resident Mark Badwey. He learned that town Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch and Selectboard Administrative Assistant Anne Kakley had been asked to leave the room during an executive session at the July 6 meeting.

Executive session, which allows a board to exclude the public, can only be used for specific reasons, according to Mass. General Law (Ch. 30A Sect. 21).

Mr. Badwey noted that the Executive Secretary had never, in 28 years, been excluded from an executive session proceeding. Ms. Kakley takes and records the minutes.

Mr. Badwey told the board that it may be legal, but that it was not good for morale. He said after it is done once, it becomes easier to do again.

Selectboard Chairperson Geoffrey Haworth responded by chastising the unknown person or persons who "leaked" information from executive session, saying there were only six people in town hall at the time.

Mr. Badwey said he did not know what the board discussed in the executive session, only that Mr. Osuch and Ms. Kakley had been excluded from it.

Selectboard member Charles Murphy said he checked with town counsel Thomas Crotty who said it was legal, but not "good practice."

"But you didn't have to," asked Mr. Badwey.

"Right," answered Mr. Murphy.

Selectboard member Bob Espindola said he had no idea what the issue would be about until they convened in executive session.

"It caught me off guard," admitted Mr. Espindola, adding that he wasn't sure if it was legal to exclude the two or not.

"So it was within your right, but you didn't have to do it," stated Mr. Badwey.

Mr. Haworth said there is no law stating that the executive secretary has to be at any selectboard meeting.

He said that the reason for the

executive session was a medical issue with an employee who specifically requested that Mr. Osuch and Ms. Kakley not be in the room, and said HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) privacy provisions require that the town protect medical information.

"That employee did not want specific people there," said Mr. Haworth. "I understand this is a political assassination."

"This is my town," said Mr. Badwey, and took personal offense at being accused of political assassination.

"Obviously," said Mr. Haworth, information from executive session "leaked out."

"There's definitely a hole somewhere," said Mr. Haworth, adding that the important thing was people's privacy.

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the world I requested it.

That information is
privileged. Period.

[Wayne Fostin]

Resident Louis Fortin said there were other things going on as well, and that what the board did "seems a little shady."

He said things should be done in the open.

Mr. Haworth reiterated that the issue was an employee medical matter, something clearly received with skepticism by some residents.

"There's a lot more to it," said Mr. Haworth, adding that the person who requested it "specifically" mentioned Mr. Osuch and Ms. Kakley. "[We're] trying to protect our employees and the town. There's nothing shady."

The minutes for the 7/6/15 meeting state that personnel issues with the building department, Harbormaster, and treasurer/tax collector were discussed in executive session.

Building Inspector Wayne Fostin freely admitted that he was the employee in question and that he did, indeed, requested that Mr. Osuch and Ms. Kakley not be present.

"I requested it. My information is

for the selectmen only," said Mr. Fostin. "It was my request under the HIPAA law. I've got no problem telling the world I requested it. That information is privileged. Period."

In a follow-up email, Mr. Haworth conceded that the way the agenda has been listing executive session items may not be as detailed as it should be.

"Going forward I'm going to make it very clear," he wrote in an email.

In another spirited issue of the night, West Island Improvement Association president Bob Konicki and several West Island residents asked the Selectboard to withdraw its request for a fish pier that the state is planning to build on both sides of the Causeway.

The request was made by a board with different members, except for Mr. Murphy, and was originally for a fish pier to be built on the southern point of Hoppy's Landing. The Land Management Agreement signed on 9/12/11, however, does not specify which portion of Hoppy's Landing the pier(s) would be located on. The plans call for wheelchair access, with designated handicapped parking spaces for the pier.

After some investigation, state officials decided that the south point was not suitable for a fish pier, according to Douglas Cameron, Assistant Director, Deputy Chief Engineer, Fishing and Boating Access in the Mass. Department of Fish and Game.

He said the water was too shallow and the surface too rocky. It was not feasible to get a barge in to work on a pier, and the pier would have to be too far out to be in water deep enough.

The state decided, with input from the Marine Resources Committee (formerly Boat Ramps Committee) to relocate the piers to either side of the causeway.

"This has galvanized the membership like no other issue before," said Mr. Konicki, who also presented a petition with 129 names to the board.

He said the membership does not oppose a fishing pier, as long as it "does not pose a threat to public safety as we believe the current proposed site does."

He told the board that the plan "has grossly overlooked the negative impact these piers will have on public safety."

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

OLOA Feast

See page 3

Raise the flag!

Would *** YOU *** like to help raise the "Big Flag" at Fairhaven High School? JOIN US!

We welcome everyone to actually grab onto the rope and help us pull this 150 square-foot flag up to the top of the pole.

On Labor Day, Monday, 9/7/15 at 9:00 a.m. there will be a raising of the flag sponsored and organized by The North Fairhaven Improvement Association and the Fairhaven Lions Club. This flag was donated by the F.H.S. Class of 2014. We are inviting anyone and everyone to join us as a spectator or participant.

If you can't be there for the "raising" it is also critical to have a group of people available when the flag is lowered at 6:00 p.m. that evening. This is always a fun time on a windy day!

Volunteers Needed

N.F.I.A. is also looking for volunteers to help pass out water at Benoit Square during the Our Lady of Angels procession on **Mon., 9/7, between 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.** at the old fire station (N.F.I.A. building) on Adams St. Anyone interested please just show up!

WI Breakfast Buffet

LAST ONE OF THE SEASON

Sun., 9/6, West Island Community Center, 41 Causeway Rd., West Island, Fairhaven, 8-11 a.m.

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

Free Genealogy

To commemorate the Labor Day holiday, New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) is granting **FREE Access** to a large group of databases within its popular Census, Tax, and Voter List category on AmericanAncestors.org, its data-rich website.

The Census, Tax, and Voter Lists category is a collection of 40 separate databases containing a range of

resources. **FREE access is available, through Wed., 9/9. Registration is required** at AmericanAncestors.org as a FREE Guest User to gain access to these valuable resources. Family historians may start their Labor Day research at AmericanAncestors.org/laborday.

Flag Retirement

9/11 Remembrance Sponsored by The Fairhaven Lions Club. Members of local Boy Scout Troop 52 along with Cub Scout Pack 52 will conduct a **retirement ceremony for worn out American flags on Fri., 9/11, at 5 p.m. at Benoit Square at the intersection of Main St. and Adams St. in Fairhaven.** Individuals can bring worn, tattered and torn American Flags in memory of friends or loved ones to place on the fire. Fairhaven Lions Club can provide one if necessary.

The ceremony will follow guidelines for properly disposing of worn out American flags. Please feel free to bring your chairs or blankets.

Thrift Shop Sale

Heavenly Treasures Thrift Shop at the **First Congregational Church of Fairhaven at 34 Center Street announces a half price sale on clothing, shoes, and bags until 9/12/15.** Please note the store will be closed on Saturday, September 6th.

Unveiling of Deed

Join town curator Al Benac at an unveiling of the Rogers School deed, on **Sat., 9/12, at 1 p.m., Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven.**

Michael Coe, a trustee of the library and a Rogers descendant will unveil the deed. Refreshments will be served and the public is encouraged to attend.

Boating Classes

In keeping with its mission of promoting public boating safety, USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 65 announces two boating safety classes to be offered at its **80 Middle Street, Fairhaven location. Classes begin on Mon., 9/14.** Registration online at <http://a0130605.uscgaux.info>. A **\$40 fee** covers the cost of course materials (book and chart). Both the novice and experienced boater will

benefit from lessons in boating terminology, boat equipment, boat handling, boat trailering, lake boating, rules of the road, navigation medical/safety awareness, weather, engines, radios, and how to read a chart, buy a boat, tie a knot and call in a mayday.

Fhvn Dems Election

On **Sat., 9/12**, elected members of the Fairhaven Democratic Town Committee will meet at **1 p.m. in the auditorium of the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven**, to establish a new slate of officers and committee members. Accessible.

The meeting is open to all registered Democrats in Fairhaven and comes one week before the Democratic State Convention in Springfield. Fairhaven delegates to the convention were selected at a caucus held in June this year.

Discrimination on the basis of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, disability, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation or economic status in the conduct of the reorganization meeting is strictly prohibited. The nomination and election of new officers will be open to currently elected Fairhaven Democratic Town Committee members. Contact the Massachusetts Democratic Party, 56 Roland St., Suite 203, Boston, MA 02129, for information regarding the reorganization process.

Fall Storytimes

Fall Storytimes at the Millicent Library, 45 Center Street, Fairhaven, **begin the week of September 13.** Programs are held in the downstairs auditorium. Accessible.

You do not need to register for Storytimes. Programs are held downstairs. Stories and songs last for 30 minutes and are followed by 15 minutes of play time.

Toddlers (ages 1-3) meet from 9:30-10:15 OR 10:30-11:15 on Tuesdays; Babies (0-18 months) meet Fridays from 9:30-10:15; Big Kids (ages 3-5) meet Fridays from 10:30-11:15. Siblings are always welcome! Toddlers and Babies enjoy play time after stories, while Big Kids make a coloring project OR enjoy play time

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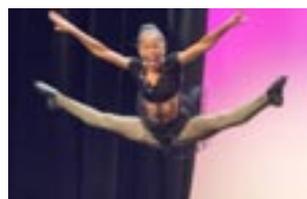


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Acushnet holds 6th annual car cruise

By Beth David
Editor

The Town of Acushnet shut down Main Street around town hall and the fire station to hold its sixth annual nostalgia and cruise night, filling the center with cars, music and dancing on Thursday, 8/27.

Ray and Paulette Desmarais of Rochester were there with their 1932 Chrysler Coupe. Mr. Desmarais said he got the car 59 years ago when he was just 19 years old. It took him 11 years to put it all together and get it built. But that's all history. Now they go all over showing it off and checking out other labors of love.

"It's a lot of fun," said Ms. Desmarais. "And I drive it, also."

"I'm all over with that thing," said Mr. Desmarais, adding that he is well known because of his car.

And his neighbors on the lawn of town hall agreed,

Alan and Mary Sylvia also attend the car cruises with their 1941 Plymouth.

The four also ride motorcycles and love the social aspect of the shows.

Michael McNamara and his son

Shane of Fairhaven showed off their blue 1967 Chevy Chevelle Super Sport.

The elder Mr. McNamara said it was a race care in North Carolina and had nothing required for legally driving on the road, such as lights and seatbelts.

He said Shane was probably around six years old when they got the car.

They said they both like the shows because they like checking out the other cars and meeting the owners.

"I think it's a socializing thing," said Jule Aoyama.

"I like looking at the cars," said her husband Steve.

They own a 1972 Mini Cooper Station Wagon...from back when the Mini was really mini.

"It was what we call a '30-foot car,'" explained Mr. Aoyama. "It looked good from 30 feet away."

When he got closer, he saw how much work it needed. What did it need?

"Pretty much everything," he said.

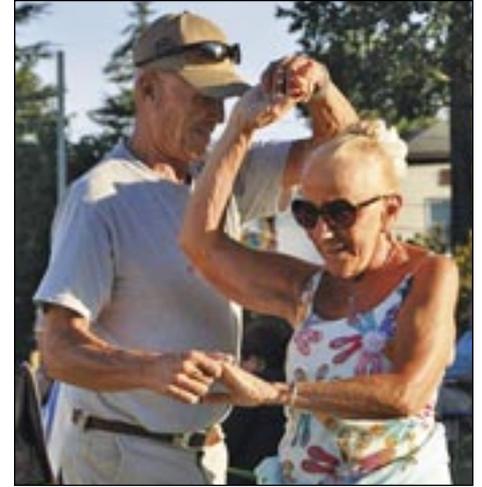
They said they take it all over the country and drive

it everywhere.

"That car has never seen a trailer," said Mr. Aoyama.

In addition to the hundreds of cars spread out around the center, a few nonprofit groups sold food and The Klassics played oldies for dancing on the town green.

"I'm having a ball," said Norma Oliver, who was dancing with Bill Doiron.



Still rivals after all these years



TOP RIGHT: Bill Doiron and Norma Oliver show off their ballroom dancing skills at Acushnet's 6th annual nostalgia and car cruise night on Thursday, 8/27, in the center of town. TOP LEFT: Forever rivals, a Ford Mustang and a Chevrolet Camaro side by side. MIDDLE RIGHT: Dancing on the town green. ABOVE LEFT, L-R: Shane and Mike McNamara with their 1967 Chevy Chevelle Super Sport. RIGHT: Main Street is shut down for the show. Photos by Beth David. Visit us at www.Facebook.com/NeighborNews to see more photos.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Farmers Market

The farmers market is open in Custom House Square in downtown New Bedford on Thursdays from 2:00 to 6:00 pm. Farmers and vendors will be selling fresh fruits and vegetables, chicken, meats, eggs, baked goods, jams, and more.

Spay Grant

The Coalition for Animals of New Bedford has been awarded a grant of \$16,000.00 from the Massachusetts Coalition for Animals (MAC). MAC awards grants from funds collected from the sale of the "I'm Animal Friendly" license plates.

The grant will go towards helping low-income area residents spay or neuter their pets at a low cost. Also, part of the monies will be distributed to Animal Advocates, C.A.R.E., Habitat for Cats and Pet Partners, local non-profit organizations, who offer low-cost spaying and neutering of stray and feral cats.

The plates can be ordered online (no need to go to RMV) at www.petplate.org. It is considered a tax-deductible donation.

YTI Play

On 9/10 Your Theatre, Inc. will open its 69th consecutive season with an eight show run of *Horrors of Dr. Moreau*, a thrilling fantasy drama based on H. G. Wells' novel, adapted for stage by Joel Stone. With a cast of seven South Coast actors, the play is directed by Lawrence R. Houbre, Jr. of New Bedford.

To be presented as theatre-in-the-round, the play follows Edward Prendick who is washed ashore on a mysterious island. He finds himself trapped inside a strange biological experiment: Dr. Moreau has created a race of pseudo-humans out of the animals he found living on the island. Taken in by the "Beast Folk," Edward witnesses the struggle between animal instinct and man's facade of civility. Primal forces soon plunge the island into chaos and Edward has only one hope left... escape!

You won't want to miss this thrilling theatre-in-the-round production and view of the mysterious island of Dr. Moreau.

Dates are Sept. 10, 11, 12 & 17, 18, 19 at 8:00 p.m. & Sept. 13 & 20 at

2:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$15 general admission; \$12, season subscribers (three show minimum); students, seniors, and military personnel \$13.

Your Theatre, Inc. is grateful to our 69th Season Sponsor, Bank5 for their fourth year of strong support for the arts. We also thank First Citizens' Federal Credit Union for its support of this production.

Performances are held at the wheelchair accessible Your Theatre, Inc. Playhouse located at 136 Rivet St. (corner of County St.), New Bedford, at the St. Martin's Episcopal Church complex. For tickets and further information call Your Theatre, Inc. at 508-993-0772, or send an email to info@yourtheatre.org. The theatre's web site is www.yourtheatre.org

Free Outdoor Movie

Pictures in the Park, a new outdoor movie series staged in **New Bedford's Buttonwood Park**, will present its final movie of the summer with *Back to the Future* on **Fri., 9/11**. This screening is made possible thanks to the donations of movie-goers who turned out in droves to watch *Sandlot* in June and *Goonies* in July.

The movie begins at **sunset (approximately 7:00)**; attendees are encouraged to arrive early and bring their own blankets and lawn chairs for seating. Refreshments will be available for purchase; proceeds will help fund the continuation of this series in 2016.

The mission of Pictures in the Park is to promote New Bedford's civic vitality and encourage the use and enjoyment of Buttonwood Park by city residents and visitors alike during the summer of 2015 and beyond. To learn more about upcoming events, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/ButtonwoodMovies>. To contribute to the 2016 series, please contact Colleen Dawicki, cdawicki@gmail.com

Whales Tales & Sails

Toddlers love to go places and have fun. New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park offers free, engaging activities each week, beginning September 4: Whales, Tales and Sails. This free, one-hour story hour takes place each Friday morning beginning at 10:00 AM. This weekly

event features professional storyteller Jackson Gillman and includes stories, fingerplay, songs, music, crafts and free play at New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park's Corson Maritime Learning Center. Whales, Tales and Sails is geared for children ages 0-5. The theme for the September 4 session is The Sea. The park visitor center is located at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford.

Admission is free. For more information, call 508-996-4095, go to the park website at www.nps.gov/nebe, or visit the park's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/NBWNHP>. Visit FindYourPark.com

Live United Week

United Way of Greater New Bedford's annual LIVE UNITED WEEK will be taking place next week. Each day of the week, there is a different way the community can get involved and show their support for United Way and our community.

Tues., 9/8: LIVE UNITED Day. Show your spirit by wearing your LIVE UNITED shirt

Wed., 9/9: Campaign Kickoff & Wine Tasting at Running Brook Vineyards – purchase tickets online at www.unitedwayofgnb.org. \$15 per person

Thurs., 9/10: Where's the Whale? Join United Way at AHA! 5-7 pm Children 12 and under are encouraged to visit our booth at Custom House Square to pick up a Whale Passport and then visit participating downtown locations in search of the LIVE UNITED Whale and get a signature. Return your completed passport to the UW booth and receive an awesome prize pack!

Fri., 9/11: Day of Caring. volunteers select a project in GNB at a local non profit to assist with. Volunteers will work 9-2pm and receive a t-shirt. To register visit www.volunteersoutcoast.org and click on "UWGNB Day of Caring."

Sat., 9/12: Stuff the Truck. Donate food and baby items to UW's Hunger Commission by coming by Stop & Shop in Fairhaven from 6am – 3pm. Fun107 & WBSM will be live all day!

Need to contact us on the day of the events? Call Victoria Grasela 774-526-9423 (cell phone).

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Singers Wanted

The Sippican Choral Society begins its Autumn rehearsals on Monday, September 14th at 7:15 p.m. in the Mattapoisett Congregational Church's Reynard Hall, located at 27 Church Street. New members are welcome to join the chorus simply by coming to the one of the first three rehearsals: Sept., 14, 21, and 28.

Call Peter McDonald, 508-748-0286, for further information.

Battle Acushnet Bridge

Join us on **Sat., 9/5, at 3 p.m. at the head of the River, 7 Tarkiln Hill Road, Acushnet**, near the Rivers' End Cafe for a brief program to commemorate the Battle of the Acushnet Bridge at that spot, which occurred on Sept. 5, 1778. Local poet and playwright Ray Veary will read a poem about the battle. The Fairhaven Village Militia will shoot of a salute. Then we will retire to the Rivers End Cafe for refreshments.

Bird Club Mtg

The Paskamansett Bird Club will meet on **Wed., 9/9, at 7:30 PM at the Community Hall of Friends Meeting, 739 Horseneck Rd., So. Dartmouth**. Peter Flood will explain the symbiotic relationship between Humpback Whales and Marine Birds.

A diversity of marine birds and marine mammal species will be shown and described in close-up images. These images reveal the behaviors and adaptations of birds, notably the Gulls, Shearwaters and Petrels found in our coastal waters, as they coexist with Humpback Whales.

Peter Trull is a longtime educator and researcher of the natural world.

Peter presently teaches 7th grade Science at the Cape Cod Lighthouse Charter School in Harwich. He has written six books about Cape Cod natural history. His most recent, *The Gray Curtain*, was published in June, 2015. The meeting is free, open to the public, and accessible.

Sunset Kayak Tour

Join the Lloyd Center for a Slocum River Sunset Kayak Tour on September 10. What better way to end the day than a peaceful paddle down river. You'll feel your stress

dissolve as you glide through the salt marsh enjoying the setting sun. This is a wonderful and relaxing trip for viewing waterfowl and the delicate salt marsh ecosystem of the Slocum River. Beginners welcome.

From **6-8 p.m. on Thurs., 9/10. Meet at the Lloyd Center Parking Lot, 430 Potomska Road in Dartmouth**. The cost of the event is **\$40 for Lloyd Center members and \$47 for non-members**. For ages 14 and up. Pre-registration **deadline is 4 pm on 9/9**.

To learn more or to pre-register, call Fern at the Lloyd Center (508-990-0505 x 10) or simply visit the Center's website (<http://lloydcenter.org>) and register online. This is a very popular trip and space is limited so please register early.

Visit www.lloydcenter.org or call 508-990-0505.

Blood Drive

On Wed., 9/9 from 1-6 p.m., Acushnet Council on Aging, 59 South Main Street

The American Red Cross and Sport Clips Haircuts are teaming up to offer a free haircut coupon to those who come out to donate blood or platelets during September. Those who present to give blood or platelets Sept. 1-30 will receive a coupon for a free haircut via email a few days after their donation. The coupon is valid through Nov. 8, 2015, and donors must have a valid email address on record to receive the coupon.

Donors of all blood types – especially types O negative, A negative and B negative – and platelet donors are urged to give. To make an appointment to donate, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org/sport-clips or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Open Mtg Law Forum

Attorney General Maura Healey's Office will hold **four free educational forums on the Open Meeting Law throughout the state this fall**. The AG's Office will also offer two live web-based trainings on the law.

The forums are part of a broad effort by the AG's Office to assist public bodies in understanding and complying with the requirements of the Open Meeting Law. State, local, regional, and county public bodies are required to comply with the Open

Meeting Law. Educational forums will be conducted by attorneys from the AG's Division of Open Government and are free and open to the public.

- **Sandwich: Wed., 9/9, 6:00-8:00 p.m.**, 130 Main St., Sandwich
- **Cambridge: Thurs., 9/17, 5:30-7:30 p.m.**, 449 Broadway, Cambridge
- **Southbridge: Thurs., 9/24, 6-8 p.m.**, 41 Elm St., Southbridge
- **Avon: Thurs., 10/8, 6-8 p.m.**, Avon Town Hall, 65 East Main St., Avon

The educational forums are being offered free of charge. All members of public bodies, municipal employees, and members of the general public are encouraged to attend.

Individuals interested in attending an educational forum are asked to register in advance by calling (617) 963-2925 or by emailing OMLTraining@state.ma.us, and providing: 1) their first and last names; 2) town of residence; 3) the public body/organization they represent, if appropriate; and 4) the location of the educational forum they will attend.

The AG's Office is also conducting **online webinar on Tuesday, Oct. 13 from 9:30 -11 a.m.** Attendees can participate entirely online and will be able to submit written questions during the training and receive real-time responses from Division attorneys. Those interested in registering or receiving additional information about the webinar may do so by emailing OMLTraining@state.ma.us.

For more information on the Open Meeting Law, visit the Attorney General's website at www.mass.gov/ago/openmeeting.

Piranha Pond

Third Annual Piranha Pond Pitch Party on the South Coast, bringing entrepreneurs and investors together on **Thurs., 9/10, 6-9 p.m., at the UMass Dartmouth Library Grand Reading Room, 285 Old Westport Rd., North Dartmouth (Parking in Lot 13)**. Co-sponsored by Southern New England Entrepreneurs Forum (SNEEF) and 128 Innovation Capital Group (128ICG). Open to public. **Admission \$35**, 128ICG members \$25, SNEEF Members No Charge. Pizza and salad dinner. **Join SNEEF for \$75 and attend free.** Register at www.SNEEF.org.

Recipe of the Week

Zucchini Bread

Beat together:

- 1 cup shredded zucchini
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup veg. oil
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla

Blend dry ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda

Mix well dry ingredients into zucchini mixture.

Stir in 1/2 cups nuts and 1/2 cup raisins.

Bake at 375 for 1 hour. Pyrex: bake at 350 for 45 minutes.

By Janice Girard-Rose

To share a recipe with your neighbors

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NFIA announces board changes, election

Press Release

On Wednesday, August 19th John Medeiros, vice president of The North Fairhaven Improvement Association submitted a letter of resignation from that position effective immediately. Within five minutes, Jeff Lucas verbally stated he was resigning the position of president as well, effective at the close of the meeting.

The resignations were not a surprise to members.

NFIA was established in 1950 and for many years was a very productive community organization. During the 1980s membership decreased and the programs and activities faded. It was not until around 1992 that Mr. Bob Cormier, a North Fairhaven resident at the time, determined to resurrect the association and began a very successful membership drive.

NFIA was returned to its prior status with Bob serving as president for the next decade. That position was then passed on to former selectman Mike Silvia who successfully led the association for another ten years.

When Mike decided it time to step down and no one rushed to fill the opening, vice president Jeff Lucas agreed he would take the helm and was so elected. John Medeiros, a member of the

board of directors at the time then agreed to fill the vice-president vacancy leaving only a board seat empty.

The reason now for the resignation of both of these individuals is simply because of an opportunity to have Bob Cormier return to the top position.

Mr. Cormier, who is now retired, recently expressed an interest in the president's position to Mr. Medeiros.

Mr. Lucas and Mr. Medeiros agreed that this could be extremely beneficial to the association and they would both gladly step down and revert to their previous positions.

According to the bylaws, the change cannot take place until the September meeting, when Mr. Cormier will be nominated for president, and Mr. Lucas will be nominated for vice-president along with any other nominations, and an election will take place.

Both Jeff Lucas and secretary Fred Raphael stressed that it is extremely important to have a quorum of members present for the election. They are asking all NFIA members to please attend then next meeting on Sept. 16 at 7 p.m. at the NFIA Building, 267 Adams St.



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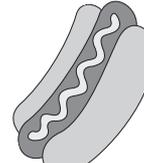
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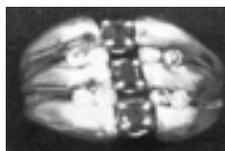
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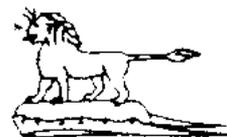


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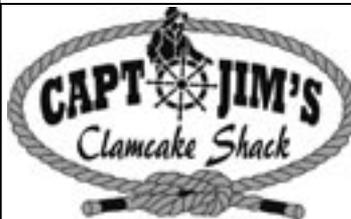


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New students check out East Fairhaven School

By Beth David
Editor

At the East Fairhaven School, the principal wants to see you in her office, and that's not a bad thing.

On Friday, 8/28, transfer students and their adults got a tour of EFS with principal Wendy Williams explaining the philosophy of the school and the atmosphere they strive to maintain. She told the 20 or so new students that she, personally, was interested in their accomplishments, large and small. She wanted to see them in her office showing her their work.

Students learned that they will have lockers of their own, were able to find their classrooms, and in some cases, meet their teachers.

They found the all-important bathrooms, gym, music room and cafeteria. They learned that the library has 8,000 books and there are computers in every classroom.

Ms. Williams told them a few of the things they will need on their first day, including a backpack and school supplies.

"The most important thing you can bring is your smile," said Ms. Williams.

She explained that each day starts with an assembly.

"We start our days together," she said.

Noah Furtado, 10, is transferring into the fourth grade. He said the school was "awesome."

Ms. Williams explained that students are allowed to put magnets on the inside, not the outside of their lockers, but that stickers were not allowed. Why not?

"It'll stick forever," said one astute girl.

Evan Cordeiro said he was going to put dragon, or maybe pirate magnets in his locker.

"I really like it so far," said Joshua Arruda, entering the fourth grade. "I think it's going to be a big change from St. Joseph's."

He said he knew some students in the school, though, so he knew he would have some friends there.

Aubrey Judd and her family just moved to Fairhaven a couple of months ago. Coming from Oklahoma, the fourth-grader is getting inundated with new things to see and hear.

"I think it's really cool," said Ms. Judd, adding that she was "just trying



to get used to a new life."

The biggest differences are the ocean and the accents, said her father.

Chassity Dargis is transferring into the fifth grade, coming from the Wood School because she moved to a different part of town.

"I'm the only one in the fifth grade here," said Ms. Dargis. "So I'm the only one coming in new to the class."

Is she worried?

Nah...she plays the flute and knows "a few" students at EFS.

All grades started this week, from preschool to high school, on a staggered start schedule.



ABOVE LEFT: East Fairhaven School principal Wendy Williams demonstrates how to open the lockers to a group of transfer students at a student orientation and tour on Friday, 8/28. MIDDLE: Aubrey Judd shows her excitement at finding her classroom at EFS. RIGHT: Libby Saulnier tries out the tables in the cafeteria. TOP: Evan Cordeiro holds the door for the tour group entering the music room. Photos by Beth David.

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Mr. Konicki's presentation pointed out increased vehicle and pedestrian traffic and the route people will need to traverse to get from their cars to the pier, the narrowness of the causeway and sidewalks, the heavy traffic on the causeway by bicycles, pedestrians and motor vehicles, speeding on the causeway.

"All of these issues result in a public safety issue which makes the current plan totally inappropriate and not in the public's best interest," said Mr. Konicki.

He and the association proposed locating the piers on another part of Hoppy's Landing or the town beach.

He asked that the board withdraw its application. He said the state does not need any further approval from the board.

"If the DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) makes the determination that the public comments submitted to them are not convincing enough to them to warrant rejection of the current plan, the project will be deemed approved and they will have the capability to commence action to initiate construction without any further approval from this board," read Mr. Konicki from a prepared statement.

Robert "Hoppy" Hobson, a member of the Marine Resources Committee, agreed with Mr. Konicki, telling the board that the original location was good, but the causeway location is a mistake. He said if the pier is placed on another part of Hoppy's Landing, grandparents can sit in their cars and watch children fish. He suggested a less elaborate floating dock.

Mr. Hobson also said that if the town does not want the dock, the state will just give it to someone else.

"I look at it as just another place for the kids to dive off," he said of the current placement of the pier, adding that the area has been "found by a lot of people," in the last few years making it very busy in the summer.

People are using the water and enjoying it and that is good, he said, but the fish pier is in the wrong place.

Marine Resources Committee chairperson Ted Lorentzen admitted he was angry at the objections to the pier happening now. He said his committee has been working hard on it since 2008.

"Why now?" said Mr. Lorentzen,

after all the time and money spent, the meetings and the "open discussions."

He stressed that it was a wheelchair accessible pier for people "who don't have the legs to take them somewhere."

He also said he never saw anyone trying to stop the kids from diving off the causeway. He stressed there would be a crosswalk and other safety features.

Harbormaster/Shellfish Warden Timothy Cox said he tries all the time to stop the diving. He stops them, rides away and turns his truck around and they are back, he explained to many chuckles in the room.

Diving off the causeway is a sort of rite of passage in Fairhaven and is a civil infraction of the bylaws.

Mr. Konicki responded to the argument that a lot of time and money have been spent already,

Spend your money
someplace else
[Robert "Hoppy"
Hobson]

saying it does not justify a wrong decision.

Mr. Cameron, however, seemed to be saying just that. He noted the time and money spent on design and also said the town had signed a Land Management Agreement that gave the state the right to go ahead with the project.

He said the state did a "significant amount of engineering work, including boring, at considerable cost to the Commonwealth."

He said the project is designed to keep people from fishing off the road and from diving, noting there would be fencing, signage, and a crosswalk.

"You're never [going to] end that," said Mr. Haworth of the diving off the causeway. "We've tried everything."

West Island resident Bill Yukna said that no matter if there is parking or not, people will stop and unload by the road instead of walking from the parking lot.

"If you don't think" that's true, he said, "You're absolutely insane."

"This is an accident waiting to

happen," said Joseph Borelli.

Mr. Murphy got a little emotional when he told Mr. Cameron that "crosswalks do not work," bringing to mind the death of Katie Brienza who was hit and killed in a crosswalk.

"I cannot support this at this time," said Mr. Murphy flatly.

"Spend your money someplace else," said Mr. Hobson.

Mr. Cameron directed the board's attention to the land management agreement, specifically the part that says it can be dissolved.

"It has to be mutually agreeable," said Mr. Cameron.

Mr. Lorentzen let his anger show, saying that the answer people wanted was to do nothing.

"I may sound a little upset," said Mr. Lorentzen. "I am. After all the work we did, now, go do nothing."

Ross Kessler, Public Access Coordinator for the Recreational Fisheries Program of the Mass. Division of Marine Fisheries, said he felt some disrespect for the state because he heard someone say it was "just state money."

"State money is your money," said Mr. Kessler.

The project has spent about \$25,000 in engineering fees; it will cost about \$250,000 for the piers, said Mr. Cameron.

Mr. Yukna said that island homeowners pay 20% more in taxes than the rest of the town and have to contend with the town beach, two public beaches and a very popular public boat ramp at Hoppy's Landing.

"And we have to live with that," said Mr. Yukna. "But why do we have to live with everything?"

The board will revisit the issue at a future meeting to give board members time to look at the land management agreement.

"Why can't you make a decision?" asked Mr. Hobson, saying they had all the facts. "You three guys can make a decision to support it or not. Why do you keep coming back?"

In another matter, the board met with Jeff DuPont of Laurel Ridge Consulting, who reviewed all non-union job descriptions and classifications. The board discussed some of the findings, but decided it was best to send the packet of information to the Personnel Board for a recommendation.

(See more Selectboard on page 20)

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Depression Presentation

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Butterfly Release

Hope Takes Flight, Saturday, Sept. 12, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Southcoast Hospice will be holding their annual Butterfly Release Fundraiser at the Fairhaven Senior Center. Butterflies can be ordered at the senior center for a donation of \$25.00

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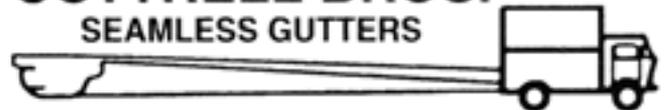
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Planning Board approves Mazda dealership

By Beth David
Editor

At its 8/25 meeting, the Fairhaven Planning Board approved the Special Permit for Carapace to locate a Mazda dealership at 250 Bridge Street, adjacent to the existing Alden Buick dealership. James Lutz owns both parcels, and the deal involves crossover easements and several concessions to accommodate the project on a parcel with wetlands.

Although some board members seemed skeptical about the plan, the permit was granted without opposition, and with 25 conditions. The hearing was continued from 8/11, but the initial hearing was on June 9.

At the last meeting, on 8/11, the board held off on a final vote to wait for clarification from building inspector Wayne Fostin about the setbacks. The parcel is in an industrial zone, which means buildings need to be 50 feet from the property line; but both businesses are commercial use, which has no setbacks. The board also continued to have traffic flow concerns in the previous meeting.

At the 8/25 meeting, the board received a letter from Mr. Fostin saying that because the two lots are in common ownership, no setback is required.

Planning Board Chairperson Wayne Hayward was not convinced, saying that the "merger rule" only applied to nonconforming lots.

He encouraged Mr. Lutz to get a variance for the setback to avoid any problems in the future.

"I think what they need is a setback variance," he said. "I encourage them to get the variance."

Mr. Hayward noted that the sitting Zoning Board of Appeals had already given Carapace a 47-foot variance for a fence on Bridge Street, so they were likely to grant the variance for the setbacks.

Board members discussed the possibility of the current owners selling the property at some point and there being new uses for the buildings.

Mr. Hayward said that would trigger a special permit change of use. Board member Jeff Lucas still hesitated.

"I'm just saying we don't have to protect everybody from everything," said Mr. Hayward. "It [the plan] protects the public. It's not their fault it's industrial."

Mr. Lutz agreed it would be in the best interests of both businesses to get the variance.

The applicants also submitted a computer-generated traffic flow plan and added a guard rail to the plans where there is a steep drop off near the wetlands.

The board also had some questions about an electrical box that seemed to encroach on the Alden Buick site. The board received clarification that there was no encroachment from either site.

In another matter, the board discussed moving forward with the Master Plan update. Mr. Hayward said he did not know of any members of the public who asked to be on the committee that will help get information together for the creation of the MP. The committee will meet sometime in the early fall and will include up to three members of the

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Eagle Scout Keegan Fike receives proclamation



At its meeting on Monday, 8/31, the Fairhaven Selectboard presented Eagle Scout Keegan Fike with a proclamation recognizing his accomplishments and his contributions to the community. For his Eagle Scout project, Mr. Fike refurbished the cannons at Fort Phoenix. The proclamation recognizes his accomplishments as a Patrol Leader, his awards as a Scout and his 71 volunteer hours. The proclamation describes him as a "friend to those in need," and says he is always willing to help those who have been bullied, "and has been a role model for younger Scouts." Resident Gayla MD Reilly told the board she found it "refreshing" to see young people like Mr. Fike. "It gives me faith in the youth we have," she said. "Because they are going to be the leaders running this country." "It feels good to be recognized, thank you," said Mr. Fike when pressed to make a statement. ABOVE LEFT: Mr. Fike faces the Selectboard as they read the proclamation, and (right), faces the camera. *Photos by Beth David.*



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Selectboard vows to hold Taylor to his promises

By Beth David
Editor

At its meeting on 8/31, the Fairhaven Selectboard vowed to make Rod Taylor of Taylor Cultured Seafoods live up to the conditions set last July when his contract was renewed. At the time, the board gave Mr. Taylor until November 1, 2015, to make repairs on the crumbling building at 53 Goulart Memorial Drive* and make improvements to the property, as well as post a \$50,000 bond if he failed to act.

Just before his contract was signed last year, Mr. Taylor made some improvements to the building, a pattern that neighbors have pointed out, including Frank Coelho.

In addition to the property complaints, Mr. Coelho concentrated on the ever-changing size of the aquaculture farm, saying it is now at 50 acres, up from the original 35 and from last year's increase to 44.5.

"It's got to stop," said Mr. Coelho. "It's ridiculous."

He said he was having difficulty getting the original agreement because the town clerk had to request it from the state. Mr. Coelho said that every

time he looked something up, he got different numbers.

"It doesn't make sense," he said. "The more you dig, the worse it gets."

The board agreed to ask Town Clerk Eileen Lowney to make the formal request.

Mr. Coelho said there were practical reasons for his concern, that the aquaculture farm was a "hazard to navigation."

He also said he believed that Mr. Taylor was not running the business, but was sub-leasing, a violation of the contract.

And, "what's he doing with the shells?" asked Mr. Coelho.

Last year Mr. Taylor was ordered to put them in a dumpster. It is illegal for him to dump them in the coves.

"I know he's not putting them in a dumpster," said Mr. Coelho.

The board promised that they would be firm with Mr. Taylor and address all those issues and more when the November 1 deadline arrived.

Selectboard member Charles Murphy, in particular, said he had made it clear last year where he stood

and he had not changed his stance.

"I made it very clear," said Mr. Murphy that he would not vote to renew the contract if nothing was done to improve the property.

"It does appear that nothing's gonig on," said Selectboard chairperson Geoffrey Haworth after looking at pictures provided by the Building Inspector. "He has two more months to do something."

Amid opposition last year, Mr. Taylor withdrew a request to expand his aquaculture farm to 101 acres, but said he still wanted to build a hatchery on Goulart Memorial Drive.

In another matter, the board heard from Mary Lou Nicholson of Be the Solution to Pollution, to raise awareness of the damage trash causes at the shore. The group organizes regular cleanups at Fort Phoenix and other area beaches. Find them at <https://www.facebook.com/pollutionsolution?fref=ts>

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Planning Board. Deadline for submissions was 8/3.

Also in the fall, probably November, the board will schedule a public hearing on a zoning amendment regulating auto dealerships.

The bylaw change will also include businesses that service boats, with slightly different regulations.

A matter not on the agenda garnered the most passionate discussion, when Planning and Economic Development Director Bill Roth informed the board of a neighborhood planning meeting on 9/2 with SRPEDD (Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District) representatives to get the public's opinion on the neighborhood's needs and potential zoning changes. The town received a grant as part of the Southcoast Rail Project.

Mr. Hayward and board member John Farrell cried foul, saying that the PB should have been involved from the start and not simply told of the meeting after all the arrangements had already been made.

Mr. Roth said the PB would be involved after SRPEDD heard from the neighbors and made a proposal. Mr. Hayward said that was too little, too late.

Fairhaven Meetings

Board of Public Works

Mon., 9/14, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Commission on Disability

Wed., 9/16, COA Sr. Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

Community Preserv. Comm

Thurs., 11/19, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

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Mon., 9/21, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

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Tues., 9/8, Arsene St., 3:30 & 4:30 p.

Planning Board

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

Selectboard

Mon., 9/14, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Agricultural Commission

Thurs., 9/3, 7 p.m.

Planning Board

Thurs., 9/17, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 9/14, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Town Meeting

Oct. 19, Deadline for Articles: 9/23

"It just seems the Planning Board is left out of all these decisions," he said. "As I read the code, we're supposed to be in the loop."

Mr. Roth insisted that the meeting was preliminary and did not need to include the PB.

"I'm just saying you're going out to the public and the board is in the dark," said Mr. Hayward.

He said it happened with the Oxford and Rogers School buildings, with Middle Road and with other projects.

Mr. Farrell pressed Mr. Roth for more information on what would happen at the meeting, but Mr. Roth insisted that he did not know.

"You have a consultant and you haven't even vetted the information they will be presenting," said Mr. Farrell, even though the meeting is "one week out."

Mr. Hayward, Mr. Roth and board member Rene Fleurent went back and forth in a bit of a flurry, which Mr. Hayward trying to shut down the meeting a couple of times.

Mr. Roth said he was sorry they spent 25 minutes on it and that it was "just an initial neighborhood meeting."

Mr. Hayward said it was a "planning study and we're not in the loop."

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From our readers

Rte. 6 fund is not free cash

This letter was sent to the Fairhaven Selectboard after their 8/31 meeting

I am sending you this email regarding the Gift-Huttleston Avenue Median Fund established on June 30, 2002 as received from the Town's Treasurer's office. This fund was set up with a starting balance of \$10,729.13. The last amount I received from them was \$4,395.73 on September 30, 2014. This is why I requested information on this fund to see where the difference went to since I live on Huttleston Avenue in front of this median strip.

A significant amount of money reduced the original amount by about \$6,000.00. Where did it go to?

In the 34 years I've lived here, I have only seen Renee Rose, a former homeowner on Huttleston Avenue, diligently work hard planting flowers on this median strip to beautify our area. Since she moved away several years ago, I've only seen plastic planters with plastic flowers and flags placed on this median from Memorial Day through the Fourth of July. The plastic planters and plastic flowers were tasteless and a poor introduction to anyone coming into Fairhaven

from New Bedford along Huttleston Avenue. We can do better than that.

Today, the Beautification Committee presented to you a request at your Board of Selectmen's meeting for money from this account for other expenses not on the median strip. The Chairman said nothing would grow on the median strip due to salt etc. When I was on this committee, I presented them with photos and prices for round cement planters to place on the median that could be filled with flowers or even shrubs as seen in New Bedford along Route 18. Being in a planter plants would not be exposed to salt.

My neighbor, Jane Howland, who has owned her family's greenhouses for decades, suggested that wax begonias would be suitable to plant in these planters. I may also add that she contributed a significant amount of money to this fund to beautify this median strip. This fund should only be used for this strip as designated when the fund was established.

Furthermore, any committee seeking funds needs to present to the Board of Selectmen purchase orders with specific details as to what they

want the money for and the exact amount in advance for their project.

If a contractor is to be hired, they need to go through the same open process for bidding before someone is decided upon. Other municipalities require the proper documentation before any money is released by the town. The Beautification Committee can also provide their specifics, present an article to the Town Meeting members, to see if they can get a reasonable budget for planned projects in the future. If not, then they need to fundraise or seek money from another source.

The Gift-Huttleston Avenue Median Fund should not be used for anything other than this strip on Huttleston Avenue from Main Street east to Adams Street regardless of nearby areas that they plan on working on. This fund is not free cash.

Maybe there is a grant available that [Town Planner Bill] Roth can look into for them. But again, as with grants, specifics need to be provided to qualify for money.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this request.

Cordially, Karen Vilandry, Fairhaven

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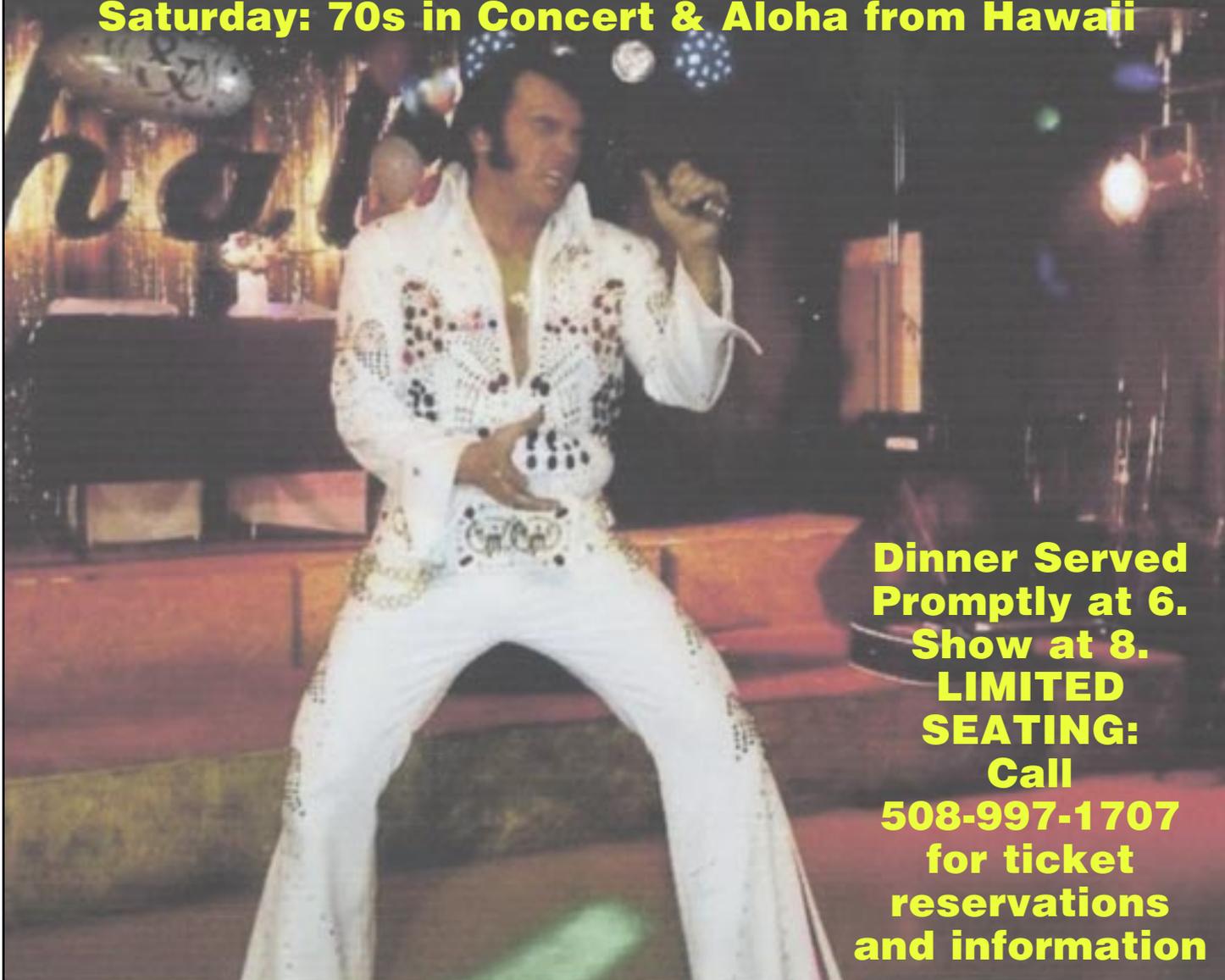
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