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

Quahogs transplanted into Jack's Cove



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Bruce Ingham, foreground, uncovers the quahogs he and his crew dredged from the Taunton River, while his crew and Fairhaven shellfish department deputies load the boat at Jack's Cove on Goulart Memorial Drive. The quahogs have been pulled from polluted waters, but will clean themselves out in time for digging next season. Meanwhile, they will "spat," or reproduce at least twice. Eight hundred bushels will be transplanted in the cove by the end of the week. 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.



Beth David, Publisher

And just like that....summer is over, or at least that's what one of my friends posted on Facebook, along with a picture of her kids on the first day of school.

Proof-positive that school's in for the season, and, no, we don't have any good pictures of crying young'uns clinging to their mothers.

I wanted to, honest, but....oh...it's soooo early in the morning.

Maybe next year.

What it really means, though, is that Labor Day weekend is here. And you know what that means, right? MALASADAS!!!!

Um...I mean, FESTA!!!!

Right, the big little feast is this weekend (see page 3). Time to get great Portuguese food and the best malasadas on planet earth...yes, planet earth! And it's only for three days a year, so don't miss it.

There's a primary next week, on Thursday, 9/8. Weird day, huh? It's pretty ho-hum around here, only one contested race on the Republican ballot, none on the Democratic ballot. But, hey, get out there and do your civic duty.

I was just thinking, maybe they should have free donuts at the polls. More people might show up.

Must be the malasadas talk.

We have lots of fun stuff this week.

Actually, we have more fun stuff than planned, even. The astute among you will notice the extra pictures this week. What can I say? Time got away from me. I was playing on boats (see page 12), and hanging out at car cruises (see page 13), and just never got around to writing up the meeting coverage.

I know, I know...I'd fire me if I worked for me.

But we still have lots of news. Acushnet was hopping this week, with a special town meeting (page 16) a Selectboard meeting (page 19), and the annual car cruise (page 13...and, ahem, page 6).

The quahog relay is always lots of fun. I get to join the guys on the boat and try not to drop my camera in the water. See page 12 for that.

And, I'm sure most of you have heard that we have had drought conditions for a long time. Worst drought in decades, actually. Some cities in Mass. have had severe water bans on for a long time. In Fairhaven, the town just instituted a voluntary ban (see page 3). It's only voluntary, but, really, folks, try to adhere to it. Water your gardens, rinse off your boats and shoes and things, but hold off on the lawn watering. Everyone has the same brown lawn. So what, leave it alone. The grass will come back; it's just how it works. And, for heaven's sake, cut out the power washing, already. (You know, who you are.) Do you really have to power wash the house NOW? You can't wait a month? Geesh.

Until next week then... see ya,

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

OLOA Feast this weekend

The 86th Annual Our Lady of Angels Feast will be held this weekend, Saturday through Monday, 9/3 to 9/5, on the Feast Grounds, 7 Jesse St., Fairhaven. A traditional Portuguese "festa." Sponsored by Our Lady of Angels Catholic Association.

Hours are: Sat. 5 p.m.-Mid., Sun. Noon-Mid., Mon. Noon-10 p.m. Procession on Main Street Monday at 1 p.m. For more info: 508-990-0502

Opening ceremonies, Sat., 9/3, 6 p.m., followed by a concert, Our Lady of Light Band of Fall River; Sat., 8 p.m.-mid., music by Edge.

Sun., 9/4, 2-6 p.m., music by Red Handed Band, 8 p.m.-mid., music by Eratoxica.

Mon., 9/5, Mass. at 10 a.m. at St. Mary Church celebrated by Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha S.D.V. Procession at 1 p.m., followed by Auction; music by Semlimate from 6-10 p.m.

All three days: Portuguese and American foods.

Known in Fairhaven as the "Big Little Feast," the annual festa is a time for people to re-unite over food, dancing, and games.

The famed auctions are event in themselves, with people trying to outbid each other to benefit OLOA.

Activities include game booths and traditional Portuguese food and drink including Port wine, malassadas, linguica, carne espito, cacoila and bafana. You'll also find clamcakes, hot dogs, cotton candy and ice cream.

The beer will be cold and the malassadas warm, so be sure to make your way to the corner of Main Street and Jesse Street in North Fairhaven this weekend. Park at St. Mary's Church or on the street.

On Monday, the traditional procession starts at St. Mary's, travels up Main Street to Benoit Square and then back. The procession features marching bands, religious statues, clergy and politicians, and children, aka "angels."

The main attraction is a larger-than-life statue of our Lady of Angels, reputedly weighing about 800 pounds, that is carried on the shoulders of the men of the association.

Water ban in Fhvn

Due to the lack of rain and very dry conditions along with high temperatures the Fairhaven Board of Public Works Commissioners are requesting voluntary outside water use restrictions.

We are asking that all outside watering be done between the hours of 6-8 a.m. and 6-8 p.m.

We are requesting an odd/even outside watering schedule.

If you have any questions please call us at 508-979-4032 or email us at waterdept@fairhaven-ma.gov

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Fairhaven man pleads guilty of making hoax emergency calls

US Attorney's Office Press Release

A Fairhaven man pleaded guilty on 8/23 in U.S. District Court in Boston in connection with sending three false distress messages to the U.S. Coast Guard over the radio.

Roger Martin, 47, of Fairhaven, Mass., pleaded guilty to three counts of sending false distress messages to the U.S. Coast Guard and one count of identity fraud. U.S. District Court Judge Richard G. Stearns scheduled sentencing for Nov. 22, 2016.

In April and May 2015, Martin made three calls to the U.S. Coast Guard claiming that he was on a boat on

Cape Cod Canal that was sinking.

During each call, Martin impersonated another resident of Fairhaven and provided that resident's name, street address and, on one occasion, date of birth. Martin obtained the date of birth by improperly using a law enforcement database when he was previously employed as a Bristol Sheriff's County dispatcher.

In response to the calls, the USCG and local law enforcement expended resources ascertaining that there was no true emergency and attempting to track the hoax caller.

The charge of sending false

distress messages provides for a sentence of no greater than six years in prison, three years of supervised release, restitution and a civil penalty of \$10,000 on each count.

The charge of identity fraud provides for a sentence of no greater than five years in prison, one year of supervised release, forfeiture and a fine of \$250,000.

Actual sentences for federal crimes are typically less than the maximum penalties. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

NB woman hits head on tractor trailer out of moving van

By Beth David
Editor

A 27-year-old New Bedford woman received a serious head injury when she stuck her head out the window of a moving vehicle and her head struck a parked vehicle on Purchase Street on Saturday, 8/27, around 6:30 p.m.

According to New Bedford police, the woman was a passenger in a van and had an argument with her boyfriend, who was driving. She stuck her

head out the window and her head struck the back of a tractor trailer that was parked on Purchase Street.

The accident happened on Purchase Street, near the lights at Deane Street. The tractor trailer was parked on the west side of Purchase Street.

"There was an argument that ensued in the van with the boyfriend," said Lt. Amos Melo, public information officer for the New Bedford Police Department, office of the chief

of police. "And for some reason, she put her head out the window. The vehicle was continuing south on Purchase, and she struck the back end of the tractor trailer."

The van did not hit the truck.

Lt. Melo said another passenger confirmed the details, but the accident is still under consideration.

The woman was transported to Rhode Island Hospital with serious injuries. Her condition is unknown.

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Water Ban

Fairhaven has imposed a voluntary water ban. See page 3 for details.

WI Breakfast Buffet

LAST ONE OF THE YEAR

Sun., 9/4, West Island Community Center, 41 Causeway Rd., West Island, Fairhaven, 8-11 a.m. **This is the last breakfast of the season, so...don't miss it! You'll have to wait until next year for the next one.**

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.

Raffle

The WIIA is raffling off an Arthur Moniz framed and matted print, "Whaler Fitting Out." **Tickets are two for \$5, or five for \$10. Drawing will be held on Sun., 9/4,** at the WIIA breakfast. You do not need to be present to win. Get tickets from Bob or Cathi Konicki, 151 Balsam St., or at Mackatan General Store.

OLOA Feast

See page 3 for details

Raising of Big Flag

On Labor Day, Mon., 9/5, at 9:00 am Lowering of Flag at 6:00 pm

On Labor Day, the flag donated by the FHS Class of 2014 will be raised at **Fairhaven High School.**

This is sponsored and organized by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association, the Fairhaven Lions Club, the FHA Alumni and Laborers Union 385. We are inviting everyone to join us at this memorable event. **You can come as a spectator or you may wish to participate in the actual flag raising. It is a family activity all will enjoy.** You can grab on to the rope and help pull the 1500 square foot flag up to the top of the pole.

TRIVIA QUIZ

How many square feet are there in the "Big Flag" at Fairhaven High School? Do you know the answer? First prize winner will get ...nothing. Second place will receive two first place awards! (Decision of the judges is final!)

If you want to take a guess, please send the answer (in square feet) to

John Medeiros at johnj.medeiros@yahoo.com.

JOIN US ON LABOR DAY AND WATCH THIS BIG, BEAUTIFUL FLAG BEING RAISED. Flag lowering will take place at 6:00 p.m. and there is always a need for help in taking it down... especially if it is a little windy!

Farm Stand

The Fairhaven Wellness program is hosting Healthy Futures Farm for ALL town employees this week, **Fri., 9/2 from Noon-1 p.m. at the Town Hall.** This is also **open to the public..** just another way to EAT healthier.. farm fresh vegetables!

Open Space Survey

The Fairhaven Open Space & Recreation Plan Committee is conducting an Open Space & Recreation Survey. A post card is being mailed out this week to the residents of Fairhaven.

The Town of Fairhaven is in the process of updating its 2009 Open Space and Recreation Plan.

It is important for residents to take part in planning for the protection of remaining open space, the preservation of our cultural and historical assets and the development of passive and active recreation areas. The updated Open Space and Recreation Plan will enable us to evaluate our progress since 2009 and develop new strategies to address the town's changing needs. Having an up-to-date plan will also help make Fairhaven eligible for state land acquisition, preservation and recreation grants.

For the purposes of this survey, open space is defined as "public and privately owned undeveloped lands that are important for a variety of reasons, including recreation, agriculture, forestry, scenic qualities or other qualities that contribute to the overall character of the town."

Your input is extremely important to us as we plan to meet the town's needs.

The deadline for completing the Open Space and Recreation Plan survey is September 16, 2016. Paper copies of the survey are available at Town Hall, Recreation Center, Library, Senior Center and Board of Public Works during regular business hours.

A link to the survey is on the Town

web site on the main page under "Links for Residents": <http://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/Pages/index>

Or it can be accessed directly at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Fairhaven_OS_2016

Beach cleanups

See page10

Homestay Families Needed

Short term Japanese "ambassadors" are coming to Fairhaven two nights, Oct. 10-12. We need families to host them while they are here, anywhere in Greater Fairhaven/New Bedford.

We are expecting to host: Four individual women between 52 & 64 years of age; two individual men, 63 & 80 years old; two couples, 64 & 65 and 71 & 74.

Activities include local daytime tours (10/11) organized by the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society (hosts welcome); evenings by hosts.

All visitors speak decent English. Visitor profiles are available to facilitate pre-visit introductions.

These visitors will be coming on an added tour in the USA after having participated in the Grassroots Summit in Atlanta. It is based on the Whitfield-Manjiro relationships, thus, the alternate tour to Fairhaven is very popular.

Interested hosts should contact Gerry Rooney at Gerry@WMFriendshipHouse.org or 508-995-1219.

1/2 price sale

Heavenly Treasures, Open 10 AM - 1 PM Wednesdays and Saturdays, First Congregational Church, William Street Entrance, Fairhaven. **Half-Price Sale on Clothing and Shoes, September 3rd, 7th, and 10th**

VOTE on 9/8

The state primary is being held on Thurs., 9/8. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Voters will be asked to choose a particular party's ballot and vote for candidates for Representative in Congress, Councillor, State Senator and State Representative, Sheriff, County Commissioner and District Attorney.

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Cruise night!



Cars and people fill the street in the center of Acushnet on Thursday, 8/25, for the seventh annual Cruise Night. See page 13 for more photos. *Photo by Beth David.*

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For links to all Beth David's books and stories visit www.Zorena.com

Fairhaven Lions Club receives award

Fairhaven Lions Club Press Release

On August 6th, 2016, the Fairhaven Lions Club was presented with an award from the Mass. Lions Eye Research Fund, Inc., at their awards banquet, for our contribution of \$5000.31 for Lions Year 2015-2016

It is a great honor for our club.

We wish to thank the institutions that sponsored our events, those that provided gifts to our raffles and Chinese Auction, those that attended our events and those that made donations to our organization. It was through your kindness and generosity that we were able to receive this award.

MLERF was started in 1953 and the first research grant (\$5000) went to prevent baby blindness in premature infants. The solution was to install a valve in the incubators to control oxygen flow and blind baby disease was practically eradicated.

MLERFI has awarded grants exceeding \$32 million dollars. The Board members are all volunteers with no paid staff. Visit their website <http://www.mlerfi.org/>

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SC Rail Meeting

The MassDOT and the MBTA is hosting a series of public meetings on the proposed restoration of passenger rail service between the South Coast and Boston.

Designers are considering a new connection making use of the existing MBTA Stoughton Commuter Rail Line. The design for this route is currently 15 percent complete. In addition, MassDOT and the MBTA are also considering an alternative rail route between Boston and the South Coast that could potentially be designed and constructed more quickly than the Stoughton route. The meetings will be held to inform the public on the status of the project, discuss next steps, and seek public comment.

Public meetings all begin at 6:30 p.m. and are scheduled as follows:

- **Wed., 9/8, New Bedford: Greater New Bedford Vocational High School Auditorium, 1121 Ashley Boulevard**
- **Mon., 9/12, Taunton: Bristol Community College, 2 Galleria Mall Dr.**
- **Wedn., 9/14, Fall River: Bristol Community College, 777 Elsbree St., Building G, Commonwealth College Center, Faculty Lounge**
- **Thurs., 9/15, Easton: Middle School Auditorium, 98 Columbus Avenue**
- **Mon., 9/19, Canton: Canton High Sch. Auditorium, 900 Washington St.**
- **Thurs., 9/22, Middleborough: High School Auditorium, 71 E. Grove St.**

If unable to attend a meeting, a copy of the presentation will be available at www.massdot.state.ma.us/southcoastrail.

Public comments and questions may also be submitted by email to SouthCoastRail@dot.state.ma.us.

Seafood Throwdown

The New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center, in collaboration with the Northwest Atlantic Marine Alliance, Mass in Motion New Bedford/New Bedford Farmer's Market, is pleased to present a Seafood Throwdown on AHA Night, **Thursday, September 8th. The free event will take place beginning at 5:00 pm in Custom House Square located in downtown New Bedford.**

Chefs Henry Bousquet (Culinary Arts Instructor at NB Voc-Tech) and Chris Cronin (Executive Chef at Farm

& Coast Market, Padanaram) will compete to create a winning dish using a surprise locally caught seafood ingredient (usually an abundant, underappreciated, and underutilized species of seafood) and local produce.

Seafood Throwdowns are a collaboration between the Northwest Atlantic Marine Alliance and fishing communities. They provide a unique opportunity to learn more about our local seafood, local fishing fleet and fisheries related issues affecting our ocean, fishing economies and coastal food systems. Chefs Bousquet and Cronin will educate and entertain you with their skills as they demonstrate how to work with whole, fresh, and very local seafood.

The chefs can bring three of their favorite ingredients and once they discover the secret seafood they will be using, they are given \$25 and 15 minutes to shop the Custom House Square Farmers' Market for ingredients. After their shopping spree, they have one hour to cook and present their entry for the judges' consideration.

Following the Throwdown, the public is invited to the Fishing Heritage Center (38 Bethel Street) to view the exhibit From Boat to Table and meet the judges (Atwood, Lawton, and Tomolonis) who will sign copies of their books from 7:30-8:30.

The New Bedford Farmers Market takes place weekly from 2-6 pm (until 7pm on AHA nights) and is located in Custom House Square.

Located at 38 Bethel Street in the heart of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, the New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center is dedicated to preserving and presenting the story of the commercial fishing industry past, present, and future through archives, exhibits, and programs. The Center is open to the public Thursday-Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit www.fishingheritagecenter.org.

Singers Wanted

Come join the acclaimed Greater New Bedford Choral Society. Rehearsals are held on Tuesdays, 7:30-9:30 p.m. No audition required. Requirements: Blend with your section, pay nominal dues.

Rehearsals begin Tues., 9/6, First Unitarian Church, New Bedford. Registration 7:15 p.m.

For more information call 508-644-2419, or visit gnbcs.org, or find us on Facebook.

YTI Play

Your Theatre, Inc., presents *California Suite* by Neil Simon; Directed by Robin Richard, **Sept. 8-10 at 8 p.m.; Sept. 11 at 2:30 p.m.; Sep 15-17 at 8 p.m.; Sep 18 at 2:30 p.m.**

Performances are held at the wheelchair accessible Your Theatre, Inc. Playhouse located at **136 Rivet St. (corner of County St.), New Bedford**, at St. Martin's Episcopal Church complex. Free off-street parking entrance is on County Street.

Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$12 for season subscribers (three show minimum), and \$13 for senior citizens, students, and military personnel. For 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

It's a humorous confection divided into four parts: Visitor from New York, Visitor from Philadelphia, Visitors from London and Visitors from Chicago.

In Visitor from New York, Hannah, a magazine writer is joined by her ex-husband, the question being with whom should their daughter spend the next six months? The banter flies fast and furious but Hannah's well-wrought artifice crumbles as her fears take hold.

The Visitor from Philadelphia is a wife who arrives at the suite, catching her husband "en flagrante delicto" with a drunken hooker.

Visitors from London brings a British star as Academy Award nominee. Diana returns from the ceremony empty-handed to husband Sidney whose homosexuality will be no comfort tonight.

The Visitors from Chicago are two couples ending a disastrous vacation they should not have shared.

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HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Acushnet Road Race/Walk

The Acushnet Road Race will be held on **Labor Day, September 5, at the Ford Middle School, 708 Middle Rd., Acushnet.** 3.2 mile walk steps off at 9:30 a.m.; 4.1 mile run steps off at 10 a.m.. Acushnet residents fee is \$12.00 or online at \$18; \$25 race day. Cash awards, raffles, t-shirts.

For more information, and to register, visit www.jbrace.com, call 508-998-2408, or email info@jbrace.com

Comedy Show

It's the one year Anniversary show! On Tuesday, September 6th at 8pm The Paperback Comedians will perform on stage at 3065 Cranberry Highway, Wareham, MA (Directly across from Benny's)

3065 LIVE's doors open at 7:30pm and Showtime is at 8. Beer and Wine will be served that night. 18+ welcome; 21+ for drinks. Tickets are 10 dollars at the door, 8 dollars if you get them on line at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2592970>

Illusionist

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The 37th annual Apple-Peach Festival will be held on Sat. & Sun., 9/10 & 11, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Long Plain Museum, 1203 Main St., Acushnet.

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Karaoke

Join us every Tuesday night for Karaoke at the VFW Post 6643, 89 Middleboro Road, Freetown, from 6:30-10:30. No cover.

Author Event

Authors Without Borders Meet and Greet on **Sat., 9/17, from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Smokey Bones, 1023 County St., Taunton. Price: \$5.** Includes Refreshments (Limited Seating)

Please reply to 6authors@awb6.com; Willie at 1-617-282-5984

For more information go to: www.awb6.com

Authors Without Borders would like to invite authors, artists, poets, publishers, agents, and anyone else interested in the publishing world to our event. This is a great networking opportunity!

Chess Tourney

Announcing the First Annual Rotary of Dartmouth Scholastic Chess Tournament. Conducted by the South Eastern New England Chess Association (SENECA)

Date: Sept. 17 at the Dartmouth Middle School (on Slocum Road) from 9-1

Open to all area students through grade 12, all skill levels welcome. Boards and chess pieces will be supplied. Registration online at <http://senecachess.org/event/first-annual-rotary-dartmouth-scholastic-chess-tournament> **\$5.00 registration fee, \$10.00 at the door.**

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Golf Tourney

The Fairway Golf Tournament sponsored by The Church of The Good Shepherd, will be held on **Sat., 9/10, at Little Harbor Country Club, Wareham. Shotgun start at 8 a.m.; \$75 per person or \$280 foursome**, includes Golf and Lunch. Raffles and Prizes

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Contact Natecia Alfonso for more info: 774-260-1924 or natecia17@gmail.com

Museum Month

This September, First Citizens' Federal Credit Union and the Cape Cod Museum Trail are celebrating the Second Annual Cape Cod Museum Month from **September 1st through the 30st, which offers visitors \$1 off admission per person, up to 4 people at participating museums.**

The Cape Cod Museum Month offers visitors and locals the opportunity to take advantage of special deals and discounts at 18 participating museums.

Visit <http://capecodmuseumtrail.com/current-promotions/> for all the latest updates and for more info on Museum Month!

Recipe of the Week

Apple Crisp

- 4 cups apples, peeled and cut
- 2 tbsps sugar
- 1 tbsp cinnamon
- 1 cup chopped pecans or chopped walnuts (optional)
- 1 cup raisins (optional)
- TOPPING
- 2/3 cup flour
- 2/3 cup oats
- 2/3 cup brown sugar
- 1 stick butter, softened

Preheat oven to 350° and butter a casserole dish.

Mix together apples, sugar, cinnamon, nuts and raisins. Pour into casserole dish.

Mix together flour, oats, brown sugar and softened butter until crumbles, and place over apples.

Bake in a 350° oven 40–45 minutes. Serve warm.

By Lisa Peixoto

Just living is not enough...
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little flower.

Hans Christian Andersen

Join a beach cleanup

Started in 1987, COASTSWEEP is a statewide effort organized by the Mass. Energy and Environmental Affairs Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM) where thousands of volunteers clean up trash from the Commonwealth's beaches, river banks, marshes and seafloor.

As part of the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup, COASTSWEEP participants join hundreds of thousands of other volunteers each year in the world's largest volunteer effort for the ocean. COASTSWEEP cleanups are planned at close to 40 Mass. locations from through November, with additional cleanups being added weekly.

In addition to the important task of removing trash, COASTSWEEP volunteers record information about what they collect. The data collected at each cleanup is entered into an international marine debris database maintained by the Ocean Conservancy. This information is used to better understand the sources of marine debris globally and develop solutions for prevention.

From plastics as tiny as a grain of rice to trash as large as abandoned cars, marine debris is more than just an eyesore; it can also directly harm humans and sea life. Sea birds, seals and other animals can be choked, starved or poisoned when they become entangled or mistake debris

for food. Sea turtles are particularly vulnerable and can die after swallowing clear plastic bags, which look like their favorite food, jellyfish. Beachgoers can injure themselves on glass, wood or metal while walking on the sand or swimming off the coast, and boaters can find themselves stranded when propellers are jammed with fishing line or cooling intakes are clogged with plastic.

COASTSWEEP participants can volunteer for an existing cleanup or organize a cleanup of their own. All cleanup supplies (bags, gloves, data cards, pencils, etc.) are provided free of charge and cleanups can be scheduled any time through November. To join or organize a cleanup, check out the COASTSWEEP website (<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/czm/program-areas/communications/coastswEEP/>) or call (617) 626-1200. You can also become a friend of COASTSWEEP on Facebook or follow COASTSWEEP on Twitter and Instagram.

Local COASTSWEEP cleanups planned, include:

- **Sept. 3:** East Beach, New Bedford. Contact Holly Williams, holly.williams@massmail.state.ma.us, 757-773-5627
- **Sept. 17:** Ft. Phoenix Town Beach, Fairhaven. Contact Mary Lou Nicholson, 508-496-0708, BeTheSolutionToPollution@gmail.com

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Quahog relay using Bouchard funds this year

By Beth David
Editor

Attention all quahoggers, you're about to get a big tip on where to plan next year's digging. The Fairhaven Harbormaster/Shellfish department has been busy all week transplanting 800 bushels of quahogs into the small section of Jack's Cove where the mooring field is.

The money for the transplants came from Bouchard Oil Spill settlement money that has been set aside for recreational fisheries. So, when the cove opens to digging, no commercial diggers will be allowed.

Bruce Ingham and his crew dredged the quahogs from the Taunton River, which is polluted, so the quahogs are

not harvestable until they clean themselves out.

Fairhaven Harbormaster/Shellfish Warden Timothy Cox said that the cove will be closed to digging until sometime next year. That will give the quahogs time to clean themselves out, and to "spat," or reproduce, two times. Quahogs are a bivalve, and the shells open up when they feed, so they clean themselves out constantly.

On Wednesday, Mr. Cox and a handful of helpers made quick work of spreading 101 quahogs into the cove.

The shellfish boat has a hole in the middle (yes, a hole), designed to make it easy to pour quahogs in while the boat is moving.

Deputies Todd Cox and Justin

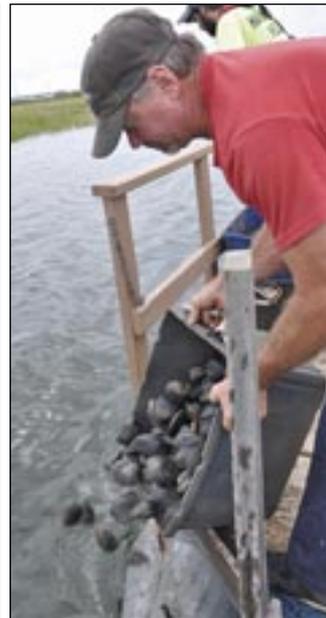
Dube, along with Tommy Allaire, who works on the boat with Mr. Ingham, poured the quahogs off the side of the boat or in the hole, as slowly as they could, while shellfish deputy Richie Dube played captain, slowly maneuvering the boat as close to shore as he dared at high tide.

Quahogs from polluted waters are transplanted in Fairhaven every year. The quahogs come from areas, such as the Taunton River, that do not have any heavy metals or PCBs.

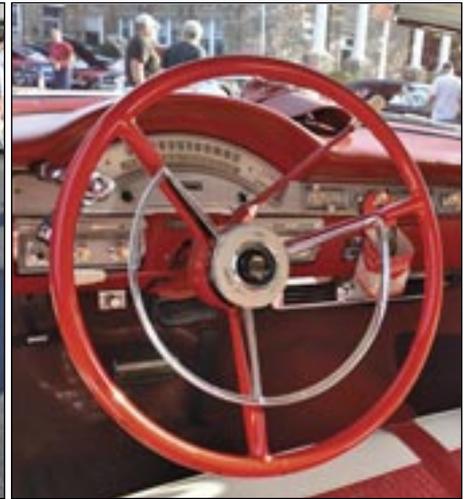
Mr. Cox said that Fairhaven will get 800 bushels each year for five years. The quahogs will be spread in different coves on the relay schedule. State officials will make the final determination on where they will go.



ABOVE LEFT: The Fairhaven Harbormaster and his helpers spread quahogs in Jack's Cove. The department's Carolina Skiff is rigged up with a platform to work like a barge. ABOVE RIGHT: Each tote has one bushel of quahogs in it. BELOW LEFT: Fairhaven Harbormaster Tim Cox and shellfish deputy Justin Dube pour quahogs into a hole in the boat designed to make it easy to spread them. BELOW MIDDLE LEFT: Deputy Todd Cox pours quahogs over the side of the boat. BELOW MIDDLE RIGHT: Fisherman Tommy Allaire helps out the town officials, pouring quahogs over the side. BELOW RIGHT: Mr. Cox pours quahogs into the hole. *Beth David photos.*



Annual car cruise in Acushnet takes over the center of town



Acushnet held its seventh annual Cruise Night on Thursday, 8/25, in the center of town. Main Street was blocked off around the Parting Ways Green and got filled up with old cars and oldies music. Local organizations sold food and people danced to the music of The Classics, or just milled around looking at cars, talking about old cars, or sat in lawn chairs taking it all in. The event is sponsored by the Town of Acushnet and the Acushnet Celebration Committee. Music was sponsored by the Acushnet Policemen's Association. ABOVE LEFT: This 1958 Ford Fairlane is owned by Chuck Wingate. He has owned it for 17 years and fixed it up twice. ABOVE RIGHT: The instrument panel on the Fairlane. Note the speedometer goes up to 120 miles per hour. *Photos by Beth David.*



ABOVE LEFT: Four old Mustang, 1965 to 1969, are lined up in the Acushnet Town Hall parking lot at the 7th annual Cruise Night on Thursday, 8/25. ABOVE RIGHT: This is an amusement park car. It's buddy, right behind it, is a 1954 Fort F100. They are both owned by Ron and Tina Gaudette. BELOW LEFT: The owner wasn't around, so we're not sure of the year, but we believe this Corvette is a late 1950s mode. INSET Note the speedometer goes to 140 MPH. RIGHT: Emma Paiva, 13, looks good behind the wheel of her father's 2012 Corvette. Will she get to drive it someday? "Totally," she said. *Photos by Beth David.*



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Kittery Maine

Come with us to Kittery for a chance at filling your Christmas list. The bus will leave the recreation center at 7 a.m. and return at 7:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be available in the morning. All Children must be accompanied by an adult. Saturday October 15, 2016, cost is \$30 per person. Deadline for registration is October 8th.

NYC on your own

Shopping and sightseeing in the Big Apple...why not? Enjoy a day in New York City as we travel in style in a luxury motor coach, Saturday November 26th. The perfect opportunity to get that holiday shopping done early, visit local places of interest, check out a show, see the holiday decorations or just wine and dine. Drop off is at Times Square, pick up at Bryant Park. Bus leaves Recreation center where coffee and donuts will be available, 6 a.m. All children must be accompanied by an adult. We will leave NYC at 5 p.m. Registration deadline is Nov. 19.

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Special Activities

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Come join the sewing Group. The group meets Monday afternoons: Sept. 12 & 26, from 1-3:00 p.m. and Sept. 8, 15, 22, from 5:45-7:45 p.m. at The Fairhaven Senior Center.

Mah Jongg for Beginners

This six-week program is for those interested in learning the basics of Mahjong. Classes start on Mon., Sept. 12 from 1-2:30 p.m. and will be held at the Fairhaven Senior Center. Join us for fun and gain a basic understanding of the game's fundamental components, including tiles, rules and playing strategy. Our teacher, Barbara Bishop, has been playing "Mahj" for 4 years. Cost: \$35 includes the playing card. Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center to sign up at 508-979-4029. Classes are limited to 6.

Osteoporosis Classes

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Open Enrollment, During Medicare Enrollment, from October 15th to December 7th, you will be able to change your plan for next year. If you would like help understanding your upcoming changes and options, a trained S.H.I.N.E counselor is available to offer FREE and CONFIDENTIAL counseling on all Medicare and related health insurance programs. Learn more about how S.H.I.N.E can help you: Call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029.

SAVE THE DATE

A butterfly release to benefit Southcoast VNA's, Supportive Care Services Saturday, September 10th 2016, Purchase your butterflies today at WWW.southcoastvna.org At: The Fairhaven Senior Center, 229 Huttleston Ave. Fairhaven, Mass. For more info call 508-973-3470 or [SCVNA Community Affairs@southcoast.org](mailto:SCVNACommunityAffairs@southcoast.org)

Computer Solitaire

Come and meet Jim in September, Thursdays. Jim will be teaching computer solitaire at the Fairhaven COA. If you enjoy solitaire, this is an easy fun way to do it. The computer is always there and free to use. Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029 to sign up

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Acushnet Town Meeting voices opposition to LNG expansion

By Pattie Pacella

Neighb News Correspondent

Approximately 250 Acushnet residents filed into the Ford Middle School for the Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, 8/30. In addition, there were an additional 50 non-voting people who attended.

Town moderator Robert Francis laid down the ground rules and asked residents to keep their comments to what the Articles were about.

"Although all important," he said. "I will not allow someone to continue on about the pros and cons of the LNG project, that's not why we are here."

Mr. Francis also told residents that he would not hesitate to have anyone who is rude to speakers escorted from the room if necessary.

There were only two articles on the warrant, both pertaining to the proposed expansion of the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facility on Peckham Road.

Access Northeast, a project proposed by Eversource, National Grid and Spectra Energy, will seek to construct two 3.4 Bcf (billion cubic feet) tanks with an outside diameter of 270 feet at the base and a height of 170 feet each. The site on Peckham Road currently contains two LNG tanks with a total capacity of .5 Bcf.

Article One, which was petitioned by residents and was the reason for the special TM, directed town officials to oppose the expansion.

Article Two, which was a by-law change recommended by the LNG committee and submitted by the Selectboard, required a permit for operating an LNG facility and laid out extensive safety precautions and requirements.

Resident John Howcroft made a motion to move Article two before Article one stating that it was paramount because Article two referred to safety and he wished that it would be discussed first. Mr. Howcroft's motion was seconded.

Representing South Coast Neighbors United Inc. (SCNU), resident Roger Cabral said that Article one was also of importance in referring to safety and that most people present were there to hear discussion on Article one, so he asked that Article one be the first to be heard as stated in the warrant.

Mr. Francis asked for a vote and the motion to move Article two

before Article one failed; with only approximately a dozen people or so in favor.

Mr. Cabral read from Article one in his motion to open the discussion on the floor.

Mr. Howcroft recommended discussing each of the seven points separately. He said he felt it would take the town in different directions and each point should be judged on its own.

Town Counsel Darren Klein of Kopelman & Paige explained to residents that the Article is called a "petitioned Article."

He said that neither the Selectboard nor Town Clerk had any authority to make changes to the Article presented because it was a petitioned Article from a select group of residents.

Forty-nine weeks for some kind of leadership from our elected officials. We have been waiting forty-nine weeks. Forty-nine weeks.
[Roger Cabral]

Mr. Klein also said that the "Article is offering a non-binding resolution."

It, in essence, gives the Selectboard an idea of how the people present feel about the project.

"Just to be clear," he said. "If passed tonight by voters present, it will not require the Selectboard to take any action."

Mr. Howcroft made a motion to vote each of the seven divisions (a-g) separately. The motion was seconded.

Mr. Cabral said, "I don't see a lot of differences in the tone of this Article; I think it sends a very clear message."

He said he did not support separating them.

Selectboard Chairperson Garry Rawcliffe stated the article was non-binding whether it stands by itself or is divided into seven separate components.

"The town is not being put in harm's way, and it doesn't matter which way you vote," said Mr. Rawcliffe, to a few

groans and loud voices saying, "Yes, it does matter."

Splitting the Article into seven components did not pass.

Mr. Cabral spoke in favor of the article. He stated that he was speaking on behalf of SCNU.

"We have patiently waited for the Selectboard to take action," said Mr. Cabral, then reviewed the time table from the very first meeting 49 weeks ago to the present time.

"Forty-nine weeks for some kind of leadership from our elected officials," he said. "We have been waiting forty-nine weeks. Forty-nine weeks."

Mr. Cabral also stated he was disappointed that there was no reverse 911 telephone call to residents to remind them of the meeting.

"I and I alone made the decision today not to do the 911 reverse call to residents," said Mr. Rawcliffe. "It costs us about \$900 each time we do that, and with us already paying for this special town meeting, I decided to save the money."

A resident yelled out from the back row, "I would've given you the nine hundred bucks."

Mr. Francis reminded residents that he did not want any calling out.

"This is a formal meeting," he said.

Resident, Leo Coons spoke in favor of the LNG project.

"I am in favor of the expansion of the tanks," he said.

He told residents that coal and nuclear power plants were being closed and there was "going to be a shortage."

A few other residents spoke in opposition of the project with Mr. Francis reminding them to direct their comments to the purpose brought forward to the body, and that is whether or not the Selectboard should vote against the project.

Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar empathized with residents saying, "I know this is a very emotional topic for a lot of people here."

He reminded residents that only two of the 13 documents have been filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

"How can you sit here and force us to make a decision based on only 20% of the information? How do we make a rational judgment without knowing and receiving all the documents," said Mr. Gaspar, adding that he believed it would be prudent to take a

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Wood School receives Safe Routes to School award

By Beth David
Editor

Earlier this summer, Lt. Governor Karyn Polito joined the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) in honoring 13 schools and individuals for their work to promote and train students to bicycle and walk to school in a safe manner as part of the Safe Routes to School Program.

"I am thrilled to see the passion and skills these award winners have exhibited in promoting safe bicycling and walking in their communities," said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito. "The Safe Routes to School program is key to instilling healthy, safe bicycling and walking habits into students at an early age."

The Program partners with middle and elementary schools to promote and educate students on the best routes to take and on "best practices" for navigating traffic.

In addition to safety trainings, the program helps its 746 partner schools state-wide plan event activities and the program assists in creating walking routes to and from school. Each partner school has a designated outreach coordinator who works with members of the community to customize each program to that community.

"Increasing the number of students that walk and bicycle to school is just one of the many steps MassDOT has taken to reduce traffic congestion and emissions across the Common-

wealth," said Secretary of Transportation & CEO Stephanie Pollack.

Two hundred communities in Massachusetts now have Safe Routes to Schools programs for students.

The program also benefits the Commonwealth's roadway infrastructure and environment.

Fairhaven's Leroy L Wood School received the "Biking All-Star" award for its "bike bus" program.

Students use the bike path from the center of town to bike to and from school, with adult chaperones. The bike bus, which is every Friday in spring and fall, also used to go from Orchard Street on Sconticut Neck Road to the school, but did not have enough participants to keep it going.

Mat Coes, a Fairhaven Bikeway

Committee member who helped start the bike bus, said he is hoping to start it up again. This is the first year the bike bus is entirely parent-led.

"I'm thrilled with the success of the program," wrote Mr. Coes in an email.

He said he hopes to ex-

pand the program to all the schools. The goal is to create safer cycling for everyone.

"There's no mystery why I'm starting in the schools," wrote Mr. Coes. "That's where kids will learn to love to ride. They carry that spirit and awareness on into adolescence, where they become independent riders, and then into their driving life, where they will know to look for bike riders."

During the ceremony on June 29, 13 awards were presented. The Mass. Safe Routes to School Program is funded by MassDOT and Federal Highway Administration dollars.

For more information on Mass. Safe Routes to School, visit www.mass.gov/massdot/saferoutes, or follow SRTS on Twitter or on Facebook. ●●●



Local and school leaders accepted their Safe Routes to School Program awards during a June 29 event at the Mass. State House. Photo courtesy of Mat Coes.

Acushnet Selectboard says New Bedford water rates off

By Pattie Pacella

Neighb News Correspondent

In addition to meeting at the Special Town Meeting on 8/30, the Acushnet Selectboard held their regularly scheduled meeting on 8/30.

The first order of business was to approve a rate increase from the town's attorney, Kopelman & Paige.

Selectboard chairperson Garry Rawcliffe read a letter from K&P regarding a \$5.00/hour rate increase, going from \$165.00/hour to \$170.00/hour. The board approved the rate.

K&P's attorney, Darren Klein was also present to go over any last minute questions for the Special Town Meeting to take place later that evening.

Mr. Klein told the Selectboard that because this group got the required signatures to put an article forward

on a special town meeting, the Selectboard was required to put the petition on the article "as is."

He explained that it was a non-binding article.

"It's not an uncommon event," he said. "But this article is a bit more unique than some that we've seen."

"So it's basically a general consensus of either the people are for or against the LNG project?" asked Mr. Rawcliffe.

Mr. Klein said that it was just a consensus for those who attend.

Mr. Rawcliffe wanted to make sure that the town would not be hampered by the vote.

"We want to be able to review the Northeast Access project, no matter how the matter is voted on tonight," said Mr. Rawcliffe.

"There is no legal effect what-

soever, nor would negotiations be affected whatsoever," said Mr. Klein.

"No harm, no foul," Mr. Rawcliffe stated.

"The only effect to the town is there is a cost to hold a special town meeting," said Mr. Klein said. "You are not required to do anything either way if the article passes or doesn't. It's non-binding."

Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar expressed his frustration in the way the article was written.

"This is dictatorship, not democracy," he said, adding that he did not think the townspeople would appreciate the Selectboard making decisions on everyday business with only 20% of the information.

"I find this article appalling; one special interest group is trying to dictate how we make a decision," said

Nearly 50 small businesses join fight against LNG pipeline

Press Release

Monday morning, 8/29, concerned residents unveiled a list of nearly 50 local businesses endorsing the Stop the Pipeline and LNG Tanks campaign from New Bedford, Fairhaven, Mattapoisett, Acushnet and Freetown.

Ben Gilbarg, from Visionary Communications Consultants in New Bedford endorsed and commented, "I'm concerned that the people in the area of the proposed project will face an unnecessary burden. Also, with all of the toxins already present in the Greater New Bedford area, and all of the dredging and cleanup of the Acushnet River watershed, why would we want to increase dependence on fossil fuels?"

Texas-based Spectra has partnered up with Eversource working to build a new pipeline in Freetown and construct giant LNG tanks in Acushnet. This project, called Access Northeast, also includes pipeline in dozens of towns including Braintree,

Sharon, and West Boylston.

This summer, over 400 people marched to the Boston Common calling on Governor Baker to retract a controversial proposal to subsidize new gas infrastructure with a charge on electricity bills.

"It's important to know this problem is bigger than Acushnet and Freetown," remarked Rachel Mulroy, New Bedford resident and organizer with the Coalition for Social Justice. "We've been talking to people across the region, giving them the facts gathered in the AG report, and asking them how they feel about it as South Coast residents and business owners. Our community is overwhelmingly opposed to the expansion of new natural gas infrastructure in Massachusetts. It's bad for our health and it's bad for our environment. Refusing to acknowledge there are cheaper, cleaner means of providing energy to ratepayers is just bad business."

"This gas pipeline proposed by

Spectra and Eversource is a direct threat to the rural character, wetlands, and security of the Massachusetts towns, families, and businesses caught in its path," said Wendy Graca of South Coast Neighbors United. "We will stop this unnecessary, risky project no matter what it takes."

"On Wednesday alone we gathered over 25 endorsements," said Claire Miller from Toxics Action Center. "Obviously that is just the tip of the iceberg of opposition to the new gas pipelines. From farms to realtors to auto-shops and more: I hope the Governor hears these small business owner voices and publicly opposes this project."

For more information, visit South Coast Neighbors United at www.scnu.us, or find them on Facebook.

The list of businesses endorsing the campaign is available on our website at www.NeighbNews.com, go to archives and 2016, 9/1/16 issue.

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Mr. Gaspar. "By no means will they influence me to vote one way or another."

In other business, resident David Davignon addressed the board as a member of the Town Administrator review committee.

In a letter he submitted to the Selectboard, he stated that he wanted to discuss a letter sent by David Wojnar, chairperson of TA screening committee that was discussed at the 8/10 Selectboard meeting. Mr. Davignon said he felt the letter was not on behalf of the whole committee.

"I wasn't aware the Mr. Wojnar submitted a letter to the Selectboard, and I'm not sure how it went from a potential residency requirement by-law change to a by-law change regarding the Town Administrator being able to work another job while being our Town Administrator. It's not something we discussed," Mr. Davignon told the board.

Mr. Rawcliffe stated that he was unsure where the confusion happened. He re-read the letter from David Wojnar in its entirety, which stated the request from the by-law committee and Selectboard to think about a residency by-law change.

"From this letter to the by-law review committee then to our board,

there must've been some confusion on what the request was. I can't tell you how it was misconstrued," Mr. Rawcliffe said. "However, I can tell you that we as a Selectboard decided to table the discussion and did not take any vote on the matter."

Mr. Gaspar thanked the Town Administrator search committee for all their hard work.

"I understand what goes into that type of committee, the time away from your family; so I appreciate all the hard work and time that was put into each potential candidate," said Mr. Gaspar.

In other business, Mr. Gaspar told everyone that the annual car cruise was a huge success and thanked everyone who helped him out that day.

"There were a lot of volunteers that day and I really appreciated all the help," he said.

He publicly thanked Gary Bergeron and his staff at the Emergency Management Agency; he thanked Dan Menard and the Department of Public Works; Scott Alexander and his two volunteers, Miquel and Tyler.

"There were just so many volunteers, I know I'm forgetting some. Just a huge thank you to everyone who helped out," said Mr. Gaspar.

"And thank you to you, Kevin,"

Mike Cioper said. "For putting it together and volunteering yourself. And you arranged the weather perfectly that day."

Lastly, Mr. Menard of the DPW was present to discuss the water leak detection results.

He said they had a professional company come out and use their own meters to check some of the water meters and they came back with inaccurate results. He said that the estimated bills from the City of New Bedford are incorrect, and that four out of five meters failed.

"Even on a six-inch meter, the bill says they're charging us for an eight-inch meter," Mr. Menard said.

"So what you're saying is that we are no way at a thirty-three percent water loss and that we've overpaid New Bedford for at least the last two years," said Mr. Rawcliffe. "Perhaps we need legal advice to move forward on this matter."

"It's hard to think you're making progress and then realize you're getting kicked in the head by the other guy," Mr. Gaspar said. "We definitely need to get this resolved with the city."

The board voted to discuss this matter with town counsel in executive session.

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The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the Draft 2017 Community Preservation Plan. Copies of the Plan are available at the Planning & Economic Development Department Office, Town Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. M-F or on the Town website at: http://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/pages/FairhavenMA_CPC/index. To request a copy of the Plan, call (508) 979-4082, Ext. 9 or email: cpc@fairhaven-ma.gov.

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Community Preserv. Com.

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

Conservation Commission

Mon., 9/12, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Historical Commission

Wed., 9/7, Fire Station, 7 p.m.

Marine Resources

Thurs., 9/15, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

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Tues., 9/13, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 9/14, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 9/19, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Agricultural Commission

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Board of Appeals

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

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Monday	5	1114	2335	0410	1633
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Wednesday	7	0022	1249	0518	1748
Thursday	8	0115	1343	0559	1839
Friday	9	0208	1434	0654	1946
Saturday	10	0300	1527	0800	2050
Sunday	11	0356	1626	0902	2149
Monday	12	0458	1726	1001	2249
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Friday	16	0805	2028	0113*	1338*
Saturday	17	0852	2115	0159*	1430*
Sunday	18	0941	2205	0249*	1523*

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"wait and see approach."

"I understand this is a very emotional matter and frustrations are running high," he said.

Selectboard member Mike Cioper concurred with Mr. Gaspar.

"To say we are doing nothing is not true," said Mr. Cioper. "The LNG Advisory Committee gave us their report and we have further broken it down to do our own research. There has to be give and take."

He said that people have to try and be patient.

"I go back to what Fire Chief [Kevin] Gallagher stated in his report, we should be making decisions based on fact, law and science not emotions," said Mr. Cioper.

Resident Richard DeMasso said that he wanted to comment on something he heard a Selectboard member say.

"You said it doesn't really matter how we vote, and you know what I think, we all matter," said Mr. DeMasso.

Mr. Gaspar noted that the Article mandates that the Selectboard adamantly oppose the project.

"This is not a dictatorship and I will not be dictated too," said Mr. Gaspar.

"I think that when someone from up here on the stage said that it doesn't matter, they meant that it will not change the legal effect to the Selectboard," Mr. Klein said.

Mr. Cabral returned to the podium to ask Selectboard members directly if they read the "720 pages of the first report" that came out.

Mr. Gaspar responded: "Every word."

And then he said, "I'm just joking, I was trying to lighten the mood. I have not."

Mr. Cabral seemed not to be amused.

"I don't want to be disrespectful than I might already be being," he said. "I move the question."

Mr. Coons returned to the podium to speak again, and someone from the back row yelled, "Sit down."

Mr. Francis called the meeting back to order.

"There will be no cat-calling, no hissing, and no booing," he yelled. "If this is the way you act in a formalized meeting then you need to leave right now."

Mr. Francis called for the vote on Article one and it passed with only about a dozen or so in opposition.

For Article two, Chief Gallagher spoke first.

"Before I give a brief presentation on the Article," he started. "I ask for you all to keep a young woman from Acushnet in your thoughts and prayers this evening who is fighting for her life after a horrific accident on Saturday."

He also asked for people to keep in their thoughts and prayers the first responders and EMT's who were on the scene that evening.

"They saved a life on Saturday," Chief Gallagher said, "I'm very proud of them."

In his presentation regarding Article two, he stated that he is often asked whether Acushnet will be safe with the expansion of the LNG project, and he honestly answers,

"I don't know."

"We need some assistance in figuring that out," he said.

Chief Gallagher went over the responsibilities of the LNG Advisory Committee and what they were tasked to do. He also explained that it was a decision not being "made locally."

He explained who the FERC was and that there are presently only three sitting members on the five member board.

"One person resigned last year, and the other person's term expired on June 30, 2016," said the chief. "And at this time, with all the information I'm receiving there [are] no plans to appoint until after the inauguration."

He asked residents to call state representatives and senators and ask them to appoint FERC members.

"The possibility if this proceeds," he said. "Pro or con by a 3-0 vote, or a 2-1 vote."

Chief Gallagher said the draft by-law was modeled after the state of New York and ties the permit to a long list of permits for the certificate of occupancy.

"We may not be able to control if a LNG facility is built but we do have control over the permits that require a certificate of occupancy," he said. "I would respectfully ask you for your support of Article two."

Mr. Francis stated that a two-thirds vote was required to pass the Article. In a show of hands, everyone but one person voted in favor of Article two.

The STM adjourned at 8:20 p.m., after 1:20 in session.

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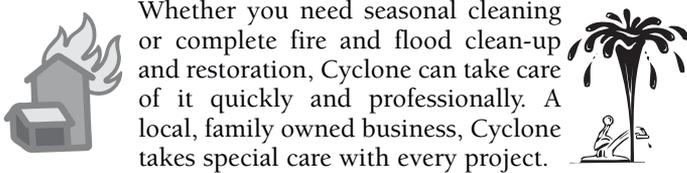
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