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Local elections in Fairhaven and Acushnet



L-R: Daniel Silva, Theresa Pereira and Dylan Senra hold signs outside the Fairhaven Recreation Center, where voting for precincts five and six takes place, on Monday, 4/3. The Cameron Durant supporters (Terry is his grandmother), were the only sign holders at the site. Their guy won, beating out former Board of Works member Geoffrey Haworth, who also was a write-in candidate. 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

Oh, no! Pukwudgies in Freetown (see page 6). I bet most of us knew that, though. There was always something a little off about that Freetown State Forest. Anyone who grew up around here has a story...

Anyway, the threat is over, but it's important to note: Magical creatures are trying to influence humans all the time.

Too bad they didn't influence anyone to run for office in these parts.

This year's local elections were a snoozer.

Acushnet had a little excitement with the Selectboard race (see page 16). The incumbent lost, so that's always a big deal, but...geesh. That's about it.

They had a write-in contest, too, but it was a tie. No, really, an honest-to-goodness "failure to elect" tie.

Fairhaven's only contested race was a write-in, and it didn't generate much excitement. Only 4.9% of registered voters got out and voted.

Man...that's about as pathetic as it gets.

Fairhaven approved the contracts for fire, police and clerical, including some pretty good raises that are supposed to get them in line with other comparable towns. Check that out on page 4. Your tax dollars at work.

Next week is the Earth Eve parade in New Bedford (see page 8). That means that Earth Day is not far behind, which means it's supposed to be warm out. But my woodstove is cranking. Welcome to New England.

Not that a little cold weather stops our kids from doing their thing (see page 13). The Sole Sisters and Band of Brothers running clubs are out training for the upcoming spring races. I think West Island is the next one (see page 5).

And all the other spring stuff is starting up, too. Keep an eye on the Happenings pages for upcoming events.

Until next week then...see ya,

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our story last week on the Fairhaven election, we made a mistake on the candidates for BPW. Mr. Lussier had dropped out. We apologize for any confusion our error may have caused.

Carter case due back in court on Friday

By Beth David
Editor

Michelle Carter, the Plainville woman charged with Involuntary Manslaughter in the suicide death of Conrad Roy III, is due back in court on Friday, 4/7, for another Daubert Hearing. On 3/21, the court heard from psychiatrist Peter Breggin, 80, who testified about the effects of psychiatric drugs on the adolescent brain. Both Ms. Carter and Mr. Roy were taking Celexa at the time of his death.

The defense had also hoped to have the court hear from psychologist Frank Dicataldo, to testify about brain development.

Judge Lawrence Moniz told the defense he had a problem with allowing that testimony. He said he did not see how it would be relevant to the Carter case because Dr. Dicataldo did not interview Ms. Carter.

The judge said he did not want generalized testimony, he wanted specifics. He told the two sides to submit briefs by 3/28 and he would decide if Dr. Dicataldo would testify on 4/7. As of press time, the Friday

hearing was still on schedule.

After the hearing the judge will then rule to allow or not to allow the two experts to testify at Ms. Carter's trial in June.

Dr. Breggin, a psychiatrist who is internationally known as a skeptic of psychiatric drugs, was alternately portrayed as a brilliant scientist on the cutting edge of the science of brain development and psychiatric drugs, by the defense; and a quack who formed his opinion before meeting the defendant and who peer reviews his own published articles, by the prosecution.

Dr. Breggin explained how SSRIs (selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors) work on the brain. He said the adolescent brain is still not fully developed and, in effect, goes haywire when the drugs are introduced into the system, calling it "neurotoxicity." He said that in his opinion, Ms. Carter was "involuntarily intoxicated."

He reviewed his background, his education credentials, the books he's written and the many articles he has had published over decades of

psychiatric practice.

In an amiable and conversational tone, Dr. Breggin explained his philosophy of avoiding drug therapy for his patients.

He said that SSRIs can cause a change in the behavior of adolescents and that Celexa is not approved for use in minors.

Dr. Breggin told the court he had interviewed many people who knew Ms. Carter from years before.

His opinion was that she was a happy child from birth and that the drugs changed who she was.

At the same time, he said her encouragement to Mr. Roy to kill himself was in keeping with her core personality, that she was helping him get to heaven.

"So she gets this grandiose, this irrational change," he said, from the girl who helps everyone, to helping him go to heaven.

"You can see the continuity of her wanting help people," he said, but it gets "twisted."

"It's both grandiose and out of touch with what the boy's suicide

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Selectboard approves raises for fire, police and clerical

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard met on Monday, 4/3, to finalize (mostly) its recommendations on Town Meeting articles and to vote on the final budget items for FY18 and some leftover issues from FY17.

The big news is that Town Administrator Mark Rees negotiated larger increases for both fire and police aimed at elevating salaries to levels more in keeping with other communities of comparable wealth.

Mr. Rees told the board that after doing some research, he found that the town's pay rates were lower than comparable communities, by up to 13%. The new contracts will adjust for those shortfalls over the next three years, but not all the way.

The town will be "narrowing the gap going forward," said Mr. Rees, not closing it completely.

In his presentation, Mr. Rees said that Fairhaven firefighters/paramedics and fire lieutenant/paramedic positions are paid 13% less than comparable communities. Police officers and sergeants are down 7%

and 8% respectively. Clerk positions are also lower-paid than comparable communities, with assistant department heads down 3%, the principal clerk position down 7% and senior clerk down 11%.

Other changes to the fire contract include mandatory random drug and alcohol testing, two daytime firefighters for improved ambulance coverage, and getting a seven-year commitment from the training officer.

In a follow-up interview, Mr. Rees said that the department has been losing training officers to other shifts at a high rate, and the town loses because it has to keep paying training costs.

The fire contract also requires firefighters who leave before seven years to pay back training and equipment costs. The new contract also includes an education incentive, similar to police, paying more for more education.

Mr. Rees said the increases in salary will help the department retain employees, which should save in training costs. Several other changes in the contract should also help

reduce overtime, also saving the town money.

The increases will start retroactively with FY17, which ends on 6/30/17. The first year will give a 3% increase (FY17), then 4.25% in FY18 and 3% in FY19. Total costs to the town will be \$44,960 for FY17, \$64,058 for FY18, and \$49,502 for FY19. The three year contract will then be renegotiated.

Current base pay for firefighter/paramedics is \$56,589; for lieutenant-paramedic, \$63,851. For police, base pay is \$53,289 for patrol officers, \$62,878 for sergeant. On the clerical side, assistant department head base pay is \$42,076, principal clerk is \$36,558, and senior clerk is \$33,434.

On the police side, the increases will be: 3% for FY17, 3.5% for FY18 and 2.5% for FY19.

For the clerical workers, increases will be 3% for FY17, between 3% and 1.5% depending on position for FY18, and between 2.5% and 1% for FY19.

Mr. Rees thanked the three unions (Fire, Police and Clerical) for being willing to negotiate. He said they did

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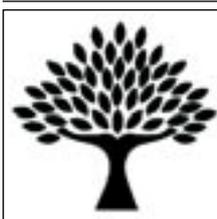
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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Master Plan mtg

The Town of Fairhaven will hold a Public Meeting at **6:30 P.M. on Thurs., 4/6, at Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven.** The purpose of the meeting will be for the Planning Board and the Town's consultant, to hold the first in a series of public meetings to take input and recommendation for the goals, objectives and priorities for FAIRHAVEN 2040 — Master Plan.

Book Group

"Brewster" by Mark Slouka, will be the book discussed on April 20th, 10:00 a.m. at Fairhaven's Millicent Library. Mark Slouka, a contributor to Harpers Magazine and a Thoreaurian voice on the damage of modernization, has written a powerful, nostalgic novel steeped in innocence and idleness, about the unforgettable friendship between two teenage boys and their hopes for escape from a dead-end town. The story time line is between the late 1960's and the early 1970's.

The discussion is free, open to all, with accessibility to the meeting room through the Walnut Street entrance. To borrow the book, contact either the Millicent Library, or SAILS, the inter-library web site. For questions or directions, please call Norma Markey at 508-993-3745.

Calling All Seniors

The Rotary International Club of Fairhaven is in the throngs of organizing the 2nd annual senior talent show and are in search of seniors to participate.

Competition is friendly and any variety of talent is accepted. If you know a senior that loves to sing, dance, play the piano or the spoons, perform comedy, juggle, train dogs, perform magic, act, or any other talent and they want to showcase, they are encouraged to participate.

They can apply by contacting Melissa Da-Silva-Kurcharski at 508-330-4837 or visit the New Bedford, Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, or Mattapoissett's Council on Aging. The Fairhaven, Acushnet, New Bedford, or Dartmouth Senior Centers.

Last year a 96-year-old spoon player "wowed" the crowds. In response to if she would be returning

as a guest this year she said "I can't walk that well, but I can sit while I play, so yes, I think I'll be there."

Applications for the contest are due April 17th and the show is the 30th at Fairhaven Town Hall, 2-4pm.

The Fairhaven Rotary has been an active part of the Fairhaven community since 1976. They support community service, solve problems, and put service above self.

Easter Egg Hunt

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association invites the public to their annual Easter Egg Hunt on **Sat., 4/15, at 9 a.m. SHARP, at Livesey Park, Fairhaven.** Children from toddler to age twelve are invited to participate. (Categories are Toddler to 4, 5-8 and 9-12). The Easter Bunny will be there you should be there too! Free and open to the public.

Join the Friends of the Millicent

As the Millicent Library anticipates its 125th birthday in 2018, the Friends of the Library are planning activities in celebration. This year, on May 8, David Russo will present a talk on "Charles Brigham: Architect for Fairhaven and the World."

During the summer, we'll join the Fairhaven-Acushnet Land Trust in an outdoor celebration of Henry David Thoreau's Bicentennial. In October, we'll have a special event in conjunction with the Whitfield-Manjiro festival, and in December we'll have our second annual Millicent's Book Fair, where local authors sign and sell their books.

When 2018 arrives, we'll have many more activities to announce.

April is the month when we ask Friends to renew their membership and invite more people to join us in fulfilling our stated purpose: To enrich the cultural life of the community through library activities for the benefit of the community. By becoming a member, you not only support the library but stay informed of upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.

In addition to events, we help the Library to provide ongoing benefits: museum passes, Book Pages, children's programs, and improvements to the building and equipment.

Membership forms are available at the Library and on the website: www.millicentlibrary.org. **Individual memberships are \$10; family, \$15.** We would love to have 125 new members for our 125th birthday.

Gov Access Website

The Fairhaven Government Access and Community Access channels have a new website. Visit <https://www.fairhaventv.com> to see meetings and other community events.

Meetings are now streamed live on the website, cablecast on Channel 18, and available on demand on the website. Channel 95 will be active soon. Contact Bobby Brusio, cable access director, 508-979-5023.

Card Party

The Fairhaven Mothers' Club will hold its annual Card Party/Chance Auction on **Tues., 4/18, from 11am-3pm, at Oxford Terrace, 275 Main St, Fairhaven, MA 02719. Tickets: \$5** (Can be purchased at the door)

The Card Party is one of three fundraisers that the Mothers' Club runs each year to support scholarships for Fairhaven High School students. All proceeds from the Card party go to the Scholarship Fund. The Fairhaven Mothers' Club is a volunteer organization supporting students and their families in Fairhaven. Contact Barbara Mitchell 774-202-1675

Park at Oxford Terrace; Event is in the first floor Community Room off the parking lot.

Snow White

One Theater Group presents, Snow White on **Thurs., Fri., Sat., 4/20-22, at 7 p.m. and Sun., 4/23, at 2 p.m., at Fairhaven Town Hall Auditorium, 40 Center St.t, Fairhaven.** Proceeds to benefit a unique charity. Beneficiary announcement coming soon!

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You may also reserve tickets in advance by email: onetheatergroup@gmail.com or by calling 508-525-9972.

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Pukwudgies causing trouble in Freetown

Press Release

The Freetown Police Department has ordered the placement of a crossing warning sign to call attention and alert motorists to unexpected entries onto the roadway that may call for a reduction of speed or immediate action in the interest of traffic safety (Under the guidelines of Section 2C.37p of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices).

The location of this crossing warning sign is on Slab Bridge Road, approximately 500 yards northwest of the entrance to the Freetown State Forest Headquarters. However, these crossing conflicts may occur randomly over a larger segment of the roadway and all along the property of the Freetown State Forest.

Animals on the road are a major cause of crashes in this area of Freetown and are becoming more frequent. As a result, crashes can result in significant property damage or serious injury to drivers and passengers. In the past, the installation of "DEER" crossing signs were the most widely used measure to reduce animal-vehicle collisions.

However, we feel that the installation of just another "DEER" crossing warning sign would only contribute to the overuse of these signs and lead to a general disregard by the motoring public. Plus it does not identify the real problem at hand.... The Pukwudgie.



It has been widely reported that the Freetown State Forest is the home of these mythical creatures known as the Pukwudgies. The danger the Pukwudgies present to the motoring public is that they can appear and

disappear at will by using their magical powers. They are also known to shoot poison arrows near and across the roadway in violation of MGL Chapter 131 Section 58.

It is believed that Pukwudgies also have the following traits and abilities: They are masters at remaining undetected in the forests, they can transform into a walking porcupine, they can create fire at will (don't worry, the Freetown Fire Department and State Forest Fire Control have countermeasures in place), and they control the spirits of their deceased victims (unfortunately, we have no countermeasures for this).

Lastly, so the crossing warning sign does not lose its effectiveness, we have contacted local experts to certify the continued use of this sign and when it should be removed. As of right now the sign will be posted during the mating season of the Pukwudgie, where they are most likely to be crossing the roadway in search of a mate. This year, it is believed that the season begins and ends on "April Fools' Day."

As always... Drive Carefully.



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Atria celebrates PB&J Day

Press Release

Did you know that Sunday, April 2nd, was National Peanut Butter and Jelly day?

Atria Senior Living in Fairhaven decided to take advantage of this fun-unique day and make it into something more meaningful!

Our residents teamed up with the Fairhaven Lions Club to make peanut

butter and jelly sandwiches for the homeless. In just thirty minutes our hard working volunteers made 124 sandwiches!

Mercy Meals and More was extremely grateful when they heard from the Lions Club about this project; which is the nonprofit organization that we donated the sandwiches too. Mercy Meals and

More provides meals to the homeless of the Greater New Bedford community.

What a successful day it was. On behalf of Atria Fairhaven we would like to thank all of the volunteers that made this event possible.

Visit <https://mercymealsandmore.com> to learn more.



Residents of Atria Assisted Living team up with Lions Club members to make PB&J sandwiches for the homeless in honor of National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day on April 2 at Atria in Fairhaven. The sandwiches were distributed by Mercy Meals and More of New Bedford. Visit <https://mercymealsandmore.com> to learn more. *Submitted photos.*

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Bunny Shoot

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Call Mike, 508-294-4082.

Cancer Screenings

Southcoast Health will offer free head and neck cancer screenings on the **Southcoast Wellness Van on Tues., 4/11, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 114 McArthur Drive in New Bedford.**

Doctors will inspect the lips, gums, cheeks and mouth using a light. They will also feel for lumps in the neck.

Some of the symptoms that are common in head and neck cancer include a lump or sore that does not heal, a sore throat that does not go away, difficulty swallowing and a change or hoarseness in the voice. Head and neck cancers are more common in men and in people over the age of 40, and risk factors include smoking, chewing tobacco and consuming alcohol.

African Americans.

Reservations are required for the screening, and can be made by calling 877-822-2732. For more information, visit www.southcoast.org.

Lecture at RJD

Historian and author of *A Holy Nation: The Transatlantic Quaker Ministry in an Age of Revolution*, Sarah Crabtree will offer a special presentation this spring at the Rotch Jones Duff House & Garden Museum. Sarah, who holds a PhD in history, is a visiting professor at Brown University this semester and is at

work on another book project exploring the interplay between William Rotch Sr.'s (1734 – 1828) faith and business during these turbulent years.

Ms. Crabtree's April 12th lecture explores the repercussions of William Rotch's lack of involvement in the Revolutionary War. It meant he could no longer be both-and-neither British and American. Reassessing the situation, he keenly perceived how the very nature of his business could provide unique economic opportunities in this new political order.

Essentially, in an increasingly globalized economy, the Rotches off-shored their off-shore operations. Thus, William could dispatch a ship from France to the South Atlantic, but he could then transfer the title of the ship and its contents to his father, brother, or son, and therefore avoid paying any import duties. This arrangement may have adhered to the letter of the law, but certainly not the spirit.

Lecture begins at 7:00 p.m. and the fee is \$15 for museum members; \$18 for non-members.

The Rotch-Jones-Duff (RJD) House & Garden Museum was built in 1834 for whaling merchant William Rotch Jr. This Greek Revival mansion, located on a full city block of formal gardens, is a National Historic Landmark. The Museum is located at 396 County Street and is open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Sunday from noon to 4:00 p.m. For additional information, please call 508-997-1401 or visit the Museum's website at www.rjdmuseum.org.

Earth Eve Parade

Spring has sprung, bringing with it new life, warmer weather and longer days. Mark your calendars for the **April 13th AHA! Night when— just in time for Earth Day— our theme is "Sustainable SouthCoast."** Join us in celebrating the earth and explore how we can create a sustainable environment for ourselves and others. Hear what others in the community are doing and connect with groups who are making a commitment to positive change.

Celebrate Earth Eve with the largest People-Powered Parade in New England! The climate is

changing, and it's time to make a statement. The evening will be filled with fun, as the group parades along the procession route with their eco-floats—anything a person or group can wear, roll, or carry along the procession route. Marchers include the NBPS Middle School Marching Band and SEEAL celebrating their 20th Anniversary. **Participants convene at 5pm on Thurs., 4/13, in front of the NB Public Library (613 Pleasant Street).** The New Bedford High School Steel Drum Band will kick off the event with a 5pm performance on the lawn of the Library (Market Street Side). **The procession will begin at 5:30pm** and travel throughout downtown. Brought to you by SouthCoast Serves and Umass Dartmouth LEDUC Center for Civic Engagement.

For details, visit <http://www.ahanewbedford.org/calendar.php>

Ropeworks

The New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center is pleased to announce the opening of *Ropeworks: Exploring the Nets and Knots of the Industry*. **An opening reception will take place on April 13th at 6:30 p.m.** during AHA. The exhibit will run through May 28, .

From the days of manila and hemp to the synthetic fibers in use on today's boats, rope has been central to the workings of the fishing industry. While nets and knots can be utilitarian, there is often a thin line (no pun intended) between occupational skill and maritime art. Some fishermen apply the skills they used in their work on the boats to create decorative pieces such as knot boards, lanyards, and even purses.

This exhibit is made possible with support from R & W Rope. The project is supported in part by an award from the National Endowment for the Arts.

The Center is open Thursday through Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Located in the heart of the National Park at 38 Bethel Street, the Center is wheelchair accessible and has free off-street parking. Free admission. For more information, please contact the New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center at info@fishingheritagecenter.org or call (508) 993-8894.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Easter Lunch

The following events will be held at the Acushnet Council On Aging Senior Center, 59 1/2 So. Main St., Acushnet. Call 508-998-0280 for details.

Easter Luncheon Thurs., 4/13, at 11:30 a.m. Sign up required. \$2.00 suggested donation. Call the Center at 508-998-0280

Shingles Rite Aid Pharmacy Presents: Informational Session/ Shingles Presentation for Seniors, **Tues., 4/11, at 11:00am**

SALE: Spring Indoor Yard Sale/ Bake Sale & Gold Buyer! Sat., 4/22, 9:00am-2:00pm

Diabetic Shoes for Seniors. A Representative from Enos Home Medical will be here at the ACOA on **Fri., 4/28, at 10:00am** with a wide variety of Men & Women's Diabetic Shoes.

Chess Tourney

The 2nd annual Rotary of Dartmouth Scholastic Chess Tournament will be held on **Sat., 4/8, from 9:00 am-1:00 pm, at Dartmouth Middle School 366 Slocum Road, Dartmouth, MA.**

Open to All Area Students through Grade 12. All Levels Are Welcome Chess Boards/Pieces will be provided

Advance Registration: Online entry fee \$10. Students who register at the door will be charged \$15. To register online click <http://senecachess.org/event/2nd-annual-dartmouth-rotary-chess-tournament/> SENECA (South Eastern New England Chess Association is a non-profit organization).

Door Registration: At the door \$15 entry fee. 9:00-9:45 AM. Round 1 starts at 10:00 am

For additional information, contact Bob Salvas USCF (United States Chess Federation) Certified Tournament Director, and Vice President of SENECA (Southeast New England Chess Association (email: monasterychess@gmail.com)

Bird Club Meeting

The Paskamansett Bird Club's April meeting will be **Wed., 4/12, at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Hall of Friends Meeting, 739 Horseneck Road, in South Dartmouth.** Justin Barrett will be running a Warbler Workshop, helping to prepare

attendees for the arrival of spring warblers in early May. The workshop is ideal for beginning and intermediate birders. It will focus on the unique physical traits, song styles, and habitats of the various types of warblers. Attendees will use these clues to test their warbler identification skills in a group-wide photo quiz.

Justin Barrett has been hooked on birding since he saw his first warbler in spring of 2009. He was 26 at the time, and a guided nature walk inspired his passion for birds. He notes, "My wife had just given me binoculars for my birthday before spring migration began that year... Little did she know!"

Justin is the Development Operations Manager for Manomet, an organization dedicated to supporting the natural world through science and active management. His work allows him to combine his passion for birding with his dedication to non-profit conservation organizations. He is the President of the Nasketucket Bird Club, based in Mattapoisett and leads many of the club's walks. Justin enjoys birding, hiking, reading about local history, and spending time with his beautiful wife and two children.

The meeting is free, open to the public, and accessible.

Pre-Easter Bake Sale

Annual Pre-Easter Pie & Bake Sale Homemade pies, cakes, muffins, and cookies are offered. Local bakers have made their favorite baked goods for our Annual Pre-Easter Pie & Bake Sale. Come to the **American Legion Hall, 3 Depot St., Mattapoisett, on Saturday, April 15, 2017 between 8:30 AM and 12 noon** (from US 6, head South on Main St., take first street on the right). Shop early for the best selection.

By the Friends of the Mattapoisett Council on Aging. Call the Senior Center, 508-758-4110, for more info.

Energy Speaker

Home Energy and Sustainability: How can homeowners save money? Are you concerned about your increasing energy bills? Do you worry about remaining in your house during a power outage? What is all of this talk about renewable and green energy, and does it really make a

difference?

Come listen to Mr. Jamie Jacquart, the Assistant Director of Campus Sustainability at UMass Dartmouth, discuss these issues and more. He will tell us what the University is doing, and what lessons can be shared with homeowners. In addition to some fun and informative slides, there will be lots of opportunities for questions.

The Home Energy and Sustainability program is sponsored by the Marion Energy Management Committee and will be held **Thurs., 4/13, at 7 p.m. in the Music Hall, 164 Front St., Marion.** For additional information please contact Eileen Marum: u_emarum@umassd.edu.

SC Rail Meeting

MassDOT and the MBTA invite you to a Public Meeting on the South Coast Rail Notice of Project Change: **Thurs., 4/13, 6:30 PM, UMass. School of Law, Francis J. Larkin Moot Courtroom, 333 Faunce Corner Road, Dartmouth, MA**

MassDOT filed an SCR Notice of Project Change (NPC) to adopt a phased approach to provide early service, years before revenue service is currently considered to be possible. Phase 1 will provide service from New Bedford, Fall River and Taunton to Boston by building the Southern Triangle, and using the Middleborough Secondary line and the existing Middleborough/Lakeville Commuter Rail line. For Phase 2, MassDOT will continue to advance the full Stoughton Electric Alternative design.

Please read more about the project, download the NPC and the public meeting flyer, and learn how to comment on the project website: www.mass.gov/southcoastrail

The NPC can also be found: In 36 South Coast public libraries, including all station communities (view a full list of libraries); On DVD by request to Jean Fox by email (jean.fox@state.ma.us) or phone (857-368-8853)

Written comments must be submitted by April 21, 2017 to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) Office. Please contact the project team with any questions at SouthCoastRail@dot.state.ma.us.

Recipe of the Week

Quick Chicken Nuggets

- 1 cup bread crumbs
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/4 cup Dijon mustard
- 1/3 cup light mayonnaise
- 1 1/2 pounds chicken tenders, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 3/4 pound green beans, washed, trimmed and steamed

Heat oven to broil. Coat baking rack with nonstick cooking spray. Place rack over baking sheet; set aside.

Stir together bread crumbs, garlic powder and thyme in a pie plate; set aside. Stir together mustard and mayonnaise.

Reserve about 1/2 cup of mustard mixture for dipping sauce. Brush chicken pieces with remaining mustard mix; place chicken in pie plate with bread crumb mixture, spooning crumbs on top of pieces and pressing to adhere.

Transfer to prepared baking rack. Broil for 10 minutes or until cooked through. Serve with reserved dipping sauce and green beans on the side.

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Dehumidifier starts fire on Mill Road

Fairhaven Fire Dept. Press Release

At 5:31 a.m. on Monday, 4/3, Firefighters were called out to 303 Mill Road in Fairhaven for a report of an explosion in the basement. Three fire engines were dispatched and arriving units found a heavy smoke condition in the house. The residents were home and asleep at the time of the incident and evacuated safely prior to fire departments arrival.

Fire personnel discovered a fire in the crawl space beneath the residence, which they were able to contain to the area of origin.

This fire occurred in one of the areas of Fairhaven not served by a municipal fire hydrant system, requiring additional apparatus to provide sufficient water to fight the fire. No injuries to firefighters or residents were reported. The fire was believed to be caused by a malfunctioning dehumidifier in the crawl space of the basement.

Damage to the structure was limited to approximately \$5,000. Sixteen firefighters responded to the call, and all apparatus and personnel were clear of the scene by 7 a.m.

The unit shorted out and made a loud bang as it fell from its location waking up the occupants, who described the noise as an explosion.

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Newcomer Cameron Durant wins write-in campaign

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven's election was pretty ho-hum with no contested races on the ballot when voters went to the polls on Monday, 4/3. A blank line under the Board of Public Works, however, ended up creating a contest between two write-in candidates. Newcomer Cameron Durant, 28, soundly defeated former Selectboard member and former BPW member Geoffrey Haworth, 214 to 62.

Incumbent Jarod Lussier pulled himself out of the race too late for anyone to take out nomination papers, which created the blank space on the ballot.

The lack of contested races produced a lack of interest. The total number of voters casting ballots was 559, a dismal 4.9% turnout.

Mr. Durant visited all the polling places on Monday, but spent most of the day at Town Hall, precinct one, handing out stickers for voters to put on the ballot.

Another newcomer, Nicholas Carrigg, won a seat on the Planning Board with 346 votes. Incumbent Cathy Melanson received 345, to retain her seat.

"I'm happy it was a simple process,"



said Mr. Carrigg at town hall waiting for the numbers to come in. "I'm happy I get to serve the people of Fairhaven."

Other races, all uncontested and all filled by incumbents were: Charles Murphy, Selectboard; Pamela Kuechler and Brian Monroe, School Committee; Jeannine Lopes, Board of Health; Brian Wotton, BPW; Keith Silvia for an unexpired term on the BPW; John Rogers, Commissioner of Trust Funds; Jay Simmons, Housing

Authority.

There were also many empty spaces for Town Meeting member in some precincts and many tie votes in some precincts. Check with the town clerk, 508-979-4023, Ext. 3, to find out how to become a town meeting member. Town meeting is on May 6.

As is tradition in Fairhaven, people gathered at Town Hall waiting for the counts. Town Clerk Eileen Lowney announced her preliminary numbers live on government access, channel 18, in the banquet room. Candidates, both winners and the vanquished, then had an opportunity to directly address voters.



Mr. Haworth did not appear at town hall, but Mr. Durant took advantage of the opportunity to thank his wife and his supporters, especially his grandmother Terry Pereira, who stood outside holding a sign from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"I promise to work as hard as I can and do the best I can," said Mr. Durant.

"It was a fast 30 days," Mr. Durant said later on in the evening. "I was really nervous, not about losing, but about giving it my best effort."

He said that he felt the postcard mailing he did, which included stickers, was important. At the very least, it showed that he was taking the race seriously, he said.

Mr. Murphy, who is starting his fourth term on the Selectboard, thanked his family and his team and said he looked forward to the next three years and "making the town better than it is."

Keith Silvia, who had been appointed to his position on the BPW, ran to finish out the unexpired term. He thanked the voters for their support and said he was looking



forward to working with Mr. Durant.

Brian Monroe, who won re-election to the School Committee, said it was a "lot of work, but I enjoy it. It's a lot of fun."

Pam Kuechler, who also was re-elected to the School Committee, echoed the comments and the thanks, adding that she was proud to serve on the SC and looks forward to the next three years.

Brian Wotton, who was uncontested for his re-election to the BPW, gave words of encouragement to the newcomers and thanked outgoing BPW member Jarrod Lussier for serving.

Mr. Wotton said it will be his fifth year serving.

"I really enjoy it," he told the voters. "I really enjoy helping out the town."



Newly elected officials address voters at town hall in Fairhaven after the results were announced on Monday, 4/3: TOP RIGHT, Charles Murphy, Selectboard; MIDDLE, Nicholas Carrigg, Planning Board; LEFT: Cameron Durant, Board of Public Works; ABOVE: Pamela Kuechler, School Committee. Photos by Beth David.

BLC wins national anthem contest

Press Release

The local trio “B.L.C.” was chosen, along with two other vocalists, by the New England Revolution to perform the national anthem at a Revs home match at Gillette Stadium during the 2017 season. They earned the opportunity by edging out the competition during the fifth annual



L-R: “B.L.C.” trio members, Courtney LaMonica of Acushnet, Brooke Boucher of Fairhaven, and Livia Pavao of Fall River compete in the New England Revolution’s fifth annual National Anthem Auditions at Lansdowne Pub in Boston. *Photo by New England Revolution*

New England Revolution National Anthem Auditions on March 9 at the Lansdowne Pub in Boston. The event was also part of the club’s official 2017 Pub Tour presented by Budweiser.

Brooke Boucher of Fairhaven, Livia Pavao of Fall River, and Courtney LaMonica of Acushnet performed an outstanding rendition of the *Star-Spangled Banner* and were crowned the winners along with Kamryn Richard of Townsend, and Jackie Foster of Boston.

The guest judges, New England Revolution players Kelyn Rowe and Brad Knighton, and Heather Ford of 100.7 WZLX, were tasked with cutting



down 15 finalists to three winners. Bri Eggers of 7News Boston served as emcee. For more information about the New England Revolution, visit revolutionsoccer.net.

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Sole Sisters & Band of Brothers running clubs are training



Students from Wood School in Fairhaven train on the bike path along David Drown Boulevard on Monday after school. The “Sole Sisters” running club, affiliated with the Fairhaven Public Schools, has been in training for three weeks for the West Island 5K and the Father’s Day Road races coming up. There are almost 60 girls and 17 coaches including Wood School and Hastings Middle School staff members and moms. The boys team, “Band of Brothers,” meets on Wednesdays. *Photos by Beth David.*

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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. The perfect opportunity to visit local places of interest, check out a show or just wine and dine. Drop off is at Times Square. Pick up at the Madison Street Library. Bus leaves from the Fairhaven Recreation Center where coffee and donuts will be available upon arrival. We'll provide movies on the bus. Pre-registration is required. All children must be accompanied by a parent. Depart 6 a.m. Arrive NYC: 10:30 a.m. Depart NYC: 5 p.m. Arrive Fhvn: 10 p.m. Cost: \$50 Date: April 22 Registration deadline is April 14th

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5/3: Twin River

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Special Activities

Got Talent?

The Fairhaven Rotary Club's 2nd Annual Senior Talent Show Sunday, April 30, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Fairhaven Town Hall. Do you have a special talent that you would like to share? Call MK at 508-330-4837 or Anne Silvia at the Fairhaven COA at 508-979-4029 for more information or to sign up to perform.

Easter Dinner

The Fairhaven COPA will be hosting an Easter Dinner on Easter Sunday, April 16th from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. for any Fairhaven Senior who would like to attend. Dinner includes Ham with pineapple sauce, cheese potatoes, glazed carrots, rolls, and assorted pies for dessert. There is no cost to attend this event. Transportation can be arranged.

Medicare Options with Fallon Health

Monday, May 15th from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Stop by the Fallon Health table in the lobby of the Fairhaven Senior Center to learn about Medicare Advantage and Medicare Supplement plan options available to you. Fallon recently expanded to Fairhaven and surrounding communities and offers plans that

meet the needs and budget of almost anyone.

Mahjong Openings

Mahjong is a solitaire style game that uses a set of mahjong tiles in place of playing cards. If you would like to join in the fun, come by on Tuesdays, 10a.m. to 2 p.m.

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DID YOU SCAN YOUR KEY CHAIN CARD?

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Ongoing Programs

Call 508-979-4029 for days and times

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Upset in Acushnet Selectboard race; moderator race is a tie

By Beth David
Editor

Roger Cabral easily unseated incumbent Selectboard member Garry Rawcliffe in Acushnet's local election on Monday, 4/3.

Mr. Cabral is new to electoral politics, but has served on a number of appointed positions in town, including Finance Committee and school building committee.

In an election that brought 15% of voters to the polls, Mr. Cabral received 709 votes to Mr. Rawcliffe's 419. The tide turned on the issue of the proposed expansion of the liquefied natural gas facility on Peckham Road.

Mr. Cabral has been a vocal opponent of the expansion, while Mr. Rawcliffe has consistently said there is not enough information available to make a decision. Candidates night and other political discussions have mostly been around that difference, with Mr. Cabral criticizing the whole board for not making a decision, and Mr. Rawcliffe saying his board had at least gotten some concessions from Eversource on the expansion plans.

At the Senior Center's polling place on Monday, Dana Sargent held a Cabral sign. He said he moved from Acushnet to Dartmouth because of the LNG proposal.

He said Mr. Cabral had a handle on the most important issue in town, being against "putting poisonous gas in our back yard."

"I was literally losing sleep over something that close," said Mr. Sargent.

Christine Tarini, an abutter to the LNG facility, also held a sign for Mr. Cabral.

"It's not just that," said Ms. Tarini. "I think he has good ideas. We need change. We need someone who'll back us up."

Acushnet resident Wayne Richmond said that Mr. Cabral also had a lot of experience with the town's finances.

"He's not afraid to take a stance," said Mr. Richmond.

Debra Anderson said she supported Mr. Cabral because she was "impressed" with how he took a leadership role fighting the LNG proposal, but also because of his experience in town government.

Mr. Rawcliffe's wife, Michelle Rawcliffe, also held a sign at the COA. She echoed her husband's view that there was not enough information to make a decision.

"You need more facts before you sign the paper," she said.

In the only other contested race on the ballot, incumbent Lawrence Mulvey beat out Robert Lanzoni, 561 to 452, for a seat on the Housing Authority.

In the moderator race, which was actually an empty spot on the ballot, former moderator Robert Francis and Nicholas Gomes, a former Housing Authority member and former moderator, both received 32 write-in votes.

Mr. Gomes only recently was forced to resign from the Acushnet Housing Authority as part of the settlement of a lawsuit with James Madruga, who also resigned from the AHA as part of the deal.

Mr. Francis had announced early in the election season that he planned on retiring, but no one took out papers to get on the ballot for his

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BPW revisits Sunset Beach Boulevard vote

By Mary Macedo

Neighb News Correspondent

The Fairhaven Board of Public Works revisited and changed its vote on the sewer extension on Sunset Beach Boulevard that was passed at a previous meeting.

Also, at the 3/27 meeting, board members briefly discussed the new Human Resources job proposed for the town and expressed their concerns about crowds picking up again at Fort Phoenix due to the game Pokémon Go.

The BPW met with the abutters of Sunset Beach Boulevard to discuss a sewer extension that was granted to James Wing at the BPW's meeting on 2/27. At that meeting the board approved of Mr. Wing's request, as long as Mr. Wing ran his line on his own property and paid two betterment fees.

The issue arose because Mr. Wing's septic system is on a separate lot. He said he has been having trouble selling the house because of the unusual arrangement. He told the board that his plan is to remove the septic tank that is on the empty lot and build a house on it. He wants to tie both lots into the new sewer line.

Mr. Wing told the board at the 2/27 meeting that he had asked his neighbors if they wanted to tie into the town sewer, but no one wanted to.

At the next BPW meeting on 3/13, Mr. Wing's neighbor and former BPW member Steve Riley met with the board to address his concerns with the extension. Mr. Riley explained that his main concern was that the board did not require Mr. Wing to put a stub on the line for houses it passes, just in case they ever wanted to tie in.

The board agreed with Mr. Riley's concerns, but felt that Mr. Wing and the other abutters should attend a BPW meeting to voice their opinions on the issue. The BPW notified abutters to attend on 3/27.

BPW Superintendent, Vincent Furtado addressed the residents at the meeting and explained to them that the board wanted them to voice their concerns about the sewer extension, so that the board could make a decision based on all the residents' opinions.

Mr. Riley explained that his concerns came up after he read the article in the paper that covered the 2/27 BPW meeting. He said he noticed that the board did not say anything about Mr. Wing adding any stubs on his sewer line for other neighbors to tie in. Mr. Riley explained that when he was on the BPW any resident who was approved for a sewer extension had to add a stub for any neighbors that the sewer line passed by, just in case any of them needed to tie in at some point in the future.

BPW Chairperson, Mike Ristuccia explained that he believes Mr. Wing has the right to install a sewer extension. Mr. Ristuccia explained that at the first meeting the board did not realize that the extension would

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pass by a neighbor's house. He agreed that Mr. Wing should install a stub for the neighbor's house that the line passes.

Mr. Wing said that he agreed with the board and would place a stub for his neighbor.

Mr. Wing showed the engineering plans for the sewer extension to the board, as well as to the abutters who attended the meeting.

Abutter Jeffrey Osuch, the former Executive Secretary for Fairhaven and a former public works superintendent, said he had concerns about how many houses the sewer line could be used for. He explained that other houses may want to tie into that line in the future if people's septic tanks continue to let go.

Mr. Furtado explained that the

engineers stated the line could be used by all 18 or so houses on the street.

Mr. Ristuccia explained that some septic tanks on Sunset Beach Road have already begun to fail, and that someone on that road is meeting with the Board of Health about their septic tank currently. He explained that the sewer extension on the street is something that all residents should consider because most likely all of the septic tanks will fail eventually.

Mr. Furtado said that if all of the neighbors wanted to be involved, the cost for installing a sewer extension for the whole street, plus all the betterment fees for each house could be divided by all the houses on the street.

"How much would it be to put a line down all of Sunset and split the cost," Mr. Wing asked.

Mr. Ristuccia said that it would be something they would need to look into. He also said that if not all the residents on the street want to tie in to the sewer than creating a line for the whole street and splitting the cost would not be possible. Mr. Ristuccia said if not everyone wants it then they cannot do it.

"You're going to have to do something, if the septic systems keep failing," Mr. Osuch said.

He added that he does not disagree with the betterment fee, but paying to extend the sewer line then paying the betterment fee on top of that is a lot of money.

BPW member Brian Wotton agreed that it is very costly, but there is no way around the betterment fee. He explained that many Fairhaven residents have paid thousands of dollars for sewer extensions with betterment fees on top of that and, unfortunately, there is no way to avoid it.

He made a motion to approve the two inch main sewer line extension for Mr. Wing, going down the middle of the street, adding stubs for his two properties and for any neighbor the line passes. Mr. Wing will also have to pay two betterment fees, one for each of his properties.

The motion passed unanimously.

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Notes from the Visitors Center

By Chris Richard, Director of Tourism

April 2017

Greetings.

Fairhaven and Acushnet have always been closely connected. In fact, before 1860 we were parts of the same town. Our histories and geological lines are intertwined. The Neighb News and The Advocate cover both towns. The Fairhaven-Acushnet Land Preservation Trust and the Fairhaven Acushnet Youth Baseball league are examples of groups serving the two communities. Many Acushnet students attend Fairhaven High School.

All these things led me to begin with the town of Acushnet as I add new pages on nearby attractions to the FairhavenTours.com website.

When tourists visit a place, invisible town lines don't mean much. To many visitors, the area from Westport to Marion is all the same place. Those who stay in Fairhaven will often shop or eat or do other activities in surrounding communities. And if a person from out of town is planning a vacation and comes across our Office of Tourism website, seeing what other attractions are close by might help convince them to come here.

Therefore, last month I created an "Acushnet Places" section on the website. I've lived almost literally just a stone's throw from Acushnet for most of my life, but I'm by no means an Acushnet expert, so I got in touch with Lisa Leonard at the Acushnet Town Hall and Pauline Teixeira from the Acushnet Historical Commission for some input

I also got ideas from a friend who lives and raised children there. The result is information about a number of public places that people might like to visit, including photographs and internet links for additional details. Some sites are the nature trails at the old Acushnet Sawmill property on the river, the Long Plain Museum, the Acushnet River Valley Golf Course, and the Marc Antone playground at Pope Park. The old White's Mill ruins on Hamlin Street has a page. There's a list of Acushnet churches.

There are still places that need to be added. I imagine that as more folks

see this, I'll get other suggestions, too.

You can take a look at <http://fairhaventours.com/acushnet-places/>.

I must note, as with the Fairhaven attractions on the website, there are no commercial businesses listed. Certainly some Acushnet businesses are "attractions" — orchards and farms, restaurants, popular ice cream places, etc., but businesses need to do their own advertising. The website is for public and/or non-profit attractions only. But that brings me to the next topic.

Local businesses and attractions, from nearby communities as well as from Fairhaven, can display brochures, rack cards, take-out menus or other promotional handouts at the Fairhaven Visitors Center free of charge.

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Similar to people surfing the internet, those who come into the Visitors Center are interested in everything located within a short driving distance. So here you'll find brochures from Heritage Museum and Gardens in Sandwich and Colonial Lantern Tours in Plymouth. More of the places are closer to home, though.

If you run a business or operate an attraction that out-of-towners might enjoy, please supply me with some brochures. You can deliver them to 141 Main Street (next door to Fairhaven High School) or drop some in the mail. I don't have a big storage area, so 25 or 50 is a good number to start with. If I run out quickly, I'll ask for more. Fairhaven businesses get priority for display, but as long as there's rack space, any place is

welcome to promote itself here.

For a complete change of subject, in early March I met with journalist and author Brian Murphy who will be writing a book with a historical Fairhaven connection. Brian has been a foreign bureau chief for the Associated Press and currently reports for the Washington Post. And he's the author of three non-fiction books. One of his books is about a WWII aviator who survived an 81-day trek out of the frozen Alaska wilderness after a plane crash.

The story he's writing now is about a Fairhaven sailor who was the sole survivor of a shipwreck in the North Atlantic during the 1850s. Deb Charpentier at the Millicent Library and I have been Brian's Fairhaven contacts for historical research.

When he visited town I drove him to locations connected with his story and described what Fairhaven was like during that particular time in history. Ironically, during my search for the sailor's home I discovered it was the house, now numbered 147 Main Street, which stands right next door to the north of the Visitors Center. When the book's publication time gets closer, I'll update you with the details.

A new book about Capt. Joshua Slocum is due to be published in May by Tillbury House Books and the New Bedford Whaling Museum. A *Man for All Oceans* by Stan

Grayson is said to fill in significant gaps in the story of the first man to sail around the world alone. Before his history-making voyage, Slocum rebuilt the sloop *Spray* in Fairhaven after the old boat was given to him by his friend Eben Pierce. I have heard the Whaling Museum and the Fairhaven Historical Society will be hosting a book signing here at the Academy Building where a large model of the *Spray* is on display. If I get firm details about those plans ahead of time, I'll include them in next month's column.

For even more reading, Fairhaven resident Beth Luey has written a book of stories connected with some historical houses here in town. Her book will be available in the fall.

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have some contentious issues.

"I appreciate everybody coming to the table," said Mr. Rees.

He also said he wanted to clear up a misconception, noting that the town did not have the new labor counsel at all the meetings. The labor attorney was available for consultation only.

Fire Chief Timothy Francis said it was an "excellent contract negotiation" and the most progress they have made in his 19 years. He said it brought a lot of "good faith" into both the union side and the management side.

"It was a lot less contentious, a lot more revealing, and I just think it went a lot smoother," said Chief Francis.

This was the first contract negotiated by the town administrator since the town adopted the TA form of government.

The board also voted on the remainder of items in the budget that had been held over, mostly to get more information. They also approved the changes in the FY17 budget required to pay for the new labor union contracts.

Mr. Rees said he found most of the extra money for the FY17 budget in the temporary loan account (\$36,919),

which is money set aside for borrowing. Since the town did not borrow money in FY17, there was extra money in the account. Other amounts came from some shifting around and adjustments made as final numbers came in for different departments. Revenue projections have not changed.

Also on Monday, the board approved a previously held article for the Sewer Enterprise Capital Plan, which includes a sewer department truck. Selectboard member Daniel Freitas had asked to hold off on that item until he knew what kind of vehicle it was, saying \$73,000 was a hefty price tag for a simple truck.

The vehicle is a box truck with an hydraulic lift that will be used to transport other vehicles and equipment to work sites.

The board did not vote on Article 49, which creates a Human Resources Director position. The act establishing the town administrator form of government for Fairhaven called for the creation of personnel policies and a staff position to administer them.

The question is whether or not the public works department, which is still managed by the Board of Public

Works, will be part of the personnel/human resources director's responsibilities. Mr. Rees has met with the BPW to advocate for the change, saying it will allow the whole town to have uniform and equitable personnel policies. The BPW, however, is reluctant to give up its power and has voted against it (see story, page 17).

Mr. Rees said he is hoping to meet with the BPW again.

"I still think it's a very critical position," he said, adding that it will have everyone work under the same human resources rules, same book-keeping and other administrative functions.

The board will vote on that article, and a few others, at its next meeting.

The board also voted to support a moratorium on the sale of recreational marijuana. Voters passed a law legalizing recreational marijuana in Massachusetts by ballot referendum last November. Since then, the state legislature has been working to add regulations, delays, and otherwise gut the measure. The moratorium gives the town time to wait for the state regulations to be finalized, and allows the Planning Board to craft a by-law governing so-called "pot shops."



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From our readers

“United” States should be “indivisible”

Anyone who has been following the drama associated with the failure of passing a replacement of the current Obamacare [national health insurance] is either happy or angry.

Trump adamantly blamed the Democrats for their unified [opposition] against the Republican version of national health care but the real reason was the number of Republicans [now the majority] that were against it.

Now Trump is blaming the “far right” of the Republican Party.

Trump predicts Obamacare will explode. I am not sure what that

means but maybe the agencies responsible for national security should go on yellow alert.

I am seeing a disturbing trend. As a voter, I vote for the candidate that will provide a better America...not a better Democratic agenda nor a better Republican agenda. Last time I checked, we live in a country with one agenda.

When I was in elementary school [Oxford], we always began our day saying the Pledge of Allegiance. We did it looking at the flag with our right hand on our hearts. I never really thought about what it meant until now. The “Pledge of Allegiance” should be revisited by those folks we

elected to represent America and study the section which states... “ONE nation under God, INDIVISIBLE, with liberty and justice for ALL.”

Then add “UNITED States of America” to the mix.

We have a small version of the Civil War going on except it’s not the North vs South, it’s the Republicans vs Democrats.

Maybe all the voters in the US should change their party declaration to Independent. Then US would become “One Nation” that is undivided....

*Steve Bender, Mattapoisett
FHS Class of 1966*

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FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at **6:30 p.m. on April 25, 2017**, in the Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA.

The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following application. 1) **Temporary Moratorium on Sale and Distribution of Recreational Marijuana** — The applicant, *Board of Selectmen* are proposing a zoning bylaw amendment to enact a Temporary Moratorium on Sale and Distribution of Recreational Marijuana to be effective through the adjournment of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting. The proposed amendment is Article #51 on the May 6, 2017 Annual Town Meeting warrant.

A copy of the application and proposed amendment

is on file for public review at the Planning Board Office, Town Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment to review the application call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4082, Ext. 9.

*Wayne Hayward, Chairman of the Planning Board
4/6/17 & 4/13/17*

Fairhaven Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on April 18, 2017 at 6:30 P.M. in the Fairhaven Town Hall. Purpose is for the Request for Determination of the following matters as required by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131 Section 40 as amended.

- Notice of Intent Applicant Sherry Gomes Location 16 Wilbur’s Point Drive Plot 43 Lot 85 Purpose construct single family dwelling and install tight tank within a VE

flood zone and within 100’ of coastal bank.

- Request for Determination Applicant Michael & Sara R. DaCosta Location 4 Windward Way Plot 29 Lot 2F Purpose Construct an addition and install new sewage disposal system within a coastal flood plain and buffer zone to BVW.
- Request for Determination Applicant Rockwood Homes Inc. Location 118 New Boston Road Plot 31 Lot 8 Purpose verify wetland line and construct new dwelling within the 100’ buffer zone to BVW and remove existing structure.
- Request for Determination Applicant James Spangler Location 32 Charity Steven’s Lane Plot 38 Lot 30 Purpose perform perc test within the NRB.
- Request for Determination Applicant Gus & Amy Araujo Location 7 Century Drive Plot 23 Lot 208 Purpose install a 24’ above ground pool on existing lawn area and within the 100’ buffer zone to BVW.

Jay Simmons, Chairman

CARTER: cont’d from page 3 would mean,” said Dr. Breggin.

He said that convoluted thinking was clearly a symptom of the prescribed drug.

When prosecutor Katie Rayburn got her turn at the podium, she first went after Dr. Breggin’s credentials.

She noted that seven of the 10 articles he submitted as examples of his peer-reviewed work were published in magazines that he either founded or was listed as being on the editorial board.

Dr. Breggin said it did not matter, because the articles were peer reviewed and blind, no one knew he was the author.

He called it a “source of pride” that

the journals wanted him on their editorial board.

Ms. Rayburn also hammered home the fact that Dr. Breggin did not interview Ms. Carter, her parents, or her friends. He only spoke to people who had know her a long time ago.

Dr. Breggin responded that the parents would be too biased and that he wanted to talk to people who knew her when she was younger. He noted that Ms. Carter had been on a variety of SSRIs since she was 14 for, among other things, an eating disorder.

He said he had plenty of information by reading the texts and emails, that he could easily see the sharp change in her personality that began just a few weeks before Mr. Roy’s

death.

But Ms. Rayburn insisted that he could not know that without speaking to her friends and classmates, and that he should have looked at other texts and behavior from the same time period. She specifically referred to excessive texting by Ms. Carter to two girls that required police involvement to get her to stop.

Ms. Rayburn also got Mr. Breggin to admit that he does not believe that psychiatric drugs should ever be used, and does not believe in forced hospitalizations under any circumstances.

“They end up being humiliated,” he said, and resistant to treatment.



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TOURISM: cont'd from page 18

Last but not least, I'm finishing the updates to the Fairhaven Visitors Guide for 2017, which will have a great aerial photo by Tyra Pacheco on its cover. The inside has just about everything a tourist need to know about town. That will be printed later this month.

As always, your comments, questions, or suggestions are welcome. You can email the Office of Tourism at FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov, call 508-979-4085, or stop by the Visitors Center. There are a few dedicated parking spaces in the high school lot. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with a half-hour break around noon.

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seat. Eventually, Mr. Francis said he would run a write-in campaign.

Town clerk Pamela Labonte said she has notified the candidates and the Selectboard of the "failure to elect" in the moderator race. The Selectboard will now request letters of interest and will appoint someone to the position until next year's election.

Two races were for current appointees to fill the remainder of unexpired terms: Bryan Deshamps for Planning Commission, and Andrew Gomes for Housing Authority.

The other races, all uncontested and all filled by incumbents, were: Pamela Labonte, town clerk; Marc Cenerizio, Assessor; Robert Medeiros, Board of Health; David Michael DeTerra and Jody Tavares, School Committee; Marc Cenerizio for Planning Commission, Joanne Cioper, Cemetery Board; Henry Preston and Joan Howland, Library Trustee; Robert St. Jean, Park Commissioner; Raymond Barlow, Tree Warden.

There was no candidate for one seat on the Commission of Trust Funds. ●●●

Fairhaven Meetings

Bell Committee

Fri., 4/7, Town Hall, 3:30 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 4/10, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Tues., 4/18, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Council on Aging

Mon., 4/10, Senior Ctr., 9 a.m.

Planning Board/Master Plan Committee

Thurs., 4/6, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 4/11, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Rogers School Meeting

Thurs., 4/13, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 4/12, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 4/10, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Planning Commission

Thurs., 4/27, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard with School Committee

Tues., 4/11, Ford MS, 5:30 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

	April 2017	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	6	0457	1732	----	1217
Friday	7	0559	1826	0040	1305
Saturday	8	0647	1910	0130	1349
Sunday	9	0729	1950	0218	1430
Monday	10	0809	2029	0303	1454
Tuesday	11	0850	2109	0334	1432
Wednesday	12	0930	2149	0316	1456
Thursday	13	1011	2228	0331	1527
Friday	14	1051	2309	0359	1601
Saturday	15	1134	2354	0431	1636
Sunday	16	----	1222	0506	1713
Monday	17	0044	1316	0547	1756
Tuesday	18	0139	1409	0639	1854

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In another matter the board discussed the Human Resources Director position proposed by the town.

At their meeting on 3/13 the board met with Town Administrator, Mark Rees. Mr. Rees explained to the board that the town would be hiring a new HR Director to help with the hiring of new employees, job injuries, personnel policies, practices, benefit programs and training. He said that the HR Director will assist the Selectboard, and he asked the BPW if they would like the same assistance for public works.

The BPW decided to look over the information and discuss it at the next meeting. Mr. Furtado explained to the board that after looking over the information about the HR position, it seemed like the town thought that "things have fallen through the cracks" and that the BPW and Selectboard "need extra help."

Mr. Furtado explained that if the BPW were to use the HR Director it would take some of the responsibilities off of the BPW.

BPW member Robert Hobson said he was concerned that the hiring and firing of employees would no longer be the BPW's decision

"We won't be able to hire and fire the people we want," Mr. Hobson said. "And we have to pay for it."

Mr. Ristuccia explained that he would like to know the exact duties of the employee, what the pay would be, and what percentage of the pay would come out of the BPW budget.

"I'm not for it," Mr. Wotton said. "We handle all this fine ourselves."

Mr. Wotton explained that was against it for the same reasons Mr. Hobson voiced about the hiring, firing, and the cost.

BPW member Jarrod Lussier said that he agreed, explaining that the job recruiting should be the BPW's decision, but the HR Director may be helpful for labor relations duties.

"We are doing it all now with no costs," BPW member Keith Silvia said.

Mr. Wotton made a motion to reject the help of the HR Director. The motion passed unanimously.

In another matter, Mr. Furtado informed the board about a new recycling company that the Board of Health is planning to meet with, named Waste Zero, which recycles textiles, such as clothes, shoes, bed

sheets, curtains, etc. Mr. Furtado said that Waste Zero would provide every home with one of their bags and each week they would collect the textile recyclables from the curb, just like trash and other recycling.

Mr. Furtado said each week they would give two new bags for residents to continue recycling. He said it does not cost anything to join.

Although it does not yet involve the BPW, Mr. Furtado said he wanted to inform the board about the company, which will be meeting with the Board of Health soon.

In another matter Mr. Furtado also informed the board that the game Pokémon Go has started to become more active again in Fairhaven. Last summer teens, and young adults were running around Fairhaven trying to catch Pokémon virtual creatures. A popular hotspot for the game is Fort Phoenix. Last summer the BPW had multiple issues with vandalism and garbage at the Fort.

Mr. Furtado explained that with the nice weather approaching people are starting to go to the Fort to play Pokémon Go more often. He said that the trash at the Fort is starting to get bad again and that the portable restroom has been tipped over a few times. If the activity at the Fort continues to grow he will discuss the issue with the Selectboard.

"It's good that people are there, but I was there today and there was trash everywhere," Mr. Hobson said.

He said he thought it was great that people from all over Massachusetts are coming to Fort Phoenix because it is such a lovely place. He suggested they increase the number of trash

bins and trash pickups like they did last summer.

"The Fort is lovely and I want to keep it lovely," Mr. Furtado said.

In another matter Mr. Lussier addressed the board about his departure from the BPW.

"This is my last BPW meeting this term, but it will not be my last meeting forever," he said.

Mr. Lussier explained that he did not run for reelection because his with classes he has been taking, his family, work, and coaching sports for his daughter, his schedule is very hectic.

He said he plans to run for a position on the BPW in the future.

"It has been a pleasure to work with you all and I hope to return real soon," Mr. Lussier said.

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Thank You for Your Support!

I would like to thank all those who took the time to go out and vote on Monday even though I did not return to the BPW. I would especially like to thank those people who have supported me and continue to support me. I have a passion to serve our community. I will continue to do so on the Conservation Commission for now. Follow me on Facebook www.facebook.com/haworth for information about future political decisions and general discussion about town happenings!

Thanks,
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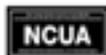
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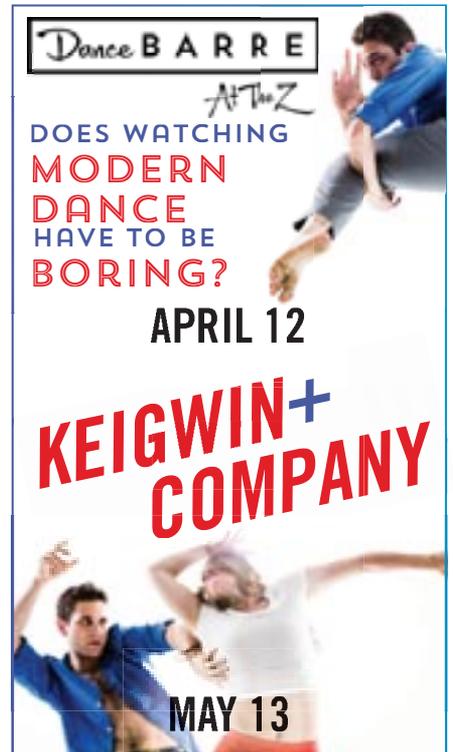
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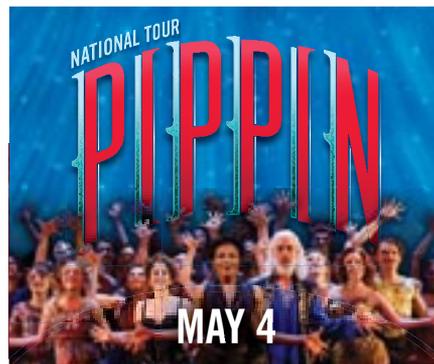
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