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It's 103 for Theresa Ledoux



Family members of Theresa Ledoux hold a banner wishing her a happy 103rd birthday from the lawn of Our Lady's Haven in Fairhaven on May 5, 2020. See page 12 for story. *Photo by Glenn C. Silva*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Happy Birthday!
Therese Ledoux is 103. Wow. Unfortunately, her family was not able to have a traditional party due to the restrictions. Fortunately, though, they didn't let those restrictions stop them from showing the family matriarch some love (see page 12). She has had quite the life, and is very well known in Acushnet and Fairhaven.

We also caught wind of a 10-year-old who had her own car parade for her birthday, too (see page 13).

I think it's great that our fire and police departments are helping to make these events special. Having a fire truck and police cruisers roll down your street leading a parade of cars just to wish you a happy birthday is a cool thing, if you're 103 or 10.

We have some meeting coverage for you this week. The Fairhaven Selectboard pushed out town meeting another week. But the election is still on for 6/8.

Also, we have a special issue coming up. The high school is sponsoring a special *Neighb News* edition for the graduating seniors (see ad on page 3). The community is invited to join in on this special issue, and we have special, very low rates to make it easy for anyone to participate who wants to.

The seniors won't have a traditional ceremony this year. It's one of my favorite events. I always try to get some pictures of the kids celebrating as they get their diplomas. There's usually one or two who put on a little show. But, just taking their pictures as they sit and sing and look around at each other is also lots of fun.

None of that this year, of course. But I'll do my very best to make it a really, really special issue.

You can help. See page 3 for details on how to show your support for the graduates.

We're still hanging in here during this crazy time. I truly hope our restaurants will be able to weather this storm and come back.

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Until next week then... see ya

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Nothing? Really?

COVID-19 update: Answer the phone

By Beth David

Editor

Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker said testing in Massachusetts has been ramped up, and so has contact tracing. This means that everyone who gets a positive test for COVID-19 is asked to give a list of contacts they may have exposed to the virus. Those people will then get a call to alert them and find out if they should quarantine themselves.

Gov. Baker implored residents to answer the call if it has an area code of 833 or 857 from the MA COVID Team.

The governor also announced a four-phase plan for re-opening businesses and published Mandatory Workplace Safety Standards that will apply across all sectors and industries once reopening begins.

The goal is to methodically allow certain businesses and activities to resume, while protecting public health and limiting the resurgence of the COVID-19 cases.

The governor released the safety standards on Monday, to give businesses time to prepare. Social distancing of six feet will still be in

effect in the workplace; face coverings or masks for all employees; the business must provide hand washing capabilities throughout the workplace; ensure frequent hand washing and have adequate supplies; provide regular sanitization of high touch areas; provide training for employees in social distancing and hygiene protocols; employees with symptoms do not report to work; establish a plan for employees getting ill and return to work plan; establish and maintain cleaning protocols; disinfecting after a diagnosis, and all common surfaces at regular intervals.

The Reopening Advisory Board is also developing specific protocols and best practices that will detail how particular industries should operate upon reopening.

There is no timeline for the beginning of phase one, or details on what kinds of businesses will open first, except to say that businesses and activities with a lower risk of COVID-19 transmission will open in the earlier phases.

"Public health metrics will determine when the first phase of

reopening begins, as well as when it is safe to move into later phases," reads the statement. "If public health metrics worsen, the state may need to return to an earlier phase."

The Reopening Advisory Board is due to submit its report on May 18.

For more information, visit <https://www.mass.gov/COVID19>

The Town of Fairhaven has released a 17 minute video with an update from each town department about COVID-19. It is available on the town's YouTube channel through a link at <https://www.fairhaventv.com>

Cases update

According to the state's website, Massachusetts has 79,332 confirmed cases of COVID-19; 401,496 individuals have been tested; 41,141 confirmed deaths; 33 deaths reported on Tuesday, 5/12, and 870 new cases.

Across the country, there are 1,342,594 confirmed cases, with 18,106 new cases on Tuesday, 5/12; 80,820 deaths, with 1,064 deaths reported on Tuesday, according to the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) website.

CONGRATULATE FAIRHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING SENIORS

The community is invited to join in the fun of giving the class of 2020 a special send-off into the world. They will not have a traditional graduation ceremony due to COVID-19 restrictions, so the school is sponsoring a special issue of the *Neighb News* on 6/4/20.

The public is invited to purchase ads at a special rate to congratulate seniors.

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Fairhaven Town Meeting changed to 6/27; parades canceled

By Beth David
Editor

At its meeting on Monday, 5/11, the Fairhaven Selectboard changed the Town Meeting date to Saturday, 6/27/20, pushing it out one more week from the last change of 6/20, after hearing from town moderator Mark Sylvia. The election is still scheduled for Monday, 6/8/20.

Mr. Sylvia told the board that he had been trying to get a "better sense" of what an in-person town meeting would look like under the current COVID-19 restrictions, and if the early day was "workable."

"I can see no scenario where we would have the ability to meet in person on June 20," said Mr. Sylvia.

He said the gathering would have to meet the guidelines, of six feet social distancing, and possibly require some screening COVID screening, such as temperatures. More than 100 people would have to participate, and the room at Hastings Middle School is simply not big enough to keep everyone six feet away from each other.

He said he could not imagine the town having an in person meeting in June or July.

He said it was his "strong recommendation" that the town proceed with a virtual TM, although they cannot do it unless the Mass. legislature acts. There is a bill pending that would allow for a remote TM.

Mr. Sylvia said he spoke with the technology team, Derek Frates and Nicole Potter, and they said the town does have the technical capability to meet with 200 or 300 participants.

The 6/20 has not been posted, he said, so it is a simple matter to postpone the meeting again. In any

case, the town moderator can immediately recess a meeting without a vote under the emergency rule.

Other logistical problems include getting new TM members up to speed, since they will be voted in on 6/8, leaving very little time.

Mr. Sylvia said he also spoke with Town Administrator Mark Rees who said that there was one item that

[Town Moderator Mark Sylvia]

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needed to be decided by TM before July 8. The new FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) flood maps must be approved by the deadline or town residents will not be eligible for flood insurance from the government.

The board discussed the various scenarios and dates to try to get TM business done using remote tools.

Ms. Sylvia said that Zoom has all the features necessary to allow voting, speaking, and tallying votes. The technology team has tested it,.

"I feel confident...we have all the tools," said Mr. Sylvia.

The board unanimously passed the change of date to 6/27.

The board also decided to hold off on many of the articles, to keep Town Meeting short. The town will hold a special TM in the fall for the other

articles. Mr. Rees noted that with the uncertainty surrounding the state's budget, many of the items would probably have to be passed over anyway. He will get a new list to the board for their next meeting.

Town Clerk Carolyn Hurley told the board that she was "sitting tight" with the June 8 date for the election. She said she felt confident with their preparations.

Ms. Hurley said that she got a few calls after the last meeting and was able to add poll workers, although she still needs a few more.

Poll workers will disinfect each booth after a voter uses it; social distancing of at least six feet will be enforced; and poll workers will have sufficient personal protective equipment, she said.

Ms. Hurley is also encouraging people to vote by mail/absentee ballot. Voters can download an application from the website (<https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/town-clerk>). If anyone has a problem with the download or filling out the application, they may call the Town Clerk's office at 508-979-4023, Ext. 3.

Mr. Rees gave an update on the town's COVID-19 response. He said the police department has been working with the Board of Health enforcing the governor's orders to wear a mask in public, and the other regulations.

Mr. Rees said the "emphasis will be education."

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FHS Alumni Events Canceled

Unfortunately this year's Fairhaven Homecoming Fair, as well as other related events scheduled for the last weekend of June 2020, has been canceled. The current COVID-19 health crisis has forced the Fairhaven Improvement Association, the Fairhaven High School Alumni Association and the Fairhaven High School Hall of Fame Committee to cancel all of the events that normally are held during Homecoming Weekend from June 26-28, 2020. The next FHS Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony will be held on Sunday, June 28, 2021 at the Century House.

Class Reunion dinners for the Classes of 1955, 1960 and 1965 have been postponed until 2021 during the Homecoming Weekend from June 25-27, 2021. The Class of 1957 has postponed their gathering until either 2021 or 2022. The Class of 1970 has postponed their reunion dinner until Saturday, September 12, 2020 at the Century House.

Further, all guided tours of Fairhaven High School have been canceled for Homecoming Weekend as well as all of July. Bob Foster '66, President of the FHS Alumni, hopes to resume the building tours in the summer of 2021.

EPA Lists Chemicals for COVID-19

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released its List N Tool, a new web-based application (app) that allows smart phone users and others to quickly identify disinfectant

products that meet EPA's criteria for use against SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.

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

Fish Stories

Check out the newly revamped NOAA Voices Oral History Archives (https://voices.nmfs.noaa.gov/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=gov_delivery) a repository for archiving and disseminating oral history interviews related to our fisheries, oceans and coasts in the United States and its territories. Our collections include oral histories with fishermen, their spouses, processing workers, shoreside business workers, scientists, marine resources managers, and many others. These stories expand our knowledge and enrich our understanding of the nation's fisheries and their impacts.

National Graduation

The Class of 2020 is redefining high school graduation with a first-of-its-kind national ceremony. So get ready to go big while you're at home—because this one-hour primetime national graduation celebration is all about YOU. Artists, athletes, musicians, commencement speakers, influencers, and cultural icons will show their support with performances and messages featuring students, teachers, and their families from coast to coast.

Visit "Graduate Together: High School Class of 2020 Commencement," **Sat., 5/16, at 8 p.m.**, <https://graduatetogether2020.com> **Featuring the main address by former President Barack Obama.**

Virtual Graduation

Virtual graduation event begins on **Sat., 6/6, at noon.** Join the party throughout the afternoon. Commencement speakers: President Barack Obama, Michelle Obama, BTS, Lada Gaga, Sec. Robert M. Gates, Sundar Pichai, Sec. Condoleezza Rice, Malala Yousafzai; with special appearances by ASAPSciences, Alicia Keys, Chloe x Halle, Kelly Rowland, Kerry Washington, The Try Guys, Zendaya, Mr. Kate, Dude Perfect, Jackie Aina, Zane Hijazi.

Find "Dear Class of 2020 Commencement Address," Sat., 6/6, at 3 p.m., at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rxpTjcouaeQ>

Recycle Permits

2020 Recycle permits will be required as of May 2nd. Recycle Center hours beginning May 2nd are Monday and Wednesday 8:15-11:55 and 12:30-3:30; and Saturday 8:00-2:00. The office is still currently closed. You may download the application from the Town's website (<https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov>): Boards and Commissions; Board of Public Works; Recycle Center; application is on the bottom; and mail it to the BPW with a copy of your vehicle registration, a check made out to the Town of Fairhaven, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope. You may pick up an application outside the BPW front door Mon.-Fri. 8-4.

Schools grab n go

With schools closed, many students will lose out on the meals they get. Fairhaven students who qualify, many go to the front entrance of Elizabeth Hastings Middle School, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily. Each "Grab and Go" meal contains one lunch and one breakfast for the next morning.

Use this link for all updates by the Fairhaven School system regarding COVID-19: <https://bit.ly/3d9rNZN>

Sesame Street helps

Sesame Street characters teamed up with CNN to give children an understanding of the virus and how they can protect themselves, why they can't see their friends, etc. Here is a link to the "Best moments" from the program: <https://www.cnn.com/2020/04/25/us/cnn-sesame-street-town-hall-coronavirus-trnd/index.html>

BBC Learning

The BBC has launched an online learning site for children, "Bitesize Daily," offering daily lessons. Visit <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize> to find home schooling lessons for ages five to 15. Lessons include English, math, geography, science, and more depending on the age group.

Happy Anniversary!



Pam and John Teixeira celebrated their 21st anniversary with takeout from the Pasta House in the back of their SUV at Fort Phoenix on Friday afternoon, 5/8/20. Pam and John, who have five children aged 6-20, wanted to get out and do something together, just the two of them. Pam laughed and said: "The kids wanted to make us a picnic in the back yard. I just wanted it to be something for the two of us." *Photo by Glenn C. Silva.*

So...who put that fence sign together in the first place?

By Beth David
Editor

After our roving photographer got a picture of that great message on the fence at Fairhaven High School, and we ran it last week, we heard from a reader who wanted us to know who should get credit for the great effort.

Three FHS seniors "took it upon themselves to initiate, purchase, and spend the day putting these cups in the fence to acknowledge their graduating class during this unprecedented time," wrote Jane Hubert in an email.

The three seniors are Corbin Veitch, Claire Hubert, and Daphne

Veitch.

"I hope you are able to post and acknowledge their selfless act of kindness and generosity while lifting up the spirits of the FHS senior class," wrote Ms. Hubert.

We are happy to oblige.



L-R: Fairhaven High School seniors Corbin Veitch, Claire Hubert, and Daphne Veitch pose next to the huge sign they made using disposable cups on the fence at FHS to recognize graduating seniors who will not be able to have a traditional graduation ceremony this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. *Photo courtesy of Jane Hubert.*

Acushnet FD distributes hand sanitizer

By Beth David
Editor

After receiving two 55-gallon drums of hand sanitizer, the Acushnet Fire Department, led by Chief Kevin Gallagher, decided they needed to share. They gave one drum to Fairhaven (see 4/23/20 issue), and then ...

“With enough set aside for our first responders we decided to get the sanitizer into the hands of one important at risk group, our senior citizens,” wrote



ABOVE: Acushnet school department employees distribute eight-ounce bottles of hand sanitizers on to families on school work pick up day on 5/5/20. LEFT: The Acushnet Fire Department receives a donation of gallon jugs that they used to donate hand sanitizer to Acushnet's senior citizens. BELOW LEFT: The AFD uses a hand pump donated by the DPW to pump hand sanitizer into gallon jugs and eight-ounce bottles. BELOW RIGHT: Eight-ounce bottles that will be filled and distributed. Photos courtesy of the Acushnet Fire Department.

the department on its Facebook page.

But, how to “divvy it up?”

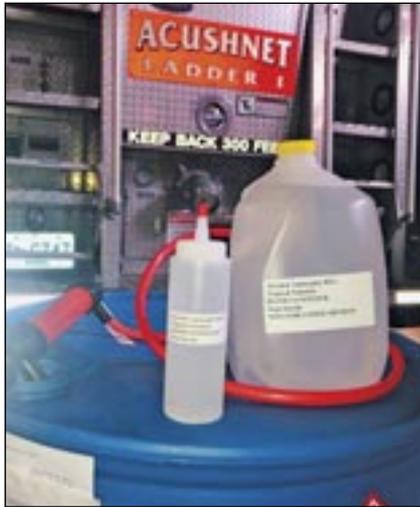
They asked around, and received a hand pump from the Acushnet Department of Public Works; got 110 gallon jugs from Hood Milk via Evan White of White's Brothers Dairy; more than 300 eight-ounce bottles from Andler Packaging, courtesy of Ed Andler connected to via Fire Lt. Brian Monte. Truly a team effort.

The Acushnet Council on Aging distributed the bottles along with the fresh produce bags they delivered last week (see 5/4/20 issue); and the Acushnet Housing Authority will deliver bottles to their 60 residents.

The school department also handed out bottles to families at their school work pickup day on 5/5.

“A big Thank You to Fire Chief Gallagher and his staff for giving us hand sanitizer to hand-out to families with packets,” wrote the Acushnet

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Women's Ctr Still Providing Services

Are you an individual impacted by domestic violence or sexual assault?

During this incredibly difficult time, we want to assure victims of sexual and domestic violence that The Women's Center is still providing support, care and services. We recognize that times of community crisis can be especially difficult for survivors of intimate partner violence. All services are free and confidential.

Current services for survivor and victims include:

- The Women's Center's rape crisis and domestic violence hotline is operating 24/7.
- Intake and one-on-one counseling, advocacy, referrals, and support services are available by phone in English, Spanish and Portuguese 9:30 am- 4:30 pm.
- Medical advocacy/hospital response is being offered via phone to all hospitals in our area.
- Our shelters are open, but currently full. We have some limited hotel room placements available for emergencies. Accessible through our hotline.
- Police, court and legal advocacy & assistance with orders of protection are provided by phone.

Our door on the street may temporarily not be open, in keeping with the Governor's orders, but we are still here to help.

All services are accessible 24/7 through our hotline: 508 999-6636.

SNAP Applications

The City of New Bedford's Department of Community Services has partnered with the Department of Transitional Assistance and UMass Medical School to help adult residents in the Greater New Bedford area apply for SNAP, the

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly known as food stamps) which gives individuals and families money to buy food at grocery stores, convenience stores, and certain farmers markets.

Most households with low or no income are eligible for SNAP, and workers who lost their jobs or work hours due to COVID-19 can apply for SNAP at any time.

Because of COVID-19, you cannot currently apply in person at DTA, but you may apply online at DTACConnect.com. If you do not have access to a computer, or need assistance in applying online, you can call the Department of Community Services at 508-961-3020 to schedule a phone appointment with a SNAP outreach worker. Assistance is available in English, Spanish and Portuguese.

At the Fishing Ctr

The following events are offered virtually by the New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center. Visit fishingheritagecenter.org or email programs@fishingheritagecenter.org.

Exhibit Launch and Virtual Concert Thursday, 5/14, 7:00pm- 8:00pm

On Thursday, May 14th, the Fishing Heritage Center will launch our latest exhibit, *We Came to Fish, We Came to Work: Stories of Immigration*, with a concert celebrating cultural traditions. **Join us at 7:00pm via Facebook Live** for a virtual concert featuring local musicians Ana Vinagre, Candida Rose, and Johan Gundersen who will present songs from and about Portugal, Cape Verde, and Norway. Visit our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/NBFishingHeritageCenter/>

This event takes place on May's Virtual AHA! Night: <https://ahanewbedford.org>

We Came to Fish, We Came to Work: Stories of Immigration explores stories of immigration and cultural heritage on New Bedford's working waterfront. Over the next 8 months, we will look at cultural heritage through a variety of programs including film screenings, cooking and craft demos, performances, and talks, which will be offered virtually until we are able to re-open the Center.

The Center's 2020 exhibits and programs are funded by the National

Endowment for the Arts, the Creative Commonwealth Initiative, and the Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Mattapoisett, and New Bedford Cultural Councils.

Dock-u-mentary Discussion- *Big Dreams from Karmøy to Hawaii: The Kaare Ness Story* Friday, 5/15, 7:30pm

Join us (virtually!) at 7:30pm on Friday, May 15th for a discussion of our May Dock-u-mentary film, *Big Dreams from Karmøy to Hawaii: The Kaare Ness Story*. Connect to our Zoom call (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82520526288?pwd=RmdsQXF2U0FpOXpjeFdCSGhUR0dvQT09>) at 7:30pm for a discussion of the film and of Norwegian immigration; Password is 737244.

Visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4qhrSGT1Akg&t=4s> to watch *Big Dreams from Karmøy to Hawaii: The Kaare Ness Story* on Youtube anytime before the discussion at 7:30pm. (

Kaare Ness is a true pioneer of the modern fishing industry. Born in Norway on the island of Karmøy in 1928, he began his fishing career at an early age when World War II interrupted his education. Due to diminishing stocks in Norway, Ness emigrated to the United States. He tried his luck with scallops on the East Coast before heading to the wild waters of Alaska and shifting his focus to the burgeoning industry of king crab fishing. Ness co-founded Trident Seafoods with his business partner, Chuck Bundrant. Together they developed one of the largest and most successful fishing companies along the West Coast, reaching from Seattle to the Aleutian Islands. *Big Dreams from Karmøy to Hawaii* is the story of a Norwegian immigrant who truly lived the American dream.

Thank you to BankFive for their support of our Dock-u-mentaries Film Series.

New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center is dedicated to preserving and presenting the story of the commercial fishing industry past, present, and future through exhibits, programs, and archives. For more information, visit the Center's website at fishingheritagecenter.org or email programs@fishingheritagecenter.org.

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Local Photo Contest

Dartmouth Natural Resources Trust is pleased to announce its first annual greeting card photo contest! While DNRT has previously offered a calendar contest, this year's challenge will be a little bit different. Twelve winning photographs will be chosen to adorn the faces of a set of greeting cards, which DNRT will sell. The cards will be published in September of 2020. Proceeds from the sale will benefit land conservation.

Entrants may submit up to 8 photos to DNRT by Sunday, August 16, 2020. Photographs must be taken on or of a DNRT property and can feature agricultural lands, forests, lakes and rivers, coastal dunes, salt marshes, recreation trails, historic sites, wildlife, and people enjoying or using the land. Images from all seasons are welcome.

High-resolution photographs can be emailed to kendra@dnrt.org with the subject DNRT Photo Contest. Please include the photographer's name, address, phone number, where the photos were taken, and any comments the entrant would like to share about the photo. The entrant must be the sole author and owner of the copyright in all photos entered. Although photographers retain complete copyright over their image, they grant DNRT a royalty-free right to use, display, and reproduce the image for publication in all media.

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Registration is now open for the **2020 Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk** Walk will support adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at the nation's premier cancer center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

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Recipe of the Week

Orange-Scented Grilled Lobster Tail

- 1/4 cup butter
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon grated orange zest
- 1/8 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/8 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/8 teaspoon aromatic bitters
- 4 (6 ounce) lobster tails

Preheat an outdoor grill for medium heat, and lightly oil grate.

Melt the butter in a saucepan over medium heat, and stir in the lemon juice, orange zest, ginger, chili powder, and bitters. Simmer gently for 2 minutes, then set aside. Cut away the membrane on the underside of the lobster tails, and insert a metal skewer into each one. This will prevent them from curling up as they cook.

Cook the lobster tails shell-side up on the preheated grill for 10 minutes, then turn the tails over, and spoon the butter sauce over the meat. Continue cooking until the meat is no longer translucent in the middle, about 10 minutes more.

From allrecipes.com

Election update: Acushnet & Fairhaven

By Beth David
Editor

The dates of local elections in both Acushnet and Fairhaven have been changed due to the COVID-19 restrictions. Fairhaven is scheduled to hold its election on Monday, 6/8; Acushnet has rescheduled to Saturday, 6/27.

Acushnet has no contested election; Fairhaven has only one contested election, for Selectboard.

IN FAIRHAVEN

The annual election in Fairhaven has been changed from 4/6 to Monday, June 8. Polls will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Polling places in Fairhaven are: Precinct 1, Town Hall; Precincts 2 & 3, Hastings Middle School; Precinct 4, Fire Station; Precincts 5 & 6, Recreation Center.

Seats up for Election

Selectboard, incumbent Charles K. Murphy Sr., Keith Silvia; School Committee (2 seats), Pamela Kuechler and Brian Monroe; Board of Health, Michael Ristuccia; Commissioner of Trust Funds, John Rogers; Board of Public Works (2 seats), Cameron Durant, Brian Wotton; Planning Board (2 seats), Jeffrey Lucas, Jay Simmons; Housing Authority, for 3 years of an unexpired term, Carol A. Alfonso.

For Town Meeting members, all six precincts have vacant seats.

IN ACUSHNET

The annual town election has been changed from 5/16 to Saturday, 6/27/20, with voting hours to be determined. This is the first year the town will hold its elections on a Saturday. All voters/precincts vote at the Acushnet Elementary School, unless voters opt to use early voting or absentee voting.

Acushnet has no contested races on the ballot, and several vacancies.

Reasons for absentee voting have been expanded to include voters who want to avoid the polling place as a precautionary measure in response to COVID-19.

The special act (Chapter 45 of the Acts of 2020) allows early voting, for which no reason is required.

Applications for absentee ballots and early voting are available on the Town Clerk's website or by calling the Town Clerk's office at 508-998-0215. Applications may be mailed to the Acushnet Town Clerk, 130 Main St., Acushnet, MA 02743 or by dropping the application, to the attention of the Town Clerk, into the drop box outside the Town Hall. Office hours are: Monday–Thursday, 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., and Friday 8:00 a.m.–11:30 p.m.

Seats up for Election

Moderator, Nicholas J. Gomes; Town Clerk, Pamela A. Labonte;

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If elected, I plan to use the skills I learned while on the BPW to ensure that our residents are well served by the Board of Health both operationally and fiscally.

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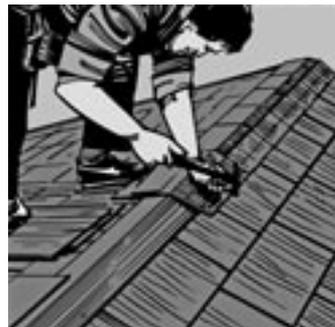
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Therese Ledoux, former kindergarten teacher, turns 103

By Beth David
Editor

She's 103 and going strong.

Therese Ledoux, well known in Acushnet and other environs because of her 30+ years as a kindergarten teacher at St. Francis Xavier School, had to watch from a second floor window as her birthday celebration took place outside.

A fire truck and police vehicles led a car parade, and family members and friends held signs and banners on the lawn of Our Lady's Haven on Tuesday, 5/5/20, to wish a happy 103rd birthday to their former teacher, friend, mémère, grand mémère and "grand grand mémère."

Restrictions on gatherings due to the COVID-19 pandemic prohibited a birthday party. No visitors are allowed inside long term care facilities at all, anyway. But according to grandson Mark Sylvia, Ms. Ledoux was "overwhelmed with joy."

He said they spoke with her afterwards, and she was truly surprised. Staff at OLH took her to the window where she could see all the doings.

Mr. Sylvia said the family had hoped to have some sort of gathering, but when it became apparent that the restrictions would not be lifted in time, the family "rallied around doing something within the guidelines," said Mr. Sylvia.

He said Ms. Ledoux has been at OLH for more than a year, decided on her own that she needed to go and leave her home of 70 years in Acushnet.

"She made that choice," said Mr. Sylvia, adding that she has been a very active member of the OLH

community, leading the rosary, joining in arts and crafts activities.

"She realized she needed to be actively engaged," he said.

He said it is different now, but she has a "GrandPad," which allows her to place video calls by simply pressing on the picture of the person she wants to call.

"So she's connected to the outside world," said Mr. Sylvia.

A lot of family members and friends are amazed that she is 103 and still "just totally engaged."

What's her secret? Mr. Sylvia said she would tell you it's the three F's: family, friends, faith.

"So for her, those things matter more than anything else," said Mr. Sylvia, adding that she is the center of the family, and was the center of their community in Acushnet.

"She never looks for praise or recognition. She just is," he said. "I think it has a lot to do with why she's so vibrant."

He said she is a strong person, a strong woman, and has been her whole life.

"We're so lucky, we're so lucky," said Mr. Sylvia, noting that his children have had the opportunity to spend a lot of time with their great grandmother.

They always had Sunday dinner with her and "everybody would spend special time with her. It was wonderful."

He said they wish they could do more now, but they do their best under the circumstances.

Ms. Ledoux brought up five daughters, but almost ended up being



ABOVE/MIDDLE/TOP: Therese Ledoux, flanked by healthcare workers in full personal protective gear at Our Lady's Haven in Fairhaven, watches, waves, and blows kisses to her family and friends from a second floor window as they conduct a car parade complete with fire engine and police vehicles, and hold a celebration on the lawn for her 103rd birthday on May 5, 2020. Photos by Glenn C. Silva.

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LEFT: A parade of vehicles circles the block twice around Our Lady's Haven in Fairhaven to celebrate Therese Ledoux's 103rd birthday on May 5, 2020, as COVID-19 restrictions prevent the family from having a party in person. ABOVE: A giant butterfly is a great way to say "Happy Birthday." Photos by Glenn C. Silva.

Turning 10 during a pandemic



ABOVE LEFT, L-R: Eliana, Elizabeth, Emma (the birthday girl), Valentina (mom) and Antonio (dad) DaCunha stand by the banner wishing Emma a happy birthday on 5/7/20, just before a car parade, led by a fire truck, surprised Emma to celebrate her 10th birthday, as the COVID-19 restrictions prohibit large gatherings such as birthday parties. ABOVE RIGHT, L-R: Emma's grandfather and grandmother, visiting from Russia, Leonid & Lidia Dubrovin; Emma's father and mother Antonio and Valentina; Emma; Emma's sisters Elizabeth and Eliana; Emma's aunt Olivia DaCunha; and Emma's grandmother Olivia DaCunha. BELOW LEFT: Emma gets hit with Silly String during the car parade. BELOW RIGHT: The parade of cars, led by a fire truck, approaches Emma DaCunha's house. BOTTOM LEFT & RIGHT: Emma waves as the parade of cars passes by her house with signs and birthday wishes. *Photos by Glenn C. Silva.*



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Mr. Rees also told the board that the police and fire departments have enough Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and none of the employees have tested positive yet.

One positive note, he said, is that the police and fire departments have been participating in drive-by parades for people celebrating birthdays and other events, if there is a fire truck and cruiser(s) available.

He said it was "very positive community outreach by police and fire."

He noted that the Council on Aging delivered 100 breakfast bags to seniors, thanks to a donation by a group of citizens; the school department provided 100 iPads to Southcoast Health for people to be able to contact loved ones; and the veterans office provided food bags and pet food to veterans.

"I think we have a great town here," said Mr. Rees. "Everybody's pulling together."

"Great work," said chairperson Charles K. Murphy. "Thank you for sharing all the positive things that are happenings."

Fairhaven Health Agent Mary Freire-Kellogg told the board that the town is still getting positive cases of COVID-19, 50 last week, and 20 this week. She said they are getting four or five a day now.

She said it was "unfortunate" but also said it was probably because there is more testing being done; it is not that the cases were not there, "we just didn't know."

She also said that there have only been a few complaints about people not wearing masks.

She said everyone seems to be

taking the guidelines seriously.

The board also heard from Veterans Agent Brad Fish, who said he will be making video with Fairhaven Community TV that will be released around Memorial Day. As in past years, the big flag will be raised at the high school, he and his volunteers will place flags on the graves of veterans, and the committee will hold a ceremony at the Veterans Memorial. The events will take place before Memorial Day so the video can be edited and released.

In official action, the board canceled the Memorial Day parade and the July 4 parade.

The board also read a letter from the Fairhaven Village Militia announcing that they have canceled the Memorial Day weekend encampment at Fort Phoenix.

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Selectboard, David Wojnar; Assessor, Marc F. Centerizio; Board of Health, Robert Medeiros; School Committee (two seats), Ronald A. Houde, Jr., and Jonathan D. Teves; Commissioner of

Trust Funds, vacant; Planning Commissioner, vacant; Cemetery Board, Joanne K. Cioper; Trustee of Free Public Library (two seats), Joan M. Howland, and one vacant; Park Com-

missioner, vacant; Housing Authority, for remainder of unexpired term ending 5/4/22, Stephanie L. VonJess; Housing Authority (5-year term), Isabel M. Sousa; Tree Warden, vacant.



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Acushnet Selectboard discusses various regs during pandemic

By Pattie Pacella

Neighb News Correspondent

The Acushnet Selectboard met remotely on Tuesday, 5/4/20, with the meeting once again closed to the public, as the board continues to struggle with how to host the public remotely.

Town Administrator Julie Hebert reported that there was guidance from the state regarding Town Meeting. She said towns can lower their quorum to not less than 10% of their current threshold, change locations or do a remote Town Meeting. She said the bill was in the House of Representatives and once she got the final information, she would forward to the Selectboard.

Ms. Hebert also engaged the Selectboard in a discussion about rolling over vacation for town employees. She stated that normally, employees can request up to a one week transfer of vacation to be used in the following year, however due to the COVID-19 pandemic many employees are not taking vacations, whether it's because they are home during this time or actually working at the office.

She said she wanted to discuss how the board would like to move forward with allowing employees to rollover vacation weeks.

Board member Kevin Gaspar said he understood there is a pandemic, however, he said he felt that things could not continue to be "pushed out."

"If you have under two week's vacation there is no reason to not use before the end of the year," he said. "Use it or lose it."

He said he felt that if you an employee has more than two weeks of vacation remaining, they could carry over one week and use it within a certain time frame, perhaps 30 days.

Board member David Desroches stated he did not know what the town has done in the past, but felt there should be a no-adjustment policy. He said he was aware the contracts for employees states they are allowed to ask the Town Administrator for a one-week rollover and he felt that was sufficient at this time.

Selectboard chairperson Roger Cabral said he did not object to allowing the one week rollover,

however he felt it may be on a case to case basis with some employees.

"By no means am I allowing a two-week or three-week rollover," Mr. Gaspar stated.

"We're not saying that Mr. Gaspar," said Mr. Cabral.

Ms. Hebert reiterated that there are certain union contracts that allow the one week rollover and if employees needed, because of special circumstances to roll over more than one week, perhaps no more than two weeks with a time limit, she would be open to that.

Mr. Cabral asked Ms. Hebert to produce a list of "special circumstance" employees who may have to request more than a one-week rollover and they could discuss it at their next meeting.

"What would you like me to do with my two weeks' vacation?"

[Lisa Leonard]

"Use it or lose it," Mr. Gaspar stated.

"Okay, I'll just close the office then," replied Ms. Leonard.

Administrative Assistant to the Selectboard, Lisa Leonard, who was participating remotely stated that she has been working at the office during the pandemic, because the Selectboard wanted the office open.

"The other person in the office has been home since March, and I've been working every day," said Ms. Leonard. "What would you like me to do with my two weeks' vacation?"

"Use it or lose it," Mr. Gaspar stated.

"Okay, I'll just close the office then," replied Ms. Leonard.

Mr. Cabral stated he agreed with Ms. Leonard who was working in the office daily because it is what they asked of her, now they can not just say, "use it or lose it."

"Reward the behavior, not punish it," Mr. Cabral said.

Ms. Hebert will get the list together

of employees with special circumstances for the next meeting.

Mr. Desroches agreed that he did not want Ms. Leonard to close the office for two weeks to take her vacation. He said there are many variables in this unique situation and for right now they should keep it the way it is, the ability to roll over one week's vacation, but he would be open to consider other options.

Mr. Cabral asked Mr. Gaspar if he was open to that and he stated: "It doesn't matter what I say because you and Mr. Desroches are open to it, and it takes two, so I don't really have a choice."

In another matter, the board, yet again, discussed the opening of the Golf Course.

"This is a Board of Health issue," stated Mr. Desroches.

Ms. Hebert stated that Governor Baker has specifically said that golf courses clearly fall under the non essential businesses open.

Mr. Gaspar stated that he had increasing concerns about not opening the golf course. He said they have been on lockdown now for nearly 50 days and they continue to "kick this down the road." He said he had concerns that they are continuing to lose money by having the golf course closed.

"The pandemic is not all about money, but it is," Mr. Gaspar stated. "I'm just

frustrated with all the crap we're hearing, and businesses are going under."

In other business, board members aired their frustration and concerns about the Bulky Item Pick up day being cancelled three days before the event.

Mr. Gaspar said he was embarrassed that the day got cancelled. He said that the Board of Health and the Recycling Center were very much aware of the date months.

Mr. Desroches said that he understood the Board of Health concerns, however he too felt frustrated that there were a lot of misunderstandings and communication regarding the event.

Mr. Cabral stated that although both entities knew of the date, they should have communicated their

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Candidate Statements 2: Fairhaven Selectboard

Editor's note: Due to the change in date of the election from 4/6 to June 8, we are publishing updated candidate statements



Charles K. Murphy, Sr.

I am honored to serve this community as an INDEPENDENT leader on the Board of Selectmen and still have many more goals to accomplish. I am eager to continue to listen to the concerns of our citizens and implement an action plan wherever needed to assist the citizens of Fairhaven.

We have faced tough times and will continue to be Fairhaven Strong!

Professionally speaking, I run an organization which I started from scratch here in the Town of Fairhaven, M.O., L.I.F.E., Inc. in 1995. We now have 88 employees and continue in these tough times to keep a substantial work force. This 25-year-old organization focuses on the need for teenagers and adults with disabilities to work towards achieving their highest potential in life. Additionally, I founded a Food Pantry in the year 2000 to fulfill the needs of the less fortunate and have fed, with the assistance of the Rotary Club of Fairhaven, over 600 people per month during this trying time. As a Licensed Therapist and a counselor for Gosnold, I am professionally trained to be a good listener and to assist others with quality results. This background has prepared me for the numerous issues that I deal with as a Selectman in a new normal.

I have a strong investment in this town and have worked hard to assist other departments in meeting and exceeding their goals. It is this teamwork that makes our government work. It is an honor to be one of the leaders of this strong Team.

I have worked to keep our taxes in check and the tax rate has decreased over the past years. I have also worked to ensure ACCOUNTABILITY in our government. This is why, for example, we have created Board Policies and Procedures to keep everything transparent.

STRUCTURALLY, our budget planning process, initiated several years ago, has led to an improvement in our bond rating from A to AA+, making borrowing costs cheaper and a savings to the TAXPAYERS. These are the types of ideas we need for our future financial stability.

I am committed to this Town and take this position and its impact on people very seriously. My family history in this town has given me this example to live by. I have enormous respect for our quality of life and the concerns to all individuals in our Town and plan to continue to take in the facts and make decisions with COMPASSION and COMMON SENSE.

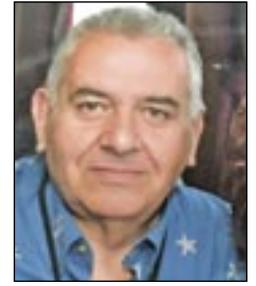
I have been able with my Selectmen team to delay the payments of real estate taxes and other fees to assist those hurting from the impact of the virus. By working together, through all departments, we can accomplish many goals.

I have also been fortunate to have a very supportive family, a great campaign team who have worked so hard, and I am truly blessed to have each member in my life and our community.

As your INDEPENDENT voice, I respectfully ask for your vote on Monday June 8th.

Thank you!

Keith Silvia



I hope everyone is well and safe as we are trying to cope with the difficult way of life that has a grip on us. As so many of us are forced to adapt without our jobs and school, the most difficult loss is the inability to be with family, hug a grandchild or visit a parent in a nursing care facility. But I believe we will all be stronger at the end of this ordeal.

It appears that the town election that was postponed in April, and again in May, will now take place on June 8th per agreement of the selectmen. I would like to re-introduce myself. My Name is Keith Silvia and I am running for Selectman.

As I have stated in the past, I believe the Town direction is on track to place a heavy burden on our taxpayers with projects and hires proposed by the current administration. The taxpayers, now more than ever, are going to need a representative that has nothing but the best interest of the taxpayers in mind. The taxpayers need someone who has no trouble telling the leaders of the Town "NO". "NO" we do not need an Assistant Town Administrator at the cost of \$253,000.00 for 2 people. "NO" we do not need a \$40 million dollar public safety building when there are other avenues to pursue at a much less cost. "No" we do not need to divide Town hall positions then pay new employees thousands more than we paid one person. "NO" we should not give employees Town vehicles to commute back and forth from home. These actions are happening now and I don't see anyone at the administrative level attempting to put a stop to it. I will put a stop to it. I will fight for the taxpayer. This is why I believe I am the best candidate in this selectmen race.

We as a community are in for some tough times ahead as this virus has wreaked havoc with our economy. Residents who have lost jobs will find it difficult, for a long time to come, to pay bills, mortgages, taxes and water bills. Now is not the time to add extra burden to the stressed financial situations taxpayers are faced with. Now is not the time to increase taxes for the sake of increased salaries and newly unwarranted positions of Town employees. I don't know how my opponent feels about the new positions that the Town Administrator wants to create. I wish he would answer these questions. I know the Town Administrator has been dodging the question. He has been asked several times by Selectman Freitas, as well as some members of the Finance Committee, why he feels he needs an assistant only to respond with "now is not the time". I think he should find the right time to explain because the taxpayers deserve an answer. They also deserve someone who will make sure every tax dollar is spent wisely!

I would like to thank all of the Fairhaven residents who agreed to put my signs on their properties. I realize this has been a long drawn out election season, now dragging into spring and lawn mowing time, and these signs may be creating an inconvenience. I appreciate your patience.

My name is Keith Silvia and I respectfully ask for your vote on June 8th.

"CHANGE IS IN YOUR HANDS"

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a nun. Her father, however, needed her help at his insurance company, so she left school in Canada and went to Rhode Island to help him. But she met her husband, and that was the end of the convent. They had five daughters, including a set of identical twins.

"They were poor, but they figured it all out," said Mr. Sylvia.

He marvels at the span of her life: born in 1917, while World War II was still going on; she lived through the Spanish Flu. And, putting it in perspective, Fairhaven High School, built in 1906, was only 11 years old when she was born.

She grew up in the Millville, Mass., before going off to that convent, before anyone had cars, and even indoor plumbing.

There was no public school kindergarten in Acushnet when she started teaching the young ones in the basement of St. Francis Xavier church in the 1950s. She told the Standard-Times in 2005 that for some

years she had 80 children a day, 40 in the morning, and 40 in the afternoon, and learned to acquire a lot of patience.

"My mother is the kindest, most patient, non judgmental, religious and loving person I know," wrote Jeannette Sylvia in an email. "She has been a wife, mother, teacher, grandmother, great grandmother and great great grandmother. She has truly been an outstanding example to her whole family and has touched the hearts of so many people in Acushnet and surrounding communities for many years."

Ms. Ledoux was the Standard-Times woman of year in 2005; received congressional recognition on her 100th birthday in 2017; received the Marian Medal and the St. Mary's Award from the Diocese of Fall River, was a Girl Scout leader, and was involved in many activities and groups in her community.

Now she still reads a bit, and has

been writing down her thoughts in a book that she gives to Mr. Sylvia, who is the family's historian of sorts.

"She can still tell you all about it," he said of her years at St. Francis. "That's the wonderful thing. Her treasure trove of memories is priceless."

Mr. Sylvia also said he is happy she is in Fairhaven now, so she can vote for him the next time he runs for office. Both times he won his school committee seat, his grandmother was his "lucky charm."

They went out to breakfast on election day both times, and he won both times, but she could not vote for him. He briefly tried a run for Congress this year, but the COVID-19 pandemic hit and pretty much made it impossible to run a campaign.

But he looks forward to the next chance. She wore his sticker, he said.

"That was part of my motivation," he said. "My grandmother is 103 and she can still vote for me."



ABOVE LEFT & RIGHT: A parade of vehicles circles the block twice around Our Lady's Haven in Fairhaven to celebrate Theresa Ledoux's 103rd birthday on May 5, 2020, as COVID-19 restrictions prevent the family from having a party in person. BELOW LEFT: Theresa Ledoux's five daughters hold a banner wishing her a happy birthday. BELOW RIGHT: The parade of vehicles included family members, including grandchildren. *Photos by Glenn C. Silva.*



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS Fairhaven Planning Board

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct Public Hearings at **6:30 P.M. on Tuesday May 26, 2020**, in the Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA and online via Zoom. **To access remotely Log onto:**

<https://zoom.us/j/98942564043?pwd=Ty9DZTVjMUkrMUROcTZvMC9HZU9HUT09>
or call 1-929-205-6099, Meeting ID: 989 4256 4043 - Password: 082099.

The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on a *Text Amendment* to the Fairhaven Code, proposed by the Planning Board that would allow Special Permits to be valid for up to three years. Currently Special Permits are limited by Section 198-8.B to "... lapse if substantial use thereof or construction has not begun within two years, except for good cause". The proposal would allow the Planning Board the ability to limit the validity of the Special Permit to if "...construction has not begun within two years, or, at the Planning Boards discretion, up to three years, except for good cause." The flexibility to allow Special Permits up to three years would also affect and use the same language in Sections: 198.29.1.D[3] for Communication Services; 198.29.3.E(17) for Sexually Oriented Businesses; 198.29.5.G(3) and 198.29.5.M(3) for Wind Energy Facilities; and 198.29.6.I(3) for Solar Photovoltaic Energy Facilities (SPEF).

A copy of the application 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 and all information is accessible at the Planning Board webpage. To schedule an appointment to review the application call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4082, Ext. 9.

The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the updating of the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) to maintain

currency with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). This requires amendments to the Zoning Bylaw Chapter 198, Section 28, to replace five (5) existing map panels (25005C0391F, 25005C0392F, 25005C0394F, 25005C0411F, 25005C0413F dated July 7, 2009) with five (5) new map panels (25005C0391H, 25005C0392G, 25005C0394H, 25005C0411G, 25005C0413G) dated July 8, 2020. The date of the Bristol County Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report needs to be changed to July 8, 2020 and some required language from the NFIP model bylaw must be added. The location is town wide.

A copy of the application 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 and all information is accessible at the Planning Board webpage: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/planning-board/webforms/national-flood-insurance-maps-new-nfip-fairhaven-map-panels-and-bylaw>

To schedule an appointment to review the application call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4082, Ext. 9.

John Farrell, Chairman, Fairhaven Planning Board
FNN: 5/14/20, 5/21/20

Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday, June 2, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

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1. **Administrative Appeal by Fairhaven Shipyard – re: 7 Union Street.** Seeking reversal of zoning determination by the Town of Fairhaven Building Commissioner dated February 20, 2020. (Application

attached) – Continued from April 7, 2020 and May 5, 2020.

- 905 Sciticut Neck Road, Robert S Davis.** Variance request of 12.5' short of 30' front setback, 12.0' short of 30' in rear setback in a RA Zone to demolish and reconstruct a single-family dwelling. 198-21(3) Restoration – No conforming structure damaged by fire, storm or other causes to the extent of 75% of its replacement value shall be repaired or rebuilt except in conformity with this chapter, within 2 years.
- 16 Wilbur's Point Drive. 198-18:** Variance for 15' short of the front setback, 28' short of the rear setback, 8.5' short of the side back, 5'5" short of the southerly side setback. 198-18: Variance for 2.5' above the maximum 35' height requirement for new single family home.
198-21(d): Variance to demolish and rebuild the house within 2 years.
- Administrative Appeal by A1 Crane – re: 86-88 Middle Street.** Administrative Appeal from a letter dated April 7, 2020 from the Building Commissioner stating that the operation on the site is in violation of the Mixed Use zoning regulations. (see attached-Exhibit 3)
- 34 Davis Street. Viveiros, Kevin. 198-22:** Variance request for 2' short on Northeast Side of 10' required for installation of an above ground pool

Peter DeTerra, Chairman
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concerns, and that never took place. He said he was very disappointed that the event was cancelled three days prior.

Mr. Cabral also stated he believed it was a complete conflict of interest between Board of Health and the Department of Public Works that drove the decision to cancel the event, and certainly something that the Selectboard needs to look into.

Mr. Gaspar extended a sincere apology to Kathy Silva who had put a lot of work into creating the event. He also apologized to the residents for the last-minute cancellation.

Mr. Desroches stated that a reverse 911 call was sent to residents advising them of the cancellation with a postponement date in October. He said he was not even sure that was going to happen.

The Selectboard will meet again Tuesday, 5/12 to discuss FY21 budget proposals as well the vacation rollover.

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TIDE TABLE

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

	May 2020	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	14	0211	1444	0940	2208
Friday	15	0304	1538	1042	2317
Saturday	16	0400	1637	1137	----
Sunday	17	0501	1733	0011	1218
Monday	18	0555	1819	0054	1243
Tuesday	19	0638	1857	0130	1215
Wednesday	20	0716	1933	0150	1233
Thursday	21	0753	2010	0122	1301
Friday	22	0832	2048	0148	1336
Saturday	23	0913	2130	0225	1416
Sunday	24	0956	2213	0306	1502

*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft

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No in-person attendance is allowed by the public during the COVID-19 crisis.

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Fairhaven Meetings

Board of Appeals

Tues., 6/2, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Health

Thurs., 5/27, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Wed., 5/27, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Broadband Study Comm

Tues., 5/19, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 5/18, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

ELECTION

The town election has been postponed to 6/8

Planning Board

Tues., 5/26, Town Hall, Time TBD

School Committee

Wed., 5/20, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 5/26, Town Hall, Time TBD

Sustainability Comm.

Tues., 5/19, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Town Meeting

TM has been postponed to June 27.

Acushnet Meetings

ELECTION

The town election has been postponed from 5/16 to 6/27

Board of Health

Thurs., 5/14, Parting Ways ,6 p.m.

PJ Keating Meeting

Tues., 5/26, Ford MS, 6 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 5/19, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Town Meeting

TM has been postponed to June 22.

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Boating restrictions during pandemic

From Mass. Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs

The following are guidelines for boating and various other marine and inland waterway related activities during the duration of Governor Baker's stay-at-home advisory and essential services order.

Inland boat ramps and canoe launches:

- Inland boat ramps and canoe launches within state parks, forests, wildlife management areas, boating access facilities and other state owned properties managed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts remain open for use by boats being launched by vehicles registered in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, except where the access has already been closed due to parking restrictions or other restrictions.

- All other inland boat ramps that are currently managed by municipalities remain open subject to the discretion of the city or town.

User Guidelines:

- Ramps remain open subject to available parking. A ramp will be considered closed if all parking is full. Illegally parked cars will be ticketed and may be towed.
- All boat ramp and canoe launch users shall practice social distancing. Users should allow appropriate space for users of the boat ramp or launch and clear the ramp when users' launch is complete.
- Users should ensure they are ready to depart quickly from the ramp or dock as soon as their boat is put into the water. Users not actively launching their boat should clear the launch area.
- Upon return to ramp, users should load their boat as quickly as safely possible and then clear the launch area.
- Use of ramps for organized fishing tournaments, derbies, or any other type of gathering is prohibited.
- Loitering on ramps or use of ramps for any activity other than launching boats is prohibited. Parking at ramps for activities other than launching boats is prohibited.
- Masks or face-coverings should be worn in public in accordance with the Department of Public Health's

advisory when social distancing is not possible.

Coastal Boat Ramps:

- For commercial, state and municipal uses, coastal boat ramps will remain open.
- For recreational use, coastal boat ramps managed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts remain open for use by boats being launched by vehicles registered in Massachusetts.
- All other coastal boat ramps currently managed by municipalities remain open for recreational use subject to the discretion of the city or town.

User Guidelines:

- Coastal boat ramp parking lots are open for users launching boats, canoes and kayaks, and associated parking. Parking for the purpose of accessing coastal beaches is prohibited.
- All boat ramp and canoe launch users shall practice social distancing. Users should allow appropriate space for users of the boat ramp or launch and clear the ramp immediately when their launch is complete.
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Recreational boating:

- The safe operation of recreational boats is permitted under the following guidelines:
- Only persons from the same

household should be together on a boat at one time.

- No gathering or groups of persons from multiple households will be permitted on boat ramps, docks, piers etc., and all users shall practice strict social distancing.
- All recreational crafts shall remain a safe distance apart. Tying boats or other crafts together is prohibited.
- All recreational boating is subject to the discretion of local officials, harbor masters, and law enforcement.
- All local rules, regulations, laws and Coast Guard requirements still apply.

Commercial Boating:

- Maritime transportation workers, including dredgers, port workers, mariners, ship crewmembers, ship pilots and tugboat operators, equipment operators (to include maintenance and repair, and maritime-specific medical providers), ship supply, Chandler, and repair companies have all been deemed essential services under the Governor's order.
- Commercial fishing is an essential part of the food supply chain and will continue to be allowed. Workers should follow public health guidance to minimize interactions with each other and the public.
- All local rules, regulations, laws and Coast Guard requirements still apply.

For Hire Boating:

- **For hire boating will not be permitted** while the Governor's stay at home advisory and essential services order is in effect.

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