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

Fairhaven holds walk-in vaccination clinic



Bernadette from the Walmart Pharmacy department gives Gary Goulet his first shot of the Pfizer vaccine at the walk-in clinic held at the Fairhaven Recreation Center on Saturday, 5/15/21, while his daughter Suzanne Goulet looks on. See story on page 12. *Photo by Beth David.*



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Judge Murray Gurfein, Pentagon Papers case, June 17, 1971:

"The security of the Nation is not at the ramparts alone. Security also lies in the value of our free institutions. A cantankerous press, an obstinate press, a ubiquitous press must be suffered by those in authority in order to preserve the even greater values of freedom of expression and the right of the people to know."

From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Well, it looks like the COVID state of emergency is going to be over soon (see page 3). I think we'll be stopping our weekly COVID updates. We'll still report when something happens, but it doesn't seem necessary to get the week-by-week numbers and updates if we're all supposed to be getting back to normal.

Okay, what's normal, right? Most of us will always be cautious from here on out, I think.

Graduation at the high school is supposed to be out on the field. Let's hope we have good weather and the COVID restrictions are gone by then.

The school is sponsoring a special graduation issue again this year. See ad on page 3 for details on how you can help our seniors know that the community is behind them. We ran the issue last year for the seniors who had their year shut right down. This year, the class will be in the building for at least a few weeks before they graduate.

Acushnet had a squeaker of Selectboard race this week. Incumbent Kevin Gaspar beat challenger Marc Cenerizio by just 13 votes (see page 13).

I love a race!

And we have one coming up in Fairhaven. Three people have announced intentions to run in the special election on 7/26 (see page 12 for the latest to announce).

Let the race begin!

Information on how to be a candidate and how to get absentee/mail-in ballots is on page 4.

We have more Selectboard news this week (hey, it was a long meeting). See page 17 for that.

Our cover story led me to some delightful vaccinators this week. See page 12 to meet some neighbors who took advantage of the walk-in clinic.

Oh, almost forgot! The Huttleston Marketplace opens up this weekend (see pages 5 and 6). I think it's going to feel like a party.

There's more in here of course. While you're looking, please be sure to notice who our advertisers are and let them know you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*.

Until next week then...see ya,



Beth David, Publisher

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Nothing this week? Really? Cool.

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COVID update: Most restrictions to be lifted on 5/29

By Beth David
Editor

Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker announced on Monday, 5/17, the Commonwealth is on track to meet the goal of vaccinating 4.1 million residents by the first week of June and all remaining COVID-19 restrictions will be lifted.

The Commonwealth's face covering order will also be rescinded on May 29. The Department of Public Health will issue a new face covering advisory consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's updated guidance. Face coverings will still be mandatory for all individuals on public and private transportation systems (including rideshares, livery, taxi, ferries, MBTA, Commuter Rail and transportation stations), in healthcare facilities and in other settings hosting vulnerable populations, such as congregate care settings.

Massachusetts leads the nation in vaccinating residents, with 75% of adults receiving at least one dose. To date, over 4 million residents have received a first dose, with 3.2 million

fully vaccinated.

New cases have dropped by 89% since January 8. COVID hospitalizations are down 88% since January 1 and the positive test rate is down by 88% from peaking at 8.7% on January 1 to 1% this week.

Effective May 29, all industries will be permitted to open. With the exception of remaining face-covering requirements for public and private transportation systems and facilities housing vulnerable populations, all industry restrictions will be lifted, and capacity will increase to 100% for all industries. The gathering limit will be rescinded.

Face coverings will also remain required indoors for staff and students of K-12 schools and early education providers.

All industries will be encouraged to follow CDC guidance for cleaning and hygiene protocols.

On May 18, 2020, the Administration published the reopening phases, which called for ending restrictions when vaccines became widely available. Today, there are over 975 locations for Massachusetts residents

to access vaccines without delay.

Non-vaccinated individuals are advised to continue wearing face masks and to continue distancing in most settings.

Governor Baker will end the State of Emergency June 15, and the Administration will work with legislative and municipal partners during this period in order to manage an orderly transition from emergency measures adopted by executive order and special legislation during the period of the State of Emergency, such as fully remote meetings.

On May 17, there were 359 new, confirmed cases reported, bringing the total to 657,478 in Mass. There were six new, confirmed deaths in the state on 5/17, bringing the total to 17,419.

Acushnet has 36 active cases and a total of 1,326; and a 5.02% positivity rate for the past two weeks.

Fairhaven has 49 active cases and a total of 2,013; and a 3.52 positivity rate for the past two weeks.

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

CONGRATULATE FAIRHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING SENIORS

The community is invited to join in the fun of giving the class of 2021 a special send-off into the world. They have not had a traditional senior year due to COVID-19 restrictions, so the school is sponsoring a special issue of the *Neighb News* on 6/10/21. The public is invited to purchase ads at a special rate to congratulate seniors.

1/8 page: \$31 B&W, \$46 Color

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The Fairhaven special town election is scheduled for Monday, 7/26, and nomination papers are available.

Thursday, June 03, 2021 – 5:00 PM

Last day and hour for requesting nomination papers. Papers require 50 CERTIFIED SIGNATURES

Monday, June 7, 2021, – 5:00 PM

Last day and hour for filing all nomination papers with the Registrar of Voters (Town Clerk's Office).

Wednesday, June 23, 2021 – 5:00 PM

Last day and hour to withdraw or object to nomination papers.

Tuesday, July 6, 2021 Last day to register voters for the Town Election. The Town Clerk's Office will be open from 8:30 AM to 8:00 PM on this day.

Tuesday, July 20, 2021 Last day to request a MAIL-IN absentee ballot for the Special Election. The Town Clerk's Office will be open from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM on this day.

Friday, July 23, 2021-12:00PM (noon) Last day/time to request an IN-PERSON Absentee Ballot in the Town Clerk's office.

Polling Places for the Town Election are: Precinct 1, Town Hall; Precinct 4, Fire Station Meeting Room; Precinct

2, Hastings Middle School; Precincts 5 and 6, Recreation Center

Polls are open from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM

You may register to vote any day from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday in the Town Clerk's Office, on-line or through a mail-in registration form.

Mail-in/Absentee Ballots

Important Information Regarding Mail-in/Absentee Ballots for July 26, 2021 Special Election

Applying for Absentee Ballots

As always, Mail-in/Absentee ballots must be requested in writing by either the voter or the voter's family member. If you would like to request an absentee ballot, you may submit an application or a signed letter to the Town Clerk's Office. You can find the application in our office, on our webpage, on the Mass.gov website, or you can request one to be mailed to you.

- If you have already sent in a Mail-in/Absentee Ballot application for the 2021 election year, you may have indicated that you were requesting a ballot for the April

Annual Town Election only, since it had been the only election scheduled for the year. If that is the case, and you wish to vote by mail for the July Special Election, you will need to send in ANOTHER application.

- If you sent your 2021 application and you indicated that you wanted a ballot for ALL elections this year, you DO NOT NEED to re-apply, however you might want to check that we have the correct mailing address listed, especially if you originally requested your ballot to be mailed to a different/seasonal address.

If you are unsure of your Absentee Ballot status, please feel free to call the Town Clerk's office to verify, or simply send in another application by the deadline date.

Mail-in Absentee ballot applications (to receive a ballot in the mail) must be received as soon as possible, but no later than Tuesday, July 20, 2021.

In-Person Absentee ballot applications (to vote in the Town Clerk's office) must be received by 12 p.m. on Friday July 23, 2021. In-person absentee

SPECIAL ELECT: cont'd page 21

Cam Durant for Select Board



Drive Thru Clam Cake & Chowder Fundraiser
Tickets \$10

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Yard Sale F-R

The Fairhaven Animal Shelter, 200 Bridge St., Fairhaven, will hold its annual yard sale on Sat., 5/22, from 11:00 to 2:00. It will be entirely outside and all COVID precautions will be taken. We have hundreds of items, including dog crates, carriers, leashes, collars, sweaters, beds, toys and much more!

Huttleston Marketplace Opens

The Huttleston Marketplace will begin be open on Saturdays, 5/22 through 9/18, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on at the Fairhaven Visitors Center lawn/Fairhaven High School lawn, 141 Main St., Fairhaven. Huttleston Marketplace is an outdoor bazaar featuring more than 65 vendors selling select hand made arts and crafts, quality antiques and vintage collectibles, upcycled items, fresh farm produce, and locally prepared foods. It is held rain or shine.

Contact the Fairhaven Office of Tourism, FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov or 508-979-4085.

Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/HuttlestonMarketplace/> or visit the website: <https://fairhaventours.com/huttleston-marketplace/>

Nomination papers

Nomination papers are available for a single seat on the Fairhaven Selectboard for the special election on 7/26. Voters will be asked to vote yes or no on recalling Fairhaven Selectboard member Daneil Freitas, and then voters will be asked to vote for someone to fill the seat.

Candidates need to get 50 signatures of registered voters in Fairhaven to be on the ballot.

Contact the Town Clerk, 508-979-4023 ext. 3 for details.

Coves Open

Attention Shellfishers!!! Round Cove and Senior Cove are now OPEN for shellfishing! Harbormaster Timothy Cox planted over 1300 bushels between the two coves! Go get em!! Jack's Cove is also open.

North Cove will be closed until further notice.

Please note, you MUST have a 2021

Shellfish Permit issued by the Town of Fairhaven to take part. Resident Non-Commercial & Non Resident Non-Commercial Shellfishing Permits are now available online. Find the link at <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/marine-resources-department> or purchase them at the Fairhaven Town Hall in the Selectmen's Office.

Follow Fairhaven Marine Resources Department on Facebook.

COVID Testing

Fairhaven and Acushnet have partnered to provide COVID-19 testing on alternate weeks. Fairhaven will hold testing at the Fairhaven Recreation Center, 227 Huttleston Ave. (near Stop & Shop) from 9 a.m. to noon on 5/22, 6/5, 6/19; Acushnet will hold testing from 9 a.m. to noon behind the Council on Aging, 59 1/2 South Main Street, on 5/29, 6/12, 6/26. Residents from both towns can use either site.

Schools Public Comment

During the week of 5/17/21, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Office of Public School Monitoring (PSM) will conduct a Tiered Focused Monitoring Review of Fairhaven Public Schools. The Office of Public School Monitoring visits each district and charter school every three years to monitor compliance with federal and state special education and civil rights regulations. Areas of review related to special education include student assessments, determination of eligibility, the Individualized Education Program (IEP) Team process, and IEP development and implementation. Areas of review related to civil rights include bullying, student discipline, physical restraint, and equal access to school programs for all students.

In addition to the onsite visit, parent outreach is an important part of the review process. The review chairperson from the Office of Public School Monitoring will send all parents of students with disabilities an online survey that focuses on key areas of their child's special education program. Survey results will contribute to the development of a report. During the onsite review, the Office of Public School Monitoring

will interview the chairperson(s) of the district's Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC). Other onsite activities may include interviews of district staff and administrators, reviews of student records, and onsite observations.

Parents and other individuals may call Doryce Smith, Public School Monitoring Chairperson, at (781) 338-3718 to request a telephone interview. If an individual requires an accommodation, such as translation, to participate in an interview, the Department will make the necessary arrangements.

Within approximately 60 business days after the onsite visit, the review chairperson will provide the Fairhaven Public Schools with a report with information about areas in which the Fairhaven Public Schools meets or exceeds regulatory requirements and areas in which the Fairhaven Public Schools requires assistance to correct or improve practices. The public will be able to access the report at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/psm/tfm/reports/>.

Boat Pump Out

Free Pump Out Services will begin this Saturday, May 22nd. The Fairhaven Harbormaster will run the pump out boat on Saturdays, Sundays, & Holidays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Call the Harbormaster (during service hours only) on VHF Channel 9 to make an appointment! The pump-out boat will go to your dock or mooring.

SAVE THE DATE:

FHS Drama

The Fairhaven High School Drama Club will release a virtual performance on 5/28. See page 16 for details.

New Members

In the past few years the North Fairhaven Improvement Association has lost some very active and important members. Please consider joining us to help us keep our traditions alive. We meet the third Thursday of the month at the fire house across from Benoit Square at 6:39 PM. The next meeting is May 20th. Membership is only \$10. Find them on Facebook, or go to a meeting.

The marketplace will open on Saturday, May 22! Please Join Us!



Fresh locally grown farm produce, art, crafts, photography,
locally produced food products, upcycled goods, antiques, collectibles

- The season runs from May 22 through September 18, 2021
- 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Rain or Shine
- More than 65 vendors will be set up every week!



Huttleston Marketplace

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THANK YOU

to all Acushnet Voters

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For Historical Society membership
information please go to fairhavenhistory.org

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Something Fishy Camp is open to any student who will be in the 4th grade during the 2021-2022 school year in a New Bedford Public School. Camp is provided free of charge. Breakfast and lunch are provided for all campers. Transportation to and from camp is not provided.

All current New Bedford 3rd graders/rising 4th graders are welcome to apply. **Applications are due June 1st.** For applications visit <https://fishingheritagecenter.org/programs/something-fishy-camp/>

Please contact Hannah at programs@fishingheritagecenter.org with any questions.

Something Fishy Camp is produced by New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center in partnership with New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park and the Whaling History Alliance. Funding is provided by New Bedford Day Nursery, New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, BayCoast Bank, and a Community Funding Grant from the Bristol County District Attorney.

Sow & Grow Give Away

Groundwork Southcoast is holding a Sow & Grow Give Away on Sat., 5/22 at noon, in Riverside Park at the farm and community garden (next to the basketball court).

In addition to the giveaway we will also be signing folks up to adopt the new raised beds we're installing in the community garden we are building at the site and we are having a youth hiring event for our open youth employment positions. All of our programs are targeted to support low-income families and the giveaway

and garden bed adoption are free to low-income residents. The youth positions are also designated to be for low-income youth.

Cinema NB

Reigniting the rich history of cinema in downtown New Bedford!

Cinema New Bedford showcases incredible films from around the world that tell great stories from a wide range of perspectives. Join us in-person or virtually for collective viewing experiences that entertain and expand, with Q&A's and post show discussions to deepen our engagement with the films and to build community and connection.

Cinema New Bedford happens year-round, with weekly screenings that make up different series such as "Beyond the Binary" in June, "Festival Favorites" in July and "Generation Kick-Ass" in September.

This event will be in-person and live-streamed!

Visit <https://zeiterion.org/cinema-new-bedford/>

Vax + DD

New Bedford residents 65 and over who receive their COVID-19 vaccination at specified clinic sites in the city will receive a \$20 Dunkin' gift card with their first dose beginning Wednesday, May 19.

While most of New Bedford's seniors are vaccinated, the average vaccination rate for those 65 and up is lower than the state average. Dunkin' gift cards will now be offered to any New Bedford resident age 65 and over who receive their vaccines at the walk-up FEMA-run clinic at the Waterfront Vaccination Center on Hervey Tichon Avenue, or at the New Bedford Health Department-operated clinics, including Andrea McCoy Recreation Center, New Bedford Health Department mobile clinics, and homebound vaccination appointments run by the Health Department and EMS. Gift cards will be distributed on-site for first doses, beginning Wednesday, May 19.

The Waterfront Vaccination Center operated by FEMA runs weekly from Saturday through Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and no appointment is needed.

The Health Department will offer two walk-up clinics at Market Basket,

122 Sawyer Street, on Thursday, May 20 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Friday, May 21 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. No appointment is needed.

The Health Department also operates an appointment-based clinic at Andrea McCoy Recreation Center, including next Wednesday, May 19; at-home vaccinations by appointment are also available to the homebound via New Bedford EMS. To sign up for these clinics, residents may call 508-984-2661.

The Dunkin' gift cards are currently limited to New Bedford residents who are 65 years old and above, and will be provided at the clinics to residents receiving their first dose. The City will purchase the gift cards from New Bedford-based Dunkin' franchise owners.

Science Cafe

Please join us for a VIRTUAL New Bedford Science Café on Tues., 6/1, at 7 p.m. Our guest Keith Lovett, Director of the Buttonwood Park Zoo and wildlife conservationist, will discuss "The Role of the Modern Zoo; Utilizing genetic science for the conservation of species." Gone is the menagerie style of public zoo animal displays. As Keith will tell us more about, given today's plight of many wildlife species becoming threatened or endangered, the modern zoo is working to maintain sustainable, genetically diverse animal populations as well as conserve species in the wild.

Register in advance: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_HsAnLJVqRjC_exOR8qvb5Q](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_HsAnLJVqRjC_exOR8qvb5Q) After registering, you will receive information about joining our Zoom event. This Zoom presentation is made possible through a partnership with New Bedford Whaling Museum.

For recordings of previous events, visit: <https://newbedfordsciencecafe.weebly.com>

Concert

"Surface Tension," Virtual Concert Still Available. Tickets are \$20 per household and available for purchase through May 24 at 10:00pm. Tickets: <https://zeiterion.org/all-shows/>

We recommend linking your phone, tablet, or computer to your TV to enjoy the full visual-audio quality of the performance!

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Planting Passport

It's gardening season and the Mattapoisett Woman's Club is offering a unique way to save money on outdoor and indoor plants including shrubs, vegetables, and flowers. There are even three shops offering discounts on flower arrangements.

Proceeds from the *Pathway to Planting Passport* help provide scholarships annually for Mattapoisett students. This \$10 passport booklet offers special discounts on **May 21st, 22nd, and 23rd.**

The Pathway to Planting Passports are available for purchase at The Town Wharf General Store and Pen & Pendulum. For more information contact Carole at 774.582.1913 or info@mattapoisettwomansclub.org

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is always open to new members from the south coast area. For more information and membership application, please visit <https://www.mattapoisettwomansclub.org/members/>

Virtual Shakespeare

Hub Theatre Company of Boston will be returning to the virtual stage this spring with William Shakespeare's *Love's Labour's Lost*, directed by local favorite Bryn Boice. Featuring the cast of Hub Theatre's critically acclaimed fall production of *Much Ado About Nothing*, this show will be performed live online Saturday, May 22, Thursday, May 27, and Saturday, May 29 at 7:30 pm and also on Sunday, May 23 at 5:00 pm. All performances are **Pay-What-You-Can.** For tickets and information please visit www.hubtheatreboston.org

Sparks, sonnets, and shenanigans fly in Shakespeare's rollicking romantic comedy. The King of Navarre and his three idealistic lords vow to forswear

food, fun, and females for three years of virtuous study. However, no sooner do they take their vow, than the Princess of France and her three lovely ladies arrive, and all bets are off! Replete with misadventures and mistaken identities, this contemporary take on the Bard's coming-of-age classic explores how we learn, how we love, and how we learn to love.

Duck Race

Annual Acushnet Lions Club Duck Race The Ducks Are Back! The annual Acushnet Lions Rubber Duck race is finally here! We have 1000 ducks that need adopting, \$10 each. All money goes to eye research. The race will be held at the Sawmill, 32 Mill Rd., Acushnet, on Sun., 6/20, at NOON. Buy tickets at practically anywhere in town, including Town Hall, River's End, or call Duckmaster Joe Costa, 508-971-1859. Lots of fun, lots of great places to watch the ducks float down the river from the Sawmill to the finish line at River View Park in Acushnet. 1st Prize, \$1,000; 2nd Prize, \$500; 3rd Prize, \$250; Gift Certificates.

Fishing Tournament

Sponsored by the Acushnet Lions Club, Sat., 6/5, from 7 a.m.-noon, Lake St., Acushnet. Trophies, prizes, hot dogs. **Applications Must be returned to school no later than 5/25/21.**

Bird Club

Thurs., 5/27, 7:00 PM, Osprey on the Massachusetts South Coast

Did you know that Westport, MA is home to one of the densest Osprey populations in the world? Join us to learn all about these unique fish-eating raptors, from their nesting behavior and what makes a successful nest site, to the story of how community efforts in Westport brought Osprey from the brink of DDT-induced extirpation to the thriving population we see today.

Katelyn Depot holds a bachelor's degree in wildlife biology and has worked on Mass Audubon's South Coast Osprey Project for five years, first as an intern and then as the Osprey field technician at Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary. During the summer, she monitors about 100 Osprey nests in Westport. She also spent one summer working on an

Osprey recovery project in Illinois.

Free. All are welcome. To find out more and to register email Justin Barrett at jmbarrett426@gmail.com or visit www.massbird.org/Nasketucket

MAC Performance

The Marion Art Center Theater will present its first play of the 2021 season, *Native Gardens*, written by Karen Zacarias and directed by Kate Fishman. The cast includes Gary Sousa as Pablo, Mia Vaughn as Tania, Suzie Kokkins as Virginia, and Donn Tyler as Frank. The MAC's sound and lighting technician is Steve McManus.

Director Kate Fishman is seeking extras to fill four nonspeaking roles for this production. To find out more, please email mactheater1957@gmail.com with "Extra for Native Gardens" in the subject line. If you've always wanted to get involved with theater but don't have experience, this is a great way to give acting a try!

Pablo, a high-powered lawyer, and doctoral candidate Tania, his very pregnant wife, are realizing the American dream when they purchase a house next door to Washington, D.C. stalwarts Virginia and Frank. But a disagreement over a long-standing fence line soon spirals into an all-out war of class, privilege, and entitlement. The hilarious results guarantee no one comes out smelling like a rose.

This is the MAC's second outdoor live theater event that will take place in Bicentennial Park, Marion, across the street from the MAC. Six show dates are scheduled June 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, and 20. Friday and Saturday productions will begin at 6:00pm, while Sunday matinees will begin at 2:00pm. In case of rain, dates will not be rescheduled. Guests may choose another date, donate tickets, or receive a refund only if the performance is canceled. Guests must bring their own lawn chairs. All attendees must follow state safety guidelines including mask-wearing and social distancing.

Tickets are now on sale to MAC members, by phone at 508-748-1266 or in person at the Marion Art Center at 80 Pleasant Street, Marion, MA. Tickets will go on sale online and to nonmembers on Friday, May 21 at marionartcenter.org/events.

Recipe of the Week

Grama's Corn Flake Peanut Butter Cookies

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup light corn syrup
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 3 cups cornflakes cereal

Line a baking sheet with waxed paper.

Bring the sugar and corn syrup to a boil in a saucepan over medium heat; stir in butter and peanut butter until thoroughly mixed, and remove from heat.

Place the corn flakes into a large bowl, and pour the peanut butter mixture over the cereal. Mix until the corn flakes are coated with the mixture.

Drop by tablespoon onto the waxed paper; flatten slightly if desired. Allow to cool before serving.

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Dear Frankie



Smelly Hair?

Dear Frankie,
How would our Moms like it if they went to the hairdresser and had their hair washed with dog shampoo and sprayed with dog hair-spray? I bet they wouldn't.

It really upsets me how far humans take the idea that we are children dressed up in dog clothing. Or, however, that sheep saying goes. You get my point.

I know we are lucky to have wonderful human families. I don't mean to sound ungrateful. It's just you could gag from the smell of that lavender shampoo and hair spray the groomer uses. You should hear how the groomer carries on about only using the purest, most organic, and natural products. My Mom, of course, laps it up. She's at the health store every other day. This stuff takes about four weeks to fade before I get back to smelling like my ole doggy self.

Then, wham, two weeks later back to the groomers. Am I alone on this?

Disgruntled, Henry

Dear Henry,

I see from your picture on your letterhead you are a beagle. Beagles are known for their acute sense of smell. That's what makes them excellent hunting dogs. Can you imagine sport hunting in this day and age? If ever there was a **d e s p i c a b l e** human activity

for recreation, this is it. But that's a topic for another column.

I don't know how you can communicate your feelings to your Mom. This is a matter you need to take into your own paws.

When outside, roll around on the grass, or if it's winter, the snow. On rainy days ask to go out often. I understand how unpleasant walks can be in inclement weather, but they are the closest you will get to a shower. If you walk in parks, go under low bushes, pine if you can find them, and brush against the needles. When you are at home, hang out by the garbage can and take your naps on top of old toys or blankets you have slobbered on for years.

I think you get a general idea — rub out the bad smells, hang out by the good ones. None of these strategies will restore the essence of you in a few days. However, they might get you back to your ole self, say in three weeks. Hey, it better than four. Sorry, I don't have a quick solution to offer.

Best, Frankie

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Comments and letters can be sent to Frankie at dearfrankiecolumn@gmail.com. The Fairhaven Neighborhood News publishes the Dear Frankie column. To receive a free online subscription, readers can email neighbnews@comcast.net, request their name be added to the email list or visit www.neighbnews.com to read the paper online or to download the latest issue.

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DaCunha's Dispatches



News from high school in the age of COVID

By Elizabeth DaCunha

Special to the Neigh News

The Fall II season has just ended, so you know what that means... Spring sports season!!!

Even with COVID, students that I've talked to are most definitely excited to be able to play this season as it was missed last year during the height of the pandemic.

Starting up this week, students are back outdoors playing lacrosse, softball, baseball, track, and tennis.

I asked some of Fairhaven's athletes for the details on sport regulations, and how this season compares to other sports seasons.

Senior Shanti Furtado gave insight on what this year's tennis season is looking like: "Because tennis is already such a distanced sport in normal circumstances, not much has changed. We will just have to be more conscientious of sanitizing between sets, using only the balls assigned to our court, the home team only being allowed to handle the score cards, and of course... wearing masks."

Ms. Furtado ended her statement

by saying, "I hope our community will be at a point of safety at the start of the next school year, to lessen the measures to make sports normal for all. For now, we play on."

Lacrosse player Olivia Turgeon spoke about her upcoming season and shared that the rules since the Winter and Fall II seasons haven't seemed to change much for lacrosse.

For baseball season, Parker Herman shared rules that the CDC and Fairhaven's coach have put in place for this season: "You need to wear a mask.. You also are not allowed to share equipment, e.g., we're not allowed to have helmets given by the team this year. The coach also put in a rule that states if you make it on a team, you are to stay on that team. So basically you cannot play Varsity if you are put on JV. These rules will probably change the dynamic of the team and the program."

While students may not be able to play up for a team in baseball, students playing lacrosse like Kaylei Joseph are upset that the amount of players on the field may lessen.

Ms. Joseph said that in her fall sport, field hockey, they fewer players on the field.

"So instead of an 11 vs. 11 game it was cut down to 7 vs. 7. That was the only major rule that affected us, but it made it really difficult," she said.

Athletes are worried this cut in players on the field may affect lacrosse and spring sports in general as well.

Along with a cut of players on the field, there continues to be a cut in games because the seasons have to cut short in order to fit into the school year.

This, along with all the other changes made, aren't necessarily ideal, but students that I spoke to are appreciative for the time they do have to play their sport for the Devils.

If you would like to watch any Spring sport games, please go onto Fairhaven High School's Athletic Website and feel free to watch any live games.

To find the schedule for upcoming games visit southcoastconference.org
Here are a few to get you started:

Friday, 5/21

- 3:30 p.m. Girls Varsity Tennis vs. Case at Case.
- 3:30 p.m. Boys Varsity Tennis vs. Case at Hastings MS.
- 3:45 p.m. JV Baseball vs. ORR at ORR
- 3:45 p.m. Varsity Baseball vs. ORR at ORR
- 3:45 p.m. Softball JV vs. ORR at Hastings
- 3:45 p.m. Softball Varsity vs. ORR at Hastings
- 4 p.m. Boys Varsity Lacrosse vs. Apponequet at Apponequet
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Fairhaven holds walk-in vaccination clinic

By Beth David

Editor

The town of Fairhaven partnered with Walmart Pharmacy to provide 90 vaccinations on Saturday during a walk-in, vaccination clinic at the Fairhaven Recreation Center. Recipients got the first dose of the Pfizer shot and were scheduled to return on 6/5 for the second shot.

Organizers set up two stations to administer shots, and set up an area for people to wait 15 minutes in case they had side effects. Paramedics were on hand to help with any reactions, and an ambulance was outside for more serious side effects.

According to Fairhaven Fire Chief Todd Correia, there were no serious reactions on Saturday.

Suzanne Goulet, 55, who took both her parents, 78-year-old Gary Goulet and Patricia, 79, said they waited for a convenient opportunity. And a walk-

in clinic right in town fit the bill.

"We were just waiting for the right time to do it," said Suzanne. "This happens to be the right time."

All three received a shot and had no reactions during the 15 minute waiting period.

"I'm feeling fine," said Patricia during her 15 minute wait. "I have to wait 15 minutes, but I feel fine. I'm a strong Pollack."

"You mean stubborn," said Gary.

Patricia said her arm did not even hurt.

"Excellent," said Gary. "I didn't feel a thing."

Meaghan Powers, 13, was the last in her family to get a shot. The Pfizer shot was only approved for her age group

recently. Her mother, Stasia Powers said they were not able to go out to certain places, such as dinner, as a family. They plan on doing just that after Meaghan is fully vaccinated, which will be two weeks after her second shot.

The town does not have another first-shot clinic scheduled. Residents can contact a



L-R: Patricia, Suzanne, and Gary Goulet pose for the local free sheet after they each got their first shot of the Pfizer vaccine at the walk-in clinic held at the Fairhaven Recreation Center on Saturday, 5/15/21. BELOW: The testing crew, L-R: firefighter/paramedics Lt. Josh Benoit, Sean Harrington, and Maggie Debrosse are ready to register residents for testing in one part of the room as the vaccinations take place in the other part of the gym. Beth David photos.



local pharmacy directly to get vaccinated or visit <https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-vaccine>

The regularly scheduled testing was also held on Saturday, but that will now change to every other week, alternating with Acushnet as both towns have seen a drop in testing requests. Fairhaven will hold testing at the Rec Center from 9 a.m. to noon on 5/22, 6/5, 6/19; Acushnet will hold testing from 9 a.m. to noon behind the Council on Aging, 59 1/2 South Main Street, on 5/29, 6/12, 6/26. Residents from both towns can use either site.

Leon Correy announces run for Selectboard



Submitted by
Leon Correy

As a young man I learned to overcome adversity and fight for what I believe in. The oldest child (13) to a family whose matriarch had passed on, I didn't allow that to get in the way of what needed to be done. As an adult I have carried that forward, whether it be working to be accepted to the top business school in the country, or building a million dollar territory from nothing. I've pushed through all obstacles with integrity and a resilient mindset.

Our Fairhaven is in a similar position. Whether it be bickering amongst our leadership or decisions made without taking the pulse of the

people, we are here suffering the consequences of ineffective leadership. We have been so focused on the behavior and inability to work together that we've lost sight of what matters and that is the will of the people.

We were all taught the golden rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you". However somehow that's all been lost. I have been able to look myself in the mirror every day because I strive each day to be a better version of myself than I was the day before. I live each day simply striving to do what's right. Whether that be what's right for my family, what's right for my career or what's right for the people, it's a simple mission that is lost on many.

Now is the time to reset the clock. It's time to push aside the same ole

rotation politicians and usher in a new era. Someone who understands how to interact with the people and hold himself accountable to serve their will. Someone who doesn't have favors to friends to please, or agendas to serve. My experience achieving at every level will allow me to serve you.

Fairhaven needs a proven leader. I have been chosen to be a leader in every environment I've entered: Executive Director of University Issues, Vice Chair of the Sustainability Committee, President of the National Society of Black Engineers, Team Lead for a 20 million dollar business...I've been chosen by my peers to lead at every level.

I ask for the opportunity to lead Fairhaven and fight for you.

Incumbent Gaspar squeaks by in Acushnet Selectboard race

By Beth David
Editor

Longtime Acushnet Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar managed to hold onto his seat, just barely, against a strong challenge by Marc Cenerizio, who currently holds a number of committee positions in Acushnet, including the elected Planning Board and that board's appointee on the Community Preservation Committee.

The 13-vote win for the incumbent was definitely a squeaker, with 851 voters, or 11%, of registered voters casting ballots.

The last contested Selectboard race in 2019 saw challenger David Desroches beat incumbent Mike Cioper, with 1,121, or 16%, of registered voters turning out.

According to town clerk Pamela Labonte, the average is about 800-1200 in local elections.

On election day, with no real indication of how close it might be, Mr. Gaspar had a laid back attitude.

"At this point in my life, either way

I'm going to celebrate," said Mr. Gaspar. "I think the town might have more to worry about if I'm not



Acushnet Selectboard incumbent Kevin Gaspar casts his vote at the Acushnet Elementary School on election day, 5/15/21, when he squeaked out a win by 13 votes. Photo by Beth David.

elected, than me.

He said it would be nice to see more people participate, and predicted an average turnout.

After the election, and noting how close it was, Mr. Gaspar said, "This election should be the one everyone says 'my vote mattered.'"

Mr. Gaspar also thanked everyone who voted for him, those who held signs and those who defended him on social media, "knowing I'm not a social media person."

Mr. Gaspar also thanked the Town Clerk's department, and he, said, "most importantly, I want to thank my family."

"It was a close race and Mr. Cenerizio called me to congratulate me and we agreed it's time to put the election behind us and work together," said Mr. Gaspar.

Before the election, as he was holding a sign at the entrance to the school, Mr. Cenerizio said he felt

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Town Meeting hands the gavel to Cindy Francis

By Beth David
Editor

The Acushnet Selectboard honored the town's long time Town Moderator, Bob Francis, who served for more than 30 years in that role, by giving his wife Cindy a plaque and miniature gavel during Town Meeting on 5/10/21. Current Town Moderator Roger Cabral also used for the first time a podium created in memory of

Mr. Francis, and built by students from Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School. Mr. Francis died on March 4, 2019, after a long battle with lung cancer. He served as Town Moderator from 1981 to 2018.

Mr. Cabral told the public that Mr. Francis was an inspiration to him and faced many difficult decisions.

"There have been some really tense times in this room over the

years," said Mr. Cabral. "He was always an example of grace under pressure and was exactly what a town moderator should be."

He said the podium would serve the town for 100 years remembering Mr. Francis.

He handed the plaque and gavel to Sherry Medeiros, who handed it to her mother.



LEFT: Sherry Medeiros (right) takes a picture of her mother, Cindy Francis, holding the gavel and plaque presented to her during Acushnet Town Meeting on 5/10/21 to honor her husband Bob Francis, who served as Acushnet Town Moderator for decades. MIDDLE: Cindy Francis holds the gavel and plaque. RIGHT: The podium made by Old Colony students in memory of Acushnet's long-time town moderator Bob Francis, was used for the first time at Acushnet Town Meeting on 5/10/21. Photo by Beth David.

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GRAB and GO Meals

Coastline will be providing Grab and Go meals at the Fairhaven Senior Center every Wednesday, from April 28 through May 26 for seniors 60 years old and older. You must pre-register by calling the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029 by 10:00 a.m. the Tuesday before to be able to receive a meal. The meal will be distributed from 11:00-11:30 in front of the Fairhaven Senior Center. Just drive up to the front door and someone will bring the meal to your car. A \$2.00 donation is suggested by

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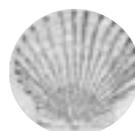
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FHS Drama Club creates despite pandemic

Press Release

Despite enduring statewide restrictions surrounding COVID-19, Fairhaven High School drama club students developed and now prepare to release a virtual performance, Ghost Light Theater.

Senior Charlie Fernandes performs Natasha, Pierre & The Great Comet of 1812's "Dust and Ashes" during Ghost Light Theater.

In March of 2020, COVID-19 canceled Fairhaven's performance of *Little Shop of Horrors* and shuttered the drama company's endeavors indefinitely. Once the Commonwealth's infection rates decreased, Massachusetts began reducing restrictions on performance companies across the state. The Ghost Light Theater was born.

During difficult times, theaters symbolically displayed a ghost light in the dark theater. The ghost light fills the theater with hope, and reminds people good times will prevail. In Fairhaven, 23 students became the ghost light, keeping the Fairhaven Drama club alive during the Pandemic.

Students collaborated virtually on Google Meets developing a plan to create a performance that inspires hope and offers respite from the chaos created by the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Their efforts have created 14 musical and monologue performances including performances from 2020's canceled *Little Shop of Horrors*.

Students have also produced three original radio dramas, and one student-produced movie trailer.

Students teamed up with Fairhaven's music teachers Jeremy Young, Bryan Young, and media arts teacher Drew Furtado to bring these virtual ideas into a tangible space for the general public and school community. The group adjusted to new state guidelines, and used technology to record

socially distant performances.

Ghost Light Theater releases on Fairhaven's Educational Access Channel 9 on Friday, May 28, at 7:00 pm. Find the link at <https://www.fhsart.net>. You may also view the performance on the Drama Club's website at [\(https://connect.xfinity.com/appsuite/\(https://sites.google.com/fairhavenps.net/fhs-drama-club\)\)](https://connect.xfinity.com/appsuite/(https://sites.google.com/fairhavenps.net/fhs-drama-club)) (NOTE: The website will not be live until 5/28)



Fairhaven High School senior Charlie Fernandes performs Natasha, Pierre & The Great Comet of 1812's "Dust and Ashes" during Ghost Light Theater, to be streamed for the public on 5/28/21. Submitted photo.

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Selectboard considers option to lease Rogers School building

Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

The town is taking the next step in the tentative plan to partner with the Southeastern Massachusetts Educational Collaborative (SMEC) in rehabilitating and then leasing the 1950s addition of the Rogers School to SMEC. The Fairhaven Selectboard on 5/10 authorized Interim Town Administrator Wendy Graves to engage an architectural engineer to review some informal quotes estimating the project at around \$675,000.

Rogers School Re-Use Committee Chairperson Susan Loo said she and SMEC Executive Director Catherine Cooper consulted with several contractors who toured the building and gave quotes for the work that would need to be done to make the space habitable for the 40 or so special education students SMEC hopes to service come September.

The town would have to invest about \$425,000 to repair the roof, replace the windows and tiles, remove asbestos, fix the parking lot, install a fence and firewall, and upgrade the fire alarm system. SMEC

would invest \$250,000 for the internal structure, including installing ADA compliant bathrooms, widening doorways for ADA compliance, upgrading the ceiling and flooring, rewiring the electric, and installing lighting.

SMEC's financial investment is a strong indicator that SMEC is interested in a long-term lease arrangement, said Ms. Loo, who emphasized that SMEC would not be leaving the old Tripp School in favor of Rogers, nor would SMEC be interested in the old school wing for its operations.

With a little investment, this part of the building that has been vacant for nine years and only ever slated for demolition will return the initial investment cost to the town and possibly save it some money, Ms. Loo said, given that demolition estimates from five years ago ranged between \$640,000-\$715,000 and would now likely exceed \$1 million.

"It's really a win-win situation for the town," said Ms. Loo, "[and] we have a great program that wants to go in and use it."

This project would not interfere

with the mothballing efforts at the old part of the school. Some of the funding for the 1950s wing project could possibly come from the Rogers School preservation funding approved by Town Meeting, which Town Accountant Anne Carreiro told the board still has a balance of \$192,000.

"This is a lot coming at us real fast," said Selectboard member Bob Espindola, whose concern was mainly on the accuracy of the quotes Ms. Loo and SMEC obtained outside any formal bidding process. But with the Annual Town Meeting only weeks away, the funding mechanism for the project must make it onto the warrant in time if SMEC is to meet its aggressive goal of a September completion.

The board voted to allow an engineer to review what needs to be done at the school and the costs involved, which would start the project's path through the various avenues involved in a capital project of this scope.

"If we have something that looks like this ... and you folks (SMEC) are

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Fairhaven Planning Board NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Tuesday, June 8, 2021, at 6:30 pm
Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday June 8, 2021, remotely from Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA. The Planning Board Meeting will be conducted remotely for the public and will be televised live on Fairhaven TV Channel 18 and fairhaventv.com.

To Join the Meeting from home Log on to:
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or Telephone 1-929-205-6099;

Meeting ID: 931 6335 8101 ; Password: 740257

The purpose of the public hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following Special Permit application: 1) 2021-03: Lewis Landing . The applicant, Dana Lewis, represented by Richard Rheame, P.E. of Prime Engineering, Inc. is requesting approval through the Special Permit review process to develop a vacant 2.5-acre piece of land by constructing four (4) multi-unit residential buildings with three (3) two-bedroom units each for a total of twelve (12) rental units, with twenty-eight (28) parking spaces and associated infrastructure, stormwater control and landscaping. The location is Huttleston Avenue (between 347 and 355), Map 31 Lots 115A and 117C.

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

can be viewed at the Planning Board webpage on Current Projects Under Review: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/planning-board/pages/current-permits-being-reviewed-special-permits-definitive-subdivisions>

John Farrell Jr., Chairman of the Planning Board
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Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Wednesday June 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street
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Public hearing via Zoom

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1. **Administrative Appeal by Fairhaven Shipyard** – re: 7 Union Street. REF#:ZBA-AA-01: Seeking reversal of zoning determination by the Town of Fairhaven Building Commissioner dated February 20, 2020. (Application attached) – **Continued** from April 7, 2020, May 5, 2020, June 2, 2020, and July 7, 2020, and August 11, 2020, and September 2, 2020.) Asking for a continuance to **Previously continued. Continued to June 1, 2021.**
2. **Administrative Appeal by A1 Crane** – re: 86-88 Middle Street. REF#: ZBA-AA-02: 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) (continued per applicant's request to September 2, 2020 Meeting, see attached.) **Previously continued. Continued to June 1, 2021.**

3. **57 Nakata Ave.** Gallagher, Doris. REF #: ZBA-2021-023. 198-18: Special Permit to allow a travel trailer on property from May 1st to October 31, yearly (based on SP allowed in past on grandfathered lot due to Hurricane Bob, see previous ZBA Approval).
4. **27 Silver Shell Beach Dr.** Blouin, Barry & Nancy. REF#: ZBA-2021-024.198-16: Special Permit for an in-law/accessory apartment in a RR District; without kitchen facilities and with 1/2 bath with living and sleeping facilities for caregiver and guest.
5. **21 Gull Island Rd.** Pink, Robert. REF #: ZBA-2021-025. 198-22(a): Variance for a building 260 square feet over the allotted 700 sq feet for a detached 24x40 detached unoccupied utility building for boat storage. (Letters submitted to READ for record)
6. **11 Grape Street.** Downing, Morton. REF#:ZBA-2021-026. 198-16: Special Permit for an in-law/ accessory apartment in a RA District above garage
7. **82 Narragansett Blvd.** Chase, Joshua & Kathi. REF#:ZBA-2021-027. 198-16:Special Permit request for 24 Chickens in a B District.
8. **7 Delano Street.** Leblanc, Karen.REF #: ZBA-2021-028. 198-16: Special Permit request for 5 chickens, not to exceed 6 chickens, in a RA District.
9. **21 Winsor Street.** Belanger, Jay. REF #: ZBA-2021-029. 198-23: Special Permit request for a home occupation business for a landscaping business.
10. **17 Huttleston Avenue.** Charron, Paul. REF #: ZBA-2021-030. 198-16: Special Permit for an in-law/ accessory apartment in a RA District.
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great, and predicted it would be a close race, although it is unlikely he could predict exactly how close.

Mr. Cenerizio did not respond by press time to a request for comment.

The Selectboard race was the only contested race on the ballot.

Other races included: Assessor, Matthew D. Lopes; Board of Health, David M. Davignon; Commissioner of Trust Funds, Tommy Lipsett; Planning Commissioner, David M. Davignon; Cemetery Board, Paul H. Fortin; Park Commissioner, Chad W. Leclair; Housing Authority, Rene Racine; Tree Warden, Norman D. Fredette, to finish term expiring in 2023;

There was no one on the ballot for a School Committee seat and a Library Trustee seat.



Acushnet Selectboard candidate Marc Cenerizio holds a sign at the entrance to the polling stations at Acushnet Elementary School on election day, 5/15/21, when he lost to the incumbent by 13 votes. Photo by Beth David.

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Voting

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Fairhaven

Bikeway Committee
Wed., 5/26, Remote, 7 p.m.

Board of Appeals
Tues., 6/1, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Health
Wed., 5/26, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Board of Public Works
Mon., 5/24, Arsene St., 6:15 p.m.

Cable Advisory Comm
Tues., 5/18, Town Hall/Remote, 6 p.

Conservation Commission
Mon., 5/24, Town Hall/Remote, 6:30

Economic Develop Com
Thurs., 5/20, Town Hall/Remote 6:30

Planning Board
Tues., 5/25, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee
Wed., 5/26, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard
Tues., 6/1, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Sustainability Comm
Tues., 5/18, Town Hall/Remote, 6:30

Acushnet

Planning Commission
Thurs., 5/20, Remote, 8:30 p.m.

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From our readers

Freitas still bullying

Will Fairhaven ever get a legitimate Town Administrator?

With more than 20 percent of registered voters' signatures on the recall petition having been certified, and the Select Board having voted to set the special election to replace Mr. Freitas, you'd think we are on the path to restoring dignity and trust in our town government.

Unfortunately, Mr. Freitas isn't done doing all the damage he can before he's gone. After threatening to bully the Town Clerk into undoing their signature certification, Mr. Freitas has turned to bullying recall volunteers with veiled threats of legal action.

Again, pathetic and shameful.

Next Mr. Freitas continues to undermine the process to find the next Town Administrator by unapologetically refusing to take any action toward finding a new Town Administrator. Doing so keeps his unqualified insider interim Town Administrator in place with no path to finding a qualified professional to lead our town government.

The biggest mystery in town these days seems to be why Mr. Freitas appears to need his handpicked (and screening committee rejected) interim Town Administrator in place. We can

only hope the damage this is all causing can be overcome. And that recall election can't come soon enough.

Phil Washko, Fairhaven

We signed recall petition

Dear Selectboard members, especially Mr. Freitas,

We are two of the roughly 2500 Fairhaven registered voters who signed the petition to recall Mr. Freitas.

We are also among the 50 voters who signed the preliminary document initiating the process.

Mr. Freitas, please feel free to have your attorney contact us directly if he discovers any problem with our signatures.

We furthermore witnessed the diligence of the volunteers who stood outside the post office in rain or shine to follow the requirements of collecting the necessary signatures.

As such, we strongly urge you, Selectman Freitas, to keep your word — and follow the will of Fairhaven voters — and step down:

You have already wasted much time, and our taxes, on the failed Town Administrator search. Why waste more time and money?

Your continued presence on the Selectboard is deeply divisive, and a distraction from the important issues

facing our town.

Resigning now is the only truly constructive action you can take to advance Fairhaven's interests and the will of your constituents.

Jean M. Lawlor and

Charles McKim Mitchell, Fairhaven

Recall still requires vote

As everyone probably knows, the town has set a date for a Special Election on July 26th. This is another important step toward moving forward in our town.

This was a huge undertaking in which we had an amazing group of dedicated volunteers helping all over town. But this recall movement is not over yet. We still need to make sure that we all get out and vote.

We obviously had enough support to Recall Freitas, but that is not enough. We all need to continue to watch meetings, participate, be persistent, email board members, and pay attention.

Over 2500 people in the town have spoken and want some positive change for our town. Let's all make sure that happens in the next two months.

Thank you to everyone for the support and effort in this amazing town wide effort.

Ann Richard, Fairhaven

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going to stick by this, I think this is something that we should move forward on," said Selectboard Chairperson Daniel Freitas.

In other matters, as the town prepares to receive two installments of \$4.7 million in federal and state financial aid, including funding from the American Rescue Plan Act, the board voted to hire a consultant to assist the town in maximizing its use of the funds, including possibly helping to defray wastewater treatment plant and other infrastructure costs.

The board also reviewed some budget transfer requests ahead of the fiscal year's end, beginning with the approval of a transfer of \$28,500 from unemployment to the Assessors' contracted services line item to cover the cost of a software upgrade that was overlooked in the FY21 budget.

According to Ms. Graves, the town put a significantly higher amount of

money in its unemployment budget in FY21 as a precaution during the pandemic. With funding left over, Ms. Graves said the bulk of that budget could fund a number of other budgets that came up short in FY21.

One such budget is the legal expenses budget, for which Ms. Graves requested a transfer of \$36,000 from the unemployment budget. Mr. Espindola, who had been asking Ms. Graves for weeks to provide some semblance of a summary of legal expenses thus far in FY21 to no avail, asked Ms. Graves if the \$36,000 transfer would cover the legal costs exceeding the regular budget. She said it would.

The board approved a transfer of \$47,100 from the wind turbine account to the Town Hall electricity (\$14,000), police electricity (\$13,500), streetlights (\$12,000) and recreation center electricity (\$7,600). There was

also a transfer approved for \$11,860 from unemployment to town insurance (\$4,860) and workers compensation insurance (\$7,000).

The board tabled a budget transfer request from Tree Warden Don Collasius for \$3,000 in tree department salaries to the repair and maintenance budget because the request was to fund a brake repair for an old tree truck that should have been decommissioned once a new tree truck was bought. It did approve a transfer of \$7,500 from the tree department payroll budget to the tree removal account, and \$2,000 from the tree department payroll budget to the tree purchase account.

The Finance Committee must also approve the budget transfer requests.

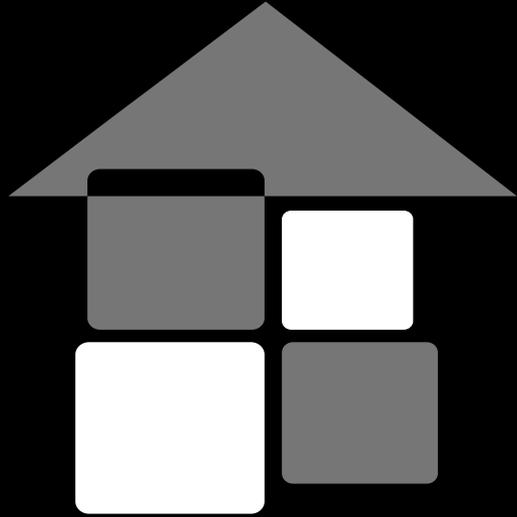
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Our Fairhaven is in a similar position. Whether it be bickering amongst our leadership or decisions made without taking the pulse of the people, we are here suffering the consequences of ineffective leadership. We have been so focused on the behavior and inability to work together that we've lost sight of what matters and that is the will of the people.

We were all taught the golden rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." However somehow that's all been lost. I have been able to look myself in the mirror every day because I strive each day to be a better version of myself than I was the day before. I live each day simply striving to do what's right. Whether that be what's right for my family, what's right for my career or what's right for the people it's a simple mission that is lost on many.

Now is the time to reset the clock. It's time to push aside the same ole rotation politicians, and usher in a new era. Someone who understands how to interact with the people and hold himself accountable to serve their will. Someone who doesn't have favors to friends to please, or agendas to serve. My experience achieving at every level will allow me to serve you.

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