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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

We are getting back to normal in these parts. The holiday events are picking up.

This weekend the volunteers of the North Fairhaven Improvement Association will be decorating the square (page 3) for the big lighting event on 12/3 (page 5).

The door decorating contest is on (page 3), and Santa is scheduled to arrive at events all over the place.

And, it's the big shopping weekend!

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We have a snag in our Town Administrator search. The board is being proactive, though, and taking steps to get the work done. See page 4 for that.

And...we have a hazing incident with some of our high school athletes (see page 11).

The school is not telling us exactly what the incident was, but, the athletes are banned for the whole hockey season. That tells me it was a little more than making someone wear a funny hat.

This is where we came in 17 years ago (okay, a month away from the 17). Our first year we had that horrible hazing incident that got national attention. It's sad to think that things may not have changed much from then. It also saddens me to hear some people saying the kids should just be left to do what they want and not be disciplined. Really, people, you can't be serious. These kids need to cut the crap. In order to do that they need adults around them that will not put up with it.

Well, there's other stuff in here, of course. Please be sure to notice who our advertisers are as you thumb through so you can tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*.

And, during this time of giving, don't forget us. Our advertisers are great, but, there just aren't enough of them. Until next week then...



Beth David, Publisher

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

PJ Keating has disputed some assertions in last week's article.
See page 16 for details.

The latest bylaw change in Acushnet's Industrial Zone, at the 11/14/16 meeting, allowed buildings "for industrial purposes" to be 70 feet from a maximum of 35 feet. It was a different Town Meeting that created the bylaw change that created the industrial zone. We were unable by press time to find documentation of when that change took place.

We apologize for any confusion our errors may have caused.

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Help decorate Benoit Square this weekend

It's that time of year again!!

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association will be decorating our wonderful Benoit Square this coming Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. (at the merger of Adams at Main Street at Howland Road).

We are looking to our friends and neighbors to help us get these items that we need for our holiday displays: Red Rope Lights (2 boxes), white Christmas lights with white wire,

Regular light bulbs, replacement spot light bulbs, clear C7 replacement bulbs, electrical tape, green craft wire, tent sStakes (12), 14" black heavy duty zip ties, 12"-14" clear zip ties, burlap, tree topper, 1/4" or 3/16" rebar (pieces 4' to 5' long) (6-12 pieces would be great), Menorah, dreidels, any other Holiday decorations. Extension Cords are also always helpful.

And if anyone has exterior decora-

tions that they no longer use and want to donate they are always welcome.

All are welcome to come help on Saturday. Dress warm and bring work gloves.

The official lighting of Benoit Square will be on 12/3 (see page 5 for details).

The second annual Santa Cruise through town will be on 12/18, and will be at Benoit Square at 1 p.m.

Historical Society sponsoring Festive Front Doors of Fairhaven

Show your holiday spirit and creativity while contributing to Fairhaven's inherent charm — especially during this time of year! All addresses in Fairhaven are eligible to participate.

Enter your front door or entryway into the first Festive Front Doors of Fairhaven contest, sponsored by the Fairhaven Historical Society. Judging will occur on December 11 and 12 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Only exterior decorations on a front door or entryway for the address side of a property will be judged.

Entry deadline is Friday December 3rd. An optional entry fee of \$10 per household is gladly accepted and will be donated to the Greater New Bedford Food Pantry. Checks for the entry fee should be made out to the Fairhaven Historical Society. All entries must be sent to the Fairhaven Historical Society, P.O. Box 212, Fairhaven, MA 02719 by the deadline. The official entry form can be found here: www.fairhavenhistory.org

Winners will be announced by December 17th. Three prizes will be awarded and yard signs will be bestowed upon the 1st, 2nd and 3rd

place properties.

Judging will be based on creativity, the use of lights and decorations, and overall appearance. A nonpartisan team of judges (who are not participating in the contest) will choose the winners.

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Charles Dickens

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Town Admin search extended, Rees to come back to help

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven's Town Administrator search hit another snag when all but one candidate dropped out, according to a letter from The Collins Group, which is conducting the search. At its meeting on 11/22/21, the Select Board voted to offer former Town Administrator Mark Rees a contract for part time consulting work to work on projects that Wendy Graves, the Acting Town Administrator, who is also the town Finance Director/Treasurer/Collector, simply does not have time to do.

SB chairperson Bob Espindola said he had spoken to Ms. Graves who agreed that she could use the help. The two made a list of things that are likely to fall to the wayside now that the TA search will start over again at the busiest time of the year, with budgets and a special town meeting coming up.

The list includes time-consuming projects, such as how to spend ARPA funds (American Rescue Plan Act); work on the public safety facility;

Union Wharf issues; broadband work, and much more. Some projects require an RFP, or more.

Mr. Espindola said that Mr. Rees was the one person who could come in and hit the ground running."

Otherwise, Ms. Graves would have to spend a lot of time trying to get the person up to speed.

Mr. Espindola said he would like to ask Mr. Rees to facilitate the goals and objectives meetings that the board started having when he was hired. They have not had any for a couple of years.

The position will be strictly contractual, he will not work on any day-to-day functions of the TA, and would mostly work from home.

Ms. Graves and Mr. Espindola met with Mr. Rees on Monday and he was "agreeable," said Mr. Espindola.

Ms. Graves said she spoke with Mr. Rees and "it was very clear that he would be doing specific projects only, not interfering with the day-to-day."

Mr. Rees will have a contract, with part time hours specified. Mr. Espindola said the money is in the

budget because they had planned on a TA salary.

"I think it's an opportunity to give you some relief, especially as we go into the holiday season," said SB member Stasia Powers to Ms. Graves, adding that there is a lot to do and it will be a while before a TA is hired.

"I appreciate that you realize I am a little overwhelmed just knowing it's going to go on a few months," said Ms. Graves, adding that December is the busiest month.

"I'm on board," said SB member Keith Silvia.

The board voted unanimously to offer a contract to Mr. Rees.

Mr. Espindola also expressed a strong desire to hold a goals and objectives meeting. The resulting document will be very helpful to the new TA, he said.

The move was prompted by a letter from Mary Flanders Alcardi of the Collins Group stating that all but one of the candidates had withdrawn.

Ms. Alcardi said she will repost the position with a short deadline

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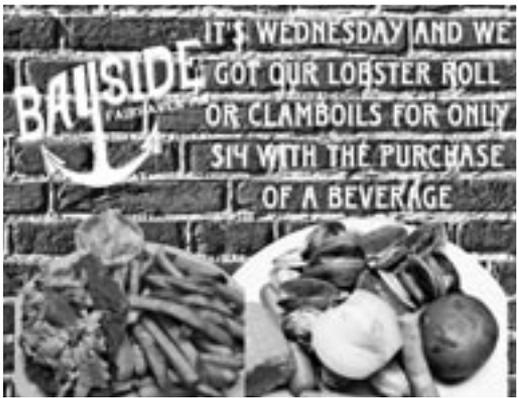
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The Gridiron Club will be hosting this event with Hot Chocolate, Popcorn and a Blue Devil Gear table.

The next day, 11/25, at 10 a.m., the Blue Devils will face their annual Thanksgiving Day Rival, Dartmouth High School, at Dartmouth. All are encouraged to attend.

Christmas Event

The Fairhaven Lions Club invites you to a Merry Little Christmas Event, on Sat., 12/4, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Fairhaven VFW, 109 Middle St. Featuring All things Christmas rummage sale, Santa meet & greet, raffle table, children's craft making station, Christmas music, Gifts to Give with Children's gift packs. Masks required and enforced.

Family Fundraiser

The Red Hatters of West Island are raising funds and gifts to donate to a Fairhaven family in need for Christmas. The family has been chosen by the school system. They have four children.

Call Kathi Konicki for details, 561-866-3435.

Calling all Photographers

The Fairhaven Select Board is calling for photo submissions for the 2021 Annual Town Report. Please send your digital photos to Selectboard@Fairhaven-MA.gov. No more than three submissions per person, please. Deadline is Monday, Jan. 3, 2022. You can find old annual reports on the town's website, under Select board.

SAVE THE DATES: Lighting Benoit Sq

Join the North Fairhaven Improvement Association for the annual Lighting of Benoit Square, on Fri., 12/3, at 6:30 p.m. (intersection of

Main Street and Howland Road), Fairhaven. The lights will be turned on for the season; caroling with Miss New Bedford, and you can even see Santa!

Santa Cruise

Come Out to Welcome Santa and Mrs. Claus as they drive through town in an Old Fire Truck. Sponsored by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association. Find a spot and get ready. Santa Claus is coming to Town!

Sat., 12/18, (12/19), starting at Benoit Square at 1 p.m.

Stay tuned: We'll be publishing the whole route soon. Visit the NFIA on Facebook for the route.

Oxford Res. Apps

Applications are now available to enter the lottery for affordable senior housing units at the Oxford School Residences, scheduled to open in the spring of 2022. Apartments at the old Oxford School, 347 Main St., Fairhaven, include on-site parking, on-site management, 24-hour emergency maintenance. Monthly rents are \$889 for one bedroom, \$1057, 2 BR. Rents are based on income.

Info Session

Join a virtual informational session on 12/9/21 at 9 a.m. Email oxfordschool@hallkeen.com to request an invitation.

Applicants will be chosen by lottery on 2/10/22. All applicants must meet the community's Resident Selection Plan criteria.

For more information or to receive an application, call 781-915-3-71; TDD call 7-1-1; email, oxfordschool@hallkeen.com

Applications are available at: Millicent Library, 45 Center St.; Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Sr.; Fairhaven Housing Authority, 275 Main St.; Fairhaven Senior Ctr., 229 Huttleston Ave.; online, www.hallkeen.com/oxfordschool

Applications will be taken until Jan. 31, 2022.

Mail completed applications to Oxford School, c/o HallKeen Management, 1400 Providence Highway, Ste. 1000, Norwood, MA 02062.

Light Show

Join us on Sat., 12/18, at 6 p.m. for an outside light show presentation at

Victory Baptist Church, 7 Park Ave. Fairhaven,

Christmas Song Ser

Victory Baptist Church, 7 Park Ave. Fairhaven, is hosting a Christmas song service, Sun., 12/19, at 6 p.m. Just singing hymns and songs, no preaching. Refreshments will be served.

Wreaths Across Fairhaven

The Fairhaven Veterans Service Office is now taking donations for our wreath laying in our Fairhaven cemeteries in December. Donations may be sent to The Fairhaven Veterans Office Wreath Gift Account, 40 Center St., Fairhaven, MA 02719, by November 29.

The public is invited to help with the laying of the wreaths on Sat., 12/4, at 10 a.m. at Riverside Cemetery, 274 Main Street, Fairhaven.

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NMI BLog post

The Northeast Maritime Institute invites you to read their latest blog at <https://www.northeastmaritime.com/blog/the-tabor-academy-oyster-farm/>

Pirate's Gold: HHR descendant spills the family secrets

By Beth David
Editor

Imagine looking at some old newspaper articles on microfiche, yes, that old, and you see a familiar name implicated in a murder, a family name, a murder eventually ruled a suicide, exonerating your relative in 1935.

Naturally, that would make you dig deeper, leading you to find that your rich family, the heirs of Fairhaven's

beloved benefactor Henry Huttleston Rogers, were in the headlines for all manner of scandals in the 1920s and 1930s.

That's what happened to Andrew Coe, a Rogers descendant who seems to have had great fun gathering up the family scandals into a book that lays out and reads like a silent film with subtitles.

HHR could go from "charming to

ruthless," said Mr. Coe at a reading to a packed house in the Fairhaven Town Hall auditorium, a Rogers building of course, on 11/15/21, that was sponsored by the Friends of the Millicent Library.

In his talk, Mr. Coe follows the career of HHR, including his friendship with Mark Twain and HHR's altruism to his home town of

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LEFT: Author and direct descendant of Henry Huttleston Rogers, Andrew Coe, talks about his book, "Pirate's Gold," highlighting the various family scandals of the HHR heirs, at a presentation at Fairhaven town hall on 11/15/21, sponsored by the Friends of the Millicent Library. RIGHT: Mr. Coe signs a book for Barbara Acksen after the presentation. *Photos by Beth David.*

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World AIDS Day

First ever South Coast World AIDS Day Conference. on Dec. 1, 3-7 p.m. at UMass Dartmouth, Woodlawn Commons. The event's theme is "Forward Thinking," and it will feature exhibits and presentations from some of the area's leading authorities on HIV/AIDS education, prevention, and treatment. It will also offer continuing education unit (CEUs) to assist professionals with maintaining their license in their profession.

Email andy@scigbtqnetwork.org or call (774) 775-2656 for more information.

Sea Scout Open House

Sea Scout Ship 1930 welcomes you to our open house on Sat., 12/4, from 1-4 p.m., Ft. Rodman Marine Educational Assn./Low Tide Yacht Club, 1000B So. Rodney French Blvd., New Bedford (Fort Taber Park). Make new friends, have fun, chase adventure, challenge yourself, achieve new goals, save lives, make a difference, inspire others, win awards, impress your friends. Sea Scouts serve young men and women ages 14-21.

Nutcracker

A New England Nutcracker, a regional twist on a holiday classic.

New Bedford Ballet will perform its annual production of A New England Nutcracker December 4 through 12 at the NBB Community Theatre, located at 2459 Purchase Street in New Bedford. Journey back to the 1850s, as this favorite holiday story is reimagined through New Bedford's historic whaling era and prepare for the "City That Lit the World" to light up your holiday season.

Set to Tchaikovsky's beloved score, the performance follows young Mary through a night of adventure. You'll begin at the lavish home of Captain Ephraim Williams where many guests, including Herman Melville, arrive at a holiday party, and the family celebrates the homecoming of the Captain after years at sea. He shares tales of his travels and comes bearing gifts, including exotic, dancing animals, and of course, a beautiful nutcracker for young Mary.

After Mary drifts to sleep, the real

adventures begin as the audience watches battling mice and soldiers, ending with the triumphant defeat of the Mouse Queen.

The magical journey continues as Mary sails through dancing snowflakes to the Land of Sweets. The performance is filled with colorful and playful characters from around the globe, including those unique to the New England region. The audience is entertained by Chinese, Spanish, French, and Russian dancers as well as whaling sailors and Native Americans. The performance brings a much-loved international holiday tale into our hometown.

This original adaptation of the traditional Nutcracker ballet, created by Rebecca Waskiel-Marchesseault, Artistic director of the New Bedford Ballet, features choreography by Ms. Waskiel-Marchesseault, Erin Petitjean Allen, and Eugenia Zinovieva. The performance takes place in New Bedford Ballet's studio, offering an intimate environment charged with the dancers' energy. This simple version with narration is engaging for children, and the hour-long performance is perfect for anyone juggling the many events that fill the holiday season.

Ten performances will take place over two weekends.

Sat. and Sun., 12/4, 5, 11, and 12 at 1:30 and 3 p.m.; Friday, 12/10, at 6:30 and 8 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$12 for adults and \$7 for seniors, students, and children. All proceeds from the ballet support the New Bedford Ballet Foundation, a non-profit organization. For over twenty years, the Foundation has granted scholarships and given thousands of area school children and seniors the opportunity to witness the splendor and beauty of ballet. As a result of private and corporate contributions to the Foundation, the Youth Ballet will also be performing A New England Nutcracker for students from PACE Head Start and Early Learning Center.

Celebrate the season with this classic holiday story that never gets old. Tickets are limited and sell quickly; reserve yours soon by contacting the New Bedford Ballet at 508-993-1387. Visit our website, www.newbedfordballet.org.

Grief Group

Grace Church to offer Grief Support During Holidays. "Living with Loss Through the Holidays," a free weekly grief support group offered by Grace Episcopal Church in New Bedford, will begin on Saturday, November 20th at 3:30 pm. It will meet at the church, each Saturday through January 1st, excluding Christmas Day. Each meeting will be about one hour.

The gathering is for anyone who has lost a loved one. Not surprisingly, the first holidays after such a loss can be especially difficult times as families and friends gather, but with an empty chair at the table. This group is an opportunity to share our sorrow, consider ways to mark and even celebrate the two important holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas, and support each other.

Peter Converse, MDiv, who for the past 11 years has served as a hospice chaplain and bereavement counselor, will facilitate the group. He is a lay minister at Grace Church and has a private counseling practice that includes grief counseling and support for families.

Seating is limited to no more than 10 persons, and reservations are required. Please call the facilitator at 508-748-0286 to reserve your place, or email him at peterconverse.compass@gmail.com. Masks will be required to be worn while in the church building, and they will be provided if you need one. The church is located at 133 School Street in downtown New Bedford.

In-Home Vax Avail.

The city of New Bedford and state are offering in-home COVID-19 vaccinations, particularly for elderly residents or those not able to travel to a clinic. To schedule an in-home vaccination (Moderna or J&J) with the New Bedford Health Department, call the department's main line, 508-991-6199, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday to Friday.

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HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Bike Run/Toy Drive

The Acushnet Lions Club along with the Rivers' End Cafe, proudly sponsor their annual **Toy & Food Drive/Motorcycle Run on Sun., 11/28. \$10 or unwrapped toy donation** (no stuffed animals please), **or non-perishable food donation** gets you in. Now accepting food and toys at the Rivers End Cafe, 7 Tarkiln Hill Road, Acushnet.

Starts at 10 a.m. at the River's End Cafe. Kickstands up at noon for ride to the Shepherd's Pantry in Acushnet. Then back to the Rivers End.

Wreath Pop-Up

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club Members are hard at work creating one-of-a-kind designs for their second annual Holiday Wreath and Greens Sale, a pop-up event on Sat., 12/4 (rain date 12/5), from 10 AM - 2 PM in the parking lot between Ying Dynasty and Jack's Kitchen, 22 County Road, Route 6, Mattapoissett.

The sale will feature a variety of decorated fresh wreaths, swags, and holiday centerpieces, plus bunched greens. The MWC limited edition notecards and postcards featuring Mattapoissett scenes will be available for purchase at the sale and online.

Last year all items sold very quickly. Shoppers are encouraged to be there for the opening bell. When everything is gone, the sale is over.

Proceeds support the Mattapoissett Woman's Club Scholarship Fund and other philanthropic projects in the community.

Advent Services

The Mattapoissett Congregational Church would like to invite the community to several special events to kick off the Advent season beginning with a beautiful **Hanging of the Greens** service on 11/28 at 10 am where members present symbols of Advent such as a wreath and poinsettia onto the altar.

The Holiday Fair will be held on 12/4 from 9 am-1 pm in Reynard Hall with baked goods, handmade craft items including knitted hats, sweaters and shawls as well as handcrafted jewelry and other Christmas décor.

The White Gifts Pageant which celebrates the birth of Jesus will be held on Sat., 12/11 at 4 pm in Reynard Hall with a donation of gift cards

collected for needy families in our area. If you are interested in participating by donating a gift card, please contact the church office at mattcongchurch@gmail.com or calling 508-758-2671 for more details.

A beautiful **Christmas Cantata** by the Mattapoissett Congregational Church choir and performers from Seaglass Theater will be held on 12/12 at 10 am in the sanctuary.

Every Sunday in Advent will be celebrated with lighting of the Advent candle with a culmination of all the candles being lit on Christmas Eve.

The **Christmas Eve Family Service** will be held at 5:00 pm and a Candle-light Service with a performance by the Harper and the Minstrel will be held at 10 pm.

Everyone is invited to celebrate the Advent season at Mattapoissett Congregational Church. Visit mattapoissettcongregationalchurch.org for more information!

Story Walk

Take a walk, read a book, have an adventure at the Handy House Heritage Trail, 183 Hixbridge Rd, Westport, MA 02790; open dawn to dusk. The Westport Historical Society offers families and individuals of all ages an opportunity to savor the beauty of the outdoors and to read a beloved children's book *Ox Cart Man*, written by Donald Hall and illustrated by Barbara Cooney.

In our current era of global supply chain woes, this book reminds us of the value of small, cyclical daily tasks, and the lost art of creating our own goods and forging our own links in a local supply chain.

Ox-Cart Man depicts a lyrical journey through the days and weeks, the months, and the changing seasons in the life of one New Englander and his family.

He travels over hills, through valleys, by streams, past farms and villages. At Portsmouth Market he sells his goods, one by one — even his beloved ox. Then, with his pockets full of coins, he wanders through the market, buying provisions for his family, and returns to his home. And the cycle begins again.

StoryWalk® is an innovative and delightful way for children — and adults! — to enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time. Laminated

pages from a children's book are attached to signs, which are installed along an outdoor path. As visitors stroll down the trail, they are directed to the next page in the story.

Dementia Talk

Dementia Conversations. Initiating the important "talk" with a loved one about concerns. When a loved one is exhibiting changes in memory or action, when and how does one initiate a conversation about concerns?

The holiday season may bring some concerns to light as people interact. Being respectful of the individual's feelings is important.

Join Carolyn Lazaris of the Alzheimers Association as she shares some helpful information.

Offered in person and via Zoom: Tues., 11/30, 1 p.m., Matapoissett COA/Senior Ctr., 17 Barstown St. Register by 11/23 by calling 508-758-4110 or email coadirector@mattapoissett.net Zoom Meeting ID 890 6321 3103

Foster Parenting

Foster Parenting and adopting from foster care information session, virtual, Tues., 11/30, 5:30 p.m. Email sonja.deceusdubuisson@mass.gov for the Webex link.

Come learn about foster care, hear from a foster parent and a special guest about their experience.

The Mass. Department of Children and Families serves children of all ages, from infants to adolescents, from every community, who need a home. You can be single, married, partnered, divorced or widowed. You can rent or own a home. Time spent with you in a stable and secure environment gives a child a chance to heal. The rewards of providing daily care, guidance and acceptance to a child are immeasurable. Mass. DCF: 800-KIDS-508; mass.gov/dcf. Every parent makes a difference.

Pancake Breakfast

Pack 51 is hosing a pancake breakfast with Santa at the Acushnet Council on Aging/Senior Center, 59 1/2 So. Main St., Acushnet, on Sun., 12/5, from 9 a.m.-noon. Tickets are \$10/adults, \$5/children 5-12; children under 5 are free. There will be a 50-50 raffle, silent auction, and arts & crafts for the kids, and an appearance by Santa.

Recipe of the Week

Garlic Brown Sugar Chicken Thighs

- 8 bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs salt and ground black pepper, to taste
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter, divided
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/4 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/4 teaspoon dried basil

Preheat oven to 400°

Season chicken thighs with salt and pepper.

Melt 2 tablespoons butter in a large ovenproof skillet over medium-high heat. Add chicken, skin-side down, and sear until brown, 2 to 3 minutes per side. Remove chicken to a plate.

Melt the remaining butter in the skillet. Add garlic; cook and stir until fragrant. Remove from heat and stir in brown sugar, honey, oregano, thyme, and basil until well combined. Return chicken to the skillet.

Bake in the preheated oven until chicken is no longer pink at the bone and the juices are clear (25 to 30 minutes). An instant-read thermometer inserted near the bone should read 165 degrees F.

From CommandCooking.com

Dear Frankie



Thanks-giving

Dear Frankie,
Is it the Meal or the Tradition That Counts?

This fall a family of turkeys walked through-out the neighborhood every afternoon.

I loved seeing them strut and their beautiful shiny feathers. After a while, I was able to tell them apart and gave them each a name.

Not all the neighbors felt as kindly towards them as I did. Some of them would yell and throw rocks at the turkeys if they stepped on their property.

I told my friends at the park about my horrible neighbors and Vicki said it wouldn't be an issue much longer as Thanksgiving was just around the corner. I didn't understand what she meant so Lily explained that a turkey dinner was the traditional meal for Thanksgiving.

Ever since then, I feel so sad when I see the turkeys. Do you think they know what is going to happen to them? I don't think if I were a human I would eat a turkey.

Linette

Dear Linette,

You need not worry about not seeing your fine feathered friends in the future. Wild turkeys are not the chosen fowl for the Thanksgiving meal.

The turkeys eaten on Thanksgiving are raised on farms specifically for the holiday. If it is any comfort to you some humans don't eat meat, fish, or fowl. They eat grains and vegetables and are called vegetarians. Some of them choose to be a vegetarian because they are opposed to harming animals for food.

They also celebrate Thanksgiving for the same reason the meat-eaters do, which is to take a day to be thankful for being an American and for the many blessings they received throughout the year.

Wishing you and yours a Happy Thanksgiving, however, your family chooses to celebrate the holiday.

Best, Frankie

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Members of ORR-FHS hockey team disciplined for hazing

By Beth David
Editor

Some members of the Old Rochester Regional High School/ Fairhaven High School hockey team have been banned from playing for the 2021-2022 season.

ORR Superintendent Michael Nelson and Fairhaven Public Schools Superintendent Tara Kohler issued a joint press release on 11/15/21 announcing that an investigation had been completed surrounding accusations of hazing involving the districts' joint varsity hockey program.

"The investigation found that hazing did occur and that multiple members of the joint hockey team violated school policies," reads the press release.

On October 19, a staff member of ORRHS notified administrators of a video circulating among students showing a member of the hockey team "apparently being subjected to an act of hazing by teammates."

The press release did not give any details on the nature of the hazing.

"All of these events are serious, in my opinion, if they have to do with any type of initiation," said Ms. Kohler in a phone interview. She would not go into

detail about the incident, but did acknowledge that the nature of the accusation warranted the punishment. "Any hazing is atrocious, I don't care what it is. There's just no place for it. We've got to be respectful of one another."

She said both districts agreed to the punishment.

"Participation in sports is a privilege, not a right," she said.

Ms. Kohler was hired as FHS principal after a hazing incident involving FHS football players gained national attention in 2006, and the principal disappeared from view, eventually retiring. The district was widely seen as not handling the incident well. Criminal charges were brought in that case, which also happened out of Fairhaven.

"I don't try to look back," said Ms. Kohler. "I try to look forward and see how to change things."

Ms. Kohler said she could not comment on whether or not criminal charges would be filed, but as of our interview, none had been. She said authority for the team is with ORR, and the jurisdiction for criminal charges would be in Bourne, where the incident

took place.

The statement says that the Mattapoisett School Resource Officer was notified, and both athletic directors were in "constant communication with one another."

"The investigation identified multiple students involved in the hazing as well as multiple student witnesses to the hazing," said the press release.

The investigation, which was conducted by ORR administrators in consultation with Fairhaven Public Schools administrators, found that a student-athlete on the hockey team was the victim of hazing carried out by multiple teammates on October 17 in the locker room of Gallo Ice Arena in Bourne. The team was participating in an independent event that had been organized by a parent, and no athletic staff or coaches from either school were involved or present. Students from both ORRHS and Fairhaven High School were present at the time of the incident.

Ms. Kohler said that they are still "researching and investigating" how the

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*A decidedly biased piece by
Beth David
Editor*

It's time for one our favorite annual stories: Shopping with the *Neighb News*! Here, you will learn how you can find gifts for everyone on your list, a few things for yourself, and spend some fun time exploring all that *Neighb News* advertisers have to offer .

After the Thanksgiving Day feast is over and you're looking for a way to work off some of it, it's time to buy gifts for your precious loved ones, whether you want to or not!

No need to get all stressed out, the *Neighb News* is here to take some of the anxiety out of your Christmas and holiday shopping journey. You need only to look within these pages to find all you need for even the hardest-to-buy-for relative.

First, you'll want to call **Cyclone Cleaning** to get the house spruced up. Bet it needs it more than ever since you didn't do any special cleaning for more than a year because, well, who was having big parties, right? Well, now we're ready to bounce back BIG. The drop-off center is open, so you can swing by with your area carpets. While you're there, grab a gift certificate for your parents' place.

Don't forget the outside. Decorate with flags and banners with all kinds of fun stuff on them. Take a peek at the selection of old favorites and original designs from **Brewer Banner Designs**. It's the simplest way to dress up the outside to match the inside, and show your holiday spirit to the world.

This Friday is the big shopping day, of course. So, you'll want to start as early as possible. At just about the crack of dawn, you'll want to start with a hearty breakfast and we've got a great spot for you.

Mac's Soda Bar is our go-to place for breakfast anytime. And lunch, too (but let's not get ahead of ourselves).

They also cater, and you can get great holiday meals, so you have the special dinner without all the hassle.

And they have gift certificates, too. So, while you're planning your own party, check a couple of people off your list.

Right about the time you're done with breakfast, the banks will be opening. We've got just the

hometown spot for you. Visit **Alltrust Credit Union**. They offer car loans and CDs. Now *that's* a great gift!

Speaking of cars....

A&A Auto has a great selection of used cars to fit any budget. I'll bet Alex will even put one of those big red bows on it, too, if you ask. Of course, they do repairs, too, and have gift certificates. An oil change or A/C recharge is a great gift for the person who has everything.

Looking for that home-town New-Englandy village experience? Well, Fairhaven's got it all here, as New England as it gets in the center of town. Park the car and walk around.

Nothing says Christmas better than a stroll among quaint shops for village-style shopping. Your best bet is **Euro Phoenix** where you'll find gifts for every pocketbook, from dollar doodads to imported Nor-

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wegian sweaters. Take the kids with you. Their allowances will go far at this Fairhaven gem.

While you're still in the vicinity, take a stroll by our magnificent town hall, Millicent Library, and Unitarian Church. These spectacular buildings were gifts from town benefactor Henry Huttleston Rogers. Hmm...what about a picture in front of one of them for your annual Christmas card?

Why didn't I think of that before?

In any case, be sure to have your camera with you to get some great shots of our architectural wonders.

Now you've worked up an appetite with all that walking and oohing and aahing over our town center, so mosey on over to **Wah May's Restaurant** while you're in the neighborhood. Have some tea to warm you up, and grab a couple of gift certificates to hand out on the big

day.

Or head on over to **Subway/Mama DeLuca's** for a fresh sandwich or a pizza. Did I mention gift certificates yet? Perfect spot for the young'uns and those on the go to grab a bite that's healthy and fresh.

Got a sweet tooth? Have some people impossible to buy for? Well, no one can resist the home made sweets at **Dorothy Cox's Chocolate and Ice Cream**. Ice cream all year long. So, yup, it's the ultimate comfort food stop. And they have gift certificates! I mean, who doesn't just LOVE a dozen yummy truffles, or a box of mixed chocolates that you get to choose yourself? (Did I mention the fudge?) Oh, and grab a bottle of wine, too, for later on.

Now it's time to take care of that young couple who just bought their first house — a real fixer-upper, and they need all the help they can get.

Maybe the old place just needs some TLC? Well, check out our **classifieds**. They are loaded with people who can help out with those little jobs, and cool stuff for sale — cheap.

For electrical work, you'll want Eric from **Eric Sylvia**. He can do it all, big or small.

And now that they've got all upgraded electrical, they can plug in all their gadgets. New house, new electric, they definitely need new gadgets too, or at least an upgrade. But it's such a hassle to update and reconnect and make sure the security software is up to date and all the other stuff that makes you just want to scream. Call Glenn at **Fairhaven Computer Repair**. He can fix what you've got, or fix you up with new stuff.

Maybe the old place should have an alarm, huh? Yeah, I thought so, now that you've got all those new, shiny gadgets. Call **Wayne Electric**. They do alarms, and that's a cool gift!

You'll want **Robert Furtado** to do those other projects, from cabinet making to the new bathroom.

Do the kids have their hearts set on a new kitchen? No one does kitchens like **Koopman Lumber**. And they have cabinets, flooring and other products and services, like windows, to keep that big old wooden wonder cozy and warm.

We have other choices for the

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exterior work and for that combo interior/exterior work that the old house is bound to need.

Check out **Marc Gadbois**, whether it's time to replace the siding, windows, roofing, or fix what's there. He does everything, no matter how big the job seems to be.

Just be sure to check out **Shawn Fitzgerald**, too. He can get that roof on in a jiffy, and he can repair instead of replace a whole bunch of stuff.

I'm willing to bet that big old monster has a big old monster of a heating system, too. If so, they'll be using up a little more fuel than they like for a year or two until they can replace that antique. Send **Luzo Fuel** over to fill up the oil tank. Now *that's* a gift!

Now that all the repairing and fixing up and patching and replacing are done, you'll want to make sure that space does just what you want it to do. You'll need **Chaisson Interior Design** to make sure that place is decorated just the way they want so it's all comfy and cozy, or classy and glamorous...whatever suits their fancy.

And where will you buy all that furniture and other decor? **Regal House** of course. They have absolutely everything, including people around to help you decide.

While we're talking about outside work, I'm thinking some of that stuff might require some heavy equipment. Or, maybe the kids got a good deal because the old septic system needs an upgrade, or the driveway looks like a bomb hit it? Well, if that's the case, they need **Arne Excavating**.

That old yard will definitely need some cleaning up, even if you don't excavate it. Check out **Treeworx** to see what they can do about clearing out the neglected spaces and trimming back those bushes that are wildly out of control.

Of course, an old house like that probably has a fireplace or a wood stove, too, and that can take some pressure off that old boiler. Call **Fitzgerald Tree Service**. He's got seasoned wood to make Christmas morning nice and toasty, and he can cut it from your yard, too.

Both of them can take care of that old tree leaning into the chimney, too.

Speaking of chimneys. Call **Lenny Fleurent & Sons** if that baby needs repairing. Better yet, send Lenny to

the basement to waterproof it. He can even fix up that old stone wall.

That should do it for stuff. What about protecting it all now? Call **Vieira Insurance Agency** for that. They specialize in insuring houses in seashore towns. Does it get any better than that?

Still don't have something for the person who has everything?

Maybe you're looking for an experience. Look no farther than the **Fairhaven Office of Tourism**. You'll get info on all kinds of stuff, although much of it might be virtual this year.

I'll bet you know someone who plays the guitar, or the mandolin, or some other cool strings instrument, right? If not, I'll bet you know someone who wants to learn. Well, there's no better place to go than **Fairhaven Frets**, for a brand new stringed instrument for the expert, or a used

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starter set of strings for the beginner. You can even get lessons.

Now, I know that no one wants to think of the bad stuff during the holidays, but then you watch some sappy old Christmas movie with the obligatory hospital scene. And then you realize no one has updated the will in forever. Time to call **Surprenant & Beneski**, which specializes in elder law

It'll be a load off your mind and you'll be happy you did it.

While we're on the subject, you know you're thinking of all those who have gone before us, and the last time you visited, you noticed the grave-stones getting pretty yucky looking. Give John at **J&L Cemetery Plot Maintenance** a call. He'll clean up the stone and plant something really nice for the holidays there, too.

Still have a few people on the list? Perhaps a boater? Maybe you're thinking of Uncle Johnny and that old

boat of his and how he always has such a devil of a time getting it running in the spring. Call **Moby Dick Marina** and give Uncle Johnny indoor winter storage, or a spot on the dock. You know he'll love that!

Now it's party time

No place better to relax with a drink and good meal than the **Seaport Inn Grill**. Although the outdoor tent is packed away for the winter, you'll still get the same ambience, and...well, get a gift certificate to give to yourself, so you can use it in the summer when the tent is up.

Let's see, boats, electronic gadgets, food, what did we forget? Oh, right, houses and apartments. You know what happens: People come "home" for the holidays and they think, shoot...why did I ever leave? Call **Howe Allen Real Estate** and they'll find the perfect house or apartment for your prodigal relatives. **Jane Paul** can also help you and yours find a spot to call home.

Maybe you've decided to buy that house next to the kids? (My Big Fat Greek Wedding anyone?) Well, both of them can help you make the purchase and make sure it goes smoothly.'

Maybe your wayward relatives want to move back but are getting up there in age and don't want the hassle of home ownership. Take 'em on over to **Fairhaven Village**. It's right on the bus route to shopping or heading out of town.

And don't forget, the **Neighb News** sells pictures of events we've covered, to decorate those new walls.

Okay, now you're done. Time to sit with a drink and some friendly faces.

The **Bayside Lounge** is the place to see someone you know, like the old song...where they know your name. You can eat, drink, maybe dance or sing, even, all while you brag about how you got almost all your shopping done at all local places. They have gift certificates, too. So don't just feed yourself, check someone off your list.

Now, there are bound to be some homebodies on your list, and those who like to entertain at home.

They'll need stuff, right? And around the holidays, "stuff" means a variety of liquor. Look no farther than our brand new place, **Stevie's!** They have everything to satisfy your basic beer drinker to fancy scotches and blended bourbons. Oh, and then

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Come ready to have fun! Sneakers and active clothes must be worn each day. Kids will be grouped according to their current grade in school. Grades: K-5 Time: Drop off 8Am, pick up by 3PM. Instructors: Staff

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Computer Lessons

Kraig Perry from the Fairhaven Technology Department is holding computer lessons for Fairhaven and Acushnet Seniors, 60 years old and older.

The classes are given by skill level and include computer safety, internet browsers, the cloud, email/gmail, Google, word processing and smart-phones. Sign up for the classes must be done in person at the senior center to be sure you are signing up for the appropriate skill level being offered. An entire list of classes, dates and skill levels can be found in the Fairhaven COA newsletter or pick up a copy at the senior center.

Holiday Music Show

Join us for some holiday spirit as Judy and Barry DeRossi perform all our favorite Christmas songs. December 9, 2021 1-2:00 p.m. at the Fairhaven Council on Aging.

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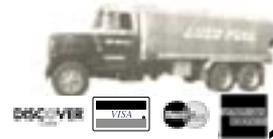
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PJ Keating corrects bylaw change reporting

By Beth David
Editor

PJ Keating is disputing that a recent bylaw change created the industrial district and codified operations at the South Main Street site.

The company wrote in an email:

“There has been an asphalt plant operating on the property continuously since the 1950’s, including in the current location. The change to the zoning bylaw that took place in approximately 2017 did not change the industrial zoning status of the property, which permits operation of the asphalt plant. That zoning change only impacted the maximum structure height (which was increased to help The Acushnet Company add silos for their golf ball operations), meaning that PJK would not need a height variance for the plant. The top of tanks that are barely visible from outside the P.J. Keating property, out over the top of the far left of the building, are for liquid asphalt

storage and are currently not being used.”

At a special town meeting on 11/14/16, the only change to 3.3.5 Industrial District I-1, did indeed allow the height of structures to change.

The bylaw added a section, as follows:

“(f) Buildings for industrial purposes related to sand and gravel processing may increase from thirty-five (35) feet at a rate of one (1) foot of height for every one (1) foot of distance from the required setback to a maximum of 70 feet”

The *Neighb News* spoke with several town officials that recall a bylaw change that created the industrial district.

Before the change, the property was “pre-existing, non conforming,” said Acushnet Building Commissioner Jim Marot.

Online Town Meeting warrants go back to 2015, and the *Neighb News* could not find the change that

created the Industrial District.

The section of the bylaw that allows the use is “3.35 I-1 Industrial District (I-1), and specifically allows mining and quarry operations, rock crushing, hot mix asphalt operations, and ready mix concrete operations.

Mr. Marot said that before the industrial district was created, the company had to go before various boards for permission to make a variety of changes in operations and to the property.

The way the law reads now, the use is a “by-right use,” a term used during the latest discussions by town officials and town counsel.

The assertion that the top of the banks are “barely visible,” is true of the photo that was used in our 11/11/21 issue. However, another photo taken that day from just a few hundred yards north from the sidewalk across the street, clearly shows the silos and the tanks visible from the street.



LEFT: This is the photo that ran on the cover of our 11/11/21 issue, when we referred to the “silos,” which store asphalt, as “tanks,” which store liquid asphalt (but are not operational yet). The silos are the eight structures in to the right of the photo; to the left, one tank can be seen over the top of the building. RIGHT: This photo was taken farther north on South Main Street, from the sidewalk across the street near the L&S entrance, which abuts the PJ Keating property. Here, the three asphalt tanks are on the left, with the eight silos to the right of them, all clearly visible from the road. Photos by Beth David taken on 11/9/21.

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BPW discusses town fiber project; raises recycling fees

By Mary Chasse

Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Monday 11/15 the Fairhaven Board of Public Works met with Selectboard Chairperson Robert Espindola about a project that could possibly allow the town to have access to town owned internet. The board also discussed changes to the recycling permit fees for next year.

Mr. Espindola said currently town internet is used for the schools and municipal buildings, but the current internet loop has the capacity to serve the entire town including residents' homes.

To get system to run through the entire town they would first need to complete a study to get the full cost of the project, find out the interest in town, and start a pilot program with a small group of residents to try it out.

Mr. Espindola said they would also need to find space in town for six internet access buildings spread out throughout town. He said for the pilot program they would just need three buildings to start.

They would need about 50%-60% of the town residents to be interested in having town internet to make the cost of the project worth it.

Mr. Espindola said to create the access buildings it will cost around \$750,000, but they will be putting in a grant request for \$500,000 in December. He said each building can supply around 1500 homes or businesses with internet.

Mr. Espindola said that he needs to figure out the first three locations for the pilot, but town property is limited.

Some BPW properties might be available with enough space such as the BPW building itself, Cushman Park, and the waste water treatment plant. Mr. Espindola said he is asking for the BPW's support if some BPW properties or parks are identified as good for the project.

BPW Vice-Chairperson Robert "Hoppy" Hobson asked what the advantage of town owned internet access would be and if it would allow residents to be able to get rid of Comcast.

Mr. Espindola explained that residents would be able to get rid of Comcast for an internet service. A lot of residents do not have home phones anymore and have chosen to get rid of cable and have a streaming service for their TV instead of cable, but residents can choose to keep cable and phone through Comcast and still have town internet. Residents will be able to choose whether they want town internet, and only residents who want it will pay for it.

Mr. Hobson said that Comcast is very expensive and has ridiculous fees. He asked if town internet would save residents money.

Mr. Espindola said that the town internet should save most residents around \$30 a month and will allow residents to have faster and more reliable internet service.

BPW Chairperson Brian Wotton said that if they get a map of the internet loop through the town and match it up with town buildings they can see which town buildings fall along the route and

can find places along that route.

Mr. Wotton said that maybe some pump stations along the loop route could be used.

Board member Cameron Durant said he supported the project. Board member Marcus Ferro agreed and said that the project is very cool and exciting. He said internet is a utility now, as much as water and sewer are utilities, and he is excited to see it move forward.

Mr. Wotton said he supported the project as well and would love to help map it out to see which areas work best for access buildings.

In another matter the board discussed fees for the recycling center for 2022. BPW Superintendent Vinnie Furtado said that currently the recycling permit fee is \$25 for residents and \$10 for seniors. He suggested possibly making it all one fee at \$20.

Mr. Hobson suggested raising the fee \$5 more for all and \$100 more for landscapers.

Mr. Wotton noted that they increased the landscapers permit last year by \$100.

Mr. Durant agreed that they should increase residents and seniors by \$5 because senior citizens will still be happy getting a discount.

The board voted unanimously to increase the recycling permit fee for residents to \$30, increase seniors to \$15, and increase landscapers and personal trailers by \$50.

The board also voted to keep fees for driveway contractors and drainlayers at the same rate.

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practice came to be. She said a parent "allegedly" rented the ice, but only invited the team to skate.

"So, we're still in the middle of it," she said.

The statement said the two districts are reviewing policies regarding team activities that occur "outside the purview of school athletics staff."

"The students found to have participated in the hazing have been disciplined in a manner consistent with both schools' student handbooks and will be banned from participation on the hockey team for the 2021-2022 season," reads the press release.

The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) has been notified of the incident and ORR has shared the results of the investigation

with the MIAA.

The districts will also conduct additional training with all student-athletes and coaches on recognizing, preventing and responding to hazing.

"This is a deeply disappointing and troubling incident. We expect our students to treat each other with kindness and respect at all times, both inside and outside of school," Superintendent Nelson said. "An ORRHS staff member did the right thing by bringing their concerns to the attention of our administrators so that it could be appropriately investigated and addressed. We will be working to ensure our students understand the impact their behavior has on others so that incidents like this do not happen again."

"I was upset to learn of this incident, but am confident that this investigation was a thorough examination of what occurred," Ms. Kohler said in the joint statement. "Athletic and co-curricular activities are meant to be enriching experiences for our students, and we will not tolerate hazing in any of our programs. I am hopeful that this incident will serve as a reminder to all that we expect everyone in our school community to act with respect and integrity at all times."

In the phone interview, Ms. Kohler reiterated the sentiment.

"It's the expectation that our students in school and out of school are respectful," she said. "It's a valuable lesson that can be learned and we can move forward."

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there's the wine collection.

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Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals is hereby giving notice that a meeting will be held by the Board on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall, 122 Main St., Acushnet, MA 02743.

Join Zoom Meeting

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The Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals will be holding a public hearing on the application of Mr. John M. LeBlanc of 13 Priscilla Dr. in Lakeville, for a modification to the Special Permit originally issued for 1315 Main Street from a small retail landscape business with attached garage space for use by Northeast Property services and DBT landscape Design into a reconfiguration of the existing structure to be used as contractor bays for the storage of materials and equipment and the possible use of associated office space. The public hearing will be held on December 7, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Those wishing to attend should contact the office of the Town Clerk for information at office number 508-998-0200 x 4217. The application is on file in the office of the Town Clerk for viewing during normal office hours. Review of matters presented; votes maybe taken.

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Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
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- 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, July 7, 2020, August 11, 2020, September 2, 2020, December 1, 2020, August 3, 2021, September 7, 2021, October 5, 2021 and November 2, 2021. **Previously continued to December 2, 2021.**
- 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** from December 1, 2020, August 3, 2021, September 7, 2021, October 5, 2021 and November 2, 2021.

Previously continued to December 2, 2021.

- REF#: ZBA-2022-009: 123 Weeden Road. Applicant and Owner: Aguiar, Kyle. The applicant seeks a finding from the Board that the existing non-conforming structure may be extended to include a proposed 1,200 sq ft addition; and that the alteration is not substantially more detrimental than the existing non-conforming use to the neighborhood pursuant to MGL 40A, Section 6.- **Continued** from October 5, 2021 and November 2, 2021. **Previously continued to December 2, 2021.**
- REF#: ZBA-2022-022: 184 Balsam Street. Applicant and Owner: Robert and Karen Sullivan Applicant seeks to construct a dock greater than 75 feet in length due to shallowness of docking area pursuant to Zoning By-Law 198-32.20(3)(a) - Docks and Piers.
- REF#: ZBA-2022-023: 17 Studley Street. Applicant and Owner: Michael Rotondo. Applicant seeks a Special Permit for garage conversion for the purpose of an in-law suite, pursuant to Zoning By-Law 198.16.
- REF#: ZBA-2022-024: 2 Elliot Lane. Applicant and Owner: Sandra Gifford. Applicant seeks a Special Permit for an addition, two floors for the purpose of an in-law suite, pursuant to Zoning By-Law 198-16.
- REF#: ZBA-2022-025: 2 Oxford Street. Applicant and Owner: 2 Oxford Street, LLC. Applicant seeks: (1) Special Permit, pursuant to Zoning By-Law 198-32.2, for a proposed 70' fixed pier, 30' gangway and four (4) floats totaling 2500 sq. feet; (2) Variance from 198-32.2 C. 3(b) to exceed the 150' maximum pier length to the proposed 215' length; (3) Variance from 198-32.2 C. 7 to exceed the 300 sq. ft. total area of any and all floats to the proposed four (4) floats with 1500 sq. ft. of area; (4) Variance from 198-32.2 C. 8 for an increase from the maximum amount of boats not to exceed two (2) as the four (4) floats will accommodate several boats.
- REF#: ZBA-2022-026: 149 Pleasant Street. Applicant: Adam Perry. Owner: Adam and Nancy Perry. Applicant seeks a finding from the Board that the existing non-conforming structure may be extended to include a proposed 13' x 12' three season room on the existing deck; and that the alteration is not substantially more detrimental than the existing non-conforming use to the neighborhood pursuant to MGL 40A, Section 6.
- REF#: ZBA-2022-027: 182 Ebony Street. Applicant and Owner: Enrico G. and Linda M. Picozza. Applicant requests: (1) Special Permit pursuant to Section 198.21 (d) to demolish existing and construct a single-family dwelling with 1,630 sq. ft.; and (2) Variance pursuant to Zoning By-Law 198-9, requesting a Variance from required front setback to Ebony Street of 30 feet to 20.5 feet.
- REF#: ZBA-2022-028: 44 Capeview Street. Applicant and Owner: John DeSimas. Applicant seeks a finding from the Board that the existing non-conforming structure may be extended to include a proposed 20' x 10' three season room on the presently existing deck measuring 4' x 6'; and that the alteration is not substantially more detrimental than the existing non-conforming use to the neighborhood pursuant to MGL 40A, Section 6.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman, Fairhaven ZBA
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REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS FOR CPA FUNDING

The Fairhaven Community Preservation Committee will conduct Public Hearings to review five (5) applications for FY23 CPA funds that the CPC is considering for recommendations to the Annual Town Meeting in 2022. The following applications will be reviewed on Wednesday, December 8, 2021:

- Library Sidewalks Phase 2 (Department of Public Works). Proposed second phase of funding for restoration of brick sidewalks on William and Walnut Streets. Request Amount: \$93,000.
- Spring Street Firehouse Renovations (Fairhaven Historical Commission). Proposal to restore the exterior of the firehouse. Request Amount: \$17,000.
- Pickleball at Livesey Park (Ken Pottel). Proposal to build six (6) new Pickleball courts at Livesey Park. Request Amount: \$240,000.
- Whitfield-Manjiro Carriage House Repurposing (Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society). Proposal to "repurpose" the carriage house. Request Amount: \$60,000.
- BMX Paved Pump Track at Macomber Park (Chip Hawthorne) Proposal to relocate and expand the current dirt track away from the wetlands and pave. Request Amount: \$150,000.

Copies of the Applications and Plans may be viewed at the Office of Planning & Economic Development in Town Hall, located at 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA, and on the Town's CPC website: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/community-preservation-committee/pages/cpc-fy23-applications-received>

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Fri., 12/1, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 11/29, Arsene St., 6:15 p.m.

Charter Committee

Thurs., 11/18, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Community Preservation

Wed., 12/8, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 11/17, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

Thurs., 11/18, Remote, 4 p.m.

Select Board

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

Acushnet

Board of Appeals

Tues., 12/7, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Assessors

Wed., 12/8, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Cultural Council

Thurs., 12/2, Library, 6 p.m.

Selectboard

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

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Saturday	27	0123	1341	0622	1903
Sunday	28	0214	1434	0735	2000
Monday	29	0309	1534	0839	2054*
Tuesday	30	0408	1634	0943	2150*
	Dec. 2021	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Wednesday	1	0502	1726	1045*	2244*
Thursday	2	0549	1813	1137*	2334*
Friday	3	0635	1900	----	1228*
Saturday	4	0723	1950	0024*	1322*
Sunday	5	0815	2044	0118*	1419*
Monday	6	0908	2138	0215*	1510*
Tuesday	7	1001	2233	0309*	1555*
Wednesday	8	1056	2332	0358*	1641*
Thursday	9	1156	----	0450	1743
Friday	10	0033	1255	0616	1949
Saturday	11	0130	1350	0842	2059

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indicating the search has been extended. She hopes to hold interviews in December or early January.

"I know this is disappointing. Trust me. I do," wrote Ms. Alcardi. "I am disappointed. It has been a while since the deadline and many contracts will be up in just over 6 months, so we will be sure to get a few more candidates."

Mr. Espindola said the screening committee was willing to continue its work.

"It's so disappointing," said Ms. Powers. "But it's the nature of the game."

She noted that it is the way hiring is going "these days."

Mr. Espindola noted that the consultant assured him it was nothing about the town turning people away. He said they had quite a few candidates initially. He noted that in "very part of our society" it is hard

to find people.

"This is no different," he said.

The board also approved the Homecoming Day Fair for June 25, 2022. No paperwork for permits, or other requests for police, public works, etc. accompanied the request. Mr. Espindola said the board should work to "formalize" the request since the fair requires the use of town hall and the closing of the streets. Requests to use the services of the public works department, police and EMA should be included.

In a related matter, Frank Fostin, president of Fairhaven Improvement Association, wrote that the cables used to hold up the Homecoming banner need to be replaced. The FIA would like to buy a new light-weight mesh banner and a new cable system, but they wanted a reassurance that the banner would be allowed to hang on town hall in the future.

Board members agreed they could

not speak for future boards. After some discussion, they voted a "standing order" to allow the banner to hang. It would require a proactive vote by another board to change it.

During the discussion, there was some confusion about whether or not the town's controversial flag policy had been rescinded. Mr. Espindola asked that staff members research the situation to find out.

The board also informed the public that applications are now available for the apartments being built at the former Oxford School property (see page 5 for details).

In other business, the board appointed Jenna Benoit to the Commission on Disabilities. The town has several volunteer vacancies on boards and committees. Visit <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/volunteer-opportunities> for a list.

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Fairhaven, Helen Keller, Booker T. Washington, and more.

But, by far, the most entertaining points revolve around the Rogers grandchildren, including Millicent (no, not our Millicent) and her rocky marriage to Austrian Nobleman Count Ludwig Salm Von Hoogstraeten. Their divorce and custody battle were great fodder for the tabloids for years.

And then there was Henry Huttleston Rogers III, aka "Harry," who was held in the death of one Evelyn Hoey. Harry beat the rap when the Ms. Hoey's death was ruled a suicide in 1935.

Harry was the son of Colonel Henry H. Rogers, our town benefactor's son.

Colonel HHR, the only son of our town benefactor, "grew up to embody wealth and entitlement," said Mr. Coe.

Young Harry an "awkward boy," dabbled in various jobs, including a short and unsuccessful career as a film maker.

He got himself disowned and deprived of the family fortune for saying, at one of his father's weddings: "For God's sake, can you stop hanging a marriage license on every woman you screw?"

He was left with \$25,000 per year, "chickenfeed for a Rogers," although not bad for almost anyone else in the 1930s.

"Money was the wind beneath the Rogers family's wings," said Mr. Coe, but said HHR had "no interest in high society," unlike his children and grandchildren.

HHR was a "brilliant businessman," said Mr. Coe. "But he was also a very interesting human being."

He was a great philanthropist, as evidenced by his architectural gifts to Fairhaven, and was a "much more rounded person," than the other "Robber Barons" in the oil and railroad industries.

Carolyn Tyler said she was glad she attended the talk by Mr. Coe. She said she appreciated his presentation

and he seemed "straight-forward."

Bob Pina said he attended the presentation to learn about HHR.

"I didn't know a lot about him," he said, and definitely learned more.

After the presentation, Mr. Coe said he was doing research on a project when he saw the headling about HHR III (Harry) and the murder charge.

"That's my family," he realized, and asked his father about it.

Mr. Coe's father would've been around six years old, he said, and never heard a word about it. The family managed to keep the story from reaching the children, and even afterwards.

"He never heard a word about this," said Mr. Coe.

Millicent's trials and tribulations, however, were well known.

The book is published by Four Winds Press, www.fourwindspress.com, and is available online, including at Amazon and Bookshop.org. Paperback: \$24.95.



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