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

Region gets first substantial snowfall



The area got its first substantial snowfall of the season and year this week, with five inches falling in Fairhaven on Friday, 1/7. The state got anywhere from a dusting to a whopping 14.4 inches in Westwood and 15.2 inches in the Blue Hills Reservation in Milton. New Bedford got 3.5", and Boston got 11.2 inches. Many communities south and west of Boston received close to a foot of snow. The Cape and far western parts of the state got just a dusting. There were scattered power outages, but nothing widespread, and they did not last long. ABOVE: Snow covers rocks along the beach on the east side of West Island, Fairhaven, on Saturday, 1/18/22, one day after a snowstorm dumped five inches of snow in Fairhaven. *Photo by Margie Green Joseph.*

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Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

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."



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Brrr....it's freezing out there!
YIKES.

My little wood stove is cranking and it's still cold in there. The dog is all wrapped up in his blankets.

It was cold enough this week to freeze up the marshes, but, alas, the temperature won't stay that way long enough (see page 12).

I got out there to get some pics, but the ice was only just forming.

Don't worry, I'm sure it'll get here eventually.

Poor Acushnet is a victim of its own success. Their COVID testing was so popular they jammed up South Main Street and had to send people away.

Unfortunately, for non-Acushnet people, they will no longer be testing non-residents. There are other places, though. New Bedford has lots of sites. But, unless you have to for work or something, there's no need to keep getting tested if you have no symptoms. Lighten up the load for those who have no choice.

Me, I'm perfectly happy to hang here by my fire. Now, when spring rolls around....eh....not so much.

The Fairhaven Select Board also had a pretty busy night. Yes, the Bijou story is here, finally. I ran a picture, too (see page13).

Not sure how this one's going to play out, but, really, can't we all just play nice-nice for a couple of minutes?

I forgot to ask for an update on the election. Oh well, you'll just have to wait until next week to see who returned papers and who took papers out. Meanwhile, if you're thinking of running for something, check out page 11 for details on how to do that.

The new year is upon us, and it is still jerking people around.

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Until next week then...



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Selectboard approves Rogers School RFP; hears about Bijou

By Beth David

Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard approved the RFP for sale of the Rogers School property at its meeting on 1/10/22, and received an update on the issues with the Bijoux building at 350 Main Street.

The board also announced that the Collins Center and the Screening Committee are nearly ready to announce finalists in the Town Administrator search. Selectboard chairperson Bob Espindola said they should get the names at the next meeting on 1/24. It was unclear if the interviews would take place then or if another meeting would be scheduled.

The board also heard from Building Commissioner and Enforcement Officer Chris Carmichael, who gave an update on the situation with the Bijou Theater building. Mr. Carmichael included a slide presentation that included pictures of the building that is in disrepair and not nearly up to code.

The owner of the building, Julio Barbosa, was not present and did not speak via remote means at the meeting. He has placed large graffiti-style signs on the building accusing the town of racism in dealing with him as he tries to get the building ready for renting. The signs say "Black Lives Matter," "Black Owned Building," "Unfair Treatment End Racism."

There are 15 apartments on the second floor and three commercial storefronts on the first floor. There is also a large room that was the theater.

In a letter to the board, Mr. Carmichael said the 1922 building has "balloon framed" walls, which are no longer allowed. That type of construction leaves an open space from the top of the roof to the basement along the outside walls. This allows for smoke and/or flame to race up through the entire building.

Mr. Carmichael noted the latest tragedy in New York City when that exact thing happened, killing dozens.

Other fire hazard conditions include lack of insulation, no fire rated walls/ceilings, no fire separation between units, no fire doors or fire suppression system.

"As buildings of this age have shown numerous times there is a strong likelihood that these problems would allow a fire to race throughout

the building and entrap its occupants and first responders," wrote Mr. Carmichael in his memo.

He also noted that Mr. Barbosa paid \$300,000 for the building and has spent more than 1/3 of that on renovations, triggering the requirement that he bring the whole building up to code.

Mr. Carmichael said that Mr. Barbosa has consistently gone beyond the scope of the work that he originally got permits for. Three separate building inspectors have issued stop orders.

Mr. Barbosa also put paper on the inside of the windows so inspectors could not see what he was doing, said Mr. Carmichael.

He said it has been a "cat and mouse game" for the last year.

Mr. Barbosa bought the building in 2020.

Mr. Carmichael also showed photos that seemed to contradict Mr.

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in there. I wouldn't let
my dog sleep there
[Fairhaven Building
Commissioner
Chris Carmichael

Barbosa's statements on the scope of work he was doing, including drywall.

The apartments do not have a proper second egress, and the building has no fire suppression, said Mr. Carmichael.

He showed a slide of one of the apartments with only one small window that was up above his head as the second egress.

"He wants to put veterans in there," said Mr. Carmichael. "I wouldn't let my dog sleep there."

He also showed the old fire escape system, which is inadequate.

"No one will make it," he said, it is too long and it ends in a vertical ladder.

Existing code says you cannot do that, he said, but it does not matter because, "No one's going to make it to

that point anyway."

In the theater space, Mr. Barbosa has laid pipes across the center of the floor, which is against codes.

Mr. Carmichael also showed leaks and other signs of damage.

"You can see it had to be leaking for more than a dozen years," he said on one slide.

He also noted several places, including the roof, where it seemed work had recently been done, although Mr. Barbosa denied doing such work.

Mr. Carmichael also turned to Rogers Reuse Committee chairperson Susan Loo, who agreed that he had denied her committee a permit to do some work at the school.

"So everybody gets treated the same," said Mr. Carmichael, who also quoted a *Neighb News* article from 4/1/21 about Mr. Barbosa's vision for the building.

In the article, Mr. Barbosa states that the regulations that Mr. Carmichael is insisting on will double the cost of the renovations.

"So it's always been about the cost, and never about anything else," Mr. Carmichael told the board.

He also listed the number of permits the town has issued, along with the number denied, saying there is "one set of rules."

The Oxford Pub building, he noted, also had to put sprinklers in after they had a deadly fire.

Mr. Carmichael also noted that across the street, the Oxford School residences are being built. That process took years, he said, and is costing millions of dollars to bring the building to code.

Mr. Carmichael told the board that he wants to work with Mr. Barbosa to rejuvenate the building.

The board had no action to take and there was no public comment.

The triggering event for the update was the placement the signs on the building.

Mr. Barbosa did not respond to two emails seeking comment.

According to Fairhaven police spokesperson Lt. Kevin Kobza, the police were called to town hall on 12/27/21. A town hall employee called when Mr. Carmichael and Mr. Barbosa had a verbal argument.

Neighb News sources contend that Mr. Carmichael told Mr. Barbosa he

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Deadline approaching for Oxford residences applications

Press Release

Choice Housing Opportunities for Intergenerational and Community Endeavors, Inc. ("CHOICE"), a non-profit organization, and SCG Development Partners, LLC's ("SCG") (collectively CHOICE and SCG are referred to as "Owner") is pleased to announce the new affordable housing development named Oxford School Residences ("Property"), an adaptive re-use of the historic Oxford School and new construction into 52 new respectable senior housing (62+) units with supportive housing located in building in Fairhaven, MA. The Oxford School Residences will serve Fairhaven's senior population and surrounding areas. Of the Property's 52 apartment units, 45 units will be affordably priced and rented to individuals who earn sixty percent or less of the area median income.

The Oxford School was originally built in October of 1896, with an expansion added in 1914 to accommodate even more students. The building holds quite a bit of historical significance, including

being home to a cupola that housed one of Paul Revere's famous bells from 1796. The bell and cupola were removed for restoration in 2015. Though the bell will find a new home at Town Hall once it is refurbished, SCG worked with the Bell Committee of Fairhaven to get the cupola approved for reinstallation. The tireless efforts of the Fairhaven community allowed the structure to be put back in January of 2021.

SCG anticipates construction completion (ready for occupancy) in the Spring of 2022.

In 2020, the project was recognized by the Baker-Polito Administration and selected as a recipient of an Affordable Rental Housing Award, which provided direct funding and state and federal tax credits to twenty-eight projects in nineteen communities around Massachusetts. The Oxford School Residences is funded with construction and permanent loan funds provided by Rockland Trust, state and federal low-income housing tax credit equity, state and federal historic tax credit equity, federal HOME funds, Afford-

able Home Trust funds, Housing Stabilization Funds, Community Based Housing funds, and Community Preservation Committee funds.

HallKeen Management will provide on-site management for Oxford School Residences, and is currently accepting applications through January 31st, 2022 for the affordable housing lottery, which will be hosted virtually on February 10th, 2022. All applications that are received after the deadline will be placed on a waitlist.

For more information on the lottery and to receive an application:

Call: 781-915-3071, TDD: Call 7-1-1, Email: oxfordschool@hallkeen.com

Applications are also available at: Millicent Library (circulation desk): 45 Center St, Fairhaven, MA 02719

Fairhaven Town Hall: 40 Center St, Fairhaven, MA 02719

Fairhaven Housing Authority: 275 Main St, Fairhaven, MA 02719

Fairhaven Senior Center: 229 Huttleston Ave, Fairhaven, MA 02719

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ZBA Associate Member

At its meeting on 1/10, the Fairhaven Selectboard asked for letters of interest for people willing to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals. The board needs an associate member, which is a non-voting position unless there is not a quorum, then the Associate Member is allowed to vote.

Please email your letter of interest to Selectboard@Fairhaven-MA.gov by 1/20. Letters may be mailed to the Selectmen's Office, 40 Center Street. The board hopes to make the appointment at its next meeting on 1/24. Appointment is for one year. For more information on the position, contact the Selectboard office, 508-979-4023, Ext. 2

Volunteer Vacancies

Get involved, join a committee and make a difference.

The volunteer boards and committees in Fairhaven are vital to the running of our town. They provide a rich source of knowledge and expertise, expand the town's ability to research issues and best practices, and enhance the communication between residents and town staff and elected officials.

If you are interested in serving on a Town Board or Committee please email your letter of interest to Selectboard@Fairhaven-MA.gov. Letters may be mailed to the Selectmen's Office, 40 Center Street.

Boards or Committees with current vacancies are:

Agricultural Commission, Two Full Members/One Associate Member; Bikeway Committee, Two Full Members; Broadband Study Committee, one associate member; Cable Advisory Committee, One Full Member; Commission on Disability, one full member; Conservation Commission, Two Non-Voting Members; Council on Aging Board of Directors, One Associate Member; Cultural Council, Two Members; Economic Development Committee, Two Non-Voting Alternate Members; Finance Committee, Precincts 2, 3, 5 and 6, apply to clerk@fairhaven-ma.gov; Lagoa Friendship Pact

Committee, Two At-Large Members, One Member of the Business Community; Millicent Library Trustees, One Full Member; Sustainability Committee, One Full Member, Five Alternate Members; Zoning Board of Appeals, One Associate Member.

Boating Class

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary's Flotilla 65 will be starting its 14-week Boating Skills & Seamanship Course on Monday, January 31, 2022 from 7-9 pm through May 2, 2022 at 80 Middle Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719

This 14-week comprehensive course is designed for both the experienced and the novice boater.

It is a perfect introduction to recreational boating's fundamentals, such as: choosing, equipping, trailering and handling a small to midsize boat; rules of the road; how to: read a chart and chart plotter; make a May Day call; handle on-water emergencies; tie ropes/lines; and understand weather.

The \$45 fee includes the textbook, workbook, and all course materials.

To register, please go to <http://flotilla65.com/public-education-class>.

If you have any questions, please contact MaryBeth Soares, Flotilla Staff Officer-Public Education at 508-493-5531 or via email: mbssoares11@verizon.net

Snow Park Ban

Fairhaven Snow Parking Ban. No vehicles shall be permitted to remain on the hydrant side of all streets in Fairhaven from December 1 to March 31 from midnight to 8:00 am and also during the time of any snowfall or snow removal operations. On streets with no hydrants, NO vehicles shall be permitted to remain either on the east side of streets running north and south or on the north side of streets running east and west.

The BPW is authorized to remove, or cause to be removed, to some convenient place, including a public garage, any vehicle interfering with the work of removing or plowing snow or ice from any way, and the cost of such removal with all storage charges resulting there from shall be paid by the owner of such vehicle.

The Fairhaven Police Department will strictly enforce this Parking Ban. Violators will be towed and/or ticketed. By Order of: FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Quit Tobacco

Take the First Step toward a Nicotine-Free Life for the New Year

Make a resolution for a healthier life for you and your family.

If you want to quit smoking, vaping or using other tobacco products, don't give up. Many say quitting is the hardest thing they've done. Help is available, so take the first step now!

1-800-QUIT NOW (1-800-784-8669), the Massachusetts Quitline for tobacco/nicotine is available for FREE coaching 24 hours each day, seven days a week to support you through quitting. No lectures. No judgments. You can connect with the Quitline online, too, at mass.gov/quitting.

For more information, visit mass.gov/quitting, or call Colleen Kennedy-Mello at 774.634.3955. Make the holidays and New Year the start of your quit journey.

Alerts sign-up

Some people did not get notified of the boil water order. To sign up to receive alerts on your landline, cell phone and/or by email, visit the Fairhaven Fire Department's web page, www.fairhavenfire.org and click on "Fairhaven Emergency Alert" and follow the prompts. Or call the Fire Department at 508-004-1428, or call the Fairhaven Senior Center and ask for Anne Silvia, 508-979-4029.

Christmas Tree Pickup

The Town of Fairhaven Christmas Tree Pickup is January 11 - 14, 2022, one day after your regular rubbish day.

Please place trees curbside by 7:00 a.m. on day of pick up and be sure to remove all ornaments and tinsel. Also, please DO NOT place tree in plastic bag.

Missed trees may be dropped off at the gate at the Recycle Center located at 5 Arsene Street in town.

Call the BPW with questions at 508-979-4030.

NOAA's top stories of 2021

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has recapped their top stories from 2021.

Visit <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USNOAAFISHERIES/bulletins/301f9c4> to find the following stories on NOAA's website.

Top 7 Stories

1. Dive Into Shark Week 2021

Sharks play a key role in food web and help ensure the balance of ocean ecosystems. We conduct research, assess stocks, work with U.S. fishermen, and implement restrictions on shark harvests. Through these actions, we have made significant progress toward ending overfishing and rebuilding overfished stocks for long-term sustainability.

2. U.S. Fishing and Seafood Industries Saw Broad Declines Last Summer Due to COVID-19

The U.S. fishing and seafood sector experienced broad declines in 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 public health crisis, according to a new NOAA Fisheries analysis. While losses vary by sector, by region and by industry, data and information from this report may help businesses and communities assess losses and inform long-term recovery and resilience strategies.

3. Six Reasons Why You Should Not Swim with Wild Spinner Dolphins



NMFS photo

Swimmers and boats that come to visit wild spinner dolphins close to shore during the day could be disturbing their rest and potentially harming them. Wild spinner dolphins feed off-shore at night and return to sheltered bays and coastlines during the day to rest, socialize, tend to their young, and avoid predators. When their rest is interrupted, especially if it happens many times in a day, it can affect their health and well-being.

4. Fisherman Pleads Guilty to Illegal Fishing, Offers New Boat as Restitution

On May 6, 2021, Henry J. Danzig of Tavernier, Florida, was sentenced to

one year probation and a substantial payment of restitution to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas. He was sentenced for illegally harvesting commercial quantities of reef fish from Bahamian waters. The reef fish were harvested near Cay Sal Bank, in The Bahamas, and transported back to the United States in violation of the Lacey Act.

Read more about this case and the role of NOAA's Office of Law Enforcement

5. Five Things You Should Know About Sustainable Seafood

Fish, shellfish, and marine algae are renewable resources — they can reproduce and replenish their populations naturally. That means we can sustainably harvest fish within certain limits without depleting their populations. Fishery management is the process of using science to determine these limits — catching some fish while leaving some to reproduce and replace the fish that are caught. The United States is a global leader in seafood sustainability. Learn why the United States is a global leader in seafood sustainability

6. Protecting Ocean Giants: Whale Week 2021



Blue Whale, NOAA photo

Whales are among the largest and oldest animals on Earth. They can be found in every ocean and range in size from the small dwarf sperm whale to the massive blue whale, the largest animal on the planet. Whales belong to a group of marine mammals called cetaceans. Together with our partners, we work to ensure the conservation of whales which are all protected under the Marine Mammal Protection Act, and protect and recover those that are listed under the Endangered Species Act. Learn more about whales, dolphins, and porpoises

7. Adult North Atlantic Right Whale Found Dead off South Carolina

Officials confirmed that North Atlantic right whale #3920, also

known as "Cottontail," was found dead on February 27, 2021 about 15 miles off the coast of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The animal had been in poor body condition after being entangled in October 2020. Responding teams collected biological samples, placed a tag on the whale to continue to track its location, and removed ropes entangling the animal. Learn more about North Atlantic right whale entanglements

Top 7 Photos

1. Young Bottlenose Dolphin Trapped in Small Louisiana Pond

On Sunday, September 5, a young male bottlenose dolphin was rescued and released back into the Gulf. The dolphin was found in a retention pond in Slidell, Louisiana the day after Hurricane Ida came through the area. It was reported by concerned citizens in the area and monitored closely by biologists until an experienced team and appropriate resources could be assembled to rescue the dolphin safely.

2. Little Octopus Found During California Current Ecosystem Survey



Little Octopus, NOAA Website Photo

The octopus was found by scientists conducting the 2021 California Current Ecosystem Survey aboard the NOAA Ship Reuben Lasker. They identified it as an East Pacific red octopus, *Octopus rubescens*, before placing it back in the water to grow and live. Learn more about the survey

3. Sawfish Science



Smalltooth sawfish. NOAA Photo

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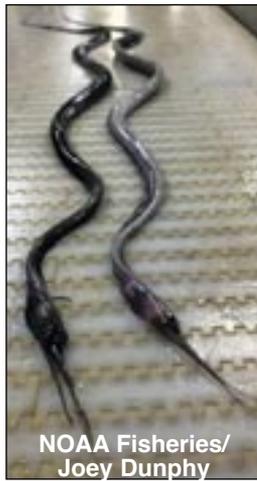
In a 2021 research paper, authors evaluated the usefulness of monitoring user-generated data on social media as a way to gauge public perceptions and effectiveness of current outreach efforts for endangered smalltooth sawfish. Learn more about smalltooth sawfish

4. North Pacific Right Whales Spotted in the Gulf of Alaska

NOAA scientists collected rare video footage of endangered North Pacific right whales in the Gulf of Alaska. North Pacific right whales are among the most endangered animals in the world with fewer than 100 individuals estimated remaining. The species was heavily exploited by Russian whaling in the 1960s. Only an estimated thirty individuals make up the Eastern stock that inhabits Alaska waters. Learn more about North Pacific right whales

5. Fascinating Finds on Annual Fisheries Surveys

See what our scientists are finding on their annual surveys from coast to coast! Check out some fan favorites from the Northeast Bottom Trawl Survey. Learn more about the West



NOAA Fisheries/Joey Dunphy

Coast Groundfish Bottom Trawl Survey

6. Shark Week 2021: Freakiest

Shark Contest

To celebrate Shark Week, we asked our social media followers to vote for the freakiest shark in the ocean.

Choices included the

basking shark, cookie cutter shark, pocket shark, and thresher shark. Learn more about these sharks

7. NOAA Virtual Open House with Paper Nautilus

NOAA hosted a virtual open house series in 2021 to visit some of the many places where NOAA science happens. Their first stop was Woods Hole Laboratory.

Top 7 Videos

1. The Indus River Dolphin: A



Maggie Mahoney holding a large wolffish. NOAA Fisheries Photo

Redefined Species

2. Listening for Whales: North Pacific Right Whale Research in the Gulf of Alaska

3. Rare Sighting of North Pacific Right Whales in Alaska

4. NOAA Fisheries: Celebrating 150 Years of Service

5. Several Young Black Sea Bass Resting

6. Atlantic Salmon Animation

7. Recreational Fishing: Many Things to Many People

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YTI Comedy

Your Theatre serves up a cure for the pandemic blues in their production of Paul Slade Smith's *The Outsider*. Directed by Eric R. Paradis, it's a timely, hilarious comedy that skewers politics and celebrates democracy.

Ned Newley doesn't want to be governor. He's terrified of public speaking and his poll numbers are impressively bad. But political consultant Arthur Vance sees things differently. He believes Ned could be a winner, if the public is convinced that the worst possible candidate to run for office is, in fact, the one that they want.

The Outsider runs two weekends only: Fridays and Saturdays, January 14-15 and 21-22 at 7:30 p.m.; and Saturdays and Sundays, January 15-16 and 22-23 at 2:30 p.m. Performances are at Your Theatre, 136 Rivet St. (County St. entrance) in New Bedford. Free parking in the St. Martin's Church lot, next to the church hall (theatre) on the south side of the church. Tickets are General Admission \$18; Seniors and Students \$15. All seats are reserved; call 508-993-0772 or email boxoffice@yourtheatre.org.

Your Theatre is grateful for the generous support of HarborOne Bank, sponsor of its production of *The Outsider*; and Bank 5, sponsor of the theatre's current 75th season.

For the safety of all who attend Your Theatre performances, all cast, crew, and volunteers will follow YTI's mask and vaccine protocols. All patrons over the age of 12 years old will be required to show proof of vaccination or negative COVID test result (within 72 hours). Additionally, patrons must wear a mask for the entire performance. Details on current protocols are available at <https://yourtheatre.org>.

Vaccination Clinics

Free, walk-up COVID-19 clinics in New Bedford offer CDC-approved booster shots, in addition to first- and second-dose vaccines and, at most locations, pediatric vaccines. Please bring your vaccination card when getting a booster.

Visit vaxnb.com for updated schedules of local COVID-19 vaccination and testing locations. Upcoming vaccine locations in New Bedford include:

Friday, Jan. 14: PAACA (360 Coggeshall St.) – 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Pfizer, Moderna, boosters, w/ pediatric vaccines for children 5 – 11 years old

Saturday, Jan. 15: Andrea McCoy Recreation Center (181 Hillman St.) – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Pfizer, Moderna, boosters, pediatric vaccines for children 5 – 11 years old

Saturday, Jan. 15: St. Gabriel Parish (343 Tarkiln Hill Road) – 12 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Pfizer vaccines, including pediatric and booster doses, and Moderna vaccines

CPC Applications

Mayor Jon Mitchell and the City's Community Preservation Committee (CPC) are inviting all interested community members to review the Fiscal Year 2022 Community Preservation Act (CPA) applications and provide public comment at virtual public meetings.

The FY22 application process began last September with Step I: Eligibility Determination. Eligible applicants then were invited to submit Step II: Project Applications in November. Seventeen applications—seeking more than \$2.7 million in CPA funding, in total—were received by the deadline.

There is \$1.6 million available for the CPC to award among the FY22 applications. During the month of January, the CPC is inviting applicants to present their project at a public meeting, with public comment welcomed from community members. Once the CPC has completed its application review, the committee will vote on the projects to recommend for funding and submit their recommendations to the New Bedford City Council for final consideration and awarding of funds.

All meetings will be held via Zoom, at: <https://zoom.us/j/84596031271>

Meeting ID: 845 9603 1271
Passcode: 624603

Members of the public also can call in, via: Call (646) 558-8656 Meeting ID: 845 9603 1271 Passcode: 624603

The project applicants will present at the following date: Thurs., 1/20, 6:00p.m. via Zoom

To discuss:

- NB Whaling Museum: Bourne Building Masonry Repairs
- Holy Family Apartments
- George Washington Portrait Conservation
- LGBTQ+ Community Center Handicap Accessibility
- Strand Theater Restoration

Previous dates were 1/5 & 1/11.

To review the FY22 applications, please visit the CPC webpage at: <http://www.newbedford-ma.gov/planning/community-preservation/>

Public comment must be received by January 24, 2022, and can be provided by:

- Attending the virtual meeting for the project you wish to comment on. Public comment will be allowed after each project presentation.
- Emailing your comment to CPA@NewBedford-MA.gov
- Mailing your comment to: CPC, Department of City Planning, 133 William Street Room 303, New Bedford, MA 02740

For more information, call the CPA Coordinator at (508) 979-1488 or email CPA@NewBedford-MA.gov.

Whimsical Winter At the Z

Cinema New Bedford showcases acclaimed films from around the world that feature great storytelling and a variety of perspectives. Join us to experience award-winning films that harness the power of feeling to entertain and enlighten. Visit <https://www.zeiterion.org/program/cinemanb>

February 8: *Rushmore*, the story of a gifted, rebellious teenager who falls for his elegant teacher and competes for her attention against his friend's wealthy father. Tickets: \$10

March 8: *Moonrise Kingdom*, set on an island off the coast of New England in 1965, tells the story of two 12-year-olds who fall in love, make a pact and run away together. Tickets: \$10

At the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, 684 Purchase St., New Bedford, 02740; 508-994-2900.

Contact the theater for COVID protocols.

Until Help Arrives

Free training on Tues., 1/18, 7-9 p.m., at Acushnet Council On Aging/Senior Center, 59 1/2 So. Main St., Acushnet. Join the Mass. Emergency Management Agency and the Acushnet Office of Emergency Management for free training on five key actions to take until help arrives.

Email Ed Caron, Emergency Management Deputy Director, at ecaron@acushnetema.com to reserve your spot.

A Westport Farmer Goes Whaling

2 PM Saturday January 15, 2022
(presented via Zoom)

Join us for a conversation about the adventures of Frederick Allen during his whaling voyage.

In March 1838, Westport farmer Frederick Allen purchased a sea chest and boarded the Westport whaling brig Mexico. With “an uneasy mind”, “a bottle of elderberry syrup and 2 fine sweet cakes” he set sail on a year-long voyage bound for the Bahamas, the Azores, the Canaries, and to the Caribbean. His daily journal entries capture his experiences chasing whales and boiling blubber. His time was also spent waiting in vain for letters from his family, enduring storms, discovering exotic destinations, scrimshanding, gamming with other Westport whaling vessels, and “fluting, fiddling and dancing.”

This conversation will include whaling historian Judy Lund, antiquarian Richard Donnelly, maritime historian Michael Dyer, and local historian Maury May.

Frederick Allen’s journal is available at <https://wpthistory.org/explore-2/journal-of-frederick-allen/>

Pre-register to attend at <https://wpthistory.org/events/a-westport-farmer-goes-whaling/>

Westport Historical Society, 508-636-6011, www.wpthistory.org
westporthistory@westporthistory.net

Music and Dance

FirstWorks, a Rhode Island non-profit dedicated to building community through world-class arts, will present renowned composer, violinist and activist Daniel Bernard Roumain (DBR) and “The Telling” at 8 p.m. on

January 22, 2022 at WaterFire Arts Center. “The Telling” is a new collection of his original compositions with instrumental solos, dance and chamber music — each exploring the question: how can we, the living, honor the lost? A Town Hall dialogue will follow the live concert.

“The Telling” will premiere at the WaterFire Arts Center on January 22, 2022 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$35-\$55 with a pay-what-you-can option, to offer equitable access. Tickets are available firstworks.org or by calling 401-421-4278.

A month-long video exhibition titled “The Seeing,” produced through a creative partnership between FirstWorks and WaterFire Providence, will accompany the premiere performance of “The Telling,” on view at the WaterFire Arts Center from January 12 through February 6, 2022. The exhibition will feature seven film works scored by Daniel Bernard Roumain and is open to the public.

All attendees must show proof of vaccination against COVID-19 with photo ID, or a negative PCR test taken within 72 hours of the performance. Masks are required for all.

Acushnet Residents Testing

Covid Testing will be held every Saturday, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Acushnet Elementary School, Middle Road. Open to Acushnet residents only. Proof of residence will be required.

Art History Prog.

An engaging, educational, art observation experience designed to broaden the minds of its participants, artists and non-artists alike. Visit artforyourmind.com for more information.

• Friday, January 21st | 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Early American Colonial Painting. A selection of simple, straight-forward paintings by self-taught artist. Learn how to recognize their unique style in the context of this transitional time-period in America’s history. Local art historian Jill Sanford leads this experience of engaging, educational art observation. In-person: Mattapoisett COA, 17 Barstow St., Mattapoisett. Register: 508-758-

4110 Free.

• Wednesday, February 2nd | 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Early American Art/Revolutionary Images An opportunity to observe famous people, places, and events of the Revolutionary War, through the eyes of those who experienced it. From the Boston Massacre to the surrender at Yorktown—interpret images of America’s turbulent start and increase your awareness of the many ways art can tell a story. Join local art historian Jill Sanford for an enjoyable hour of challenging yourself to see in new ways!

In-person: Mattapoisett COA, 17 Barstow St., Mattapoisett, Register: 508-758-4110. Free.

Virtual Open House Mayflower Wind

Mayflower Wind, the developer of an offshore wind project located in deep waters far off the coast of Massachusetts will host a free virtual open house on Thursday, January 27 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. to provide information about its project and economic development investments for SouthCoast communities. Mayflower Wind was recently awarded 400 megawatts in Massachusetts’ latest offshore wind energy procurement and the win is accompanied by an economic development package that includes commitments to spend up to \$42 million.

The second in a series of virtual public forums, The Future of Clean Energy is Here, Mayflower Wind will present specific initiatives including: Education, Training and Workforce Development; Supply Chain; Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Applied Research and Innovation; Ports and Supporting Infrastructure; Low-Income Ratepayer Reductions.

Mayflower Wind has the potential to generate over 2,000 megawatts of clean renewable energy. The project expects to begin generating power by the mid-2020’s.

The January 2022 virtual open house continues the company’s series of free online events to provide project information and a discussion forum for community members and others. Sign up for project updates here.

Recipe of the Week

Three Corn Casserole

- 8 1/8 tablespoons butter, softened and divided into 1/2 cup (8 tablespoons) and 1/8 tablespoon
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 egg
- 1 (16-ounce) can whole-kernel corn, drained
- 1 (16-ounce) can cream-style corn, undrained
- 4 1/2 ounces corn muffin mix
- 1 cup cheddar cheese, grated

Preheat oven to 375°

Using the 1/8 tablespoon of butter, grease a two-quart casserole dish.

In a large bowl, mix the 1/2 cup butter, sour cream, and egg. Stir in the kernel corn, cream-style corn, and corn muffin mix.

Spoon the mixture into the greased casserole dish. Bake for about 45 minutes.

Remove the casserole from the oven and add the cheese, stirring well. Return the casserole to the oven.

Bake until the dish is slightly puffed, bubbly, and browned at the edges, about 15 minutes.

Remove from the oven and serve hot!

To share a recipe with your neighbors

Mail to 166 Dogwood St., Fairhaven, MA 02719; fax to 508-991-5580; email to neighbnews@comcast.net (Email preferred)

Dear Frankie



Horrors of Homework

Dear Frankie, Sunday nights are becoming a killer at our house.

After dinner, mom asks my sibling Billy if he has completed his homework. He typically says it's almost done.

When she asks to see his work, Billy complains that weekends should be about fun and not school work.

Billy is the most active of my three sibs and excels in anything physical. He runs like the wind, swims like a dolphin, and can hit a ball out of the park. But when it comes to school work, Billy struggles with reading and written work.

Mom, however, insists he has to finish his homework. She tells him she is willing to sit with him for as long as it takes. Some nights it takes hours because he makes up all kinds of excuses — he's too tired, needs to go to the bathroom, doesn't feel well.

By the end of the night, everyone in the family is worn out. I honestly feel sorry for Billy. Do other kids have so much trouble doing their homework?

Josie

Dear Josie,

Billy is lucky to have such a compassionate sister who understands his struggles and doesn't accuse him of being lazy.

Yes, many kids like Billy experience similar Sunday night scenarios.

Not everyone is good at everything. It seems Billy is a star in sports

but not in academics. Perhaps the assignment would be easier for him if your mom broke them into smaller tasks that he could complete Friday-Sunday.

Doing a big homework assignment after dinner on Sunday may not be the best time for Billy to do his schoolwork, especially after a weekend of physical activities.

Maybe your mom could reward Billy when he completes an assignment. Nothing big or expensive, perhaps something like picking out the dessert or choosing a video for the family to watch. You get the idea.

I do suggest the teacher be informed of the issue. She might know of the way other families handle homework.

Best, Frankie

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Nomination papers available for Fairhaven elections

Nomination papers for all offices in Fairhaven in the 4/4/22 election are now available. Next year, three seats will be on the ballot for the Select Board. The seat now held by Stasia Powers will be up for re-election as scheduled, and two new seats will also be on the ballot. The person with the most votes will serve three years, the second place person will serve two years, the third place person will serve one year before needing to run again. After this year, all seats will be three year terms. Town Meeting voted in 2021 to increase the number of seats on the SB to five, from three, and the Mass. state legislature voted to enact the change.

The Annual Town Election will be held on Monday, April 4, 2022. Polls will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Deadline to register to vote is 3/15/22.

You may register to vote any day from 8:30 a.m.-4:30p.m. Monday-Friday. Mail-in Voter Registration Forms are available at the Town Clerk's Office, the Millicent Library and State and Federal offices.

- **Friday, January 24, 2022, 5 p.m.:** Last day and hour for Town

Meeting Member incumbents to file written request for re-election with the Town Clerk

- **Thursday, February 10, 2022, 5 p.m.:** Last day and hour for requesting nomination papers
- **Monday, February 14, 2022, 5 p.m.:** Last day and hour for filing all nomination papers with the Registrar of Voters (Town Clerk's Office)
- **Wednesday, March 2, 2022, 5 p.m.:** Last day and hour to withdraw nomination papers
- **Tuesday, March 15, 2022, 8 p.m.:** Last day to register voters for the Town Election. The Town Clerk's Office will be open from 8:30 a.m.-8 p.m. this day
- **Monday, March 28, 2022** Warrant must be posted

Where do I vote?

The Town of Fairhaven Precinct Boundary Map can be found at (<https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf3131f/uploads/fairhaven2010.pdf>). This map will be updated with the 2020 Census Re-precincting information as soon as we

receive the final approved information from the State.

- Precinct one: Town Hall, 40 Center St.
- Precincts two and three: Elizabeth Hastings Middle School, 30 School St.
- Precinct four: Fire Station Meeting Room, 146 Washington St.
- Precincts five and six, Recreation Center, 227 Huttleston Ave.

2022 Town Election Seats

- Town Clerk, 3 Years, One seat, Linda Fredette, incumbent
- Select Board: 3 Years, One seat, Stasia A. Powers incumbent
2 Years, One, Vacant (New)
1 Year, One, Vacant (New)
- School Committee 3 Years, Two, Kyle Bueno and Erik Andersen incumbents
- Board of Health, 3 Years, One, Peter Deterra incumbent
- Commissioner of Trust Funds, 3 Years, One, Barbara Acksen incumbent
1 Year (unexpired term), One, Vacant

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Not quite frozen yet, but BRRR...it's close



The entire state saw temperatures in the teens on Tuesday, all day. But it was still not enough to completely freeze up the marshes. It usually takes a couple of days. The forecast for Wednesday and Thursday predicted a significant warmup, reaching close to 40 degrees, so the frozen marsh will have to wait a bit. ABOVE: Jack's Cove in Fairhaven is starting to freeze over on Tuesday afternoon, 1/11/22, when temperatures dipped to as low as 11 degrees, but warmer temperatures forecast for Wednesday and Thursday will probably stop that process (cold?). BELOW: the marsh at North Cove is in a similar state. *Photos by Beth David.*



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only had two minutes. When Mr. Barbosa objected, Mr. Carmichael reportedly shut him off from speaking and told him to leave the building. When he refused, someone called police.

According to Lt. Kobza, the police incident report indicates that Mr. Carmichael stated he had an appointment in two minutes, and witnesses did observe people waiting in the hall, presumably for that meeting.

Lt. Kobza said nothing arrestable occurred, and Mr. Barbosa left the building after speaking with police.

Both parties agreed on the basic facts, said Lt. Kobza except Mr. Carmichael clarified that the reason he cut Mr. Barbosa short was that he had a meeting scheduled.

Shortly after that the signs appeared on the Bijou building.

The board also approved the Request for Proposals to sell the Rogers School building.

The board wrangled over some language that was suggested by Town Counsel, adding 50 feet to the parcel to be sold.

Instead the board allowed language that indicates the town is flexible on the boundaries.

In other business, the board voted to create a gift account for Grimshaw Park to be able to accept an any-

mous donation of \$20,000 to improve the property. The park was donated to the town in 1978 by Roger A. Grimshaw, who specified it should be for use by "the Senior Citizens of Fairhaven."

Council on Aging Director Anne Silvia sent a letter to the board, and also presented to them at the meeting. The donor's letter specifies that Ms. Silvia, alone, will have discretion on spending the money. If unable to, then the next COA director would control the funds. Ms. Silvia is set to retire shortly. Interviews for her replacement are currently taking place.

In his letter, the anonymous donor said he wanted the funds to be used "specifically and solely for the beautification of the Grimshaw Property."

Ms. Silvia told the board that she and the donor worked out a plan to place six metal benches on the property, with low maintenance landscaping, a cement walkway, concrete pads for the benches, and wheelchair access to the benches.

Ms. Silvia's husband Keith is on the SB, and he recused himself from the discussion and left the room.

The board also approved use of funds from the Route 6 Median Account to replace a plaque that has

been missing for an unspecified number of years from the entrance to Fairhaven on the New Bedford side.

A granite pillar on Route 6 is missing a plaque that was originally dedicated in 1902. It was lost for a number of years, but Mass DOT is in possession of it now and will cooperate in its reinstallation.

The funds are from an account set up to beautify the median on Route 6, but the state nixed the idea of plantings on the cobblestone median strip. The account has sat dormant for years.

"Because the plaque sits within the Route 6 median strip corridor, I feel this would meet the guidelines for use of the funds," wrote Historical Commission chairperson Wayne Oliveira.

The board agreed and voted to release the funds.

In another matter, the board voted to approve three photos for the town annual report, which only requires two. The board ranked the three because members were afraid one of the photos was not a high enough resolution for the printer.

Vicki Oliveira, Assistant to the Town Administrator, said she would check with the printer and report back to the board at its next meeting. At that time she will reveal the names of the photographers.



The owner of the Bijou Building, 350 Main Street, Fairhaven, MA, has placed graffiti-style signs on the building alleging unfair treatment by the town. *Photo by Beth David.*

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NEW Pickleball!!!!

We are now dedicating court time for Pickleball time slots., Please contact the front desk for available times! Pre-registration may be made online at <https://fairhavenrecreation.activityreg.com>. Payments must be provided at the time of registration. Once booked we are unable to issue refunds.

Home Alone Safety Class

This course is designed to encourage children to be more independent. Topics covered will be basic first aid, door and telephone protocol, accident prevention, first aid for choking and safety measures.

Pizza will also be provided. pace is limited...sign up soon. Ages: 9-11 Date: January 24 Instructor: Beth Oleson Time: 6 PM-7:45PM Cost \$55 members / \$65 non-members

Babysitting Class

This is a comprehensive 3 hour course for 11-14 year olds. Topics will include first aid, choke saving techniques, mealtime, bedtime, diapering, discipline, contracts and ethics. Pizza will be provided.

Ages: 11-14 Date: Feb. 7 Instructor: Beth Oleson Time: 6-8:15PM Cost: \$55 members/\$65 non-members

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Fairhaven Council on Aging

Weather Cancellations

If we have any amount of snow accumulation, there will be no shopping that day and activities may be canceled. Call the Senior Center 508-979-4029 to confirm. So please stock up on non-perishable food items.

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.

Financial Help

Financial Help might be available if: you are a woman over 70 years old, live in Fairhaven, live alone, have unpaid bills due to low income. Call the Senior Center, 508-979-4029 if you meet these criteria and ask for Lucille. All information is confidential.

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Acushnet taps Carver TA for Interim position; restricts testing

By Beth David
Editor

At its meeting on Thursday, 1/16, the Acushnet Selectboard announced that they would be negotiating contract terms with former Carver Town Administrator Richard Lafond to be Acushnet's Interim TA.

Mr. Lafond attended the open session portion of meeting on 1/6, giving the public a glimpse of him. He then met with the board in executive session to negotiate terms.

The board returned to open session and chairperson David Desroches said the executive session was "productive," but he did not announce an agreement. At the 1/11 meeting, the board said they were still in negotiations with Mr. Lafond and had an executive session item to discuss his contract.

The board also spoke with Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher about the unfortunate events on 1/4 when the Council on Aging/Senior Center was overrun during testing for COVID.

Mr. Desroches said the town was "inundated with hundreds and hundreds of people trying to obtain a test," which affected traffic flow and compromised public safety.

"Tuesday was a perfect storm for us," said Chief Gallagher.

He said they had been processing 100 to 150 people on Tuesdays and more on Saturdays. But on 1/4, the situation was that "demand far outpaced supply."

He clarified that by supply, he did not mean tests, he mean testing sites. He said they saw people from greater Fall River, Rhode Island, the north shore and even farther away.

Chief Gallagher said doctors offices have been referring patients to Acushnet because it is walk-in with no appointment necessary. He said they are also easy to find online.

Acushnet, he said, has "become the place to go for COVID testing."

"The down side is that hundreds and hundreds of cars backed up on South Main Street," said Chief Gallagher.

At some point they had to block the parking lot to the COA to serve the people standing in line.

He commended Police Chief Christopher Richmond for his "math ability," as he is the person who decided when to stop traffic. The last person was in right around noon.

They conducted 380 test in two hours.

Chief Gallagher asked the board for permission to move the testing to the elementary school on Saturdays only from 8 a.m. to noon.

Mr. Desroches first brought up the possibility of restricting access to Acushnet residents only.

Selectboard member David Wojnar said he would like to do that.

"This is about resources, this is about manpower," said Mr. Wojnar.

He said Acushnet had the foresight to purchase the tests using CARES Act money. They invested in the testing program, which left other items unfunded.

The testing has become a "strain on resources," he said, and although

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it's everyone else first.
We need to take care
of our own before we
take care of others.
[Selectboard member
Kevin Gaspar]

it is helpful to the region, it should be for Acushnet residents only now.

Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar agreed.

"It was our money," said Mr. Gaspar of the CARES Act funds. "Our job is first and foremost to make sure we are doing what's right for our constituency first."

He said he received "numerous complaints" from residents who saw Rhode Island plates on cars, while Acushnet residents could not get into their own COA for testing.

"It's not Acushnet first, it's everyone else first," said Mr. Gaspar. "We need to take care of our own before we take care of others."

The board also discussed with Chief Gallagher having a police presence in case of arguments about the new restrictions.

Chief Gallagher said there is the potential that someone would be

"hellbent" on getting a test.

He said Chief Richmond said he will have an officer available for at least the first couple of weeks, until people get used to the idea that it is for Acushnet residents only.

Chief Gallagher said in the "intensity of the moment," when people are looking for a test it "frays the nerves" and causes tension.

"We don't want to see that happen. That's just silliness," he said. "So anything we can do to avoid that would be greatly beneficial."

The board voted to make the change.

The town will use its flashing signs and other means of communication to let people know about the new site, hours, and restriction.

Mr. Desroches thanked the volunteers who make the program a success.

Chief Gallagher said they were tired, adding that Tuesday was a "distressing day."

He said in 2021 the team administered "just short of 10,000 tests." He also noted that all the volunteers have other responsibilities.

At its 1/11 meeting the board discussed snow plow driver rates with Department of Public Works Director Dan Menard.

Mr. Menard told the board that Acushnet used to have about 32 independent contractors. Last year that number was 21. This year it was 12. The town has 10 routes, and should have three drivers per route to be most efficient. In the storm last week, they had only one driver on at least one route.

After a push to publicize the shortage, Mr. Menard said they got two more drivers.

"It's a time thing," said Mr. Menard, noting that this storm was not a big one.

If there is a big storm, residents will have to very patient.

He discussed with the board a variety of different incentives to get people to sign up with the town and to make sure they show up, such as early sign on bonuses, extended season bonuses, and higher rates.

The board decided to add \$10/hour to the state rate, but held off on adding bonuses for this year.

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ELECTION: cont'd from page 11

- Board of Public Works, 3 Years, One, G. Steven Riley incumbent
- Planning Board, 4 Years, Two, Geoffrey Haworth II and John Farrell incumbents
- Housing Authority, 5 Years, One, Marc Scanlon incumbent

How to run

Nomination papers are available now at the Town Clerk's Office located inside Town Hall at 40 Center Street, Fairhaven. Nomination papers for town-wide office election require 50 certified signatures. Completed nomination papers with signatures must be submitted to the Town Clerk's office no later than Monday, February 14, 2022 at 5:00PM.

How do I get on the ballot as a Town Meeting Member?

Nomination papers are available as now at the Town Clerk's Office located inside Town Hall at 40 Center Street, Fairhaven. Nomination papers for Town Meeting require 10 certified signatures from your precinct only. Town Meeting Members who seek re-election should file a written request with the Town Clerk no later than

Friday, January 24, 2022 at 5PM.

Completed nomination papers with signatures must be submitted to the Town Clerk's office no later than Monday, February 14, 2022 at 5:00PM.

For information on registering to vote, visit <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/town-clerk/pages/voter-resources> or call the Town Clerk at (508) 979-4023 ext. 3

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Fairhaven TV is finalist in two categories

By Beth David

Editor

Fairhaven Community TV, Fairhaven's public access TV organization, is a finalist in two categories for the 2021 Mass Access Creator Awards.

"Hometown Haunts: Halloween 2021" is a finalist in the Production Value category. Fairhaven TV's fourth annual Haunted Halloween Party with magician Todd Magliacci, is a finalist in the Best Hosting category.

The awards ceremony will take place on January 26. See all the finalists at <https://www.masscreatorawards.com/2021finalists>

"We are thrilled to announce that Fairhaven TV has made it as a finalist in TWO categories for the 2021 Mass Access Creator Awards!" wrote Government/Public Access Director Derek Frates on the Fairhaven TV Facebook page.

"Rarely does one think 'exciting', 'fulfilling', or even 'creative' when hearing the words 'Public Access TV,' but those words perfectly describe

my experience these last 3 years with some of my bestest friends," responded Alyssa Botelho, who works in the department and is also an independent film maker. "Let's bring home 2 more trophies boys!!"

Last year, FCTV won first place for Best Remote Event, Fairhaven TV's 3rd Annual Haunted Halloween Party

Find Hometown Haunts at [https://www.fairhaventv.com/single-](https://www.fairhaventv.com/single-post/hometown-haunts-halloween-2021)

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Find Haunted Halloween Party at <https://www.fairhaventv.com/single-post/ftv-s-4th-annual-haunted-halloween-party>

Learn more about Fairhaven TV at www.FairhavenTV.com.

To see the other finalists, visit <https://www.masscreatorawards.com/2021finalists>



LEFT: Fairhaven TV's fourth annual Haunted Halloween Party is a finalist in the Best Hosting category of the 2021 Mass Access Creator Awards. RIGHT: Hometown Haunts: Halloween 2021 is a finalist in the Production Value category. *Screen shots from FairhavenTV.com by Beth David.*

The Catholic Church wants your opinions

Press Release

The Catholic Church worldwide is undertaking a "fact finding mission" to the extent that has never happened before. This project starts in Rome with the Pope and extends down right to St. Mary's in Fairhaven. The Catholic Church hierarchy is very interested in what Catholics around the world are thinking about their Church.

Participating Catholics, former Catholics and non-participating Catholics, are all invited to a one-time meeting where your thoughts, opinions, and questions will be heard and communicated.

The Vatican will address issues worldwide; but if you attend the session at St. Mary's in Fairhaven, this local parish will be able to take action immediately on positive ideas and suggestions!

Over the past years the attendance at Catholic churches has been declining; and with the Pandemic, the attendance in many Churches has been cut in half. The Church scandals that have had an effect, the Catholic population is aging, some Catholic churches have closed, and of course the Pandemic which forced families to stay away from in person masses for over a year. When people get in

the habit of not going, it can be a challenge to get them to change their new habits.

On a positive note, although attendance at weekly Catholic Mass has declined, the registration at Catholic Private Schools has been growing over the recent years, especially during the Pandemic!

In Fairhaven, New Bedford, Acushnet, Dartmouth, and Fall River, there are 10 elementary schools, and two Catholic high schools.

The Catholic Church also operates Catholic Charities and nursing homes.

But the School System and the Charity work are different from the benefits Parishioners get from weekly mass and Parish Activity!

The main focus on this "fact finding" process is to focus on the issue of weekly mass attendance and local Parish participation by the parishioners themselves.

The goal of the process is to make each parish in the US, and here in the Southcoast, the best it can be for our current parishioners and to make the Church as welcoming as possible to any new parishioners.

The time involved for you would be one meeting, a couple of hours. Your part is not an ongoing process.

The official name for this world wide "fact finding" process is a Synod.

This type of meeting for discussions and input is generally held at the senior levels of the Church hierarchy, but now for the first time the process is being implemented at the local level.

It will be refreshing to hear first-hand what all Catholics, participating or not, are thinking about Parish life in their Church. The discussions will be a judgement free zone where all ideas are open for discussion.

It's important that everyone involved in the Church now, or those who are thinking about the Church, will have an avenue where their individual thoughts, ideas, feelings, and impressions will be listened to and heard. This is a one-time meeting, a couple of hours, not an ongoing process.

And immediate changes or adjustments may be made at St. Mary's Fairhaven, if there is consensus and the suggestions are doable for the local Church.

To participate, please send your contact information to St. Mary's Fairhaven: stmarysfairhaven@comcast.net (508)992-7300 or text to 603-493-2512.

Thank you for your consideration!

Acushnet to test only residents after fiasco on South Main St.

By Beth David
Editor

After hundreds of cars lined up on South Main Street making it nearly impassable on January 4, the town of Acushnet decided to move its weekly testing to Acushnet Elementary School and will only test Acushnet residents. The previous testing site was the Council on Aging/Senior Center on South Main Street.

Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher posted on Facebook on 1/4 that the testing clinic caught them by surprise.

“We knew it would be busy (380 PCR tests performed) but to see

South Main Street impassable was too much,” wrote Chief Gallagher. “In our goal to protect the public’s health we cannot threaten the public’s safety.”

He said they have routinely tested 100-175 people with no problem.

“However, it was made clear today that until more communities step up and offer their own testing, until more testing sites allow walk-ins and until the testing-hysteria subsides, what happened today will keep on happening,” he wrote. “We simply can’t allow that to occur. We have a responsibility to keep things safe.”

Sources told the *Neighb News* that cars were lined up along South Main

Street right to the corner of Main Street on 1/4/21. Some people parked at the Century House and walked up the hill to Senior Center. People trying to pick up loved ones from programs at the senior center were not able to access the grounds or got stuck in traffic on the way out.

Testing will now take place from 8 a.m. to noon at the Elementary School on Middle Road for Acushnet residents only. ID/proof of residency will be required.

Find the “Acushnet Fire and EMS Department” on Facebook for updates, or call the Fire Department, 508-998-0250.



LEFT: The front entrance of the Acushnet Council on Aging/Senior Center shows cars doubling up to enter the grounds on 1/4/21 when the site was overwhelmed with people looking to be testing for the COVID-19 virus. RIGHT: The rear of the building shows a full parking lot and people lined up to get inside for testing. Photos from COA security footage.

Monday is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

From materials on the King Center website: <https://thekingcenter.org/>

Established in 1968 by Mrs. Coretta Scott King, The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change (“The King Center”) has been a global destination, resource center and community institution for over a quarter century. The King Center is a 501(c)3. Nearly a million people each year make pilgrimage to the National Historic Site to learn, be inspired and pay their respects to Dr. King’s legacy.

Both a traditional memorial and programmatic nonprofit, the King Center was envisioned by its founder to be “no dead monument, but a living memorial filled with all the



vitality that was his, a center of human endeavor, committed to the causes for which he lived and died.” That vision was carried out through educational and community programs until Mrs. King’s retirement in the mid-1990’s, and today it’s being revitalized.

Every year, the center commemo-

rates the Kind Holiday. This year, programming continues throughout the weekend, with resources for educators.

The virtual Beloved Community Global Summit will be held Thursday, 1/13 from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Friday, 1/14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The 2022 Beloved Community Awards will be held on Saturday, 1/15 at 7:30 p.m.

Other programming throughout the weekend includes special interviews, book reading, day of service, and commemorative service on Monday, 1/17.

Find “The King Center” on Facebook to watch live, or visit <https://thekingcenter.org>



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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, January 24, 2022 at 6:30 pm
Remote

Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, these public hearings will be conducted via remote means.

Members of the public who wish to access the meeting may do so in the following manner:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89951260113?pwd=Wm5aTVBWTnpFb0V2OE9NVjZCROR2QT09>

or CALL 1-929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 899 5126 0113

Passcode: 113580

No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, and public participation in any public hearing conducted during this meeting shall be by remote means only.

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold the following **Public Hearings** pursuant to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. c. 131, s. 40) and the Code of the Town of Fairhaven Chapter 192, Wetlands:

1. SE 023-1340, CON 023-195: **1 Bella Vista Island** Request for Amended Order of Conditions filed by Heiam Alsawalhi requesting modifications to the scope of work approved in the Order of Conditions issued May 28, 2021 under both the Wetlands Protection Act and Fairhaven Wetlands Bylaw. Work to take place on Coastal Bank, Coastal Dune, in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage and the 100-foot buffer zone to Salt Marsh, Coastal Bank, and Coastal Dune.
2. CON 023-262: **Nasketucket Bay** Notice of Intent filed by Northeast Maritime Institute for a 2-acre aquaculture development area in Nasketucket Bay off Fish Island at all times of the year to: (1) plant and grow shellfish on and off the bottom; (2) place shellfish in or under protective devices; and (3) to

grow shellfish by means of racks, bags, or floats. Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Coastal Waters, Land Under Ocean, and Land Containing Shellfish.

Information regarding remote meeting access, listed above, will also be provided on the Conservation Agenda posted on the Town's website at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Copies of the applications listed in this hearing notice may be viewed electronically at: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/conservation-commission/pages/current-filings>

Geoff Haworth, Chair, Fairhaven
Conservation Commission
FNN: 1/13/22

Fairhaven Planning Board NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Tuesday, January 25, 2022 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 January 25, 2022, in Fairhaven on **SP 2021-04: Nye Lubricant Expansion**. The Planning Board Meeting and public hearing will be conducted remotely for the public and will be televised on Fairhaven TV Channel 18 and fairhaventv.com. To Join the Meeting from home **Log on to:**

<https://zoom.us/j/93163358101?pwd=NXg5WnUxZ3lLK3drSVBMM2JPTXE0QT09>

or Telephone 1-929-205-6099;

Meeting ID: 931 6335 8101; Password: 740257

The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following Special Permit application: **SP 2021-04 - Nye Lubricant Expansion**. The applicant, Nye Lubricants Inc., represented by Apex Companies LLC (Engineers), is requesting approval through the Special Permit public hearing review process for a proposal to construct a 60,000 sf addition to the existing easterly industrial manufacturing building (Building 3 - 33,690 sf) at 12-16

Rio Way (Map 19 Lot 242 - 10.28 acres) off of Howland Road.

A copy of the application is on file for public review at the Planning Board Office, Town Hall by appointment and on the Town website. To schedule an appointment to review the application call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4023, Ext. 123 or go to: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/planning-board/pages/current-permits-being-reviewed-special-permits-definitive-subdivisions>

John Farrell Jr., Chairman of the Planning Board
FNN: 1/6/22, 1/13/22

TOWN OF ACUSHNET SNOW STORM - PARKING BAN

By vote of Town Meeting, parking is restricted, as follows: in water district parking allowed opposite side of hydrants, out of water district parking allowed north side of street running east and west and parking allowed on west side of streets running north and south. Violators subject to being towed away at owner's expense. (Authority, Article 17, March 11, 1970 Annual Town Meeting, which adopted Chapter 40, Section 22D of the General Laws.) Parking restriction is from January 1, 2022 to April 15, 2022.

David Desroches, Chairman
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Pursuant to Chapter 50, Section 2 of the Town of Fairhaven By-Laws, all citizen petition articles for the May 7, 2022 annual town meeting, including street acceptance articles, must be submitted in writing with the signatures of not less than 10 voters to the Select Board, Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA by February 7, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Petitions can be found on the town webpage at <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/select-board/pages/licenses-permits-and-petitions>

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Mr. Wojnar also suggested the town place a reverse 911 call to residents asking for snow plow drivers. Not only will it advertise the shortage/need, but it will also alert residents to the shortage so they will be patient if there is a big storm.

Mr. Gaspar noted that drivers do not have to be Acushnet residents.

Mr. Menard also asked the board to approve \$22,300 for a plow for the new loader.

He said it will be needed in a large snow storm, especially if the driver shortage persists.

Using the bucket, he said, is inefficient and takes too long.

The board approved the request, which the money coming from the snow removal budget.

The new plow will not help with this year's storms, said Mr. Menard, as it will take 17 weeks for it to arrive.

The board also announced, at both meetings, a number of vacancies on volunteer boards, including the Agricultural Commission (two alternates), Beautification Committee (seven), Community Preservation (1 Housing Authority rep), Cultural Council (13), Open Space Committee (1). Contact the Selectboard to apply.

OXFORD: cont'd from page 4

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Upcoming Meetings

Fairhaven

Board of Public Works
Mon., 1/24, Arsene St., 6:15 p.m.

Broadband Study Comm
Thurs., 1/13, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Charter Committee
Thurs., 1/13, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission
Mon., 1/24, Remote, 6:30

School Committee
Wed., 2/9, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

Select Board
Mon. 1/24, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Sustainability Committee
Tues., 1/18, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

Board of Assessors
Wed., 1/26, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

School Committee
Thurs., 1/6, Ford Middle Sch., 3:30 p.

Selectboard
Thurs., 1/20, Joint mtg with Planning Board, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

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Sunday	16	0643	1905	----	1414
Monday	17	0721	1945	0011	1319
Tuesday	18	0802	2027	0051	1347
Wednesday	19	0843	2109	0135	1421*
Thursday	20	0923	2150	0221*	1456*
Friday	21	1005	2233	0305*	1532*
Saturday	22	1049	2321	0347*	1609*
Sunday	23	1140	----	0431*	1651*
Monday	24	0015	1235	0525*	1743*
Tuesday	25	0109	1330	0633	1846*
Wednesday	26	0203	1427	0743	1949*
Thursday	27	0304	1534	0851	2051*
Friday	28	0412	1643	1011*	2200*

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

Bueno Announces School Committee Run

Happy New Year my friends! I don't know about you, but I am excited about the possibilities and opportunities 2022 will bring for our community. For me, the highest honor would be earning your vote for another three-year term on the School Committee. Thank you to all those who signed my nomination papers and expressed interest in signing to place my name on the ballot. Because of this excitement, we were the second candidate in turning nomination papers right before the holidays! I am grateful for the trust you continue giving me to lead our schools and town forward.

Just three years ago, pre-COVID19 times, I ran as a write-in candidate, knocking on doors throughout Fairhaven and handing out flashcards with my contact information to be placed on the ballot. I was shocked to receive a total of 270 write in votes to give me a shot on the School Committee. And now, the time has come once again to give me another chance at a second term.

Serving with my colleagues on this committee has been an honor of a lifetime. Never could I ever imagine my first term helping lead our Fairhaven Public Schools through a global pandemic. While COVID19 lingers on to this day, we have implemented a vast array of social, emotional, and mental health supports from our K-2 literacy program, to innovation classrooms, enhancing students' critical thinking and literacy skills.

In collaboration with your representatives at Town Meeting, Fairhaven High School now has a new Turf Field for all our scholars to use and showcase their pride across our region. Our gymnasiums have been upgraded with the latest filtration systems and we continue, in collaboration with medical experts, ensuring our scholars receive in-person learning.

As the 2014 Class President, Student Representative for the School Committee, and lifelong Fairhaven resident, the mission and values of our schools and community runs deep in my soul as education policy

remains a focal point in my personal and professional endeavors not just in this current role, but also as an average citizen.

Because of your trust, I am proud to serve as Chair of the first ever Charter Committee, Chair of the Lagoa Friendship Pact Committee, and help raise awareness for diversity, equity, and inclusionary causes deeply personal to me and so many others who feel left behind due to societal constructs.

I am proud of my record and hope to earn your vote for a second term on the School Committee on Monday, April 4th. Please like my Facebook page, Kyle Bueno — Fairhaven School Committee, to learn more.

Thank you, and may all of you have a happy and healthy New Year.

Kyle Bueno,

Fairhaven School Committee

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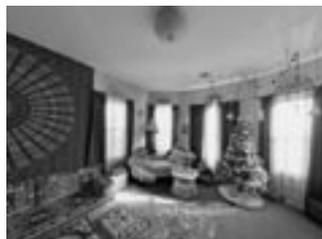
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