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Alive with Imagination

Mattapoisett Free Public Library

By Marilou Newell

We are so fortunate to live in an area heavily populated with visual artists. We don't have to fight Boston traffic or throngs of people to gain access to museums. Creative genius is close at hand. All we have to do is go to the library.

Currently on view at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library are the imaginative works created by the seasoned artist JP Powel of South Dartmouth, where for decades he has found inspiration primarily in the natural environment.

We caught up with Powel shortly after his exhibit opened (now through the end of September), and he shared how his long, artistic journey began and how it has sustained his creativity.

"My approach to the theme of a painting is from my imagination." Rather than painting what he sees, he paints an imagined retelling of the scene, "...imagined spaces."

One of the paintings currently on display shows a dirt road edged with vegetation, but in the foreground, as if reaching out to the viewer, is a large, gnarly tree, a tree that shows its age, shows its experiences, yet remains steadfastly holding its ground with strength. It dominates the painting while, at the same time, granting the viewer a verdant scene.

All his works are oil on panel.

"When I started out, it was easier to find discarded pieces of plywood," he said with a chuckle, noting the status many young artists face, a lack of financial resources. Yet, as his circumstances changed, he stayed with wood panels to capture his imaginative works.

We were smitten by Powel's works, works that

On the Cover: Completed on September 28, 2012, JP Powel's painting, "Open Door, Mica Mansion" is the 24x18-inch, oil-on-canvas work that first greets visitors to his collection of paintings now on display at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library. The South Dartmouth artist trained in sculpture now paints in a style he calls "imaginative realism." His exhibit will be showing through the end of September. Photo by Mick Colageo

have a sculptural look and feel.

"I didn't study painting," he confessed – he studied sculpture. No surprise. He said that he had mentors in the art world who showed him painting techniques. "They were my teachers."

Powel calls his style "imaginative realism," with medieval overtones and heavy imagery. He explained that he uses the technique of first drawing the image on the panel, then painting it out. He wrote of his paintings, "... images have people seeing the world differently, more radiant."

Radiant indeed. One panel is vividly painted in yellows and blues, which captured our interest. We observed the central element, birds in flight heading into the beaming sunset – heading home. Is it a metaphor on a long life, we wondered.

Art is subjective, and we know what we like. This exhibit checked all the boxes for us. See for yourself.

Educated at Harvard, Powel painted for 10 years before joining his wife to pursue a business in creating

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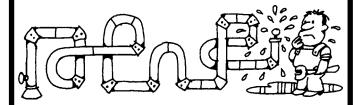
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pottery, then returned to painting. Today he can usually be found in his studio – imagining.

Baseball, Bananas and Clean Energy

Thoughts on...

By Dick Morgado

Have you heard about the Savanna Bananas? Of course, you have. They are the comedy baseball team that barnstorm from stadium to stadium, dressed in yellow uniforms, entertaining people who are willing to pay good money for a cheap laugh. Heck, you can stay home and watch the current Red Sox do that.

Truth be told, these aficionados of "Banana Ball" (who follow the footsteps of the great Max Patkin – look him up) whose crazy antics occur while professing to play the national pastime, are funny. But this column is not about them.

I just thought mentioning them would catch your attention. In writing parlance, that is called the "hook." No, this essay is not about dancing infielders and gymnastic outfielders. It is about real bananas, the eating kind.

I have a pretty good relationship with the yellow berry. (Yes, they are berries, like grapes, oranges and eggplants, but don't ask me to explain, the science is way over my head.) Thirteen years ago, I had a serious operation after which a specialty nurse advised me to eat two bananas and two marshmallows every day. I should mention that I have always hated bananas, but I am inclined to do what I am told when lying prone in Intensive Care.

The nurse was very smart. The banana diet helped to put my ailment into remission. The marshmallows not so much. Many pounds of body weight later, I found out she meant marshmallow root, an anti-inflammatory, not the sugary confection. I still eat bananas every day, but not marshmallows.

You will be glad to know that a bunch of bananas is called a "hand," and one banana is a "finger" (don't go there), or that they are slightly radioactive? Bananas can float, which may be why you never hear of a banana boat sinking. Just sayin'.

Over 100,000,000,000 bananas are eaten across the globe every year. You can use a banana peel to polish your leather shoes or rub one on your forehead to cure a headache. Gross! I'd recommend rubbing a marshmallow instead. I am proud to say my Portuguese ancestors introduced bananas from Africa to America in the 16th century. I don't recall Grandma cooking up a batch of banana-and-kale soup.

Sadly, bananas are on the verge of an "apocalypse," so says Li-Jun Ma, a University of Massachusetts Amherst biology professor. The Cavendish bananas we eat today suffer from the same devastating fungus that wiped out the variety my mother forced me to eat in the 1950s. Overplanting has caused the wilt to

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re-emerge. Luckily, there are 1,000 different varieties of bananas.

Thank goodness because someday soon you may be wearing banana clothing just like the Savanna Bananas. It's true. Scientists in Pakistan predict that soon they will be able to turn banana waste into textiles and provide clean energy as a bonus. Why Pakistan? Because banana farms there produce over 80,000,000 tons of waste! And the peels can produce enough electricity to supply half of the country. That's pretty a-peeling.

Imagine if I had saved all of my 9,490 banana peels over those 13 years ... never mind.

Should You Be Tested for Alzheimer's Disease?

What Does The Doctor Say?

By Dr. Edward Hoffer

Several recent studies have promised a reliable test to detect Alzheimer's disease in people with mild memory loss. What are these and should you request one?

One test is a very expensive imaging test, a specialized PET scan that will almost certainly not be



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covered by your insurance and is probably still best used in the research phase.

The other is a blood test – "phosphorylated tau" should you wish to Google it – that was reported to have over 90% accuracy in predicting Alzheimer's in a group of elderly people (average age 74) who had either subjective memory loss, doctor-diagnosed mild cognitive impairment, or dementia.

The blood test was better than both primary-care physicians and dementia specialists in diagnosing Alzheimer's disease and will probably soon be clinically available.

The real question, should the test be positive is: what next?

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The medicines available to treat Alzheimer's are not miracles. Both the older oral medicines and the newer IV medicines slow down the progression of the disease but do not cure it.

Considerable media attention and soaring stock prices have greeted the newer IV agents, but their results are only mildly better clinically than the old ones, and their potential side effects are worrisome, including bleeding in the brain.

The British agency responsible for approving new drugs in the National Health Service just turned down Biogen's drug, Leqembi, and its U.S. FDA approval has been controversial.

There is hope, but it is yet unproven, that starting these drugs much earlier in the process might make them more effective. Hopefully clinical trials will be conducted to see if this is true.

My strong feeling is that, for most people, the side effects of the newer drugs outweigh their proven benefits.

Any medical test should only be done when knowing the results of the test is expected to have a beneficial effect on your health.

So, putting the horse in front of the cart, if you are worried about memory loss, have a full discussion with a doctor you trust. Ask what would happen after a positive test before you are tested. Then you can make an informed decision.

Edward Hoffer MD is Associate Professor of Medicine, part-time, at Harvard.

Durant Enacts Transition

Rochester Select Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's new town administrator, Cameron Durant, grabbed the reins of his job quickly at his first Select Board meeting Monday.

The former Human Resources director for the Town of Fairhaven's first motion as Rochester's head administrator was to recommend disbanding the Town Administrator Search Committee, which the Select Board quickly did.

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"We'll do another in another 30 years," Durant said. To this, Select Board Chairman Brad Morse responded with a smile, "I sure hope so."

Next, Durant motioned and received approval to extend Interim Town Administrator Suzanne Szyndlar's contract for that job for another month, to obviously assist him with the transition. Szyndlar will remain the town's finance director until her retirement on June 30, 2025.

The town administrator position was vacated by the prior administrator, Glenn Cannon, when he accepted a similar role in Carver in March.

Durant requested that he be authorized to sign all grant awards and day-to-day operational agreements with town vendors. Before approving the latter, the Select



Board voted to raise the monetary limit he can spend on such operations from \$50,000 per contract to \$100,000 per contract.

In other action,
Durant announced
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for the Gifford
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Thursday, September 12, at 11:00 am at Town Hall. The 3,649 square-foot children's playground's full cost will be \$81,881.70. Half of that cost will be borne by the local non-profit "Tri-Town for Protecting Children."

Durant announced he will be available for a "meet and greet" with the public on Thursday, September 12, at 6:00 pm at the Council on Aging Senior Center, 67 Dexter Lane.

The Select Board approved two new Rochester Police policies and procedures recommended by the new police chief, Michael A. Assad, Jr. One is a new policy for promoting department officers. The other is a policy for town police officers and patrolmen taking a patrol car home.

The board appointed Arthur Smith to the Registrar of Voters for a term to expire on April 30, 2027.

The board approved the Buzzards Bay Coalition's route through town for the Watershed Ride on October 6 and the Charles River Wheelers Ride route through town on October 13.

The board endorsed a citation to retiring employee Lorraine Thompson for her 11 years of service with the Council on Aging.

The board approved plans for 29 new Eversource and Verizon utility poles on Snipatuit Road between Numbers 722 and 865, 655 and 694, 500 and 610 and 280 North Avenue, and a new utility pole on Stevens Road.

The board continued to January 27 its public



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hearings into plans for Eversource utility pole and manhole cover locations on Rounseville Road. An Eversource representative attending the meeting said the six poles in the island right-of-way have been moved, but the company is awaiting permission from the landowner for the relocation, and it needs wetlands permits for three of the poles.

The board continued to January 27 its public hearing into plans for a new utility pole on Featherbed Lane.

Both of the public hearings will take place at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

The next Rochester Select Board meeting will be held on Monday, September 23, at 6:00 pm at the Senior



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E-V Charging Ports Being Considered

Marion Select Board

By Mick Colageo

Town properties in Marion could soon be home to several, revenue-generating charging stations for electric vehicles.

In his Town Administrator's Report to the Marion Select Board on September 4, Geoff Gorman said that the town has the opportunity to install "fast" Level 3 DC chargers at various locations, providing electrical-vehicle charging and a new revenue stream.

Gorman said newer cars can use Level 3 DC chargers and go from 0% to 80% in 15 minutes. Gorman said the company working with the town on a revenue-sharing agreement estimates Marion could realize several hundred thousand dollars in eventual, annual revenues through the project.

Potential town-property locations for these charging stations include six ports each at the Marion Maintenance Garage, Cushing Community Center, the Police Station and the Town House, along with four ports at Island Wharf. The list also includes a location along Wells Road.

"I think the two (locations) that need the most conversation and have more detailed research would be the Police Station and potentially Wells Road," said Gorman. "We need to verify that Wells Road has had enough layout to support this."

"I think we need to think about whether or not we want a lot of cars coming into Town Hall or the Council on Aging to charge up and go away," said Select Board member Toby Burr.

"We could also make this a lot smaller of a project than it is," said Gorman. "Just to let you know right now, there are no fast-charging stations for anybody in this area."

Gorman explained that the revenue-sharing details could include offering a residents' discount and making the service free of charge to municipal vehicles. The town's existing, Level 2 charging stations would not





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"We just identified areas that potentially had enough town property to do the project," said Gorman, noting that Marion's hybrid vehicles are not compatible with Level 3 charging stations.

A Level 2 station at the Town House is broken beyond repair, said Gorman, who added a station at the Cushing Community Center was recently "Frankensteined" to accommodate users frequenting either location.

Two new, Level 2 charging stations at the Town House will indicate how much electricity is being used. The old models did not share that information. The new models will even recognize particular vehicles and be able to share data on those individual vehicles' visits.

Technological advancements will position town officials to determine how much it costs to operate the stations and if, for instance, it would be feasible to charge users a \$5 fee.

The next step for the town is to get Eversource to conduct a review allowing the town to move forward. The project manager will report to the Select Board at the latter's next availability.

In its most-significant action item, the Select Board voted to approve the Town of Marion's \$350,000 grant award from the Massachusetts Division of Water Supply Protection (DWSP) for the purpose of purchasing a conservation restriction for a 27.3-acre property on New Bedford Road in Rochester for drinking-water-supply

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In order for Marion to meet the requirements of the reimbursable grant, the town has to have full appropriation in the amount of \$585,000.

"The appropriation shortfall above the (\$350,000) would be supported by the Buzzards Bay Coalition, so they're gifting the money to us, and then we'll return that money and the grant award to them so they can purchase (the property)," explained Gorman.

The amount for related project and closing costs is not to exceed \$26,610. The land shall be made available to the public for passive recreational use.

In other action items, the Select Board upgraded Ray Cullum from associate to full-voting member on the Marine Resources Commission.

The board approved two Special, One-Day Alcohol Beverage licenses for the Marion Social Club, one for its Chicken Bake scheduled to serve approximately 200 people on Sunday, September 22, from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm and another for its 180-guest Pig Roast on Sunday, October 20, from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

The board approved the following Water/ Sewer commitments: \$1,428.04 (final readings August 23); \$271.47 (final readings August 27) and \$155 (sewer reconnection August 28).

Other subjects tackled in Gorman's report included news that the Harbormaster Building construction is on track except for carpeting. The ground-level restrooms at the old office's area have been updated, and visitors can sit on bar stools with high-top tables and enjoy the view of Sippican Harbor.

The new office is on schedule to achieve substantial completion this month and a ribbon cutting with tours soon to follow.

The installation of pilings is expected this week at the new Department of Public Works construction at Benson Brook. "The site-excavation area looks great," said Gorman, who expected to see the Morton Building people at the site this week.

The town has identified funding for a sign with the new Pina family name at the Point Road Playground.

Finally, Gorman told the Select Board he would like to get an updated list of its Fiscal Year 2025 Goals approved in October. Meantime, in-process goals will remain in progress, pending the board's direction, he said.

The Select Board will begin an hour early at its next meeting to accommodate a joint session with the Marion Marine Resources Commission.

The next meeting of the Marion Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, September 17, at 5:00 pm at the Police Station.

Life Savers Recognized

Mattapoisett Select Board

By Marilou Newell

George Powers was enjoying a springtime bike

ride with a few hundred other cycling enthusiasts when he experienced a near-death heart attack. It's a date he and his family aren't likely to forget – May 19, 2024, on the Tour de Crème.

Several cyclists sprang into action performing CPR, while others called for the emergency medical services. The story has a happy ending thanks to the collective and swift efforts of all who assisted Powers in his moment of need. On September 10 during the regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Select Board, the Powers family said thank you as did the town.

Receiving "hero" citations from the American Heart Association were Sergeant Adalberto Cardoso Jr., Detective Dennis Tavares, Officer Sean Parker, Officer Isaac Perry (harbormaster), Assistant Harbormaster Luke Mello, Officer Paul Andrews, and Paramedic Mike Florio.

Rising to speak, Powers thanked all for their care and professionalism and for being there to help him as life hung in the balance. The combined efforts resulted in Powers' body re-establishing a viable pulse before heading to the hospital.

To show their appreciation, Powers' brother George created a handcrafted coat rack inscribed with words of appreciation.

In other business, the board voted to allocate \$64,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for the purpose of purchasing staff laptops, upgrades to systems in the Town Hall conference room for improved remote-meeting transmissions, and installation of a new fiber switch.

Town Administrator Mike Lorenco reminded the public that the state is still collecting comments via a survey posted on the town's website (Mattapoisett.net) on the topic of Hazard Mitigation.

He also announced a special presentation on Radon to be held on Wednesday, September 25, at 1:00 pm in the library conference room hosted by the Board of Health. "Radon is an odorless, tasteless gas that can exist in any home," an announcement read. It further stated that Radon can be found often in structures built on ledge or sand, both prevalent in the area. Representatives from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health will be in attendance.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, October 1.

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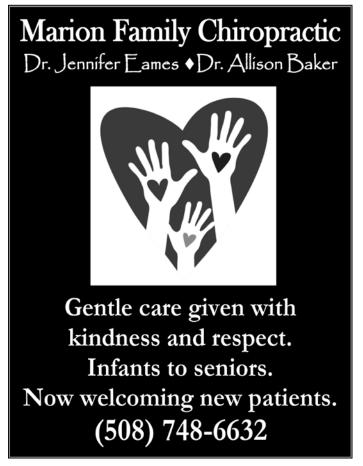
Seasoned Pro to Crunch Numbers

MRV Water District Commission/Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee

By Mick Colageo

Judy Mooney doesn't mind helping out some in her retirement, and that makes members of the Mattapoisett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee and Water District Commission very happy.

The recently retired Town of Marion finance director agreed on Tuesday to serve both arms of the MRV as treasurer, a part-time job that the MRV is happy to compensate at the standard \$34 per hour it pays out to contractors.



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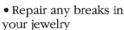
The Town of Fairhaven is the hometown of the MRV for the purposes of financial management, and staff additions and the division of information streams had rendered fact-finding a more cumbersome duty of late. Having worked with the personnel involved, Mooney indicated confidence she can do the job.

September 10 was also the occasion for the reorganization of both the commission and committee, and the membership voted to keep everyone in their current roles, both arms retaining Vinnie Furtado

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as chairman and Renauld as vice chairman. Marion Department of Public Works engineer Meghan Davis will continue to serve the committee as clerk.

In seeking the commission's approval of \$67,064.09 in paid invoices for the month of August, Renauld's report included \$15,240 in invoices related to capital projects from engineering firm Tata & Howard, over \$10,000 from Borden & Remington and a compressor costing approximately \$8,000.

Renauld told Mooney he would like to upgrade the monthly treasurer's report to cross-reference with the Town of Fairhaven.

"A spreadsheet wouldn't be bad if we could have one," said Renauld, who had just completed a transfer of a little over \$300,000 from Unibank to Rockland Trust. The funds, set aside for emergency situations, will now be in one account, making them easier to follow and easier to reconcile.

Mooney indicated that she will review all angles of the MRV's financial mechanics.

Member David Pierce asked if Mooney's review could reveal, "What funds we still have that we're not seeing in the monthly reports," relative to the annual budget. Mooney said she can handle that as well.

During the committee meeting that preceded the commission's, Jeff Furtado reported a total ending balance of \$192,210.09.

Where it concerns the Water Treatment Plant filter-upgrade project, Tata & Howard engineer Jon Gregory sought guidance as to how the commission wishes to pull together the firm's Engineering Construction Services Agreement now that the bidding season is upon the MRV.

Gregory reported that the general bidding opens on October 3, after which Tata & Howard will be pushing to get contracts approved by the state Department of Environmental Protection and then start construction as soon as possible.

Gregory said he needed a district-commission vote to authorize Vinnie Furtado to sign and execute the agreement. Citing the next regular meeting on October 8, Vinnie Furtado said if necessary, the MRV could call



a meeting before that date so as to not hold up Tata & Howard's timetable.

Legal counsel Blair Bailey said, while the MRV does not want to miss a beat, it needs to have to have a definitive number or a not-to-exceed figure in the agreement. He also hinted at scenarios where the agreement could either phase in parts or acknowledge multiple contingencies. "I do think we need more information," he said.

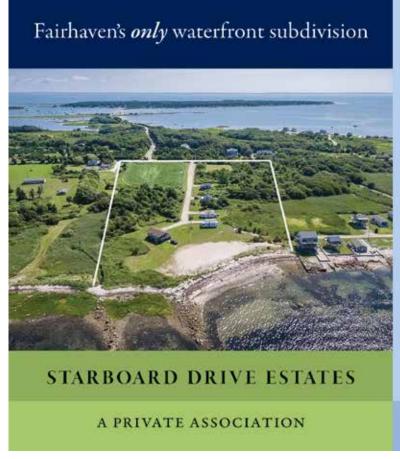
Gregory anticipates knowing more before the October 8 meeting and would share that information with Bailey.

Mattapoisett Town Administrator Mike Lorenco, a commission member, suggested the possibility of dividing the construction services for the filtering project from the construction services for the ultra-violet light system, but Vinnie Furtado wanted to be certain the UV services don't get left behind, especially after he sold Fairhaven Town Meeting voters on that segment of the project before they voted to appropriate \$4,300,000 toward the project.

Gregory explained that the intention has never been to consider dropping the UV portion of the project, only segmenting the funding to guarantee certain successes in sequence. "It's set up so it can be added in the future," he said.

Gregory didn't think it beneficial to set up an October 1 meeting.







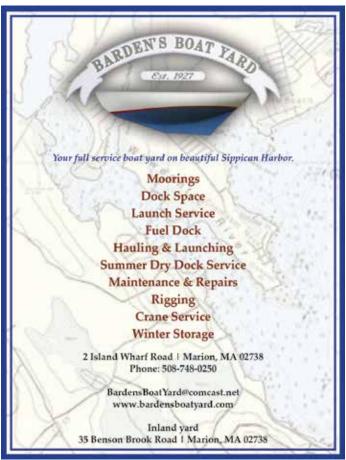


"It's a little too early to tell if we need to do that ... maybe in a couple of weeks (we'll know)," he said.

A conference was scheduled at the plant on Wednesday morning to welcome potential bidders. The deadlines to file subcontractor bids such as electrical is September 19 at 2:00 pm. General contracting bids open on Thursday, October 3, at 2:00 pm.

At last count, Gregory estimated 15 bid sets had been out to general contractors or electrical subbidders. "There's been some good interest in the project," he said.

In his Treatment Plant Operations update, Renauld said they had to replace a compressor after a seal let go on a low-lift, circulation pump, resulting in a significant leak. Weston & Sampson, he said, is looking



at it with an interest in making the fix. Renauld is also looking to get bids on cleaning the plant's backwash tanks.

Renauld told member Nick Nicholson that the \$91,000 in tornado damage to the transfer switch at the plant was not covered by the insurance company, which determined that the malfunction is age and not stormrelated. Nonetheless, Mattapoisett appropriated funds the town received for tornado relief to pay that bill. Lorenco said any tornado money remaining would help offset the \$6,800 effort to clean up a section of the property by the sand-bed fencing along Tinkham Lane. Renauld was authorized to spend maintenance funds to get that work completed.

Gregory anticipates having the 2023 hydrologic river-monitoring report ready for the committee's consumption at its next meeting.

Emergency Response Preparation training will be held on November 7 at the Marion Music Hall.

The next public meetings of the MRV Water District Commission and Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee are scheduled for Tuesday, October 8, at 3:30 and 4:00 pm.

Cove Street Maintenance Planned

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission

By Marilou Newell

Taking listed agenda items out of rotation during the September 9 meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission, Robert Sylvia of Cove Street addressed the matter of maintenance of the private roadway.

Currently on file with the Highway Department are two municipal agreements that provide for snow removal and twice-annual grading of Cove Street, but Sylvia cited some residents of the barrier-beach neighborhood were either not in favor of the agreement or unable to financially support roadway maintenance. He emphasized the good working relationship he has with Highway Surveyor Garrett Bauer and repeated his intentions were to make the neighborhood better for all.

Sylvia stated that he typically grades and plows a portion of the road himself (he is a licensed heavy

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equipment operator) and that he is in conversation now with Bauer on type of gravel to be used.

An audience member identified as Brian Blaesser said that the beach association will be holding its annual meeting over the weekend when the issue of road maintenance will be decided. Chairman Mike King said, "As long as you are all conferring, we're good."

Later in the meeting the board heard four requests for amended orders of conditions for building lots located on Goodspeed Island. They are lots 29 and 29A owned by Caroline's Way Trust, lot 2, 3 Goodspeed Island Road owned by Christopher and Mary Riley and lot 28A owned by Derek and Kylene Gregoire.

All four requests would grant permission to the install a master sewer system that would service all the new homes, with associated easements, and to perform beach repair and nourishments as needed after storms. The requests were granted. Ownership of the equipment will become the town's once the installation has been paid for, engineer David Davignon of Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Incorporated, stated.

A Notice of Intent filed by John Igoe and Ruthanne Miller for the construction of a single-family home was continued pending more complete, engineered drawings, including stormwater systems.

Negative determinations of applicability were granted to filings by Bryan and Paula Coffey, 0 North Road, for a fence and possible swale installation; Lynne



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A. Moody, 6 North Road, for septic upgrades, and Ronald and Cynthia Axelrod for the replacement of an elevated deck.

A Notice of Intent filed by Michael Harrington, 9 Shore View Avenue, for the construction of a single-family home in a flood zone, was conditioned.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, September 23, at 6:30 pm.

Variance Could Be Replaced by Permit

Rochester's Planning Board By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's Planning Board meeting on Tuesday night approved the request by Snipatuit Solar LLC to extend for one year the special permits for its proposed solar-energy installation on 128 acres at 529, 523 and 0 Snipatuit Road and Featherbed Lane within the Mattapoisett River Valley Watershed and groundwater protection district.

The vote came after project engineer Greg Sampson agreed to new terms that include the town being indemnified on the project owner's liability insurance policy and increases in the bond amounts that the company must post.

The five-year performance bond the company must pay has been increased to \$21,000 and the decommissioning bond to \$350,000. Sampson said a



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simple yes when Planning Board Chairman Arnold Johnson asked him if he was amendable to both increases.

In other action, the board signed the draft letter to the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding a Use Variance petition for a plan to construct a multifamily unit on a lot barely more than one acre in size at 48 Pierce Street. At its previous meeting, the board had agreed to send notice to the ZBA that it opposes such a plan.

The Planning Board also signed the Site Plan Review draft decision for the four-building, self-storage facility proposed for County Road that will include one multistory building.

The board's lengthiest discussion came when it reviewed the Zoning Bylaw Review Committee's proposed bylaw changes for the January 6, 2025, Special Town Meeting warrant. One change would enact regulations for short-term rentals. A second would create regulations for accessory-dwelling units. A third would eliminate use variances.

Review committee member Mark Wellington presented the Planning Board with the way the Cape Cod town of Truro regulates short-term rentals as an example for a possible Rochester bylaw. Truro considers a short-term rental if it is 120 days or fewer and requires an application fee; Truro's is \$450.

The property's well must be tested, and the property owner must present a Mass Tax Connect Certificate of Good Standing. In Truro's case, the application can be completed online.

As the Planning Board reviewed this example, its members added that well tests might be needed yearly for such properties, and septic-system capacity should be judged on the number of bedrooms.

Zoning Bylaw Review Committee Chairman Richard Cutler said his committee's plans for accessoryunit regulations are being complicated by new state regulations allowing such units in many cases by right.

Regarding elimination of the "use variance" in favor relying on special permits for special requests instead, Cutler said most communities in the state have done away with them. "A use variance stays with the property," Cutler said. "It confuses people applying



for something. They go for use variance when a special permit will do."

Board members concluded that further review of the three changes should await discussion with Town Counsel. Johnson said that meeting is scheduled for September 24 and that boards are required to submit only placeholder articles, with language lacking specifics if necessary, for Town Meeting by October 31.

The Rochester Planning Board's next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 24, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Accessory Units Subject to State Law

Marion Affordable Housing Trust

By Mary McCann-Fiske

Marion's Affordable Housing Trust held its monthly meeting on Tuesday night.

Chairperson Eileen Marum called the meeting to order and asked for comments on the minutes of the previous meeting. These were unanimously approved as written, and the group proceeded with the scheduled agenda items.

The first of these was an update and in-depth discussion on the recently passed state law, the Affordable Homes Act, and how the town will integrate its requirements, particularly on Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's).

Member Toby Ast reported that the new law



supersedes town bylaws and regulations and highlighted some of the specific changes to expect, based on an assessment by outside counsel KP Law.

These included: Towns may not restrict the number of occupants, require that occupants of an ADU be relatives, or require more than one parking spot for an ADU; towns may put restrictions on short-term rentals or require site-plan reviews; and towns must require a cash bond from residents seeking to appeal a decision on an approval of their proposed plans.

ADU's will be considered "as of right" to build and not require special permits.

The Marion Codification Committee has reviewed the report and made recommendations.



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There was a discussion on what the maximum size of an ADU should be. The state law does not specify, while the existing town limit is the lower of 1,200 square feet or 50% of the area of the existing home. The Codification Committee's recommendation is 900 square feet, which AHT members consider to be too small.

Next steps include meeting with the Codification Committee on Thursday, October 3, at 12:00 pm to review changes proposed by the Affordable Housing Trust. Once reviewed and approved, the town's modifications will go to the Planning Board, then to Town Meeting for approval by residents and ultimately to the Attorney General for finalization.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm. Topics at the

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The next meeting of the Marion Affordable Housing Trust is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8, at 6:00 pm at the Police Station, 550 Mill Street.

Junior High a Pivot Point of Positivity

ORR School Committee

By Mick Colageo

In reporting to the Old Rochester Regional School Committee on September 5, ORR Junior High School Principal Silas Coellner said the climate in the junior high is the most positive he has seen in a long time.

"We live and breathe transition at the junior high school. ... It all happens very fast, and there's a tremendous amount of work," said Coellner, who told the committee he's already thinking about sixth graders who will be coming to the school. "We do a lot of great work, but we want to articulate it, codify it if you will."

All the while, said Coellner, ownership and sense of belonging will be kept at the forefront of student life in the junior high school.

In order to relax "the jitters," the junior high school opened its building to parents on opening day and gave out 228 ice creams, more than the number of seventh graders.

Coellner's remarks came from separate agenda topics on September 5, but his principal's report easily could have been part of his rollout of the 2024-26 (two-year) School Improvement Plan that he and ORRHS Vice Principal Vanessa Harvey both discussed.

Before the committee's vote approves the 2024-26 School Improvement Plans for the junior high and high school, Coellner pointed out that the plan aligns with Vision 2028, the ORR District's overarching, five-year plan. The two-year program will get the junior high three years into ORR's five-year plan. New components will include "getting our feet wet in 'Portrait of a Graduate' work," he said.

ORR Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson pointed out that the school improvement plans now reflect the core values, mission and vision, and each element finds a common language with the overall district vision.

Addressing the committee on behalf of ORR High School Principal Mike Devoll, Harvey said most of the work in teaching and learning will take place in the high school's Instructional Council. She identified the council as "a very strong group" including administrators and coordinators.

"We'll be examining the curriculum as part of the curriculum cycle," said Harvey, giving the floor to ORR Director of Guidance Lauren Millette to review several progress points. Millette said a committee will be formed



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to identify all points of support and will look to grow Project 351.

The school committee recognized recent retiree Melanie Kellum, a longtime math teacher and coordinator, and Dr. Jaime Curley was welcomed to the committee as the new assistant superintendent of Student Services. Curley spent 18 years in the Dennis-Yarmouth school district as a special education teacher and school psychologist.

The two were part of a wave of acknowledgements of new staff members, also including: Anita Faath (instructional assistant – paraprofessional); Susan Harrison (Computer Science teacher); Elizabeth Kennedy (PreK teacher – vocational); David McCarthy

(World Language teacher); Pedro Silva (Music teacher); Ava Novakoski (Physical Education teacher); Danya Bischel (instructional assistant); Michael Bowen (Instructional assistant – paraprofessional); Rebecca Kearney (School Adjustment counselor/social worker); Angela Weiss (custodian); Luis Nolasco (custodian night supervisor) and Edward Pimentel (custodian).

Kris Lincoln, the former director of Student Services, is now a Special Education teacher.

Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Dr. Shari Fedorowicz recognized Kim Reed for her role in helping make August 22 a successful new teacher orientation day.

Nelson publicly thanked the community for



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its support as schools opened, including the parents and police and fire departments. "It is a big deal," said, crediting the community support systems for making ORR special. He said parking spots are hard to come by at Open House, which means the schools have strong partnerships with their families.

Likewise, Harvey said ORRHS freshman have acclimated well to their new school surroundings. Student ambassadors helped the new students find their way.

Committee member Margaret McSweeny asked if the 643-student enrollment at the high school includes the 95 School Choice students, and Millette confirmed that the 95 are among the 643 total.

Meeting early, the committee took a tour of the school buildings under the guidance of Facilities Director Gene Jones, and Chairperson Michelle Smith opened the meeting by thanking Jones, called the buildings "fresh and clean and inviting."

In her Chairperson's Report, Smith had executive secretary Melissa Wilcox share a YouTube video titled, "Kid President's Pep Talk to Teachers and Students!"

"Remember to look for the awesome, see the awesome," said Smith.

Smith was a unanimous choice to remain in her role as ORR School Committee chairperson, and April Nye was unanimously voted to become vice chairperson, a vacant role as the 2024-25 school year began.

Christina Gagnon was reappointed as treasurer and Melissa Wilcox as secretary.

As the committee went about establishing subcommittees for the 2024-25 school year, Nelson noted that member Jim Muse has indicated his willingness to serve where needed.

Muse will return to the budget subcommittee alongside Nye, Smith and Matthew Monteiro. Frances-Feliz Kearns volunteered to serve as an alternate on the budget subcommittee.

Among other actions taken, the School Committee unanimously voted to approve Ocean Cliff in Newport, Rhode Island, as the prom location on May 27, 2025, from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

The venue, as explained by senior class student leaders, will cost \$18,620 and accommodate approximately 200 students. Tickets will be \$40, but the





class will provide tickets for students who cannot afford them. Likewise, while students will provide their own transportation to the venue, those who cannot do so will be able to ride to the event in a school bus.

In his report to the committee, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations Howie Barber said he is working with the treasurer to wrap up FY24.

Of the approximate \$22,600,000 operating budget for FY25, Barber estimated that \$9,300,000 is encumbered. He told the committee that it typically takes until well into October before all the budget's encumbrances are identified.

"That's when you see a little bit more of a true value of what remains," he said.

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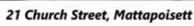
Smith reminded parents and guardians to fill out the online lunch form, noting that although lunch is free to students, it is funded with money that comes into the school. Monteiro added that the documentation will not only help the school recover money from the state but will help bring benefits to needy families.

Barber credited Jones and the maintenance and custodial staffs for getting ORR's athletic fields ready for the rush of activity that accompanies the new academic year.

The committee entered executive session and

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returned only to adjourn.

The next meeting of the ORR School Committee is scheduled for Thursday, October 10, and the next meeting of the Joint School Committee is scheduled for Thursday, September 26. Both meetings are to begin at 6:30 pm and be held at the ORR Junior High Media Room, also accessible via Zoom.

Bulldogs Work OT to Take Opener

ORR Sports Roundup

By Aiden Comorosky

The Old Rochester Regional High School football team played its season opener against Attleboro on September 6 and won, 22-20, in a well-fought victory. The visiting Bulldogs were down 7-0 at halftime but never gave up.

"We started the second half with a quick threeand-out on defense and then put together a drive capped by a 49-yard touchdown run by Gavin Martin," said ORR Head Coach Bryce Guilbeault.

Nolan Blanchette added the extra point to tie the game 7-7 in the third quarter. Early in the fourth quarter, Attleboro took a 14-7 lead. On fourth and goal from the 10-yard line, Martin hit freshman Benji Baptiste on a touchdown pass with 42 seconds remaining in the game.

Blanchette added the PAT to tie the game at 14-14. In overtime, Devin St. Germaine scored a 3-yard rushing touchdown, and Jack Leconte added the 2-point conversion. Attleboro scored on its attempt in OT, but Martin batted down the 2-point conversion pass to give

the Bulldogs the win on the road.

From the quarterback position, Martin totaled over 100 yards in combined rushing and passing, as well as a rushing and passing touchdowns. Baptiste, a freshman, had two receptions and his first varsity touchdown.

"We are really proud of the boys. They were resilient and showed great intestinal fortitude all game! They never gave up and they never stopped believing. It was a great team win that everyone contributed in the victory," said Guilbeault.

ORR's next game will be the Bulldogs' home opener, coming against Bishop Stang on Friday, September 13, at 6:30 pm.

Boys Soccer

ORR battled Falmouth to scoreless tie on September 5. Emile Joseph made 5 saves for the shutout. The Bulldogs had 12 shots on goal, and Falmouth had five. ORR was scheduled to host Seekonk on Wednesday.

ORR's junior varsity squad also played Falmouth on September 5 and won 2-1 in a last-minute victory. Old Rochester scored quickly on a goal by Max Ferrari in the first five minutes, on an assist from Liam Whittaker.

"Falmouth had a number of very skilled, fast players and put constant pressure on our defense. But the unit, led by captain center back Malcolm Bean and excellent goalkeeping by John Ferreira, kept them off the score sheet for the next 60 minutes," said ORR Coach Geoffrey Kelsey.

Falmouth then scored to tie the game at 1-1 with five minutes remaining, but with a minute left, Ferrari scored his second goal of the game to bring home the win for the Bulldogs.

"I am so proud of all the guys. They showed a ton of toughness against a very good opponent," said Kelsey.

The Bulldogs were scheduled to host Seekonk on Wednesday.

Girls Soccer

ORR played at home against Falmouth on September 5 and won 2-0. Both goals were scored by Audrey Thomas, and goalkeeper Emerson Roy had a shutout in goal. The Bulldogs took a 2-0 record into

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ORR's JV team played Falmouth on September 5 and also won 2-0. Goals were scored by Caitlin Wilson and Sydney Bosma. Goalkeeper Bel Marujo achieved a shutout in the win. The Bulldogs took a 2-0 record into Wednesday's game at Seekonk.

Golf

The Bulldogs hosted Fairhaven at the Bay Club on September 5 and won 238-272, their six top players needing 34 fewer, combined strokes to complete the par-35, nine-hole competition. This continues ORR's great start to the season, as their record stands at 4-0. Peter le Gassick shot a 2-under-par 33, while Jack Czerkowicz shot a 36 (1-over) and Luke Pierre shot a 40 (5 over). The Bulldogs' next match will be at the Bay Club against visiting Apponequet (3-2) on Thursday, September 12.

Girls Volleyball

The Bulldogs played their season opener against Dartmouth on September 3 and won 3-1. Set scores were 25-17, 25-20, 16-25, and 25-17. Aubrie Letourneau had 35 assists, 2 blocks and 2 aces, while Erin Root had 8 kills and 2 aces to help lead the Bulldogs. ORR was scheduled to visit Seekonk on Wednesday.

Field Hockey

ORR played Dighton-Rehoboth on September 5 and tied 0-0. Goalkeeper Reilly Patraiko made five saves and secured a shutout. The Bulldogs' next game will be on Thursday, September 12, at home against Joseph Case High School (Swansea).

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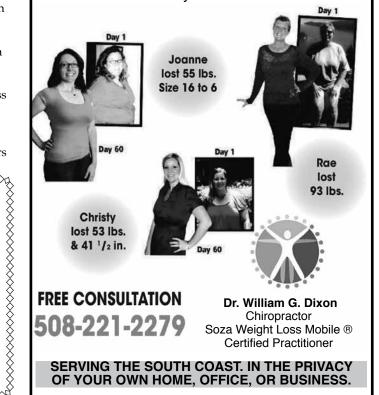
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Artist Meet & Greet

In conjunction with JP Powel's Mattapoisett Library Art Series painting exhibit called Back Roads, Wild and Imagined Places at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library (**September 3 – 29**), Powel will be at the library in person on Wednesday, **September 18** from 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm for a Meet & Greet. Come meet Powell and hear about his work. He will be bringing his sketchbooks containing pen and ink drawings for all to view.

Marion Receives \$212,675 **Green Communities Grant**

Town Administrator Geoffrey Gorman is pleased to announce that the Town of Marion has been awarded a \$212,675 grant from the state's Department of Energy Resources (DOER) as a part of the Commonwealth's Green Communities Program.

The grant funding is part of a statewide initiative to help Massachusetts cities and towns find clean energy solutions that reduce long-term energy costs and strengthen local economies.

The grant will fund several projects in Marion, including:

\$29,825 for a heat pump system upgrade at the Front Street Pump Station

\$41,300 for variable frequency drives at the Wastewater Pollution Control Facility

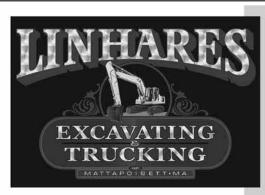
\$104,080 for a building management system upgrade at the Wastewater Pollution Control Facility

\$37,470 for a transformer upgrade at Sippican Elementary School

The Town of Marion received part of more than \$7.4 million that was awarded to communities across Massachusetts to fund clean energy projects. The Department of Energy Resources (DOER) awarded Green Communities competitive grants to 44 municipalities this round.

"We are extremely grateful to the Department of Energy Resources and the Healey-Driscoll Administration for this funding," Town Administrator Gorman said. "This grant allows us to continue to improve our energy efficiency within three of our municipal facilities and we look forward to completing this work."

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energy projects that further the designated communities' clean energy goals and are awarded to existing Green Communities that have successfully invested their initial designation grants and previous competitive grant awards.

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"Our cities and towns are playing a crucial role in accelerating our clean energy transition," Gov. Maura Healey said. Their efforts not only advance our clean energy goals but also strengthen local economies and create healthier, more affordable communities. We are proud of these 44 communities leading the way in climate action and investing in local clean energy projects."

September Events in the Mattapoisett Library Children's Room

Get Ready for an Exciting September at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library Children's Room.

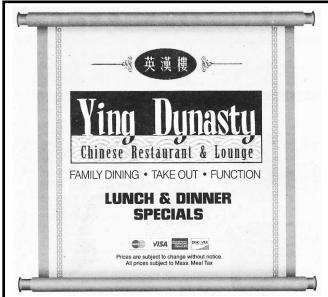
Children's weekly storytimes return. Fall Family Storytime returns Thursday, **September 19** at 10:30 am. Baby Storytime returns on Friday, **September 20** at 10:30 am.

Graphic Novel Book Club returns on Friday, September 20 at 3:30 pm. Graphic Novel Book Club will be reading Long Distance by Whitney Gardner. Copies are available at the library. Come prepared for a lively



discussion, a craft, and snacks. Recommended for ages 9 and up. Register on our website. Contact bsolaris@ sailsinc.org with any questions.

Family Literacy Night: How to Raise Strong Readers takes place on Tuesday, September 24 at 6 pm. Getting your child ready for literacy should be an enjoyable journey, not a daunting task. Join the representatives from the SEAL Foundation to explore a variety of games and activities that can be easily integrated into your daily routine - whether you're in the car, at the supermarket, or relaxing on the couch at home. Uncover the simplicity of enhancing your child's reading abilities. Join us for a night of fun as we explore how easy it is to practice pre-reading skills from any setting. No



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No-Sew Fabric Bowl takes place on Wednesday, **September 25** at 3:30 pm. Creating fabric bowls is like crafting magic. Transform old fabric into adorable bowls that can jazz up your space or make a great gift. For ages 5 and up. Those interested in participating are welcome to register on our website.

On Saturday, **September 28** at 10:30 am, join us for Toddler Sun Scrap Craft. Gather the tiny tots for a crafting party. Let's whip up a charming sun using paper bits and sticky glue. Perfect for kiddos aged 2 and above. No need to sign up - just show up and craft away.

All programs are free and open to the public. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Skaar at mskaar@sailsinc.org. You can also find more information on our website at MattapoisettLibrary.org.

The Road from Belhaven by Margot Livesey

Please join us at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library on Sunday, **September 22** from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm for a Fall 2024 Purrington Author Talk Series. Hear author Margot Livesey give a talk about her newest novel The Road from Belhaven (2024) - the story of a girl's coming of a late-19th century Scotland. Livesey grew up in a boys' private school in the Scottish Highlands where her mother and father worked. She took a B.A. in English and philosophy at the University of York in England. Margot has published nine novels, including

Eva Moves the Furniture, The Boy in the Field and NYT best seller The Flight of Gemma Hardy. Margot has taught at many universities and has been the recipient of many fellowships. Margot is currently teaching at the University of Iowa Writers' Workshop. She lives with her husband, a painter, in Cambridge, MA, and goes back to London and Scotland whenever she can. Author Alice Sebold says, "Every novel of Margot Livesey's is, for her readers, a joyous discovery. Her work radiates with compassion and intelligence and always, deliciously, mystery." Signed books will be available for purchase. The program is free and open to all.

MYC Racing Results

Wednesday night MYC held its classic interclub race with 13 boats from all classes participating. No Quarter Given led the fleet at the start and never looked back, taking first place line honors and first place by handicap time. Second place was a battle. Restless, which placed second overall lost to Odyssey by 4/10s of a second in the handicap finish. (The math was checked more than twice for sure).

The night was capped off with a fabulous pizza party under the MYC tent.

MYC Overall Series Winners. The tally is done for this summers racing with PHRF Class B providing most of the excitement. There was a three-way tie for overall champion with Fir Na Tine, skippered by Commodore





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OBITUARIES



Nelson P. Costa, 78, of Marion passed away peacefully on Monday, September 2, 2024. He was the husband of Ronalie E. Wood.

Born in Fenais da Luz, Portugal, he was the son of the late Deodato Costa Lopes and Maria Couto.

Nelson enjoyed magic tricks and traveling, especially visiting the Azores where he still had family. He liked tinkering and fixing anything that broke in the house. He loved parking near the Marion harbor and looking at the boats.

Nelson's visitation will be held Friday, September 13, 2024 from 4-6 pm at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Road, Mattapoisett. For online guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com



Annelise Susanne Dexter, 66, of Rochester, MA, passed away unexpectedly on September 2, 2024. Born in Denmark, she was the daughter of Fritse and Tove Jorgensen.

From her upbringing on a farm in a small Danish village to the coast of Massachusetts, her love of animals and

nature was something she held dear to her heart. Whether she was making blueberry muffins, serving a hotdog from her food truck Danish Dogs, or just by being a beautiful presence, everyone she met was deeply touched by her infectious joy for life.

She is survived by her loving husband, Jim Camacho of Rochester, son, Adrian Dexter of Marion, stepdaughter Jamie Camacho and granddaughter Caitlin Westgate of Wareham, stepson Michael Camacho of Rochester, sisters Benedikte and Ruth Jorgensen and nieces Lena and Anna Semberlund of Denmark.

She will be dearly missed by her family, friends, and Danish Dogs customers.

Services will be private.



Raymond "Ray" L. Cebula, 78, of Mattapoisett, passed away surrounded by his family on Wednesday, September 4, 2024. He was a brave and courageous man right up until the end of his life. He was husband to his loving and devoted wife Mary Ann Cebula for 54 years.

Born in Springfield, MA, son of the late Leo and Evelyn (Winiarski) Cebula, he was raised in Western Massachusetts before settling in Mattapoisett where he resided for 43 years.

Raymond was a passionate outdoorsman. He believed in preservation of our local woods, trails, and oceans. He was an avid fisherman, something he passed on to his chil-

dren and grandchildren. He enjoyed boating and exploring Buzzards Bay and the Islands. Ray loved hunting for Elk and Deer and enjoyed many hunts on Ranches across the country and Canada.

Ray graduated with a bachelor's degree in engineering from Western New England University. He worked for Spalding before joining Titleist and Foot-Joy Worldwide where he spent most of his career. Ray retired as Vice President of Engineering, Technology, and Manufacturing. He was responsible for the expansion of the Titleist Ball Plants across New Bedford. Ray was a mentor to many at Titleist and was appreciated as an advocate for all people within the organization. Raymond believed in giving back to his community and was a member of the New Bedford Chamber of Commerce, the Mattapoisett Land Trust, and volunteered for the American Cancer Society.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann; his daughters, Jennifer Secrest and her husband Jarrard of San Antonio, TX, and Dawn Cormier and her husband Shaun of Mattapoisett; his brother Alan Cebula of Louisville, KY; his grandchildren, Adrian Cebula, Haley Secrest, Noah Cormier, and Lucas Cormier; his sister-in-law Terry Cebula his best friends Kathy and John Schneider; and many other close friends and family members.

He is predeceased by his brother and best friend Bob Cebula.

In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Memory of Raymond L Cebula to support head and neck cancer research at: Dana-Farber Cancer Institute PO Box 849168 Boston, MA 02284 or via dana-farber. org/gift

His Funeral Mass will be held Saturday, September 14th at 11 am at St. Anthony's Church, 26 Hammond St, Mattapoisett, all are invited to meet directly at church. His visitation will be held Friday, September 13th from 4-7 pm at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Road, Mattapoisett. For online guestbook, please visit www. saundersdwyer.com



Sean Patrick Young, 62, of Acushnet, passed away at St. Luke's Hospital, the day after his birthday, on September 6, 2024 after a tragic accident. He was surrounded by his loving family and heroic hospital staff as he drew his last breath.

A humble, kind, self-reliant, devout, and eccentric man, Sean truly

stepped to the beat of his own drummer, "however measured or far away." Born in New Bedford, Sean spent his childhood exploring in Marion, Massachusetts and graduated from Bishop Stang High School, where he ran track. He was truly a South Coast native, hunting, fishing, walking, and tilling the land around Buzzards Bay. Widely read and self-educated,

Rich Gleason, winning the tie breaker.

Steve Capone's Kinsail came in second in the tie breaker with Charlie Smith's Chickadee third. Fourth place Beck skippered by Fred Baker was only 3 points behind the group.

No Quarter Given skippered by Mark Thornhill took first place overall honors in Class A with Rob Ryan's Restless second, Don Ross's Coconuts third and Jeff Lee's Billy Bud finishing fourth.

Overall winner in the Ensign Class this season was Odyssey, skipper by Rick Warren. Second place was Black Ice, skippered by Phil Warren, third was Steve Clark's Brou Ha Ha, fourth place went to Brass Monkey, skippered by Andy Wehner fifth place was Dennis McLaughlin inHamburgler and sixth place was Tim Moll in Uncle Fester.

Last race of the season is the MYC Fall Round the Bay Race on **September 14**. PHRF boats from all over Buzzards Bay come to race in this classic. This is one of the last races in the Buzzards Bay Trophy Series and highly attended.

Entry details are on the MYC website under Racing / FRTB.

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Sean earned an Associate's degree in history and could talk at length on European and Native American history, religion, current events, and the environment. Though he truly was a homebody, he was fortunate enough to have traveled a couple of times in his life, once with a Christian Brother to Guatemala and another to a remote Indian reservation in British Columbia to hunt moose.

Despite his individualism, Sean was a stickler for the rules, hunting and fishing sustainably, riding his motorcycle cautiously with bright colors or reflective vests, and remaining orthodox in his Christian beliefs. Recently, Sean had entered remission after courageously battling multiple myeloma for the past four years.

Moreover, Sean had an immense capacity to empathize with others' suffering. In times of sickness or sorrow, Sean was the first to arrive at a family member's bedside or front door. He never forgot a birthday, and always gave thoughtful, carefully and creatively-wrapped Christmas gifts to his family. Those who knew Sean will remember him for his kind smile and his infectious laugh that he would sometimes emit to himself at some ironic thought, while twisting a few strands of hair let loose from his ponytail.

Sean leaves behind his mother, Sharon L. Young, and her husband Donald Mayers of Marion; his father, Charles R.

Young and wife Maria of Natick; his brother Andrew of Needham; his brother Charles of Franklin; his brother Christopher and wife Lisa and their children Thomas and Meghan of Fall River; his brother Michael and wife Jennifer with their children Tyler Harrison and Katherine Mary of Marion; and many cousins.

He was predeceased by his brother Joseph, and his grandparents, Sydney and Beulah Burrell, and Mary and Rene Charles Young.

His visitation will be held on Wednesday, September 11th from 4-7 pm at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Road, Route 6, Mattapoisett. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, September 12th, at 10 am at St. Anthony's Church, 26 Hammond St, Mattapoisett. Burial will follow in Riverside Cemetery, Fairhaven. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to your local blood bank or the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation in memory of Sean Young at themmrf.org. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

If you have a notice you would like to have included in the Obituaries section, please contact our office at: 508 758-9055, or by email at office@wanderer.com.

Movie Review



It's Showtime Again

By Rob Gonsalves www.robsmovievault.com

Beetlejuice Beetlejuice. Starring Michael Keaton and Winona Ryder. Directed by Tim Burton. Running time: 104 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13. Now playing in theaters.

The long-gestating sequel *Beetlejuice Beetlejuice* isn't at all bad — though it takes its sweet time getting going — but more than anything it made me want to revisit Tim Burton's 1988 original. That ornery supernatural cult comedy had a specific loopy, goth-shambolic flavor that Burton's new sequel only sporadically captures, and a good chunk of it feels like throat-clearing before the daffy finale. However. There have certainly been renewals of decades-old franchises that didn't have this movie's lift to them; there are also decades-old franchises that are likelier candidates for re-animation than *Beetlejuice*, and the very unlikelihood of the sequel's very existence 36 years later makes it stand out.

Despite working with a comparative megabudget (\$100 million here vs. \$15 million for the original), Burton gets the tone and vibe right, and that's not nothing. He also doesn't go in for much nostalgia. You could watch both films back to back and not be thrown much by the sequel. It's the story — although this doesn't come as a shock regarding almost any film Burton has made — that falters, and here it's because there's too *much* plot adding needless beats to the narrative.

For instance, the shabby underworld demon Betelgeuse (Michael Keaton) again wants to marry Lydia Deetz (Winona Ryder), now famous as a ghost expert on TV. But he wants marriage only so that he can get out of the afterlife and away from his murderous ex-wife Dolores (Monica Bellucci). This new character, though Bellucci looks terrific in her stapled-together *Bride of Frankenstein* get-up, never gets to do much besides suck the essence out of dead souls and intone "Where is Betelgeuse?" I was happy to see Bellucci, but I would've been happier to see her given more to do. The same is true of Willem Dafoe as Wolf Jackson, a former B-movie star who in the afterlife has styled himself a detective. He gets so little to do that the Wikipedia synopsis of the film doesn't even mention him.

This is Winona Ryder's movie, if it's anyone's. Somehow Lydia has become famous, a wife, and a mother, and Ryder gives her little pinpricks of anxiety. We get the sense that Lydia is far more at home dealing with ghosts than with the reality of being a mom, especially since her daughter, Astrid (Jenna Ortega), takes up Lydia's old disdainful-goth persona. Ryder's Lydia dealing with a daughter who gives her the same *tsuris* as she herself used to give Delia Deetz (Catherine O'Hara, making as



smooth a return as the others) makes for some good-hearted laughs. Lydia has grown and changed, but still feels organically connected to the teenage Lydia we last saw in 1988. Between Lydia's dead husband and Delia's (the movie understandably jettisons Charles Deetz, the character played by registered sex offender Jeffrey Jones), a lot of daughters and wives are mourning their fathers and husbands here.

Keaton steps right back into the striped costume and mossy make-up as though it were 1988 again. Betelgeuse's energy is chaotic and not necessarily benevolent — he hasn't grown or changed, or gentled into a wise old ghost either. He's still cooking up schemes and hanging out with shrunken-headed minions. He also doesn't get a lot of screen time, which feels right. Betelgeuse is the perpetual supporting player, the sand in the oyster that produces the pearl of conflict. An entire movie set in Betelgeuse's underworld home and workplace would have been a drag. We get just enough of it and him to tide us over. Meanwhile, any scenes of Justin Theroux as Lydia's sketchy new partner are too much, and the addition of a love interest for Astrid doesn't come off well either. The movie perhaps inadvertently suggests that among dead or sus guys, the only male the Deetzes can trust is Betelgeuse, who is at least dependably undependable.

At least he's honest about what he is. *Beetlejuice* Beetlejuice has the feel of a sort of homecoming for Burton, who spent too many years making expensive baubles to adorn the Disney tree. The movie also has that sense of honesty about it. Narratively it's not nostalgic, but tonally it looks back wistfully on the hunger of a Burton still in his twenties and playing with morbid toys in the attic of a rickety old ghost house. This movie doesn't feel like it was made by the same guy who spent most of the 2010s on remakes and junk. Burton seems genuinely glad to be back on a set with Keaton and Ryder and O'Hara, playing with more expensive morbid toys that still have the look of 1988 practical effects. You know he didn't do this for the money - nobody expected *Beetlejuice Beetlejuice* or Tim Burton to have any audience left, never mind an audience to the tune of \$110 million domestic box office opening weekend. I don't begrudge its success. Once it hits home video I look forward to binging both. Just, please, no Beetlejuice Beetlejuice Beetlejuice. Sometimes a pair is better than a trilogy.



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The first rehearsal will take place on Tuesday, **September 17**. New singers are accepted during the first three rehearsals. Rehearsals take place on Tuesday nights, 5:30 to 6:30 pm (Preparatory Chorus) and 5:30-7:00 pm (Advanced Chorus) at Tabor Academy in the Fireman Center for the Performing Arts, 245 Front Street, Marion. To register, visit the SCCC website at www. singsouthcoast.org

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Ghosts, Explaining the Paranormal

The Rev'd Eric E. Fialho, Rector at Saint Gabriel's Church in Marion, will be leading a six-week comprehensive course exploring how the Church defines, understands and explains the topic of Ghosts. Fr. Fialho is an accomplished instructor and has taught courses on many topics over the years, but he said that this one will probably be his favorite. Fialho had this to say about his upcoming class "Ghosts. Explaining the Paranormal",

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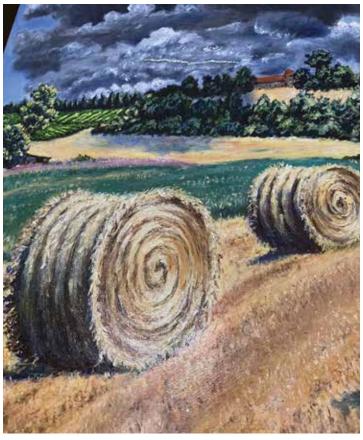
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TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



Jennifer Shepley shared these photos of Homecoming at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church.





South Dartmouth artist JP Powel first draws an image, then paints it out. His display at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library will be up through September. Photo by Marilou Newell







The September 5 car show and sock hop held at the Rochester Council on Aging found the grounds filled with more than 85 vintage cars and several hundred spectators. The fundraiser also featured raffles, along with hamburgers and hot dogs cooked up by the Rochester Fire Department. Handling the root beer float station were members of the Police Department. On hand were members of the Plymouth County TRIAD, a nationally recognized program linking seniors with local safety strategies and agencies. Adding to the event, some participants pulled out their poodle shirts and dancing shoes and enjoyed live rock 'n roll music. The event was cosponsored by the Friends of the Rochester COA. Photos by Marilou Newell

These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com



This is a topic that interests many people, sometimes for the wrong reasons. There are many books and movies and TV shows on the subject of ghosts, and the public continues to be fascinated by the paranormal. We are all spiritual beings and most of us wonder about what happens to us when we die."

Fialho will focus on how the church has looked at this topic and made sense of it. Fialho added, "Without giving too much away, I think people will be very surprised by what they will learn over these six weeks. I am excited to burst bubbles and surprise people." Through readings from Holy Scripture, Church mothers and fathers, and experts in the ever-evolving fields of parapsychology and exorcism, students will study one





TRI-TOWN POLICE Logs



MARION

Log highlights Sept 1-Sept 7

- East Ave EMS/medical
- Point Rd Health/welfare
- South St Smoke investigation Water St EMS/medical
- Hammett's Cove Dr Animal
- Mill St Officer wanted
- Spring St MV collision
- Mill St EMS/medical
- Dexter Rd General service
- Wareham Rd Suspicious person
- Cove St General service
- Zora Rd Animal control Fraser Way Follow up
- Hiller St General service
- Main Ave MV collision
- · Wareham Rd EMS/medical
- Wianno Rd EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd Health/welfare
- Wianno Rd EMS/medical
- · Front St Officer wanted
- Spring St Suspicious activity
- Mill St Paper service
- Converse Rd MV complaint
- Delano Rd Health/welfare
- · Point Rd Smoke investigation
- Moorings Rd Waterways hazard
- Delano Rd Health/welfare
- Wareham Rd MV collision
- Joanne Dr Heaglth/welfare

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Sept 1-Sept 7

- Water St Suspicious MV
- Depot St Parking violation
- Linhares Ave Medical assist Railroad Ave Property found Lebaron Way General service
- Marion Rd Ambulance request
- Upland Way Soliciting
- Beacon St MV violations
- Shore View Ave Animal control
- Railroad Ave Parking violation
- Timberledge Ln Vandalism
- North St Medical assist
- Neds Point Rd Complaint
- Acushnet Rd Health/welfare
- Holmes Rd 911 call
- Acushnet Rd 911 call
- Gosnold St Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Marion Rd Safe keeping property
- Aucoot Rd Animal control
- Ocean View Ave Suspicious persons
- Ocean View Ave B&E
- Railroad Ave Parking violation Fairhaven Rd General service
- Holly Ln MV violations
- Indian Ave 911 call
- Angelica Ave MV violations
- County Rd Complaint
- Oakland St Disturbance
- · Pine Island Rd General service

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Sept 1-Sept 7

- Stevens Rd Suspicious activity
- Cranberry Hwy Animal control
- Neck Rd Road hazard
- Cranberry Hwy MV stop/citation
 Dexter Ln Firearms licensing
 Stevens Rd Suspicious activity
 Vaughn Hill Rd Gas leak

- Walnut Plain Rd Noise complaint
- Cranberry Hwy MV collision
- Cranberry Hwy 911 call
- County Rd Lost animal
- Wolf Island Rd Road hazard New Bedford Rd Animal control
- Alley Rd Suspicious activity
- Marys Pond Rd Erratic MV/citation
- Dexter Ln Community policing
- Marys Pond Rd MV stop/arrest
- Bralev Hill Rd Animal control
- Cranberry Hwy General services
- Boxberry Ln Vandalism

- Stevens Rd MV lockout Snipatuit Rd Follow up Quaker Ln Animal control
- Mayflower Ln General services County Rd MV stop/towed
- Dexter Ln General services
- Old Tuck Bog Rd Firearms violation
- County Rd Suspicious activity
- Forbes Rd Outside fire

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.



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NUTRITION PROGRAM Monday, Sept 16: BBQ meatloaf, Yukon gold potato, peas & mushrooms, whole wheat bread, mixed fruit

Tuesday, Sept 17: Spanish soup, southwest chicken, rice & beans, peppers & onions, honey wheat bread, pears

Wednesday, Sept 18: Broccoli & cheese omelet, hashbrowns, stewed tomatoes, fruit loaf, apple juice

Thursday, Sept 19: Pork LoMein, Oriental vegetable blend, snowflake roll, birthday

Friday, Sept 20: Potato pollock, tartar sauce, confetti rice, glazed carrots, oatmeal bread, Mandarin oranges

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, Sept 16: Philly chicken & cheese sub, pasta salad, savory green beans

Tuesday, Sept 17: Taco nacho platter, taco toppings bar, brown rice, black bean salad

Wednesday, Sept 18: Whole

grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, tator tots, cheese stick Thursday, Sept 19: Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, applesauce cup Friday, Sept 20: Cheese pizza.

garden salad, assorted salad dressing, roasted chic peas

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, Sept 16: Philly chicken & cheese sub, pasta salad, savory green beans

Tuesday, Sept 17: Taco nacho platter, taco toppings bar, brown rice, black bean salad

Wednesday, Sept 18: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, tator tots, cheese stick Thursday, Sept 19: Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, applesauce cup

Friday, Sept 20: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing, roasted chic peas

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH Monday, Sept 16: Philly chicken & cheese sub, pasta salad,

savory green beans

Tuesday, Sept 17: Taco nacho platter, taco toppings bar, brown rice, black bean salad Wednesday, Sept 18: Whole

grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, tator tots, cheese stick Thursday, Sept 19: Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots,

applesauce cup Friday, Sept 20: Hot Buffalo chicken dip served w/whole grain tortilla chips, fresh veggie sticks

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, Sept 16: Philly chicken & cheese sub, pasta salad, savory green beans

Tuesday, Sept 17: Taco nacho platter, taco toppings bar, brown rice, black bean salad

Wednesday, Sept 18: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, tator tots, cheese stick Thursday, Sept 19: Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, applesauce cup

Friday, Sept 20: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing, roasted chic peas

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, Sept 16: Philly chicken & cheese sub, pasta salad,

savory green beans Tuesday, Sept 17: Taco nacho platter, taco toppings bar, brown rice, black bean salad

Wednesday, Sept 18: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, tator tots, cheese stick Thursday, Sept 19: Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots,

applesauce cup Friday, Sept 20: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing, roasted chic peas

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, Sept 16: Build your own beef taco's, salsa, cheese, lettuce, tomato, corn & black beans in a taco shell or over rice Tuesday, Sept 17: Calzone & fries

Wednesday, Sept 18: Chicken parmesan & spaghetti Thursday, Sept 19: Scrambled eggs, tater tots & pancakes Friday, Sept 20: Assorted pizza

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of the most misunderstood areas of belief in Christianity. Speaking about the sessions Fialho had this to say, "They will be an hour and a half each and consist of lecture, discussion, and story telling. I wanted to create a space which is both intellectual and folksy. I really wanted to make sure people had the ability to share personal ghost stories if they wanted to. I have also invited an exorcist from the Episcopal Church to guest lecture on one of the evenings."

This is a free-of-charge hybrid course, and will take place in-person at 124 Front St. in Marion on Wednesday evenings from 6:45 pm to 8:15 pm from September 25 to October 30. College-level reading assignments will be given for almost all sessions, and this course is open to all people aged 18 and up. Fialho hopes that many people from the area will want to attend, and he has made space accommodations for what will prove to be a very popular course. If you plan on attending inperson or via Zoom, please email Parish Administrator, Jenny Lima at stgabrielsmarion@gmail.com. In order to attend the course, students are asked to plan to be present for all sessions. Auditing and dropping in and out will not be allowed for this course.

Fialho will also be leading an optional "field trip" to Salem in October and bring attendees around on a private tour. Information and signup about the field trip will be provided during the first session.

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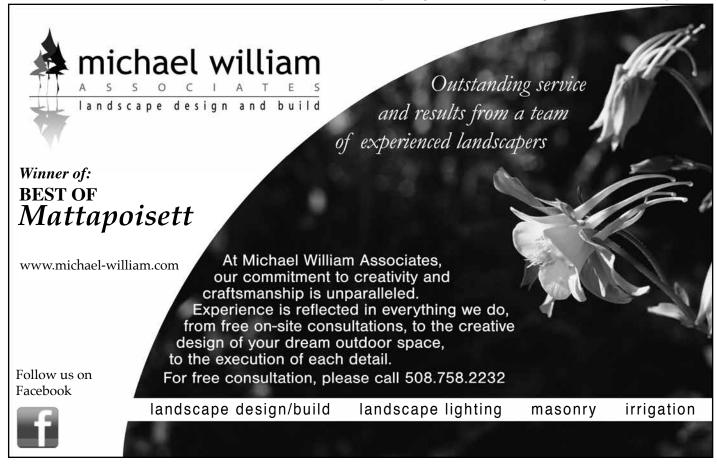
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MA Preservation Funds Available

The Marion Historical Commission is sharing this preservation funding opportunity for eligible 501c(3) non-profit organizations throughout the Tri-Town area.

Preservation Massachusetts has announced the 2025 round of the Massachusetts Historic Preservation Matching Grant Program.

The 1772 Foundation, in cooperation with Preservation Massachusetts, is making available 1:1 matching grants of up to \$10,000 for exterior preservation projects, such as painting, finishes and surface restoration; repair to/restoration of porches, roofs, and windows; foundation and sill repairs; and chimney and masonry repointing on historic buildings owned or leased by



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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) This might surprise you, but you're not always right about everything. A troubled loved one needs you to be less demanding and more understanding. Kindness encourages openness. TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your Bovine instinct guides you well this week. A change of heart might be the wisest course to take. A trusted friend offers good advice, so listen closely.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Be more sensible where money is concerned. An urge to splurge needs to be put aside for now. Later, you'll be able to indulge yourself with the things you want.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A past health problem recurs and needs attention. It might not be serious, but your family and friends deserve reassurance. Meanwhile, you get news about a job opening.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A romantic encounter with a loving Libra could make the Lion a happily purring Feline this week. Be open to Cupid's encouraging signals. In addition, a workplace change is coming. VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) This is a good week for mending fences with family and friends. Put those minor irritations behind you and rebuild those once-precious relationships.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) An investment opportunity needs closer scrutiny. You're not getting all the information you need. On another note, a personal relationship bodes far more positive potential. SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Someone might try to get you to reveal a secret that you vowed to keep sacred. Stick with your commitment to your promise and reject all attempts to get you to give it up. SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) This is a good time to change some longstanding routines. Let yourself be more flexible in adapting to new situations. You'll appreciate what happens next.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A chance to travel opens up. Consider asking someone who has recently become very special in your life to go with you. Good things are always better when shared.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A neighbor is revealed as the source of some upsetting events, but you need to be wary of a confrontation until you have absolute proof. Other neighbors can help.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A business decision needs to be made. Be aware that what you decide will affect a close associate. Talk it over with them before making your move.

BORN THIS WEEK: Money is strong in your aspect. You not only know how to make it, you also know how to enjoy it. (c) 2024 King Features Synd., Inc.

eligible non profit organizations.

Properties must be listed in the National Register of Historic Places or be located within a Local Historic District to qualify. Schools and churches generally do not qualify.

For the full announcement, important dates, criteria, and program details, visit the Preservation MA website at www.preservationmass.org. Questions on this grant program should be directed to: scaplanson@preservationmass.org.

Letters of Inquiry are due by November 1.

Mattapoisett Woman's Club Invites New Members

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club invites women of Mattapoisett who are interested in learning more about club membership to its 'welcome' luncheon on Thursday, **September 19** at 11:30 am in Reynard Hall at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. Whether you are new to the area, a new mom, a stay-at-home mom, or newly retired, you are welcome to enjoy lunch and meet some fabulous women. Women from surrounding communities with ties to Mattapoisett are also welcome to join.

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is a philanthropic organization that executes fund-raising events such as "Taste of Mattapoisett", the biennial garden tour and more. These events generate the funds to support scholarships for local high school students, as well as make financial gifts to charitable organizations throughout the south coast. In addition to sponsoring fundraising events, the Woman's Club offers small group activities focusing on the interests of club members, for example the garden group, great books, mahjong and walking group. Membership is open to any woman who is interested in getting together with fun-loving women and supporting the mission of the organization.

We look forward to meeting you on the 19th. Philanthropy, friendship and fun await. For more information or questions, please contact info@ mattapoisettwomansclub.org.

Radon Presentation

Radon: Just because you cannot see it, smell it, does not mean that it is not there.

Do you know that federal and state guidelines recommend testing your home for the presence of radon? Radon is an odorless, tasteless gas and it may be in your home, whether it is an old or new build, with or without a basement. Radon is found in houses built on ledge and houses built on the sands of Cape Cod. This radioactive gas seeps undetected into homes from the ground, and such indoor exposure over time at elevated levels poses significant health risks, including lung cancer.

Please join us at the Mattapoisett Library on Wednesday, **September 25**, at 1 pm to learn more. A



representative from Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Radon Unit will share a PowerPoint presentation followed by a question-and-answer session, including discussion on how to detect, monitor, and if necessary, mitigate the presence of this radioactive gas in your home. All are welcome to attend.

Sea Turtles in Massachusetts Waters

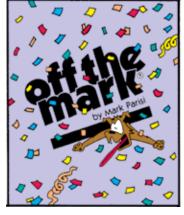
The Marion Natural History Museum is hosting "Sea Turtles in Massachusetts Waters" on **October 18** from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at the Marion Natural History Museum, 8 Spring Street, Marion.

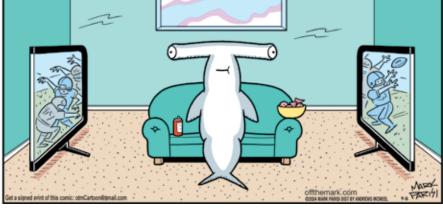
Join us when we welcome Massachusetts Audubon Sea Turtle Stranding Coordinator Karen













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Amber Waves

Dourdeville. Let's hear about the efforts Mass Audubon is working on to protect these incredible animals in our waters.

Karen Dourdeville is actively involved in sea turtle research and conservation. She works as the sea turtle research coordinator at Mass Audubon's Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary, and her work includes rescuing stranded sea turtles, studying their behavior and addressing threats like boat strikes and habitat loss.

Recently, she has been involved in documenting sea turtle nesting activities in Massachusetts, which is quite rare for the region. Her efforts are crucial in understanding and protecting these endangered species as they navigate the challenges posed by climate change and human activities. Program donations are \$10.00 nonmembers, \$8.00 for nonmembers.

Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

Meet Kimberly J. Walsh Tuesday, author of Crew of Three: How Bold Dreams and Detailed Plans Launched Our Family's Sailing Adventures, **September 24** at 6:30 pm. Kimberly is a traveler and a gardener, not a sailor. She never dreamed she would live on a boat for two years sailing from New England to Grenada and Back. Crew of Three is her first book. She lives on the coast of Massachusetts with her husband and her crazy coonhound. When not working on their oyster farm or gardening, she enjoys hiking, cycling, kayaking and of course, traveling.

Visit the library every Wednesday from 3-4 for crafts, food, games and more after-school fun for ages nine and up.

Join the Tables of Content fund-raising event for the Elizabeth Taber Library – Sunday **October 20** and Friday **October 25**. Support the library by enjoying a delicious dinner and lively book discussion at a Marion neighbor's home. Go to the library's website to register, select your book choices and date, get your book assignment & start reading, receive your dinner location and enjoy your evening. Tickets are \$75 per person; all proceeds benefit the library. Learn more and view title options by visiting our website.

Meet our new children's librarian, Miss Macy.



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Macy is originally from a small town in Kansas and moved to Massachusetts for library school. She spent the last four years working at the Public Library of Brookline as a library assistant and then the children's librarian. Her favorite library things are storytime, reading silly picture books and coming up with exciting new program ideas. Outside of



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NOTICE OF FILING, REQUEST FOR COMMENTS, AND PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING

D.P.U. 24-93/24-94

NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy

NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Eversource" or the "Company") filed with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department"): (i) a petition pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 72 seeking approval to construct, operate and maintain an approximately three-mile extension to an existing 21-mile, 115 kilovolt ("kV") overhead transmission line ("Line 112") along an existing right-of-way ("ROW") between Eversource's Mendall Road Tap in Acushnet and the Crystal Spring Substation located on Company-owned property at 26R Crystal Spring Road in Mattapoisett ("New Line Extension"), and (ii) a petition pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, § 3 seeking individual and comprehensive zoning exemptions from the operation of the Zoning By-Laws of the Town of Mattapoisett in connection with the proposed expansion of the Crystal Spring Substation ("the Substation" and "Substation Expansion"), which is needed to accommodate the New Line Extension. The New Line Extension and the Substation Expansion are collectively referred to herein as the "Project."

The Department will conduct a public comment hearing with <u>both</u> in-person and remote participation options: 6:30 P.M., Thursday, September 26, 2024

In-person hearing location: Old Rochester Regional High School Auditorium, 135 Marion Rd, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

Remote attendees: join by clicking (or entering) this link:

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83515775880 from a computer, tablet, or smart device. For audioonly participation, attendees can dial in at (646) 558-8656 (not a toll-free number)] and then enter the **Webinar ID:** 83515775880.

Simultaneous Portuguese interpretation will be provided.

To provide oral comments during the public comment hearing (in person or on Zoom), please send an email to Yonathan.Mengesha@mass.gov with your name, email address, and mailing address by noon September 25, 2024. To provide comments by telephone, please leave a voicemail message referencing "D.P.U. 24-93/24-94" at (617) 305-3544 with your name, telephone number, and mailing address by noon September 25, 2024. Pre-registered commenters will speak first, and other commenters afterward.

The Department also invites written comments on the Petition. Written comments will be most useful to the Department if submitted by **Thursday, October 10, 2024**.

Important Dates:

Public Comment Hearing	September 26, 2024
Deadline to file written comments	October 10, 2024
Deadline to file for intervention/limited participant status	October 10, 2024

Public Comment Hearing

At the public comment hearing, the Company will present an overview of the Project. Public officials and members of the public will have an opportunity to ask questions and make comments about the Project. The public comment hearing will be transcribed by a court reporter. A recording of the public comment hearing will be posted to the Department's YouTube channel after the hearing, at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCklPj6xxSKww-Kr26lEZVTA.

Simultaneous English-to-Portuguese interpretation will be provided. All attendees should select their preferred language to hear the Interpreter translate into that language. Press the globe icon and then choose the desired language.

The Department will review the Petition to determine (1) whether the Project is necessary, serves the public convenience, and is consistent with the public interest under G.L. c. 164, § 72; and (2) whether the zoning exemptions should be granted, and if the proposed use of the Parcel is reasonably necessary for the convenience or welfare of the public, pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, § 3.

Project Description

The New Line Extension is approximately three miles in length and extends easterly on existing Eversource ROW 142 from the Mendall Road Tap in Acushnet to the Crystal Spring Substation in Mattapoisett. The New Line Extension will span Mendall Road in Acushnet and Long Plain Road, Tinkham Lane, Crystal Spring Road and an access drive extending from Hereford Hill Road to a municipal pumping station in Mattapoisett. The New Line Extension will be a single circuit installed on approximately 26 new weathering steel structures consisting predominantly of H-frame structures. One three-pole structure and a single monopole will replace the existing H-frame structures outside of Crystal Spring Substation. For its entire length, the New Line Extension will parallel Line 114, an existing 115 kV transmission line located on ROW 142.

The existing fenced area of the Crystal Spring Substation is 8,300 square feet. To accommodate the New Line Extension, the Substation will be expanded by approximately 36,700 square feet, resulting in a Substation footprint of approximately 45,000 square feet. The following equipment will be installed inside the expanded fence line of the Substation: two 115 kV dead-end A-frame structures, 65 feet high; six 115 kV transformers; one 115 kV bus section; a chain-link fence; control cable, grounding, 115 kV leads and taps; two 115 kV circuit switchers; two 37/50/62.5 MVA, 115/13.2 kV transformers (one of which replaces the existing transformer); two enclosed 13.2 kV series reactors; two 150 kVA station service transformers; underground connections; one medium voltage switchgear enclosure; one 115 kV disconnect switch and two 115 kV line disconnect switches; two 13.2 kV capacitor banks; and four shielding masts, each 65 feet in height.

The Company states that the Project is needed for the Company to maintain a reliable electric power system and to enable distributed generation facilities to safely interconnect and operate.

Intervention and Participation

Persons or groups who wish to be involved in the Department proceeding, beyond providing comments at the public comment hearing or submitting written comments, may seek either to intervene as a party or to participate as a limited participant. A petition to intervene or participate must be filed no later than **Thursday**, **October 10**, **2024**, and follow the instructions provided below in Filing Instructions.

"Intervenor" of "Party" Status: An intervenor can participate fully in the evidentiary phase of the proceeding, including the right to participate in evidentiary hearings, file a brief, and appeal the final order.

"Limited participant" status: A limited participant receives documents during the proceeding and may file a brief.

A petition to intervene must demonstrate that the petitioner may be substantially and specifically affected by this proceeding. See below for filing instructions. For additional information on the Department's procedural rules, please see the following link: https://www.mass.gov/how-to/file-a-petition-to-intervene-in-an-efsb-or-dpu-siting-case.

Filing Instructions

Written comments on the Project, or a petition to intervene or participate as a limited participant in this proceeding, must be filed in two places:

First, the petition to intervene or participate, and comments, must be filed with the Department in electronic format, by email or email attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov; AND to donna.sharkey@mass.gov no later than the close of business on October 10, 2024. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 24-93/24-94); (2) the name of the person or entity submitting the filing; and (3) a brief description of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing.

Second, the petition or comments must be sent electronically to counsel for the Company, Catherine J. Keuthen, Esq., Keegan Werlin LLP, 99 High Street, Suite 2900, Boston, MA 02110, ckeuthen@keeganwerlin.com.

Public Review of the Company's Petition

A detailed description of the Project is electronically available via the Department's webpage for the Project and Petition. You can access the webpage by scanning the QR code above. In addition, electronic copies of the Petition and attachments have been provided to the Town Clerks of the Towns of Acushnet and Mattapoisett. The Company also maintains a webpage for the Project: https://www.eversource.com/content/residential/about/transmission-distribution/projects/massachusetts-projects/der-projects/marion-fairhaven/line-112-crystal-spring.

Hard copies of the Company's petitions, including all attachments, are available for public inspection at the following locations:

- Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 3rd floor, Boston, MA 02110
- · Town Clerk, Town of Mattapoisett, 16 Main St, Mattapoisett, MA 02739
- Town Clerk, Town of Acushnet, 22 Main St, Acushnet, MA 02743
 Manuscient Library 7 Process St Matter in MA 02720
- Mattapoisett Library, 7 Barstow St, Mattapoisett, MA 02739
- Acushnet Public Library, 232 Middle Rd, Acushnet, MA 02743

For periodic updates please visit the Department's webpage for this proceeding found at: https://www.mass.gov/info-details/crystal-spring-extension-project.

the Library, Macy loves to spend time with her fiancé and their two cats, read on the beach and do lots and lots of craft projects.

For more information on the Elizabeth Taber Library, visit us at www.ElizabethTaberLibrary.org or call us at 508-748-1252.

Social Security 101

Social Security 101, for anyone who plans to retire at any point in your life – or already has – this workshop is for you.

Speaker, Delia DeMello, a Social Security Metropolitan Public Affairs Specialist on Monday, **September 23** at 6:00 pm at COA, 17 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett.

At this free workshop you will learn:

- -When you are eligible to receive retirement benefits
- -How early retirement affects your benefits
- -How to get the most from your benefits; including if you are married and spouse passes

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Accommodation Requests

Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities (e.g., Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format) are available upon request. To submit a request for an accommodation, please email ADA Coordinator Jenyka Spitz-Gassnola at Jenyka.Spitz-Gassnola2@mass.gov or call (857)-330-2572. In your communication, please include a description of the request in as much detail as possible and a way we can contact you if we need more information. Please allow at least one week (7 days) advance notice. Last minute requests will be accepted but we may be unable to fulfill the request.

Portuguese interpretation services will be provided for the public comment hearing. Additional interpretation services are available upon request. Include in your request the language required

and a way to contact you if we need more information. Requests may be made by **September 19, 2024.** It may not be possible to accommodate last-minute requests. Contact the Hearing Officer (contact information below).

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If you have any questions about this notice or any of the Department's non-discrimination programs, policies or procedures, you may contact:

Jenyka Spitz-Gassnola, Non-Discrimination Coordinator, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, MA 02114

Tel: (857)-330-2572

Jenyka.Spitz-Gassnola2@mass.gov

If you believe that you have been discriminated against with respect to a Department program or activity, you may contact **Jenyka Spitz-Gassnola**, Non-Discrimination Coordinator, identified above, to learn how and where to file a complaint of discrimination.

Contact

For further information about the proceeding, please contact the Hearing Officer at the address or telephone number below:

Donna Sharkey, Hearing Officer
Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110
617-305-3625
donna.sharkey@mass.gov

- -How to qualify for disability, survivors and spouse benefits
- -When should you file for Medicare
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Register by calling 508-758-4110 or email to coadirector@mattapoisett.net

Mattapoisett Quakers Donation Drop-Off

The Mattapoisett Friends Meeting will soon be holding donation drop-off times in preparation for an **October 5** yard sale. This year, earnings will go toward renovations of their community hall, including replacement of rotted fascia boards and the addition of gutters. All donations are much appreciated. Please drop off donations at 103 Marion Rd. (Route 6) on Saturday, **September 21** or Wednesday, **September 25** between 10:00 and 12:00. Another option is Sunday, **September 29** from 11 to noon. Someone will be in the community hall (the building in the back) to receive you.

If none of the above times works for you, please email mattquakers@gmail.com in case something can be arranged. The Friends are looking for clean items including small furniture, and clean, ready-to-wear clothing. They are not taking large furniture, large appliances, electronics, or books at this time.

Mattapoisett Republican Town Committee

The Mattapoisett Republican Town Committee welcomes members, guests and community members to join us on Thursday, **September 19** from 6:00 to 8:00 pm to attend our monthly meeting. The location is at the Knights of Columbus, 57 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoisett. Join in the discussion and planning of the upcoming Southcoast Rally.

2024 MA Republican Primary winner of 10th Bristol State Representative is invited to speak and share his plans for a November victory with us. There will be light snacks, cash bar and good conversation. If you have any questions, contact Paul Crisuolo, Chairperson, PCMattyGOP@proton.me.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society By Connie Eshbach

I know that I have occasionally mentioned that the East Rochester Congregational Church and the Woodside cemetery are on the National Register of Historic Places. I'm not sure that I get much of a response to that statement. I know that both the woodpeckers and the flying squirrels who put holes in the siding are not impressed. To many it may seem like no big deal, so I decided to delve into what it took to get that designation from the United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service. See, I told you it was a big deal.

The work that goes into receiving this honor

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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following Applications and Petitions. ALL meetings held in the Mattapoisett Town Hall Conference room; 16 Main Street (unless otherwise noted) New format of meetings; start time is 6:00 pm **** Meeting will be held on September 19, 2024****

Case #1546: Application of: Bradford/Weglowski, 10 Oakland Terrace, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 RE: Lot #62. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under sections 3.1.3.1.& 5.1.5.4 as provided by Section 7.2.3. of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to build an in-law space.

The property is further described as Plot 8, Lots 153 and 62 on the Assessors map. The meeting will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, September 19, 2024.

Case #1547: Petition of: Mark T. & Kelly E. Hall, 6 Laurel Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 RE: 6 Laurel Street. The applicant is seeking a Variance under Article 6, Table 6.5 as provided by Section 7.2.3. of the Zoning By-Laws to request NO change proposed at this property relative to the existing SFH or the subject lot lines. Under the Mass merger law, the adjacent vacant lot#34 approved in ZBA Case # 1516 was technically combined with this lot. The Comm of Mass state legislature recently reversed the state merger law. However, all lots must be a min of 10,000 sq. feet for the landowner to have an approval "By-Right".

The property is further described as Plot 5A, Lot 36 on the Assessors map. The meeting will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, September 19, 2024.

Case #1548: Petition of: Mark T. & Kelly E. Hall, 6 Laurel Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 RE: 6 Laurel Street. The applicant is seeking a Variance under Article 6, Table 6.5 as provided by Section 7.2.3. of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to build a single-family dwelling containing less lot area and frontage required.

The property is further described as Plot 5A, Lot 34 on the Assessors map. The meeting will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, September 19, 2024.

Case #1549: Application of: Joseph T Paolini, 86 Hutchinson Drive, Marlborough, MA 01752 RE: 13 Shore Drive. The applicant is seeking a Variance under Article 6, Table 6.5 as provided by Section 7.2.3. of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to build a single-family dwelling on an already existing foundation.

The property is further described as Plot 4, Lot 97 on the Assessors map. The meeting will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, September 19, 2024.

Case #1550: Petition of: James C & Joanella G. Cannell, P.O. Box 55, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 RE: 1 Water Street. The applicant is seeking a Variance under Table 6.5 as provided by Section 7.2.3. of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to convey a parcel of land to an abutting property.

The property is further described as Plot 9, Lot 254A on the Assessors map. The meeting will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, September 19, 2024.

Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the

Town Clerk during normal office hours. Sincerely,

Susan Akin, Chairperson

Tony Tranfaglia, Kenneth Pacheco, Colby Rottler, Jordan Rodrigues, 9/5, 9/12

TOWN OF MARION SELECT BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Application Wine and Malt Package Goods License C & J SULL LLC, d/b/a J. Sull Wine

119 Wareham Road, Unit 105, Marion, MA

The Marion Select Board, acting as local licensing authority, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the Conference Room of the Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street, Marion, on the application of C & J SULL LLC, d/b/a J. Sull Wine for a retail package goods license for the sale of wine and malt beverages.

Norman A. Hills, Chair 9/5, 9/12

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 23, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on the Notice of Intent submitted by Katherine Myatt, The Myatt Family Trust, 7 Spruce Street, Map 4, Lot 135, Mattapoisett, MA. The applicant proposes to construct a 12.52' x 5' front porch and 5 'x 8' mudroom/entry to service the single-family dwelling. **Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 9/12

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 23, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Request for a Determination of Applicability submitted by William & Kathleen Sylvia.

The meeting will also be a hybrid meeting. Please contact the Conservation Commission for the Zoom information.

The Applicants propose to construct a single-family dwelling and driveway, to install associated utilities and to fill and grade.

All work will occur adjacent to an offsite isolated wetland.

The location where the activity will occur is Rocky Hill Lane off of High Ridge Drive. Said property is further identified as Lot #43 on Mattapoisett Assessors Map #26A. 9/12

TOWN OF ROCHESTER HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Chapter 40C, Section 12, M.G.L., and Chapter 23, Section 7.13, Town of Rochester Zoning By-Laws, the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District will hold a hearing on Thursday September 26, 2024 at 7:00 pm, at Rochester Senior Center, 67 Dexter Lane, Rochester, MA 02770 to hear an appeal of the decision of the Rochester Historic District Commission. The appeals are: (1) Approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for 0 New Bedford Road (Map 4 / Lot 28). 9/12, 9/19

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 23, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Request for a Determination of Applicability submitted by EMM Realty Trust.

The meeting will also be a hybrid meeting. Please contact the Conservation Commission for the Zoom information.

The Applicants propose to demolish a garage, clear a wooded area and install a split rail fence. Additionally, the Applicants requests a Determination that an Isolated Wetland is non-jurisdictional. All of the work will be performed outside the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland.

The address where the activity will occur is 84 Angelica Avenue which is further identified as a Lots #3, #56 & #57 on Mattapoisett Assessors Map #1 9/12

TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 25, at 7:05 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Notice of Intent submitted by Donald L. and Pamela Moore Simi, for proposed house addition, removal & reconstruction of garage and seawall repair at 56 West Avenue.

The site is further identified as Lot 14 on Marion Assessors' Map 3. Plans are available at the Town House for review.

Matthew Shultz, Chair

*Please contact Natashja Molina at nmolina@ marionma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. Phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 9/12

TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 25, at 7:15 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by FSJ Marion Realty LLC, for determination of stream status at Wareham Street.

The site is further identified as Lot 88A on Marion Assessors' Map 11. Plans are available at the Town House for review.

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TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 25, at 7:20 pm at the Marion Police

is massive. Betty Beaulieu, a stalwart of the Historical Society for many years, along with Timothy Orwig, National Register Editor, submitted the application in 2007 and it was subsequently approved. Going through the paperwork and research in the application made me even more impressed with Betty's dedication to this project.

Among the items needed were photographs and detailed descriptions, including measurements and dimensions of both the inside and outside of the church building. This included notations on changes made to the original structure. The descriptions were of the attic, bells, basement, the main floor and even the privy (outhouse).

Both topographical and assessor's maps were required, as well as a sketch map. Included in this were measurements and boundary descriptions of the church, privy and cemetery. These physical aspects may have been the easier tasks compared to the in- depth historical research required.

The first pages are a summary of the church

and cemetery district with the cemetery preceding the church. The next 7 pages are devoted to the first criterion, Religion. This entailed research into the origin of the cemetery, its place in the community, early religious groups and how some of Rochester's early religious institutions came to be.

The next criterion was Community Planning and Development in which the cemetery played a large part. The last criterion was Architecture which covered information on its Greek Revival style. Then there was research into the builders of the church, the bells in the steeple and the foundry that cast them.

The history of the church and its many congregations is a compelling story from the early Methodist Circuit preachers to the Congregational Church of the eighteen and nineteen hundreds and its importance to the neighboring community. The picture with this article is of the first grave in the cemetery. Betty's research determined that this is the grave of a soldier who participated in the Revolutionary War. A fact that was

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Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by William S. Moonan & Carol C. Amick, for a proposed house addition to existing single-family dwelling at 16 Quelle Lane.

The site is further identified as Lot 172 & 174 on Marion Assessors' Map 19. Plans are available at the Town House for review.

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TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 25, at 7:25 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by Deborah Elfers, for proposed construction of in-ground swimming pool and associated patio areas at 96 Moorings Road.

The site is further identified as Lot 10B on Marion Assessors' Map 20. Plans are available at the Town House for review.

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TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 25, at 7:30 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available

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via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by Dale C. & Laura A. Briggs, for proposed construction of cantilevered staircase to second floor of garage at 23 Dexter Road.

The site is further identified as Lot 55 & 54A on Marion Assessors' Map 5A. Plans are available at the Town House for review.

Matthew Shultz, Chair

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TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 25, at 7:35 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request to Amend an Order of Conditions, SE 041-1399 submitted by Mariano & Leah Garcia-Blanco, for removing existing tennis court, replace with gravel driveway, and relocate garage and install a new septic system at 18 Sippican Lane.

The site is further identified as Lot 159A on Marion Assessors' Map 2. Plans are available at the Town House for review.

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TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 25, at 7:40 pm at the Marion Police Department

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Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by Richard C. & Stephanie J. Harding, for proposed construction of an in-ground swimming pool, pool shed and equipment platform at 52 Ichabod Lane.

The site is further identified as Lot 25 on Marion Assessors' Map 22A. Plans are available at the Town House for review.

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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 23, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by Seth M. & Claudia Hankowski.

The meeting will also be a hybrid meeting. Please contact the Conservation Commission for the Zoom information.

The Applicants propose to construct a 30'x 50' residential garage and to perform associated site work.

The proposed work will be performed within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone VE (El. 17) and within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland.

The property is located at 32 Ocean Drive which is further identified as Lot #21 on Assessors Map #15B. 9/12

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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mission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 23, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by Myriol B. Saunders.

The meeting will also be a hybrid meeting. Please contact the Conservation Commission for the Zoom information.

The Applicant proposes to construct a single-family dwelling and to perform associated site work

The proposed work will be performed partially within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland.

The property is located at Old Slough Road (& Angelica Avenue) and is further identified as a portion of Lot #159 on Assessors Map #2 (and as ANR Lot C on Plan Book 67, Page 1144). 9/12

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT SELECT BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held upon the petition of EVERSOURCE to install 42' (feet) of conduit in Foster Street, Mattapoisett. This proposed location is necessary to provide electric service to 7 Foster Street.

The Hearing will be held in the first floor Conference Room on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at 6:35 pm. Board meeting is also available via ZOOM. Sign on information is on the town website.

Jordan C. Collyer, R. Tyler Macallister, Jodi L. Bauer 9/12, 9/19

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 23, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by Debra B. Ridge, Tr., 31 Holly Berry Trail, Norwell, MA 02061. The proposed project is to install new septic system for existing house located within coastal flood plain (F.E.M.A Zone VE, El. 17'). The project is located at 11 Shore Drive, Harbor Beach, and is further identified as Lot 96 on Assessor Map 4.

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not on any list of veterans' graves.

There is a quotation near the end of these documents relating to the last days of the East Rochester church that sums up its importance



to the community over the years. The remark concerns the church's bells and was made by Elizabeth Bessey. She remembered that the bells, "never pealed truer then when they signaled the end of WW II and everyone went running up to the church".

As the account says, "that was the nature of it: a church people ran or walked to". In 2003, the Rochester Historical Society was proud to preserve the building as a museum that saves and shares the history of Rochester.

It's too bad that no monetary assistance comes with being put on the National Register, but the Society perseveres with the help of its members and the generosity of businesses. Now we just need a sympathetic church painter and a lot of money.

September at the Rochester Historical Museum

On **September 18** David Schafer of the Sons of the American Revolution will be speaking about the research they do to find the graves of forgotten Revolutionary War soldiers in order to dedicate the gravesites with a marker. The program will begin at 7:00 and be held at the Rochester Historical Museum at 355 County Road, Rochester. Refreshments and conversation will follow.

The Sons of the American Revolution is a national patriotic, historical and educational society whose members are direct descendants of those patriots who fought in the Revolutionary War.

On Saturday, **September 28** from 10 to 3 will be our last big fundraiser of the year. The current exhibit, which is supported by the Rochester Cultural Council, a town agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, will be open to the public, and we will have our Annual Cranberry Bake Sale and Raffles, but that's not all.

This year Cecelia will have jewelry and buttons with ideas to up cycle them to create something new and unique. It might be ornaments to hang on the tree or tie on to presents or wind chimes or new jewelry created from bits and pieces of older items.

We're also lucky to have two local crafters who work with shells, beads, decoupage and artisan glass and create one-of -a -kind items.

As always, we will have our Rochester T-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, maps, books and other items for sale. It is a good time to purchase or order some of the above for Christmas presents. Stay tuned as more may be added to



our sales.

This event will be at the Rochester Historical Museum, 355 County Rd., Rochester.

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On **September 28** from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, First Congregational Church of Rochester, 11 Constitution Way, will hold a free marriage conference and lunch for couples of all ages. "Love Without Limits" will teach couples how to maintain a God-centered loving marriage your entire life. Andrew and Jacquelyn Liput, who have been married for 28 years and raised four girls, will facilitate. Throughout the years, their faith has seen them endure ups and downs, yet they remain best friends and loving



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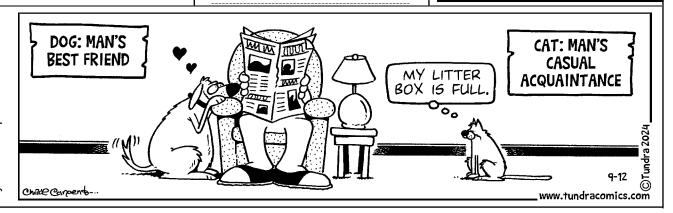
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Mattapoisett Cultural Council

Mattapoisett Cultural Council invites grant proposals for community-oriented arts, humanities and science programs until **October 16** at massculturalcouncil. org/communities/local-cultural-council-program/application-process/. Grants are available to support cultural projects and activities in and around Mattapoisett, -- including exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artist residencies or performances in schools, workshops and lectures. These programs promote the availability of rich cultural experiences for Mattapoisett residents.

Eligible applicants include individuals, nonprofit organizations, associations or groups with a nonprofit purpose, public schools (including teachers, student groups and parent groups), libraries and other municipal agencies and religious organizations or for-profit organizations under certain circumstances.

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This large saltmarsh system is suffering damage as a result of many factors. The study identified these factors, projected future marsh conditions with rising sea levels and developed possible actions to improve or restore the health and resilience of the marsh. The study was funded by a grant from the Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management office to MLT and the Town of Mattapoisett.





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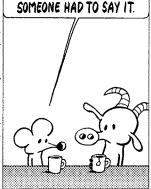








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This presentation is open to the public and will include a question-and-answer session. Please join us.

Auditions for Peter Pan

The Marion Art Center announces open auditions for Peter Pan, which will run at the MAC **December 6**, **7**, **13**, **14**, **15**. Curtain is 7:30 pm for Friday and Saturday performances and 2:00 pm for the Sunday matinee. Auditions will be held at the MAC, located at 80 Pleasant Street, on **September 21** starting at 9:00 am and **September 22** starting at 1:00 pm.

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becomes everyone's mother. When the evil Captain Hook captures Wendy and the Lost Boys, Peter Pan comes to their rescue. Together with the ticking crocodile, Peter Pan puts Captain Hook in his place and returns the Darling children to their home.

All Lost Boys, Pirates, and Indian roles are gender nonspecific. Parents of actors are welcome, but not required, to attend rehearsals and participate in organizing the youth cast during performances. More information can be found at marionartcenter.org/auditions.

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Thursday	September 12	2:49	3:19	8:20	10:21	
Friday	September 13	3:52	4:27	9:41	11:18	
Saturday	September 14	5:00	5:33	10:53		
Sunday	September 15	6:01	6:30	12:02	12:03	
Monday	September 16	6:56	7:21	12:42	12:48	
Tuesday	September 17	7:46	8:10	1:23	1:41	
Wednesday	September 18	8:35	8:58	2:04	2:35	
Thursday	September 19	9:23	9:47	2:45	3:28	
Friday	September 20	10:13	10:38	3:28	4:19	
Saturday	September 21	11:05	11:31	4:10	5:09	
Sunday	September 22		12:00	4:53	6:05	
Monday	September 23	12:28	12:59	5:38	7:37	
Tuesday	September 24	1:27	2:01	6:32	9:28	
Wednesday	September 25	2:28	3:04	7:43	10:38	
Thursday	September 26	3:31	4:12	9:49	11:31	
Friday	September 27	4:37	5:18	11:07		
Saturday	September 28	5:38	6:13	12:11	12:01	
Sunday	September 29	6:29	6:57	12:40	12:23	
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Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer on line and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*In the September 5, 2024 edition the Aardvark was on page 44

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