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Mattapoisett Craftsman Created a Dream Boat

By Marilou Newell

When you hear the words “cold call,” you probably conjure up the ringing telephone at suppertime or the annoying voice trying to get you to subscribe, buy, or sign-up for something that will absolutely make your life better. You probably aren’t thinking you’ll help someone in their pursuit of a dream. Yet, that is precisely what happened when Mattapoisett boatbuilder Paul Milne answered his phone nearly a decade ago.

Milne is a well-established craftsman whose rowing sculls have been shipped throughout the continental United States and as far away as Canada and South America. He has a reputation for producing fine rowing sculls favored by educational institutions and rowing clubs. It’s fair to say that, if one is a high-performance rower, you know about Milne’s Peinert rowing sculls.

As Milne was quietly beavering away those years ago, he answered his ringing phone. On the other end was one Victor Don Mooney cold-calling Milne, literally. Mooney is an activist who hails from New York and who thinks big and dreams even bigger. He was in the early stages of pulling together materials and other support in his effort to attempt an Atlantic crossing by rowing in a solo vessel.

Mooney is a unique individual in that he had little to no experience rowing, let alone navigating the open ocean waters of the great Atlantic. But he was inspired to do so by his brother. This was in the days of the early 2000s when HIV/AIDS was understood as a devastating virus, yet funding for research was still needed. Mooney had lost his brother to the virus. He felt compelled to do something meaningful to heighten awareness that this virus was still killing people.

Still, with no background in rowing, no money, and no support, Mooney’s dream of rowing across the Atlantic only grew. He asked Milne for help.

“He was not a rower, so I loaned him a boat,” Milne recalled. “He was supposed to train with it for one year; he had it for about five or six.” Milne also donated footboards, and associated bits and pieces for a boat Mooney planned to build.

Like running or tennis or nearly any physical activity, rowing has an elite sector of those who have perfected and continue to perfect their chosen sports. In

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Mooney, Milne recognized that driving spirit to conquer massive odds. You could say he helped Mooney achieve his dream.

Milne recalled that Mooney failed four times to complete the trans-Atlantic crossing. Sinking boats, poor understanding of currents, insufficient supplies, and even pirates are part of the come-lately mariner’s story.

But in the absence of kindness from others, Mooney’s dream might never have come true. In 2015 he succeeded.

Today, Mooney continues to find causes to direct his energies, and he still remembers those who helped him on his epic crossing. One of the straps Milne gave Mooney is now part of a time capsule that was recently presented to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea. Mooney is quoted as saying, “Mr. Milne’s custom fabrication for my rowing station platform put me in the driver’s seat across the Atlantic Ocean.”

Dreams are never a singular effort. Others have to help the dreamer in ways big and small. Though Milne doesn’t believe he did much to assist Mooney, clearly, his support played a critical role in helping a dreamer wake up to find it came true.

**Earthquake in Buzzards Bay Rattles SouthCoast**

If you live in the Tri-Town and felt a rumble on Sunday morning, that was an earthquake, and it was only a half dozen miles off the SouthCoast in Buzzards Bay.

At 9:10 am, many heard and felt a jarring vibration in their homes, and social media posts soon confirmed the jolt was experienced as far east as the outer parts of Cape Cod, as far west as the Berkshires, as far north as the New Hampshire state line, and as far south as Long Island.

Initial reports of 4.2 on the Richter scale were ultimately downgraded to 3.6 by the U.S. Geological Survey.

Although no damage was reported in Marion, Fire Chief Brian Jackvony told *The Wanderer* that Marion Police fielded many calls from concerned residents. Regionally, WCVB Channel 5 reported property damage along Crapo
Street in the south end of New Bedford, resulting in the evacuation of 22 people. There were no reports of injuries.

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency stated there is no threat of a water event in the wake of the earthquake at sea.

MEMA advised residents to check their chimneys and foundations for damage, to document and videotape any such occurrences, call their insurance companies, and to evacuate and call 911 in the event of a gas leak.

COVID-19 Rises at Sippican Health Center, ORR Schools

Whittier Health Network reported an increase of COVID-19 cases at Sippican Healthcare Center as of November 9. The parent company’s website published the following update: “As of November 9, 44 residents or staff have confirmed COVID-19.” That number increased from the 33 positive cases reported at the Marion facility as of November 6.

On November 8, three positive cases of COVID-19

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were reported by Old Rochester Regional Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson, Mattapoisett Town Administrator Mike Lorenco, and Mattapoisett Board of Health Chairman Carmelo Nicolosi. On Sunday, the ORR School District and Massachusetts Superintendency Union #55 were informed of a single case related to Center, Old Hammondtown, and ORR Junior High Schools in Mattapoisett. As of the November 8 report, all three people who tested positive were self-isolating according to the state Department of Public Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) protocol. ORR and Mattapoisett school districts were immediately notified. No further information is available about the individuals, per state and federal health privacy laws.

The positive cases are the 10th, 11th, and 12th involving individuals in the ORR school district since schools reopened on September 16.

The Mattapoisett Board of Health’s initial contact tracing effort yielded five close contacts related to the Center School case, none related to the Old Hammondtown School case, and one related to the ORR Junior High case. Those people were reported to be quarantined with the recommendation that they test for COVID-19.

All ORR District schools began the November 9 school week on regular schedules according to the recommendation of the Mattapoisett Board of Health. All schools will continue to be cleaned every day after school and as needed.

The Town of Marion announced on November 9 that its Veterans Day Observance scheduled for November 11 at Old Landing Memorial had been canceled as one of the multiple measures taken in the face of the coronavirus surge. The “Grab and Go Lunch for Veterans” put on by the Council on Aging and Marion Recreation Department remained on the schedule.

Since May 8, Whittier reports that Sippican Healthcare Center has had 58 confirmed cases of COVID-19. In addition, Sippican has had three clusters of three or more residents and/or staff with new onset of respiratory symptoms within 72 hours of one another.

Whittier’s statement continues: “When a resident tests positive, we notify residents and their representative(s) of their condition and implement protocols for their care and treatment. We also follow guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), including return to work guidance, for staff who test positive. Ten residents and staff have recovered from COVID-19; 212 residents and staff have tested negative for COVID-19; it has been zero days since a new resident or staff member has tested positive.

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The Whittier website states that the company performed COVID-19 testing for residents and employees at Sippican in May. Acknowledging a nationwide shortage of personal protective equipment (PPE), the website states that there is currently adequate PPE at the Sippican facility.

ORR’s press release concluded with the advisory that, should you or your child experience symptoms such as fever, chills, respiratory illness, aches, or change in taste and smell, to please stay home and get a COVID-19 test. Testing can be done either through primary health care providers or at one of the testing sites located throughout the state.
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MOSAC Makes First Buy in 10 Years

Marion Special Town Meeting
By Mick Colageo

Marion’s Special Town Meeting held on November 5 at Old Rochester Regional High School was a clean sweep of approvals for all nine articles on the warrant, but not before Article 5 sparked a lengthy debate over a purchase of open land west of Route 6 near Fieldstone Market.

The Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission and Sippican Lands Trust acted in partnership with the Buzzards Bay Coalition to acquire approximately 42 acres of land featuring the 33.7-acre Hoff Property opposite Abel’s Way.

The $225,000 MOSAC needed for its part of the purchase came out of the Land Bank Fund. “This is money that was given to the Open Space Acquisition Commission over 10 years ago to buy open space within the town. We have not found a good property at the right price in over 10 years, so we’re very happy with this particular property,” explained MOSAC Chairperson John.
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Sippican Lands Trust raised $75,000 toward the $300,000 purchase price. SLT Treasurer Dot Brown called the acquisition “a unique opportunity” to improve access to walking trails and protect wetlands and endangered species, including the box turtle.

The trails are free and open to the public. “We’re not trying to make money, just trying to get people out to nature,” Rockwell.

The land was valued 40 years ago at $585,000, but its $300,000 price tag was negotiated with a 30-day window. Rockwell explained that MOSAC would never have been able to schedule the meetings necessary to secure town approvals, so he enlisted the assistance of the Buzzards Bay Coalition’s Bay Fund. “They are holding it and have told us they don’t want to own this property,” said Rockwell.

Buzzards Bay Coalition will sell the conservation restriction to the Town of Marion, and the SLT becomes owner and maintainer of the property. As a result of the arrangement, Marion residents and the public at large will enjoy improved access to the trails on the property without maintenance expenses.

At odds were taxpayers who do not want to see any more land coming off the town’s tax rolls. Theoretically, 25 percent, or approximately 10 acres of the parcel, could have been developed.

It didn’t help MOSAC’s case that Buzzards Bay Coalition’s ownership of the property was not revealed until a resident sought clarification during public comment. Rockwell said the omission was an oversight on his part. A resident cited the omission and motioned to table Article 5, but Town Meeting voted by a 49-18 margin to continue the discussion.

Alan Harris, the board president of the SLT, said, “We’re not here to vote on general open space, we’re here to vote on this property. Think about the wellbeing of people in this town.” Harris said the SLT’s ownership would offer stream protection without which the town would be paying for repairs on Route 6. “More biodiversity means more stability,” he said. “This property...
deserves your consideration and deserves your support.” Harris’ comments drew applause.

Town Assessor Pat DeCosta, an elected official, said, “I’m actually in favor of this purchase. I just don’t like the way it was presented.” DeCosta indicated that the town would not have realized “much of a (property) tax.”

After Article 5 was approved, Articles 6 through 8 went through swiftly as they authorized MOSAC to accept as gifts “for conservation and passive recreation purposes” connected parcels meant to enhance the Hoff Property acquisition. Those consisted of strips of land from Steven Clark and Tina Welch totaling 1.5 acres, and a 7.8-acre endangered species habitat from Randy and Merle Parker. The donated parcels, said Rockwell, will bolster MOSAC’s future grant opportunities.

Randy Parker, the chairperson of the Marion Board of Selectmen, recused himself from participation when the matter was addressed during prior public meetings.

Article 3 approved the terms of Marion’s long-anticipated withdrawal from the Carver Marion Wareham Regional Refuse Disposal District.

Selectman John Waterman read a prepared statement to Town Meeting, saying, “After working with the towns of Carver and Wareham over the past year, it is clear that the Town of Marion is in a very different situation than these two communities when it comes to solid waste collection and disposal. Given that Marion has its own curbside collection and the district plans to close Benson Brook Transfer Station in 2021, withdrawal from the district is best for the Town of Marion.

“With this withdrawal, the Town of Marion will receive the Benson Brook Transfer Station, the equipment to help run that transfer station, and a release of liability associated with all district employees and the Route 28 Transfer Station. The Town of Marion will still have environmental liability associated with the Carver landfill.”

Marion resident and developer Sherman Briggs asked how much money is in the CMW account; Town Administrator Jay McGrail estimated just over $1 million. McGrail added that the preferred recommendation of Marion representatives was that they take that $1 million and pay off the liability associated with the employees. “The district didn’t take the recommendation, and it’s one of the reasons that we’re interested in leaving the district,” McGrail explained.

Article 4 approved Marion’s acceptance from the CMW the title to the property on which the Benson Brook Transfer Station sits, effective January 1, 2021.

Briggs asked how the town could negotiate for a solar array atop the landfill at the site without owning the property; McGrail explained that the pile sits on a different lot than the transfer station. The landfill has always been a separate entity from the CMW, he said.

Waterman publicly thanked Steve Cushing and Bob Partridge, two of the CWW board members.
representing Marion, who assisted the town in negotiations with the nine-member board, a process that began in June 2019.

“If you’ve ever tried to negotiate with two other towns, each with three board members, the board members themselves don’t agree on what they want for their town, but they also can’t get their towns to agree,” explained Waterman. “Mr. Partridge, Mr. Cushing, and (Selectman) Norm Hills served as our directors and really were instrumental in helping us negotiate this agreement, and they deserve a real pat on the back. It was not easy, and we knew we wanted Benson Brook back, but there was more than one occasion where we weren’t sure it was going to happen.”

Article 2 approved the transfer of $112,363.91 to supplement Article 9 of the 2013 Town Meeting to fund renovations to the Marion Town House. The transfer was authorized by several articles in various appropriations from prior town meetings, including: 2014 (Article 17 at $18,800.66 and Article 19 at $1,300); 2017 Special Town Meeting (Article 3 at $4,257.88); 2015 (Article 17 at $17,775); 2018 (Article 23 at $3,391.04); 2019 (Article 13 at $8,000, Article 22 at $16,279.85, and Article 29 at $1,100); and 2020 (Article 18 at $41,449.48).

The total became available due to grant funding for several completed projects, including the Marion Music Hall roof and masonry work, alarm systems at Atlantis Drive and Cushing Community Center, facilities generators, the Fire Station No. 2 roof, garage doors at Silvershell Beach, and a new ambulance and repairs to another. The money, to be combined with a donation from the Sippican Historical Society, will be spent under the direction of Facilities Director Sean Cormier to complete the renovation of the Town House over the winter.

A request came forward for the amount of certified free cash, to which Assistant Town Administrator Judy Mooney said free cash had not yet been certified due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mooney said she hopes to arrive at that number soon.

Article 1 approved replacing one of two outboard motors on the Harbormaster’s boat for $21,522.45. The money will come from the Waterways Account at no burden to taxpayers.

Article 9 approved a perpetual preservation restriction on the 130-year-old “annex” to the Marion Town House.

Early in the meeting, McGrail told Town Meeting that Police Chief John Garcia would be retiring in about a month. Garcia has been chief of police for three years and has worked for the town for 34 years. “We’ve been through an unbelievable amount in the last year and a half, and I couldn’t have done it without him,” said McGrail. “Honestly, he’s been a rock for us in the town, and we owe him a lot.” Attendees stood and applauded.

In his remarks, Town Meeting Moderator Brad Gordon reminded attendees that the acts of town officials are set according to the authorizations set by Town Meeting voters.

Comments were limited only to registered voters who were asked to state their name and address at each opportunity to speak. Gordon had instructed voters to be concise and specific to the article being discussed, and comments would be welcome so long as they’re on point.

Town Clerk Lissa Magauran reported an 85 percent turnout of Marion voters for the November 3 presidential election. “I just want to give a shoutout to the Marion Post Office. They have been awesome,” she said.

Before the meeting, Fire Chief Brian Jackvony advised attendees to refrain from congregating, and reminded them that masks are mandatory.
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Selectmen Discuss Grants
Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen
By Marilou Newell

During the November 10 meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen, the board discussed with Town Administrator Mike Lorenco grant opportunities. The catch: the 25-percent matching funds needed to secure most government grants.

A Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management grant for as much as $75,000 could be used for improvements and repairs to a culvert along Mattapoisett Neck Road. Highway Surveyor Barry Denham said that a 1960s-era culvert may not have been designed to the standards now in place and is likely insufficient for saltwater tidal action to the marshlands.

“On the west side, there are big holes,” Denham said, adding that the concrete was beginning to fail. He expressed concern that the culvert’s failure would be problematic for the people living in the Neck area. The roadway is the only way in and out of the beach neighborhood.

Denham also asked the board if he could move forward on an application for a $300,000 grant from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation that did not require matching funds. “We’d be crazy not to,” chuckled Selectman Paul Silva. Denham said those funds could be used to construct sidewalks from the bike path to Route 6 along Mattapoisett Neck Road.

Lorenco said he was also looking into the current owner of the quarry property once heavily sought after by the Mattapoisett Land Trust. The board agreed that reaching an agreement with the owners regarding the viability of putting a small parking area there would help keep bike path users from parking dangerously along Mattapoisett Neck Road. Silva said, “It’s a natural spot to have parking for the bike path.” The property in question is located at the corner of Mattapoisett Neck Road, Route 6, and abutting conservation lands.

A $100,000 Assistance to Firefighters Grant offered by FEMA was also discussed and had been suggested by Mattapoisett Fire Chief Andrew Murray, Lorenco said. There was some discussion that equipment listed on the Capital Planning schedule for future years could be paid for now with FEMA funding, but coming up with the 25 percent match was required for grants ranging around $100,000.

Grants from various sources were noted for work needed at the town’s historic wharves. However, the board agreed that dredging work previously requested and approved at Town Meeting could go forward for an estimated cost of $30,000. Work needed on Long Wharf could be paid in part by a $54,000 grant, but all grants created more questions than answers for the board members.

Lorenco suggested a group meeting that would bring together members of the Capital Planning and
Finance Committee with the selectmen. Also invited to the meeting would be department heads seeking grants. The selectmen agreed. The matching funds that will be discussed include $24,990 for the CZM grant and $40,756 for the AFG grant. Harborside grants will also be discussed at the meeting.

In other matters, Lorenco brought the board up to date on the current state of COVID-19 regulations and how the town has responded to new restrictions ordered by Governor Charlie Baker. He said updated restrictions require masks be worn inside and outside regardless of social distancing and that a stay-at-home advisory had been issued between the hours of 10:00 pm and 5:00 am unless an individual is working. He went on to say that...
restaurants were required to stop seating people at 9:30 pm. A $300 fine will be imposed on violators, he said. Lorenco said a letter had been sent to all businesses listing the restrictions. When asked how enforcement of penalties would be handled, Silva responded, “That’s a good question. We don’t know yet.”

Town Hall access is now by appointment only, Lorenco said, but if people need assistance, someone would answer the door to try and provide help. He encouraged the public to call and to use the drop-off box on the side of the building.

Lorenco said that gatherings indoors were restricted to 10 people and 25 if events are held outdoors. There is a $500 fine for violations.

With the holidays right around the corner, it was decided that tree decorations and lighting at Shipyard Park will not include an invitation for public participation. Nor would an informal Veterans Day gathering planned to commemorate American Legion Florence Eastman Post 280 retired Commander Mike Lamoureux include the general public, Lorenco said. Denham said that Lamoureux had been serving veterans in the area for over 35 years.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen is scheduled for November 24 at 6:30 pm.
ConCom Member Jumps Fence in Two Cases
Marion Conservation Commission
By Mick Colageo
Commission member Jeff Doubrava would recuse himself twice during the Marion Conservation Commission’s November 4 meeting, being involved on the applicant side of two public hearings.

As a Planting Island resident and member of the Island Associates board of governors, Doubrava was on that side of filing a Notice of Intent for storm drainage improvement in a 30-by-18-foot area on Planting Island Road. He had already recused himself as an applicant in a Request for Determination of Applicability hearing (see below).
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David Davignon, representing Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc., proposed a minor excavation project intended to alleviate a drainage problem. Some of the work, Davignon explained, will occur on private property, thereby minimizing the activity.

Doubrava did explain as an applicant that Davignon’s proposed redesign is meant to restore the area’s historic drainage. He also spoke to visual safety concerns at the corner where east and west roads converge with Planting Island Road.

After a site visit that revealed standing water, ConCom Chairman Shaun Walsh expressed concern for the shellfish habitat. Davignon said an industry-standard practice would bring about a much larger project, but that would not be possible because J. Christopher Meyer III, the owner of the private property, would not allow his lot to be torn up.

“The roads are simply too low, or the berm is too high. I’m open to ideas,” said Davignon, acknowledging the potential for infiltration. “I don’t think you’re going to get a lot of retention here.”

Walsh suggested removing more vegetation to preserve a runoff that he believes would better preserve the area’s favorable water quality. “I don’t want Mr. Meyer’s desire not to have a big structure drive the project design; that’s aesthetics,” said Walsh. “What I would like to see is we make sure that we have a structure that’s going to resolve the problem. The last thing I want
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is someone coming to the Conservation Commission and saying, ‘We used to be able to shellfish there until you guys built this runoff structure.’ Whether it’s caused by this or not, they’re going to point the finger at us because of us approving the project design.”

Walsh continued, “If (the most-protective project design) involves doing something parallel to the roadway and discharging onto the Town of Marion property, I’m okay with that. That, to me, is not as important as making sure that we’re protecting the public’s ability to harvest shellfish.”

Walsh suggested Davignon consider the most-protective design, having Green Fisheries review on the shellfish end of the water-quality equation, and recommended asking Town Administrator Jay McGrail for direction toward townspeople who might offer alternatives ideas.

“Some of it will be driven by Mr. Meyer,” said Davignon. “That may drive us onto the Town of Marion property.”

The case was continued to ConCom’s November 18 meeting with a 7:20 pm public hearing slot.

Doubrava led the meeting off as an applicant with a 7:00 pm public hearing, an RDA for constructing an osprey pole and perch, the result of an anonymous donation. The pole will be erected in the northwest corner of the town-owned Boat Works Lane property with “minimal disturbance,” said Doubrava. As a ConCom member, Doubrava recused himself from participation in the commission’s process in the case. A site visit was conducted on October 31, and ConCom voted per town policy in remote-access public hearings to continue the case to ConCom’s November 18 meeting at 7:10 pm.

A fourth continuation was considered necessary in the case of Lance and Kathleen Scott’s NOI for site redevelopment on the lot across from 18 Wianno Road. The Scotts filed a revised site plan on November 2.

Davignon summarized his latest round of proposed changes, including the planting list reshaped more triangularly and enhanced with a variety of plants. The beach grass was enhanced to cover the coastal dune. The stone walkway to the fire pit to the beach was widened to 6 feet for future maintenance to create access for a “very small Bobcat” to perform beach nourishment. The fire pit was moved and now will have a 10-foot offset to the south. Narrowly occurring boulder stones will remain on the beach.

Mark Manganello of LEC Environmental Consultants, Inc. met earlier on November 4 with Andrew Poyant, the wetland circuit rider, and Walsh held a conference call with Poyant and Doubrava to discuss Poyant’s review of the revised plan and his suggestions.

“[Poyant] continued to have some concerns of compliance, specifically with coastal-dune-performance standards. We had a long talk about those standards, and I’m not sure I agree with him 100 percent on some
of the interpretations of those standards, specifically for activities within 100 feet of a coastal dune,” said Manganello. “[The state’s] contention is that, by converting the vegetated area on the eastern portion of the property within 100 feet of the dune to lawn that that will destabilize the dune itself.” Poyant said Manganello also expressed concern about bird habitat.

“Stepping back and sort of looking at the big picture here and taking into consideration the extensive dune that’s actually going to be created, I felt like the plan that we had put forth was a real net-win,” said Manganello. “Yeah, maybe you are converting a portion of a vegetated area to lawn, but you’re also rebuilding a dune where none really exists right now. The protection of the dune is one thing, but the creation of the dune, the value of that, to me, is so much more significant.”

Manganello noted that the vegetated area is dominated by invasive species, “So we’re proposing to take about half of that area and convert it to natural vegetation,” he said. Poyant, Manganello noted, did not believe that converting that vegetated area to grass would comply with the standard for coastal dune. Manganello said the Scotts are frustrated but wish to make more revisions and avoid a protracted appeal process.

Noting that Poyant is serving as a technical advisor, Walsh stressed that ConCom is not trying to appease him. Based on a conversation they had, the latest revisions should satisfy his concerns. The rosa rugosa
would be taken out in favor of beach grass.

The applicant reiterated the need to meet the standards with cold weather imminent. Davignon stated his plan to get in his final revision a week ahead of the continuation. At that, Walsh thanked Davignon for consulting with Manganello.

The case was continued to November 18 at 7:30 pm.

A public comment came in by phone moments after the continuation of the public hearing. Administrative Assistant Donna Hemphill took information from that call and invited the caller to visit the Town House office or send an email since the hearing was continued and has not been closed.

The Friends of Wings Cove, homeowners at 35, 43, 51, 67, 75, 83, 95, and 99 Holly Road, who had filed an NOI seeking the removal of phragmites from their properties, found the fourth continuance to be a charm as ConCom voted to close the public hearing and issue an Order of Conditions.

In other matters, Emil Assing appeared to discuss his application for the open associate member spot on ConCom. Assing told the commission that he grew up on Delano Road and became interested in environmental science. While attending Old Rochester Regional High School, he decided that he wanted to “serve the local environment, but the local community as well.”

**Bold Steps Taken for Drinking Water Supply**

**MRV Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee/District Commission**

**By Mick Colageo**

The Mattapoisett River Valley Water District Commission hopes to become the first in Massachusetts to use Koch Membrane Systems’ Puron technology.

A 2016 report by sciencedirect.com said that Koch had announced the full operation of the largest membrane bioreactor plant in Europe. It is treating 100 percent of its incoming capacity with Puron modules.

MRV Commission members are not about to cross the Atlantic for a site visit. Still, they will need to venture across state lines in order to inspect a working system.
comparable to the one they hope the district member towns eventually vote to install.

“It’s a proven technology; it’s just not used in Massachusetts yet,” said Jon Gregory in his November 10 update to the commission.

“I’d like to see one of their newer systems being put in so we can see what it’s like to look at the system we’re going to install,” said Henri Renauld.

As of Tuesday’s joint meeting of the MRV Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee and District Commission, Gregory was ironing out labor numbers against prevailing wage rates in Massachusetts and hoping between now and MRV’s next meeting that “we’ll have this nailed down.” Costs could land between $3 million and $4 million.
Construction-wise, Renauld said stainless steel is necessary in the facility. Gregory agreed and said, “Let’s do it right.”

Paul Silva asked if MRV will separate the costs to be sure exactly how much if any savings the Puron system promises. Gregory said the costs would be itemized and that Koch will pilot the program with its own equipment. Silva advised full itemizing of the expenses because every member town’s finance committee is going to want that information, he said.

Emerging technology, on the one hand, can give the MRV Water District an edge as it seeks long-term methods of purifying its drinking water, but it also poses complications when it comes to equipment. Chairman Vinnie Furtado pointed out that making equipment last is a good thing, but the right choices have to be made in order not to be caught several years down the road looking for obsolete replacement filters and machine parts.

Gregory anticipates more municipal officials with more questions, and MRV will likely need to have Koch representatives visit once again. “Koch’s been very responsive for the most part.... They’re very interested in this project. If we need to have them in here, we’ll make that happen,” he said.

An update by Tata & Howard engineers is expected when the MRV meets on December 8.

As for the present, Renauld, in his Operations Update, said the Treatment Plant is running well, and testing has been done. Third-party testing is also happening for compliance. Some repairs have resulted. “We need to replace a heater at the back of the building that’s burnt out,” he said. Renauld also reported that the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection conducted a survey of the facility, and MRV passed. Renauld said, “DEP was pleased with our operating procedures.”

Dual member Rick Charon reported to the committee after a visit to Snipatuit Pond and said that beavers had moved up the river and built up a hut over in the reeds. “This was a structure; it’s a couple of feet up out of the water. We need to find someone to make them disappear,” he said.

Rochester Town Counsel Blair Bailey said there are three known dams in the pond. “Between now and when the (herring) run starts, we’re going to have to figure something out,” he said. Bailey has been working on the situation with Rochester Conservation Agent Laurell Farinon and state authorities.

Low water levels in 2020 have exacerbated the problem.

The MRV Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee reviewed an “approval not required” plan at 342 Snipatuit Road in Rochester, where Shawn McCombe is looking to construct a single-family home near his parents. The ANR Plan will divide the lots, and it’s expected that McCombe will install the required Title 5
septic system. Rochester does not require a denitrifying septic installation, but hope for that was expressed in the meeting, MRV members had no issues otherwise.

Under new business, Silva and Farinon questioned the need to budget $5,000 per year for data collection. Bailey and Furtado pointed to the protection of the district and the value of that data against any allegations or conflicting information. The matter will be on the next agenda and may be discussed by both the committee and the commission together.

The committee’s next meeting is scheduled for December 8 at 3:30 pm. The commission is scheduled to follow at 4:00 pm.
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G.A.F. Finds Favor with Two Projects
Rochester Conservation Commission
By Mick Colageo
The Rochester Conservation Commission met November 4 on a Wednesday night instead of its usual Tuesday due to the previous day’s presidential election, and two projects that hired Wareham-based G.A.F. Engineering, Inc. made substantial progress.

Cranberry Highway, LLC, received a Certificate of Compliance for work completed at 15 Cranberry Highway that redeveloped an existing property so it can house Countryside Daycare Center.

Represented by Bob Rogers of G.A.F. Engineering, Cranberry Highway, LLC limited construction to a playground and a water-quality basin. An August as-built survey yielded the need to add more material on top of the berm for the water quality basin. “Everything is vegetated and looking nice out there,” said Rogers.

Conservation Agent Laurell Farinon recommended that the Conservation Commission issue the Certificate of Compliance.

“It was kind of a retrofit of an existing project where they modified a building that was outside of the commission’s jurisdiction,” said Farinon, explaining the need for improvements to its stormwater collection system. “The design was to build a water quality basin which discharged directly to an existing drainage basin that was already on the property. Stone spillways are in place at two locations. They made supplemental plantings.”

In a separate public hearing, Jesper and Jennifer Ingerslev of 20 Stoney Run Lane in Marion received a positive Order of Conditions for work they propose at 0 Gerrish Road.

Represented by Brian Grady of G.A.F. Engineering, Inc., the Ingerslevs proposed construction of a single-family house, of which the eastern-most corner will sit inside the 100-foot buffer zone to an isolated vegetated wetland and an off-site cranberry bog.

Farinon said she had reviewed the wetland line and flagging and agreed with the line. All proposed work is planned to occur outside the 25-foot no-disturb zone, and the closest point of work is approximately 35 feet from the no-disturb zone. Farinon recommended that a positive Order of Conditions be issued with the stipulation of erosion-control barriers.

Two applicants requested continuances of their cases to future meetings. Featherbed Lane South Solar, LLC, which had filed a Notice of Intent that was continued from October 20, requested a continuance to November 17 to review peer-review comments. Cushman Road Solar, LLC requested a continuance to December 1 to respond to abutters’ comments.

Under New Business, the commission voted to accept two new regulations under the Rochester Wetlands Bylaw meant to expedite processes and better serve residents. A third regulation involving a Tree Removal
Request Application was postponed until ConCom can be joined by Town Counsel Blair Bailey, who was not able to attend the November 4 meeting. The next meeting of the Rochester Conservation Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, at 7:00 pm.

Players Find Common Ground in Long-Standing Bus Stop Case
Rochester Planning Board
By Matthew Donato
The Rochester Planning Board addressed updates to the Cranberry Highway Development in their meeting.
The desire for a new school bus stop location came after discussions held in previous meetings relating to increased traffic and safety risks presented by the prospect of multiple bus stops on the ring road. Through his conversation with the Planning Board, Cordeiro worked to move the school bus stop inside the site to avoid queueing and traffic delays on the ring road. His proposed location for the bus stop allows the buses to pick up children throughout the site safely. Also, depending on the bus company’s feedback, the buses may elect to use a front-door pickup method at each of the buildings within the site, rather than one bus stop for the entire location.

Continued progress on the busing solution is contingent on feedback from the bus company and school board. The bus company is reluctant to have its drivers choose routes that involve private roads, but Cordeiro was hopeful that the clear safety risk posed by choosing to use the ring road as the bus stop location would influence their decision. Ultimately, a decision on the bus location will not be reached until the Planning Board approves the entire plan, as the bus company will not consider proposals while the development is still in the public hearing.

Andrew Delli Carpini of Seasons Corner Market joined the public hearing to express his approval of the proposed plans. This came after longstanding discord between Seasons and the Cranberry Highway Development. Delli Carpini explained that the two groups were able to reach a consensus on several issues.
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ConCom Moves to End Contempt Complaint
Mattapoisett Conservation Commission
By Marilou Newell

With legal fees still mounting, years of legal wrangling, and an enforcement order that just might finally be upheld by the property owner, Mattapoisett’s Conservation Commission discussed a request by Daniel Craig of 4 Seabreeze Lane to lift the enforcement order.

Coming before the commission during its November 9 meeting was town counsel, in this matter, George Pucci of KP Law. After giving a brief history of
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what had transpired going back several years when an enforcement order was issued to Craig to restore wetlands and other jurisdictional areas, Pucci asked the commission to consider its next steps.

At the Seabreeze property located near Eel Pond, Craig had landscaped a large swarth that the commission had intended and ordered to remain as a “no-touch zone.” The commission’s efforts to gain Craig’s cooperation in ceasing activities and restoring the disturbed wetlands were met with legal action. The Buzzards Bay Coalition joined the town in defending the Enforcement Order.

Subsequently, the case found its way to Superior Court. In 2019 former Town Administrator Mike Gagne told The Wanderer, “This is an interesting case.” Gagne said Craig appealed an enforcement order issued by the Conservation Commission to the Department of Environmental Protection. The DEP upheld the enforcement order; Craig has subsequently appealed the DEP ruling, sending the case back to Superior Court.

Pucci said on this night that the court was now waiting to learn if Craig had complied with the court’s decision that the town’s order was justified and enforceable. He asked if the commission was willing to remove a “contempt complaint,” given that it now appears that Craig has completed some of the restoration requirements imposed via the enforcement order. The issue at hand now is whether or not the density of plantings agreed upon was, in fact, planted.

Chairman Mike King said, “After a long road, it appears we are headed in the right direction.” But the town’s wetland scientist, John Rockwell, disagreed that planting density was sufficient. King asked for more time to review Rockwell’s report. King said that the enforcement order would remain in place for at least two growing seasons to ensure the restoration plan matures.

King asked the commission to vote whether to lift the contempt filing, which he believed would save the town additional legal fees, or leave it in place until everything is planted to Rockwell’s satisfaction. The commission moved to dismiss the contempt complaint.

However, the Buzzards Bay Coalition disagreed. BBC attorney Korrine Petersen said, “There have been five years of litigation, and it wasn’t until the contempt was filed that things were being done.” She expressed concern that by dropping the complaint, restoration work would stop.

Also weighing in was Town Administrator Mike Lorenco, who urged the commission to stay the course, given the amount of investment the town had already made to gain Craig’s cooperation. Lorenco said the town hired Rockwell at the direction of the Board of Selectmen. “There’s been five years of litigation paid for by the taxpayers. It would be a shame not to see this through to the end,” he stated.

Pucci said that, despite the commission’s desire to drop the contempt complaint, that did not mean the BBC would have to as well. Their involvement is a separate legal matter, albeit based on the town’s enforcement order. The discussion was continued until November 23.

In other matters, RDAs filed by Judith Selwyn, 47 Mattapoisett Neck Road, for the construction of an addition on existing columns, and another filed by 20 Ned’s Point, LLC, to construct a swimming pool and patio area, both received negative determinations of applicability.

Donna Downey Trust, 16 Water Street, filed a Notice of Intent to construct a 74-by-14-foot deck. It was continued until November 23 to allow sufficient time for abutter comment.

Continued public hearings also included Randall Lane Solar, LLC. King said that the commission’s use of a third-party peer-review consultant would only be for the delineation of wetlands. He noted that several other oversight agencies had yet to return comments. The filing was continued until November 23.

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

Nelson Talks about Dashboard, Pivoting Rochester School Committee

By Mick Colageo

Parents of children in Old Rochester Regional District schools can now access COVID-19 information
via a dashboard that Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson has made a regular part of the district website. He also spent time during the November 5 meeting of the Rochester School Committee discussing the challenges that come with consideration of moving toward a full, in-person return to school.

“At this time, we are not recommending a learning model change, but wanted to share this information and this update with the committee so that they have all the available information as they think about what is best for Rochester Memorial and our school system,” said Nelson. “The thought process is that the dashboard data points and key indicators should continuously be monitored by our key stakeholders and help drive decision making based on trends.”

Safety remains the No. 1 goal, said Nelson. “Having our students in the building continues to be one of our main focuses,” he said. “While recognizing that each student and each family has a choice regarding which learning model makes most sense for them, we will do our very best to meet each student and each family where they’re at.”

The dashboard categorizes local, county, and statewide COVID-19 data and stakeholder approvals, including the Board of Health, school physicians, superintendent, and School Committee. Along with data generated at the state level, the dashboard considers internal information such as air quality, HVAC, and

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personal protective equipment status.

“No one data point is the end-all, be-all, and we have to look at all available information as we make decisions together,” said Nelson.

Noting the School Committee’s August approval of the 2020-21 back-to-school plan, Nelson referenced a recently released addendum including feasibility data regarding ORR’s school buildings and guidance interpretation.

“Moreover, the addendum provides additional in-person options for the School Committee to consider this school year,” explained Nelson. “Specifically, the addendum includes a letter to the school community from the superintendent, an executive summary of the main points of the addendum, and overview of the addendum and ongoing considerations when learning models change that all stakeholders should consider, the rationale behind the information that we shared, and the ideology regarding pivoting from learning model to model.”

Information about the new COVID-19 dashboard was included.

Nelson said there are five specific options for the committee to consider when it becomes feasible to consider increasing in-person learning opportunities.

The first is what a full return to school could look like with no modifications.

The second, a full return of students maintaining 3 to 6 feet of social distancing.

The third option is a full return of students maintaining at least 6 feet of social distancing, which is the current distancing standard inside ORR District school buildings.

The fourth is additional in-person opportunities for students in lower elementary grades—the fifth targets possible in-person opportunities through schedule modifications, after-school programming, etc.

Also included was feasibility data in each of the school buildings regarding learning spaces, staffing, transportation, and fiscal and resource information.

Committee member Tina Rood applauded Nelson’s effort and said a look across the dashboard showed that many people are coming out of quarantine.

She sought clarification on costs associated with pivoting to an in-person learning model. Nelson confirmed those costs were listed by the classroom based on the latest collective bargaining agreement.

“I think it’s important that, even though we gave hypothetical scenarios, each time you change any of the options even slightly, it creates new situations that you have to problem-solve,” said Nelson. “I just want to be very clear that this just really looks at five major options for the School Committee and other stakeholders to consider as we continue to monitor data and make decisions in terms of what we think is best to keep all of our students’ families and staff members safe. But even within this plan, there are obviously many other pieces that we have to consider and work out.”

An in-person learning model would not cancel out a remote option.

Committee member Kate Duggan found the plan well laid out but asked, on behalf of parents whose children are struggling with remote education, if they have a realistic hope in this school year for a change.

“What we want is for all of our students to be in the building full time. I want to be very clear about that,” said Nelson. “With that being said, our kindergarteners, first graders, second graders, remote learning ... can be very challenging.

“It does always bring up the issue of equity and stability, and also family schedules is that once you move one piece and whatnot, it changes a lot of other things, so I also think it’s important that we recognize that,” continued Nelson. “It doesn’t mean that we don’t consider other options, but we have to put everything on the table and really talk out all the different moving pieces.”

On the pandemic front, Rochester Memorial School is very fortunate regarding COVID-19, as there were no positive cases as of the committee’s November 5 meeting. Over the past two weeks, Rochester has been identified as a ‘red’ community. The ORR District has had nine positive cases since the start of school on September 16. ORR, according to Nelson at the November 5 meeting, had no staff in quarantine; there were two students in quarantine. Eight other students at the time of the meeting were symptomatic and awaiting test results. Altogether since the start of school on September 16, ORR has seen 50 students cleared to return to school after displaying symptoms and three staff members cleared to return.

“This shows how diligent we have all been in taking each symptom extremely serious to prevent in-school transmission,” said Nelson, thanking the town and school nurses.

Enrollment numbers at RMS were as follows: 26 home-schooled, 420 in the hybrid learning model, and 60 in the full-remote model.

Nelson told the committee that the Massachusetts Department of Education is directing ORR schools to go ahead with MCAS test preparation. Committee members
criticized MCAS as an intrusion on the precious time needed to include what they consider more important.

Rood says parents would like a three-year moratorium on MCAS and will work with the teachers union on a letter that will be sent to DESE. Rood said the state’s direction toward “high-stakes testing” emanates from the national level and that local feelings are not likely to be considered.

The Rochester School Committee voted to appoint Rood to represent the committee in working with other stakeholders on a letter that will recommend ORR schools not have MCAS testing in the 2020-21 academic year.

The committee embraced the idea of using snow days as remote-learning days, and Rood mused that remote learning could render snow days obsolete.

Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Janell Pearson-Campbell reported on her continued work supporting teachers with educational opportunities with guest speakers and special webinars better equipping them for the current array of challenges.

RMS Principal Derek Medeiros says students have been moving from model to model, including a home-schooled student who entered the hybrid-learning model at RMS. RMS had over 100 participants for its flu clinic.

Rood said Serial, an anti-racist podcast that is part of her homework as a member of the Anti-Racist Subcommittee, published an episode called “Nice White Parents.” Rood recommended that and other podcasts she had watched.

The ORR Joint School Committee / Superintendency Union #55 is scheduled to meet on November 19 at 6:30 pm.

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**ORR Seniors Find Footing in Mariner Soccer League**

*Sports Roundup*

*By Nick Friar*

Old Rochester Regional’s girls soccer players still want the chance to dominate South Coast Conference play when the MIAA’s Fall II season rolls around later in the 2020-21 academic year. Still, if that falls through, some of them will be just fine — even seniors.

That’s all thanks to the Mariner Youth Soccer League.

When ORR players found out their regional high school had opted to participate in the Fall II season with the rest of the SCC rather than the traditional fall season amidst the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Mariner Soccer came up with an option for high school girls soccer players.

Mariner Soccer put together a fall season for those athletes while the high school season remains on hold. And the idea was not exclusive to Old Rochester soccer players. Mariner Soccer reached out to all of the SCC schools, receiving entries from eight schools —
OBITUARIES

Elizabeth (Fossa) St. Pierre, 93, of Mattapoisett died Wednesday, November 4, 2020.

She was the wife of Robert J. St. Pierre.

Born in Beverly, daughter of the late Ernest and Bertha (Johanson) Fossa, she was raised in Danvers and moved to Mattapoisett in 1983.

She was formerly employed as a teacher in Marblehead schools and St. James School in New Bedford.

Survivors include her husband; 2 sons, Robert St. Pierre, Jr. and his wife Sue of East Bridgewater and James St. Pierre and his wife Kim of Mattapoisett; a daughter, Sally Goldrick of New Bedford; 6 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was the sister of the late Carolena Fossa.

Her private arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home For Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6) Mattapoisett. For online guestbook, please visit www.saudersdwyer.com.

Betty Ann (Weigel) Thomson of Rochester, MA died on Friday, October 23, 2020 after a long illness. She was 87. She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Alexander J. Thomson, her six children and their partners, Kurt and his wife, Jennifer, of New Brighton, PA, Holly and her partner Armand of N Dartmouth, Nancy and her wife, Linda, of Tucson, AZ, Betty-Jo and her partner, Dave of Rochester, Lynne and her husband Michael, of Acushnet and Pearl of Mattapoisett, MA. She is also survived by her many grandchildren, Audrey, Olivia, Ivy, Alexandra, Jacquelyn, Brandon, Monique, Érica, Courtney, Rebecca, Benjamin, Jocelyne, Brooke, Nicole, Michélina, Madison and Bryce, and great grandchildren, Jackson, Emmett, Jude, Liam, Charlie, Malcolm, Eliana, Tru, Aria and Nora. Betty was also survived by her sister, Clara Hathaway of Rochester, and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her sisters, Lorraine Tripp, Margaret Cameron, Helen Church, and her brother Julien R. Weigel.

Betty was born in New Bedford, MA, and moved to Rochester at a young age where she resided the rest of her life. Betty loved family gatherings and having folks come over to visit. Over the years, she took in many surrogate children.

Betty was a graduate of Kenyon Campbell Business School in New Bedford. She was a founder and co-owner of Liberty Auto Parts in Wareham, Acushnet and New Bedford. Betty served on and was chairman of the Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School in Rochester for many years. She also worked as a bookkeeper for Henry Knight Construction Company in Wareham.

In lieu of flowers, a scholarship has been created at Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School. Donations can be sent to the school in care of Aaron Polansky (apolansky@oldcolony.info) 476 North Avenue, Rochester, Massachusetts, 02770.

The family would like to thank Southcoast Hospice for their care and gentle guidance during her end days. Betty was well loved and will be missed by all.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Judith A. Smith, 82, of Marion, died November 5, 2020 at Wareham Healthcare after a period of declining health. She was the daughter of the late Robert E. and Dorothy D. Smith of Marion.

She lived in Marion for most of her life. For many years she was employed by Aerovox in New Bedford.

Judy was a lifelong member of the First Congregational Church of Marion and a Tribal member of the Pokanoket Nation of Bristol, RI.

Judith leaves 2 sisters, Dorothy D. Costa of Groton, CT and Rita R. Tibbetts of Sun City, FL; a brother, Charles R. Smith of Marion.

Due to the pandemic, services are being held privately.

Arrangements are by the Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, 2599 Cranberry Hwy., Wareham. To share a memory or leave a message of condolence, visit: www.ccgfuneralhome.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.
ORR Apponequet, GNB Voc-Tech, Dighton-Rehoboth, Fairhaven, Bourne, and Wareham — five of which also had a junior varsity team in the league.

“It was a really good turn out,” Old Rochester senior Brianna Machado said. “I’m really glad that most of the SCC teams did end up doing it. That made it feel like it was a regular season for us, getting to play against the teams we’ve played all throughout our high school years.”

Also, by facing other SCC opponents, ORR got a chance to see what they’re made of ahead of Fall II. With Meg Hughes’ and Mary Butler’s ORR days now behind them, the Bulldogs weren’t exactly sure what to expect going into this season.

All doubts were quieted by the end of the season, as the ORR girls finished a perfect 6-0 in Mariner Soccer’s fall league.

“I think it was really good for the team, in general, to be together, rather than in an actual season setting,” ORR senior Rachel Zutaut said. “We lost some really good players last year, and we were all really skeptical going about how we were going to be without them. It was really nice to see that we’re capable of winning and being a good team without the seniors who graduated in 2019.

“We were really scared going into the season that it was going to be a rough one.”

Of course, playing in the fall with the country still facing COVID-19 called for some adjustment on the part of players. Specifically, players had to wear masks. For Machado, the masks weren’t a real factor, but for Zutaut, it posed a legitimate issue.

“I have asthma, so it was really hard for me,” she said. “I couldn’t play more than 15 minutes at a time without really having a hard time breathing. Normally, I can play the whole half and be fine, but I couldn’t even make it 20 minutes.”

But even with the masks and the concerns surrounding COVID-19, Zutaut wasn’t going to miss out on the opportunity to play. Not only did she and Machado get the chance to play with their friends, but it was also one last chance to play for their fathers, who coached them both from when they were kids and volunteered to help run the team in the Mariner Soccer fall league.

“We had a lot of our parents step up,” Machado said. “My dad coached me ever since I was little, so to be able to have him coach me again for my final season, if we don’t get Fall II, was the most memorable thing I got to experience.”

Letters to the Editor
The views expressed in the “Letters to the Editor” column are not necessarily those of The Wanderer, its staff or advertisers. The Wanderer will gladly accept any and all correspondence relating to timely and pertinent issues in the great Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester area, provided they include the author’s name, address and phone number for verification. We cannot publish anonymous, unsigned or unconfirmed submissions. The Wanderer reserves the
TriTown Happenings

Sunrise through the fog on November 9 on Buzzards Bay. Photo by Mary Worden

Arthur Damaskos spotted an eagle at Molly’s Cove from Mattapoisett Neck Road on Saturday.

Teresa Dall sent in this photo of a Burning Bush brightening her yard on North Street on this autumn day.

Teresa Dall captured the sunset from Railroad Avenue in Mattapoisett.

These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com
To the Editor,

The Tide Is Rising.

Imagine you are standing in three feet of water; the tide is coming up an inch every few minutes and you can’t swim. You are being told, ‘Don’t worry,’ it’s only rising inches at a time. Eventually you will drown. That is where we are with respect to land conservation in Marion. Each time a parcel is proposed for conservation, we are told the taxes lost are insignificant. What matters is the total amount of land in conservation and the aggregate taxes lost to the town to date. That is what is slowly “drowning” the town.

Marion residents approved Article 5 at the recent Town Meeting; this takes the 33.7-acre Hoff parcel off the tax rolls, so the tide is up another few inches.

Our 2017 Master Plan notes that 34% of Marion’s 9,105 acres, a total of 3,091 acres, is permanently conserved, thus off the tax rolls. Another 22% is subject to temporary Chapter 60 conservation restrictions, and thus paying a much-reduced level of taxes. Please find me another town in southeastern Massachusetts which has permanently conserved 34% of its land area.

The Master Plan states that residential taxes
account for 93% of Marion’s tax base. Residential properties are 37% of the town’s land use, thus, 37% of Marion properties pay 93% of the cost of running the town. Are there other towns in southeastern Massachusetts with 60% of their tax parcels are off the tax rolls?

Land conservation enhances property values to a point. Eventually, the opportunity cost of the taxes lost to a town starts to outweigh the value of the land conservation by making the town increasingly unaffordable.

New development is detrimental only if it runs out of control. In Marion, development done incrementally and targeted at summer residents, seniors and retirees, and commercial and industrial entities, will expand the tax base and bring in more taxpayers to share the cost burden of running the town.

Someone suggested that a “tree” is the most tax-effective use of land because it doesn’t use town services. That is not true. For Marion, it is properties owned by summer residence. Our summer residents often buy expensive homes, use very few town services, and don’t vote.

Walking trails were a big selling point for the Hoff parcel. However, rather than spending more money on conservation land for off-road walking trails, we should be spending money on improving pedestrian safety and making our streets safer for bikers and walkers.

Marion’s year-round population has been between 4,800 and 5,000 forever. The town lacks the scale – meaning the critical size or mass – necessary to cost-effectively provide services such as fire, police, sewer, and water. Incremental development will bring in more taxpayers to share the cost of these services.

I wish those people, who are so passionate about conserving land in Marion, would become equally passionate about keeping our Town affordable for our existing residents.

John P. Waterman, Marion resident and Selectman

The Mattapoisett Museum
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Punchy

By Rob Gonsalves
www.robsmovievault.com


A movie about a secret fight club for women to work out their rage probably shouldn’t be as bland as Chick Fight. The scenes in which the women punch, kick, head-butt and choke out their fellow women express a kind of ironic liberation that the by-the-numbers script (by Joseph Downey) doesn’t really explore. Chick Fight has a raft of female producers or executive producers (including two of its stars, Malin Akerman and Bella Thorne), but is written and directed by men. Some would see no problem with this, as telling stories requires some degree of imagination and trying to see through the eyes of those unlike you. But we also miss what female creatives might have brought to this story. (Look, for example, at Karyn Kusama’s indie drama Girlfight from twenty years ago.)

Here, the trappings of a female fight club only set up a cute arc of triumph for the movie’s cutely downtrodden protagonist Anna (Akerman). Owner of a sinking coffee shop, Anna has more than enough anger and sorrow on her plate. Her car gets repossessed, the coffee shop goes up in flames, and her macho dad turns out to be bisexual. (Why? I dunno, except to give us a few scenes of Anna reacting to her dad’s sexuality with baffled acceptance.) Her cop friend Charleen (Dulcé Sloan) brings her to the underground fight club, where she runs afoul of the place’s resident heat-seeking missile Olivia (Thorne). We know the plot leads up to a climactic showdown between Anna and Olivia, just as we know Anna will spend many allegedly funny scenes training with drunken Jack (Alec Baldwin).

The cast, including Fortune Feimster and Alec Mapa, is diverse and funny and up for anything, but the script keeps letting them down. Various character revelations, like Olivia’s daytime identity and Anna’s connection to the club, just sort of lie there forgotten. After a while I began to wish Akerman and Thorne could have switched roles, since Thorne gets some slightly more interesting things to play and shows some outlaw charisma. But then Thorne would have been stuck with the uninspiring Anna, to whom Akerman brings little but a mild woe-is-me Cathy Guisewite vibe. Like Goldie Hawn’s Private Benjamin and countless others, Anna must grow up; she must become True Woman, spitting blood and taking punches. Akerman has an amiable but generally null presence; our only clue that she’s the star is that the movie focuses on her from frame one, but Thorne’s eccentric energy marks her as the film’s real star.

Too bad she’s thrown away as the Bad Girl who must be defeated by the Good Girl. Having women write and direct Chick Fight (lame title, guys) might have gone some way towards eliminating female clichés imagined from the outside. As it is, there’s a scene in which Anna takes a heavy ball to the crotch so she can go to the doctor (with what money?) and find out he’s the doctor from the fight club, so she can start a romance with him. There are so many more promising directions the movie could have gone other than providing Anna with a professional white boyfriend. (She’s surrounded by gayness, but is resolutely hetero.) Another revelation involving the club means that Anna’s money problems get handwaved away. The coincidences stack up, until we feel the narrative pushing us around.

There isn’t even a decent winding-down scene between Anna and Olivia; the latter is brushed aside, as if Bella Thorne had grown tired of the story and gone home early. Given what we discover about Anna and the legacy she’s a part of, a more intriguing comedy would have pitted our dark heroine Olivia against Anna the blonde brat born into the world that Olivia had to scratch and kick to be included in. Chick Fight may lead to more than a few discussions more thoughtful than the movie itself. Of course, it’s only conceived as a dumbass comedy with a light glaze of you-go-grrl empowerment. But it’s hard to believe that so many talented folks bought into something so vanilla, so incurious, so dedicated to banality. And it needn’t have gone in a serious direction; women as much as men deserve wild and twisted comedies in which they behave abominably. But that’s exactly what Chick Fight isn’t. It might as well be about a book club.

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dedicated volunteers to serve on our board of directors. We are seeking creative, enthusiastic, and devoted individuals to grow and diversify a small and ambitious museum focusing on history, art, and culture in Mattapoisett and the surrounding area.

The Mattapoisett Museum seeks to embrace and promote diversity, multiculturalism, and inclusion in our collections and programming. We are seeking talented people with skills in programming, outreach, fundraising, and more. Board members do not need to be a Mattapoisett resident. For more information about applying for a position on the board and to receive a complete board of director’s information packet, please contact the Mattapoisett Museum at director@mattapoisettmuseum.org.

ORRJH Students of the Month
Silas D. Coellner, principal of Old Rochester Regional Junior High School, announces the following Students of the Month for October 2020:
Green Team: Jacob Fisher & Caitlin O’Donnell
Orange Team: Scarlet Patnaude & Jake Dellas
Blue Team: Nina Pierre & Jacob Koczera
Red Team: Nevaeh Williams & Brody Hiles
Remote Team: Dillon Furtado & Rosemary Clark

Rochester 2020 Hazardous Waste Day
The 2020 Rochester Hazardous Waste Day will be on Saturday, November 14 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm at the Highway Barn. Rochester residents only.

Historic Women of Mattapoisett
On Wednesday, November 18 join the Mattapoisett Museum for a Zoom presentation featuring selected Notable Women of Mattapoisett’s past, including philanthropist and civic activist Huybertie Hamlin, author Elizabeth Drew Stoddard, Florence Eastman, and others. A brief history of Mattapoisett’s place in women’s suffrage history will also be discussed. Carole Clifford and Jennifer McIntire will be your hosts for this insightful presentation.

Jennifer McIntire is an art historian and educator. After attending Tabor Academy, she earned her B. A. in history from Bowdoin College and a Ph.D. from Princeton University in Far Eastern Art History. She has taught a variety of art history courses at Rutgers University, the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, College of the Holy Cross, and Stonehill College. She
COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM
Monday, Nov 16: American chop suey, broccoli, multigrain roll, mixed fruit, diet, cinnamon apple
Tuesday, Nov 17: BBQ pork rib, baked beans, hot German slaw, dinner roll, peaches
Wednesday, Nov 18: Cherry glazed chicken, rice Florentine, Tuscan blend, oatmeal bread, pears
Thursday, Nov 19: Roast turkey w/marymary gravy, mashed potatoes, winter squash, multigrain roll, apple crisp, diet, cinnamon apples
Friday, Nov 20: Cheesburger, ketchup & mustard, crisp, diet: cinnamon apples

REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

MARION
Log highlights Nov 1-Nov 7
- Point Rd – A&B past/arrest
- Front St – Follow up investigation
- Crapo St – Found property
- Quall’s Crossing Rd – Message delivery
- Mill St – Follow up investigation
- Wareham Rd - Fraud
- Point Rd – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Paper service
- River Rd - Assist
- Delano Rd - Fraud
- East Ave – Fraud
- Parlowtown Rd - Fraud
- Delano Rd – Missing person
- Inland Rd – EMS/medical
- Spring St – Health/welfare
- Wareham Rd – Suspicous person
- Mill St – Animal complaint
- Aucoot Ave – Officer wanted
- Point Rd - Fraud
- Wareham Rd – Paper service
- Hermitage Rd – EMS/medical
- Front St – MV collision
- Mill St – MV collision
- Pleasant St - Fraud
- Route 195 West – MV collision
- Briggs Ln – Disturbance
- Rebecca Dr – EMS/medical
- Mill St - Arrest
- Front St – MV collision

MATTAPOSSETT
Log highlights Nov 1-Nov 7
- Driscoll Ln – Assist other agency
- 195 East – MV crash
- Railroad Ave – Animal complaint
- Crystal Spring Rd - Complaint
- Park St – Health/welfare
- Cannon St – Health/welfare
- Harbor Neck Rd - Notification
- County Rd – Assist citizen
- Antassawamock Rd – Animal complaint
- Marion Rd - Disturbance
- Acushnet Rd – Medical/assist
- Aucoot Rd – Suspicous persons
- Neds Point Rd - Disturbance
- Acushnet Rd – Suspicous persons
- Brandt Island Rd – MV crash
- County Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Marion Rd - Threats
- County Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- River Rd – Suspicous MV
- Snow Fields Rd – Animal control
- Mattapoisett Neck Rd – Health/welfare
- Marion Rd – Health/welfare
- Marion Rd – Serve warrant
- Martin Ave – Summons service
- River Rd – Suspicous MV
- Hammond St – Assist citizen
- Pine Wood Way – Health/welfare
- Marion Rd – Assist citizen
- County Rd – MV crash

RHODE ISLAND
Log highlights Nov 1-Nov 7
- Worldell St – Suspicious activity
- Old Tuck Bog Rd - Harassment
- Hartley Rd – MV lockout
- Paradise Ln – 911 call
- Pierce St – Animal control
- Thistle Ln - Fraud
- Neck Rd – Assist other agency
- Marion Rd – House lockout
- Walnut Plain Rd – MV collision
- Dexter Ln – Investigation
- Dexter Ln - Fraud
- Rousenelle Rd – MV collision
- Mattapoisett Rd – Suspicious activity
- Sarah Sherman Rd - Fraud
- Country Ln - Larceny
- Cranberry Hwy - Investigation
- Neck Rd – Animal control
- Cross Rd – 911 call
- North Ave - Investigation
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- High St - Medical
- Hathaway Pond Circle - Fraud
- Forbes Rd - Fraud
- Bishop Rd - Medical
- Bradford Ln – MV stop/citation
- Marion Rd - Burglary
- Benjamin Dr – Well being check
- North Ave – Suspicious activity
- Negus Way – Suspicious activity

SIPPICAN SCHOOL
Monday, Nov 16: PBJLun lunch, gooby grilled cheese sandwich, chicken salad roll, snack size Cape Cod chips, assorted vegetables, assorted fruit, 1% milk
Tuesday, Nov 17: Hot Choice: Taco nacho platter, Cold Choice: Chicken salad roll, snack size Cape Cod chips, assorted vegetables, assorted fruit, 1% milk
Wednesday, Nov 18: Hot Choice: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked potato wedges, Cold Choice: Chicken salad roll, snack size Cape Cod chips, assorted fruit, assorted vegetables, 1% milk
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ROCHESTER MEMORIAL
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OLD COLONY REGIONAL
Tuesday, Nov 17: Chicken nuggets, fries, bread, & steamed carrots
Wednesday, Nov 18: Early Release Day; in school students will have opportunity to bring home pizza or PBJL meal
Thursday, Nov 19: Pulled pork sandwich, fries & baked beans
Friday, Nov 20: Assorted pizza & Caesar salad
previously worked at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts in the Asiatic Art Department. She has served as president of the Mattapoisett Museum and the Mattapoisett Library Trust. She serves on Tabor Academy’s Board of Trustees.

Carole Clifford is a native of Mattapoisett and joined the museum after retirement. She has a Master’s in Education and taught in Hartford, CT for 37 years. Upon leaving the classroom, she continued in education working as a Union Leader for the Hartford Federation of Teachers and ended her career as Professional Issues Director at AFTCT. Since moving back home to Mattapoisett, she serves on the Mattapoisett School Committee, the Board of Directors at the Mattapoisett Museum, the board of the Mattapoisett Cultural Council, is President of the Mattapoisett Woman’s Club, and is a docent at the New Bedford Whaling Museum.

This event will be held via Zoom and is free. To register please visit www.mattapoisettmuseum.org/events.

For questions or more information, please contact the Mattapoisett Museum at 508-758-2844 or director@mattapoisettmuseum.org.

Marion Art Center
Small Works and Holiday Shop: Shop in person or online. The Marion Art Center announces its final show of the season, the 2020 Small Works + Holiday Shop. The show runs Friday, November 13 through Friday, December 18. This annual juried show will feature over 100 original works by more than 30 artists. The Holiday Shop will also run for the entire month. Find unique gifts, or expand your own collection of paintings, jewelry, textiles, woodworks, ceramics, and more. Guests can shop in person or online at www.marionartcenter.org/online-shop. Purchased items will be available for in-store or drive-by pickup, or local drop-off within the Tri-Town region. Gallery hours are 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Thursday – Saturday, or by appointment Tuesday – Friday. For more information, email info@marionartcenter.org or call the MAC at 508-748-1266.

November ArtTalk at the MAC: The next ArtTalk at the Virtual MAC has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 18 from 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm (via Zoom). ArtTalk at the MAC is an informal group discussion about art (no knowledge of art or art history required). The group meets monthly to review two artists pre-selected by a host. Participants are invited to make their own refreshments to enjoy during the discussion. To register, email info@marionartcenter.org with “ArtTalk at the MAC” in the subject line. Include your name and phone number. The artworks and meeting link will be sent to the email address provided, a few days prior to the event. Find out more at marionartcenter.org/virtual-mac.

Friends of Ned’s Point Lighthouse
Friends of Ned’s Point Lighthouse, Inc. is an organization solely dedicated to the restoration and preservation of Ned’s Point Lighthouse in Mattapoisett, Massachusetts. This will be accomplished through fundraisers and the sale of lighthouse-related gifts, educational materials, and clothing promoting educational awareness, volunteerism, and membership benefits.

The Board of Directors is directly involved with the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary’s Flotilla 63, who through a merger with USCG AUX Flotilla 67, has adopted Ned’s Point Lighthouse. It is Flotilla 63’s responsibility to ensure that all restoration and preservation efforts are carried out in accordance with the standards set forth and approved by the United States Coast Guard.

Help us restore the most cherished icon of the SouthCoast of Massachusetts located in Mattapoisett. Visit our Website at www.Friendsnfspointlighthouse.com.

Donations can also be sent to “Friends of Ned’s Point Lighthouse”, P.O. Box 537, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

Sippican Historical Society
Marion (Old Rochester) is one of the oldest towns in the United States, and the Sippican Historical Society maintains an extensive collection of documentation on its historic buildings. In 1998, the Sippican Historical Society commissioned an architectural survey of Marion’s historic
SALOME’S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your honesty continues to impress everyone who needs reassurance about a project. But be careful you don’t lose patience with those who are still not ready to act.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Pushing others too hard to do things your way could cause resentment and raise more doubts. Instead, take more time to explain why your methods will work.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Take more time to explain why your methods will work.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might have to defend a workplace decision you plan to make. Colleagues might back you up on this, but it’s the facts that will ultimately win the day for you. Good luck.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The Big Cat’s co-workers might not be doing enough to help get that project finished. Your roars might stir things up, but gentle purr-suasion will prove to be more effective.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Someone you care for needs help with a problem. Give it lovingly and without judging the situation. Whatever you feel you should know will be revealed later.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) While you’re to be admired for how you handled recent workplace problems, be careful not to react the same way to a new situation until all the facts are in.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Rely on your keen instincts as well as the facts at hand when dealing with a troubling situation. Be patient. Take things one step at a time as you work through it.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your curiosity leads you to ask questions. However, the answers might not be what you hoped to hear. Don’t reject them without checking them out.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Be careful not to tackle a problem without sufficient facts. Even sure-footed Goats need to know where they’ll land before leaping off a mountain path.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Appearances can be deceiving. You need to do more investigating before investing your time, let alone your money, in something that might have some hidden flaws.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your recent stand on an issue could make you the focus of more attention than you would like. But you’ll regain your privacy, as well as more time with loved ones, by week’s end.

BORN THIS WEEK: You’re a good friend and a trusted confidante. You would be a wonderful teacher and a respected member of the clergy.

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homes and buildings. Over 100 were cataloged and photographed. SHS will feature one building a week so that the residents of Marion can understand more about its unique historical architecture.

This week we feature the dwelling at 513 Point Road, built in 1850 in the Italianate style. The house is prominently situated at the crossroads of Point and Delano Roads. Along with three other neighboring dwellings, the house provides an unspoiled glimpse of a rural, remote Sippican Neck before seasonal and suburban house construction transformed its appearance in the 20th century. The 1855 Marion map identifies the owner of this home as William Ellis. By 1879, George Hammond, a carpenter, owned this property. In 1903, this house was owned by Charles M. Ellis, whose occupation is variously listed as contractor.
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YOUNG HARRY HOUDINI MAKES A SNOWMAN

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CLASS, WITH THANKSGIVING COMING UP I HAVE A NEW FUN ASSIGNMENT FOR ALL OF YOU.

I WANT EACH OF YOU TO WRITE A CREATIVE 100-WORD ESSAY THAT WILL BE DUE TOMORROW.

I WANT YOU TO WRITE ABOUT SOMETHING YOU ARE THANKFUL FOR.

I’M THANKFUL IT WASN’T 200 WORDS.
and “teaming and jogging.” He lived here until at least 1926.

Marion Historical Commission

The Marion Historical Commission is pleased to announce that Claire Dempsey has been selected to begin the task of updating the Marion Village Historic Survey. Work will begin shortly to expand and update the Inventory of Historic Assets initially completed in 1998, in order to make it more accessible, more easily usable, and fully compliant with present-day state standards.

The project is funded by a Survey & Planning Grant received last spring from the Massachusetts Historical Commission, (funded by the US Department of the Interior, National Park Service), with the local match generously provided by the Sippican Historical Society.

Claire Dempsey is familiar with Marion history and in 2019 completed a Survey Plan which made recommendations for better documenting Marion’s historic and cultural resources. For this project, she and co-consultant Jennifer Doherty will revise the existing survey form into separate forms for the areas of Hiller/Front Street, Main Street, South Street, and Cottage and School Streets, making it much more manageable to use. This information can then serve as the basis for determining if properties or areas are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, the nation’s primary tool for recognition of resources of historic and architectural significance. Listing in the National Register provides recognition but no constraints upon an individual property owner’s rights.

The project will be carried out over the next nine months, with completion expected by summer of 2021. The Marion Historical Commission is delighted that this project will soon be underway. The results will benefit individual property owners interested in the history of their homes as well as being a useful planning tool available to local boards to ensure development decisions are in keeping with goals for preservation of the town’s historic resources.
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.

**NOTE:** REMOTE MEETING ON 11/19/2020 WILL START AT 6:00 pm***

**Case #1455:**
Petition of: Deborah Smiley & Sam Ogle, 543 Green Street, Cambridge MA 02139; RE: 13 North Street. The applicant is seeking a Variance under sections 6.5 as provided by Section 7.2.3 of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to add a two-car garage and alterations. The property is further described as Plot 9, Lot 133 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held VIA Zoom on Thursday, November 19, 2020.

**Case #1456:**
Application of: Kathleen & William Sylvia, 4 Middlewood Drive, Acushnet, MA 02743; RE: 41 Cove Street. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under sections 3.1.2.2 as provided by Section 7.2.2 of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to demolish the existing home and rebuild a FEMA compliant single-family home. The property is further described as Plot 1 Lot 39 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held VIA Zoom on Thursday, November 19, 2020.

**Case #1457:**
Application of: Stephen E Goulsten, 46 Parny’s Path, North Easton, MA 02356; RE: 27 Nashawena Road. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under sections 3.1.1.2 as provided by Section 7.2.2 of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to reconstruct a single-family home. The property is further described as Plot 15A, Lot 129 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held VIA Zoom on Thursday, November 19, 2020.

**Case #1458:**
Application of: John M & Tricia O’Reilly, 11 Chimney Ridge Drive, Mattapoisett, MA 07960; RE: 6 Pearl Street. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under sections 3.1, 3.11, 3.1.2, and 3.1.2.2 as provided by Section 7.2.2 of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to renovate and construct various additions. The property is further described as Plot 9, Lot 234 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held VIA Zoom on Thursday, November 19, 2020.

Due to restrictions on public gatherings because of COV-19, this meeting will be held remotely, and members of the public will NOT be allowed to physically attend. To access the meeting please use the following log in information. ZOOM MEETING ID#: 964 1307 6759 Dial by your location +1 646 876 9923 US (New York)

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 Mary Anne Brogan, Kenneth Pacheco, Colby Rottler, Anthony Tranflaglia 11/5, 11/12

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 23, 2020 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (Via Zoom **) on a Notice of Intent submitted by TEC, Inc., 146 Dascomb Road, Andover, MA 01840. The proposed project is to construct a shared-use path for bike and pedestrian use from the Park & Ride lot on North St. to Industrial Dr., along Industrial Dr. to Bay Club Dr., and along the gravel rail bed to the Marion line. The project is located at Industrial Drive, Mattapoisett, and is further identified as Lot N/A on Assessor Map 16, 26, & 27.

**Contact Elizabeth Leidhold, Agent of the Conservation Commission by email at ELeidhold@ mattapoissett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 11/12

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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The applicant proposes to upgrade the existing individual sewage disposal system servicing the existing single family dwelling. Please contact the Conservation Commission office at (508) 758-4100 ext. 219 for Zoom instructions. 11/12

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The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 23, 2020 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (Via Zoom **) on a Notice of Intent submitted by Whitman Homes, Inc., 1200 Turnpike St, Canton, MA 02021. The proposed project is to construct a single family home including utilities, driveway, and site grading. A portion of the work is within the buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland. The project is located at 36 Prince Snow Circle, and is further identified as Lot 26 on Assessor Map 23.A.

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Applications to serve are available at the Board of Selectmen office and on the Town of Marion website. Please submit a letter of interest or completed application by close of business Monday, November 30, 2020 to the Marion Board of Selectmen, Two Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738.

Randy Parker, Chairman

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By Connie Eshbach

As we all know, Rochester is a Right to Farm community. In 2018, 98.2% of the town was zoned agricultural/residential. That equals 2,875 out of 2,930 land parcels. Those 222 parcels of land, or 4,707 acres, fall under Chapter 61A, which is the assessment classification for farmland. The state guidelines for 61A “requires 5 contiguous acres of land under the same ownership and actively devoted to agricultural or horticultural use”.

Actively devoted to farm use means the land has been farmed for two years and produced at least $500 of sales for the first 5 acres of production, unless the added land is woodlands or wetlands. In that case the amount would be increased by $.50 an acre. These classifications are correlated to taxes owed.

As one rides around town, the many fields, grazing animals, and farm buildings add to the beauty and charm of Rochester. One such building is the large barn on the hill at the corner of Hartley Road and Vaughan Hill Road. The property on which it stands has a history of farming that goes back to 1754. The land was owned and farmed by many different people: the Vaughans, Blackmeres, Knights, Reynoldses, Whites, and Cervellis. The barn was used by all of them, and today the barn is leased by Jonathan Sprouts.

While it seems as though the barn has always been there, it actually wasn’t built until 1914. The builders are listed as Chartier and Dion, who built it for a dairy herd. The barn was used by all of them, and today the barn is leased by Jonathan Sprouts.

In 1951, Raymond White bought the property and became the owner of the barn that housed 50 of his cows tended by Manny Lima. White was the owner of White’s Dairy, which is still in business. White used this property and additional acres that he purchased to grow corn and hay to feed his many herds throughout the area. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, White was responsible for reviving New England’s aging worn-out farms by repurposing them as dairy farms. This brought renewed prosperity not just to Raymond White with his six farms, but to other farmers as well.

While the property and barn were owned by the Whites, they welcomed a new and very different kind of farming when they rented 50 yards of the old barn to Bob and Barbie Sanderson. They had started a sprout growing business and were growing sprouts in mayonnaise jars in the guest bathroom of their rented house in Marion. By 1982, when the Cervellis bought White’s 156-acre farm, the Sandersons were leasing pretty much the entire barn for their growing business.

When the Sandersons first rented space, the barn was dilapidated (as the picture shows) and it was only getting worse. However, as their business has grown, the barn has been restored and protected. Interestingly, the exterior of the barn in the second picture looks much like it did when it was first constructed, but inside it is a state-of-the-art growing lab complete with workers in white lab coats. We have the Sandersons and their sprouts to thank for saving such an iconic piece of Rochester history.

“Community Read” Antiracism Virtual Event

On November 17, The Tri-Town and Beyond Community Read Committee will host a live, virtual Q & A with local leaders to discuss antiracism and promoting justice. The goal of this event is to learn action steps we can take to promote justice in our community. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

The virtual event will be held via Zoom from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm. Speakers include Marlene Pollock, retired professor of History at Bristol Community College and co-founder of The Coalition for Social Justice; Dr. Jannell Pearson-Campbell, assistant superintendent of schools for the ORR School District; and Gail Fortes, executive director of the YWCA of Southeastern Massachusetts.

Please register in advance for this exciting event!

Consider joining the Tri-Town and Beyond Community Read by finding us on Facebook. The goal of the read is to continue learning about ways that racism plays out in society at large and in the towns where we live. Through listening and learning from People of Color about lived experiences of racism, we will take steps to create a more equitable society so that people of all races will be able to fulfill their potential for the benefit of society as a whole. The first read featured How to be an Anti-Racist by Ibram X. Kendi and Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You by Kendi and Jason Reynolds.

The next Community Read book will be announced at the meeting. The link to register: us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkde6trTktGdG04xBfza_Yd2SBs1cRq2Vg
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The Marion Board of Selectmen seeks an interested volunteer to serve on the Conservation Commission, a regulatory board that meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. The Conservation Commission is charged with enforcing the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40) and has jurisdiction over all wetland resource areas in Marion. Applications to serve are available at the Board of Selectmen office and on the Town of Marion website. Please submit a letter of interest or completed application by close of business Monday, November 30, 2020 to the Marion Board of Selectmen, Two Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738. Randy Parker, Chairman

TOWN OF MARION
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
The Marion Board of Selectmen is seeking interested volunteers to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals, a regulatory Board with the responsibility under Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws to act as the Town’s Variance and Special Permit Granting Authority in matters concerning the application or interpretation of the Town’s residential Zoning By-Laws. The Zoning Board of Appeals meets twice monthly. Applications to serve are available at the Board of Selectmen office and on the Town of Marion website. Please submit a letter of interest or completed application by close of business Monday, November 30, to the Marion Board of Selectmen, Two Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738. Randy L. Parker, Chairman

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Mattapoisett Library Virtually Hosts Author

Mark Bittman

The Mattapoisett Free Library is thrilled to host a virtual talk with renowned food writer Mark Bittman on Thursday, November 12 at 6:00 pm via Zoom. Mark Bittman is the author of over 30 acclaimed books on food and cooking, including the #1 New York Times bestseller, VB6: Eat Vegan Before 6:00 to Lose Weight and Restore Your Health... for Good. He is also the founder of Heated, a Medium publication, and The Mark Bittman Newsletter. For more than two decades his popular and compelling stories on food and cooking appeared in The New York Times. Bittman has starred in multiple television series, including Showtime’s Emmy-winning Years of Living Dangerously. He has appeared on TODAY, Jimmy Kimmel Live!, and Fresh Air. His TED talk has 5 million views. He’s driven by the belief that more time in the kitchen can improve your health, your budget, and the planet.

Registration is required for you to receive the Zoom meeting information. Zoom information will be sent the day before the presentation. You can register by sending an email to mfpl@sailsinc.org or by completing the registration form on our online calendar of events. Call the library at (508) 758-4171 or email to mfpl@sailsinc.org if you have questions. This program is part of the Purrington Lecture Series, a presentation of the Mattapoisett Library Trust, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization dedicated to expanding the role of the library in the community.

Mattapoisett Library Virtually Hosts Author

Darcy H. Lee

Darcy H. Lee, author of Ghosts of Plymouth, Massachusetts, will talk about her book via Zoom on Friday, November 13 at 6:00 pm. Plymouth is known worldwide as “America’s Hometown,” landing place of the Pilgrims in 1620 and home of the first Thanksgiving. But the real story of the town is a tale of grim beginnings – plague, desperation, massacre, murder, and fear. A ghostly Victorian couple is known to wander Burial Hill. A shocking crime on Leyden Street, one of the oldest

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Darcy H. Lee is the executive director of Samaritans of FR/NB, Inc. Most recently she was the director of development at the Women’s Fund of Southeastern Massachusetts. Lee started her career at the John F. Kennedy Library and Foundation in Boston, going on to work as press aide to United States Senator Edward M. Kennedy; she then worked in fundraising for different organizations including Clark University, Orchard House (Home of the Alcotts) and Pilgrim Hall Museum. She also served the Plymouth region as executive director of Mayflower RSVP, the county’s Senior Corps volunteer agency.

Lee is also the author of the 2010 book, The Fantastic, Fabulous, Funny, and Factual Follies of a Facebook Friend. She received the IPPY Silver Medal Award and was a finalist for the Eric Hoffer Book Award and International Book Award. Ghosts of Plymouth, Massachusetts (2017) and

Lee serves on the board of the Mattapoisett Historical Society, the Fall River Area Advisory Board of the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families, and the Rotary Club of Fall River. She is a member of the New Bedford Chapter of the Daughters of the American
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Revolution. Lee is a 2018 graduate of Leadership Southcoast and is a Paul Harris Fellow through Rotary International. Lee has a BA in history from Marymount College at Fordham University and lives in southeastern Massachusetts.

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Elizabeth Taber Library

This November we are celebrating cooking at the Elizabeth Taber Library! Join the ETL and Simply Creative Chef Rob Scott for Virtual Baking! Find directions and ingredient lists on our website, then tune in live on our Facebook page for interactive instruction with chef Rob Scott.

On Wednesday, November 18 at 7:30 pm, learn to make harvest sweet potato muffins.

On Saturday, November 21 at 11:00 am, gather the kids for a baking lesson for the whole family and make crustless apple crumb pie.

Find a huge selection of cookbooks and books on food for the whole family available for checkout right now at the Elizabeth Taber Library, and check our Facebook page all month long for cookbook and food science reading recommendations.

Need books, audio books, DVDs, items from our library of things, or more? Curbside checkout continues at the Elizabeth Taber Library Tuesday – Thursday and Saturday! Call the library or check out our website for more details.

The library is here to help you with printing, faxing, scanning, or 3-D printing. Call the library at 508-748-1252 to arrange for any of these services.

Need to use a computer? The library now has in-person computer sessions available every Thursday. Sessions are 45 minutes long for one person per session. Masks are required. Call the library or check our website to sign up for in person computer use. www.elizabethtaberlibrary.org

Wareham Garden Club Still Cooking at 82

Are you looking for more interesting and exciting ideas for menu planning during this pandemic? Are you looking for a practical gift for someone for this holiday season? Well, look no further than the recently released Wareham Garden Club’s cookbook. It was published just in time to commemorate the club’s 82nd birthday. It is a compilation of over 180 recipes in seven categories from the recipe files of garden club members, friends, and families.

The Wareham Garden Club continues to have an active presence in town, beautifying many sites across the area, holding many events to raise scholarship money for high school seniors and college students, and educating the public by providing varied workshops and presentations.

If you would like to support the club’s efforts by purchasing a cookbook, please contact Judy at judjon121@comcast.net or call 1-508-273-7867. Cost of the recipe book is $14.

Rochester Senior Center

Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School students will be preparing 125 turkey dinners for Rochester seniors. The meals will be available for curbside pickup at the Rochester Senior Center on Friday, November 20. Turkey dinners include 8 ounces of turkey (white and dark), 5 ounces of herb stuffing, butternut squash, mashed potatoes, 4 ounces of gravy, cranberries, two dinner rolls, and a slice of pumpkin pie with whipped cream. Please call the Senior Center to sign up at your earliest convenience. This event fills up quickly. This Thanksgiving meal for Rochester seniors is being generously funded by the Rochester Firefighters Association.

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**SHERMAN’S LAGOON**
by J.P. Toomey

SHERMAN, WHAT’S ALL THE LUMBER FOR?

BUILDING A TREE.

MY SON, HERMAN, WANTS A TREEHOUSE. FIRST, WE NEED A TREE.

UM...SO...

A TREE WAS CUT DOWN SO YOU COULD MAKE A TREE OUT OF IT?

FISH

This is a representation of the text as if you were reading it naturally, without any hallucinations.
The Rochester Senior Center is suspending activities the week after Thanksgiving in an effort to curb the spread of Covid-19 and seasonal influenza. The Senior Center will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and will resume activities on Monday, December 7. The Senior Center will also be suspending activities after the holiday season in December and January. The Senior Center will close at noon on Thursday, December 24, and will resume activities on Monday, January 11. All activities will be suspended. However, meals, van rides, SHINE appointments, medical equipment lending, and a few other services will continue to be provided.

The Rochester Senior Center would like to remind people that there are many books and puzzles available for lend. Call the Senior Center and the staff will work with you to make a selection that will be available for curbside pickup. The van is also available for transporting seniors to and from medical appointments, shopping, and errands. Please call at least 24 hours in advance to arrange a ride so that a driver can be scheduled. The Rochester Senior Center welcomes your ideas for COVID-safe activities throughout the winter months.

The Rochester Senior Center is an important resource for local seniors. To help ensure that the center remains available to seniors, COVID screening is in place. Before entering the Senior Center, a staff member will take your temperature. Please use the hand sanitizer provided before entering the building, and please wear a facial covering that covers your nose and mouth entirely. Maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from others who do not live in your household. The staff and activity participants appreciate your cooperation and consideration very much.

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### Phases of the Moon
- New Moon: November 15th
- First Quarter: November 22nd
- Full Moon: November 30th
- Last Quarter: December 8th

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**I Found the Aardvark!**

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 online 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 November 5, 2020 edition the Aardvark was on page 53!
Quality Meats, Deli & Prepared Foods

Fresh, All Natural
8-22 lb. Avg.
Bell & Evans or Plainville Turkey
$2.99 lb.

Triple M
Bone-in Half or Spiral
Half Ham
$3.99 lb.

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Fresh Sweet Potatoes
$99¢ lb.

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**Cracker Barrel**
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Cheese
2/$5

**Hood**
32 oz. Lactaid or Selected Holiday Nog
2/$6

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**Grocery, Dairy, Frozen & Bakery**

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4.25-5.3 oz. Selected Carr’s Crackers
$2/$6

10-12 oz. Selected Nestle Toll House Morsels
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14 oz. Whole Berry or Jellied Ocean Spray Cranberry Sauce
$2/$3

8-16 oz. Jumbo Stuffing Shells, Manicotti, or Curled Prince Lasagna Noodles
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2/$5

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