

Brewster Town News: Apartment bylaw hearing coming up

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Sea grass and beach stones emerge at low tide on Ellis Landing Beach. [PHOTO BY WILLIAM F. POMEROY]

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On Wednesday, Aug. 22, at 6:30 p.m. at town hall, the planning board will hold a public listening session to gather community input on a proposed new Accessory Dwelling Unit bylaw. This is part of the process as they make revisions and decisions on the draft bylaw.

After the board makes a specific recommendation for a zoning article for the town warrant, a public hearing will be scheduled.

Lightning fires

The big lightning, thunder and rainstorm on Thursday, Aug. 9, which hit around mid-morning, cause two fires at Brewster homes.

At 11:08 a.m., the Brewster Fire Department rushed to a fire at 275 Red Top Road. On arrival there was heavy smoke from the roof of a two-story wood frame private dwelling.

The engine crew stretched an attack line to the second floor, where they found heavy smoke and fire in the area of the bathroom ceiling and quickly extinguished it. Extensive overhaul of the second floor and attic was required to find and extinguish hidden pockets of fire.

While they were leaving, at 1:19 p.m., they were dispatched to a second structure fire at 263 Sea Pines Road. There was moderate smoke coming from

the eaves and third floor window of the three-story wood frame townhouse.

The attack line to the third floor quickly extinguished the visible fire and pockets of fire were extinguished after. Two firefighters were injured and transported to Cape Cod Hospital. One suffered a laceration to a hand and the other suffered dehydration and heat exhaustion.

The cause of both fires has been traced to lightning strikes from the line of severe storms.

Against the Tide

It's here. The Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition will hold its annual statewide Against the Tide for the 19th year at Nickerson State Park Saturday, Aug. 18, starting at 6:45 a.m. and ending at noon.

Participants can choose a half-mile paddleboard, competitive and recreational 1-mile swims, and 2-mile kayak components.

On-site registration is \$40 per event or \$25 per event for students. Prizes will be awarded to the fastest athletes, top fundraisers and the top finishers ages 17 and under.

Crosby Mansion

The Friends of Crosby Mansion will hold the final open house of the season Sunday, Aug. 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The mansion was built in 1888, is located at 163 Crosby Lane, Brewster and was named "Tawasentha" by Albert and Matilda Crosby.

Guided and self-guided tours are available for the second and third floors. Brewster author Dorothy Leone will sign copies of her book "Where The Herring Run," a fictional novel based on the life of Albert Crosby.

A \$5 donation is requested from those over age 12. For more information,

visit crosbymansion.com or call 508-896-1744.

Vacancies

Brewster has openings on the following committees: Agricultural commission, All Citizen's Access Committee, Building needs assessment committee (4), Cable television advisory committee (3), Cape Cod Pathways committee, Coastal committee, Conservation commission (2), Golf commission, Open space committee (2), recycling commission, Zoning board of appeals and Barnstable Human Rights Commission.

A brief summary of the responsibilities/goals is available on the town's website or in the selectmen's office.

If you are interested in serving on a committee contact Robin Young at 508-896-3701, or email your resume or brief history of your work or volunteer activities to ryoung@brewster-ma.gov

TM changed

Brewster fall town meeting has been moved from October to Dec. 3, to give the town time to get its finances in order.

Part timers meet

The Brewster Association of Part-Time Residents annual meeting and information session will be held Sunday, Aug. 19, at the Brewster Ladies' Library. The meeting starts at 10 a.m. and public presentations are from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The BAPR is a nonprofit corporation representing part-time residents of Brewster. For more information go to bapr.org/

The meeting is open to everyone.

Meetings

All meetings at Town Hall unless otherwise noted

Monday, Aug. 20

Historic commission, 5 p.m.

Historic district committee, 7 p.m.

Select board, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 22

Planning board, 6:30 p.m.

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