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Frenchman Bay eyed for salmon, cod farm

BY STEPHEN RAPPAPORT GOULDSBORO — A company with its roots in Norway is scheduled to make a presentation of its plans to establish a large salmon and cod farming operation in Frenchman Bay at the meeting of the Gouldsboro selectmen scheduled for 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 15.

On its website, American Aquafarms describes a “closed pen” fish farming technology “that has been utilized to

produce salmon for the Norwegian market and beyond.”

That technology employs familiar floating net pens surrounded by a polymer fabric sack in which, the company states, “(s)ediments and waste are collected at the bottom... before being (sic) pumped to treatment module” located on the rigid framework of the pen.

According to the website, “(w)aste slurry is pumped through the secondary outflow

to the waste treatment (sic) module topside. The waste is filtered out and stored in a removable container or barge before the clean outflow is discharged at the optimal depth.”

The website does not describe how the required pumps and the related pen monitoring systems would be powered.

As of Monday morning, the American Aquafarms website gave no indication of

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Joasha Dundas (foreground) and Tim Leavitt, both of Franklin, erect a new presidential campaign sign at the intersection of Main Street and High Street in Ellsworth Monday. Two other signs that Dundas custom-ordered have been stolen and another sign vandalized.

How to spend \$1.3M fast?

Relief funding discussed

BY ANNE BERLEANT ELLSWORTH — After scrambling to allocate \$1.25 million in COVID Relief Funds granted to the school district and that had to be spent by the year's end, the question of how to best use an additional \$1.3 million in CRF money brought the School Board figuratively to its feet three hours into its Oct. 13 meeting.

CRF grants must only be spent in ways related to COVID-19 and like the first grant, this new one must also be spent by Dec. 30.

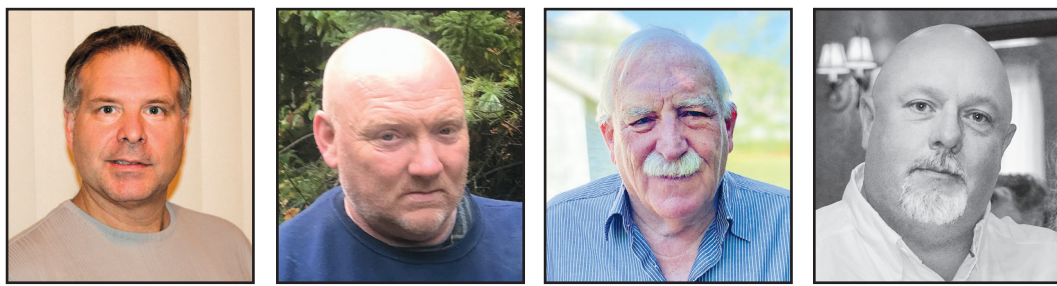
While the first CRF monies were spent on preparing and implementing safety measures at the schools and setting up remote and hybrid learning systems, Curriculum Coordinator Rachel Kohrman-Ramos focused on teachers for the second financial wave. She and school principals met with nearly all of them last week.

“My biggest takeaway is that teachers are really tired,” Kohrman-Ramos said. “Money can't buy them sleep ... or time with their loved ones.” But it can fund resources for remote learning through more staffing, technology and online resources to lighten the burden for teachers who are working with both in-school and remote students.

But with already unfilled teacher and ed tech positions across the district, Kohrman-Ramos turned to a larger playing field, asking the community “to think creatively” on allocating the funds: “We're ready to think outside

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Meet the 2020 City Council candidates



Dale Hamilton

Gene Lyons

Bronson Platner

Edmund “Mike” Springer

BY KATE COUGH ELLSWORTH — Voters here will elect two city councilors at the polls on Nov. 3. Four residents, Dale Hamilton (current chairman), Gene C. Lyons, Bronson Platner and Edmund J.M. “Mike” Springer, are running for the seats, which are currently held by Hamilton and Councilor John Moore. Both seats have three-year terms set to expire in November 2023.

The American asked the candidates about their backgrounds and priorities if elected. Here's what they said.

Dale Hamilton
How long have you lived in Ellsworth? 26 years

What other positions have you held in the city, elected or otherwise, and for how long? Completing first term on the council, and first year as council chair.

Why did you decide to run? My short answer to this question is that I believe that my skills, style and work ethic will benefit the city (particularly as we deal with the ongoing impact and recovery from COVID). I have consistently approached complex issues with respect, openness, transparency and a willingness to listen. My only agenda for seeking re-election is to help the city of Ellsworth to be the

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Candidates forum

Where: Online via Zoom and Facebook Live and televised on Public Access Channel 1303

When: Tuesday, Oct. 20, 6:30 p.m.

What: Candidates for Ellsworth City Council will discuss the issues and field audience questions. Pre-registration for Zoom is required at <http://heartofellsworth.org/meet-the-candidates>. The event is sponsored by Heart of Ellsworth and The Ellsworth American with support from Gibson Financial Solutions.

Sign of the times?

Political signs vandalized

BY JENNIFER OSBORN ELLSWORTH — With less than a month to go until the presidential election, campaign sign wars, so to speak, are in full swing.

Joasha Dundas of Franklin has placed around Ellsworth three custom-designed signs in support of her presidential candidate, Joe Biden.

Two of the three signs were stolen and one sign was vandalized — three times.

Hancock County Sheriff's deputies have taken numerous complaints about missing signs in recent weeks, as have the Ellsworth Police.

“I've dealt with sign theft before, but this is the worst,” said Sandra Blanch-

ette, chairwoman of the Hancock County GOP. “The first weekend in October they even slashed Ellsworth Garden Club signs.”

Ellsworth School Board candidates have also reported their signs were vandalized.

“I have heard from people who are frightened that vandals

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Waltham subdivision popular with out-of-state buyers

BY REBECCA ALLEY WALTHAM — Out-of-state buyers are snapping up lots in a newly revived subdivision on Graham Lake, according to deed records.

The lots are on an approximately 1,000-acre Waltham property that was sold at auction in 2018, according to past reporting in The American. The parcel was among more than 7,000 acres belonging to the estate of Dale Henderson, the late logging contractor from Orrington, that were sold. The Graham Lake

property was purchased by Maine Woodland Properties, a corporation with addresses in Sarasota, Fla., and Portland, according to deed records.

According to Maine Woodland Properties' website, lots in the subdivision, called Sunset Shores, sold out in a recent grand opening event. It was not clear how many lots were offered for sale during the event. The website advertises 6½-acre lots with “lake access” at

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ELLSWORTH AMERICAN PHOTO BY REBECCA ALLEY

Lots have been selling in the Sunset Shores subdivision owned by Maine Woodland Properties along Graham Lake.

Luchini, Langley discuss pandemic, environment

BY ANNE BERLEANT ELLSWORTH — Incumbent state Sen. Louie Luchini and former four-term senator Brian Langley exchanged views on the 2020 election's hot-button issues in a virtual forum on Oct. 13. Former

state senator Jill Goldthwait served as moderator, with questions covering climate change, health care, renewable energy and restarting a state economy battered by COVID-19.

Both candidates are

seasoned legislators, with Luchini, a Democrat, serving four terms in the House before taking the Senate 7 seat in 2018 after Langley, a Republican, termed out. Both emphasized their support

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National Debt

On Wednesday, Oct. 14, the outstanding U.S. public debt was \$27 trillion, an increase of \$4.1

trillion from last year's \$22.9 trillion. Each citizen's share of the debt is \$81,872.

Maine Coronavirus Cases: 5,780

Hancock County: 56
Recovered: 5,006

Hospitalized: 463
Deaths: 143

SOURCE: MAINE CDC, OCT. 13

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