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Silas Costa and his father Peter Costa of Triad Boatworks make their way into Mattapoissett harbor to retrieve a power boat to be taken out of the water for the winter season. PETER PEREIRA/THE STANDARD-TIMES

Street takeover bill includes forfeitures of vehicles

Frank Mulligan
The Standard-Times
USA TODAY NETWORK

BOSTON – A bill that would stiffen penalties for rowdy “street takeovers,” including forfeiture of the motor vehicles involved, has been filed by state Rep. Chris Markey, D-Dartmouth. “An act relative to protecting the public from street takeovers” is currently before the Joint Judiciary Committee and is headed for a public hearing, Markey said. The bill is co-sponsored by state Rep. Steven Xiarhos, R-Barnstable. “We’re seeing the potential dangers of it,” he said. “Totally innocent people can be injured. The way these guys operate they could be injured, too,” Markey said. Property damage is also highly likely. Markey noted these takeovers resulted in arrests, injuries, and damaged

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Kempton Street developer downsizes project after community feedback

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The Standard-Times
USA TODAY NETWORK

A developer appears to be open to downsizing plans for a proposed new housing development on vacant land at the convergence of Kempton, Emerson and Mill Streets. The New Bedford Planning Board listened to a revised proposal for a redesign of the original housing project and site plan as presented Wednesday, Nov. 12 by David Davignon with Schneider, Davignon and Leone representing the developer, 262 Bedford Street, LLC. With the potential changes in the redesign of the project and site plan, Davignon said they are hopeful it will lead to project approval.

Proposing multiple reductions

The height of the building has been reduced, the size of the building has been reduced by 35 percent, and the ground level garage has been eliminated. A original four-story proposal will be pared down. With the revised pro-



A street view looks onto the vacant land on the north side of Kempton Street proposed for a condominium complex next to the United House of Prayer For All People at 419 Kempton St. KATHRYN GALLERANI/THE-STANDARD-TIMES

posal, there will be three stories instead of four stories, and there will be a reduction in the number of units from 15 to nine. The project will require a special permit from the Planning Board for a parking space reduction waiver for three spaces. The project will provide

15 parking spaces.

Board members respond

“I think you did a great job listening to the public input, and it’s much

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Shaheen defends her vote to end shutdown

James Powell
USA TODAY

Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, D-New Hampshire, defended her vote to end the record-breaking government shutdown after a congressional candidate heckled her at a state Democratic Party event. Video from the New Hampshire Democratic Party’s Eleanor Roosevelt Dinner on Nov. 14 shows Shaheen saying that “nobody wants to extend the Affordable Care Act tax credits more than me.” A voice, identified by Manchester ABC affiliate WMUR as New Hampshire state Rep. Heath Howard, interrupts asking, “then why did you vote for it?” referring to the shutdown ending deal. Howard’s interruption is representative of the backlash the eight senators

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