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Swans don't mind the cold at all



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Four swans enjoy the calm water by the marsh on Goulart Memorial Drive on a frigid Monday, 1/18, with temperatures hovering around zero with the wind chill factor. A new snowstorm with, possibly "significant snow, is expected for the weekend. See more photos on page 12. Photo by Beth David.

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Y'know, I try....really I do. I try to keep the silliness out of my articles, but, heaven help me, when you've got the kind of material I'm working with here.... what's a reporter to do?

I'm talking about the Planning Board meeting (page 18).

PB chairperson Wayne Hayward has always been a colorful character. He's been hearing about town politics since he was knee-high to a grasshopper, as the saying goes, as his father, Channing Hayward, was on boards for... forever and a day.

The younger Mr. Hayward's behavior has ranged from the professional to the absurd over the years, and he's even shown he can laugh at himself on occasion. But his behavior of late, especially with the two female members of his board has been something that all voters need to examine before he runs again. The utter disregard he shows for anything Ann Richard and Kaisa Holloway Cripps have to say is embarrassing and is blatantly obvious.

That board has seen several new members over the last few years, male, of course. They have asked some pretty basic questions, and I have never seen them treated in the dismissive way that the two women are treated.

Now, to be fair, Mr. Hayward can get pretty testy with the men on the board, too. It's a feisty group. I like that. They actually discuss stuff. Clearly there's a lot of history, both good and bad, with many of them. But there is a different quality to the way that Ms. Richard and Ms. Cripps have their ideas deemed automatically without merit compared to the spirited debates with other members of the board.

I swear, after he leaned over, said "ladies" with clear disdain, and snapped back his water bottle with such flair, I thought he'd crush the bottle in his hand as would a teenager crushing a beer can in front of his buddies by the bonfire.

Voters need to take a look and see for themselves. Mr. Hayward is a seasoned politician who should know better how to cloak his negative feelings in something a little more palatable for the electorate. I fear, however, that after his many, many years — 25 consecutive years to be exact — in office, Mr. Hayward feels invulnerable.

It's a shame, really. His depth of knowledge of the town code and the history and background of so many of our bylaws, and his clear vision for what's coming from the state and from industry are enviable. His presence on any board should be an asset to that board. But treating fellow board members who have been duly elected by the voters with such disrespect is beyond regrettable. It's disgraceful, it's sexist, and it needs to stop.

The meeting is available on demand through the
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Beth David, Publisher
(with...you know who)

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town's website, and it will run on cable channel 18 until the next PB meeting on January 26th. Don't take my word for it, check it out for yourself. Unfortunately, PB terms are four years. The women will probably have to put up with his foolishness until at least 2019.

Now, after I wrote all that, Mr. Hayward called me. He wanted my opinion on the meeting.

And, of course, I told him what I thought.

Mr. Hayward said that his point was that the sub-committee is violating the open records law by not making the minutes available. This is a charge he has made against Ms. Richard in the past about the Sustainability Committee that she chaired.

He insists the animosity dates back to that, that it comes from her, and that he was simply trying to get the sub-committee to do things the right way.

He also made charges that the way the committee did its research on the consultants violated laws around getting bids for consultant work.

Mr. Hayward decided to submit a letter to the editor laying out his side of the story. You can read that on page 18.

He makes great points, of course. Like I said, Mr. Hayward knows his stuff.

And many of his complaints are legitimate. And, I'll even concede that I should have picked up on some of them myself and should be harping on the lack of minutes, too.

But there's so much more to this than a noble

attempt to keep our proceedings pure and transparent.

And how he can watch that meeting and not see what I see is something I simply cannot explain.

On a more positive note, Chris Richard's Henry Huttleston Rogers tour got national recognition, making the list in Huffington Post's "Top 50 Immersive Tours in the Northeast." Visit http://www.huffingtonpost.com/malerie-yolencohen/best-50-immersive-tours-i_b_8980660.html

That's really kind of cool, dontchathink?

There's other stuff in here, of course....

Oh, wait, how could I forget. Dick Dussault is suing the Fairhaven Housing Authority (see page 4) for...wait for it ...are you ready....it's for...a backwards fence.

Yup. No kidding.

People, you just can't make UP this stuff.

Mr. Dussault, whose property at the Spring Street garage, abuts McGann Terrace, is suing the FHA because they put the fence up backwards.

As you might recall, the Spring Street Garage has been in the news for many months because of the veritable junkyard that the Dussaults were running over there.

They can't afford to pay their taxes, but they can afford to sue over a new fence because the unfinished side is facing them.

Time to beam me up, Scotty...

Really, now would be a good time.

Until next week then...see ya



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Housing Authority seeks relief from new water tier system

By Beth David
Editor

Although they have no direct authority over the situation, the Fairhaven Selectboard, at its meeting on Tuesday, 1/19, discussed with the Fairhaven Housing Authority the dilemma facing the FHA since the Board of Public Works instituted a tier system for water usage. The new system charges a higher rate for bigger users.

The FHA has more than 100 units at Oxford Terrace, more than 60 at Dana Court, and more than 90 at Green Meadows/McGann Terrace.

FHA Director Krisanne Sheedy and FHA chairperson Jay Simmons told Selectboard that they just wanted the board and the public to know what was going on.

Because they have so many units, they are automatically in tier 3, and pay the most expensive rate. Residents of the FHA pay 1/3 of their income for rent, as required by law. The authority is not allowed to raise that rate to recoup higher costs.

"We are providing affordable housing to seniors in Fairhaven," said Mr. Simmons, who also acknowledged that whatever they save on their part, does not go to the water department budget.

One option is to install individual meters, but that is extremely expensive and labor intensive.

Board members reminded Mr. Simmons and the public that they have no jurisdiction over water or sewer rates. It is strictly under the purview of the BPW.

BPW Chairperson Michael Ristuccia, and Department of Public Works superintendent Vinnie Furtado also attended the meeting.

Mr. Furtado told the board that the BPW tried to accommodate the FHA by billing them quarterly, instead of semi-annually.

"It's not a panacea, but we didn't turn our backs on them, either," said Mr. Furtado.

The water department is facing shortfalls every year. Mr. Furtado said

at current rates and collection percentages, the water department is barely breaking even. He said that the water department has no capital projects planned for FY17, but has aging infrastructure woes.

Mr. Simmons and Ms. Sheedy both emphasized that the FHA is not subsidized by the state, and they would like to keep it that way.

Mr. Simmons also reminded the board that it is currently in the process of updating the heating systems at Oxford Terrace and is paying about \$4,000 in permitting fees for that work.

"I'm not sure who's supporting who," said Mr. Simmons, as he noted

The FHA also wanted to make sure the board was aware of a lawsuit filed against the FHA by Richard Dussault of the Spring Street Garage.

several other things that the FHA pays for the same way commercial properties pay.

"You're not part of the [town's] budget system," said Selectboard chairperson Geoffrey Haworth, trying to make the distinction between the school department's buildings and the FHA.

Ms. Sheedy noted that their average rent is \$350 and the FHA pays the heat, hot water and electricity for each apartment.

"We're fortunate we are not subsidized," said Ms. Sheedy.

The FHA will continue to work with the BPW to try to find a solution.

The FHA also asked the board to consider allowing the FHA to manage the apartments that will probably be built at the old Oxford School. The

town is negotiating with the Stratford Group, which wants to create a senior housing complex at the site.

Mr. Simmons told the board that the FHA has been managing the Westport Housing Authority for several years, so they have experience managing a separate facility.

"I was the opposing vote," on the housing project, said Selectboard member Charles Murphy, adding that he would "feel a lot better" if the FHA managed the building and that it would "put some people at ease."

Selectboard member Bob Espindola, who is negotiating with the Stratford Group, said he believed they were open to the idea.

The FHA also wanted to make sure the board was aware of a lawsuit filed against the FHA by Richard Dussault of the Spring Street Garage.

The FHA replaced a fence along the property line it shares with the Dussault property. The contractor installed the fence backwards, with the finished side facing the FHA property. The FHA went to the Zoning Board of Appeals and received a variance after the fact for the fence.

Mr. Simmons told the board that Mr. Dussault is claiming that the backwards fence "detracts from his property."

Mr. Simmons also expressed dismay that Mr. Dussault did attend the public hearing at the ZBA, but made no objection to the fence, which was already installed.

"Since that time, he did take a lawsuit out, represented by [attorney] Michaud," said Mr. Simmons.

"Although I don't know how a new fence, no matter which side is facing [him]" is detracting from the Spring Street Auto, said Mr. Simmons, a reference to the chronic problems with the property. "[The lawsuit] will impact the bottom line."

The Selectboard has an open hearing on the Spring Street Garage, has forced the Dussaults to clean up the property, which had 30-40 junk cars on it. McGann Terrace residents

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Town Administrator Meet & Greet

Residents are invited to attend a reception to meet Fairhaven's town administrator, Mark Rees, on Thurs., 1/28, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., in the Fairhaven Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center St. Light refreshments will be served.

We look forward to the residents of Fairhaven getting to meet and know Mark Rees. Mr. Rees brings a wealth of government experience and expertise to Fairhaven.

Legislative Breakfast

Citizens for Economic Justice regrettfully announces that it has to cancel our speaker on the We the People Bill scheduled for Sat., 1/30, at 10 AM at the Fairhaven UU Church

HARC Meeting

Local environmental advocacy group Hands Across the River Coalition will hold its monthly meeting on Wed., 1/27, from 6:00-7:45 p.m. at the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven. Open to the public. Please use the Walnut Street entrance on lower level.

HARC advocates for the safe cleanup of New Bedford Harbor and other contaminated sites in the Greater New Bedford area. The group provides information about the detrimental health effects caused to our community from toxic chemicals i.e. PCBs, DIOXIN, mercury, lead, etc.

For more information, please contact Karen Vilandry 508-951-1184, harcgnb@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE F.A.M.E. to hold annual Super Sub Sunday on Feb. 7

The Fairhaven Association for Music Education (FAME) will hold its annual SUPER SUB FUNDRAISER Sunday, February 7, 2015.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit the Music Program in the Fairhaven Public Schools.

Contact any Fairhaven music student in grades 3-12 to order your sub. Your sub(s) will be delivered to you on Sunday, February 7, by 5 p.m.

Order your subs by Mon., 2/1.

Our 8" Super Sub Rolls are layered with ham, bologna and salami,

cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, peppers & onions and made fresh that morning.

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For further information contact Doreen Nelsen (508) 994-1098

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Sailing Skills and Seamanship Course

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Both the novice and the experienced boater will benefit from lessons in boating terminology, boat equipment, boat handling, boat trailering, lake boating, rules of the road, navigation, medical/safety awareness, weather, engines, radios, and how to read a chart, buy a boat, tie a knot and call in a mayday.

Both courses will be held at USCG Auxiliary, 80 Middle St., Fairhaven, for 14 weeks, from Mon., 2/1 through 5/16, from 7-9 p.m. Final Exam and Graduation May 16. **Cost: \$40** for course materials (book and chart)

Register Online at <http://a0130605.uscgaux.info>

FHS Promo Video

Residents are invited to view a new video by Fairhaven High School senior Bethany Fernandes about FHS. Ms. Fernandes is planning to major in Television and Film in college.

See the video at <https://vimeo.com/151979481>

Thrift Store Hours

Heavenly Treasures is open from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Wed. & Sat. Features Clothing, Shoes, Housewares, and Valentine Items. First Congregational Church, William Street Entrance, Fairhaven

Cones for Kids

Friendly's Ice Cream, LLC has launched its 35th annual 'Cones for Kids' campaign. The Valentine's Day fundraiser will benefit 17 Easter Seals programs.

For a \$1 donation, Friendly's

provides restaurant guests with five Valentine's Day cards, redeemable for a free Friendly's Single Cone or a coupon booklet with money saving offers on Friendly's favorites. **The campaign runs through Feb. 13.**

Funds raised will support Easter Seals children's programs that make a positive, and often life-changing difference in the lives of people with disabilities. Easter Seals is the voice and advocate for inclusion of children with disabilities so they have every opportunity in school, recreational programs, college, career preparation, and all areas of community life. All donations benefit local programs.

Friendly's successful 'Cones for Kids' campaign has raised nearly \$29 million to date – more than \$300,000 in 2015 alone – to benefit Easter Seals program locations across the region.

For more information about Easter Seals, call 800-244-2756 or go to www.EasterSeals.org www.facebook.com/EasterSealsMA www.twitter.com/EasterSealsMA

For more information about Friendly's visit www.friendlys.com.

Virtual College Fair

What if you could access insider information on how to better prepare students for college and life beyond school without buying a ticket, looking up directions, or braving the winter cold? The **free online TeenLife LIVE Virtual Fair** is a one-stop information experience that you can access from any location or device with internet access!

Geared toward middle and high school students.

The fair will take place on Sun., 1/31, from 12 to 6 p.m. The event is free, but registration is required. Pre-register at <http://info.teenlife.com/tl-live-2016>.

Buzzards Bay Swim

Set a resolution to make a splash in 2016 by signing up for the Buzzards Bay Coalition's 23rd annual Buzzards Bay Swim on Saturday, June 25.

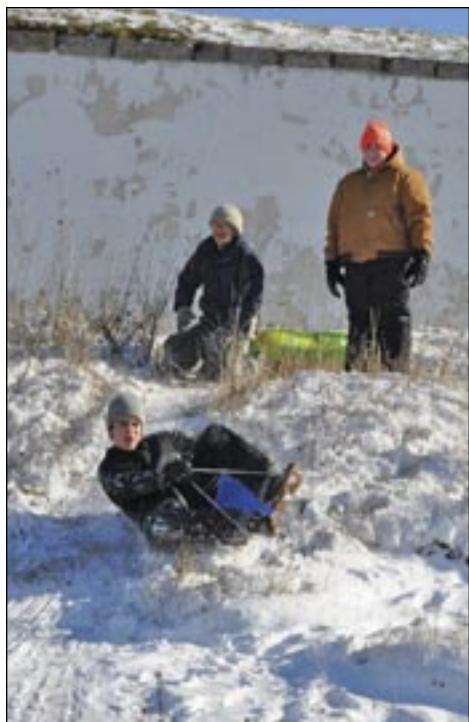
The 1.2-mile open water course begins in the South End of New Bedford and ends at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven. This year, swimmers will enjoy a new state-of-the-art chip timing system. Swimmers must raise a minimum of \$150. Register at savebuzzardsbay.org/swim.

Not too cold for these hardy souls



The season's first real snowstorm came with high winds and bone-chilling temperatures on Monday. With the wind-chill factor figured in, the temperature was below zero on the hilltops of Fort Phoenix where Chance Negalha, Cyril Tveit, Gunnar Berg and Hunter Berg sledded around on Monday at around 1:30 p.m.. The region is looking at more snowfall this weekend, possibly a whopper of a storm (that's a meteorological phrase meaning really big). ABOVE LEFT: Chance Negalha tries standing up on his sled as (L-R) Hunter Berg, Gunnar Berg and Cyril Tveit watch on Monday, 1/18, at Fort Phoenix. ABOVE LEFT: Hunter Berg gives Chance Negalha a push while Gunnar Berg waits his turn on the hill. BELOW, Chance Negalha takes a tumble after a push by Hunger Berg, while Gunnar Berg watches from the top of the hill. Photos by (a frozen) Beth David.

Anatomy of a tumble



Have a seat



Benches sit empty while the flag flies near the cannons at Fort Phoenix in the frigid cold on Monday, 1/19. With the wind chill factor figured in, the temperature was around zero. *Photo by Beth David.*

ATRIA FAIRHAVEN

Our residents are looking forward to an exciting, eventful January & February here at Atria Fairhaven. We'd love for you to join us.

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Birthday Bash with Tom and Betty Tues., 1/26 2:30 p.m.
Tom and Betty return to Atria! We are celebrating our fabulous residents' January Birthdays! Stop in and Enjoy a fun filled afternoon. Refreshments will be served. RSVP

Dorothy Cox Candy Sale Wed., 2/3, 12:30–2 p.m.
Dorothy Cox Chocolates will be joining us with an assortment of regular and sugar-free candies and chocolates. Just in time for Valentine's Day!

Gentiva Healthcare Heart Healthy Discussion Fri., 2/5, 10 a.m. February is Heart Healthy Month! Gentiva Healthcare will be providing an informational discussion on heart health.



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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Vendors wanted

The founders of Groundwork!, the region's new co-working facility, Sarah Athanas and Dena Haden and the co-chair of New Bedford Open Studios, Steven Froias, have joined forces to launch the **New Bedford Book Festival** this winter in the city.

Since Melville and Douglass, New Bedford has enjoyed a special place in literature. It's a place of romance and refuge — and a starting point for grand adventure and great lives.

The same holds true today. Local authors, publishing houses and zines give the city and South Coast resonance on the page; and on Sat., 3/5 and Sun., 3/6 they're invited to begin a new chapter in the city's literary history with the launch of the New Bedford Book Festival at Groundwork!, the spacious new co-working facility at 1213 Purchase St.

Authors, published and self-published, publishing houses, rare booksellers and purveyors of periodicals and zines are invited to participate and offer their work for sale to the reading public. The New Bedford Book Festival will take place over the two days from 11:00 a.m. until 4 p.m. each day and feature special readings and programming, a curated selection of artists and all the imagination its participants bring to the table.

Table fee is \$45 and includes both days of the festival. **Space is limited to 40 participants; authors and publishers are advised to sign up today** and immediately begin enjoying the exposure the New Bedford Book Festival will bring to their work.

For further details and online sign-up visit www.NewBedfordNow.com.

Follow updates at Facebook.com/NewBedfordNow or send any questions to NewBedfordNow@gmail.com.

We welcome all to this new chapter in New Bedford's literary history as we lay a new era of words and ideas before the reading public to savor, provoke, enjoy and cherish.

YTI Play

Your Theatre Inc. presents *True West*, a Contemporary Drama by Sam Shepard, directed by Margo Wilson-Ruggiero.

In this American classic the idea of

the American Dream is examined as two search for authenticity in their prescribed roles in the family. Each admits to envying the role of the other. Sons of a desert dwelling alcoholic and a suburban wanderer clash over a film script. Austin, the achiever, is working on a script he has sold to producer Saul Kimmer when Lee, a reckless petty thief, drops in. He pitches his own idea for a movie to Kimmer, who then wants Austin to junk his bleak, modern love story and write Lee's trashy Western tale.

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Health Grants

Southcoast Health announced that it is offering \$125,000 in grants to community partners uniquely positioned to effectively address the unmet health needs of the South Coast region.

As a not-for-profit health system, Southcoast Health invests significantly in community benefit programs and services that provide care for the region's most vulnerable residents and help improve the health of our communities. In 2014, Southcoast Health invested almost \$22 million in community benefits, including almost \$10 million in charity care for the region's neediest residents.

Southcoast Health is offering a Community Benefit Impact Opportunity Grant/Request for Proposals (RFP), which seeks applications that align with the health priority areas identified in Southcoast Health's most recent 2014 Community Benefits Report. The average anticipated award will range between \$5,000 and

\$10,000 with an upper limit of \$20,000.

Southcoast Health's priority areas for this current year include:

- Reduction of the high rate of chronic disease in our region, including cardiovascular disease, diabetes, asthma, cancer and others.
- Reducing health disparities, including racial and ethnic disparities, income-based disparities, and education-based disparities.
- Reduction in the incidence of youth risk behaviors such as teen violence, high rates of teen pregnancy and substance abuse.
- Behavioral health issues that include substance abuse and mental health, including improved coordination of a regional behavioral health system.
- Development of healthy "system and environment" change, including healthy food options, increased access to free and low-cost opportunities for active living, such as public parks, bike trails etc., and reduction in the high rate of smoking in our communities.
- Maternal and children's health, including fetal and infant health, abuse and neglect, hospitalizations, substance abuse, healthy weight and mortality.

The deadline for submission of grant proposals is January 31. Grant selection will be finalized by February 29. To obtain a copy of the full RFP, contact Kerry Mello at mellok@southcoast.org or visit www.southcoast.org/communitybenefits.

SAVE THE DATE

Puzzles Attack

10-year Anniversary Event

The South Coast LGBTQ Network will host an evening of remembrance to commemorate the 10-year anniversary of the attack at Puzzles Lounge.

At 7 p.m. on Sat., 2/6, a commemoration service will be held at the First Unitarian Church (71 8th St. New Bedford) featuring a program of speakers who were involved in organizing the community response in the days and weeks following the Puzzles incident.

Immediately following the service will be a candlelight walk to A Perfect Place, the local LGBTQ youth community center (484 Pleasant St. NB).

For more info, visit <http://www.sclgbtqnetwork.org/puzzles.html>

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

LNG Open House

Access Northeast is holding an open house to discuss the proposed expansion of the Liquefied Natural Gas facility in Acushnet. The public is invited to attend on **Tues., 1/26, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Century House, So. Main Street, Acushnet.**

Bird Club Meeting

The Nasketucket Bird Club will be hosting a program about "Shorebird Migration and Conservation." Brad Winn will be talking about how the rapidly evolving tracking technology is helping us understand the habitat needs of individual long-distance migrant shorebirds. The conservation community is gaining new insight into hemispheric sites of importance, and uncovering regional threats for shorebirds, leading to the geographic prioritization of conservation activity. Brad, a life-long naturalist, is currently Director of Shorebird Habitat Management at the Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences.

The event will be held at **7 p.m. on Thurs., 1/28, at the Mattapoisett Public Library, 7 Barstow St.** The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information contact Carolyn Longworth at bvm1290@comcast.net or visit the club website at <http://massbird.org/Nasketucket/>

Discussion Group

Once again this year "Great Decisions" a Foreign Policy Association discussion group sponsored by the Mattapoisett Woman's Club will take place at the Mattapoisett Library. **The discussions will begin on Wednesday January 27..**

The topics are: Middle East Alliances; The Rise of ISIS; The Future of Kurdistan; Migration; The Koreas; The United Nations; Climate Change; Cuba and the U.S.

The group meets once a week on Wednesdays for eight consecutive weeks from 1-3 p.m. beginning Jan. 27 at the Mattapoisett Free Library, 7 Barstow Street Mattapoisett, in the conference room, which offers direct accessibility.

The fees for the FPA discussion series booklet/and one classroom DVD, plus refreshments and a donation to the library will be **\$30.00 for each person.** If you are a couple

sharing a book your fee is \$40.00. The books will be available on Tuesday, and Wednesday January 19, & 20th, for distribution, at the library between 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Please make checks payable to: The Mattapoisett Woman's Club and mail to: The Mattapoisett Woman's Club P.O. Box 1444, Mattapoisett, MA 02739, If you need any addition information you may call Ellen P. Flynn 508-758-1312.

Plunge for a Cause

Project Sweet Peas, an organization that helps parents with babies in the NICU in hospitals, is asking you to plunge for a cause. These babies are fighting for their lives and it is a harrowing experience for the parents as they can only wait and see if their child will live or die.

This year's annual plunge and the post-plunge party will be at the **Country Club in Warwick, R.I. on March 12.** For those sponsored plungers that **register by Feb 1**, they will be given a free tee shirt, a ticket to the party , raffle tickets and prizes award for best costume, (for those who wish to participate in costume.)

For more information, visit www.pspplunge.com or <http://www.projectsweetpeas.com/gabriels-gift.html>

School Choice Event

Mullein Hill Christian Academy will celebrate National School Choice Week with a variety of activities for students.

Monday: Fitness Day with bracelets; Tuesday: Celebrate friendships by taking pictures of groups of friends; Wednesday: Chapel service where inspirational bookmarks will be handed out to use during Bible reading; Thursday: Students will create a collage of friendship pictures on the wall; Friday: Students will receive National School Choice stickers and scarves

Begins at 9 a.m. on Monday, January 25; to make plans to attend a specific activity, please contact the school, Mullein Hill Christian Academy, 25 Staples Shore Road, Lakeville, MA 02347, 774-213-9093

Fish Council Mtg

The agenda for the New England Fishery Management Council's first

meeting in 2016 may be found at http://s3.amazonaws.com/nefmc.org/Final_Jan2016CouncilAgenda_1.pdf.

A presentation by Northeast Regional Ocean Council staff on a draft Regional Ocean Plan (developed by NROC's Regional Planning Body) has been postponed. NROC staff will keep the Council updated on when the review might be rescheduled.

The meeting is on Tues., 1/26, at the Sheraton Harborside Hotel, 250 Market St., Portsmouth, NH.

Acushnet Nom. papers available

Nomination papers are available at the Town Clerk's Office for all candidates for local office, including those candidates seeking re-election. The Annual Town election is scheduled for Monday, April 4, 2016.

Officials whose terms expire this year include the following (positions are for three-year terms unless otherwise indicated): David E. Wojnar, Selectman; Liberio DaSilva Soares, Assessor; Michelle Doris DeTerra and Sarah Ann Gomes, School Committee; Vacancy, School Committee (remainder of term expiring April 3, 2017); Kristen E. Leotti and Bertha L. Threlfall, Trustee of Free Public Library; Charlene Fortin, Cemetery Board; Mark M. DeSilva, Sr., Planning Commissioner (five year term); Michael L. Desrosiers, Park Commissioner; Thomas J. Fortin, Board of Health; Marc E. Laplante, Commission of Trust Funds; Rene Racine, Housing Authority (five year term).

All candidates are required to circulate nomination papers and obtain 31 signatures of registered voters. The last day to obtain nomination papers is Thursday, February 11, 2016, at 5:00 p.m., and the papers must be filed with the Board of Registrars by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 16, 2016.

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Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.

Heat a greased skillet to medium. Rub chicken pieces with garlic, salt, pepper and cumin to taste; place in hot skillet. Cook until brown on both sides and no longer pink, 10 to 15 minutes.

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Dolores Rose Hanson, Fairhaven

Rocky's pet food drive nets 14,727 lbs.

Press Release

Rocky's Ace Hardware, a family-owned business with 34 neighborhood based stores is proud to announce the results of their fifth annual pet food drive. Well over seven tons (14,727 lbs.) of pet food along with approximately \$6,000 worth of beds, leashes, treats, toys and cleaning supplies were collected and delivered to local animal shelters.

Each of the 34 Rocky's Ace Hardware stores partnered with an area Humane Society or shelter to collect food this past holiday season for the much forgotten and unfortunate animals in our own communities.

"The outpouring from our customers was truly heartwarming. The collection total well surpassed our expectations. All of us at Rocky's extend sincere thanks to our neighbors who gave so generously" said Rocco Falcone, President and CEO.

"In fact this year's total was simply amazing!" said Geoffrey Webb, Director of Marketing and Advertising. "Together we were able to donate about ten percent more food and accessories than last year; the efforts

of our store team members in rallying behind this worthy cause along with the outstanding generosity of our customers resulted in an unprecedented overall donation to local, community based shelters and humane societies."

The program supported more than thirty organizations that provide shelter, veterinary care and comfort for homeless animals in five states.

Customers and Rocky's employees alike made donations of much needed pet food at their local Rocky's Ace Hardware store. The store teams also worked with their neighborhood shelters to collect other items on their wish lists. The stores collected all donations and drove them to their locally chosen charity on or about December 24, 2015.

"Our team members really got behind this worthwhile campaign, encouraging our customers to support the drive. The numbers speak for themselves; our neighbors truly care for the homeless and abandoned animals in their community. We are honored to be a catalyst in achieving these outstanding results," added Rocco Falcone.

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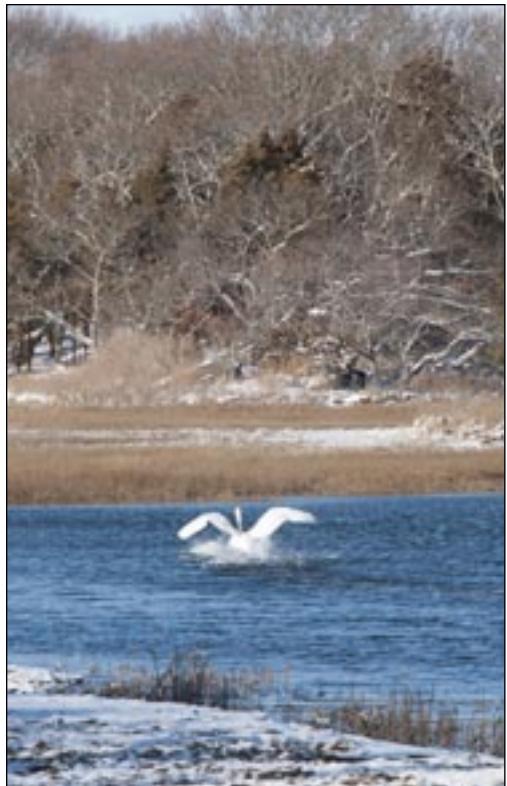
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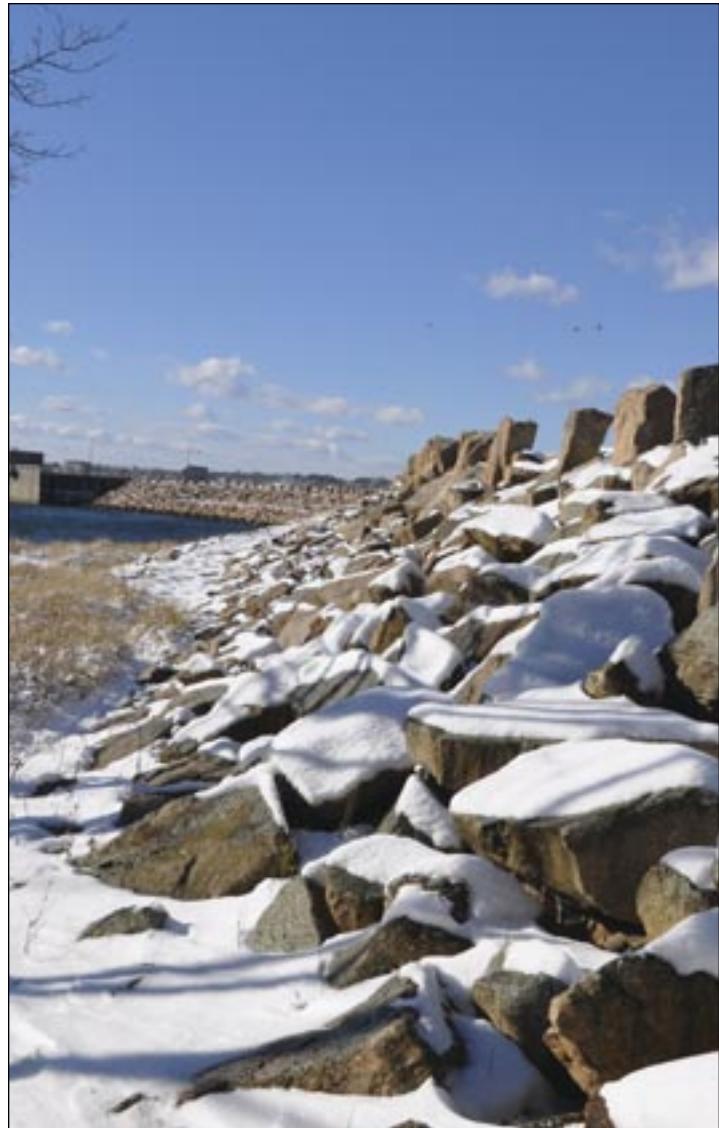
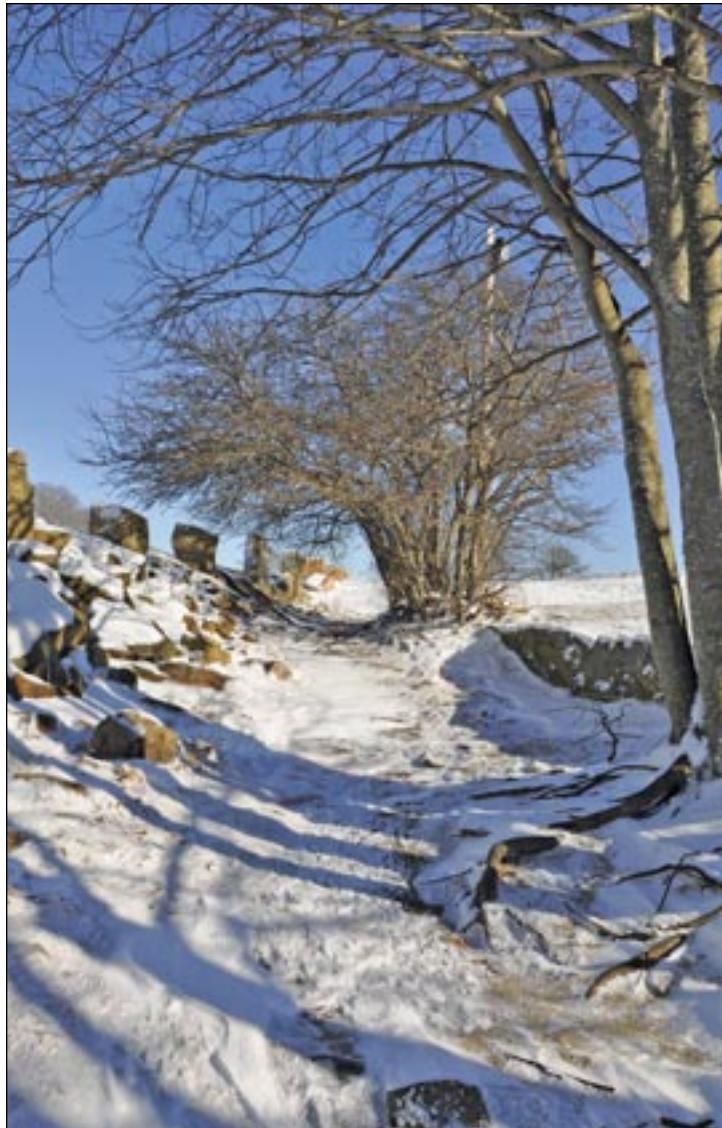
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PACE Fuel Assistance & Recertification Form, The Fuel assistance program starts in November for the 2015-2016 season. If you received fuel assistance last year you should have already received renewal in the mail to be filled out. If you need help filling out the recertification form or a new application for fuel assistance call the Senior Center at 508-979-4029 for a appointment.

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Acushnet Selectboard faces disappointed LNG opponents

By Beth David
Editor

At least 20 people attended the Acushnet Selectboard meeting on Tuesday, 1/19, to voice their concerns over the proposed expansion of the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facility on Peckham Road.

Chairperson David Wojnar kept a tight rein on the discussion, although he did let everyone speak who wanted to.

Members of the Hands Across the River Coalition (HARC) and the newly organized South Coast Neighbors United (SCNU), that he wanted them to meet directly with officials from Access Northeast before making statements about the company's intentions or believability.

Access Northeast, a project proposed by Eversource, National Grid and Spectra Energy, will seek to construct two 3.4 Bcf (billion cubic feet) tanks with an outside diameter of 270 feet at the base and a height of 170 feet each.

For comparison, the rainbow tank that can be seen from the Southeast Expressway in Dorchester has a 477-foot circumference, is 152 feet wide, 140 feet tall and holds 1.2 Bcf, according to National Grid.

The site on Peckham Road currently contains two LNG tanks with a total capacity of .5 Bcf.

Mr. Wojnar encouraged the public to attend an open house being held by Access Northeast at the Century House on Tuesday, 1/26, from 5:30-7:30.

Board member Garry Rawcliffe asked if they could discuss the project in executive session. He said he wanted to discuss strategy. The board decided it was not an appropriate topic for executive

session.

Mr. Rawcliffe said if it "gets jammed down our throats" and they decide to fight it, he does not want strategy to be given away.

Mr. Wojnar said he would rather wait and meet with the neighborhood groups and have town counsel from Koppelman and Page present before talking about strategy.

He said K&P would be at the next meeting just to talk about options and to advise the neighborhood groups, not to talk strategy, since the town has not decided if they are going to support or fight the project.

The residents present, however, had no doubt that the town should

It's peanuts. Don't sell Acushnet with a dangling poison apple [Ken Sylvia]

fight the project.

Board member Kevin Gaspar said that the public would get more information, especially on safety at the 1/26 meeting.

Ken Sylvia took issue with Mr. Rawcliffe's wanting to use executive session, saying the board should be "totally transparent."

Mr. Rawcliffe got a chance to respond a bit later and said that if he is "going to the gun cabinet to count bullets," he does not want the other side knowing what he has for bullets.

Karen Vilandry, president of HARC, noted that the property in question is zoned residential and has been since 1977. She said if it is residential, then it should be upheld as residential and

not be approved for the LNG.

Ms. Vilandry said her second point was that the tanks would be "enormous." She said it would be the largest LNG facility in the Northeast.

Ms. Vilandry also urged the board to contact the Department of Homeland Security to find out how the facility can be safe.

"Even though you know it will not be safe," said Ms. Vilandry. "It will be a prime terrorist target."

"You don't want to think about these things," said Ms. Vilandry, adding it would put the area off the map.

Her third point was to look at the process for turning the gas into liquefied form and the various chemical emissions the process causes to be released into the air.

She said that HARC conferred with Boston University Public Health and suggested that the board do the same and also consult with Harvard.

Ms. Vilandry said that the Environmental Protection Agency's risk assessments do not adequately address the concerns of children. And, she noted, the area is less than two miles from the middle school.

"This is the future of Acushnet," said Ms. Vilandry. "You want to protect your population."

Mr. Wojnar asked if HARC has met with Eversource and said he had asked the neighbors to do that.

"You've got to have complete transparency with these companies," said Ms. Vilandry.

Mr. Wojnar emphasized that the group should get their information from the companies so they were all dealing with accurate information.

"I want to make sure you dot the i's and cross the t's," said Mr. Wojnar,

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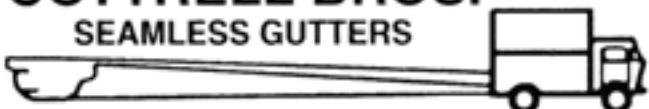
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Planning Board spars over Master Plan article, process

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven Planning Board chairperson Wayne Hayward livened up the 1/12 meeting with one of his signature disagreeable episodes, including the berating of his fellow board members and a reminder that he could easily disband the Master Plan Sub-committee.

"I made the committee, I can end the committee," said Mr. Hayward.

"Then end it," said board member and sub-committee member Ann Richard.

At that point, Mr. Hayward stood up and it seemed he might make one of his grand exits, however, he sat down again and continued to argue with sub-committee members, alternately talking over them and turning away to completely ignore them, especially the two women on the committee, Ms. Richard and Kaisa Holloway Cripps.

The issue, said Mr. Hayward, was that the board had not received any minutes from the sub-committee's three meetings. He said he made it

very clear when the sub-committee was formed that he wanted to see minutes so the committee would be prepared when it was discussed.

Bill Roth, Director of Planning and Economic Development, took the blame for the late minutes, saying that, in retrospect, he should have hired the recording secretary to take minutes instead of doing them himself. He said the minutes were still in longhand and he promised to get them typed up.

Other sub-committee members said they thought that the purpose of the agenda item was to update the board.

But Mr. Hayward would not relent.

"It sounds like the committee is very well versed on what do to," said Mr. Hayward. "I, as chairman, have no clue."

The board was supposed to be discussing an article to be placed on the annual town meeting warrant asking for \$85,000 to hire a consultant to create the town's Master Plan. The sub-committee is also seeking \$25,000 in Community Preservation funds.

Sub-committee members said they

learned through their research that \$110,000 should cover consultant costs for the project. They reported that they contacted at least 12 municipalities to find out what they spent and who they used for consultants, what work they had done, etc. They also met with at least one consultant.

The conversation, however, deteriorated quickly into sniping about the minutes and Mr. Hayward saying he felt disrespected by sub-committee members.

"If I knew that was going to happen, I would've just made the whole committee the committee," said Mr. Hayward.

All attempts by sub-committee members to defend their actions and express their dismay were dismissed by Mr. Hayward who kept derailing the discussion of the article to talk about the lack of minutes.

"Why belabor the point," asked sub-committee chairperson Rene Fleurent.

"Because I want to see minutes and

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Mr. Hayward's response

Submitted by Wayne Hayward
Fairhaven Planning Board Chair

The Master Plan Subcommittee was created by me in July 2015 to assist the full Planning Board in this endeavor to create a town wide plan update.

There is a clear Procedural Rules document they agreed to follow. They were provided office staff and funds to comply with the records law.

I personally spend a good deal of energy over the years to make sure we fully comply with record keeping. They chose to violate it instead.

The Planning Board was to be given written records of the meetings, so we could keep in step with their work. Not every member was in favor of a sub-committee, but I assured them we would all be in lockstep with the process, so we could proceed as one. I asked the five other members if they had specific knowledge of what has transpired and they indicated they had not much.

The working group will have met six or seven times and have never once submitted minutes. After months of requests by the chairman, they instead submitted their final

work and informed us we needed to approve it that evening, with absolutely none of the requested documentation. We did approve it 5-3. I am told they will submit all requested documents, with the name of the firms, in one large batch filing, after the fact. I have never heard of a town agency doing this before. All the committee members are experienced, have taken ethics test and should know better.

I would very much like to file an open meeting law complaint against the sub-committee. I am that angry.

Requests by the press, citizens or myself must be fulfilled within ten days according to law. It has been many months of requests with zero compliance.

In fact I was told I should not repeatedly ask and "merely trust" the members. That is "BS" and is unethical to make that suggestion.

However, I would actually have to file the complaint against myself as chairman first, according to the state's complaint form.

I don't see how that would work. If the Planning Board would like to pursue a complaint, we together

might be able to comply with the forms filing. I look forward to that discussion.

At the same time a respected former member of the Government Study Committee with federal contract experience, serving on the subcommittee, resigned after he determined violations in contract bidding may have occurred by the committee by allowing a planning agency and other potential bidders to steer the requirements to select the consultant. A tailored RFP with many strings that could assure they were selected as the only consultant. I agreed it was not proper and stated I would keep an eye on it.

This agency is now out of the running and others may be as well. I have been trying to follow up on his complaints, but have been thwarted in my attempts. I have been told nothing happened and to trust them. That's an insult to all who serve in government.

After being insulted and in a heated argument, in a "gotcha moment," some on the committee claim I disrespected the committee's

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Bulldogs fall to Indians 4-0



The Old Rochester Regional/Fairhaven boys ice hockey team fell 4-0 against the unbeaten Dartmouth Indians on Monday, January 18th, at Hetland Arena. With the loss, the Bulldogs fall to 5-4-3 on the season. ABOVE LEFT: ORR's Nathan Gibson (left) fights for control of the puck along the boards. ABOVE RIGHT: ORR's Ryan Raphael makes a sprint towards the net. BOTTOM LEFT: Ryan Labonte takes a look at his options as he crosses the blue line. BOTTOM RIGHT: Ryan Raphael positions his body to take the hit from the Dartmouth defender. *Photos by Ryan Feeney.*



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I want to see them soon," said Mr. Hayward. "Pardon me if I seem out of the loop, but I am."

Board member Gary Staffon said the article was only to ask for the funds. The deadline for TM articles is this week.

"If in the next month or two, if we don't like what we hear, we can pass over," said Mr. Staffon. "What's wrong with that?"

"Sir," said Mr. Hayward, "if you're building a house for \$200,000 or \$100,000....and you promise your wife ...and build a ranch."

"It's expectations," said Mr. Hayward, adding that it seemed like less money than the last discussion.

They discussed the details back and forth for a bit.

"Can I not be pounced on here," said Mr. Hayward.

Mr. Fleurent said he "strongly" felt that the article asked for enough money.

Ms. Richard said she felt that they were being accused of doing something "improper."

"I don't know what you did," said Mr. Hayward.

Someone asked why Mr. Hayward did not trust them.

"It's not about trust," said Mr. Hayward. "It's about doing it in the open."

In the end the board decided to place the article on the warrant and to continue discussions, and Mr. Roth promised to provide minutes quickly.

Mr. Hayward and board members Peter Nopper and Jeffrey Lucas voted against placing the article on the warrant.

In other business, the board discussed the text amendment to the bylaw governing motor vehicle and boat sales, Chapter 198, Sections 16, 25, 27 & 33.

Much of the discussion revolved around a suggested addition by Mr. Fleurent that a service station cannot use more than 90% of the usable lot. Other regulations already shrink lot size with setbacks and other use restrictions

"Why would you punish them with another 10 percent," asked PB member Jeffrey Lucas, adding that they should just increase the setbacks.

"I'm not looking to punish anyone here," said Mr. Fleurent, and said he took exception to the use of that

word. He said he just wanted to be "respectful" of the residential neighborhoods that the service stations are invariably located in.

Mr. Hayward said that using 90 percent made it sound as though the property owners could use 90% of the lot size. He said the distinction between 90% of the total and 90% of the usable lot would be lost by most property owners.

Resident Frank Coelho said he was worried that a service station that got a license could decide to become a towing service and start hauling cars into the neighborhood at all hours.

One of the changes requires all new service stations to get a special permit to operate. Mr. Hayward and Mr. Roth both said that many of the concerns voiced by the public could be addressed during the special permit process with restrictions on the permit.

The board continued the public hearing and will discuss the bylaw at its 1/26 meeting. Mr. Roth will rewrite the portions of the bylaw in question.

The public hearing for a proposal by Clean Energy Collective, LLC, to build a solar array at 197 New Boston Road, on the Costa Farm property, was also continued, to 2/9.

The community solar farm is different from a commercial solar array in that the electricity from the panels will be used by local residents.

"So there's a direct benefit to the residents of Fairhaven," said Greg Carey, of Clean Energy.

The company addressed most of the issues initially raised by the board, but still needed to get details on changes to the stormwater management plan.

Newly appointed town administrator Mark Rees introduced himself to the board at the beginning of the meeting. He said he wanted to meet all town officials.

Mr. Rees told board members that he was "proud and honored" to be chosen as the town's first TA. In his second week on the job, he has found the town to be "warm and welcoming," he said, and "a very nice place to be."

Mr. Rees also said he looked forward to working with all departments and with Mr. Roth to find ways to attract new businesses to town.

He managed to work in a few good

words about Mr. Roth, calling him a "fountain of information."

The board also discussed a letter from Michael Tavares of Nova Scotia, who has sent a letter of interest to the Selectboard regarding the Rogers School property.

The Selectboard forwarded the letter to the PB asking for comment.

The snippiness from earlier in the meeting reared its head again as Mr. Hayward said he did not understand why they had the letter. He reminded the board that the Selectboard has control of the buildings, not the PB.

Board members explained that they felt the Selectboard just wanted an opinion, not a vote or endorsement.

The plan would require rezoning at the property. Mr. Tavares also proposed reopening Union Street, which was officially discontinued in 1964 and is owned by the town, Mr. Roth told the board.

The PB decided to send a letter to the Selectboard expressing a general support of the concept, but saying they need more details before they can throw their support behind it.

Mr. Hayward ended the meeting with a parting shot at the two women members.

"Want a special vote ladies," he asked loudly as he stood at the adjournment of the meeting, and then took a sip from his water bottle.

"The cameras are still on," someone said.

"I don't worry about cameras," said Mr. Hayward.

On the video, however, the sound had been turned off.

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NEW HEARINGS:

1. Petitioner: Wayne Fostin, Jr., RE: 15 Manor Drive, Plot 27, Lot 8B; Book 10758 and Page 079; 198-23 – 4B – Special Permit required for Home Occupation as a plumber.
2. Petitioner: V-Corp., LLC., RE: 24 Welcome Street, Plot 31B, Lot 1B, Book 8902 and Page 109; 198-28-G – Special Permit required for construction of more than 500 sq. ft. within the Nasketucket River Basin.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman

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female members. I ask you to review the tape and now knowing my frustration, see what is more challenging. My back and forth with members speaking out of turn and ganging up on me, violating Roberts Rule of Order, or the behind-the-scenes issues that cause the outbursts in my most frustrating meeting in a very long time.

I have never shown any disrespect to female Planning Board members in the past. I voted to select the very same female members to fill an open seat on the Planning Board. I appointed two female members to be on the subcommittee. I hired the woman who is our recording secretary. I only appointed them because I thought they were the best. Not because they were women.

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disrespected, while at the same time being disrespectful. Women cannot claim being disrespected when I refuse to solely trust them while they possibly violate the law under my leadership

I view the public's right to timely government documents as paramount and unquestionable, as I have for the last twenty-five years.

Some don't view the open meeting law M.G.L. c. 30A, §§ 18-25 with the same gravity. They, not me, have a track record for not fully complying with it.

I will never treat women on the board different than the men. We are all equal. I constantly encourage women to become involved in local government.

But I reserve the right to call something illegal, regardless of the sex that is partly to blame.

Fairhaven Meetings

Bikeway Committee

Thurs., 1/21, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Board of Appeals

Tues., 2/2, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Assessors

Fri., 1/22, Town Hall, 3:30 p.m.

Commissioner of Trusts

Fri., 1/22, Town Hall, 10 a.m.

Community Preservation

Thurs., 1/21, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 1/25, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 1/26, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 1/27, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 2/8, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Agricultural Commission

Thurs., 1/21, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Library Trustees

Wed., 1/20, 232 Middle Rd., 3:30 p.m.

Planning Commission

Thurs., 1/7, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

Police Station Bldg. Comm.

Wed., 1/20, 60 Middle Rd., 1 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 1/19, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

US Army Corps of Engineers, Cape Cod Canal/Wing's Neck

Jan. 2016	HIGH a.m.	HIGH p.m.	LOW a.m.	LOW p.m.
Thursday	21	0534	1759	---
Friday	22	0621	1844	0013*
Saturday	23	0705	1929	0100* 1424*
Sunday	24	0749	2015	0142* 1456*
Monday	25	0833	2059	0209 1457*
Tuesday	26	0915	2141	0236 1503*
Wednesday	27	0957	2223	0306 1527*
Thursday	28	1040	2308	0338 1556*
Friday	29	1126	2358	0413 1630*
Saturday	30	---	1217	0453 1710
Sunday	31	0049	1308	0545 1802

* = Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft

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have complained for years of rats and other issues with property.

The garage is also severely in arrears in property taxes and has repeatedly failed to stick to payment plans with the town.

"I just want to let it be known that this is going on," said Mr. Simmons. "Let it be known that he is suing."

The Selectboard also held the final public hearing on the Community Development Block Grant application for the Anthony School target area in North Fairhaven.

If approved the project would include improvements to Hedge Street and to the parking lot and sidewalks at Oxford Terrace.

Bill Roth, Director of Planning and Economic Development, told the board that he initially wanted to make improvements to Plymouth Avenue, but neighbors objected after seeing the changes made to other streets.

"If residents don't want it we don't want to do it," said Mr. Roth.

So he turned his attention to Hedge Street.

Ann Richard, a Hedge Street resident, said that she and other neighbors were happy to know the

street would be improved.

She said that he wall at the end of the street at the water "doesn't even exist anymore."

The application asks for \$800,000. The Oxford Terrace project is costlier than most pavement projects, said Mr. Roth, because of specific requirements for senior public housing.

The FHA has spent some of its funds for plans and other preliminary work.

"So we've put a commitment of our own money in this," said Mr. Simmons.

The Selectboard voted to support the application.

In another matter, the board decided to create an Economic Development Committee, and to appoint Mr. Rees and Mr. Roth to it.

Mr. Roth asked the board to let him research the make-up of similar boards in other municipalities and their mandates so the committee would have a "clear direction."

"So we're not reinventing the wheel," said Mr. Rees.

The new committee will most likely include some business people and residents. As an ad hoc committee, however, members do not have to be residents, but should have a business or other interest in the town.

The committee will look at the permit process and ways to get more businesses in town. The board also wants the committee to look at how ways to fill some of the empty commercial buildings in town.

"There's so much potential in Fairhaven," said Mr. Murphy.

Mr. Roth reminded the board that the town has very little control over privately owned buildings, even if they are empty.

Mr. Espindola said he hoped the town could find other communities that found "creative ways" to solve similar problems.

"It's not just for our businesses," said Mr. Espindola. "But also for our residents."

Mr. Haworth said he was hoping the committee will help "market Fairhaven" to businesses.

The board also reminded residents of a "meet-and-greet" with new Town Administrator Mark Rees on Thursday, 1/28 at Town Hall from 6:30-8:30.

Mr. Rees told the board that his wife would be able to attend.

The board convened in executive session to discuss an ambulance forgiveness request and the North Street litigation.

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adding that the town should probably create an advisory group made up of citizens and officials.

Ken Sylvia said that SCNU tried to arrange a meeting with Access Northeast officials, but the holidays interfered and they had every intention of doing so soon.

"Safety is our number one concern," said Mr. Sylvia. "this project here should not be taken lightly whatsoever."

He said if there is an accident, and school is in session, "There goes the entire population growth of Acushnet."

He said there was a lot to look at and it should not be taken lightly.

Mr. Sylvia called the projected tax revenues of approximately \$10-12.5 million per year a "poison apple," that is a "drop in the bucket" compared to the money the energy companies make.

"It's peanuts," said Mr. Sylvia. "Don't sell Acushnet with a dangling poison apple."

Mr. Wojnar said his job was to maintain a "certain decorum," during the process. The energy companies will be "running a track," the

neighbors will be running a track, and the town will be running a track. Hopefully, they will all get together at some point, he said.

"I want you to establish yourself as a credible source of information," said Mr. Wojnar.

Mr. Rawcliffe made it clear he has not made up his mind yet. He said he has heard a lot of opinions, but would not act on them. He would wait until he had all the information.

Resident John Fabian told board members that it did not sound like they were against the project.

"It sounds like you're on the fence," he said, and noted that the town of Plymouth immediately voted against industrial wind turbines in their town.

He said he wanted to know where the board stood.

Mr. Rawcliffe said he did not want to decide yet and he did not want to risk an expensive fight with the energy companies without knowing the facts.

"Really? You don't think the safety issue has been brought up enough," said Mr. Fabian.

Mr. Rawcliffe countered that Fall River spent \$12 million fighting a similar project.

Mr. Wojnar said they would all have ample time to discuss it more at a future meeting, and on the 26th.

Former Selectboard member Leslie Dakin had the last word on the issue. He said the group had plans to meet with Access Northeast.

He said that as a neighbor, he needed to know more about the project. He lamented that they spent the last three weeks preparing a five-page document, but because they had not met with the company yet, the board would not accept the document.

"It's facts, not feelings, and reasons, not excuses," said Mr. Dakin.

In another matter, the Mr. Wojnar also announced that after his discussions with the School Superintendent and some members of the School Committee, the school department has restored bus monitors on the afternoon buses for the remainder of the school year.

Mr. Wojnar said that the school department stressed that reinstating the program has a cost associated with it and they will expect that to be taken into consideration during the budget process for FY 17.

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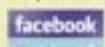
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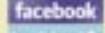
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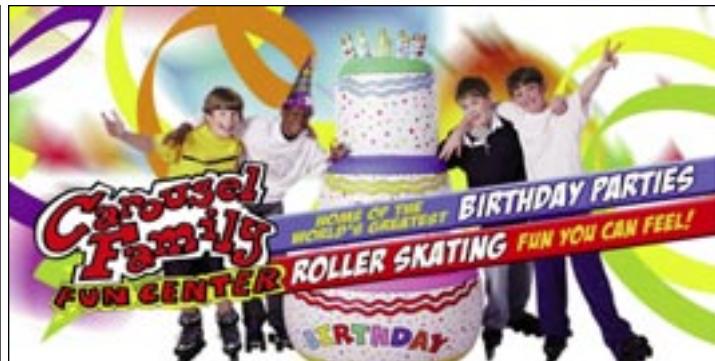
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