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Fairhaven voters reject BPW proposal



Fairhaven voters soundly rejected changing the role of the Board of Public Works in a townwide vote on Monday 4/6. The annual elections saw one incumbent get ousted. See page 12 for story. ABOVE, L-R: Fairhaven Selectboard Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch, and Selectboard members Charles Murphy and Geoffrey Haworth listen as Town Clerk Eileen Lowney reads off the numbers after the election on Monday, 4/6. Selectboard member Bob Espindola, not pictured, was re-elected to a second term. *Photo by Beth David.*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Where to begin?
Election...14% turnout in Fairhaven (see page 12), which I thought was pretty horrible, until I saw that Acushnet had less than 8% (see page 16)

It's a sad state of affairs that people can't even get take 5 minutes out of their day to vote for the people who will make decisions that affect our daily lives.

But, hey, don't listen to me, I might just be a control freak by thinking I should have a say in who gets to make these decisions.

And for those of you who think your vote doesn't count, spare me the whining. Acushnet has a race with a five vote margin, and...well, need I remind you what happened last year in Fairhaven?

Onto other things.

This one is embarrassing.

The West Island seal (page 6) had to be removed to be rehabilitated, not because it was sick or anything (although it might have been a tad malnourished), but because people were harassing it. Can you believe that?

Here! Here! On my little patch of paradise. Here! Here! In our little place by the sea, this place where we fish and pride ourselves on knowing the tide and the wind and all things marine.

Someone HERE actually tried to feed the poor thing sardines on a stick. Please, do NOT tell me who you are. I didn't even ask the shellfish warden for a name. I don't want to know.

Another person was nudging it with his foot to see if it was dead.

Heaven help us all.

We should know better here.

When you see marine life on the beach: LEAVE IT ALONE!

Just...leave it alone.

Stay back, use your zoom lens to get a picture.

We freaked the poor thing out so much it had to be rescued...FROM US!!!!

Ugh...this is so embarrassing.

Are we that far removed from nature, even our marine nature, that we don't even know how to act when a seal comes around?

I know we don't see that many, but, even so, we should know enough not to try to touch the poor little guy. Some people actually argued with the shellfish warden because they just wanted to get picture with it first.

Geesh.

Anyway, there's other good stuff in here, so be sure to thumb through to find it all. And make sure you notice who our advertisers are and let them know you saw their ads in the Neighb News.

Until next week then...

See ya,

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our BPW article last week we made an error about the letters sent to ratepayers. The waivers were not for water and sewer bills. Some property owners on Sciticut Neck were given waivers by the Board of Health because they have not tied into sewer yet. Between the BOH and the BPW some collaboration on addresses was required. We apologize for any confusion our error may have caused.

West Island 5K set for 4/26, seeking volunteers

West Isl. 5K...Sign Up Today

Now that the weather is getting better it's time to think about getting outside and enjoying the Spring. Come join us for the 4th Annual West Island 5K Run/Walk & Kids Mile Run on Sunday, April 26. All proceeds go to the Fairhaven High School cross country program and non-profit, Strive and Achieve (www.striveandachieve.org). To learn more about the race and register go to www.westisland5k.org.

Spaghetti Dinner

Come join us for the West Island 5K Pre-Race Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, April 25, 5:30-7:30 p.m., at the West Island Improvement Association, 41 Causeway Rd. Everyone is welcome! Enjoy a delicious spaghetti dinner, win some raffle prizes, and help support the Fairhaven High School cross country program and non-profit, Strive and Achieve (www.striveandachieve.org). Tickets are \$10. Call 508-858-9108 to sign up!

Looking for Volunteers

Are you looking for a fun and worthwhile event to volunteer your time? Come join us for the West Island. Volunteers time slots are available from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. You can assist with race setup, course guides/ safety monitors, Kids Mile Fun Run setup/registration, and post race refreshments. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, contact Lyle Drew at westisland5k@yahoo.com.

Convenience store to open on West Island

Chris Medeiros and Troy Tonnessen announce the opening of Mackatan General Store at 39 Causeway Road, West Island, Fairhaven, in late May!

The store will feature a variety of items including penny candy, ice, soft drinks, lottery, dairy products and ice cream, steamed hot dogs, convenience items, West Island and Fairhaven merchandise, summer items (towels, sun tan lotion, chairs, etc.), prepared sandwiches, coffee, bagels, and pastries daily and Ma's Donuts on the weekends, possibly beer and wine, and much more!

We are also exploring the possibility of kayak and paddleboard, as well as bicycle rentals. Hours of operation will be 6 a.m.-8 p.m. seven days. Also operating at the location seasonally from May through October will be Captain Jim's Clamcake Shack, although there will be very limited outdoor seating; this is primarily take-out. For more information and a complete listing of all we have to offer, visit us at Mackatan.com, our

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

FIA Awardees

At the Fairhaven Improvement Association's Annual Dinner on 4/14/15, the organization will honor the following Outstanding Community Service Award Recipients

Kyle Bueno was nominated for an Outstanding Community Service Award because of his continued commitment, dedication, drive, and encouragement in educating young people regarding the importance of exercising their right to vote.

Jevon Malcolm was nominated for an Outstanding Community Service Award because of his continued commitment, dedication and generosity in his community service to The Fairhaven Improvement Association and the Town of Fairhaven.

Marc Robillard was nominated for an Outstanding Community Service Award because of his continued commitment, dedication and generosity in providing a spectacular Holiday light display and refreshments for the citizens of Fairhaven and surrounding towns to enjoy each year during the Holiday Season.

See page 8 for details on the annual dinner.

Masonic Open House

Saturday, 4/11, see ad on page 3.

Mr. Fairhaven

The FHS After Prom Committee is sponsoring the Mr. Fairhaven contest on **Friday, 4/10. See page 10.**

Spaghetti Supper

To benefit the Great Strides Walk for Cystic Fibrosis.

At the Town Crier, Maitland St., Fairhaven, on Sat., 4/18, at 5 p.m. Tickets: \$20 adults, \$10 children, at the door. Great raffles for trips, sports tickets and local businesses.

All proceeds will go to Cystic Fibrosis research.

Join Team Jacy

VENUE CHANGE

Jacy is a seven-year-old fighting Cancer. Come meet this incredible brave little girl at her **Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser, April 11, from**

4-7 p.m., First Congregational Church, 34 Center St., Fairhaven.

Enjoy Salad, Spaghetti, Desserts and a large raffle! Call 508-742-8219 for tickets or just drop by that night. **Tickets are \$10.00** for Adults and Children under 5 years old eat free.

Dementia Workshop

Dementia and Alzheimer's Support Group, presented by Beacon Hospice. **Tuesdays, 3-4 p.m., April 14, May 12, June 9, at Atria Fairhaven, 391 Alden Rd., Fairhaven, 508-994-9238**

This is an open and ongoing group for those who have experienced caring for a loved one living with Alzheimer's disease or other dementia. Learn about the disease process, ask questions and discuss how it applies to our lives. Enjoy a chance to talk and share with others traveling a similar path or experience. Please RSVP one week prior to the session you plan to attend. There is no sequence to the sessions. You may attend one or as many as you like.

Stop & Shop & Jimmy Fund F-R

Stop & Shop continues its partnership with Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and The Boston Red Sox with the 25th anniversary of its Triple Winner Game to help cure childhood cancer. Customers can help cure childhood cancer by making a \$1 contribution* to the Jimmy Fund to receive a Triple Winner scratch ticket. The ticket could be an instant winner of a free product or a cash prize up to \$10,000 or provide the customer with a product coupon.

Stop & Shop, in partnership with the Boston Red Sox, has raised \$56.5 million through the Triple Winner Game since 1991. This year, the company aims to raise \$2.5 million for The Jimmy Fund at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through its in-store campaign, "Help Cure Childhood Cancer."

Visit www.JimmyFund.org, www.dana-farber.org, or www.stopandshop.com.

Call for Artists

Art On Center presents its 3rd annual "Art of Fairhaven" Exhibition celebrating the people and places that make Fairhaven so special.

Artists may enter up to 3 pieces of art, delivered to Art On Center, 15 Center Street, Fairhaven; **deadline for submissions is April 22.** You need not be a resident of Fairhaven nor a member of Art On Center to enter, all are welcome. Cash prizes will be awarded at the **opening reception April 25th.**

Art On Center is holding special instructional classes in painting with acrylics, watercolors, and pastels throughout the submission period.

The public is invited to the opening reception on Saturday April 25 from 2-5pm which will include an interesting talk on the history of Fairhaven as well as the presentation of awards.

For an entry form, the center's hours and more information call 774-206-1709 or email info@artoncenter.org or check out the website, www.artoncenter.org

Art on Center is a 501(c)3 federally approved nonprofit organization.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Fairhaven Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Cataldo Scholarship

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association's Joseph Cataldo Jr. Scholarship applications are now available at the Guidance Office of Fairhaven High School, Greater NB Reg Voc-Tech HS, Bishop Stang HS, and Bristol Agricultural HS.

The Joseph Cataldo Jr. Scholarships are open to qualified high school seniors who are Fairhaven residents enrolled in a full time degree program. **The deadline for filing the application is April 27, 2015.**

Applications may also be requested by mail: NFIA Scholarship Committee P.O. Box 877 Fairhaven, MA 02719.

Seed Exchange

The Fairhaven Seed Exchange at The Millicent Library has begun, sponsored by the Fairhaven Sustainability Committee. Start your own garden and sow your own seeds.

The public may bring in seeds to trade or take any that are in the seed library. Any questions please contact ann.richard@gmail.com.

West Island seal removed due to “distress”



This little guy visited West Island last week. He first appeared on the beach on Goulart Memorial Drive, south side, and then moved to the West Island Causeway Road beach, with some stops at Hoppy’s Landing. At first, officials said he looked healthy, but as time went on and people kept approaching him, he became “distressed” and had to be removed. He is at Mystic Aquarium where he will undergo rehabilitation and hopefully will be sent back out into the wild. Fairhaven Shellfish Warden Timothy Cox stressed that people should stay 150 feet away from seals on the beach. It is perfectly natural for them to beach themselves and sun themselves for hours. They often remain motionless while sunning on the beach. A representative from the International Fund for Animal Welfare’s Yarmouth office said she was not sure of the sex of the seal. It was a juvenile “harp” seal from Canada, which is an unusual one to find in these parts. Mr. Cox said on one occasion he found five people surrounding the seal and someone was trying to feed it sardines. On another occasion a reader told the *Neighb News* that someone was nudging the seal with his toe to see if it was alive. These types of encounters caused undue stress on the seal so it had to be removed for its own safety. LEFT: The seal on the beach on Goulart Memorial Drive on Saturday, 3/30. Photo courtesy of Chris David. RIGHT: The seal on the Causeway Road beach on West Island, north side on Saturday,

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Fire destroys garage on Magnolia Avenue

Fairhaven Fire Dept. Press Release

At 11:19 a.m. on April 2, the Fairhaven Fire department received a report via 911 of a garage fire at 8 Magnolia Ave.

Two Engines, one Ladder, an Ambulance and various support apparatus responded. Upon arrival, units found a 20x20 detached garage

fully involved in fire.

The fire was so intense that it extended to and involved the residential home. Two automobiles and a boat also caught fire due to heat exposure.

There were several residents home at the time of the fire.

The fire was extinguished in 30 minutes and units remained on scene for an additional hour.

Mutual aid from Acushnet responded to the fire and units from New Bedford and Mattapoisett covered Fairhaven Fire Station. There were no reported injuries to residents or firefighters. The cause of the fire is under investigation, and damage was estimated at \$75,000.

As of press time the cause of the fire remained "undetermined," according to Fairhaven Fire Chief Timothy Francis.



ABOVE & LEFT: A fire at 8 Magnolia Avenue in Fairhaven completely destroys a garage and also ignites the home. Photos courtesy of Bruce Bettencourt.

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Entertainment With Instruments Thursday, April 23, 2:30 p.m. Join our family as we enjoy an afternoon of entertainment with Frank Noonan and the musical instruments that he enjoys playing. RSVP by April 24.

Dementia and Alzheimer's Support Group Tuesdays, 4/14, /12, 6/9, from 3-4 p.m.



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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Penny Sale

Parents and friends of Holy Family-Holy Name School will be sponsoring our 23rd annual Penny Sale on **Sat., 4/11 at Holy Name Center, 121 Mt. Pleasant St., New Bedford. Doors will open at 5:00 PM** and food will be served all evening. For more information or directions, call 508-993-3547.

Come and buy some tickets and take a chance on winning one of the 250 individual prizes being raffled off! They range from household items to children's toys to gift certificates. There's even a full kitchen to enjoy supper or some snacks while you play. At the end of the evening, the grand finale is our MEGA Raffle! Always a crowd pleaser! Please make plans to attend this exciting event with your entire family.

FIA Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner and Meeting of the Fairhaven Improvement Association will be held on **Tues., 4/14, 2015 at the Wamsutta Club, 427 County St., New Bedford. Members, guests, and the community are invited to attend. Cocktails will begin at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Dinner choices include Petite Filet Mignon (\$32); Chicken Kiev (\$27); Baked Scrod (\$27); or Chicken Caesar Salad (\$16).** This year's Outstanding Service Awards will go to Kyle Bueno, Jevon Malcom and Marc Robillard.

The evening will also feature a presentation by FIA members Diane Lopes and Linda Meredith who will bring the early years of the FIA to life with a presentation entitled "Excerpts from Our Early Archives."

Contact Sheryl Aguiar at 508-971-9662 for reservations and questions.

AHA! Night

Just in time for Earth Day, AHA! celebrates our "Sustainable SouthCoast" on **April 9.** For details visit www.ahanewbedford.org

Shrink Your Footprint

Now in its eighth year, the Shrink Your Footprint Fair features vendors and exhibits for the whole family on how to live an economically healthy and environmentally friendly lifestyle

From 6 to 8 p.m., on Thurs., 4/9, at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill.

Twenty-five vendors and exhi-

bitors and a special spoken word performance by Erik Andrade La Soul Renaissance.

Earth Eve Parade

Celebrate Earth Eve on **AHA! Night, Thurs. 4/9, at 5 pm.** Join our Eco-Float Procession! Make your earth day statement and experience the fun! An eco-float is anything that a person or group can wear, roll or carry along the procession route. The only requirements are that it must not use fossil fuels, it must honor the Earth, and it must be mindful of the 3R's: reduce, reuse and recycle.

Gather at 5:00pm at Market Street next to the Library for the crowning of Mother Earth and Father Ocean, who will then lead the procession through the downtown historic district, along Acushnet Avenue and Pleasant Street with a quick stop for review, then return to Market Street. Please be aware that the procession passes over cobblestone streets, and takes place rain or shine!

Sailing Trip Talk

Once Around the Atlantic: 10 a.m., Sat. 4/11 at Low Tide Yacht Club Clubhouse, 1000 B So Rodney French Blvd, Ft Rodman Park, New Bedford.

Victor Pinheiro will present his voyage across the Atlantic with ports in Madeira, Azores, Canaries and Caribbean before returning to New Bedford. Approximately 45 minutes. Coffee, juice, muffins and donuts provided by LuzoAuto Center. Members, guests, and public are invited to the LTYC Club House. **A suggested donation of \$5.00 will be collected at the door for LTYC.**

Smoothie F-R

On Thurs., 4/16, visit Tropical Smoothies on Faunce Corner Rd. in N. Dartmouth from 4 to 8 p.m. to benefit the Low Tide Yacht Club in New Bedford. Visit www.lowtideyc.org/

Paint with a Splash

The New Bedford Whaling Museum, and Painting with a Splash invite children ages five and up to a painting class at the Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford. The class will include step-by-step instructions, children's snacks, a little music and a lot of fun! The class will take place on **Sat., 4/11, at 10:30 a.m.**

The class will be led by artists from Painting with a Splash. Kids will create their very own masterpiece painting to take home. No experience necessary!

Registration is \$30 and includes all supplies, juice boxes and snacks. Pre-registration is recommended as space is limited. Call 508-997-0046 x100 or visit www.whalingmuseum.org to sign up today!

Urgent Care for 12+

The Greater New Bedford Community Health Center has announced that its Urgent Care Department is now providing additional services to include adults and children ages 12 and up. No appointment is needed.

The Urgent Care Department is staffed by physicians who are board certified in Emergency Medicine and Internal Medicine. On-site laboratory and radiology services are available. The Urgent Care Department hours are 7:00 am to 7:00 pm Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm on Saturday, and 8:00 am to 2:00 pm on Sundays, at 874 Purchase Street, New Bedford; visit www.gnbchc.org.

Your Theatre Scholarships

Your Theatre, Inc. is now accepting applications for its 2015 Mary A. Smith Scholarship. The \$750 scholarship is awarded annually to students demonstrating a talent and desire to pursue a career in the Performing arts. The scholarship was established in memory of the late Mary A. Smith, founder of Your Theatre and mentor to many talented young people.

Candidates must be high school seniors graduating at the completion of the 2014-2015 school year. The scholarship is open to graduating students from: Bishop Stang HS, Dartmouth HS, New Bedford HS, GNBRV HS, Fairhaven HS and Old Rochester Regional HS.

The deadline for the application is May 4, 2015. Applicants will be scheduled for an interview with the scholarship committee in mid-May. For an application contact the high school Guidance Office, call the theatre at 508 993 0772 or visit the YTI web site www.yourtheatre.org.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Caregiver Seminar

The SE MA Alzheimer's Partnership is offering four seminars for caregivers in a variety of locations for the public's convenience. If you are currently a caregiver, or expect to be in the future, this program will provide you with the tools to handle the demands of this responsibility.

- **April 9, 6:30 P.M.** at Good Shepherd Church, 1598 South Main St., Fall River (RSVP to Jane Sullivan at (508)679-0535 or jelslaw@aol.com)
- **May 3, 12 noon** at St. Andrew the Apostle Church, 19 Kilmer Ave., Taunton (RSVP to Phoebe Worcester at (508)822-9200 or pcworchester@gmail.com)

Dinner Dance

On Sun., 4/26, from 3-7 p.m. at VFW, Post 6643, 89 Middleboro Road. E Freetown. Complete turkey dinner with all the fixin's, and dancing with Ray-J.

Tickets: \$15, at the bar, or call 774-328-6936. **Get tickets before 4/20**

Author reading

Come to the **Acushnet Council on Aging at 59½ South Main St., Acushnet, on Fri., 4/10, at 6 p.m.** to hear Edward Lodi talk about his latest book, *The Angel of Hadley: A Legend of King Philip's War and the Strange History Behind It*. He gives a brief account of the Indian attack on Hadley in 1675, when a mysterious stranger suddenly appeared to save the day, then just as suddenly vanished. Although the settlers believed that he was an emissary sent by God, in reality he was the regicide William Goffe, one of the judges who in 1649 condemned King Charles I to death.

Lodi describes Goffe's adventures in Boston and New Haven. Hiding in cellars and caves, he and his father-in-law Edward Whalley had many narrow escapes. The talk is free and sponsored by the Friends of the Acushnet Public Library. For more information contact the library at (508) 998-0270.

Volunteer Training

The Recruitment, Training and Support Center (RTSC) for Special Education Surrogate Parents (SESPs), a project of the Federation for

Children with Special Needs, will host a free orientation for Massachusetts residents interested in helping local students succeed in schools. **The training will be held on Wed., 4/15, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Attleboro Public Library, 74 N Main St, Attleboro, MA 02703.** There is a high need for volunteers in southern and southeastern Massachusetts.

Special Education Surrogate Parents volunteer to make special educational decisions for students in the care of a state agency, whose parents are unknown or unable to be located. Federal education law requires a student's parents or guardians to be included in the special education decision-making process. However, children in state custody may not have anyone to fill that role.

Volunteers will learn who our students are and how they can help them, using their specific skills and knowledge of special education procedures. This three-hour training session will also cover childhood neurological trauma and its effect on learning and relationships.

Registration required. Contact Hannah at hstallkamp@fcsn.org or 617-399-8342 to sign up for orientation or to request more information about the program. You can also register online at <http://fcsn.org/rtsc/events/>.

Rommage Sale

The Acushnet-Wesley United Methodist Church, 67 Main St., Acushnet, will hold its annual rummage and bake sale on Fri., 4/17, from 5:30-8 p.m. and Sat., 4/18, from 9 a.m.-noon.

Clothing for men, women and children, books, toys, household items and homemade baked goods.

Sexual Viol. Play

What Happens When, devised by Charlotte Meehan with a group of Wheaton College students, began with a grant from the Department of Justice to develop interventions into sexual assault on college campuses. An interdisciplinary team of faculty and staff decided to use theatre as one means of educating students—and the entire campus community—to the complex issues surrounding sexual misconduct and assault.

What Happens When, a multimedia montage of scenarios revolving around the before-and-after moments of sexual encounters in campus life, darts back and forth between early childhood and present day to shed light on misunderstandings that persist, discussion that needs to increase, and violence that must stop.

Tickets: \$10 general, \$5 with a Wheaton ID & seniors. Box office: 508-286-3575 or boxoffice@wheatoncollege.edu. Thurs-Sat., 4/9 to 11 at 8:00 p.m., April 16-18 at 8:00 p.m., Sundays, April 12 and April 19 at 2:00 p.m. Wheaton College, Weber Theatre, Watson Fine Arts, 26 East Main Street, Norton, MA 02766

Children's Auditions

Ocean State Theatre Company announces Open Children's Auditions for its 2015 summer production of *Gypsy*. Needed are:

June: Strong female actor/dancer/singer who can believably be a "child superstar." Must be less than 58" tall and should look no older than 8 years.

Louise: strong female actor/singer. Must be less than 59" tall and should look no older than 10 years old.

Balloon Girl: One strong female actor/dancer/singer who can understudy both June and Louise and the newsboys. Must be less than 60" tall and should look no older than 10 years old.

Newsboys: Up to four male singer/dancers with tons of charisma. Must be less than 60" tall and should look no older than 12 years old.

Auditions for all roles will be held on: **Fri., 10/10 from 3-6 p.m. and Sat., 10/11 from 9 a.m.-12 noon at Ocean State Theatre, 1245 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI 02886**

Additional information available at www.OceanStateTheatre.org.

Immigrants Day

Hundreds of Immigrants Join Together in Unity Tuesday, April 14 for "Immigrants Day at the State House," to support legislation and budget items under the theme "When We Unite, We Win." **In the Gardner Auditorium, Mass. State House, 24 Beacon St., Boston, MA 01233, on Tues., 4/14.** Participants should arrive at 9 a.m. to guarantee seating. Speaking program: 10:15 a.m.-Noon. Legislative visits: Noon - 2 p.m.

Recipe of the Week

Teriyaki Scallop and Spinach Salad

- 1T. Asian (dark) sesame oil
 - 1 1/2 pounds sea scallops
 - 1 T. Minced peeled ginger
 - 2 scallions, chopped
 - 1/2 c. orange juice
 - 1/4 c. teriyaki sauce
 - 2 T. honey
 - 8 c. baby spinach leaves
 - 1 small red bell pepper seeded and diced
 - 32 Japanese rice crackers
- Makes 4 Servings

Heat 2 t. of the oil in a very large nonstick skillet over Med-high heat. Add the scallops and cook until lightly browned on the outside and opaque in the center, 2-3 minutes on each side. Transfer to a plate and set aside.

Wipe out skillet with a paper towel, add the remaining 1 t. oil, and set over med-high heat. Add the ginger and scallions; cook, stirring till fragrant, 30 seconds. Add orange juice, teriyaki sauce, and honey; cook stirring until slightly thickened, 1 1/2-2 mins.

Divide the spinach among 4 plates. Top each plate evenly with the scallops and the bell pepper. Drizzle each salad with about 3T. of the orange mixture. Serve with the rice crackers (optional)

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Mr. Fairhaven contest this Friday

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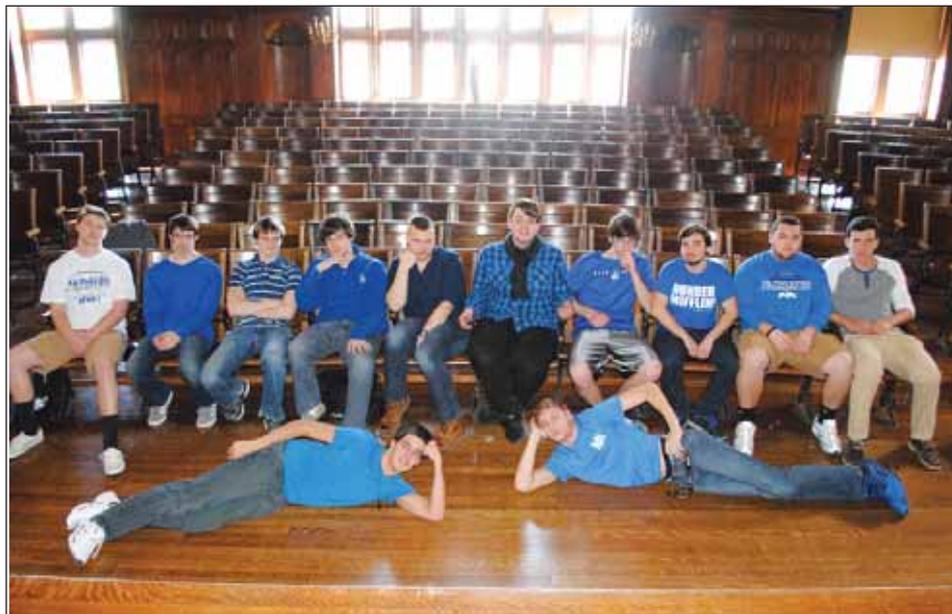
The FHS After Prom Committee is sponsoring the Mr. Fairhaven contest on **Friday, April 10 at 7:00PM in the FHS Performing Arts Center, Fairhaven High School.** This year twelve seniors are vying for the title of Mr. Fairhaven. They will compete in categories that include casual wear, beach wear, formal wear and talent. The winner will receive two prom tickets and a tuxedo rental courtesy of Main Street Formals, which has also generously provided tuxedos for the contestants to wear for the formal wear category.

The contestants include: Kenny Borges, Cam Charette, Andrew Dillon, Nick Doyle, Isaac Esposito, Grant Gadbois, Dereck Goff, Alec Golas, Robert Layport, Kris Moore, Ryan Roderick and Andrew Romano. Judges for the night are Michael Rock from FUN107, Donna McKenna from

the Fairhaven School Committee and Karen Ramsden from the FHS Staff.

Proceeds from the contest will benefit the FHS After Prom event, which provides a fun-filled alternative for students to attend free of charge from midnight to 5:00AM following the junior/senior prom. The After Prom event relies on fundraising and donations from the community to cover the cost of the event. Last year almost 300 students attended and the committee hopes to have as many turn out this year as well. After Prom is run by parent volunteers and takes place at Fairhaven High School where the students have many fun activities to keep them busy all night.

Tickets for the Mr. Fairhaven contest are \$10.00, will be sold in school during the week and will also be available at the door on the night of the show.



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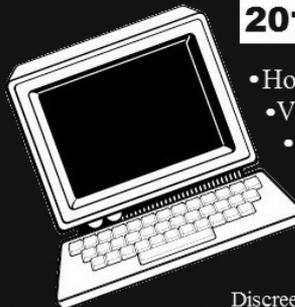
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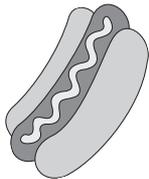
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Fairhaven ousts one incumbent, keeps BPW authority

By Beth David
Editor

On Monday, 4/6, Fairhaven voters chose by more than 2-1 not to gut the Board of Public Works of its authority. Voters also turned out Board of Health incumbent Barbara Acksen, but chose to return both School Committee incumbents. Town Clerk Eileen Lowney said 14% of the town's 10,667 registered voters turned out for the election.

The ballot question asked voters if the town should change the current BPW from an elected board with authority over the Department of Public Works to an elected advisory board, with decision-making power transferred to the new Town Administrator position. The measure failed 840 to 412.

The reorganization of the town, which now has an Executive Secretary model, was recommended by the Mass. Department of Revenue. Town Meeting voted for the BPW change, but a town-wide vote is required.

All three candidates for BPW spoke against the change to the board during the election.

After the votes were counted and announced on Monday night, candidates had a chance to address voters one last time on the Government Access channel, which ran live coverage from the Banquet Room at Town Hall.

Milling around the hallway before the cameras were turned on, Diane Hahn, who lost her bid for a seat on the School Committee against two incumbents, said she was "very glad the message is out there."

She said she would continue to be an advocate for special needs students and promised to continue to try to close the achievement gap.

"We must never be ashamed to speak publicly about our children's differences," said Ms. Hahn when she had her turn at the microphone.

She also thanked her two sons for allowing her to use their stories, and thanked the 542 people who voted for her.

"I may not have a seat at the table but I will be your voice at the podium," said Ms. Hahn. "I will be your eyes and ears. I will be back next year. I hope that you will be with me."

It was her second bid for SC.

"I'm very happy," said incumbent

Colin Veitch, who has won and lost bids for School Committee in recent years. "I think the committee is moving in a good direction and I'm glad to be a part of it.

Incumbent Donna McKenna, who received the most votes of the three candidates for SC, called the other committee members her "family" and said she looked forward to working with them.

"I will do the best job I can in the next three years," said Ms. McKenna.

She won the field with 952 votes; Mr. Veitch got 915; Ms. Hahn got 542.

Another contested race that garnered a bit of attention was the rematch between Barbara Acksen and Lindsay Gordon for a seat on the Board of Health. Ms. Acksen won that contest three years ago by a slim 40 votes. This year Ms. Gordon pulled out a landslide victory, 985 to 501.

Ms. Acksen said she was not surprised she lost.

"I had a small campaign," said Ms. Acksen. "They had an organized campaign including a Selectman. I thought I ran a good campaign. And you know, I'll be back."

In front of the camera, Ms. Acksen congratulated Ms. Gordon on the win and promised to be back.

Ms. Gordon took her seat to great



applause and thanked her husband and her campaign workers, including sitting BOH member Peter DeTerra.

"I'm so humbled and honored to serve the town," she said.

The BPW race also had a contest, with three people vying for two seats.

Incumbent Robert "Hoppy" Hobson, 74, joked about being the oldest candidate.

"I'm just happy to be here, and alive," he said, and promised that if he lived through the next three years, he would work towards getting a state-of-the-art recycling center, "Because we really need to do



ABOVE: Challenger Lindsay Gordon speaks to voters after winning a seat on the Fairhaven Board of Health, ousting incumbent Barbara Acksen. BELOW: Newcomer to politics Armen Migirdicyan gestures while addressing voters one last time after the election on Monday, 4/6. Photos by Beth David.

something about the mudhole."

Dan Freitas, a former member of the BPW, was top vote-getter in the BPW field.

He told voters that he did not feel that he ran against anyone, but felt that he ran with both Hoppy and newcomer Armen Migirdicyan.

He said they all wanted to keep the BPW with its current authority and he appreciated that.

A newcomer to Fairhaven politics, Mr. Migirdicyan told voters it was his first time running for office, but it would not be his last.

"My goal is to make the town the best it can be as long as I live here," he said.

He thanked the voters and said he was not expecting the number of votes he got.

In the BPW race, Mr. Freitas received 942 votes, Mr. Hobson received 782, and Mr. Migirdicyan received 475.

Selectboard incumbent Bob Espindola, who had no opposition, thanked his supporters, including those who voted for him in 2012, in a highly contested race with a field of four.

"Otherwise, I wouldn't be here tonight," said Mr. Espindola, and thanked everyone who ran in all the races.

A supporter of changing the BPW, Mr. Espindola said he always felt the town would be okay no matter which way the vote went.

"It was a very healthy debate," he

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Cold and rain don't stop hundreds from joining egg hunt



Hundreds of children, with their adults in tow, braved cold and wet weather on Saturday, 4/4, for the North Fairhaven Improvement Association's annual Easter Egg Hunt. TOP LEFT: Zach from Fairhaven Convenience and his family pose with the Easter Bunny. TOP MIDDLE: Children crowd around Fred Raphael to see if they won anything in the raffle. TOP RIGHT: Dahziyah Ashley shows the eggs she managed to find in the playground at Livesey Park. MIDDLE ROW, LEFT: Zach Nieuwenhuizen shows the army helicopter he won in the raffle. MIDDLE ROW, MIDDLE: This little tyke won a Teddy Bear bigger than him. MIDDLE ROW RIGHT: Goddess Gregg shows the art set she won in the raffle. ABOVE LEFT, L-R: Siblings Nevaeh, Miah and Josiah show that they found the coveted wooden eggs, and coincidentally got numbers 2, 3 and 4. The wooden eggs get traded in for the better raffle items. ABOVE RIGHT: These three siblings are practicing with hot chocolate for their coffee visits when they grow up. *Photos by Beth David. See more at www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews*

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Relaxed Flow yoga program at 10 a.m. on Wednesdays, until 11:15 Drop in and join the gang!! **\$7.00 for members and \$10 for non-members**, you don't have to be from Fairhaven to join in

Babysitting Class

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Entertainment

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Special Activities

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Needed to transport Senior Citizen to and from medical appointments. If you are interested in helping out please come into the Fairhaven Senior Center and fill out a application or call for more information at 508-979-4029.

Single Seniors

The Single Senior Supper Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month for a nice meal and conversation. If you are a single senior 60 and over and would like to attend please call the Senior Center to sign up by the Friday before the event. A \$3.00 donation is suggested.

Southcoast LGBT

The South Coast LGBT Seniors (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month for a nice meal and friendship for seniors 60 and older. Please call the senior center to sign up by the Friday before the event. A \$3.00 donation is suggested.

Sewing Circle

The sewing Circle group will meet will meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Do you want to learn to sew or maybe do a

little quilting? Join us at the Fairhaven Senior Center and meet Debbie as she shares her sewing expertise.

Cops 'n Donuts

At the Fairhaven Senior Center with Det. Janice Bubluski, Elder Safety Office in Fairhaven. She has some important messages to share. Come and enjoy a cup of coffee and have a donut of course. please call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029 for the next date.

Meditation Class

Starting up Wednesday, March 4, from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. \$3.00 per class. Please call The Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029 for more information.

REMINDER

The May tax bills are due May 1st. The May bill was sent out with the February bill

Earth Day Expo

**Earth Day for Buzzards Bay Expo
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For more information, contact the Buzzards Bay Action Committee Director at your Town Hall. Or call Merilee at 508-998-0202.

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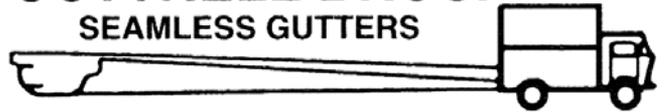
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Acushnet sees dismal voter turnout of less than 8%

By Beth David
Editor

Only 499 of 6956 registered voters went to the polls in Acushnet on Monday, 4/6. Just barely over 7%, the turnout is one of the lowest for an annual election, but not the worst. In 2012, an election that saw no contested races at all, only 268 people voted, according to Town Clerk Pamela Labonte.

In this year's race, the town had two contested races, both for School Committee.

Christopher Green took that race easily over incumbent John Howcroft,

272 to 219. Mr. Howcroft had been appointed to replace Mary Louise Francis who resigned to become superintendent at New Bedford High School.

The other School Committee race, for an unexpired term, has the potential for a recount, with Sarah Ann Gomes winning over Mary Louise Francis 238 to 233, a five vote margin. Ms. Francis had been appointed in August of 2014 to finish the term of Douglas Coray, who resigned.

Ms. Labonte said that she did not know if Ms. Francis would ask for a recount.

In other races, Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar was re-elected; Matthew Lopes was re-elected assessor; David Davignon was re-elected to the Board of Health; Ivo Almeida was re-elected Commissioner of Trust Funds; Planning Commissioner Philip Mello was re-elected; Paul Fortin was re-elected to the Cemetery Board; Jean Stripinis was re-elected Trustee of the Library, and Diane Ferreira was elected to that board; Chad Leclair was re-elected Park Commissioner; and Arthur Bergeron was re-elected to the Housing Authority.



Oops!

On April 4, this "wide load" took a tumble in the area of Middle Road and Peckham Road in Acushnet. Acushnet police posted this photo on its Facebook page. In an email, Chief Michael Alves said that Nathanyl Gomes of Nathanyl Gomes Construction of Acushnet was demolishing a house located at 18 Barksdale Lane. Ryan White of Acushnet was the tow truck operator and owner of White's Towing that dropped the partially demolished house on the road.

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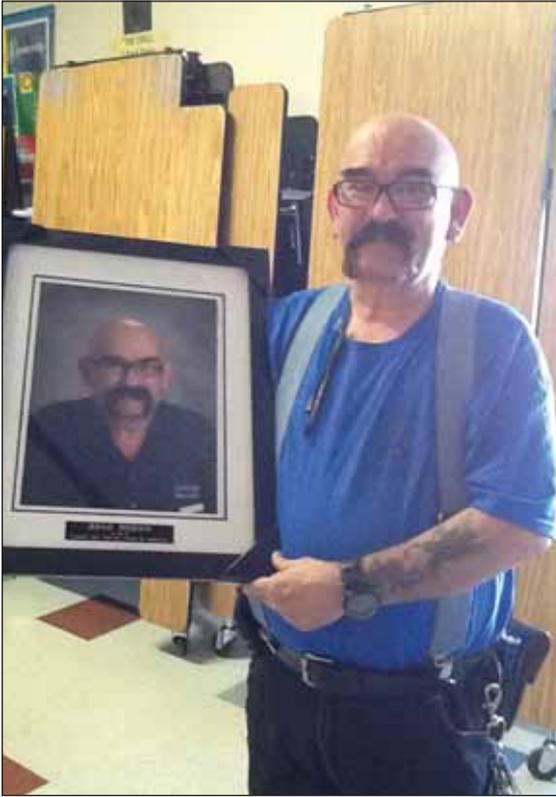
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Brad Brown retires



Brad Brown (LEFT), custodian at Hastings Middle School retired after 35 years of service in the Fairhaven Public School System. On his last day of school, Thursday, 4/2, teachers and staff, including superintendent of schools Robert Baldwin, got together to give him a good send-off. *Photos submitted.*

Bikeway Summit includes challenge from north shore

Press Release

Over 120 people came out to the 5th Annual South Coast Bikeway Alliance Summit held on March 26th at Whites of Westport.

Keynote Speaker Nicole Freedmen, a former Olympian and two-time national womens cycling champion, captivated the crowd with her wit and humor as she recounted the incredible work in Boston where she has been known as "The Boston Bicycle Czar."

Under her leadership, Boston has been transformed from a city known as one of the worst for bicyclists, to one of the higher ranking cities in the country.

State Representative Bill Straus provided an update on recent transportation legislation and Richard Fries of Mass. Bike continued the theme of "Building a Bike Culture" and concluded the evening by reading a challenge from a Bikeway Alliance north of Boston called "Bike to the Sea, Inc. (B2C)

The challenge read as follows:

"Bike to the Sea, an Alliance working to build a bike path through Malden, Saugus, Revere, Everett and

Lynn, recently learned about the South Coast Bikeway Challenge.

"We're excited. We're getting organized. We think we can beat the South Coast at its own game. We challenge team South Coast Bikeway to ride more miles per capita than team B2C.

"The prize is winner takes all. Each team will put together a bushel basket of our region's best food products. Once we've tallied the miles after Labor Day, the winning

team gets to enjoy it all at the Award Ceremony.

- Marshmallow Fluff (made in Lynn)
- Teddie's Peanut Butter (Everett)
- NECCO Wafers (Revere)
- Squirrel nut zippers (Revere) "

The South Coast Bikeway Alliance will be recruiting as many people as possible for this year's challenge, which begins May 1st and runs through September. And we need to decide: What will be in our basket? Stay tuned.



L-R: Mass. state representative William Straus addresses the SouthCoast Bikeway Summit at White's of Westport on March 26. Nicole Freedman gives the keynote address. *Photos submitted.*

From our readers

CAD Cells should not be allowed*

The state of Massachusetts is allowing the federal government to destroy beautiful New Bedford harbor and turn it into a toxic PCB waste dump subjecting local residents including children and the elderly to unmonitored air contamination.

The EPA only puts up air monitors every 2 weeks and takes them down after about 24 hours or less. When questioned about the lack of continuous adequate air monitoring the EPA's response is they don't keep them up because the monitors get stolen. This is a very poor and unacceptable excuse.

Property values have plummeted in the area. Some residents have started to experience health issues that may be attributed to this toxic environment. As brought out at the International Workshop on PCBs last year, ingesting even a small amount on a regular basis can build up to a much larger amount in the human body and cause health issues. PCBs are definite carcinogens, they don't degrade over time and can actually become more potent as they age.

In addition to PCBs, there is also DIOXIN, heavy metals, pesticides and other toxic chemicals. Exposure to a combination of toxic chemicals is far more lethal than exposure to each chemical separately. One chemical combined with another can make the potency stronger.

As a Fairhaven resident and tax paying voter, I find it incomprehensible that Massachusetts would allow the burying of PCBs in massive quantities, 300,000 cubic yards of PCBs, adjacent to a residential neighborhood. The EPA did not consider the two most sensitive populations to PCB exposure which are pregnant women and children in their assessment.

The EPA has received a significant settlement, \$366,250,000.00 plus interest, from the pollution perpetrator and they have chosen to dredge the harbor, dig up the contaminants, then dig a big hole, called a C.A.D. cell, and rebury PCBs right back into the same harbor. The mechanical dredge process the EPA will use for this CAD cell project in New Bedford Harbor, lifts the toxic chemicals up and out of the water causing some of the PCBs and other

toxic chemicals to become airborne. This is unacceptable.

Governor Chris Christie didn't allow CAD cells to be used in the state of New Jersey.*

The plans to use CAD Cells were made for a previous level of funding from Superfund money which was only \$15 million a year. Why won't the EPA apply monies from the \$366+ million to remove the PCBs to an off-site approved landfill that would be safer for the public?

In the past, community groups have worked against the EPA, who had initially planned to incinerate PCBs near the shoreline in New Bedford. The court finally stopped the EPA's incineration plan. After that, a full scale, hydraulic dredging in the upper harbor of the Acushnet River, began in September of 2004 with PCB sediments brought to an off-site TSCA approved landfill in Michigan.

I invite you to visit New Bedford harbor, and see for yourself first hand the destruction that is taking place and affecting the people of Fairhaven and surrounding areas.

Susan Grace, Fairhaven

PCBs should be removed not buried**

We have lived in Fairhaven for 50 years and are acutely aware of the current and potential health hazards the Town, State and Federal Government under the leadership of the EPA have foisted upon our community known as "Oxford Village."

Attached* is artist Dorothy Renfree's rendering of our village, a proud and quaint historic neighborhood overlooking the Acushnet River where whaling ships were once built. Now, just yards away from our shoreline, is a potential waste dump for the containment of Acushnet River PCBs in CAD cells (unlined burial holes) in the New Bedford/Fairhaven harbor.

How many CAD cells are contemplated for the future we do not know — perhaps only when the money runs out! The CAD cells that are presently being dug are not scheduled to be capped for two years, leaving the tides, currents, winds, and commercial vessels time to stir up the sediment, which will most likely end up back in the river...some cleanup!

We are also left to deal with the

airborne exposure to known carcinogens during the one-year dredging and placement phase of 300,000 cubic yards of PCB contaminated sediment scheduled to begin in November 2015 with no air monitors adequately placed to alert us when it is unhealthy to step outside!

Our Town officials apparently are unwilling to address the health issues with the EPA. Wasn't the Environmental Protection Agency formed to protect the citizens of this country against potential environmental health hazards such as we face today with this CAD cell project?

The EPA has slated our area as the "model" for this type of project in a residential area, since CAD cells have not been placed in populated urban areas in any other location in the United States of America.

We reference the letters attached* and agree and applaud Governor Chris Christie, who took affirmative action to prevent the creation of CAD cells in his state of New Jersey with a recommended remediation plan for offsite treatment and disposal of contaminated sediments in the Passaic River.

Many might remember that the Hands Across the River Coalition won a court injunction against the EPA in the 1990s for using incineration to burn PCBs in the upper harbor, which would have created deadly dioxin exposure to residents in our area. The court stopped them. To learn more about this issue visit Hands Across the River Coalition on Facebook or contact harcgnb@gmail.com.

*William and Catherine Potter,
Fairhaven*

**Editor's note: Visit our website at www.NeighbNews.com to download the letters and the art print (used with permission).*

***The EPA is holding a public meeting on the PCB cleanup on Thursday, 4/23, from 6:00-7:45 p.m. at the New Bedford Public Library's Howland-Green Branch, 3 Rodney French Blvd.*

Selectboard should appoint interim Town Administrator

Now that the dust has settled and the VOTERS of Fairhaven have spoken to retain the BPW (Board of Public Works). The [Fairhaven Selectboard] should now after five

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Notice of Public Hearing Street Acceptance

Notice is hereby given that it is the intention of the Selectmen to accept the layout of Welcome Street and being shown on a plan titled "WELCOME STREET" and "REMAINING PORTION OF ERIN'S WAY (FORMERLY HOWARD STREET) TO BE COMBINED WITH WELCOME STREET" on a plan entitled, "Roadway Acceptance Plan", dated March 16, 2015, prepared by Prime Engineering Inc; and accept the Storm Drainage Lot 1 being shown on a plan entitled, "Definitive Subdivision Plan of "Mariner Estates", Located in Fairhaven, Massachusetts, Prepared for Island Associates, Dated: August 19, 2005, Revised: June 29, 2007", on file at the Bristol County Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 161 - Page 96. It is the intention of the Selectmen to lay out said area as a town way and they will meet in the Banquet Room at Town Hall, 40 Center Street, on Tuesday, April 14 at 8 PM to hear interested parties. Copies of the plan are on File in the Town Clerk's Office.

Robert J. Espindola, Chairman Board of Selectmen

Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on April 27, 2015 at 6:30 P.M. in the Fairhaven Town Hall. Purpose is for the Request for Determination of the following matters as required by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131 Section 40 as amended.

- Request for Determination Applicant Daniel J. Wood Location 7 Causeway Road Plot 43A lot 45-46 Purpose install 12'x16' shed on foundation within a VE flood zone.
- Request for Determination Applicant Raymond O Robitaille Location 10 James Street Plot 02 Lot 134 Purpose reconstruct existing porch and driveway with a VE flood zone.
- Notice of Intent Applicant Paul Downey Mill Bridge Holdings LLC 200 Mill Road Plot 36 Lot 11A Purpose expand parking lot within the 100' buffer zone to BWW.

Jay Simmons Chairman,
Fairhaven Conservation Commission

ELECTION: cont'd fro page 12 said, adding that the voters gave officials "firm direction."

He also said that next year, he would like to see more contested races.

As a parting shot, Mr. Hobson said he was "disappointed nobody from the Government Study Committee showed up."

The GSC spearheaded the effort to change the BPW's authority.

The Fairhaven Housing Authority also had a contested race, although you would never know it by the candidates. Neither one of them attended any of the three candidate nights, nor did they take advantage of the free publicity offered by the *Neighb News*. They also did not go to town hall on election night. In that

race, Paul Days won 928 to 268 over Edward Dorschied, vying for an open seat.

In other uncontested races, Planning Board incumbents Rene Fleurent and Wayne Hayward were re-elected; moderator incumbent Mark Sylvia was re-elected; and Brian Bowcock was elected Tree Warden.

Commissioner of Trust Funds had one open seat and no name on the ballot, and an open seat for an unexpired term on the Planning Board also had no name on the ballot. Ann Richard, who had been appointed to the seat, ran a write-in campaign.

The Fairhaven Town Clerk did not respond by press time about those two races.

Fairhaven Meetings

Board of Appeals

Tues., 5/5, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Health

Mon., 4/13, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 4/27, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs, 4/9, 5 Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Thurs., 4/16, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Government Study Comm.

Thurs., 4/9, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Marine Resources

Wed., 4/15, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 4/28, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Precinct Meetings

Wed., 4/29, Hastings MS Caf., 6:30 p.

School Committee

Wed., 4/29, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 4/14, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Town Meeting

Sat., 5/2, Hastings MS, 9 a.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Conservation Comm

Wed., 4/22, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m

Finance Committee

Wed., 4/15, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 4/13, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

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Friday	10	0041	1313	0553	1807
Saturday	11	0139	1410	0652	1913
Sunday	12	0236	1507	0802	2027
Monday	13	0334	1609	0908	2136
Tuesday	14	0439	1714	1013	2249
Wednesday	15	0543	1812	1119*	2359*
Thursday	16	0637	1901	----	1216*
Friday	17	0725	1948	0056*	1305*
Saturday	18	0812	2036	0150*	1354*

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months appoint an interim TA (Town Administrator) to start the process of moving the Town in a new direction.

Laying the foundation now for our future TA is critical to the success of the position. No doubt Mr. Osuch is the perfect person in place to start this process.

Going forward the Select Board MUST adhere to the qualifications put forth in the article for this position. Hiring an insider behind the back door of Fairhaven politics will just put us further behind.

I would question the Select Board's ability if they did so!!!

The new TA will need to be qualified in Human Resources and having the ability to deal with people on all levels. This I believe is one of many strong points he or she will need. We do not need a person with an over-bearing personality who will play to the camera.

The overall background of having prior experience in a TA position or assistant from another community would be the right move.

Fairhaven is on the cusp of change for the future and what that may be. I

challenge the Select Board to dare to be different.

Steve Riley, Fairhaven

Headlight use mandatory

Use of Headlights – MGL c.85 s.15.

The State Police, along with the MassDOT Registry of Motor Vehicles and Highway Divisions, are advising motorists of a new law taking effect on April 7, 2015 requiring the use of headlights and taillights on motor vehicles during inclement weather and when windshield wipers are in use. The law is intended to increase safety and visibility of vehicles on the Commonwealth's roadway.

The changes to Mass General Law Chapter 85, Section 15, signed into law in January, require that front and rear motor vehicle lights be activated in all of the following conditions:

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