



Fairhaven Neighborhood News

A **FREE!** publication of all things Fairhaven
Including event listings from Cape Cod to RI



The little paper
with a big voice!

Volume 10, Issue 15 • April 16, 2015

Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Whatever shall we do with them?



L-R: The Rogers and Oxford school buildings are empty and decaying as town officials try to find the right fit for each building. A Request for Proposals yielded only one response for each building (see page 12). The Selectboard decided to reject both proposals (see page 4) and start over again. The board will draft a new RFP with different requirements. Photos by Beth David.



Get the free mobile app at
<http://gettag.mobi>

- **Selectboard:** Page 4
- **Acushnet:** Page 16

Also Inside:

- **Appeals Board:** Page 13
- **Rocket Club advances:** Page 13

From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Lots of good stuff for you this week.

On page 13 there's a story on the last Zoning Board of Appeals meeting. Please take note of a trend I've noticed and have mentioned once or twice. But this time it was so obvious. One of the members actually started whispering during the meeting, during a public hearing. A public hearing. PUBLIC, HEARING. Those words mean that the public....should (get ready for it)...hear what's going on.

It is NOT okay for board members to turn their heads away and whisper so that the public cannot hear what they are saying.

So....cut it out.

On another note...

West Island is getting a convenience store. And the Selectboard approved a wine and beer license for it, too (see page 4).

Lots of people showed up at the meeting, some to complain, some to speak in support of it.

I live on West Island, so no matter which side I take, I'm going to get a neighbor or two unhappy with me.

It's times like these that a smart reporter, a good editor, and a thoughtful publisher would just keep her opinions to herself.

And I am all of those things and more, am I not? But, whatever, I'm not gonna do that.

The very first call I got was from someone who said it would ruin the "character" of the island. I'm not sure what that means. It's not a Home Depot, it's a convenience store, and there used to be one there a long time ago. I bet I went there when I was a kid.

The problem I have with it now is much more serious. Y'see, people on West Island have a tendency to think we're our own little kingdom over here. We ARE on an island, after all, and that really does make us special (well, it makes our houses special anyway).

The biggest problem I see with this thing is that I may not have to leave the island for days, and days, and even more days.

Think about it: I work from home; my beach fix is just a few blocks away; I have a 338-acre wildlife reserve a few blocks away (for my hiking fix), and that leads to another beach (for another beach fix).

I can fish, quahog, jog (okay, I don't jog), ride my bike, get food, get groceries, and even beer and wine. He's going to carry bread and eggs and butter and cream. This is a problem.

And I will not be alone in this dilemma.

WE'LL NEVER HAVE TO LEAVE!

Think of it: A whole bunch of West Islanders, able to shun civilization for days, even weeks at a time.

We may never shower again.

Why bother if we're only walking up the street to

cont'd next page



Beth David, Publisher

Fairhaven Neighborhood News

Volume 10, Issue 15
Thursday, April 16, 2015
Copyright 2015 Elizabeth A. David

Editor: Beth David
News Correspondents/Photographers: Michael Smith,
Samantha Wunschel

Published weekly on Thursdays by
Fairhaven Neighborhood News, LLC, at
166 Dogwood Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719
NeighNews@comcast.net
www.NeighbNews.com
508-979-5593 • Fax: 508-991-5580

Contributions: The *Neighb News* accepts press releases, editorial contributions and letters to the editor at the above address; by email with copy in the body of the email, not as an attachment. If mailed by USPS or faxed, editorial must be typewritten, 500 words or fewer. Unfortunately, The *Neighb News* is not able to pay money for contributions at this time. Contributors agree, by virtue of their submissions, to grant The *Fairhaven Neighborhood News, LLC*, the right to publish submissions in print and online. Contributors also verify, by virtue of their submissions, that they own the right to publish the work submitted. Any claims of copyright infringement will be referred to the contributor, who will also be responsible for any and all costs associated with said claims.

Advertising: Call or write for rate card and sample issue or visit our website at www.NeighbNews.com.

The *Fairhaven Neighborhood News, LLC*, reserves the right to refuse advertising and editorial for any reason. The *Neighb News* will not assume any liability, financial or otherwise, for errors in ads or in editorial content submitted by contributors. The *Neighb News* will run a correction on the inside front cover to rectify any misprints or errors in the previous week's issue. Readers, advertisers, and writers are responsible for notifying The *Neighb News* of any inconsistencies or errors in the paper. Advertisers are responsible for all claims made in their ads. The *Neighb News* is not be liable in any way for claims made by advertisers. Advertisers are responsible for their own content. We will, to the extent reasonable, try to verify any claims that seem unreasonable or unlikely to be true. Readers are encouraged to report any problems with our advertisers.

Subscriptions are available for 6 months (24 issues) or one year (48 issues) at \$1.75 per issue for a total of \$42.00 or \$84.00 respectively. Also available for free online at www.neighnews.com, www.northfairhaven.org, www.westisland-ma.com. For free email subscription, send to NeighbNews@comcast.net and include your first and last name.

Copyright 2015 Elizabeth A. David

Contents

Acushnet Selectboard.....	16
Classifieds	21
COVER: Rogers & Oxford RPF responses	12
Election follow-up.....	3
Fairhaven Board of Appeals.....	13
Fairhaven Selectboard.....	4
FHS rocket team advances to nationals	13
Happenings	5, 8, 9
Legal Notices/Public Hearings.....	
Letter from the editor.....	2
Letters to the editor.....	20
Recipe of the week	10
Recreation Center this week.....	14
Senior Center this week	14
Tides	21
Upcoming meetings/Fairhaven & Acushnet	21

CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

cont'd from previous page

grab a six-pack or a Merlot?

I'll bet he's even going to carry bait.

I'll bet he carries sunscreen and sunglasses and beach towels and visors and water toys and penny candy and soda and barbecue stuff.

He might even have coffee and donuts on a Sunday.

WE'LL NEVER HAVE TO LEAVE!

Heaven help us if he starts carrying good beach books.

WE'LL NEVER HAVE TO LEAVE!

In his twisted attempt to be customer-oriented, he even said we should ask him if there's anything we want and he'll look into it.

That sounds all well and good, but...**WE'LL NEVER HAVE TO LEAVE!**

If he puts a Citizens Bank ATM there, I'm doomed.

Doomed I

tell you,

DOOMED!

Third Annual Cherry Blossom Festival coming up soon

The Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society and the Fairhaven Colonial Club will hold the third annual Japanese Cherry Blossom Festival on Sunday, May 3, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Cooke Memorial Park, Fairhaven (corner of Cherry and Pilgrim Streets).

Features Bento picnic box lunch (no raw items), names written in Japanese (free), origami (paper-folding) instructions, green tea and cherry cheese cakes, bonsai, quilt & kimono displays, Japanese taiko

drumming and kempo karate, raffle & sale of Japanese items.

Also featuring tours of Fairhaven Colonial Club and Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Museum. **Tickets (limited number): \$20/adult, \$10/child (under 12).** To reserve tickets: call Gerry at 508-995-1219 or e-mail: Gerry@WMFriendshipHouse.org

Sponsored by: the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society and the Fairhaven Colonial Club

To learn more about the WMFS visit <http://whitfield-manjiro.org/>

Election Update

In last week's issue, we did not have final numbers for two races in the April 6 election.

There was no candidate for Commissioner of Trust Funds. Incumbent Gail Isaksen did not indicate if she was running a write-in campaign and no one attended the candidates nights seeking the position.

In an upset, newcomer Coleen Silvia received 27 write-in votes, beating out Ms. Isaksen who received 18.

A seat on the Planning Board for an unexpired term also had no name on the ballot. Ann Richard, who was appointed to fill the seat, won with a write-in campaign. She received 32 votes, which beat out the nine votes received by Armen Migirdicyan.

Progress is a nice word. But change is its motivator. And change has its enemies.

Robert Kennedy

You're another year closer to retirement. Are you saving enough? Let's find out.

Personalized investment strategies and recommendations tailored to your unique financial situation, lifetime goals and dreams.

At Buzzards Bay Financial Planning, we offer one-on-one, comprehensive financial guidance from a financial advisor who takes the time to get to know you. Experience more time for yourself while we help you keep your investment plans on track.

Plan today for the security and freedom you desire for tomorrow. Call for a complimentary and confidential financial planning consultation.



Jeffrey D. Moore, RFC®, LUTCF
Financial Advisor
47 North Second Street, 3rd Floor
New Bedford, MA 02740
Office: 774-328-9106
Fax: 774-202-6073

jmoore@buzzardsbayfinancialplanning.com
www.buzzardsbayfinancialplanning.com



Buzzards Bay Financial Planning
Charting Your Course to Financial Security

Retirement & Income Planning • Insurance Planning • Investment Management

An unbiased, straightforward approach and exceptional, 5-Star Service every day.

Securities offered through Investors Capital Corporation, Member FINRA/SIPC, 6 Kimball Lane, Lynnfield, MA 01940, 800-949-1422. Advisory services offered through Investors Capital Advisory.

**COLDWELL
BANKER**

HOPPS REALTY GROUP

www.hoppsrealtygroup.com



**Buying? Selling? Renting?
Call Vanessa at (508) 965-9385**
Fairhaven Resident and
Real Estate Agent

Wayne

Electric & Alarms

508-997-5600 508-758-3068

www.walarms.com

24-Hour UL-Listed Monitoring Service

Security Systems • Fire Alarms

Closed Circuit Television • Card Access

Serving Bristol & Plymouth Counties for over 35 years

Selectboard approves West Island store; rejects RFP responses

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard decided to reject both proposals submitted for the Rogers and Oxford school buildings. At its meeting on Tuesday, 4/14, the board decided that the Oxford proposal would not be a good fit for the neighborhood, and that the Rogers proposal did not meet the requirements of the RFP.

Stratford Capital Group has proposed a 50-unit affordable housing complex for the Oxford building in North Fairhaven and has offered \$325,000 for the building appraised at \$285,000. Eric Dawicki, owner of Northeast Maritime Institute, offered \$1 for the Rogers building, which was also appraised at \$285,000.

After hearing from both developers and the public at a meeting on 4/8 (see page 12), the board waited to make a decision.

Selectboard member Charles Murphy, who had made it clear in the past that he did not favor either proposal, said that if the town is going to accept \$1 for a building, then the RFP should indicate that. He said he felt that other organizations may have responded to the RFP if they had known a low bid would be seriously considered. And maybe those proposals would be better for the neighborhood.

"What I mean, basically, is I want the bang for the buck," said Mr. Murphy.

Lindsay Gordon supported that sentiment, saying she was on the board of an organization that looked at the RFP and decided not to submit because of the asking price.

Mr. Murphy also spoke against the Oxford building proposal, saying that regardless of any traffic studies that might be done, an additional 80 cars would snarl traffic.

He said North Fairhaven had enough large apartment buildings.

Board member Bob Espindola said he still felt that the board could negotiate the sticking points with the developers. He cautioned that the two buildings could be sitting for eight or nine years and decaying more with each passing year.

He also said a developer could create a 40B affordable housing complex. Chapter 40B allows developers to ignore local zoning if the units are low-income.

Speaking about the Rogers proposal first, Mr. Espindola suggested that the board negotiate with Mr. Dawicki in executive session.

Selectboard Chairperson Geoffrey Haworth said he had "severe concerns"

about the Rogers proposal beyond the \$1 price. He said there was no timeline, there was very little detail and no financial disclosure.

He also noted that Mr. Dawicki did not provide any new information when asked to by the board.

"I'm not comfortable moving forward on that proposal," he said.

The board voted not to accept the Dawicki proposal for the Rogers school building.

As for the Oxford proposal, Mr. Espindola, who had supported it in the past, said that if the board was going to be against housing in the building, it should say so in the RFP.

Mr. Haworth and Mr. Murphy both said that was not the case, that they had problems with the specific proposal.

"My concern is the long term expense of the property," said Mr. Haworth, referring to the developer's request to pay \$7,500 annually in lieu of taxes.

What I mean, basically, is I want the bang for the buck [Charles Murphy]

"It doesn't work for me. It doesn't work for the community," said Mr. Haworth.

Mr. Espindola gave it one more try, advocating to negotiate, but Mr. Haworth was firm.

He said the same two developers could submit to the new RFP.

"We might get 15, we might get none," said Mr. Haworth. "It's a risk I'm willing to take."

The board voted unanimously not to accept the Stratford proposal and to work on a new RFP. All three board members said they are still not willing to sell the buildings at auction, yet.

In another matter, the board heard from West Island residents about a beer and wine license requested by Chris Medeiros of Island Provisions. Mr. Medeiros has obtained the required permits to open Mackatan General Store, which will also have take-out food. The owner of Captain Jim's Clamcake Shack, which is a food truck serving seafood, Mr. Medeiros said his plans also include using the truck to cook food in the summer. He will have no seating outside or inside.

Carla Baxter-Paparella started by

asking about a discrepancy in the plans on the amount of square-footage.

Mr. Medeiros said it was the difference between the whole building and the retail space.

The building at 39 Causeway Road is zoned for commercial use. He does, however, need a separate license to sell beer and wine.

Ms. Paparella said she is already picking up discarded beer bottles at her property on Causeway Road and feared the new beer and wine license would make things worse. She said she had no problem with the store itself, just with the beer and wine.

"Your store is the size of my living room," said Ms. Paparella, asking how it all would fit into the space.

She and other neighbors said that there are liquor stores on the way to West Island, and Down The Hatch at Earl's Marina has a full liquor license, so they saw no need for another one.

Her husband Bruce Paparella said they have a problem with litter and expect it will get much worse if the store is allowed to open.

He told the board members that every time he finds a piece of paper on his property, "I'm going to call each and everyone one of you to come pick it up."

"My home is worth \$750,000," said Mr. Paparella, adding they would not "devalue" his house.

Linda Ferreira also spoke against the license, saying that residents were not properly notified. She said people would be walking down the street drinking beer and eating.

Tom Smith, whose property directly abuts the store said the noise would directly affect his property, especially if there's a truck with a fryolator.

"It don't care if it's a convenience store," said Mr. Smith, but objected to the long list of other things the store might do, such as kayak rentals.

Diane Smith said she did not understand why she was the only one notified. She said she was the one who told neighbors about it, and that no one had seen a notice published.

Several neighbors said the island has enough problems with teenagers causing a ruckus in the woods with drinking and bonfires and loud parties. They complained that the police will not go there because it is state property.

All was not lost for Mr. Medeiros, though. Several other residents spoke in favor of the store and the beer and wine

SELECT: cont'd on page 18

AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Mothers' Club Party

The Fairhaven Mothers' Club Annual Card Party will be on **Tues., 4/21, from, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Oxford Terrace, 275 Main Street, Fairhaven**

Meet in the Community Room at Oxford Terrace for card and board games, silent auction, and light refreshments (sandwiches, salads, desserts). Donation is \$5 and includes refreshments. Proceeds benefit the Mothers' Club scholarship fund.

Breakfast & Auction

St. Mary's Church in North Fairhaven is having its Annual Spring Parish Breakfast/Chinese Auction/Bake Sale on **Sun. 4/19, 8:30-11:30 a.m. in the parish hall. Tickets are Adults/\$6, Youth 5-10/\$3. Children under 5 are free.** Get tickets at the rectory from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. or by calling Lillian at 508-993-9113. Limited tickets available at the door.

Alice in Wonderland

One Theater Group presents Alice in Wonderland from **Thurs., 4/23 through Sun., 4/26, at Fairhaven Town hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven, at 7 p.m. on Thurs., Fri., & Sat.; and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$15 adults, \$10 children.** Proceeds benefit Community Autism Resources.

Buy tickets online at www.onetheatergroup.com or at the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., during normal business hours. Reserve tickets in advance at onetheatergroup@gmail.com, or 508-525-9972.

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.

Bike Path Clean-up

Join the Fairhaven Bike Path volunteer Clean Up on **Sat. 4/25 from 9am-noon. Registration behind the Rec Center** Please join us in a volunteer clean-up effort for the Fairhaven Bike Path. Together we can help keep our town looking great for residents and our visitors.

We will have some gloves, pickers and bags available to use courtesy of Rocky's Ace Hardware. Please bring your own gloves if you have them.

All volunteers will be entered into a raffle to win a gift card from Stop and Shop. Free donuts and coffee provided by BRW Property Services.

Earth Day Expo

The Buzzards Bay Action Committee is pleased to sponsor its third annual Earth Day for Buzzards Bay Expo event in Fairhaven on **Sat., 4/25.** Bring the family and find out what you can do to enjoy your Spring and lighten your impact on the environment at the same time. It begins at 10 a.m. and runs until 4 p.m. at the Fairhaven Senior Center, 229 Huttleston Avenue, (Route 6), Fairhaven. FREE admission.

This year's highlights include the "Turtle Guy", Don Lewis of Marion, with some of the live turtles he's rescued from the wild. There will also be a live honeybees exhibit with Wayne Andrews of the Bristol County Beekeepers Association.

There will be displays and activities for kids; exhibits and talks about garden design, land trusts, native plants, and new biodegradable packaging materials. A number of exhibitors will present their products and ideas to help residents learn how to reduce their water bills, keep lawns and yards healthy and attractive, and cut back on the use of potentially harmful chemicals.

Bring your Bike to the Earth Day for Buzzards Bay Expo. The Fairhaven Bikeway Committee will be at the Bike Path to pump tires and shake off the rust of winter-weary bikes.

West Island 5K

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.

Come join us for the West Island 5K Pre-Race Spaghetti Dinner on **Sat., 4/25, 5:30-7:30pm** 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.

Tennis Clinics

The Fairhaven Tennis Association is now offering tennis clinics for juniors 12 and Under. Our first Clinics will start on May 3, 2015 and go for five weeks. Clinics will be held on Sundays and on Tuesdays at Cushman Park. To register go to our web site at www.fairhaventennis.org and click on the link on the left side of the page for 12 and Under. Our pro Aaron Petrusky will be heading up our instructional Program. Aaron is the pro at the Lakeville Indoor Tennis Club and is considered one of the leading tennis instructors in the area. For more information call Ken at 508-280-3150.

Community Garden

Have you ever wanted to try a garden but didn't know where to start? Interested in saving money by growing your own organic vegetables? Want to be part of a "growing green" community?

If yes, you are in luck because there are Fairhaven Community Garden beds available at several different locations: Hastings Middle School, East Fairhaven Elementary School and Wood Elementary School. **The fee is \$10 per 4x8 foot bed.** Organic practices only please.

Contact Laurie at laurie.hellstrom@yahoo.com if you are interested or have questions. More information can be found at fairhavencommunitygarden.org.

At the Millicent

The Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven, presents many activities for students during vacation week, 4/21 to 4/24. Programs held in downstairs auditorium. Accessible. To register, call the library at 508-992-5342, or email Jane Murphy (jmurphy@sailsinc.org).

Activities include storytime for all ages, musical entertainment with Barbara Phaneuf, Earth Day Flower Party, Teen Vacation party, Legos. For details visit <http://millicentlibrary.org/> Please sign up with Ms. Jane. 508-992-5342 or jmurphy@sailsinc.org

DeSousa family celebrates Easter with a refreshing plunge

There they go



Here they come



The de Sousa family continued its 20+ year tradition of plunging into the chilly waters of the Atlantic on Easter Sunday. At about 3 p.m. on 4/5, 13 relatives of Aires de Sousa jumped in the water in his honor. According to his daughter, Tina de Sousa, the whole thing started more than 20 years ago when her brother and brother-in-law decided it would be a good day for a swim. So they went to the town beach on West Island and plunged. "It's been a tradition ever since," said Ms. de Sousa.

A couple of times, Tina's father even joined in. They started with just two people, and in the last few years, it has grown.

"This year was extra special because it was in memory of Aires de Sousa who was a husband, a father, a grandfather and great-grandfather," said Ms. de Sousa. *Photos submitted.*

Seaport INN Grill

NEW Spring Menu by Chef Arthur Lopes
Fresh seafood, including fried clams

SPECIALS

Dinner for Two: \$39.99,
Every Mon., Tues., &
Wed.

Includes salad, two entrees,
dessert and bottle of house wine

Surf & Turf Saturdays

Tenderloin Tips: \$21
8 oz. Sirloin: \$22

8 oz. Filet Mignon: \$25
All served with choice of Seafood



Now Taking Reservations
for Mother's Day 5/10



ENTERTAINMENT

Friday, 4/17:
DJ Howie

Saturday, 4/18: DJ Ron
Ferrell

Friday, 4/24: Back in the
Day Night

Saturday, 4/25:
DJ Rick Souza

Our newly renovated ballroom is available for your event

HOURS: Mon.-Thurs., 4 p.m.-Mid.; Fri. & Sat., Noon-2 a.m.
110 Middle St. • Fairhaven • 508-999-1112
Serving food until 9 p.m. Mon.-Wed., and until 10 p.m. Thurs.-Sat.

**APRIL 2015
SCHOOL VACATION SCHEDULE**



FRIDAY APRIL 17	SATURDAY APRIL 18	SUNDAY APRIL 19	MONDAY APRIL 20
OPEN SESSION 7-10PM	SKATING CLASS 8-10AM OPEN SESSION 2-4:30PM OPEN SESSION 7-10PM	OPEN SESSION 2-4:30PM OPEN SESSION 7-10PM	OPEN SESSION 2-4:30PM
CAROUSEL RIDS 10-11:30AM	OPEN SESSION 2-4:30PM	FAMILY MONT JACKPOT 8-9PM	OPEN SESSION 2-4:30PM
OPEN SESSION 2-4:30PM	OPEN SESSION 2-4:30PM	OPEN SESSION 2-4:30PM	OPEN SESSION 7-10PM
CAROUSEL FAMILY FUN CENTER			
4 DAVID DROWN BLVD. FAIRHAVEN, MA 02719 781-857-1286 www.carouselfamilyfuncenter.com			
COUPON \$2 OFF ADMISSION GOOD FOR ANY DAYTIME PUBLIC SESSION DURING SCHOOL VACATION WEEK PAY \$7 FOR ONE REGULAR ADMISSION AND GET \$2 OFF EXCLUDES ALL EVENING SESSIONS AND SPECIAL EVENTS ONE COUPON PER PERSON FOR EACH VISIT COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED VALID 4/18-4/26 2015			

FIND US ON FACEBOOK

Brownell named Oper. Mgr.

Press Release



Cheryl Brownell of Fairhaven has been named operations manager at Mail Box Services, 82 County Road, Mattapoisett, cheryl@mailbox82.com, 508-758-9700.

Cheryl has over 15 years shipping experience with UPS, FedEx, and U.S. Postal Service. A Notary Public, Cheryl manages the Neighbor Postal Center™ at 82 County Road (Rte. 6) Mattapoisett, next door to the award winning Mattapoisett Laundromat.

Mail Box Services provides packing and shipping services specializing in international and domestic shipments. They rent private mail boxes with 24-hour, 7-day-a-week access, have a copy/fax center, provide binding service and offer greeting cards.

Mail Box Services is proud to be the exclusive shipper for TownWear™, a socially responsible apparel Company with outlets from New Hampshire to Florida.

Cheryl is an active worker in the community as Board Member of the Fairhaven Improvement Association and Co-Chair of the Art Show for Fairhaven Homecoming. Cheryl attended Bishop Feehan High School in North Attleboro, summering on West Island. She now lives with her husband George, helping veterans with fund-raising, and granddaughter Hailey. Cheryl just loves West Island living where she can go quahogging, walk the State Park trails and beaches.

COA holds appreciation day



The Fairhaven Council on Aging Annual Volunteer Appreciation Day Luncheon took place on April 9, 2015, at the Fairhaven Senior Center to thank the 80 volunteers who provide countless hours of their time to improve the quality of life for the seniors in our town. ABOVE: Fairhaven High School Senior, Dereck Goff received a Certificate of Appreciation by Selectboard members Charlie Murphy and Robert Espindola for his effort in obtaining his Eagle Scout status by coordinating the construction of four handicap accessible picnic tables at the Grimshaw Park at Fort Phoenix. Submitted photo.

Marc A.
Gadbois
General Contractor

Licensed General Contractor
for 35 years



Our Services Include All Aspects
of Your Interior/Exterior
Remodeling Needs

Materials Supplied by ABC Supply Company

Marc A. Gadbois • 508-992-0226

MA Const. Sup. Lic. # 003000
MA Home Imp. Lic. #127675

EPA Lead Safe Certified
Fully Insured

ATRIA FAIRHAVEN

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

(RSVP: 508-994-9238)

Join us for:

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 20.

Birthday Bash Tuesday, April 28, 2:30 p.m. Join us for a fun, energetic afternoon of music and entertainment by Tom and Betty, the Dynamic Duo. RSVP by April 24.

Dementia and Alzheimer's Support Group
Tuesdays, 5/12, 6/9, from 3–4 p.m.



391 Alden Road • Fairhaven, Massachusetts
508.994.9238 • www.atriafairhaven.net

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Dr. Seuss Readathon

The Miss New Bedford Scholarship program is conducting a Dr. Suess Read-a-thon as part of a National Day of Service. The event will take place on **Sat., 4/18 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Lawler Library, 745 Rockdale Avenue, New Bedford, MA 02740.**

Guest readers include New Bedford Superintendent Pia Durkin, elected officials, education leaders, co-hosts Miss New Bedford Joclyne Nunes and Miss New Bedford's Outstanding Teen Meighread Dandeneau, and various other special guests.

In addition to readings, the New Bedford High School cast of *Suessical the Musical* will perform. Seuss-themed crafts, games, and activities will also be offered. Additionally, Miss New Bedford Joclyne Nunes will teach dance and creative movement and Miss New Bedford's Outstanding Teen Meighread Dandeneau will sing.

The event is part of the Miss America Organization's first ever National Day of Service presented in partnership with Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. Volunteers nationwide, in this case readers and organizers, will donate \$1.00 for every hour that they volunteer. These funds will directly benefit their local Children's Miracle Network Hospital.

Rope Fest

R&W Rope of New Bedford, MA, (rwrope.com) will host their annual Rope Fest family event on **Sat., 4/18 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at R&W's warehouse headquarters, 39 Tarkiln Place, New Bedford.** Free and open to the public. Our signature event of the year includes rope related demos, educational & safety seminars, free climbing wall from carabiner's, gift certificate giveaways, food, refreshments+. Fun for the whole family!!

For the full schedule of events, visit rwrope.com/ropefest or call 800-260-8599 for more information.

EPA Superfund mtg

The EPA is holding a public meeting on the New Bedford Harbor clean-up on **Thurs., 4/23, from 6-7:45 p.m., at Howland Green Library Branch, 3 Rodney French Blvd, New Bedford, MA**

The agenda includes short presentations by several EPA officials, with short question & answer periods

after each one. Presenters will attempt to answer questions right away, however certain questions require additional follow-up and we will work to do so following the meeting.

YTI Auditions

Your Theatre, Inc. director Lawrence R. Houbre, Jr. will hold open auditions for the mystery thriller *Horrors of Dr. Moreau*, adapted by Joel Stone on **Wed., 4/22, at 7 p.m., at 136 Rivet St. (corner of County St.), New Bedford, at St. Martin's Episcopal Church complex.**

Further information about the audition is available by calling Your Theatre, Inc. at 508-993-0772, or by sending an email to info@yourtheatre.org. The theatre's web site is www.yourtheatre.org

Auditions will consist of a cold reading from the script. Acting experience is not necessary, but role seekers should have a desire to share the experience of and commitment to live theatre and the enjoyment of collaborating with other talented individuals.

The play: Washed ashore on a mysterious island, Edward Prendick finds himself trapped inside a strange biological experiment: Dr. Moreau has created a race of pseudo-humans out of the animals he found living on the island. Taken in by the "Beast Folk," Edward witnesses the struggle between animal instinct and man's facade of civility.

Bike Racks in NB

In partnership with Mass in Motion and the New Bedford Bicycle Committee, the City of New Bedford Department of Public Infrastructure (DPI) recently completed the installation of 163 new bike racks throughout New Bedford. The project is designed to give cyclists increased security and encourage increased cycling as a means of transportation.

New Bedford was awarded \$20,000 from the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) for bicycle parking facilities.

The new bike racks can be found at schools: Ashley, Campbell, Carney, Congdon, DeValles, Gomes, Hathaway, Hayden-McFadden, Kempton, Pacheco, Parker, Pulaski, Rodman, Swift, Taylor, and Winslow Ele-

mentary Schools; and New Bedford High School and Athletic Fields; Parks/Beaches: Brooklawn, Buttonwood, Clasky Common, Gomes, Harrington, Lot 13 Athletic Fields, Magnet, Monet, Pine Hill, Riverside, River's End, Pulaski, and Victory Parks; and East Beach; Other: Elm Street Garage, Hurricane Barrier East, Zeiterion Garage

Learn more about MiM NB at massinmotionnewbedford.org

Day Camp

New Bedford Parks, Recreation & Beaches has announced it will offer "April Vacation Day Camp" from April 20 to 24. Parents and guardians may drop off their children from 8am to 4pm every weekday to enjoy fun, active, and educational activities. The vacation camp will include field trips to the Whaling Museum and Carabiner's indoor rock climbing facility, arts and crafts, physical activities, a field day, and much more. Healthy lunch and breakfast and lunch will be provided daily.

The cost for the April Vacation Day Camp is \$100 for one child and \$50 for an additional sibling/child for the full week. The pay by day or daily cost is \$25 for one child and \$15 for one additional sibling/child. The children must be in kindergarten through 5th grade. To register your child or children, please visit the Andrea McCoy Recreation Center located at 181 Hillman Street, New Bedford, MA 02740.

For more information contact India Russell-Pena at india.russell@newbedford-ma.gov, or call 508-991-6298.

Right Whale Day

The New Bedford Whaling Museum will kick-off April vacation week with the annual Right Whale Day celebration on Monday, April 20. Every year, the Whaling Museum celebrates the highly endangered North Atlantic Right Whale and raises awareness of a species whose survival depends upon humans wisely using ocean resources. This family friendly event provides many fun learning activities for kids and adults, with a focus on fostering greater awareness and appreciation.

The fun starts at 10:00 a.m. under the massive right whale skeleton on

NB HAPPY: cont'd on page 21

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Spring Fling

First annual Spring Fling for Holy Family-Holy Name School, at **Hawthorne Country Club, 970 Tucker Rd., Dartmouth, on Sat., 4/18, from 7:30-11:30 p.m.** Proceeds to benefit HFHN school, New Bedford. Cash bar, silent auction, live entertainment, passed hors d'oeuvres. **Tickets: \$50.**

For tickets or more info, email sa.thomas@me.com

Boston Marathon

The 119th Boston Marathon will be held on **Monday, 4/20.** The historic course starts on Main Street in the rural New England town of Hopkinton and follows Route 135 through Ashland, Framingham, Natick, and Wellesley to where Route 135 joins Route 16. It continues along Route 16 through Newton Lower Falls, turning right at the fire station onto Commonwealth Avenue, which is Route 30. It follows Commonwealth through the Newton Hills, bearing right at the reservoir onto Chestnut Hill Avenue to Cleveland Circle. The route then turns left onto Beacon Street continuing through Kenmore Square, and under Massachusetts Avenue. The course turns right onto Hereford Street (NOTE: against normal traffic flow) then left onto Boylston Street, finishing near the John Hancock Tower in Copley Square. To learn more about the course, and to view a map, visit <http://www.baa.org/races/boston-marathon.aspx>

Bird Club Meeting

The Nasketucket Bird Club will present a program on climate change and birds. Recent research by the National Audubon Society science team indicates that North American birds may suffer significant losses due to climate change. Over half of North American species (314 of 588 species studied) are considered to be threatened or endangered by climate change, as they may face a loss of over 50% of their current ranges.

Conservation data specialist Tom Auer will explain how Audubon's science team made their findings and what we can all do to help birds through an uncertain future.

The program will be held at 7 p.m. on Thurs., 4/23, at the Mattapoisett Public Library, 7 Barstow St.

Free and open to the public. For more information contact Carolyn Longworth at bvm1290@comcast.net.

Fish Regs Meeting

The New England Fishery Management Council intends to take final action on Omnibus Essential Fish Habitat Amendment 2 (OHA2) at its meeting on **Tues.-Thurs., 4/21-23, Hilton Hotel, 20 Coogan Boulevard, Mystic, CT; Tel 860-572-0731, www.hiltonmystic.com**

Agenda is available at <http://s3.amazonaws.com/nefmc.org/NEFMCapr2015mtg.pdf>,

The New England Fishery Management Council invites the public to listen in to the meeting. It's scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday the 21st, and 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, the 22nd and 23rd.

Webinar Registration: For online access to the meeting <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/8553199173887297026>. The webinar will be activated beginning at 8:00 a.m. and end at approximately 6:00 p.m. EST. **There are no charges if you access the webinar via your computer.** If dialing in, your normal phone charges will apply. Dial in number: Toll: +1 (415) 655-0059. Access Code: 943-552-342

Scoping Hearing

The NE Fishery Management Council has begun work on Amendment 8 to the Atlantic Herring Fishery Management Plan. **This last scoping hearing on the amendment will be held on Mon., 4/20, at the same venue as the NEFMC's April Council meeting, the Hilton Hotel in Mystic, CT.** The public will be able to provide comments from 6-8 p.m.

The purpose of the action is to establish a control rule for acceptable biological catch and one of first steps in the federal fishery management process is to initiate "scoping." A user-friendly scoping document is located on the Council's website at <http://www.nefmc.org/calendar/mar.-6-2015-scoping-hearing-herring-amendment-8>.

Written and electronic comments must be received on or before 5 p.m., EST, April 30, 2015.

Family Farm Fest

Meeting newborn lambs at **Old Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge, MA**

is a sure sign of spring, and has become an annual tradition for thousands of families during April School Vacation Week. This year's little lambs will be joined by goats, calves, piglets, and chicks as the Village celebrates its first annual **Family Farm Fest set for April 18-26**, presented by Southbridge Savings Bank. Festival highlights include hay rides, antique tractors, plowing with the Village oxen, youth "Farm Olympics" games, and mid-week portrayals of famed Little House on the Prairie author Laura Ingalls Wilder by historian Melanie Stringer. **For times and details of all activities during Family Farm Fest, call 800-733-1830 or visit www.osv.org.**

Rummage 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.

Job Fair NH

The snow is melting, the daylight hours are lasting longer and Water Country is excited to announce their 3rd Annual Summer Job fair on **Sat., 4/18, as things start gearing up for the 2015 season!** The most vital part of Water Country's success is hiring key seasonal staff to ensure we remain New England's largest, cleanest, safest, and friendliest water park. We pride ourselves on being a family fun venue where guests and staff alike can enjoy themselves.

We are once again looking to hire 400+ employees. A complete list of positions and their job description can be found at watercountry.com. Candidates should complete the online application prior to attending the Job Fair for their in-person interview with a hiring Manager.

The Job Fair will be Sat., 4/18, 10am-2pm in the park's Administrative Offices at 2300 Lafayette Rd., Portsmouth, NH 03801.

Think a 'summer job' is just for kids? Think again! Parents, Teachers and Retired persons — we're looking for you, too!! We want reliable, trusted workers with a smile.

Recipe of the Week

Rotini and Chicken

1 8 oz. box whole grain rotini pasta
1/2 pound fresh broccoli chopped
3 tbs. oil
1 lb. boneless, skinless chicken breast, cut into bite sized pieces
1 tbs. dried oregano
1 tbs. garlic powder
1/2 tsp. black pepper
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain and set aside. Meanwhile, in a skillet, cover bottom with water 3/4" deep and bring to boil. Add broccoli and cook 5-6 minutes or until tender. Drain and set aside.

In same skillet, heat the oil over medium heat and add chicken; cook until almost done, about 10-15 minutes. Add pasta, broccoli, garlic powder, oregano, salt and pepper. Mix well.

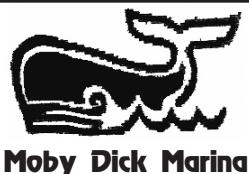
Sprinkle cheese on top and serve hot.

Submitted by Chanda Coutinho

To share a recipe with your neighbors

Mail to 166 Dogwood St., Fairhaven, MA 02719; fax to 508-991-5580; email to neighnews@comcast.net (Email preferred)

Arion Anezis
John Zolotas
Indoor rack
Storage Available



2 River Ave. • Fairhaven • 508-994-1133 • www.mobydickmarina.com

GREAT CUT \$10^{.95}

Fairhaven
Scituate Square
Next to Subway
508-991-7200



With Coupon
Reg. \$13.95
Exp. 6/30/15

Walk in 7 days
Mon.-Fri., 9-8
Sat., 9-6
Sun., 10-5

Thursday, April 16, 2015

Duck Derby raffle winners enjoy Hawaii

Press Release

As February continued to dump massive amounts of snow on the SouthCoast, Linny Cakes, the winning duck from the 2014 Allens Pond Duck Derby fundraiser, enjoyed the warmth and hospitality of Hawaii. This little rubber duck earned roundtrip airfare to Oahu by beating out the other 5777 racing ducks who were racing the incoming tide at Barney's Joy this past August at the 11th Annual Allens Pond Duck Derby to win her adoptive parents, Linda and Richard Crossley of Fall River, MA, the grand prize of dinner for two, anywhere in the world with round-trip airfare and two nights' lodging. Linda first learned of the Duck Derby while traveling with girlfriends to Atlantic City and was impressed.

"I thought, for a \$10 donation to the wildlife sanctuary, that's quite a prize. I was at the Bayside restaurant having dinner with Richard and saw a young woman selling ducks there and purchased two, one for us and one for my daughter."

Then, like all the other duck adopters, she went on with her life and didn't think much about it.

Until her duck won.

Linda wasn't at the Duck Derby festival to hear her name being announced to the crowd of hopeful winners (there were 40+ other prizes to be won, including the beloved and underestimated Slacker Quacker, whose last place arrival wins its adoptive parent a free duck entry to the next Derby); she was helping her daughter with a project at home and received a voice mail from Gina Purtell, Sanctuary Director.

Once she was notified of winning the grand prize, the hardest part of the process started: deciding where



to go. Imagine, two tickets to ANYWHERE in the world. They considered Rome, but decided on Hawaii, where the Crossleys would like to retire. The couple extended their trip to ten days in paradise, while relatives at home sent photos of the storms to her phone, they returned those messages with photos of the beach, tropical drinks, their travel tours to breathtaking areas of the island, the USS Arizona Memorial and their dinner that Linny Cakes also provided with their win, an amazing luau.

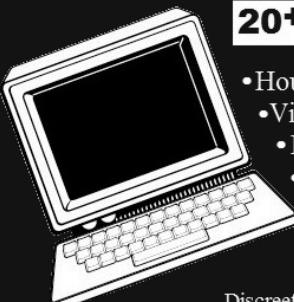
The Duck Derby fundraiser supports the Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary and 100% of the duck adoptions go right to the organization, thanks to our generous and dedicated 2014 grand prize sponsors: Sylvan Nursery, Inc., The Bayside Restaurant, Oppenheimer & Co., Inc, Nye Synthetic Lubricants, Millbury & Company and Robert B. Feingold and Associates, P.C.

Ducks are available for online adoption for the 12th Annual Allens Pond Duck Derby, taking place this year August 15th & 16th. For complete details and to adopt securely online, visit <http://www.massaudubon.org/get-outdoors/wildlife-sanctuaries/allens-pond/news-events/duck-derby> or call (508) 636-2437 and adopt your ducks over the phone.

Fairhaven Computer Repair

A local repairman for the local community!

20+ years' experience!



- House Calls • On-Site Service 24/7
- Virus, Spyware, Adware Removal
- Repairs • Installs • Upgrades
- Networks • Laptops • Wireless

If your computer is SLOW,
Give us a GO! **508-991-0169**

Discreet. Professional, and Personalized Services.
Serving the residential, commercial, and educational sectors.

A & A AUTO

Complete Auto Repair & Used Car Sales
 196 Huttleston Ave. (Rte. 6) • Fairhaven
 Check out this link for some great coupons:
www.precisiontune.com/fairhavenma



America's
 Neighborhood Auto
 Care Experts
 Precision Tune Auto is
 now open at A&A Auto!
 Come by. We would
 love to service you!

Come in for your inspection!



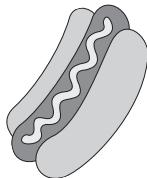
No appointment necessary

Used Car Inventory at www.aausedautos.com

Call Alex Sarkis 508-509-2292
 508-758-9500 • 508-992-9638

Ebb Tide Lounge

A Friendly Neighborhood Place



\$1 Draft Beers Daily

Free Hot Dogs on Thursdays

47 Middle Street • Fairhaven • 508-997-4688



American Legion Post 166

Function Hall

Hall for rent.

Entertainment & Upcoming Events

Every Sunday

Karaoke w/Cowboy Al, 2-6

Wicked Weezy, Karaoke

Every Tuesday, 8-midnight,

Every Friday, 9-1 a.m.

Open to the
 public anytime

Every Wed.:
 DJ April , 8-mid.

Every Thurs.:
 Karaoke w/Cowboy Al,
 7-11

54 Main Street • Fairhaven • 508-993-0046

MAC'S SODA BAR & CUSTOM CATERING

116 Sconticut Neck Road • Fairhaven • 508-992-8615

Sun., April 19 CLAMBOIL!

Open until 8 p.m. every day thereafter



Includes
 chowder,
 beverage &
 dessert:
\$14.95

+ meals tax

MAC'S CUSTOM CATERING

We will help plan and prepare your next social or business event with good advice, fine food, and excellent service. Our hard earned reputation is based on integrity, reliability and precise attention to detail. We would be honored to serve you and will take the time to do it "your way." Jevon will prepare a free, competitive price quote for your consideration. Call 774-473-0393.



Chocolate Works

CANDY MAKING & CAKE DECORATING SUPPLIES



Mother's Day
 Communion & Confirmation

Cake Toppers, Candy Molds, Cupcake
 Decorations, Cookie Cutters and Cake Pans
 Inquire about cake decorating classes



1849 Acushnet Ave. • New Bedford • 508-998-2672

Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 10-5:30; Sat., 9-4; Closed Wed. & Sun.



Friday Night Seafood Spectacular

Fridays, 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Come in and check out our Friday night
 seafood specials.

All seafood locally caught
 Lowest prices around

GUARANTEED:
The Freshest Seafood in Town! BYOB

140 Huttleston Ave. • Fairhaven

Selectboard hears from RFP responders

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard heard from the two developers who responded to the Request for Proposals for the Oxford and Rogers School buildings. At a special meeting on Wednesday, 4/8, the board and the public had a chance to hear from representatives of Stratford Capital Group and Eric Dawicki.

Stratford wants to turn the Oxford School in North Fairhaven into a 50-unit affordable housing complex with parking for 80 cars, some underground. Executive Vice President Richard Hayden told the board that the complex would contain "workforce housing," shunning the more derogative "low-income" moniker. They offered \$325,000 for the building which was assessed at \$285,000.

Board members and residents expressed strong concerns about congestion, the impact on the school system and other town services, and the company's financial plan, which asks for a \$7,500 annual payment to the town instead of paying taxes on the market value of the building.

That information is not in the original proposal, which only states that the property would be placed on the tax rolls. The \$7,500 annual payment in lieu of taxes came to light at the 4/8 meeting. The SG sent the information in response to a list of questions the selectboard sent to each respondent.

The \$15 million project would take two years to finance, which also caused some concern, since the town wanted the project to be finished by two years, not just to be getting started.

In pretty much a mirror of other meetings, Selectboard member Charles Murphy, a north Fairhaven resident and outspoken advocate for that part of town, said he was not in favor of the project and would not vote for it.

Board member Bob Espindola made it clear that he thought all the concerns could be addressed and negotiated to the town's satisfaction. He raised the specter of a developer using the property for a 40B development. The Chapter 40B law allows developers to avoid zoning laws to construct low-income housing if a town has less than 10% of its housing stock deemed affordable. Fairhaven is

at about 6%.

Board chairperson Geoffrey Haworth expressed concerns about parking and the impact on town services, but made it clear that the \$7,500 in taxes was simply not enough. He said the cost to the town would far exceed what the town would get in payments.

John Roderiques agreed.

"Essentially, we would be subsidizing you," said Mr. Roderiques.

Mr. Hayden emphasized the \$15 million investment and said that the reduced rents would mean that the company could not afford to pay regular taxes. He said he understood if the town did not want to support the project, but that there were some things he simply could not change or it would not be viable financially.

Other residents pointed out that

Board chairperson Geoffrey Haworth expressed concerns about parking and the impact on town services, but made it clear that the \$7,500 in taxes was simply not enough.

the neighborhood is already congested, with Fairhaven Village just a block away and multi-unit housing throughout the neighborhood.

Eric Dawicki also appeared before the board to answer questions about his proposal for the Rogers School, which calls for using the building to expand his privately owned Northeast Maritime Institute headquartered on Washington Street. His 21-page proposal stands in stark contrast to the 130-page Stratford proposal. He offered \$1 for the building that was assessed at \$285,000, and wants the discontinued portion of Union Street included for parking.

When the Selectboard sent a list of questions to each respondent, Mr. Dawicki said he wanted to answer verbally.

At the meeting, Mr. Dawicki said as an "almost abutter," he had concerns about what would become of the property. He noted that town benefactor Henry Huttleston Rogers

donated the building and it was the only one bearing his name.

"And we just let it rot," said Mr. Dawicki. "To be honest, I don't have a real need for that property today. But I feel a sense of responsibility as someone who has the wherewithal to do something."

He said he was "perplexed" at the situation.

"Shame on all of us," he said.

When selectboard member Charles Murphy said he did not feel the Dawicki proposal met the requirements of the RFP, Mr. Dawicki said, "Don't let anyone fool you, not even yourself."

He said the opinion that the proposal did not meet the requirements was based on a "lack of intelligence or a lack of knowledge."

"It does meet the requirements of the RFP," he said.

Several people spoke in support of Mr. Dawicki, citing the work he did with other buildings and that he is running NMI in the same neighborhood.

"I think it's a perfect fit," said Nils Isaksen. "It's all about the fit. It has to fit like a glove. I think Eric Dawicki is the glove."

Selectboard members and town counsel Thomas Crotty expressed concern with the lack of a timeline and financial information.

"It's unfair to ask us that," said Mr. Dawicki, adding that he would be willing to let town counsel or someone else judge his finances on the condition that it not be made public.

In the end, the board did not vote, but decided to wait until its next meeting on 4/14 to decide (see page 4 for story). At that meeting they decided against both proposals and will most likely send out a new RFP with different conditions.

Both proposals are on the town's website at http://www.fairhavenma.gov/pages/fairhavenma_news/I02042223

The board also met with representatives of the Seventh Day Adventist Church about the Bates property on Main Street. The church wants to buy a sliver of land that slices through the property, but also has an historic stone wall on it. The board decided to hold off on a decision until after the Fairhaven Historical Commission's meeting on 4/15.

FHS Rocket Team advances to nationals

Press Release

The Fairhaven High School "Gentle Folk in Lab Coats" of Fairhaven will be traveling to Washington D.C. for the Team America Rocketry Challenge final fly-off.

FHS's Rocketry Team has qualified to compete in the national finals of the 13th annual Team America Rocketry Challenge (TARC). The team, the only from Massachusetts and one of only three to qualify from New England, will face off against 99 other top qualifying teams from across the United States to claim the title of national champion. The TARC finals will take place on May 9.

TARC is the U.S. aerospace and defense industry's flagship program designed to encourage students to pursue study and careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). The competition challenges middle and high school students to design, build and fly a rocket to meet specific altitude and flight duration parameters. This year's rules require a rocket carrying a raw egg to reach 800 feet and return it to Earth uncracked within 46 to 48 seconds.

The team, whose official team name is "The Gentle Folk in Lab Coats," include the three founding members: Connor Powers, Jared Fretette and Paul Katan.

These three "Rocketeers" have experienced this thrill of competing on the national level one other time in 2011 when they were in the 7th grade. The team at that time placed 28th

overall. A great showing for being at the youngest end of the qualifying age range.

The team has now grown to eight members, including Tristan Hart, Nicole Tetreault, Robert Pike, Brandon Chan, and Austin Freitas. Team Mentor Dr. David Welty said of the team, "this is a

tremendously talented group of young people who have worked extremely hard over a difficult winter and have come out very successful. I couldn't be more proud of their accomplishment."

Fairhaven High School will be competing for more than \$60,000 in prizes and scholarships, and the opportunity to represent the United States at the International Rocketry Challenge taking place at the Paris International Air Show next June.

Due to the high cost of making the trip, the team will be holding multiple fundraisers over the next few weeks, including a pancake breakfast on Saturday, April 25, from 8-11 am at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 1 Temple Place Fairhaven. Tickets are available through the team members and their families or by emailing thegentlefolkinlabcoats@gmail.com; \$10/adult



The Fairhaven High School Rocketry Team, the "Gentle Folk in Lab Coats," has qualified to compete in the national finals of the Team America Rocketry Challenge in Virginia in May. Photo submitted.

and \$5/child. Donations are also accepted at www.gofundme.com/fhsrocket. Interested rocket fans can follow the team's journey on Twitter @FairhavenHSRocketry.

Sponsored by the Aerospace Industries Association, the National Association of Rocketry and 27 industry partners, TARC is the world's largest student rocketry contest. Since its inception 13 years ago, TARC has inspired more than 60,000 middle and high school students to further explore the possibilities of a career in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). This year, close to 700 teams representing 48 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands designed and built model rockets in hopes of qualifying for the national finals.

Visit www.rocketcontest.org.

Appeals board approves all

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals approved requests from all seven hearings at its meeting on 4/7.

In a continued hearing that hinged on the use of one phrase in by-law 198-23 A, for a home occupation of a business, Caroline Percy Marcoux received approval to run her jewelry business in the garage of her Laurel Street home.

At the last meeting, the board hesitated to approve, wondering if the condition, "The Home Occupation shall be accommodated within an existing structure without extension thereof," applied to the garage. Some members believed it meant the residence only. The issue was sent to

town counsel, who decided that "an existing structure," did indeed apply to the garage and not just the home.

The vote was an appeal of the refusal of the permit. The board voted in favor of her appeal, allowing her to continue using her home to make and repair jewelry.

Ms. Marcoux has battled the town about her jewelry business in the past, including a fight in court over use of her West Island home. Ms. Marcoux also prevailed in that instance.

In another matter, the ZBA approved a variance, with a stipulation, for an accessory apartment at 7 Deerfield Lane.

The apartment had been in use for some years, but then was dismantled. The owners want to recreate the

apartment as an inlaw apartment, which would mean only relatives could use it.

Board member Rene Fleurent said he was "not comfortable" with the idea.

"Why not," asked board member Peg Cook, who then turned her head away from the public and whispered something to Mr. Fleurent, clearly not wanting the public to hear what she was saying in the open session, public hearing.

Ms. Cook continued out loud to say that the apartment was only for the parents when they were not in Portugal. She said the board could stipulate that it has to be changed back if they sell the house.

APPEALS: cont'd on page 19

Fairhaven Recreation Center

Open Mon-Thurs, 6 a.m.-8 p.m.; Fri., 6 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat., 8 a.m.-2 p.m.; Closed Sunday • 227 Huttleston Ave, 508-993-9269 http://fairhavenma.virtualtownhall.net

Kool Kids Summer

Registration April 25th,
May 2nd & 3rd 8am—2pm

Kool Kids is for children entering grades 1-age 12 Children will have fun each day by participating in a variety of sports, games and art activities. Each session will also include special themed events. Children are grouped by the Grade they will enter in the Fall. Don't miss out on this great summer program. Last year's program was full almost every week. Sign up early so we can take more participants than last year \$130. **Per week for members, sibling discounts available**, also non member rates. Hours: Monday thru Friday 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Drop off 7:45 a.m.. Pick up 3pm. Extended day: a.m. only (7 a.m.), \$25; p.m. only (4 p.m.), \$25; Both \$40

Youth Track & Field

Registration on 4/25 & 5/2

Youth track and field program for children ages 3 through grade 8. Starts at the end of the school year and runs for 4 weeks. The program is Free with your play card and will meet 2 days a week at Cushman Park from 6-8 p.m. **Starts June 29th**

Counselor training

Register on April 25th and May 2nd 8-2pm

Counselor in Training Program
Teens, ages 13-16 Learn to become summer counselors. Included in this program is CPR, early education tips and job interview skills and much more. CIT's will plan and run a theme day for the summer Kool Kids program, run games, assist senior counselors with projects, etc. Field trips and a pizza lunch every Friday are included. Program runs for 2 week sessions. Cost per session \$200 for members \$230 for non Members

You must be 13 to attend this program no exceptions Space is very limited in this program

Fairhaven Senior Center

508-979-4029 • 229 Huttleston Ave

**Supportive Senior Day Care Program, 9-3 • 508-993-9455
Respite Care: one day, half-a-day. Regular rates apply.**

Visit our new website at:

http://fairhavenma.virtualtownhall.net/Pages/FairhavenMA_COA/index

Mall Trips

April 22: Hyannis Mall, Xmas Tree Shop, and Trader Joe's.

Entertainment

**4/16: Two For The Road • 4/22: Silver Fox
4/23: Karaoke with Rick Ferreira • 4/30: Ray Jay**

Special Activities

Mothers' Club

Fairhaven Mothers' Club is Celebrating their 100th anniversary with Annual Card Party and Chinese Auction on **Tuesday, April 21, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. At Oxford Terrace Community Room, 275 Main Street, Fairhaven. Donation is \$5.00** (includes refreshments). Proceeds benefit the scholarship fund. For more information please call dot Fitzsimmons at 508-991-5936.

Earth Day Expo

**Earth Day for Buzzards Bay Expo
Sat., 4/25, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

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

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 Trans-

gender) 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.

Ongoing Programs

Call 508-979-4029 for days and times

A/G Consumer Mediator; Bingo; Board Meeting/monthly; Bridge; Caregiver Support & Education Group; Chair Yoga, Computer Training; Fit Quest; Friends of Elderly/monthly meeting; Grocery Shopping; LGBT Supper Club; Line Dancing; Live Band; Medical Transportation; Nutrition Program/ meal served; Osteoporosis class; Outreach Coordinator; PACE Fuel Assistance; Pitch; Reassurance Program; Shopping; Singles Senior Supper Club; Supportive Senior Social Day Program; Tai Chi; Tap 'N' Time, Walking Clubs, Zumba.

Alzheimer's Care is Both Expensive and Stressful. We can Help!

Caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease can be a full-time job. It's expensive and exhausting. It is important to take care of both the patients and the caregivers needs: psychological, physical, and financial.

Our **FREE special report** includes insider strategies used to ease the stress of handling loved ones with dementia and how to better care for them. The report also provides information about protecting life savings and how to get help for the cost of a loved one's care. Visit our website or call for a **free recorded message** in order to order this special report at no cost.

Call today! 1-800-929-0491

www.alzlegalhelp.com



DURPRENANT & ENESKI

Estate, Tax, Medicaid and Disability Planning

35 Arnold Street, New Bedford, MA • 508-994-5200
336 South Street, Hyannis, MA • 508-477-1102

J & L Cemetery Plot Maintenance & Design

Year round maintenance
Seasonal plantings and decorations
Headstone cleaning
Reasonable Rates

Call 774-365-7968 for appointment

Makes a great family gift

*John & Lori Sharples
We will treat your family as our own*



Pine Grove Chiropractic

Personalized Healthcare

Dr. Carol Duphily

Massage Therapists on staff

508-998-8444

934 Ashley Boulevard • New Bedford
Like on Facebook: [F/pinegrovechiro](https://www.facebook.com/pinegrovechiro)

Ted Silva

Licensed Private Investigator

Exclusively serving attorneys

Licensed • Bonded • Insured • New Bedford, Mass.
Criminal Defense • CPCS • Private • Mass. Lic. P-1355
Email: tedsilva@comcast.net • Call: 774-473-6789

BANKRUPTCY ATTORNEY

Stop harassing phone calls

End collection letters

Get peace of mind and a fresh start

Dedicated to helping consumers get through difficult times

John P Murray, Esq.
58 North Water Street • New Bedford, MA • 774-202-2932



Robert A. Furtado

CARPENTER-CONTRACTOR

508-992-6622

OVER 30 YEARS

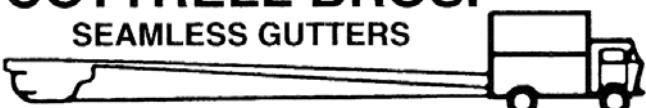
EXPERIENCE

Fairhaven, MA

Quality Remodeling & Finish Work • Kitchens • Bathrooms • Decks
All Types of Interior & Exterior Remodeling • Fully Insured

MA H.I.C. Reg. #125134 • MA Const. Sup. Lic #007769 • EPA Lead-Safe Cert.

COTTRELL BROS. SEAMLESS GUTTERS



Manufactured On Job Site

0.32 Gauge Aluminum Seamless Gutters

5" Available in 18 Colors

6" Commercial Gutters Available in 4 Colors

360 Main St.
Fairhaven, MA 02719

508-999-1598

Quality care. Quality people.

Individualized short-term care offering Physical,
Occupational, Speech and Respiratory therapies.
Respite and long-term care services also available.

THE OAKS
A Premier Nursing Center

508-998-7807 • TheOaksMa.com
4525 Acushnet Ave. • New Bedford, MA 02745

55141



Lenny Fleurent & Sons

MASONRY CONTRACTORS

508-996-0861 • 774-271-4556 (cell):

OVER 55 YEARS' EXPERIENCE

SPECIALISTS in waterproofing cellars/basements

Jobs big or small — we do them all!

CEMENT FLOORS • CEMENT DRIVEWAYS
CHIMNEYS • STONE WALLS • PATIOS &
STEPS SIDEWALKS & APRONS • FIREPLACES

Insured • Residential • Town Approved • Lic. # 013997

Acushnet considers “right-to-farm” bylaw; Wojnar in last term

Michael Smith

Neighb News Correspondent

The Acushnet Selectboard heard arguments on Monday, 4/13, from the town's Agricultural Commission as they push for Acushnet to be a Right-to-Farm community.

Cynda Williams of the AC approached the board saying the commission has been meeting for over a year to get a Right-to-Farm bylaw to be submitted in the upcoming Town Meeting warrant set for June 1.

“We're hoping you can approve this and put it on the town warrant,” said Ms. Williams.

David Wojnar, presiding over the meeting as Selectboard chair after the election last week, said the by-law looks “too aggressive” at first glance and said he would like to look into it further.

The by-law, created by taking elements from other farming communities, would mirror the by-law in Westport.

Ms. Williams claimed new residents moving into “big trophy homes” in Acushnet are not too keen on their neighbors having chickens making noise — stating that residents who want to farm should have the right to farm.

Board member Kevin Gaspar said that, in his opinion, the proposal by the AC would not work and would not pass at Town Meeting.

The proposal, handed to the board two days before the meeting, includes an excise tax for farm equipment, but according to board member Garry Rawcliffe, who supports farming, said there is nothing in the proposal that defines what a farm is.

“I cannot make an informed decision as of today,” said Mr. Rawcliffe, who

suggested he have another two weeks to digest the proposal thoroughly.

The board agreed to address the issue in two weeks.

In another matter, the Park Board presented an update of pending improvements to a little league baseball field at Pope's Park.

Acushnet-resident David Davignon went over project upgrades to Knox Field with the board, which included replacing the backstop, roof to the dugouts, and bringing the field to standard field dimensions.

The project would tentatively start at the conclusion of this year's season on July 31, according to Mr. Davignon.

The new field would comply with little league standards, including a new grass infield, new fencing, and an irrigation system. Old Colony Regional is currently drawing up schematic plans for the project, according to Mr. Davignon.

He said final expenditures for the project still have to be worked out.

The board supported the project unanimously.

A meeting with Old Colony was tabled for a future meeting.

The Selectboard discussed in a joint meeting with the Planning Board about completion dates of unfinished subdivisions.

Mr. Wojnar raised concerns that residents are not getting the services they deserve living in uncompleted subdivisions.

Modifications to subdivisions usually take eight years for completion after approval, according to Mr. Gaspar. Planning board members pointed toward a slowed economy as reasons for the incomplete projects.

“We're taking steps in addressing the short-term problems, as well as

looking into the long-term issues,” said town planner Henry Young.

The board also held a public hearing regarding the Aggregation program for electricity. The board voted unanimously to accept the contract. No members of the public spoke on the issue.

Tacking new business, the Selectboard read off and approved new and current town appointments, as well as approving new hires at the Acushnet River Valley Gold Course.

The Selectboard received good news from the City of New Bedford that there would be no increases to water rates. Mr. Wojnar said discussions with New Bedford would continue to take place.

The Acushnet Selectboard saw its first meeting with six-term board member David Wojnar as its new chairperson after the election, replacing Kevin Gaspar, who remains on the board. However, Mr. Wojnar announced he would not be seeking a seventh term on the Selectboard citing a busy life and a young family as his reasons.

“I do this somewhat with a heavy heart, but after a great deal of reflection,” said Mr. Wojnar. “It's been a great run.”

“There's no such thing as a lame duck as far as I am concerned,” added Mr. Wojnar. “I'm looking forward to a great year ahead of us.”

In another matter, Mr. Wojnar read a letter from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) notifying Acushnet that their “house is in order” pertaining to the town's flood plain maps and management.

The Selectboard also convened in executive session to review and discuss non-union contracts.

WESLEY WOOD PAINTING

Commercial Residential Marine



Visit us at www.WesleyWoodPainting.com
to see samples of our work

Wesley Wood • 508-992-1282 • Fairhaven

Buy 5 Days Doggy Daycare
Get 1 FREE

508-763-5351



Kelli Tomlinson
Acushnet, MA 02743
www.diamondintheruffspa.com

Grooming, Spa, Doggy Daycare & Boutique



St. Anthony of New Bedford Federal Credit Union

Your Community Credit Union

Now That The Snow Is Gone!!!

Does your home or yard need some sprucing up?

We have \$\$\$\$ to lend
to help you SPRING
into SUMMER!!!!



Rates Low as
7.24% apr*

*APR = Annual Percentage Rate. For qualified members only. Other rates and terms available, some restrictions apply. APRs effective 04/01/15. Federally insured with NCUA.

1743 Acushnet Ave., New Bedford, MA
508-996-5492
www.stantcu.com



*Every Mom has her Own Story.....
.....why not tell hers in a
Beautiful Birthstone Pendant or Ring*



WE BUY GOLD

Expert Repair Done on Premises
By In House Goldsmith

Elegance in Gold JEWELERS

147 Washington Street Fairhaven, Ma 02719
508 961-1458

CARMEN'S

Family Chef Service
Eat Well and Simplify Your Life

Helping seniors stay independent longer



Perfect for busy families

Catering available for special events.

Healthy meals customized for your dietary needs including:

Low Sodium • Low Carbohydrate • Lactose Free

Rotating weekly menus.

Scheduled home delivery service.

508-858-5488

Affordable pricing:

\$7.00 meals • \$3.00 soups and desserts

\$2.00 delivery fee

1841 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford, MA
www.carmensfamilychefservice.com

A trusted name catering to the South Coast area since 2005.

YOUR CARPET CLEANING PROFESSIONALS
Call the Company you Trust
AT YOUR PLACE, OR OURS CONVENIENT RUG & CARPET DROP-OFF CENTER

Wall-to-Wall • Orientals • Area Carpets • Braided

IN YOUR HOME:

Call Cyclone and our uniformed, professional crew will take care of your wall-to-wall carpets. You just pick up the phone.

AT OUR PLACE:

Drop off your area carpet one day and pick it up a few days later.

ALL carpets are machine scrubbed **and** extraction-rinsed for a clean that only Cyclone can give. Don't just clean it, make it **Cyclone-clean**.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS:

Do you have smoke, fire, or water damage due to flooding, fire, or furnace malfunction? **You have the right to choose your contractor.**
We are experts in water and smoke removal/restoration:
from cleaning to complete reconstruction.



CYCLONE CLEANING SERVICES

Proudly serving Greater New Bedford for 40 years
Cyclone: a name you can trust.

833 Mt. Pleasant St. • New Bedford
508-995-8816 • Anthony David

Visit www.CycloneCleaning.com to learn about all our cleaning services

SELECT: cont'd from page 4

license.

"They are not going to be selling to kids," said Grace Barnes, adding that it was not fair that he was being "crucified."

"It's things other people have done," she said.

Scot Pomfret told the board he looked forward to taking his children to the new store for ice cream. He said the problem with trash has "nothing do with him."

"I'm looking forward to having a store there instead of an empty building," said Siobhan Henebury, adding it would be nice to be able to walk to a store.

Mr. Medeiros assured neighbors that he would do his best to keep things neat and clean.

"I don't want this to be a nuisance for the community," said Mr. Medeiros. "I want it to be something good for the community."

Janice O'Connel told the board that they should not hand out beer and wine licenses like "lollipops." She said Down The Hatch was a "nuisance," and there is partying in the back of the island.

"West Island is becoming a no man's land," said Ms. O'Connel. "It's not fair. It's got to stop somewhere."

"Let's give the guy a chance," said Herb

Hunter. "That's all I want to say."

In the end the board voted to approve the license.

"I'd be hard pressed to deny it based on what I heard tonight," said Mr. Espindola.

"I can see no reason to deny this man a license," said Mr. Haworth.

Mr. Murphy said it was obvious that Mr. Medeiros would be carefully watched. If there are problems, the annual license could be revoked or not renewed.

The board also met with the Capital Planning Committee to go over the five-year plan. The recommendations will be made at Town Meeting on May 2.



TileCraft

*"Do It Right
The First Time"*

**PORCELAIN TILE
VINYL • CARPETING
HARDWOOD • MARBLE
GLASS • STONE**

Professional installation services for 24 years.

We are located just off Route 6 at
21 Arsene Way Fairhaven, MA 02719
508-999-0988 • www.tilecraftpro.com



**New • Used
Purchase • Refinance
Model Years 2010–2015**

**AUTO
LOANS**

as low as
**1.74 %
APR***
Term 5 years

Other rates and terms available.

Protect your purchase with optional GAP insurance.

Apply online at southernmass.com or
call 1-866-484-2264.

**SouthernMass
CREDIT UNION**

www.southernmass.com



Use Smart Phone to Apply



123 Alden Road
Fairhaven, MA 02719
2926 Acushnet Ave.,
New Bedford, MA 02745
508-994-9971

Federally insured with NCUA

*Actual savings based upon personal credit history. Annual Percentage Rate APR, Term 5 years; Automobile cost per \$1,000=\$17.42. Above APR reflects a .50% rate reduction for automatic payment from a SMCU Checking Account for remainder of loan. Available on model years 2010-2015 and requires a minimum down payment of 5% of the purchase price or NADA value, whichever is less. Available to qualifying members based upon established underwriting guidelines and creditworthiness. Refinancing existing SMCU loans excluded. This offer may be withdrawn or modified at any time without prior notice. Some restrictions may apply. APR effective 4/1/2015.

Hunter. "That's all I want to say."

In the end the board voted to approve the license.

"I'd be hard pressed to deny it based on what I heard tonight," said Mr. Espindola.

"I can see no reason to deny this man a license," said Mr. Haworth.

Mr. Murphy said it was obvious that Mr. Medeiros would be carefully watched. If there are problems, the annual license could be revoked or not renewed.

The board also met with the Capital Planning Committee to go over the five-year plan. The recommendations will be made at Town Meeting on May 2.



Sylvia Electric

Eric Sylvia

Commercial & Residential • MA/RI/CT

Upgrades • Repairs

Emergency Calls • New Installation

Renovation & Re-models • Service Calls

Sylvia Electric — Powerful Service

774-849-0425

Licensed Electrician for 24 Years • Lic: 13901A



**Fairhaven Office of Tourism
and Visitors Center**

Academy Building, 141 Main St.
next door to Fairhaven High School
508-979-4085

email FairhavenTours@aol.com

Open: Mon., Tue., Thu., Fri., Sat.
8:00 a.m. - Noon & 12:30 - 4:30 pm

<http://FairhavenTours.com>

facebook

<http://facebook.com/FairhavenTours>

twitter

<http://twitter.com/FairhavenTours>

Fitzgerald Tree Service

"WE GO WHERE THE PROBLEM TREES GROW"



• TREE REMOVAL • LOT CLEARING

• AERIAL BUCKET TRUCK & BOBCAT SERVICE

• FIREWOOD

• PRUNING OF LARGE HISTORICAL TREES

• YEAR ROUND SERVICE

SPECIALISTS IN LARGE DIFFICULT TREE REMOVAL

Free Estimates

508-993-3588

Fairhaven

APPEALS: cont'd from page 13

Mr. Fleurent reiterated his discomfort, asking how that would work, exactly. Do they revert it before they sell it, do they require the new owners to do it, and how would it be enforced?

The board approved the variance with the stipulation that the apartment has to be dismantled if the owners sell the house.s

After some discussion, including opposition from abutters, the board approved variances for a 5x6 front porch and a 28x10 foot deck at 92 Cottonwood Street.

Howe Allen and Tim Evans recently bought the home and said they wanted to put a deck where there is already pavement.

Abutter Jean Koenig sent an email to the board asking them not to approve the deck, writing that the house already has a sun porch.

"The proposed deck is an abnormal size for such a congested area," she wrote. "I do not know of any other deck this size in this area. I also feel it is conducive to large parties in a normally quiet neighborhood."

Abutter Linda Ferreira told the

board that she was not necessarily against the deck itself, but said she wanted to make sure that the new owners "stay within their boundaries."

She said at another property they owned, they encroached upon the sidewalk with landscaping, leaving no place to walk.

Mr. Evans and Mr. Allen assured the board that they were only putting the deck where the yard is paved. They also noted that the property has two lots that were not combined, but should have been, so the lot coverage variance was not needed.

Ms. Ferreira also asked if the owners were going to "flip it" or rent it.

"We're not flipping it," said Mr. Allen.

The board approved variances for both projects.

In other business the board:

- Approved a variance for John and Linda Grenier of 33 Williams Street, to square off and enclose a screen house. No abutters spoke.
- Approved home occupation special permit for Andrew Olsen at 37 Capeview Street, who works in

solar installation. Mr. Olsen told the board that he just needed a mailing address. No abutters spoke.

- Approved a variance for a side deck for 47 Alder Street. Owner Patricia Laffan, who has owned the house for 23 years, said she wanted to extend the deck to the back door so that people do not have to climb down the steps, walk on the grass, and then climb up again to get into the house.
- Approved a special permit for Jeffrey and Thomas Dompierre to build a house on Mill Road, which is in the Nasketucket River Basin. Chairperson Peter DeTerra explained that the old bylaw is left over from the time when the town received its water from the NRB. The plans call for a house and garage.
- Approved, in a matter not on the agenda, an extension to Susan Bates for a house at 4 Ruth Street. The variance expires on June 3. The project was delayed due to the weather, according to a letter sent to the board. The ZBA approved a six month extension. ***



HEATING OIL & DIESEL

We strive to maintain our competitive reputation by reducing costs

24-Hour Service

www.luzofuel.com

508-996-8042 • 126 MacArthur Drive
New Bedford, MA 02740

\$2.25 Gal

Price may change

Over 15 years' experience



DISCOVER VISA MasterCard AMERICAN EXPRESS

Dr. Brian K. Bowcock

Fairhaven Chiropractic Office

- Auto Injuries
- Job Injuries
- Low Back Injuries
- Board Certified in Orthopedics
- Neck Injuries
- Headaches

DOT Exams by Appointment

Call 508-997-3600

Nos falamos Portugues

Most insurances accepted, including United Healthcare & HMO Blue

CELEBRATING MORE THAN 50 YEARS

WAH MAY RESTAURANT



We serve Beer & Wine

Go where you KNOW the food is ALWAYS good...for EVERY meal!

\$2 off

All purchases of at least \$20
With this coupon. Exp. 4/24/15
Not to be combined with other offers.

Complete Menu of Chinese & American Selections

Call 508-992-8668 for take-out.
Open every day 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

NOW OPEN ON MONDAYS

51 Main Street, Fairhaven Center
Gift Certificates for all Occasions

Trusted by your friends and family since 1961



SIVALAI THAI CUISINE

SUNDAY BRUNCH BUFFET — THAI STYLE

11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. • \$12.95

Open Daily, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Closed Tues. • Beer & Wine Available
130 Sconticut Neck Road, Fairhaven • 508-999-2527
Daily Lunch Specials: 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Dinner: 4-9 p.m.

From our readers

Marcoux Letter

My name is Caroline Percy Marcoux. For those of you who have been bewildered reading the accounts of my adventures with the Board of Appeals, I would like to clarify for you what has been happening to me. Five years ago, my husband and I moved to West Island, in a little beach house he inherited from his parents after my father died.

At that time, I opened my jewelry business, the same one I started in 1982, and that supplemented my income while I worked for some of the big jewelry stores in Boston, Worcester, and Hartford, CT.

I am a goldsmith and a graduate gemologist. It means that I can repair gold jewelry, some costume jewelry, set diamonds and gemstones, and I can make new pieces to a customer's order. I also have a gem lab which allows me to identify, grade, and appraise diamonds and gemstones. I studied in residence at the Gemological Institute of America in California to acquire my degree and certificate.

My business is not a hobby, it is my livelihood, and it is now the only source of my income. Since I moved to Fairhaven and set up my business, I was taken to criminal court and had criminal charges* filed against my husband for having an illegal jewelry business in Fairhaven. At that time, the house was in my husband's name only so that's why the charges were brought against him by the Building Department. The issue was that the Building Department didn't want me to repair jewelry, but I would be allowed to make new pieces. A court magistrate threw out the case in a criminal pre-trial hearing, but I had a cease-and-desist letter against my business and I had to get a lawyer to defend myself. After the hearing, I resumed my work but I had lost several months of income while my case was pending as well as the cost of a lawyer.

In September, 2014, we sold the beach house and moved to downtown Fairhaven on Laurel Street. I was told I needed a building permit to erect a wall in the garage for my shop. The last contractor I worked with told me that he had applied to get a permit for the shop and would be picking it up the following week. That was last October. Two days before he had the permit, he called and dropped the job

with no explanation. It is now April and I have had no income since we moved. When I applied for the permit myself, I was denied, and another set of twisted interpretations of Fairhaven's rules for home occupations was recited to me. Meanwhile, I was paying property taxes, excise tax, dog licenses, and taxes on my own tools and equipment for the shop.

In February, I had to appear in front of the Board of Appeals to get an administrative appeal, which means that according to the town rules, my shop was already allowed to be in the garage and they needed to throw out the denial of a permit and grant me a permit to build my shop.

Again I had to hire a lawyer and the board seemed baffled with the phrase that defined where the shop could be — the rules stated it had to be in "an existing structure." The decision then had to be postponed so the town lawyer could figure it out instead.

Next meeting for March was cancelled due to not having a notice posted for publication in the papers, at least that is what I was told. Now it is April and the meeting was on April 7. The town lawyer's letter was read and lo and behold, "an existing structure" meant that I could work in the garages!

I do appreciate the common sense and support of one board member. A few other issues came up before the board voted to approve my permit, including getting another business certificate for this new address, which I already have, and having an occupancy permit, providing the constructed wall and new window passes inspection. I was told it would now take 34 days to actually get the permit so that I can begin to build.

At this point, I have run out of patience. Any more delays, stop work orders, court summons, or failed inspections when things will be built to code, will be taken as a direct attack on my financial resources and security as a legal business owner in this town.

I only want to live in Fairhaven in peace; that's all I ask. They are punishing people who follow the rules and encourage them to break the rules to avoid harassment. I would like to start a fresh beginning without constantly defending myself because I've followed town rules. I expect town officials' cooperation

from now on, and hope to expedite construction so that I can be back in business as soon as possible.

My husband, Roger, and I love Fairhaven and it's because of the people. My neighbors on West Island were wonderful and we were so lucky to get to know them and work with them on various projects. Our new neighbors on and around Laurel Street have been very supportive, helpful, and friendly as we have adjusted to a new beginning in town.

We picked Fairhaven because of the people. All the history and incredible architecture are just icing on the cake, but the foundation of this amazing town is the people, and I hope to have a more positive, working relationship with the town hall in the future.

Caroline Percy Marcoux, Fairhaven

**Editor's Note: A criminal complaint was filed in Housing Court.*

Rogers School Sale – Still not a Serious Proposal

At Town of Fairhaven Board meetings held on March 16 and 17, Fairhaven (FH) Selectmen reviewed a proposal from one bidder on the proposed sale of the Rogers School. Based on my reading of the original appraisal and the terms outlined in the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Rogers, the Selectmen should not go forward with this review, as the current bidder has not met the requirements for a serious consideration of the proposal.

Earlier, FH Selectmen spent several thousand dollars for an appraisal that determined that fair value for Rogers School was \$285,000. A detailed RFP was then put out to the public requesting bids for the property; the bids were to include not only the dollar amount of the proposal, but importantly, details of the buyer's usage goals, plans for the property development, time lines for completion, and a clear picture of the bidder's financial status.

FH received only 1 bid of \$1.00 along with a cover note describing in general terms the bidder's intent to convert the Rogers School into an expansion of the existing Fairhaven Maritime Academy. No details on development, no timelines, no financials. information. The FH Selectmen agreed to go back to the bidder to request needed information.

Even if we assume that \$1 is the

LETTERS: cont'd on page 22

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR CLASSIFIEDS

FAIRHAVEN ALARM SYSTEM, SINCE 1976
Burglar, Fire and Camera Systems.
Ask about our low rate on U.L. 24-hour alarm
monitoring and **FREE MONITORING**.
Replace your old alarm system with a new
system for as little as \$299 Complete
FREE ESTIMATE: 508-992-7633

FINE FURNITURE RESTORATION
Free Estimates, 13 Years' Experience.
Veneering, Hand Rubbed Finishing.
Do you heirloom antiques need some TLC?
Call Michael, 508-997-1079.
Hand Crafted Custom Furniture
www.floatingstonewoodworks.com

ODD JOBS • SMALL JOBS
Painting, carpentry, organizing, etc.
Call George 508-801-6743

GRASS CUTTING & TRIMMING Other landscaping work. Very reasonable prices. Free estimates. Call Carlos 508-287-3429.

GARDENS ROTO-TILLED
Get your garden prepared with effort and care!
Call Ron at 774-451-4521

BRAND NEW POWER RECLINER
\$250. Must pick up. Call Jim,
508-993-6973 after 6:30

HAVE A BUSINESS TO PROMOTE? Place a classified ad! Only \$7 for three lines, \$1 each additional line. Call Beth at 508-979-5593.

RON'S LAWN MAINTENANCE Grass cutting, Yard clean-ups, Mulch, Hedge trimming. Reliable, quality services at reasonable prices! 774-451-4521

NB HAPPY: cont'd from page 8
permanent exhibit in the Jacobs Family Gallery.

Right Whale Day full schedule of activities includes:

Right Whale Day activities and April Vacation Week activities that take place in Jacobs Family Gallery, Cook Memorial Theater or on the Whaling Museum Plaza are FREE. Regular admission to all other galleries applies. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 508-997-0046 or visit <http://www.whalingmuseum.org/programs/april-vacation-week-2015>.

Dock-U-Mentary

Friday, April 17th at 7 p.m., with a screening of *Maritime Capsules*, at Corson Maritime Learning Center, 33 William St., New Bedford. Free.

Maritime Capsules tells the story of the Grand Banks dory from the heyday of high-lining schooners to the current group of locals who sustain the ancient rowboat as a symbolically important part of Gloucester's maritime culture.

For more information, call the visitor center at 508-996-4095, go to www.nps.gov/nebe

RAY THE PLUMBER: Professional service you can afford. Lic. #PL31859-J. Call **508-958-0925**.

FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE State approved for Mass. license to carry firearms or FID card. Call Phil Lacerda, 508-989-6093.

LOCAL ELECTRICIAN:
28 years' experience. Lic. #13901A.
Small jobs preferred. *Old houses a specialty.*
Generator hook-ups. Eric, 774-849-0425.

EXPERIENCED CAREGIVER Light housekeeping, errands, companionship, light cooking. Ref. avail. on request. Call Linda, 508-965-3744.

DUST BUNNY: CALL ME TO CLEAN.
Bonded & insured.
Call Sonya, 508-742-8725

Interior/exterior painting, carpentry. Clean-outs, tree and yard work. **References.** Please call Les, 508-264-5182.

FOR RENT: Beach house in Fairhaven (Winse-gansett) avail 5/15-10/15. Three BRs, completely furnished. Great condition. Call 508-993-1464 for weekly, monthly, or full season rates. Ideal for 1-3 people.

Get the Neigh News by email

Get the *Neigh News* delivered directly to your desktop. Email us at NeighNews@comcast.net, with your full name, and we will send you your very own copy of the *Neigh News* in a PDF.

You'll get it bright and early Thursday morning every week without even leaving your house, or stopping on your way to work.

Cultural Council seeks members

The Fairhaven Cultural Council is seeking new members. Council members are appointed by the Selectboard and oversee the awarding and distribution of grant monies from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and local funds to support projects in the arts and humanities that directly benefit Fairhaven residents. The council meets on Monday evenings for four formal voting meetings throughout the year and on an as-needed basis for other council business. Any Fairhaven resident interested in joining the council may contact chairperson Kristine Daniels by email at artgirlkris@comcast.net for more information.

Fairhaven Meetings

Bikeway Committee

Thurs., 4/16, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Board of Appeals

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

Conservation Commission

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

Finance Committee

Thurs., 4/16 (CANCELLED)

Thurs., 4/23, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Historical Commission

Thurs., 4/16, Fire Station, 7 p.m.

Planning Board

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

Precinct Meetings

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

School Committee

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

Selectboard

Tues., 4/21, Town Hall, 12 noon

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

Town Meeting

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

Acushnet Meetings

Agricultural Commission

Thurs., 4/23, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Community Preservation

Tues., 4/21, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Conservation Comm

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

Selectboard

Mon., 4/27, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

Apr. 2015		HIGH		LOW
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.
Thursday	16	0637	1901	----
Friday	17	0725	1948	0056* 1305*
Saturday	18	0812	2036	0150* 1354*
Sunday	19	0902	2126	0246* 1445*
Monday	20	0952	2215	0336* 1533*
Tuesday	21	1041	2304	0417* 1614*
Wednesday	22	1131	2354	0452* 1653
Thursday	23	----	1225	0529 1732
Friday	24	0049	1322	0613 1821
Saturday	25	0145	1417	0905 1939
Sunday	26	0239	1510	1017 2249

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

**Predicted minus tides from -1.1 ft to -2.0 ft or more



LETTERS: cont'd from page 20

right number (and that is debatable) the risk with this proposal is that the bidder could literally do nothing with the property over a long period as there is no legally binding obligation to do so. Nor is there any time limit, financial, or legal incentive to do anything that commits the bidder to complete the project. And there are no stated penalties for non-completion.

When these shortcomings were pointed out during the March 16 & 17 meetings, the Selectmen and Chairmen of the two meetings undertook to express the concerns raised, and to request a bid in conformity with the RFP. But despite their request, the bidder re-submitted the identical original bid, which was actually discussed and taken seriously in an April 8 meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

It is incumbent on the Selectmen to explain why what was unacceptable on March 16 & 17 remains under consideration on April 8. Another question they must answer is the following: Would they sell their own house or property on such terms? This would loosely be the equivalent of a buyer wanting to buy a house without a down payment at risk for failure to perform, no proof of undertaking to apply for a mortgage, and no time limit to do so. If the Selectmen wouldn't sell their own property that way, why would they seriously consider any such bid for a potentially valuable asset in FH's best interest? How is that a responsible execution of their fiduciary obligations to FH?

Context is also important, and this proposal must be seen against FH's current financial circumstances. FH's debt has been on "Watch for Downgrade" by the Moody's rating agency,

because FH is failing to live within its means. In recent years its budget deficit has been closed by drawing down its reserves. Now as one example of unforeseen adverse events, just consider the unexpected damage to FH roads done by this year's winter snowfall, and the further stress it will place on FH's budget if those roads are adequately repaired. What if they are not?

To borrow from a phrase often mentioned about Social Security: Will Fairhaven be there for our children and grandchildren? Fairhaven has been in my wife's family for 3 generations, represents some of our happiest times, and until recently was relatively affordable. But in recent years property tax increases have become a real consideration, and it is no longer taken for granted that Fairhaven as we have known it will be there for our children and grandchildren. Will it be there for yours? Either taxes will continue to go up and/or town services go down due to budgetary constraints — that's just basic math.

To sum up, in today's environment what can best be described as an outrageous give-away where it is Heads the bidder wins and Tails FH loses, FH no longer has the luxury of irresponsible expenditures and waste of its assets. Why is this proposal even being considered, and what's the rush to do it? The

Selectmen must explain: a) Why is good money spent on appraisals and RFPs whose requirements are then ignored; b) how could they possibly recommend a proposal for a valuable FH property that they would not in the remotest manner consider for their own property; c) why is an auction not under serious consideration; d) what's the rush to do this?

Thank you for your consideration.

Ernie Nounou, Fairhaven

Thank You Mattapoisett!

The Friends of the Mattapoisett Council on Aging wish to thank everyone who participated in our Annual Easter Pie and Dessert Sale on April 4th. You made our sale a great success.

Volunteer bakers brought in their favorite desserts and native specialties. We had such a grand variety that enhanced the presentation and made it look delicious!

The Friends of the Mattapoisett CoA hopes to see you again next year... both bakers and buyers. This year was our most successful sale ever.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU
EVERYONE!

EURO at Phoenix Hall

WINTER HOURS
Mon.-Sat. 9:30-5:30
Follow us on Facebook:
EuroShipStore/Phoenix

508-992-1714

24 Center Street, Corner of Main Street

A simple ad
just to say: I *truly enjoy*
reading the *Neighb News*
every week!

from Louise Dupre

Kitchens To Fit Your Lifestyle & Budget

Visit Our Showroom

- Full Service Computerized Kitchen Planning
- Free In-Home Measurement Service
- Fine Cabinetry in as Little as 3 Days
- Custom Cabinets & Countertops



Fairhaven Lumber Co.
508-993-2611
120 Alden Road • Fairhaven, MA



St. Anthony of New Bedford Federal Credit Union

Your Community Credit Union

Tired of searching for the perfect financial institution?
Well, look no further!

Join us at

St. Anthony of New Bedford FCU,
A local Credit Union with over 60 years
of services to the community.

Come experience the difference yourself.

1743 Acushnet Ave., New Bedford, MA
508-996-5492

www.stantcu.com



Fairhaven Homeowners

Are you paying too much for insurance?
Prices are for homes built after 1920

Coverage Amount	Price/ year
\$ 150,000	\$ 552
\$ 250,000	\$ 885
\$ 350,000	\$ 1,219
\$ 450,000	\$ 1,520

Includes replacement cost contents, \$1,000 deductible for all claims including wind/hurricane, \$500,000 liability.

**final rate subject to company acceptance of application and meeting all underwriting guidelines

Call us today for a quote!

VIEIRA INSURANCE AGENCY INC.

Fairhaven Center for Business
65 Alden Road, Fairhaven, MA 02719
508-997-8515 • 508-997-8670 (fax)
www.vieirains.com

VFW

Fairhaven Post 2892
109 Middle Street • Fairhaven • 508-997-1707

Entertainment & Events

Sat., 4/18:
One Last Shot,
9 p.m.–1 a.m.

Wed., 4/22:
Athenas adult bingo,
7 p.m.

Every Wed: Free Juke
Box & Pool, 7–10

Fri., 4/24:
Wrestling,
7–10 p.m.

Sat., 4/25:
Rukkus Rukkus
9 p.m.–1 a.m.

Every Sun.: Bar
Bingo/prizes, 6–8



The V
Kitchen now open
Cheap Daily Specials
Mon.–Sat., 12 noon–4 p.m.
Open Thursday nights for meat raffle

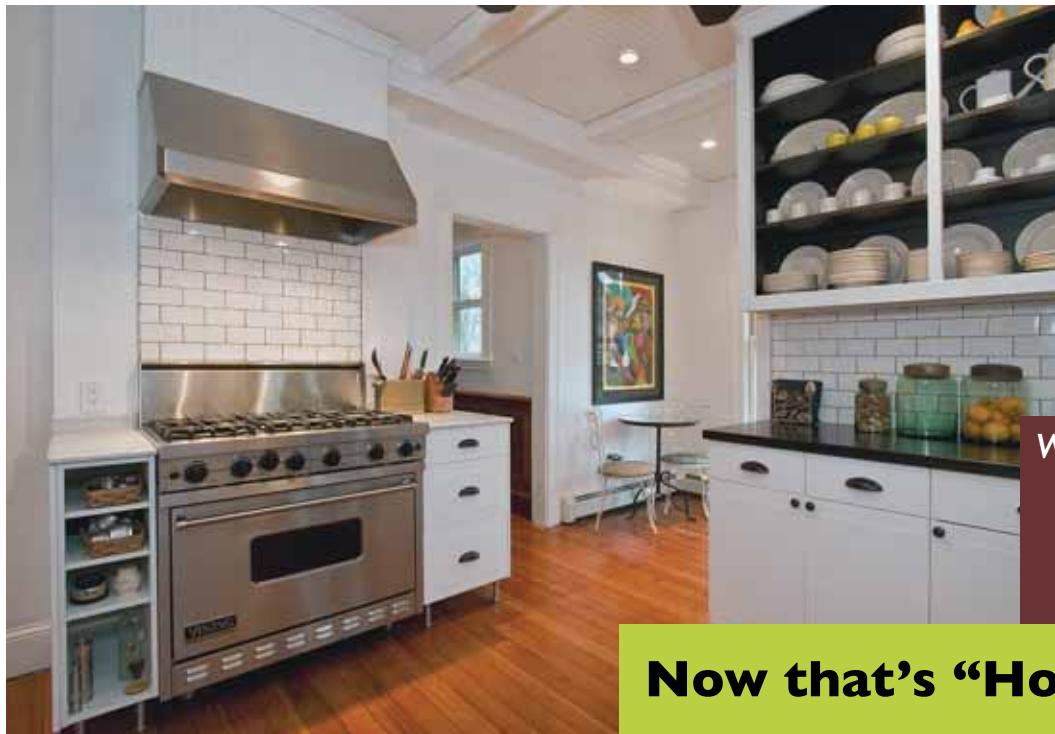


ENTERTAINMENT:

Sat., 4/18, The Relics, 9 p.m.–1 a.m.
Sat., 4/25, Bare Bones, 9 p.m.–1 a.m.
Sun., 5/3, St. Joseph's Bike Run

MONDAY NIGHT PIZZA SPECIAL:
Two for one (eat-in only) • 6 p.m.–Midnight

Hours: Mon.–Sat., 11:30–2 a.m. • Sun., Noon–2 a.m.
136 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven • 508-992-BEER
Visit: www.IceHouseBarGrill.com



Knowledge
of style trends and
consumer preferences
is essential when
marketing or searching
for a home.

We listen to our buyers and sellers, and offer our expertise to help them achieve their goals.

Now that's "Howe" it's done.

Howe Allen Realty

43 Center Street, Fairhaven Center
888.491.9993 | howeallen.com



Distinctive, Historic and Coastal Homes

Spring It On!

**New Items
In the Deli**



Local Farm Fresh Eggs
Narragansett Creamery
Locally Roasted Coffee
(A buck a cup!)

Glass Bottled Milk and More!



SPEEDWELL COFFEE
★ SMALL BATCH ROASTERS ★

Sunday & Monday

Buy One, Get One Half Off On ALL PIZZAS!

Tuesday through Wednesday Evenings

3-Course Menu for \$19.99!!

Bring a date and add a carafe of wine for only \$10!

We Have So Much to Offer, Why Go Anywhere Else?

111 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven, MA 02719

508-996-3500 • ejsrestaurantanddeli.com

Emma Jean's
Ice Cream Shoppe Grand Opening
Saturday April 18th!

New Homemade Ice Cream Flavors!

Homemade Italian Ice!

New Homemade Ice Cream Cakes,
Pies, and Other Novelties!

Keep an eye on our Facebook for more info!

115 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven, Ma 02719

www.totalconfections.com 774-206-1132