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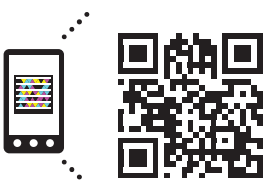


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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Fairhaven High School graduates 164



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Doug Simmons dances down the aisle after he receives his Fairhaven High School diploma on Sunday, 6/5, in the school auditorium. The 164 graduates received nearly \$4 million in scholarships and five students were planning to join the military. Dubbed the "class of big dreams," the class of 2016 was told to remember where they came from and to make the world a better place. *Photo by Beth David.*

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Aiyiyi Lucy.....say it ain't so.
List, letter, letter, list, a letter
that contains a list (page 7).
Geesh.

You know what I say, right?
Do not ignore me, do not lie to
me.

That's not a whole lot for a reporter to ask. Just
answer or return my calls, and answer my questions. If
you don't like the question, don't want to answer it, so
so. Say "I don't want to answer that."

But.....do.....not.....lie.....to.....me.

Peter DeTerra, the chairperson of the Zoning Board
of Appeals, an appointed post, and also chairperson of
the Board of Health, an elected post, started ignoring
my phone calls a long time ago.

But, this one cracks me up. Honestly, my life would
not be believed if we did a documentary.

On the other hand, seeing what's happening with the
national candidates, maybe it would be.

I guess it all depends on what the definition of "lie" is,
right?

Holy moly, what will they think of next?

Mr. DeTerra said he did not lie to me. He said I did not
ask him if he sent a list, I asked him if he sent a
letter....oh, wait, I got that backwards. Let's try again:
Mr. DeTerra said I did not ask him if he sent a letter, I
asked him if he sent a list. Right...that's it.

So, do I really remember if I used the word "letter" or
"list"? Nope. Not this time. I guess I need to record myself.

In any case, you take a look at the "letter" and see if
it does not contain a "list."

But, I could have that wrong, too.

See page 7 for the story, and the letter will be on our
website. The letter that does not have a list.

This weekend was high school graduation time!

What fun, what promise, how young and cute they all
are. This year's class got nearly \$4 million in
scholarships for college. It's a great accomplishment.

It's also a stinging rebuke of our higher education
system. Four MILLION dollars? Really? There are 164
students in that class. Not all are going to college, and
all who are going did not get scholarships.

That \$4 million will get used up, every dollar, and
most of those students will, no doubt, still rack up a
boatload of debt.

Something is wrong here, people. Something is
terribly wrong.

I'm delighted for those kids who got scholarships.

But, really, we have to do better for our young people

When I went to BCC in the late 70s, it was \$150 a
semester, about one week's pay for me at the time.
Books were about \$300. Now it's more than \$4,000. And
they are still the inexpensive alternative

How did we get here? How do we get
out? I wish I knew.

Until next week then...see ya,



Beth David, Publisher

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Oxford School renderings show building from street, park

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard has scheduled a public hearing for Tuesday, 6/21, to discuss the proposal to turn the old Oxford School building and property into a senior housing complex. The town intends to enter into a purchase and sale agreement with Stratford Capital Group to develop the project.

The board has also scheduled a special town meeting on June 30 to vote on the measure. SCG is paying for the STM.

The disposition of the building was scheduled to be voted on at the annual Town Meeting in May, but was passed over to give SCG time to create drawings showing how the proposed development will look from the street side and the Livesey Park side.

The proposal calls for 63 units, 46 one-bedroom and 17 two-bedroom, for a total of 80 bedrooms for tenants 62+ years of age.

The public is encouraged to attend the meeting. SCG representatives and town officials will be available to

answer questions on the project.

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, 6/21, at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven.

For more information, contact the Selectboard's Office at 508-979-4023, Ext. 2.

The documents, including the draft purchase and sale agreement and renderings, are available on the town's website at www.fairhaven-ma.gov. Click on "Documents and Contracts" on the left column, and then "Rogers-Oxford Documents."



TOP: The Oxford School Residences in an artist's rendering as seen from the Livesey Park side of the building. The complex will consist of 63 units, 46 one-bedroom and 17 two-bedroom, for a total of 80 bedrooms for tenants 62+ years of age. The proposal has sparked controversy in the town. ABOVE: The view from Main Street. Image provided.



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Selectboard recognizes Det. Cudmore; stalls EPA access

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard recognized Detective Glenn Cudmore for receiving the Outstanding Collaborative Investigation Award and the Investigative Achievement Award from United States Attorney Carmen Ortiz for his work on two separate investigations.

At their meeting on Monday, 6/6, the board praised Det. Cudmore, who is currently assigned to the US Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force.

One case involved a major drug dealer by the name of Francisco Monteiro who was running a heroin trafficking ring. After an extensive investigation, Mr. Monteiro was convicted and sentenced to 21 years in federal prison.

The second case involved a disgraced and disbarred former attorney named Edward Boyer who had millions of dollars in marijuana shipped here from California. He was convicted and sentenced to nine years in federal prison.

"Det. Cudmore was one of the main investigators in both cases, who earned much deserved praise from the U.S. Department of Justice, as well as the continued respect from our department," reads a statement from the Fairhaven Police Department.

Fairhaven police chief Michael Myers appeared before the board with Det. Cudmore.

"I don't think anyone works harder," said Chief Myers.

"You've taken some really bad people off the streets," said Selectboard member Dan Freitas. "I can't thank you enough for the work you do. You guys deserve all the recognition you get."

Selectboard chairperson Charles Murphy said that Det. Cudmore's "important work" saves lives, and it helped to get "bad people off the street."

Mr. Murphy also thanked Det. Cudmore's family for putting up with the long hours and other demands of the job.

Town Administrator Mark Rees said that he has been "very much impressed" with the FPD and said it was due to the leadership of Chief Myers.

Det. Cudmore took a moment to thank his fellow Fairhaven police officers and detectives for their work

on the cases he was recognized for.

Chief Myers added that most people do not realize how much work is done "behind the scenes."

"We're very lucky in Fairhaven," said Mr. Murphy.

In another matter, the board responded to criticism and concerns from a group of neighbors seeking to block the Environmental Protection Agency from gaining access to town property on the shore near Veranda and Oxford Streets. The EPA is seeking to test soil for PCB (polychlorinated biphenyl) contamination. Planning and Economic Development Director Bill Roth, and Town Administrator Mark Rees both recommended that the board approve the request.

Mr. Roth told the board it was a standard procedure that the board had routinely granted in the past.

"They're just going out, re-sampling and getting additional data," said Mr. Roth.

Karen Vilandry, president of the Hands Across the River Coalition, and several neighbors, urged the board to deny the EPA's request.

They cited concerns with remediation if any contamination is found. Neighbors said that the original language in the EPA's request form for going on private property scared many of them into denying access. According to neighbors, the language made it clear that they will be responsible for cleanup and that the EPA will descend upon the properties with big equipment to remediate.

Ms. Vilandry asked that the board request EPA representatives attend a meeting to answer property owners' questions before granting access.

"It's something you owe the taxpayers," said Ms. Vilandry.

"Why can't they do it from the water," asked one resident.

Resident Bill Cusson said his property abuts the town land. He said it is a nice piece of property that the EPA will ruin with a fence and big equipment and people in hazmat suits.

"We've been dealing with them for



L-R: Det. Glenn Cudmore and Fairhaven Police Chief Michael Myers appear in front of the Selectboard to recognize Det. Cudmore for two investigative awards he received. Photo by Beth David.

years," said Mr. Cusson, making it clear that neighbors did not trust the EPA.

The harbor has been getting dredged in various areas for about two years. One project is to deepen the channel and expand one of the terminals.

The other project, which is the big bone of contention, is the creation of Confined Aquatic Disposal Cells (CAD Cells). The large holes in the harbor are being created to deposit PCB contaminated dredging material. Several are planned throughout the harbor, with one near Oxford Village in Fairhaven. Proponents say it is the best and least expensive way to clean up the harbor. Opponents say it does not clean up the harbor, it simply moves the PCBs closer to homes and eventually the PCBs will escape the unlined holes.

"All I know is, from day one, it's been an absolute nuisance," said one neighbor, adding that although limited hours were promised for dredging, it has been going on 24-7 for months. "My life has been very compromised by this."

Board members discussed the possibility of putting conditions on their approval.

Selectboard member Dan Freitas said the EPA should tell people when they are going to do the sampling and should not move any heavy equipment to the area without notification.

Board members also discussed various ways to notify the neighbors of any news.

Mr. Roth said it was very labor

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Fishing Tourney

Sat., 6/11, Rick's Outboard Marine, 105 Sconticut Neck Rd., Fhvn. \$40/adult, \$20/child, \$100/family. For info email Capt.MelTrue@gmail.com or call 508-951-9991; <http://www.CaptainMelTrue.com/>

Walking Tour

"Twenty-Acre Purchase" Walking Tours, **Wednesdays, June through September. Starts at west end of Phoenix Bike Trail, Main and South streets, Fairhaven, at 10 a.m.**

This 90-minute walk teaches the history of the early waterfront village area that eventually grew into the center of Fairhaven. See houses and buildings dating from pre-Revolutionary times into the 1800s and learn about the people who lived and worked. Guide: Howe Allen. Weather permitting.

Homestay Families

Seeking Homestay families for summer student visit from Japan, from July 30 through August 5, for a group of high school students from Tosashimizu (our Sister City in Japan).

We need homes for three girls, one boy and one male teacher

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Father's Day Race

42nd annual, 10K & 5K. Steps off at 9 a.m. For registration, 508-997-9460. \$20/adults, \$10/children. Online registration at <http://jbrace.com>

Begins at Hastings Middle School, 30 School Street, Fairhaven. Start time, 9:00 a.m.

The annual running of a 10K, TAC sanctioned course through the lovely, historical Fairhaven streets features some of New England's top runners. There is also a shorter 5K race. Sponsored by Fairhaven merchants and Fairhaven Road Race Inc. **Registration deadline Saturday, June 18 at 4:00 p.m. No post entries.**

For registration, call 508-997-9460.

or visit <http://jbrace.com>

Thrift Store

Heavenly Treasures, First Congregational Church of Fairhaven, William Street, Fairhaven. Open 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Wednesday and Saturday.

WI Breakfast Buffet

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1921, West Island Community Center, 41 Causeway Rd., West Island, Fairhaven, 8-11 a.m.

By the West Island Improvement Association. Breakfast includes scrambled eggs, pancakes, fruit, cereal, coffee and juice. **\$8 adults, \$4 children under 12.** Tickets are available at the door. Accessible.

FIA Vouchers

The Fairhaven Improvement Association is again offering the Voucher Program to help residents enhance the beauty of their property.

Send a check for \$20 and you will receive a voucher that entitles you to purchase \$40, of shrubbery at Kenny's Farm Stand on Huttleston Ave.

The offer is available to Fairhaven residents only. One voucher per family is allowed.

For a limited time Kenny has offered to add another \$10.00 allowance to your doubled voucher giving you a total of \$50 in buying power at his nursery. This offer will be honored from May 1 to July 1, 2016. Voucher expires on Sept. 30.

If you decide to use your voucher after that date, it will be good for \$40 but not for the special stated above.

The voucher may be used for the shrubbery listed only. It may not be used for any other merchandise in the nursery. There will be no money exchange. For instance, if your shrubbery bill comes to \$47.75, there will be no money returned to you.

The list of shrubbery available includes: Andromeda, Azalea, Boxwood, Butterfly Bush, Holly, Hydrangea, Lilac, PJM, Rhododendron, Wisteria.

The voucher will expire Sept. 30, 2016. The voucher program ends when all allocated funds have been depleted but no later than Sept. 30, 2016.

Contact Monika Whalley, 508-758-8223 or monikawhalley@hotmail.com

Mail with a **self-addressed stamped envelope* and check for \$20 made out to the Fairhaven Improvement**

Association to: FIA, P.O. Box 404, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

*Incomplete applications will not be processed.

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Car Show CANCELLED

The Car show scheduled for Sunday has been CANCELLED.

Scholarship Apps

The West Island Improvement Association, Inc. is again pleased to announce that they will be awarding their annual scholarships. This will mark the 31st year of the Association's Scholarship Fund which began in 1985. Scholarships are limited to sons, daughters, and grandchildren of W.I.A. members.

Applicants must be members of the current high school graduating class. Applications are expected to represent a complete, accurate, and honest appraisal of the candidate's performance and status. This application must be accompanied by an official high school transcript along with a 500-word essay pertaining to what West Island means to you and why.

Saturday, June 18, is the deadline for filing this application. Applications received after this date will be considered ineligible. Presentations will be made at the annual West Island Scholarship Breakfast on July 10.

For applications, call Linda Meredith, Chairperson, 508-994-8751, or Terry Pereira, 508-994-7266.

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Chocolate Works celebrates 35 years

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The store, at 1849 Acushnet Avenue in New Bedford, is having a blowout sale today, 6/9, to celebrate the 35 years in business.

Everything is 35% off.

They carry a full line of Wilton Products for cake decorating and candy making.

Products include individual cardboard rounds, squares, rectangles, doilies, foil cut to size in all colors, and cake boxes. You'll find popular cookie cutters, such as the Eiffel Tower, poodles, anchors, sailboats, mermaids, seahorses, starfish, mustaches, bow ties, and so many more when you come in the door.

Thousands of candy molds line the walls this time of year, including nautical molds.

Customers making wedding cakes like the white foam cake boards to put their cakes on because they are so lightweight and very sturdy. Also, styrofoam cake dummies are available for the ones that don't need so much cake, but like the look of layers.

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and we carry 1 dram bottles and 1 ounce bottoms. They flavor candy, chocolate, fudge, frosting, cake and ice cream.

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Need some bling? Add a diamond chain. Cake pan options include plastic, which are half the cost of aluminum.

Sugar flowers are abundant and are stacked in the case for display. Just come in and browse.

You really need to visit to see for yourself.

For information on products, visit www.ChocolateWorksNewBedford.com

Elaine Cordeiro misses her mother-in-law sometimes. Dorothy, aka Dot, and Elaine started their somewhat unique business 35 years ago as a way to blend the talents of the two women.

“I took cake decorating lessons and she made cake toppers, with everything, lace bows, everything,” said Elaine. “I would make up chocolate and lollipops. She would do the ordering. Now I do everything.”

Elaine said the arrangement worked out well while her children were young.

“She took care of the kids. It was very flexible for both of us,” she said.

Even at the end, when Dot could not get around as well, she would still work the cash register.

“She did what she could,” said Elaine.

As far as the business went, the two complemented each other.

“We had different ideas,” said Elaine. “She thought of things, I thought of

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DeTerra asks for Fleurent not to be reappointed to ZBA

By Beth David
Editor

Peter DeTerra, the long time chairperson of the Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals, has denied asking the Selectboard not to reappoint Rene Fleurent to the ZBA.

After the ZBA meeting on Tuesday, Mr. DeTerra, in the full company of the board as they began to leave the room, said he had no idea why Mr. Fleurent was not reappointed to the ZBA. When asked pointedly and specifically if he sent a list, Mr. DeTerra said he did not.

After the *Neighb News* obtained a letter* written by Mr. DeTerra with his recommendation that Mr. Fleurent not be reappointed, Mr. DeTerra said in a phone interview that he had not been asked if he sent a "letter," he had been asked if he sent a "list."

"I was asked to give a letter of recommendation and that's the recommendation I gave," said Mr. DeTerra. "I am not the approving authority. That's what I interpreted your question as."

He stressed that only the Selectboard has the authority, and it

was their decision not to re-appoint Mr. Fleurent to the ZBA.

"I just give my recommendations," said Mr. DeTerra. "They are the appointing authority. They can do what they want."

He did stand by his recommendation, repeating the charge in the letter that Mr. Fleurent's position on the Planning Board, an elected post, has caused conflicts of interest in some cases and that he believes it will continue to do so.

"The Planning Board makes rules and regulations," said Mr. DeTerra. "And we give relief to those regulations."

He also said that Mr. Fleurent is "disruptive" in meetings and has side conversations instead of going through the chair.

"He needs to pay attention more," said Mr. DeTerra. "He's very disruptive and asks other board members instead of bringing it to the chair. He should be talking to the whole board."

The list of appointments that was voted on at the Selectboard's 5/23 meeting was prepared by Selectboard

Administrative Assistant Anne O'Brien. She said she prepared the list the way she always does, based on the recommendations of the chairs, and she included the letter from Mr. DeTerra for Selectboard members.

"For me, personally, I was just reading the names on the list," said Selectboard Chairperson Charles Murphy. "I didn't see that there was a letter."

He said that at some point he became aware of the letter, that it was, indeed, attached to the list, but that he just hadn't noticed it.

Mr. Fleurent did not return a phone call by press time to comment on this story. He did, however, speak at the Selectboard meeting on Monday, 6/6, stating categorically that he wanted to be appointed to the ZBA.

He said he wanted the board to know that he was "enthusiastic about serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals."

Anyone interested in being appointed needs to send a letter to the Selectboard by noon on June 16.

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To reserve space: \$10. donation.
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Jazz Fest

The fifth annual **New Bedford Jazz Fest** is **Sat., 6/11 from 2-7 p.m. on Pier 3 in New Bedford's historic waterfront** and will include fantastic music, delicious food, refreshing libations, all in a unique atmosphere of New Bedford's working waterfront. Visit <http://newbedfordart.org/jazz-fest/> for more information.

JazzFest is produced by and for the benefit of Your Theatre, Inc. New Bedford's 69-year old community theatre group. Sponsors of the event include Bridgewater Credit Union as well as the New Bedford Local Cultural Council of the Massachusetts Cultural Council. **Tickets, \$20 in advance**, may be ordered through the Your Theatre box office at 508-993-0772, online at NewBedfordJazzfest.com, or at the Bridgewater Credit Union (Fairhaven Branch) and Symphony Music Shop, State Road in North Dartmouth. **Tickets at the gate are \$25. Children 15 and under are free** when accompanied by an adult. Free parking is available at the State Pier and the Elm Street Garage.

Spring Art Exhibit

The Boys & Girls Club of Greater New Bedford is pleased to present an exciting Spring Art Exhibition to showcase Club members' original artwork on **Tues., 6/14, at the Boys & Girls Club of Greater New Bedford, 166 Jenney Street in New Bedford.**

An award ceremony and student presentation begins **promptly at 5 p.m.**, and will be followed by a reception with complimentary refreshments, music and collaborative art making. Club members' Artwork will be on display and available for purchase at a Silent Auction during the reception. Proceeds from the will help support the BGC Art Program.

Walking Tours

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park announces its summer programming, with high-

lights including walking tours, garden talks, living history, Thursday evening concerts, and special events. All of the park's activities are free.

New Bedford has a long and fascinating history, filled with stories of whalemens going to sea for years at a time, wives left to run businesses, escaped slaves seeking freedom, and a connection to the sea that spans centuries. The public is invited to explore this history through **free guided tours, offered seven days a week through Sept. 5. Tours offered 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.** Tours leave from the visitor center, 33 William St., New Bedford. This year the park will also offer ten-minute talks on topics related to the whaling industry twice a day, at 12:30 PM and 1:30 PM

Polish Fest

Our Lady of Perpetual Church, 235 North Front St., New Bedford, will host its annual Polish Fest Father's Day weekend.

Featuring Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push Polka Band on Sat., 6/18 from 11 a.m.-8 p.m.. On Sunday, celebrate Polka Mass at 11 a.m. and join us for our Polish Fest from noon to 5 p.m., featuring the Eddie Forman Orchestra.

Famous Polish Kitchen featuring pierogi, golombki, kielbasa, kapusta, American food, baked goods.

Variety of booths: Grandma's Attic, children's booth, Polish booth, flower booth, and more. Free parking

All are very welcome.

Volunteers Needed

The New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center is looking for volunteers to help with day to day operations. A new non-profit organization dedicated to telling the story of the fishing industry past, present and future through exhibits, programs, and archives, the Center is located at 38 Bethel Street in the heart of New Bedford's historic downtown, and will open to the public on Saturday, 6/25.

Volunteer opportunities include: welcoming visitors, staffing the reception area and gift shop, assisting with educational programs, conducting research, and helping with special events.

Contact the Fishing Heritage Center at: operations@fishingheritagecenter.org or call (508-993-8894).

Franco-American Awards

To mark the Feast of Saint Jean Baptiste, on June 26, 2016, the Ligue of Franco-Americans will honor four noted community members.

The award for Franco American of the Year will jointly go to Armand Marchand and George Charbonneau. They are being honored for their remarkable contributions to the region's cultural landscape. The two have been the moving spirits behind the New Bedford Festival Theatre.

The Ligue will also recognize Alfred Saulniers as Franco-American Historian of the Year. The honor acknowledges his recent research and writing.

Gerry Payette will be named Franco-American Veteran of the Year. Payette served in Vietnam and Germany in the US Army. His deep concern for issues of food security led him to organize the annual letter carriers' food drives and to raise funds for The Shepherd's Pantry.

In addition, the Ligue will bestow a scholarship to a high school senior of Franco-American descent.

The awards will be presented at the Ligue's annual luncheon banquet held at the Wamsutta Club. The banquet begins at noon. Tickets for the banquet and awards ceremony cost \$27 per person. **For tickets call Ligue president Normand Ouellette at 508-674-7036 before June 22.**

Sail w/Young Pros

Tues., 6/14, from 5-7:30 p.m., \$15/person, Community Boating Center, 1641 Padanaram Ave., New Bedford.

Join us on a sailing adventure! Have you always wanted to learn to sail? This adventure will give you some of the basics and take you on a group sailing adventure with other members of the SCYPN. On shore, will be plenty of time for networking. Make business connections in a fun new environment, learn about sailing and learn about the great work of the Community Boating Center.

Please contact Rebecca Laliberte at 508-999-5231 ext. 27 or email rlaliberte@newbedfordchamber.com.

Register online at <http://members.newbedfordchamber.com/Events/details/scypn-off-the-clock-june-2016-494522>

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Clambake

United Way of Greater New Bedford will host its premier annual fundraiser, the 22nd Annual Clambake with Lobster. All proceeds will go to our local United Way, which funds over 60 health & human service agencies and also administers several of its own programs such as the Hunger Commission, Community Building Mini-Grants Program, Summer Fund, Volunteer SouthCoast and Mass 2-1-1. Guests will feast on a traditional New England Clambake with Lobster and live music by Johnny's Basement, dancing and an extensive silent auction. This year's auction features airfare for 2 anywhere in the US or Caribbean, gift baskets, family adventures, sports memorabilia and more!

Fri., 6/10, 5-6:00 p.m., limited open bar; 7 p.m. Clambake. Until 11 p.m. Music & Dancing, at State Pier 3, downtown New Bedford. Tickets are \$80 each. To purchase tickets call 508-994-9625, ext. 10.

Boston Pride Parade

Noon on Sat., 6/11; 7:30-11:00 a.m., staging and lining-up of participants around Copley Square, Boston. **Noon, parade kickoff.** Visit <http://www.bostonpride.org/parade/> for route and spectator information.

It is strongly recommended that you arrive at the Boston Pride Parade by "T". Given the large amount of people present in the city for the day's events, traffic will likely be highly congested and parking will be limited. Take the Green line to Copley.

Elder Abuse Conf.

Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III, announced that in commemoration of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, the district attorney's office will be joining with numerous co-sponsors to hold a half-day Elder Abuse Prevention Conference in Fall River on **June 15.**

The conference will be held in the cafeteria at Bristol Community College, 777 Elsbree St., Fall River from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 pm.

The free conference will include breakfast, resource tables with information and giveaways, and will be highlighted by numerous speakers on topics like avoiding scams, fraud

and identity theft.

The event will begin with breakfast at 8:30. More than 40 vendors will staff resource tables to provide attendees with a wealth of information about elder abuse, elder financial exploitation, and prevention.

Tremblay Bu will also be providing free transportation for elders from the four Fall River Senior Centers.

The event is co-sponsored by AARP Massachusetts, Senior Whole Health, Bristol County Savings Bank, Attorney General Maura Healey's office, Bristol Elder Services, Coastline Elderly Services, Saint Anne's Hospital, The Arbors at Taunton and the Law Offices of Jane E. Sullivan.

Growing Fruit Workshop

The Southeastern Massachusetts Agricultural Partnership is pleased to announce their next workshop of the season. Interested in adding fruit to your farm or garden? Perhaps you've tried before but it didn't turn out exactly how you had hoped. Join Jim Ward of Ward's Berry Farm for an informative workshop on best practices for growing small fruits! Learn about weed and pest control and have all of your questions answered by the experts!

Mon., 6/13, from 5-7 p.m., at Ward's Berry Farm, 614 S. Main St, Sharon, MA 02067; Cost, \$5/-Beginning Farmers; \$15/SEMAP Members, \$20/General Public

Register online at semaponline.org/education. Direct event link: <http://conta.cc/25kNGLv>

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A n Introductory Talk on the Transcendental Meditation® technique will be held at **6:00 on Wed., 6/15, at Southworth Public Library, Dartmouth.** Free.

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During Wednesday's talk we will discuss the many benefits of TM, why it works, and how it differs from other meditations. RSVP at ctavares@tm.org or call 401-816-0084. Visit our websites at TM-Women.org, TM.org, or www.tm.org/transcendental-meditation-fall-river.

Farmers Market

Open every Saturday, rain or shine, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at **Stone Bridge Farm, 186 Leonard St., Acushnet, 508-951-1551.** Ample off-street parking.

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Visit www.AcushnetFarmersMarket.com, or follow us on Facebook: Acushnet Farmers Market.

Pig Roast

South End Business Association is holding a **pig roast on July 2, at Stackhouse Fairgrounds, 16 Faith St., So. Dartmouth, from 5-10 p.m. Tickets: \$35.**

Call 508-525-6432, or 508-999-4245, or email NewBedfordSEBA@gmail.com. Part of proceeds go to scholarships for high school seniors in Greater New Bedford.

Summer Reading

Summer Fun for All Ages at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St., Mattapoisett. A full program of children's activities and events have been planned for babies through teens. Children can register beginning Tues., 6/14 at the library, when they will receive a reading log and a schedule of events.

Visit www.MattapoisettLibrary.org

Recipe of the Week

Chocolate Almond Drops

4 tbs butter
3/4 cups packed brown sugar
1 large egg
1/2 cup applesauce
1 tsp vanilla
1 1/2 cups flour
1/3 cup cocoa powder
1/2 tsp baking powder
1/2 tsp baking soda
1/4 tsp almond extract

Preheat oven to 375°. Lightly coat cookie sheet with cooking spray.

In large bowl, cream together butter, brown sugar and egg. Blend in applesauce and vanilla, add remaining ingredients and mix until well blended.

Drop by teaspoonfuls onto cookie sheet. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until cookies spring back when lightly touched.

Transfer cookies onto a wire rack to cool completely.

By Stella Lois

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From our readers

THIS WILL BE THE FINAL EDITION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS! WE WILL NO LONGER BE PUBLISHING THIS PAPER.

No, it's not true! But, imagine how we would all feel if somewhere down the road that WAS the actual headline and Beth David, the editor and owner, did announce that her paper was shutting down.

Can you imagine? Can you actually imagine? How often do we say.... "I'll check the Neighborhood News!" "I just saw it in this week's paper!" "We need to post that in the Neighborhood News!"

All of us who read this paper faithfully every week, all of us who depend on The Neighborhood News to keep us informed of what's happening, all of us who rely on Beth to do the legwork so we don't have to.... All of us need to make sure that we don't lose this town resource. And if all of us don't pay attention it could happen!

Big and small, newspapers are struggling to pay the bills. Since the Neighborhood News is "free" and supported only by advertising, that makes it even more difficult financially than say, The Standard Times or The Advocate.

Beth has been quite forward on the topic of the financial needs of her newspaper and has asked the readers to assist with a small contribution.

I am suggesting that we need to do more than that. A sporadic twenty dollar bill in the mail might help, but won't guarantee that she can continue. I am suggesting that we ("we" ... being all of us who are reading this paper right now) actually do a voluntary subscription to the Neighborhood News on an annual basis.

If you like this paper then how about joining me..... fill out the form below and mail it in to Beth. How much should you pay for this "voluntary" subscription? I think the Advocate is about \$36.00 a year. I'm going to do \$20. (That's 40 cents a week.) Maybe Beth will send out a Neighborhood News bumper sticker to show who is supporting her.

And NO, Beth David did not ask or suggest anyone write this letter. Don't know if she will even publish it, but I hope so. If we lose this paper it's our own fault. Please fill in the form below this letter today.

Ted Silva, Fairhaven

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Fairhaven High School grads go off into the world

By Beth David
Editor

This year's graduating class at Fairhaven High School received much praise for breaking records during their entire four years at the school, culminating in nearly \$4 million in scholarships.

Class Salutatorian Elizabeth Rodericks told her classmates that they had many memories from many days at school. She said they should remember their parents, friends, teachers, and those who helped them.

"Be sure to remember all that's been done for you," said Ms. Rodericks.

Valedictorian Ashley Rice called the class of 2016 the class of "big dreams," and reminded her classmates that they had been through a lot in four years.

"Good things come to an end so better things can happen," said Ms. Rice. "There is goodness in the world. It most certainly does exist, because you do."

She said it was their responsibility, as the new generation to make the world a better place.

She reminded them of the many things they were leaving behind.

"How lucky are we to have so many

great things to say goodbye to?"

Superintendent of Schools Robert N. Baldwin, told them they were "amazing human beings."

He recounted that their sophomore tests made the school a Level 1 school, and recounted their scholarship awards and many other awards they got through the years, including a national cheerleading championships.

"Keeping doing what you've been doing," Dr. Baldwin told them, and ended his speech with the lyrics of the Tim McGraw song "Humble and Kind", reading in part "Don't expect a free ride."

"Remember where you came from," said Dr. Baldwin. "Remember us."

The ceremony was held inside the auditorium (not so affectionately referred to as the "squeezeatorium") on Sunday, 6/5, with those who did not have tickets able to watch a live video feed of the activities from classrooms.

The 164 graduates included the children of three School Committee members and at least one teacher.

Students who won scholarships and those who planned to join the military received special recognition.

Principal Tara Quirk Kohler told

those who joined the service that she was "always in awe," of students who make that commitment. Five students stood up to be recognized for planning to join the military.

After the speech making and the diplomas, the crowd spilled outside to the parking lot, where the rain held off for a some picture taking and last goodbyes.

Abigail Pires, the class historian, could not hold back tears, saying she was overwhelmed and excited.



"It's love for my classmates," she said.

She is going to Wheaton College to study biochemistry and hopes to become a pediatrician.

Cory Bergeron, Vice President, said he is going to Coastal Carolina University in SC for Business Management.

Elizabeth Bourgeois is going to Bristol Community College to study toxicology.

"I'm extremely excited, and very proud of myself," said Ms. Bourgeois.

She said she almost did not even finish high school, and credited her boyfriend, Mason Bowman, with getting her through. Mr. Bowman will work in construction.

Elizabeth Cadieux is one of the students who will go into the military. She is following in her mother's footsteps, joining the Army National Guard. Then she will attend UMass Amherst.

Her mother, Barbara Webster, served for 28 years, including as a nurse in a combat support hospital in Iraq.

Ashley Rice will also attend UMass Amherst in the fall for pre-med and a minor in Spanish. She hopes to be a physician with Doctors without Borders.

Hannah Catana, who is going to Johnson & Wales University as a biology major, said she was "really happy," but...

"It doesn't really feel real," said Ms. Catana. "I feel it hasn't really happened yet."



ABOVE, L-R: Nathan Lopes and Tyler Lopes sing with gusto at Fairhaven High School's graduation on Sunday, 6/5. TOP: Elizabeth Cadieux stands up to be recognized for choosing to join the military after graduation. Photos by Beth David.

164 graduate from Fairhaven High School

Hannah J. Alves
 Sadie M. Alves
High Honors
 Damian Amaral
 Devin Amaral
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Honors
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 Emma K. Barriga
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Highest honors
 Sabrina S. Benton
Honors
 Kaci M. Berch
Highest Honors
 Kari A. Berche
Highest Honors
 Corey J. Bergeron
 Julee C. Bernier
 Caleb D. Bolger
Highest Honors
 Matthew G. Bourgault
High Honors
 Elizabeth A. Bourgeois
 Mason A. Bowman
 Madison P. Braga
 Leo J. Braz
 Tessa R. Brienzo
High Honors
 Andrew J. Bulhoes
Honors
 Madison J. Bussiere
 Trent E. Butler
Honors
 Austin M. Cabral
 Kyleigh C. Cabral
 Michelle S. Cabral
Honors
 Elizabeth W. Cadieux
High Honors
 Jonas T. Caetano
 Ryan S. Camara
High Honors
 Victoria A. Carter
 MaKenzie E. F. Carvalho
Honors
 Hannah L. Catana
Honors
 Caleb S. Cebula
Honors
 Hannah E. Chouinard
Honors

Jacob C. Claflin
 Patrick J. Clark
 Sarah C. Coderre
Highest Honors
 Lauren M. Conlon
High Honors
 Caitlyn M. Conner
 Cayla B. Courtemanche
Honors
 Myles F. Crowder
 Dustin D. Cunha
Honors
 Alexandre D'Abruzzo
Honors
 Morgan L. DaSilva
Honors
 Evan M. J. DeFelice
 Zachary M. DeMello
 Craig M. Demers
 Nadia M. DeOliveira
 Kelly L. DiBiasio
 Drew W. Diggins
 Vanessa L. DoCouto
 Larissa C. DosSantos
 Adam J. da Costa
High Honors
 Kyle M. daPonte
 Brett A. Enos
 Olivia M. Esteireiro
Highest Honors
 Destiny L. Evans
High Honors
 Lily R. Fenaux
 Bethany M. Fernandes
Highest Honors
 Jaidyn E. Figueiredo
 Keegan A. Fike
High Honors
 Kyle C. Franks
 Erin S. Frates
Highest Honors
 Jared H. Fredette
Highest Honors
 Austin-John Freitas
 Ian L. Furtado
 Noah A. Furtado
 Derek M. Gibson Jr.
Honors
 Jessica N. Gomes
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 Tristen J. Hall
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Highest Honors
 Stone A. Harding
 Tristan J. Hart-Bonville
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 Benjamin M. Horsfall
High Honors
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Honors
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Honors
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Futures (ages 11-16) July 25-July 28 Mon-Thur 9-Noon. Fees: Tykes & Superstars-\$50 Members/\$60

Non Members Futures-\$65 Members/ \$75 Non Members

Kool Kids Summer

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: Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Drop off 7:45 a.m. Pick up 3 p.m. *Extended day will be available; AM only (7AM) - \$25, PM only (4PM) - \$25 Both \$40

Youth Track & Field

This summer, Fairhaven Recreation will be continuing our youth track and field program for children ages 3 through grade 8. This program starts at the end of the school year and runs for 4 weeks. The program is Free with your play card or \$20. without, and will meet 2 days a week at Cushman Park from 6-8 p.m. Program starts June 20th. This program is open to everyone

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Pet Loss Support Group

Have you recently lost your beloved pet or do you have a pet who you anticipate will be crossing the rainbow bridge soon? Sadness can be overwhelming. Don't grieve alone. Carol Snow Keyes LSW will be running a pet loss support group to help heal the hearts of those in need. At the Fairhaven COA every 2nd Thursday from 1-2 p.m. Please call to sign up, 508-979-4029. There is no cost for this group.

Sewing Group

Come join the sewing Group. The group meets Monday afternoons June 13th and June 27th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. It also meets Thursdays June 2nd and June 16th from 5:45-7:45 p.m. at The Fairhaven Senior Center.

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Acushnet Finance Department will be decimated on June 30

By Pattie Pacella

Neighb News Correspondent

The Acushnet Selectboard will soon be advertising for a new Finance Director as well as a Town Accountant and Town Administrator.

Town Administrator, Alan Coutinho who has been with the town for more than 20 years, is retiring on June 30. At the Selectboard meeting on Monday, 6/6, the board read two resignation letters, one from Finance Director Cathy Doane, and one from Roberta Oliveira, the Town Accountant; both resigning as of June 30.

Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar Jr. expressed his sadness over Ms. Oliveira's departure.

"Ms. Oliveira is an employee I value," he said.

He requested that she put something in writing about her duties and responsibilities so the board gets a better understanding to move forward. He said her salary was paid by four different budgets and he would like to understand what her duties are related to each of the budgets she gets paid from.

"This is something she should put together, not anyone else," he said.

Selectboard member Mike Cioper asked if the Town Accountant position could be outsourced, to which Mr. Coutinho answered, "No."

He explained that each town and city has to have a finance director and a town accountant.

Selectboard Chairperson, Garry Rawcliffe said he would like to see an audit done prior to everyone leaving.

"A clean slate for the new people coming in, and it protects the people leaving," Mr. Rawcliffe said.

Mr. Gaspar said he would recommend a different audit firm than the one the town has been using.

Mr. Coutinho explained that the audit firm would automatically do an audit as scheduled and there would be no need to do another. He also said he was "highly insulted" that the Selectboard wanted to use another firm to audit the books at this point.

"I don't mean to insult anyone," Mr. Gaspar said. "We have a mass exit of employees and it would be nice to protect those leaving and a clean slate for those coming in."

There was a brief discussion on which position should be posted immediately. Mr. Rawcliffe suggested posting the town accountant's position, while Mr. Coutinho suggested the board post the Finance Director position.

"That position oversees everything," Mr. Coutinho said. "But you can do what you want."

"This is all just terrible timing," Mr. Gaspar said.

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slate for those coming in
[Kevin Gaspar]

The board voted to advertise the position for a director of finance/town accountant.

In other business, 10-12 residents from Thomas Hill Road were present to complete the process of the road being accepted as a public way. Town Meeting voted to accept the road. The Selectboard needed to vote once again on it.

Mr. Rawcliffe confirmed that all residents signed their petition to accept the road. He asked the residents in the room if any of them were opposed to making it a public way. The neighbors said they were not opposed. Mr. Cioper, who is an abutter, abstained from the vote.

The board briefly discussed positions at the golf course, appointing Brian Ross as the Golf Pro, and

discussing about the Golf outside service and pro-shop service positions that are available.

Mr. Rawcliffe said there were no applications attached to the recommendations and that he wanted to see the applications of those who were applying. The board tabled the discussion until the applications were forwarded to them.

Dan Menard of the Board of Public Works was on hand to briefly go over the proposed streets that needed to be tarred and repaved.

The streets included Main Street from New Bedford to Town Hall, River Street, top of Perry Hill Road, Conduit, Ward, Charles and Leonard. He asked with the timing of Mr. Coutinho leaving and no Town Administrator in the interim what he should do about bidding the job out.

Mr. Coutinho said to set the bid opening for June 30th, or the end of that week and they could possibly get it done. Mr. Coutinho is the only procurement officer in town.

At the end of the meeting, Mr. Coutinho expressed this is most likely his last meeting with the Selectboard.

"I want to thank the residents of Acushnet," he said. "And the team that I was very fortunate to work with for the last 20 years. We had a team approach and I'm grateful for the staff. But most importantly I want to thank my wife."

Mr. Coutinho said she put up with calls through the weekends and at night; and he believes he responded to people in a timely manner.

In other business, the Selectboard approved a little league car wash at the fire station for June 18th.

The board also discussed a memo sent from the City of New Bedford to help take "Morning Glory" flower seeds off any shelves that are visible to the public at stores in town. The memo expressed that teenagers are using the seeds as a way to get high.

"Sad situation," Mr. Gaspar said. "What's next?" •••



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Loaner life jacket program adds Hoppy's Landing in Fairhaven

By Beth David

Editor

So you're all set to go out on the water. As always, you have just the right number of life jackets for everyone.

Except, you don't.

As you're launching the boat, you realize that your 10-year-old left his (or her) life jacket at home.

Now what?

You can't leave your child all alone at the landing.

You can't let him go with you without his life jacket.

Yours is too big for him. And, besides, letting him use yours would negate all those great lectures you gave about how everyone needs a life jacket on all the time, even the captain.

You could go back to the house, but that will eat up lots of time.

You could run to the store to buy a new one, but that's also five miles up the neck....each way.

Fear not local boaters, the BoatUS Foundation has your back, providing loaner life jackets at five locations in Buzzards Bay, including two in

Fairhaven.

The Boat US Life Jacket Loaner Program for Kids provides life jackets at no charge. Mackatan General Store on Causeway Road, West Island, is the newest site, targeting boaters at Hoppy's Landing. But anyone can use



This sign at Hoppy's Landing in Fairhaven alerts boaters that they can borrow life jackets for children at the Mackatan General Store, just up the hill on West Island. The free program is funded by the BoatUS Foundation. Photo courtesy of Clint Allen.

the program.

Clint Allen, owner of TowBoatU.S. New Bedford, which subcontracts for BoatUS, said there is a big demand for life jackets. People have visitors, decide to go out on the boat, and then realize they do not have child life jackets. He stressed the importance of having life jackets that fit properly, "They can slip out of it," he said, adding that he sees "more than you would believe" people not using life jackets.

"To me, it's just a great idea," said Mr. Allen. "I'm happy to promote it."

Fairhaven Harbormaster Tim Cox said it was an easy choice to let Mr. Allen put the sign up at Hoppy's. He said the Marine Resources Committee voted to approve the sign.

"Last year we had to terminate three trips because kids didn't have life jackets," said Mr. Cox.

Children younger than 16 are required by law to wear life jackets when on a boat. People of all ages are encouraged to wear them.

"It's an amazing program," said Mr. Cox. "It's what we are always pro-

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Board of Public Works

Mon., 6/20, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

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

Contributory Retirement

Tues., 6/21, Town Hall, 8:30 a.m.

Council on Aging

Mon., 6/13, Senior Ctr., 9 a.m.

Marine Resources

Thurs., 6/9, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Oxford School Disposition/Selectboard

Tues., 6/21, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Planning Board

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

School Committee

Wed., 6/22, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 6/20, 40 Causeway Road, 6:30

Acushnet Meetings

Agricultural Commission

Thurs., 6/16, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 6/20, Town Hall, Time TBA

TIDE TABLE

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

	June 2016		HIGH a.m.	LOW p.m.		HIGH a.m.	LOW p.m.
Thursday	9	----	1209	0520	1725		
Friday	10	0030	1305	0600	1814		
Saturday	11	0125	1359	0654	2103		
Sunday	12	0217	1449	0819	2221		
Monday	13	0308	1540	0914	2326		
Tuesday	14	0401	1636	0950	----		
Wednesday	15	0501	1732	0017	1032		
Thursday	16	0556	1819	0100	----		
		----	----	1113	----		
Friday	17	0640	1859	0138	----		
		----	----	1150	----		
Saturday	18	0720	1937	0103	1225		

*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft.
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The position is an associate position; it was erroneously announced as a full board position.

**EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. DeTerra's letter is available on our website at www.NeighbNews.com, under archives and the 6/9/16 issue.*

LIFE JACKETS: cont'd from page 19
moting: Safety. People can be happy and safe and go out on the boat."

The program is funded by the BoatUS Foundation, which furnishes the life jackets and the generic signs.

Mr. Allen said that Hoppy's Landing is the fifth location in Buzzard's Bay for the program. Other locations are: The Acushnet River Safe Boating Club gas dock (USCG Auxiliary), 80 Middle Street, Fairhaven, which is near the Pease Park boat ramp; Pope's Island Marina in New Bedford, near the Fairhaven line just before the bridge; Mattapoisett Harbormaster's office; and Westport Harbormaster's office.

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intensive and had to be done by hand when he notified neighbors for the meeting. He said he had to go to the Assessor's map, make up the list and then print out labels. There is no way to get the list from Assessor's to his computer, he said.

The board also acknowledged that only abutters would be noticed, in any case.

The board decided they would notify HARC and put a notice in the newspaper to notify neighbors of any changes.

"I would prefer they never step on shore, because the results could be disastrous," said William Cotter, who added that property values had already suffered from the dredging and would not recover if people in hazmat suits started digging up the shore with big equipment.

Ms. Vilandry emphasized that the sampling was "premature," and should be done after the dredging is done.

Board members seemed to favor having sampling done now, in the middle of the summer, and at the end of the dredging.

Ms. Vilandry said the dredging itself would cause an increase in the results.

"They cannot be trusted," said Ms. Vilandry of the EPA, asking that the board just postpone the approval until the EPA can answer questions in a public forum.

In the end the board delayed approving the access. They will try to schedule a meeting with EPA officials at a meeting in July.

The board made it clear they would not allow a re-hashing of the CAD Cell concept, but only a discussion on the sampling request.

The board asked for residents to submit questions ahead of time, in writing, to the Selectboard.

In another matter, the board read a letter from Dr. Shigeaki Hinohara, notifying the town that the Society for Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship House in Japan has been dissolved. The agency donated much-needed funds for the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship House and Museum on Cherry Street in Fairhaven to be renovated. The house was the home of Manjiro Nakahama, the first Japanese person

to live in the United States.

Dr. Hinohara noted that he will turn 105 on October 4 of this year, but he still hopes to visit Fairhaven again.

The Manjiro Festival is held on alternating years in Fairhaven and Tosashimizu in Japan. This year's festival is in Japan.

In other business the board:

- Appointed Superintendent of Schools Robert Baldwin, Town Administrator Mark Rees, and former Selectboard Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch to the building committee for the Hastings Middle School roof project.
- Announced a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals, requesting letters of interest be sent by 6/10. (See story on page 7.)
- Appointed Building Inspector Wayne Fostin as the enforcement agent for Section 125 of the town bylaws, which regulates garages, service stations and unregistered motor vehicles. Mr. Rees said that the bylaws were clear on enforcement for some areas, but section 125 required a specific appointment by the Selectboard.

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