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People rush in and out of the water on January 1 for the annual Polar Plunge that raises funds for scholarships for Fairhaven High School seniors. See pages 16 for more photos. *Photo by Beth David.* See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com. Visit us at www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews to see more photos for this and other events.

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Okay, getting back into the swing of things.

That means re-learning how to drink coffee without Bailey's Irish Cream in it, or kahlua, or...well, you get the idea.

We are beginning our eight year of publication, and I fear, the omens are not good. Alas, it is waaayy past the time when my printer is happy with me. I'm typing as fast as my little brain can think, and at this time, after the three-day deadline marathon, it ain't thinking so fast.

Alas.

Okay, I took some quick notes along the way to help me with my punditry. Unfortunately, I can't be all that wise in the short time left, so, you'll have to fill in the blanks.

Here's some unsolicited advice: if an escalator suddenly starts going the other way, TURN AROUND! Just....turn around. God help us all! If I see that stupid video of people jumping off and trying to climb up and climbing all over each other again, I might burst a blood vessel. JUST....TURN....AROUND!!!! You can always go back up later.

Gotta love America. Just as Fairhaven is contemplating going to a strong town administrator model of government, Dartmouth is contemplating going back to no town administrator. Both cite "inefficient" government as the reason.

Gotta love it.

The sale of small bottles of water has been banned in Concord. Water....you'll just have to buy soda.

Okay, let's get it straight. In New York City you can't buy oversized soda cups. In Concord you can't buy small bottles of water. Huh?

Concord is trying to save the world, New York is trying to save your waist size. Really?

People in Concord will now just buy soda instead of water which is better for them. People in New York will probably still just buy big cups of soda, because, really, folks who is going to police that?

And last, but certainly not least, the rant I've been saving. Sledding is now illegal in Methuen, Mass. and in a park in Providence, RI.

In Methuen, police will arrest people for trying to go sledding. They will be charged with trespassing. Really, I'm not joking.

Has it really come to this? Trespassing in a public park? All in the name of safety, of course.

Well, you know that abusers use safety as a reason to call women constantly, and not let them go anywhere alone and on and on and on.

I believe our government is being abusive and we are



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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

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all acting like battered women when we put up with this bull...oney.

This is the thing: Parks are public property, open to the public and should not be closed off. People have a right to use it.

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Our tax dollars should not be used to keep us from using it.

UGH!!!! More on this later.

Just don't have the time now.

Okay, good stuff in this issue, including lots of meeting coverage: Selectboard on page 4, Appeals on page 13, Board of Health (woohooo....turbine talk) on page 23, ConCom on page 20, BPW on page 17 (no talk of how the DOR says they should be eliminated, either); Acushnet Selectboard (gonna take your guns away) on page 12; Acushnet fire rescue on page 24, and lots of other good stuff.

Well, we're back for real, I guess. We are hoping for a good year, and you can help by telling our advertisers that you saw their ads here.

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Happy New Year, Everyone!

Until next week then.

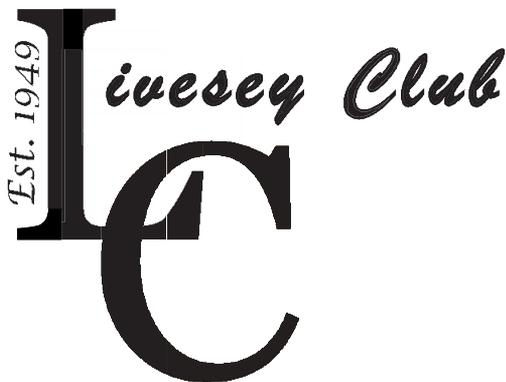
See ya,



Fairhaven collects more than \$1,000 for Newtown



On January 5, people gathered at Cushman Park in Fairhaven for a mile long walk along the track to raise money and send messages of hope to Newtown, CT, where 20 elementary school children and 6 women were killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School on December 14. Participants were asked to add their messages to luminary bags that were lit with glow sticks later in the evening. Donations were accepted and will be forwarded to Newtown. Organizers have raised more than \$1,000 and will continue to accept donations through Feb. 1. Anyone interested in donating should make checks payable to "Fairhaven Remembers Newtown" and mail to Bob Espindola, Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719. Organizers Sharon Lacroix-Anderson and Ann Espindola said they wanted to do something in the wake of the tragedy, but did not want to just raise money. "We wanted to do something as a community," said Ms. Espindola. "To come together as a community. There's so much good in the world, so much compassion. Maybe we can help them focus on the good." Photo by Beth David. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com



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Selectboard: Executive Session minutes will be withheld

By Mali Lim

Neighb News Correspondent

Several items on the Fairhaven selectboard agenda Monday night, including appointments to the Cable Advisory Committee, the annual town report and policies on the publication of executive meeting minutes, were delayed to allow further discussion.

Members of the selectboard agreed the town needed a comprehensive policy on how executive session minutes would be released to the public, but did not come to an agreement on how the process would be done.

"It's done in different ways in different towns," said Selectboard Chair Brian Bowcock. "My personal feeling is that I'd like to review them on a quarterly basis."

In many municipalities, minutes are reviewed every few months and once issues that qualify for executive session are resolved, the minutes are released to the public, he explained.

Selectboard member Bob Espindola suggested that perhaps there could be a way to release partial minutes, in cases where multiple items that have been resolved could be made public while withholding items that were still on-going. He also wanted to ensure that minutes were published online, a suggestion that Dr. Bowcock opposed.

"Minutes of executive sessions can be available in hard copy once they've been cleared, but they will not be available online," Dr. Bowcock insisted. One of the reasons he gave for his opposition was that it could potentially reveal the town's negotiation methods.

"There are times when we are asked to vote on and conclude compensation cases," he said. "It would give someone an advantage to see how we deal with those issues."

The topic will remain open for discussion, but will be addressed as the selectboard works on a comprehensive policy manual.

The draft of the annual report was also tabled until next meeting as Mr. Espindola raised objections to how a particular section, the second paragraph from the bottom of the second page, was phrased. Mr. Espindola claimed the section was inaccurate, but Dr. Bowcock and Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch defended the wording as written.

Dr. Bowcock refused to disclose the problematic sentence, stating that it was a draft document and would only be presented in its final, approved form; but it apparently referred to some kind of test results. Mr. Espindola claimed that since results were inconclusive, references in the town report should clarify that the exploration process is still ongoing.

The board delayed approving the draft of the town report to give all members a chance to review Mr. Espindola's suggested changes. They also postponed selecting the report's cover photo until later this week.

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Appointments to the Cable Advisory Committee will also be postponed to the January 22 meeting, as the board decided to give people interested in apply for the committee some additional time to submit letters of intent. The selectboard also wanted to clear up some confusion surrounding the advisory board.

"There's actually a three-person committee that already exists with one member, and another former member who has expressed interest in re-joining," Dr. Bowcock explained. Furthermore, the committee does not have to be limited to three people.

Mr. Espindola will serve as the selectboard's representative to the committee.

Fairhaven will join the list of towns and environmental organizations weighing in against the proposed AVX settlement with the EPA over the toxic cleanup project in New Bedford Harbor. Although the commentary period has officially ended, the selectboard voted to write a letter to the Department of Justice stating the town's objections to the current

settlement terms. The general consensus of the board was that the scope of work involved and the proposed remediation of the superfund site raised more concerns than it allayed.

"Financial ramifications aside, there are some health issues," said Mr. Espindola.

Dr. Bowcock agreed, saying that he was worried that "New Bedford Harbor will remain a superfund site and not be cleaned up to the standards it should be."

Mr. Osuch reported that the New Bedford Harbor Development Commission recently addressed the flooding problems that caught Fairhaven by surprise at the end of December when the City of New Bedford disabled barrier gates on the dike for hurricane related repairs. Although John McPhearson of the Army Corps of Engineers claimed that warnings that the barrier gates would be inoperable were sent out in advance, Fairhaven officials obviously did not receive the alerts.

"There is now an updated list for e-mails regarding events with the dike," said Mr. Osuch, adding that the town would receive notifications of activities relating to the dike in the future. "[The Harbor Development Commission] did indicate the dike is working and is available for events up through the end of April, and then it will be out of commission for a month for painting."

The board announced that there will be working meetings to discuss the Department of Revenue's financial management report, including one on January 16 at 7 p.m. Although the meetings won't be televised, they will be open to the public.

A number of the DOR's suggestions for improving efficiency in Fairhaven may be somewhat controversial, including the elimination of the Board of Public Works, and the establishment of a town manager position, a suggestion that Dr. Bowcock supported publicly.

"Some of the DOR's suggestions are relatively easy to implement, while others will require approval at town meeting as they involve changes in town government," said Dr. Bowcock.

The selectboard stressed the need to begin deliberating the changes as

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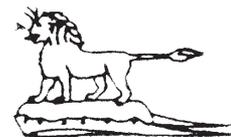
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"Restoration and Resonation," Sun., Jan. 13, 4-6 p.m., at Art on Center, 15 Center Street, Fairhaven

This journey through sacred sounds, yoga and meditation is intended to relieve stress and restore balance, connect to the inner spirit, support healing, ignite energy and bring about a return to natural rhythms. Led by Carol Flock CYT and Paula Lazaroff LMT. Bring yoga mat or blanket. Pre-registration suggested. \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. Handicap accessible. For more information, call 774-206-1709.

Book Discussion

"Racing in the Rain" by Garth Stein, is the book to be discussed on Thursday, January 17, at 10:00 a.m. in the Millicent Library's Auditorium. The entrance is on Walnut Street and is wheelchair accessible. This discussion is free and open to the public and about one hour long.

The book is available at the Millicent Library and through SAILS. It tells a heart-wrenching but deeply funny and uplifting story of family, loves, loyalty, as only a dog could tell it. For more information, please contact Norma Markey, 508-993-3745.

Discussion Group

A reading/discussion group open to the public will be held at the Unitarian Memorial Church in Fairhaven, based on Paul Krugman's book *The Conscience of a Liberal*. Paul Krugman is the winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in Economics and is widely considered the leading progressive economist of his time. Group discussion meetings will take place each week starting on Tuesday January 22, at the Harrop Center at the Unitarian Memorial Church in Fairhaven at 7:00 PM. Visit www.uufairhaven.org.

For further information contact Ken Pottel at 509-993-8157.

Bereavement Group

Southcoast VNA, offers free bereavement programs for grieving adults during the month of January. General Bereavement Groups are designed for adults grieving the loss

of a loved one.

FAIRHAVEN: Tuesday, Jan. 15, 4 to 5:15 p.m., Fairhaven Council on Aging, 229 Huttleston Avenue

Individual, short-term bereavement counseling is also available to adults grieving the loss of a loved one. For more information on individual or group counseling call 800-698-6877.

FAME Coffeehouse

The 6th Annual F.A.M.E. Coffeehouse will be held on Friday, January 25, at 7:00 p.m. (Snow date Feb. 1), at the First Congregational Church, Babbitt Hall, 34 Center St., Fairhaven, (William St. entrance)

A casual evening of music and poetry offered by students, faculty and alumni of Fairhaven Public Schools. Benefits the Fairhaven Association for Music Education, Inc. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students. Refreshments available for sale. (If you are a student or an alumnus of FHS or HMS and would like to volunteer five minutes of your time to perform music or read poetry for this event, you are invited to participate. Accessible. For more information call 508-996-5176, email essentialinfo@comcast.net or follow [famefairhaven](https://www.facebook.com/famefairhaven) on facebook.

Award Nominations for Energy Ed.

The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) is now accepting nominations for its annual Secretary's Awards for Excellence in Energy and Environmental Education until Thursday, March 22, 2013.

EEA Secretary Rick Sullivan will present awards this spring to Massachusetts teachers and students involved in school-based programs that promote environmental and energy education.

"With this program, we recognize teachers and students who inspire their communities by exploring our most challenging environmental and energy issues," said Secretary Sullivan. "These educators and students work hard each day to learn about adopting clean energy sources, protecting wildlife, recycling and conserving natural resources."

All public and private Massachusetts schools (K-12) that offer energy

and environmental education programs are eligible to apply for the Secretary's Award. In 2012, Secretary Sullivan recognized schools and nonprofit organizations from 24 communities across the state for their work on issues including recycling, energy conservation, ocean science, wildlife conservation and alternative fuels.

The Secretary's Advisory Group on Energy and Environmental Education will review applications through mid-April. Qualified entrants are invited to attend a formal award ceremony with Secretary Sullivan at the State House later in the spring.

To apply visit <http://commpres.env.state.ma.us/exedu/>

For questions contact Meg Colclough at 617-626-1110 or meg.colclough@state.ma.us.

Snow Parking Ban

No vehicles shall be permitted to remain on the hydrant side of all streets in Fairhaven from December 1 to March 31 from midnight to 8:00 am and also during the time of any snowfall or snow removal operations. On streets with no hydrants, NO vehicles shall be permitted to remain either on the east side of streets running north and south or on the north side of streets running east and west.

Exceptions: There shall be a snow ban on Center Street from Chestnut Street to Pleasant Street only from the north side of the street to the south side of the street to coincide with the Rogers School parking ban. There shall be a snow parking ban on Pleasant Street from Center Street to Union Street only from the east side to the west side of the street to coincide with the Rogers School parking ban

The BPW is authorized to remove, or cause to be removed, to some convenient place, including a public garage, any vehicle interfering with the work of removing or plowing snow or ice from any way, and the cost of such removal with all storage charges resulting there from shall be paid by the owner of such vehicle.

The Fairhaven Police Department will strictly enforce this Parking Ban. Violators will be towed and/or ticketed. By Order of: Fairhaven Board of Public Works.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Singers Needed

The Greater New Bedford Choral Society invites new singers to join them for their May Spring Concert.

Repertory: Hadyn "Te Deum Laudamus," the world premiere of "Lines from Milton's *Il Penseroso*" by Gerald Dyck, plus Civil War era songs (to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg).

New singers accepted on January 15 and 22 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church, New Bedford. Call 508-644-2419 for information.

Winter Concert

Warm Up Winter !

The Greater New Bedford Choral Society presents "Warm Up Winter," a Caribbean-flavored classical concert on **Sun., Jan. 13, at 3:00 PM, at Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. James Parish, 233 County St., New Bedford.**

Conducted by Gerald P. Dyck and accompanied by Christopher Ricci, the program features soloist Roselin Osser, mezzo-soprano, and the "El Caribe" Steel Drum Ensemble, directed by Jamie Eckert.

Principal selections on the program include "Marienlieder" by Johannes Brahms, "O Nata Lux" by Morten Lauridsen, "Calypso Carols" by Crocker and Stonehill, "Missa Florens" by Dale Jergensen, and "Shout for Joy" by Robert DeCormier.

Tickets: \$15; children under 12 free.

YTI Play

"Woman in Mind," acclaimed as one of Alan Ayckbourn's most powerful plays, will be Your Theatre, Inc.'s January offering in its current 66th season of award-winning community theatre.

Delving deeply into middle class life, the play is about a housewife who experiences hilarious hallucinations in which her oppressive and boring everyday life is replaced by an ideal fantasy existence.

Noting that Ayckbourn, author of more than 70 successful stage plays, often uses his compassion for language subtly in "Woman in Mind," Critic Jeremy Osborne says the play "is an excellent way to spend a night out and cannot be recommended enough."

Sponsored in part by Bank Five, a Your Theatre, Inc. corporate sponsor, and Hawthorn Medical, the play will

be directed by prominent Southcoast actor and stage Director Bob Gillet of Fall River.

The show will run Thursdays to Saturdays January 17-19 and 24-26, at 8 p.m. with Sunday matinees January 20 and 27, at 2:30 p.m.

Performances will be held in the wheelchair accessible Your Theatre, Inc. Complex at St. Martin's Church, 136 Rivet St. at County St., New Bedford. Parking is free in the church lot on County St.

Ticket and other information about the production are available by calling Your Theatre, Inc. at 508-993-0772, or by sending e-mail to info@yourtheatre.org. The theatre's web site is www.yourtheatre.org.

WWF Portholes Project

In September 2013, the Working Waterfront Festival will mark its' tenth anniversary. To celebrate, we are excited to launch the Portholes Project, a series of free, monthly programs designed to engage residents and members of commercial fishing communities in conversations about critical issues facing the working waterfront.

Beginning in January of 2013, monthly programming will center around one of the themes we have explored at the Festival over the past 10 years: Sustainability, Safety at Sea, the Future of the Industry, Women in the Industry, Preserving Ports, Fishermen & Farmers, Cultural Mosaic, Tradition & Innovation, and Fact & Fiction. Film screenings, talks, walking tours, author readings, performances, demonstrations, and ensuing discussions will take place at various community sites.

Partial funding for the Portholes Project is being provided by Mass Humanities. **We are currently reaching out to local businesses in hopes of identifying a sponsor for each month of programs.** Businesses that would like more information about becoming a sponsor are invited to contact the Festival office at 508-993-8894 for details.

Our first program, **Fishermen on Film**, re-visits our most recent Festival theme: Fact, Fiction and Narrative Tradition in Commercial Fishing Culture. This program will

take place as part of our ongoing Dock-U-Mentaries Film Series on **Friday, January 18 at 7:00 p.m. at New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park's Corson Maritime Learning Center (33 William Street).** Over the past two years, New Bedford's fishing industry has been the star of a reality TV show, a feature film, and a documentary! What does this national exposure mean for the fishing industry? Come see clips and hear first-hand from Captain Shawn Machie who is featured in *Nor'Eastermen* which premiered on the History Channel last fall, writer/director Jay Burke of the feature film *Whaling City* which centers on the struggles of a fictional 3rd generation New Bedford fisherman, and journalist/film maker Don Cuddy who produced the documentary *Finest Kind* after making a trip with the crew of the F/V Sea Escape on the eve of the passage of Amendment 16. They will share behind-the-scenes anecdotes and discuss the portrayals of the men and women who work the sea.

The Working Waterfront Festival is a project of the Community Economic Development Center of Southeastern MA, a non-profit organization. The FREE festival, a family friendly, educational celebration of New England's commercial fishing industry, features live maritime and ethnic music, fishermen's contests, fresh seafood, vessel tours, author readings, cooking demonstrations, kid's activities and more. It all takes place in New Bedford, MA, America's #1 fishing port, on the last full weekend of September. Navigate to us at www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org.

Give a Pint, Get a pound

Southcoast™ Blood Bank's annual promotion, "Give a Pint, Get a Pound" featuring Dunkin' Donuts coffee, returns to the region during National Blood Donor Month this January.

In January 2013, anyone who donates blood at the Southcoast Blood Bank at St. Luke's Hospital or at any Southcoast Blood Bank site or blood drive, will receive a certificate for a free pound of Dunkin' Donuts coffee. Coupons are redeemable at participating Dunkin' Donuts restaurants while supplies last.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

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For your convenience, a membership form is available at http://www.mattapoissett.net/Pages/MattapoissettMA_COA/Friends. Download the PDF form by clicking on the Membership form link. Please check off as many volunteer boxes as you can.

Thank you for joining the Friends; we been providing support to the CoA since 1990!

Singers Wanted

The Sippican Choral Society welcomes singers for its 2013 Spring Concert, with **rehearsals beginning January 14**. Rehearsals are held weekly at 7:30 PM at the Mattapoissett Congregational Church's Reynaud Hall, 27 Church Street, Mattapoissett. New members are welcome to join until January 28, 2013.

The concerts, called "America Sings," focus on choral music and popular songs written by American composers over 200 years. They will be held on the 3rd and 4th of May, at St. Gabriel's Church, Marion MA.

Please arrive at the first rehearsal 15 minutes early to register. Semester dues are \$35.00. Visit our website www.sippicanchoral.org for more information. Accessible.

E-reader class

Dartmouth Public Libraries are expecting another banner year for eReader gift-giving this holiday season. The new iPad mini, Kindle Fire HD and Nook HD have all recently been released and eBook use continues to rise. To help new eReader owners learn the ropes of its free downloadable eBook system, the Southworth Library has scheduled three classes following the holidays.

"We want community members to know that whatever eReader, tablet or phone you are using, we will work with you to help you borrow eBooks from the library," said Sharani Robins, Information Services librarian.

The free eReader classes are being divided into three sessions by the types of device being used:

Nook users: Saturday, Jan. 12, 10:00 a.m., Southworth Library Auditorium

iPad/iPhone/iPod users: Tuesday, Jan. 22, 6:00 p. m., Southworth Library Auditorium

The classes will demonstrate how to borrow ebooks from the library to read using the library's free downloadable media services, Overdrive and Freading. Tara Martel of Barnes & Noble will join Sharani Robins of the Dartmouth Public Libraries for the Nook Class on Jan. 12.

Participants should bring their library card, a fully charged eReader and the eReader USB cord. Participants should also bring their user name and password for their Amazon.com, iTunes or Barnes & Noble account.

All sessions will be held at Southworth Library located at 732 Dartmouth St., Dartmouth, MA 02748. Call 508-999-0726 for more information. The events are free. Accessible.

Historic House Tours

Historical reenactors host open house tours and demonstrations of daily living in the 18th century at the historic Smith-Appleby House Museum in Smithfield, RI, on Saturdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The house was built circa 1696 as a one-room stone-ender by Elisha Smith, a grandson of John Smith "The Miller" — one of Roger Williams' original party of six men who left the Massachusetts Bay Colony to settle Providence, RI. Later generations of the family expanded the House to 12 rooms. Today it is a living museum featuring original furnishings, designs, and exhibits.

The tours are led by historic interpreters in Colonial dress. Visitors will learn about the 317-year history and architecture of the home; hear stories about the Smith-Appleby

family and 18th century living in RI; watch demonstrations; examine period furnishings, clothing and household items; and sample hearth-baked goods.

Admission is \$5. The tours are offered every Saturday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. through April 6, 2013.

The Smith-Appleby House Museum is located at 220 Stillwater Rd. in Smithfield, RI, just off I-295. For more information, visit the website at <http://www.smithapplebyhouse.org> or call (401) 231-7363. The House is headquarters to The Historical Society of Smithfield.

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All ages and levels of walking ability are welcome. Participants will receive a free pedometer and "Better Health Kits" that include information on nutrition and exercise. Registration is encouraged. To register call the Southcoast Wellness Line at 800-497-1727. The "Take a Walk with a Southcoast Doc" program includes monthly walks with Southcoast Physicians Group doctors throughout the South Coast region. Visit www.southcoast.org/walkwithadoc/ for more information

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3 acorn squash, halved & seeded
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 1 medium onion, chopped
 1 stalk celery, chopped
 1 pound sweet Italian sausage
 1 teaspoon dried thyme
 1 egg, beaten
 1/2 cup dry bread crumbs
 1/2 cup raisins

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Place squash halves cut side down in baking pans. Fill pans with about 1/2 inch water. Bake squash 40 minutes in the preheated oven, or until tender.

While squash bakes, heat the oil in a skillet over medium heat. Place onions and celery in the skillet, and cook until tender. Stir in the sausage and thyme. Cook and stir until evenly brown.

Remove squash from the oven, and carefully scrape the pulp from the rinds. Set rinds aside. Place the pulp in a bowl, and mash with a potato masher. Mix in the cooked sausage mixture, egg, bread crumbs, raisins, and pecans. Scoop into the reserved rinds. Set stuffed squash in the baking dishes.

Bake 25 minutes in the 350 degrees F oven, until heated through. Makes 6 servings.

From AllRecipes.com

Social Day Program makes gingerbread houses



Anne Sylvia, Council on Aging Director, shared her family's holiday tradition, making gingerbread houses, with the clients of Fairhaven Senior Social Day. The clients let their imagination and creativity flow in the making of their designs. Having a good time, seated left to right, are Lillian Fernandes, Grace Goble, Anne Sylvia and Mary Ponte. You can see the display of gingerbread houses made by Anne's family and clients on the tables in the dining room at the Senior Center. *Submitted Photo.*

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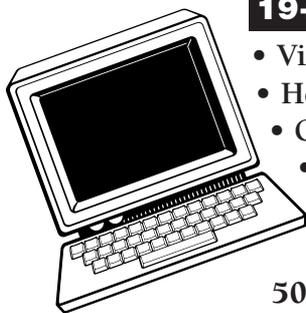
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Kalife recognized by veterans

By Beth David
Editor

Members of the Fairhaven Vietnam Moving Wall Committee gave a framed photo of the wall with a plate thanking James Kalife of Fairhaven Lumber for his help in getting the wall constructed at Cushman Park last July as part of the town's bicentennial celebration. Mr. Kalife donated all the plywood and associated supplies required for the ramp and supports for the wall.

Korean War veteran James Leal said it required 33 sheets of plywood, with accompanying supports, nails, and other supplies for the 250 feet of construction.

Mr. Leal also recalled a moment at the wall when Mr. Kalife was sitting silently by himself.

Mr. Kalife said he was thinking of childhood friend Paul Hassey, whose name is on the wall.

Mr. Kalife said that when he realized "little ole Fairhaven" would be getting the wall, and in the middle of summer, when there had to be a lot of demand, he knew he had to help.

When the talk turned to payment for the lumber, "that's when thoughts of my father came in," said Mr. Kalife. His father, John, started the business.

"I said, that's what we're here for."

So he donated it all.

"He comes in with this long list, from plywood to screws," said

member Gerry Payette, adding they had to build the flooring, backdrops and supports.

The photo, taken by Jim Mahaney, depicts the wall, the high school in the background, with the big flag flying in front of it.

"This will have a special place in my home," said Mr. Kalife.



L-R: Marc Kearley, Jim Leal, James Kalife, Gerry Payette and Jim Mahaney after presenting Mr. Kalife with a photo and plaque recognizing his donation of materials for building the structure for the Vietnam Moving Wall last July when it was in Fairhaven. BELOW: Mr. Payette shows the photo to Mr. Kalife. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com





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Acushnet warns gun owners

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

In the wake of the Sandy Hook tragedy, the Acushnet Selectboard decided it was time to bring gun control into the forefront of their discussion at the 1/3 meeting, and invited Police Chief Michael Alves to brief the board on details of the current gun permitting process.

Acushnet experienced the tragedy of gun violence in schools back in 1993 when 44 year-old David Tabor, armed with a shotgun, burst into the Ford Middle School and shot the school nurse, taking 52 year-old Carol Day's life.

According to Chief Alves, the Town has one staff person, Detective James Costa, handling all gun permit applications after budget cuts forced a reduction in staff in 2007.

"We're behind on the issuing of gun permits," said Chief Alves, citing the shortage of staff as a significant issue.

Chief Alves said it was his hope that, eventually, staff would be reinstated so the process could run more efficiently.

In response to a question from Selectperson Kevin Gaspar about state oversight of the tracing and tracking of firearms, Det. Costa stated that the database is not up to date and there are flaws in the system.

"And they probably have about five people doing that throughout the Commonwealth," he said.

There is no oversight of the type and amount of ammunition purchased, explained Chief Alves in response to a question from Selectperson Leslie Dakin.

Chief Alves had a strong message for gun owners in Acushnet. "If you do not store your weapon properly... we're taking your gun."

He spoke of a "zero tolerance" policy for improperly stored weapons.

It matters not, whether the police arrive at a residence for a crime, a call for an ambulance, or in response to a barking dog; if unsecured weapons are spotted, said Chief Alves, a resident would be charged criminally, permanently lose their gun permit, and the weapons would be seized.

Chief Alves pointed out that most gun permit holders are "law-abiding citizens," later commenting, "It would be helpful if people obeyed the laws and stored their weapons."

In other matters, the board voted

unanimously in favor of a property tax-break for the elderly and indigent.

Low income residents would be exempt from paying the Community Preservation Act (CPA) surcharge. The 1.5% reduction in property taxes would be about \$30 for the average home.

"I think now is the time to put this by the voters...to give them some sort of relief," said Chairperson David Wojnar.

The item will be included as an article on the Special Town Meeting warrant to be held on 2/11.

In addition, the Selectboard

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included extending the exemption of the first \$100,000 in property value to commercial properties, a tax exemption residential properties receive.

Also at the meeting, Greg King from the Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) gave a brief presentation on the "land use planning component" of the South Coast Rail project.

Five years ago, SRPEDD worked alongside the Town of Acushnet to designate areas of development and protection. Mr. King now wants to

revisit the issue, set up a public workshop, review the Town's priority areas, and add or subtract other areas to the list.

Mr. Wojnar stated that, with the project appearing to be picking up steam in 2013, Mr. King's presentation has given the matter

"an extra boost of enthusiasm and excitement."

Also during the meeting, the board discussed a letter from Ann Richard from Fairhaven's Hastings Middle School, inquiring about some old skate ramps owned by Acushnet that have been in storage at the Acushnet DPW for some time.

Ms. Richard requested that they be donated to the Town of Fairhaven for use in the Livesey Park revitalization project she is spearheading. She pointed out in her letter that it would benefit the town of Acushnet as well, since many Acushnet residents travel to Fairhaven to use the skate park.

Mr. Wojnar said that, "in the spirit of collaboration," he wished to put the matter on hold and discuss with Ms. Richard other recreational opportunities for Acushnet residents, such as shellfish licenses or residential rates at beaches on West Island in exchange for the skate ramps.

The board also received a letter from the Acushnet Board of Health regarding a proposed air quality assessment of the Parting Ways Building, which the board voted to hold until specific information surrounding the requested testing could be obtained from the Board of Health.

Mr. Dakin specified that he would like to see the tentative testing be put out for a bidding process for the most competitive rate.

The board also voted to have Town Administrator Alan Coutinho draft an article for Town Meeting pertaining to the proposed Capital Fund the board would like to create using solar farm revenues. The board decided to use money from the new fund for the exclusive use of paying down debt exclusions and infrastructure. ●●●

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Bettencourt's crane is okay, Causeway Road lots can be built on

By Jean Perry

Neigh News Correspondent

About 20 of Jerald Bettencourt's friends and neighbors showed up at the 1/3 Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals meeting in support of the Jerry's Auto & Cycle owner who appeared before the board to address a complaint filed against him.

The complaint filed, in the form of an Administrative Appeal by Building Inspector Wayne Fostin, was over the presence of a crane and other commercial-sized trucks being kept at the Middle Street location for daily maintenance. Crane service is not allowed in a Mix Use district.

The appeal was overturned, allowing Mr. Bettencourt to continue servicing the crane, because the property was purchased before new zoning laws took effect, thus remaining zoned for industrial use.

Mr. Bettencourt was accompanied by his attorney, John Murray, and Patrick Carr, the owner of the crane.

One after the other, neighbors stood in support of Mr. Bettencourt, including Rui DaSilva, owner of Artistic Auto Design on Middle Street.

"I hate to see something like this going on," said Mr. DaSilva. He said he also services large commercial-sized vehicles and was concerned that he would have to cease servicing them.

"He serves this neighborhood better than most people," said Steve Neron who lives at the corner of Cowen Street and Middle Street.

Jean Martin of 90 Middle Street said she had no problem with Mr. Bettencourt's business, or with the presence of the crane.

Tyson Cleaves of 81 Middle Street called Mr. Bettencourt an "out-standing man."

One neighbor in attendance opposed the crane service, stating that if Mr. Bettencourt was going to run a crane service, then he should have to apply for the proper license to be a crane service.

"They seem to part of the business," said Cherly Cook of 87 Middle Street. The crane, she said, sits directly in front of her house and its presence bothers her. She also pointed out that when the crane backs out into the street, traffic is

variance converting their land into a buildable lot.

Mr. Grant said they plan to build "something that's pretty tasteful, not something that's ugly."

No abutters turned out to support or oppose the plan to build a single-family home.

The board granted the variance after board member Joe Borelli commented that he was not comfortable voting on the matter without seeing the building plans which had yet to be submitted to Mr. Fostin.

Mr. Fostin assured Mr. Borelli that the vote was only about converting the lot into a buildable lot, and not about approving any plans for the structure.

At the end of the meeting, David and Kathleen Melanson of 87 Green Street, addressed the board to explain why they did not attend a prior public hearing to allow for their address to be used as a business address.

Ms. Melanson told the board that they were not in receipt of any notices or postcards, and that the notices had all been sent to the owner of the property, Cathy Melanson, who was also in attendance.

The couple will have to re-advertise at their own expense and will be put back on the agenda for either February or March.

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disrupted.

Chairperson Peter DeTerra explained that Mr. Bettencourt's property had been grandfathered in, and he was not performing any services that were not allowed in an Industrial Zone. The board's vote to overturn the Administrative Appeal was unanimous, allowing Mr. Bettencourt to keep the crane on the premises.

Also at the meeting, Dana Marie and Alan Grant, owners of four lots of land on Causeway Road, received a

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Frigid weather doesn't stop plungers

By Beth David
Editor

Hundreds of hardy souls braved frigidly cold weather on Tuesday, January for the annual Polar Plunge at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven.

Plungers of all ages and sizes hung out on the beach and rushed into the water when announced at 10 a.m.

Cindy Costa plunged for the first time and said it was "absolutely exhilarating." She also said it was a

"bucket list" item.

"It gives you a nice charge," said Eddie Rose of New Bedford.

John Leandre, who plunged for the first time simply said it was "cold!"

Twelve-year-old Kasey Leandre who plunged for the first time said it was cold, but also that "it's a good adrenaline rush," and plans on plunging again next year.

Organizers do not require a fee to plunge, but sell t-shirts to raise

money for scholarships for Fairhaven High School seniors. No information on how many plunged or how many t-shirts were sold was available.

The music blared, the fires blazed, and, despite the cold and wind, people hung out for a bit after the plunge, which only lasted a few minutes.

But this is a story best told in pictures.



LEFT: People quickly get out of the frigid water on Tuesday, Jan. 1, during the annual Polar Plunge at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven. RIGHT: Dan Caplette and Denise Napier pose with the Caplette kids before the big plunge. It was the first time for dad and the kids, but not for Denise. Mom Betty Caplette opted to play photographer and passed on plunging. BELOW: Before the plunge, it's all poses for the cameras. Photos this page by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com. Visit us at www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews to see more photos for this and other events.



BPW discusses budget items, change in use of enterprise funds

By Meredith Winnett

Neighb News Correspondent

The Board of Public Works discussed its budget for FY14 at the January 7 meeting, where members were joined by superintendents John Charbonneau (Highway), Linda Schick (Sewer), and Edward Fortin (Water).

BPW Superintendent Vinny Furtado announced to the board a new formula that the town of Fairhaven will be adopting for charges to the enterprise funds. The self-sufficient funds for water and sewer are used for costs associated with those departments, including some salaries. Money comes from fees for those services.

"The BPW Administration is funded by the general fund, but some of the duties are connected to water and sewer making part of that salary connected to the enterprise [accounts]," said Administrative Assistant Kathy Tripp in a follow-up interview. "There are other numerous costs such as retirement, health insurance, payroll department, tax collector, etc. that would need to be charged to the enterprise accounts."

Adopting the new formula would mean that more money will now be taken from the designated accounts.

The news was intended to give the board a warning that they may have to change their rates in the future. The board discussed the possibility of beginning to charge municipal buildings for water and sewer usage to offset the extra costs.

Board member Robert Hobson became agitated with this new program, asking Mr. Furtado who was making the board change the system,

which was one of the recommendations of the Mass. Department of Revenue report. This sparked a conversation about the minimum charge for water use.

"If they're saving water, they still have to pay the minimum fee," said Mr. Hobson, which he did not find fair.

Highway Superintendent John Charbonneau told the board that he would be requesting a new six-wheel dump truck to replace the 1995 vehicle, which requires a lot of repairs. The last dump truck the

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highway department bought was a ten-wheel, but Mr. Charbonneau said he believed a six-wheel truck is the best replacement for the 1995 truck.

The highway department also plans on redoing 10 streets, which will be discussed at the next meeting. He said he hopes to replace the roof of the gas island at the Department of Public Works building. The roof has been damaged for a while.

Sewer superintendent Linda Schick is requesting \$40,000 to replace the electrician's truck.

Ms. Schick also discussed with the board the West Island well agreement.

This is a yearly agreement that was included in the budget for the last financial year. A hydro-geologist checks the well water quarterly so the DPW knows when to clean and replace the wells.

"When I first got on the board I was thinking we need new wells," said Board member Daniel Freitas.

Ms. Schick explained that having the hydro-geologist inspect the wells prevented an emergency by early detection.

Chairperson Steven Riley asked Ms. Schick what the backup plan was in case of an emergency. There currently is not backup plan in case the West Island wells fail, but it was suggested that Ms. Schick and Mr. Furtado develop one.

Water superintendent Edward Fortin discussed an increase in the budget for flushing the New Bedford water line. Fairhaven does this in case of an emergency when the town would need to buy water from New Bedford. In the event of an emergency, Mr. Fortin would go to the finance committee to pay for the water.

Mr. Fortin asked for \$1000 to pay for chlorine. In 2011 and 2012, he only used \$300 worth, but the \$1000 would be in the account if extra chlorine is needed.

In other business, Mr. Hobson applauded the snow plows saying "The other day they did a good job".

However, board member Geoffrey Haworth disagreed saying, "The way they plow at Rogers School, the kids can't get out of the cars." He said he told the school principal about the issue because there were several upset parents. ●●●

Looks like...we have an election!

Within days of nomination papers being available, Fairhaven had two contested races.

Current selectboard member Brian Bowcock will face challenger Geoffrey Haworth, who is also on the Board of Public Works.

School Committee has two seats up for re-election and both incumbents, Stasia Powers and Bernard Roderick, have taken out papers. Political newcomer Diane Hahn, an outspoken parent of students in the district, took out papers on Jan. 8.

In other races, town clerk Eileen Lowney took out papers for her seat,

as did Fairhaven Housing Authority member Jimmie Oliver.

Board of Health chairperson Peter DeTerra took out papers on Jan. 2 and returned them on Jan. 2.

Candidates for townwide office have until Feb. 11 to collect 50 certified signatures and return the nomination papers to the Town Clerk. Town meeting members must collect 10 certified signatures in their districts. TM incumbents may opt to need to return a stub sent to them by the town clerk instead of collecting the 10 signatures.

The 2013 town election will be held

on Monday, April 1. Last day to register to vote is Tues., March 12. The town clerk's office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on that day.

Candidates may request nomination papers any day during normal town hall business hours and until 5 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 7. Candidates must return papers with the proper number of signatures by 5 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 11.

Residents may register to vote Monday-Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the town clerk's office, town hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven. Call 508-979-4025 for information.

Food pantry says thanks to all who gave

This letter of thanks goes out to all the generous people who contributed money and/or non-perishable food to the 9th annual Shepherd's Pantry holiday fundraiser. The total amount collected during this year's fundraiser exceeded expectations once again.

With a monthly expenditure of around \$6,000.00 used to purchase food that is either running low or out of completely, monetary donations are necessary to keep the pantry running smoothly. And in order to never turn away a needy individual looking for help, the pantry volunteers need to receive both monetary and non-perishable food donations all year long.

According to Blanche Pepin, the pantry's administrator, volunteers handed out over 230,000 items of food to over 1,343 families during this past year with an average of over 115 families who come each week between the hours of 9 AM and 11 AM on Saturdays.

A BIG thank you for this year's success goes to the much needed and appreciated newspaper articles from

The Standard-Times, The Fairhaven/Acushnet Advocate and the Fairhaven Neighborhood News. Also to Stop & Shop Public Affairs Director Elsa Franco; both head of Human Resources Kathy Freedman and manager Jackie Braley from Price Rite Supermarket and Ms. Theresa McAteer from Market Basket Supermarket, who all came through once again with their generous donations to our yearly venture. Also, the long list of donations from the area's businesses, churches, schools and non-profit groups and organizations will not be forgotten for their generosity towards the area's needy.

But this year's success was largely initiated by both Fairhaven Stop & Shop manager Tom Joseph and by Fairhaven Shaw's Asst. Mgr. Scott Prenda, who took it upon themselves to ask their compassionate customers to purchase non-perishable food for the pantry during the holiday season. And the response was phenomenal whereby hundreds of boxes and bags of food were eventually delivered to the pantry to help fill their shelves.

Also, another big thank-you to the Stop & Shop Bakery Department workers, located in Fairhaven, who hand over outdated bread and pastries on Friday afternoons to be given out the next morning to the needy who frequent the pantry.

And finally, the food bins located at the Millicent Library, Stop & Shop and Shaw's Supermarkets, all located in Fairhaven, where generous people have dropped off thousands of pounds of non-perishable food this past year, will continue.

If you have any questions about the pantry located at the Long Plain United Methodist Church at 1215 Main Street in Acushnet, please call 508-763-9289; or visit <http://shepherdspantry.org/>

*Sincerely,
Gerry Payette, Holiday fund raiser
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New Bedford Harborwalk gets 350K

Press Release

At a press conference in Yarmouth on December 4, Massachusetts Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs Richard K. Sullivan Jr., awarded a Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) grant to the City of New Bedford for the Harborwalk Project, to develop a recreational pathway atop the New Bedford Hurricane Barrier that will offer scenic views of Buzzards Bay.

Mayor Jon Mitchell, who attended the ceremony and accepted the PARC grant, explained the project will add a recreational component to the utilitarian stone structure that has protected New Bedford Harbor from surging floodwaters since 1966.

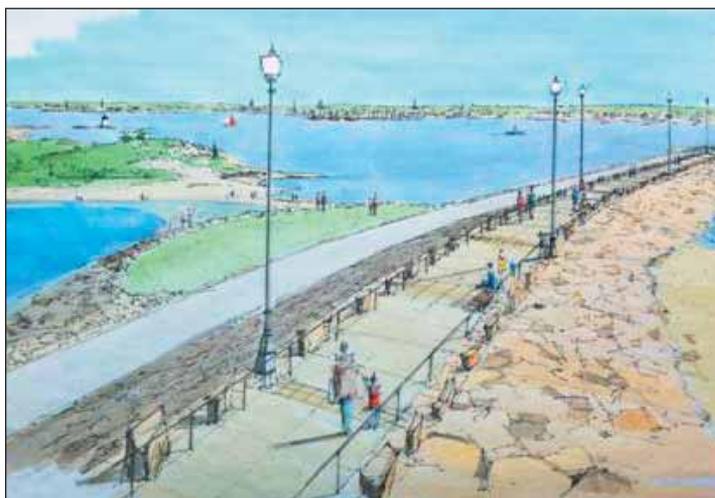
"The Hurricane Barrier has protected our city well for 50 years; today we begin a new chapter in the history of the barrier as a critical public safety asset becomes a cherished recreational jewel for future generations. We are grateful that Governor Patrick and Secretary Sullivan recognize the unique potential of the City's proposal and granted their support," said the

Mayor.

The City will use the \$352,800 to fund the first phase of the Harborwalk Project which will include the installation of a 6,200 foot long walkway with lighting, seating, and hand railings.

New Bedford Harbor offers an extraordinary mix of natural, historic and cultural attractions. The Harborwalk Project will complement the city's authentic working waterfront, lighthouses, waterfront parks and natural areas, Fort Rodman and Buzzard's Bay.

At-Large City Councilor Brian Gomes has long advocated for the recreational use of the barrier and Joseph Lopes, Ward Six City Councilor provided a letter of support for the City's grant application.



Construction of the New Bedford barrier began in 1962 through the cooperation of local, state and federal governments and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The barrier was built across New Bedford Harbor with the goal of greatly minimizing or eliminating the destructive effects of hurricane floodwaters. It has proved its value many times, including most recently in managing tidal surges during Hurricane Sandy.



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ConCom agent back in meetings, no explanation why

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

After months of nonattendance, Fairhaven Conservation Agent Wayne Fostin reappeared at the Fairhaven Conservation Commission meeting on 1/7. Mr. Fostin will once again be attending meetings regularly, months after he ceased attending meetings because, he said, of the limited time he is allotted for conservation matters. Mr. Fostin said the ten hours allocated for the position did not leave him enough time to carry out his duties throughout the week and also attend meetings. He is also the town's Building Inspector and receives a stipend for the Conservation Agent position.

During the 12/17 meeting, Chairperson Joe Taylor commented that the commission was having difficulties carrying out meetings without a person there to handle the paperwork, a duty historically undertaken by Mr. Fostin.

When questioned what prompted his return to ConCom meetings, Mr. Fostin simply stated, "It was just time to come back."

At the meeting, ConCom members addressed a complaint letter submitted by several Washburn Avenue residents accusing Todd Eisenberg's developer of insufficiently maintaining soil erosion measures meant to prevent water and silt from spilling over into neighbors' properties, among other issues.

Architect Steve Gioioso and about 10 Washburn Avenue residents explained their sides of the story to the commission, resulting in a lifting of the voluntary stop work order, and a site-visit by ConCom members within the week to inspect areas neighbors complained about.

Before allowing abutters to speak, Mr. Taylor advised them that the commission would only hear matters strictly related to conservation.

"I know you don't want a house there, but there's going to be a house," said Mr. Taylor.

Debra Bourque of 36 Washburn Avenue replied, "It wasn't the house. It was where the water's going to be displaced."

Ms. Bourque said water has been running down toward the bottom of her driveway, resulting in what she described as dangerous icy condi-

tions which had never happened before.

Robert Barlow of 4 Washburn Avenue asked the commission how many feet the silt fences were required to be buried into the ground, with Mr. Taylor informing him that six inches was the required depth.

Ronald Shrader of 30 Washburn Avenue stated that you can see beneath the silt fences and, when it rains, you can see the soil running out from under it.

"It's out of the ordinary. I've never seen it before," said Mr. Shrader about a pool of water that has gathered by the base of the fire hydrant. "It's a river...and my pumps are running continuously at my house."

It's out of the ordinary.
I've never seen it before...
It's a river...and my
pumps are running
continuously
at my house
[Ronald Shrader]

Also mentioned in the letter, commission members discussed a physical shifting of a part of the gravel road that originally ran slightly across private property.

Although a couple commission members could not clearly recall discussing the eventual shifting of the road, Commission Member Jay Simmons mentioned that he remembered the discussion of approval for the road changes.

Commission Member Andrew Jones recommended that the board lift the voluntary stop order, which did not require a vote since the stop work order was verbal and no enforcement order would accompany it.

Rescheduled from 12/17, the board heard from Rich Rheume on behalf of Luis Pacheco of 307R Scoticut Neck Road, who wants to remove two utility poles and two preexisting

stone walls situated along the wetlands.

Mr. Pacheco wants to replace the two walls with one single wall that would run alongside the wetlands, replacing one of the two preexisting walls that currently stands within the wetlands area.

"I'd be curious to see what [wetlands expert] John Rockwell would have to say about that," said Mr. Jones who was absent from the previous meeting and had earlier abstained from voting.

Cora Peirce and John Dallen also abstained, and the matter almost did not have a quorum for a vote.

Mr. Jones said that although he himself does not need to visit the property, he suggested sending Mr. Rockwell for his opinion.

The matter was continued until 1/28.

Before adjourning, Mr. Taylor announced that the commission will request a representative from the public works department to attend a meeting in February to discuss all Notice of Intents currently in place.

Some issues of importance are maintenance of drainage ditches, a clearing of brush on Jerusalem Road that one neighbor had previously complained about at a past meeting, standard operating procedures, and the use of chip seal.

The DPW installed chip seal on a street, resulting in petroleum residue being found in rainwater runoff. Chip seal must be applied only during dry weather, but the DPW applied the petroleum-based chemicals on a rainy day.

Also at the meeting, the commission voted to send the owners of Bella Vista Island a letter requesting a complete and accurate status update, with an on-site visit planned for 1/25. Ms. Peirce abstained from voting.

Joseph Krietz of 21 Shaws Cove Road was approved for a soil evaluation and percolation test in order to replace a septic system.

The commission tabled a Request for Determination Application, then rescheduled it for 1/28 after applicants Ruth Geoffroy and Rita McCawley of 4 Wilbur's Point Drive did not appear or send a representative.

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Legal Notices/ Public Hearings Conservation Commission

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- Request for Determination Applicant Gregory & Margaret Kulpinski Location 7 Goulart Memorial Drive Plot 42 Lot 15H Purpose verify wetland line and perform percolation test within 100' buffer zone and within a VE flood zone.
- Request for Determination Applicant Jerry's Auto Service Location 86-88 Middle Street Plot 11 Lots 6E & 7 Purpose install 50' x 30' storage building within an AE flood zone.
- Request for Determination Applicant Ruth M. Geoffroy & Rita M. McCawley Location 4 Wilbur's Point Drive Plot 43 Lot 77 Purpose conduct percolation test within 100' of Coastal Beach and within a VE flood zone.

*Respectfully Submitted
Joseph Taylor, Chairman*

Fairhaven Conservation Commission

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Edward Payson Powell

Fairhaven Meetings

- Board of Appeals**
Tues., 2/5, Town Hall, 6 p.m.
- Community Preservation**
Thurs., 1/17, Town Hall, 6 p.m.
- Conservation Commission**
Mon., 1/28, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Council on Aging**
Mon., 1/14, Senior Ctr., 9:30 a.m.
- Finance Committee**
Thurs., 1/17, BPW/Arsene St., 7 p.m.
- Planning Board**
Tues., 1/22, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- School Building Study Com**
Wed., 1/16, Oxford School, 6 p.m.
- School Committee**
Wed., 1/23, FHS Media Ctr, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard
Thurs., 1/16, Town Hall, 7 p.m.
Thurs., 1/17, Police Sta., 6 p.m.
Tues., 1/22, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings Board of Public Works

Tues., 1/15, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission
Wed., 1/23, Town Hall, 7 p.m.
Finance Committee
Wed., 1/16, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Commission
Thurs., 1/17, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.
Selectboard
Mon., 1/14, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

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Friday	25	0638 1857	---- 1239

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Bunnell Award winner announced

From Press Release materials

Maggie Carroll received an award from Peggy Rogers, a member of the Friends of the Millicent Library, for her winning essay, "What I've learned at the Library." The award was given to Maggie, a Rogers School fourth-grader, in the Library during Fairhaven's Old-Time Holiday celebration.

Her mother, Jill Carroll, said, "She started early to write this, before the teacher in the classroom sparked an interest in the topic. She uses SAILS a lot. When Maggie was a first grader her Rogers School 'reading buddy' Eden Gonet, a fourth grader, won the Nancy Bunnell Memorial Essay Contest."

Now Maggie is a contest winner and a fourth grade reading buddy to a first grader. She wonders if the pattern will be repeated. Maggie plans to spend some of the money she won buying books for children who do not have books,

In her essay, Maggie wrote that she has learned "many things from the library in my nine years of life. I've learned about history, science, and

many other things."

Ms. Carroll wrote that she learned about the Civil War, the Civil Rights Movement and World War II.

"My love for books has made me realize that most people now have life better than many of people in history," wrote Ms. Carroll, and gave examples from her reading.

"I really think that it doesn't matter if you read a little kid book or an adult book, you are probably learning a few things," wrote Ms. Carroll. "If I couldn't get a book anywhere and the closest book was six miles away I would walk there

if I had to."

The annual contest is sponsored by the Friends of the Millicent Library, and the winner is given a cash award.



Peggy Rogers presents the Nancy Bunnell Award to Maggie Carroll, a fourth-grader at Rogers School in Fairhaven. The annual essay contest is sponsored by the Friends of the Millicent Library, and the winner is given a cash award. *Submitted photo.*

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Board of Health shuts down WT foes, fire chief shuts down BOH

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven fire chief shut down the Board of Health meeting for overcrowding on Monday, but not before wind turbine opponents clashed with board members on whether or not they would discuss a new wind turbine bylaw being proposed by the planning board and a letter from Selectboard member Bob Espindola about the bylaw.

About 30 residents opposed to the wind turbines already operating off Arsene Street tried to attend the meeting, but only about 12 could fit inside the little office, with another 15 or so crowding around the door and stuck out in the hall.

The agenda included an item for review of a letter from Mr. Espindola with questions about the proposed bylaw. BOH Chairperson Peter DeTerra, however, began the meeting by reading a letter from planning board chair Wayne Hayward asking him not to allow the discussion.

In his letter, Mr. Hayward wrote that the bylaw is in draft form only and is not ready for a public hearing. He said the bylaw at this stage is "fully in the domain of the Fairhaven Planning Board," and that other boards and the public would have a chance to comment "at a future date."

Windwise members, however, would not be so easily deterred, insisting that the issue be discussed, while Mr. DeTerra repeatedly explained that there was a "protocol" to follow and the board would have to wait until Planning was finished with the draft.

Windwise members turned their attention from the bylaw to the board members and a discussion of the existing turbines. Windwise and residents in the neighborhood are trying to get the WTs shut down, citing noise and health complaints.

Dawn Devlin said there have been 356 complaints from 50 homes, while the board refuses to act, saying it has to wait for results of a noise test being conducted by the state.

"Everybody's life is in limbo," said Ms. Devlin, adding that people are suffering. "It's a crisis. You are the board of health, and elected to protect the people of Fairhaven."

Board members and residents argued back and forth as residents came up with various scenarios, such as people getting sick at restaurants,

where the BOH would step in to protect people. They insisted the board had the authority and obligation to shut down the turbines.

"If it was anything else except wind turbines, you would be stepping in," said Ms. Devlin.

Fairhaven Health Agent Patricia Fowle explained that the scenarios presented are regulated by laws, regulations and standards that are clearly laid out for officials to follow.

The WTs have no standards yet.

"Nobody knows. There's no standard," said Ms. Fowle. "There's nothing to apply."

Ms. Devlin insisted that the turbines could be stopped until the regulations are in place.

"You don't just let people continue to get sick," she said.

One resident said her father had not

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slept in months, another said a family member had left the house, all due to the noise from the wind turbines.

Mr. DeTerra reminded the residents that the selectboard signed the contract, not the BOH.

BOH member Barbara Acksen said she spoke with an attorney at the Mass. Health Board who said the BOH could shut the turbines down at certain times. Mr. DeTerra countered that he also spoke with the same attorney and that they cannot shut them down without good reason.

"We have to have the science," to back it up, said Mr. DeTerra.

"The evidence is sitting in this room," called out one resident.

"You have a roomful of people with frayed nerves," said John Methia, adding that more than 50 homes have been affected. "You have failed," he said, repeating it three times before the room starting chanting with him.

"We did exactly what you wanted," said BOH member Jeannine Lopes, explaining they asked the DEP for noise testing, created a complaint form, etc.

She then went back and forth with several residents who insisted the board had the power to shut down the WTs, while Ms. Lopes insisted the board did not.

Karen Isherwood asked how many residents with medical documentation it would take for the board to act.

"How many will it take? Because we'll give it to you," she said.

Ann Espindola asked why her husband's letter, as a Selectboard member, would not be discussed. Ms. Lopes said it was a personal email to Mr. DeTerra's personal email, not one board to another.

During the back and forth arguing and confusion, Susan Powers stormed out saying, "This is disgusting. This isn't a board."

As the group left, Ken Pottel expressed surprise that so many people were not able to get inside the room, and accused the board of holding the meeting illegally.

Several wind turbine opponents stayed behind, though, and had lower keyed discussions with the board after it handled the rest of its agenda.

Karen Isherwood and Kathy Starr asked about the medical records they wanted to submit to the board and if they would be public information.

Dr. Acksen said the information was not protected if it was part of the public record, but they might be able to redact the personal information.

"I sent a copy of a letter from my doctor," said Ms. Starr. "I don't care who knows what."

The board said the complaint form says the information will be shared with the selectboard, Department of Public Health, Fairhaven Wind LLC.

During that discussion Fire Chief Timothy Francis asked Mr. DeTerra to leave the meeting. The two men went off into a corner for a few minutes and Mr. DeTerra returned, saying the fire chief was shutting down the meeting for overcrowding in the room.

Mr. Francis said he did not know exactly how many people were allowed in the office at any one time.

"But I know it's overcrowded," he said. "It doesn't take a genius to figure that out."

He said he had received a complaint about the overcrowded room.

"That's the only reason I'm here."

To see the full text of Mr. Hayward's letter, visit our website at www.NeighbNews.com

Acushnet firefighters rescue woman from blaze

By Beth David
Editor

At 11 p.m. Sunday night, Acushnet firefighters responded to a fire at 46 Coloumbe Street and rescued 52-year-old Karen Szymczyk, who was trapped in a second-floor bathroom. She remains hospitalized in serious condition with burns to her legs.

According to fire chief Kevin Gallagher, the home is only three blocks from the fire station, so the truck got there in a couple of minutes. It was met by call firefighters and regular firefighters who were all paged.

One of the first to arrive was rookie firefighter Adam Hebert, 19, who grabbed the hose behind his cousin Paul Frysinger, 32, a 14-year veteran of the department.

At the truck, making sure water got through the hose, was Thomas Farland.

"It takes a team to save a life," said Chief Gallagher. "And that was never as true as it was in this situation."

At his first big structure fire, Mr. Hebert said he simply did what he was trained to do. Behind his cousin,

up the stairs, they knocked down the fire as they went, reaching the bedroom. He said it was obvious that was where the origin was. As they worked to put out the fire there, they heard a cry for help.

They immediately conducted a search and found Ms. Szymczyk in the bathroom.

The fire prevention message here is candles always need to be extinguished before you go to sleep [Acushnet Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher]

Mr. Frysinger and Mr. Hebert carried her down the stairs and outside where she was treated and airlifted to Rhode Island Hospital in Providence.

"Ultimately, at the end of the day we have a job to do," said Mr. Hebert, who downplayed his role, saying he was just part of the team. "I look at it now and I say, 'I can't believe I went into that burning building.'"

"At the time, you're not thinking about it," he said. "You put it in the back of your mind. You have a job to do. You're there to do it. You're trained to do it. So, you do it."

"I am exceptionally proud," said Chief Gallagher. "I could not be more proud of all of them."

Investigators believe the fire started in the bedroom from a candle. They also believe Ms. Szymczyk was in bed when the fire started, although Chief Gallagher said they have not had a chance to confirm that with her yet.

"The fire prevention message here is candles always need to be extinguished before you go to sleep," said the chief.

The last time Acushnet had a fire requiring a rescue was 21 years ago, before Mr. Hebert was born. It was also, coincidentally, at the same address, 46 Coulombe Street. ●●●

Roads, bridges and culverts looked at for impact on wildlife

Press Release

Which Massachusetts culverts could be widened to provide important habitat access for such wildlife as brook trout and migrating alewife? Where would larger bridges and roadway underpasses help bobcats and black bears get where they need to go, while improving driver safety by potentially reducing vehicle collisions with wildlife?

Now, valuable answers to these questions are easily accessible for the first time — and are already being used by decision-makers — as a result of a collaborative project of the University of Mass. Amherst, the Mass. Department of Transportation and The Nature Conservancy.

"Roads, bridges, culverts and dams play fundamental economic, public-safety and quality-of-life roles for the people of Massachusetts," said Scott D. Jackson, extension associate professor in the Department of Environmental Conservation at UMass.

"Unfortunately, they sometimes also create barriers that harm migrating fish and other wildlife that

require connected habitat to survive," said Jackson, one of the lead researchers for the collaborative project. "The fragmentation of this habitat is one of the major challenges faced by Massachusetts wildlife."

Years in the works, the project, called "Critical Linkages," provides easily accessible data that can help identify specific locations where changes to important infrastructure — bridges, culverts, roads and dams — would be most effective in providing benefits for wildlife and the habitat on which they rely.

Researchers analyzed 48,859 miles of roads and highways, 26,582 road-stream crossings such as culverts and bridges and 2,467 dams in combination with sophisticated information about wildlife habitat to identify places where changes would have the greatest impact.

Maps and data made available through the recently concluded first phase of the project can be found at <http://www.umasscaps.org/applications/critical-linkages.html>.

The project's second phase, which will develop a tool to inform

transportation and other land-use decisions at regional scale, is underway.

The Mass. Department of Transportation has used the information already to prioritize several projects, including the replacement of the undersized Route 2 culvert over Hartwell Brook in Charlemont, and the Route 41 bridge over Williams River in West Stockbridge.

"The Department of Transportation's first responsibility is to provide safe and reliable transportation networks," said Mass. Secretary of Transportation Richard A. Davey, the DOT's chief executive officer. "Improved stream crossings help us meet these responsibilities by reducing flooding; wildlife crossings can help us by keeping more animals off the road, where they're in danger and create danger for drivers."

One of the key findings of "Critical Linkages" researchers was that improvements at a relatively small number of locations — 10 percent of those analyzed — would have a disproportionately positive impact on wildlife. ●●●

The Night Orion Fell chronicles harrowing sea tragedy

Press Release

In an instant, a routine fishing trip turns deadly and dangerous as the hydraulic trawl net enmeshes and crushes the crewman to death and leaves the skipper dangling upside down with both arms immobile in the midst of a violent Pacific storm.

So begins *The Night Orion Fell*, a new book by Abigail B. Calkin that chronicles a harrowing real life sea tragedy and dramatic rescue that took place over 40 hours in 1982 off the coast of Oregon.

The book, published by Fern Hill Press, focuses on commercial fisherman's Larry Hills' two-day ordeal and the heroic efforts of the U.S. Coast Guard air rescue crew who saved his life. It then follows his years-long

recovery from both physical injuries and post-traumatic stress as he tries to reconstruct his life.

Dr. Calkin, an educational psychologist who comes from seafaring roots of Nova Scotia and the North Atlantic, and now works in remote southeast Alaska, recounts in riveting minute-by-minute detail the psychological struggles as well as the physical challenges encountered during the freakish accident and in its painful aftermath.

From that February evening in 1982, when Larry Hills kissed his wife, Bev, and son goodbye, heading out for five days of fishing with deckhand Dick Cooley, something went terribly wrong aboard Hills' boat "Fargo."

Set against the backdrop of the

close knit Tillamook Bay fishing community of Garibaldi, Oregon, the Coast Guard rescue crew began its search in the face of growing storm warnings, not knowing where exactly the accident occurred, nor that one of the men had already died and the other was suspended helplessly after trying to save his friend.

The Night Orion Fell relates the long and poignant hours of survival, the fierce heroism of the rescue and the professionalism and courage of all involved that brought Hills home and changed his life forever.

The Night Orion Fell is available on Amazon.com and in bookstores. Visit <http://www.abigailbalkin.com>

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Fire damages f/v Sea Ranger

Fairhaven Fire Dept. Press Release

At 10:45 a.m. on Monday, 1/7, a call was received from the staff at the Fairhaven Shipyard at 32 Water Street reporting a fire aboard the fishing vessel "Sea Ranger" a 100' fishing boat in dry dock at the shipyard undergoing repair.

The fire was confined to the lazarette area in the stern portion of the vessel which contains the steering gears. Fire was caused from welders doing work on the vessel. No injuries were reported and the fire was extinguished in approximately 20 minutes. Crews remained on scene

for another hour overhauling and checking for extension of the fire. Two engines and a ladder truck responded.

The vessel is owned by Sam Tonnessen of Acushnet, MA. Damage is estimated to be at \$7,000.

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Women's fund accepting grant inquiries

Press Release

The Women's Fund at the Community Foundation has awarded over \$93,000 in grants through our Women's Philanthropy Initiative donor advised grant-making. The organization is now accepting letters of inquiry for its 2013 Action Award grants.

Interested organizations must submit a Letter of Inquiry **by January 15, 2013**. The Women's Fund will review initial letters. All who submit letters will be informed whether or not they are selected to submit a full proposal. If an organization is invited to submit a proposal, the deadline is March 1, 2013.

The mission of the Women's Fund is to promote the educational attainment and economic security of women and girls in Southeastern Massachusetts. The Fund supports Bristol and Plymouth County neighborhood-based organizations that provide programs and services to low-income women and girls.

Our 2013 Action Award focus is to

continue to advance social change by supporting high impact projects, collaborations, and innovative systems that engage girls.

We are most interested in funding evidence-based/informed projects that develop leadership and advocacy skills. More specifically, we are looking for projects that can address at least one of the following: 1) giving girls a voice and teaching them about taking action and 2) learning to make positive choices, especially in relationship to higher education and career paths where they can succeed and thrive.

Action Award grants are limited to \$5,000 per organization, and are made only to organizations that maintain Section 501(c)3, tax-exempt status.

For additional information about the Women's Fund Action Awards, the format of the letter of inquiry and an application, please log onto <http://www.womensfundsema.org/grant-apply.html>, or contact Jeannette Doyle at 508-717-0283.

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soon as possible.

"We have a lot to do, and we don't have a lot of time to accomplish it. Maintaining the status quo is not in the best interests of the community," he said.

In other business the board:

- Approved a one day, no-fee use of Hoppy's Landing for parking for the second Annual West Island 5K Run/Walk and Kids Mile Fun Run for April 28th.
- Directed the police chief to change signage on Middle Street to "No Parking" signs to reduce confusion.
 - Forwarded to the BPW a resident's request to change the name of the Bike Path Committee to the Bikeway Committee
- Reminded all municipal employees, board and committee members that they are required by law to complete the conflict of interest online training every two years.
- Reconvened in executive session to discuss police and fire clerical union negotiations, issues with police personnel and the Cushman Park Land Easement. •••

Defamation case dismissed; SLAPP applies to social media

ACLU Press Ewleaze

In a case that attracted outrage earlier this year, Judge Patrick Brady of the Norfolk Superior Court today dismissed a lawsuit brought by Plainridge Racecourse against TJ Keen, who has publicly opposed the expansion of gambling at the racetrack. The racetrack claimed it was defamed by Facebook postings and statements on a website Keen helped to set up, which contained information about the relationship between gambling and crime.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts supported Keen, arguing in his defense that the lawsuit aimed to silence critics of the plan and that Keen's speech was protected. Judge Brady agreed that the defamation lawsuit was based solely on his exercise of the right to petition the government, and that the racetrack could not sustain its burden of proof to recover for protected "petitioning activity." Under the "anti-SLAPP" law (strategic lawsuit against public participation), the racetrack will be required to pay Keen's reasonable attorneys' fees.

"This decision reinforces the anti-SLAPP law by applying it squarely to the world of social media," said ACLU cooperating attorney Jeffrey Pyle, of Prince Lobel Tye LLP. "Residents of Massachusetts should know that their social and political organizing is protected, whether they do it on Facebook, Twitter, or anywhere else."

"The ACLU helped get the anti-SLAPP statute passed in the 1990s to protect people like TJ Keen who are willing to participate in local affairs. With the judge tossing out the raceway's lawsuit, we hope that others in the community will not be frightened away from getting involved in debating community issues," said Sarah Wunsch, staff attorney for the ACLU of Massachusetts.

"I'm happy that the court has

affirmed affected citizens' right to petition and make their voice heard in these community-changing debates. Residents should not be intimidated or bullied by deep-pocketed firms looking to quash their dissenting voice. Perhaps this whole situation calls into question whether Plainridge Racecourse should be trusted with the rights to operate a slot parlor in Plainville if legal action is their idea of 'communicating with the public' when the public disagrees with their position," said Keen.

Owners of the Plainridge Racecourse sued Keen for allegedly defaming them through his opposition to the addition of slot machines to the racetrack's facilities. The ACLU of Massachusetts rose to his defense, calling the action an unjustified SLAPP suit that should immediately be dismissed.

Keen was one of several Plainville residents who have publicly opposed expanded gambling at the track and urged other residents to voice their opposition to local officials. The opposition has mentioned that gambling operations are associated with increases in neighborhood crime.

"Ourway Realty," which does business under the name Plainridge Racecourse, sued Keen in June, seeking damages and an injunction forbidding further discussion of the relationship between the racecourse and crime.

Ourway's lawsuit referenced noplainvilleracino.com, a website Keen set up in April to try to rally public opposition to the racecourse's casino plans. The site urges residents to contact their local officials and urge them to oppose the plans for the racino (a combined racetrack and casino).

Shortly thereafter, a burglar broke into Keen's home, and Keen's security system captured the alleged

intruder's image. Keen forwarded the image to the Plainville Police Department, which posted it to its Facebook page along with a plea for information on the suspect. The image and message were then shared on the opposition group's website. A different Facebook user, posting under a pseudonym, then commented under the picture, "I wonder if they checked over at the racetrack, lol."

The racetrack sent a threatening letter to Keen, vowing a lawsuit. The joking comment was removed, but Ourway sued nonetheless, seeking an order to prevent Keen from posting any more "references to crime associated with... [Ourway's] operations or intended operations," such as the proposed slot parlor.

The state "anti-SLAPP" law requires the immediate dismissal of lawsuits like this, so that little burden is placed on people who have been sued for their "petitioning activity."

Under the law, petitioning activity includes any advocacy having a reasonable factual basis that seeks to educate the public and to get people to contact the government. A party that brings a SLAPP suit must pay the attorney's fees for the person sued, once the case is dismissed. Keen's statements about crime rates and casinos are backed up by substantial scientific studies, and Keen has never alleged that Ourway was involved in the burglary of his home. Ourway's suit, accordingly, was meritless.

"If a third party's joking Facebook post could be the basis for a lawsuit, then courts wouldn't have time for much else," said Matthew Segal, ACLU of Massachusetts legal director.

The case is *Ourway Realty, LLC v. Thomas Keen*, Norfolk Superior Court No. 2012-00963.

For more information about the ACLU of Massachusetts, visit <http://www.aclum.org> •••

Police remind home owners to remove snow from sidewalks

Fairhaven police are reminding residents and property owners to clear off snow from sidewalks in front of their homes and businesses.

Fairhaven's snow removal bylaw states that "The tenant, occupant, owner or agent of any building or lot of land bordering on any street, lane, square or public place shall now

allow or permit any accumulation of snow or ice to remain on the sidewalk adjacent to said building or lot of land after being ordered to remove same by the Police Department. Upon failure to comply with the order, within six hours after notification, by the tenant, occupant, owner or agent above specified, it is hereby ordered

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