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An dolphin made a brief appearance in Jack's Cove off Goulart Memorial Drive in Fairhaven on Sunday, 1/20, giving residents a rare treat and photo opportunities. After swimming around for a few hours, the dolphin made its own way out to sea with the tide. Officials say it did not seem to be in distress. See page 12 for more details and more photos. *Photos by Beth Dvaid. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com*

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

BRRR!!! even with the wood stove cranking, the heat is kicking on. My poor little house just can't keep out this cold. The water from the tap is soooo cold. BRRR!!!

Okay, in quite the rush this week to get this done. Don't understand it, either. I was in such good shape this morning. Now it's...well, late.

So, let's keep it short and just hit the highlights. I went to a play at Your Theatre Inc. on Friday. See page 7, because you can still catch it this weekend. YTI never disappoints. What a fun and crazy production.

The acting was extraordinarily professional. Really, folks, if not for the short ride and easy parking, I might've thought I was at some really expensive show in Boston. Oh, did I mention it's only \$15?

It's a crazy little play about a crazy woman who hallucinates to make her life more bearable. It's a lot of fun. A little confusing at the end, but if you just think about it for a second, you'll get it.

So skip the expensive mass-movie theatre and support some local talent. You'll be pleasantly surprised.

On page 6 you'll find a listing for Super Sub Sunday. Doreen Nelsen, who has supported music in Fairhaven schools forever (and a day), is afraid that the annual fund-raiser won't be as popular this year just because the Patriots won't be in the Super Bowl (I won't even go there). Now, c'mon, you know you're going to watch the game anyway. And if not, what will you be doing? In any case, you still have to eat, right? So, order up a sub, support the music program, and keep Doreen happy.

They even extended the ordering deadline to Monday, Jan. 28, so there's no excuse. Order now though, so you don't forget.

I tweeted! Yup. I tweeted during the inauguration. About what? Well, all kinds of stuff.

Hmmm...maybe that's why I'm late with this baby this week. It's so hard to get work done with the inauguration on television.

What a show, though. And, I don't care who you voted for, or what side you're on, if you didn't absolutely LOVE watching Joe and Jill Biden in that parade then you have no heart, nope, none at all.

Yes, I tweeted about that.

Find me on twitter and follow my 140-character wisdom. I really don't understand it yet, though, so don't ask me any questions about what it is, how it works, or what the point is, really. I'm sure I'll figure it all out soon enough.

Some random thoughts:

The NRA and Rick Santorum are doing a great job of defending the second amendment, but not so much the first amendment. Why is it more important to make sure



Beth David, Publisher

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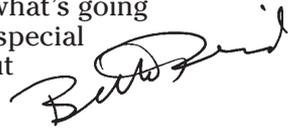
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people can own assault weapons than it is to make sure that "Hollywood" is allowed to make bad movies?

This constant carping about "Hollywood and" violent video games is out of control. You wouldn't be able to complain about our politicians the way you do with our First Amendment. You wouldn't be able to make your case for the Second Amendment with the rights bestowed upon you by the First.

So, stop messing with my First Amendment. Okay, time to go. Be sure to tell our advertisers you saw their ads in the Neighb News. And, be sure to let me know what's going on in your neighborhood. A special thanks to those who called about he dolphin....oh my it's late... until next week then...



Selectboard sending two to police academy

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard had a full night on Tuesday, 1/22, which included officially agreeing to partner with Middleborough on the community development block grant program, officially protesting the agreement with Aerovox on the harbor cleanup and hiring two new police officers.

Both Marcy Haaland, 41, and Jason Tavares, 29, work in the Bristol County Sheriff's department with the inmate population. Both are Fairhaven residents, and both said they are ready for a career change, but not too much of a departure from their current jobs.

Mr. Tavares, who has worked in the sheriff's department for six years, told the board that he wanted to be a police officer since he was a child.

"I want to help people, and make the people of Fairhaven safer," said Mr. Tavares.

He said he gets along well with people and is easygoing.

Mr. Tavares also said he could serve Fairhaven well because, "I know all the people in the past who cause trouble in this area."

Ms. Haaland said she took the civil service test hoping to get a job as a part time police officer in Fairhaven and felt "very fortunate" when a full time slot opened up.

She said her 14 years in the sheriff's office working directly with inmates prepared her for the patrol officer's job.

"I also enjoy working in the community," she said.

Ms. Haaland told the board she would bring enthusiasm to the job.

"I'm enthusiastic about the change. I'm enthusiastic about the future. I'm looking forward to the change," she said.

Ms. Haaland said she looked forward to the "different aspects" of the new job, but also expected much of it to be similar to her job in the

sheriff's department.

She said she has a lot of leadership responsibility in her current job and realizes that will change as a patrol officer.

"But sometimes being a good leader means being a good follower," she said.

The board explained that the softball questions were for the final interview only and that the candidates had gone through a "grueling" interview process before becoming finalists.

The two will now be subjected to a battery of physical and psychological tests and will have to successfully complete the police academy program which begins on April 1.

The board also held the final public hearing on the FY13 Community Development Block Grant. This year Fairhaven will partner with Middleborough. If successful in getting the funds, Fairhaven will continue improvements in the target area near Cushman Park. Middleborough had three representatives at the meeting, including Selectboard chairperson Alfred P. Rullo, Jr.

Fairhaven has been successful in previous years and has almost reached its cap with the state. Partnering with Middleborough gives the town one extra point and gives Middleborough five extra points, increasing the chances for both towns to get the funds.

"We all know this is a very competitive process," said Mr. Rullo.

Middleborough will use the money to rehabilitate five to six houses and



Marcy Haaland and Jason Tavares were hired chosen by the Fairhaven Selectboard to go to the police academy in April. Both are currently working in the Bristol County Sheriff's Department. Photo by Beth David. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com

improve two streets in the center of town.

Two residents of Elliott Street in Fairhaven expressed their support for the project, no one spoke against it.

Arthur Costa, who lives on the corner of Huttleston Avenue and Elliott Street said he had been to meetings and asked a lot of questions. He praised Director of Planning and Economic Development William Roth for taking the time to answer all his questions.

"Everything was above board," said Mr. Costa.

Fairhaven selectboard chairperson Brian Bowcock said that regionalization was inevitable and the "wave of the future."

The board voted unanimously in favor of submitting the application.

The board also discussed some aspects of the Department of Revenue report, voting to recommend several for articles at town meeting in May.

Some of the recommendations will require state legislative approval, some will require town meeting approval, and some are procedural

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and can be implemented with only board approval.

The most substantive change is the switch from selectboard and Executive Secretary to a strong town manager (or administrator). The DOR report recommends that the board of public works be eliminated and all superintendents report to new town manager instead; and that the personnel board be eliminated with the town manager acting as human relations person.

The Selectboard voted to support those changes as well as cutting the size of the Finance Committee from 13 to 7 or 8. They did not, however, vote on how the new FinCom would be chosen. The DOR report recommends that the town moderator appoint the FinCom members. Currently, they are chosen by the town meeting precinct chairs.

Dr. Bowcock said that he would recommend having at least two public hearings on the DOR report.

The board is scheduled to meet with DOR on Thursday, 1/24 at 2 p.m., in a meeting open to the public, to discuss the recommendations.

All three selectboard members said they supported the strong town manager option, admitting that Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch, performs many of the duties of the town manager. He said Fairhaven was the only town of its size still using the Executive Secretary model instead of the town manager position.

"Jeff won't be here forever," agreed selectboard member Charles Murphy. "We need to have a town manager in Fairhaven."

"It's important not just to establish the position, but the responsibilities that go with it," said selectboard member Bob Espindola.

The measure would have to be approved at Town Meeting and would also require a vote of the state legislature.

The board also voted unanimously to combine the positions of Town Treasurer/Finance Director with the Collector's position.

The DOR report made the recommendation. Finance Director John Nunes left his position for a position in Fall River and tax collector Carol Brandolini is retiring next year, creating a unique opportunity to combine the positions without having

to dismiss anyone.

The board also voted unanimously to submit an article to change the make-up of the FinCom from 13 to "up to eight" members, leaving the question of how they are appointed for another day.

Throughout the discussion, Dr. Bowcock often pointed out that the DOR recommendations were recommendations only and the town did not have to implement any of them.

"Fairhaven, in many ways, is a unique community," said Dr. Bowcock. "Ultimately, it will be town meeting that votes."

The board also met with the BPW to discuss the new formula for charging enterprise accounts for indirect costs, ultimately deciding to phase in the increases. Indirect costs include accounting time for employees, health care costs, etc. The DOR report recommended a different way of calculating those costs to the general fund and getting that money from the water and sewer funds. Ratepayers would have to make up the difference, which is estimated at more than \$200,000 per year.

Mr. Osuch noted that the last census showed that Fairhaven has nine percent of its population at or below the poverty level, which translates to the town simply not having the same revenue that other towns have. He said hard choices will need to be made in the future.

Mr. Murphy took note of the figure and made it a point at the end of the meeting to note that "Just because you have more money, because you're more affluent, does not make you better."

He said the 9% figure was "troubling," but that Fairhaven is still a "strong community," where people take pride in their properties.

"It doesn't make us a weak community," he said. "Money is not everything."

State Senator Mark Montigny made a rare appearance to support the opposition to the settlement the Environmental Protection Agency wants to make with Aerovox Corp. (AVX) for the cleanup of New Bedford Harbor.

The board wrote a letter opposing the settlement, which calls for \$366.5 million to be paid for the cleanup with



State Senator Mark Montigny made a rare appearance at the Fairhaven Selectboard meeting on 1/22 to encourage the town to fight the EPA's settlement with AVX to clean up the harbor from PCBs. *Photo by Beth David.*

no clause for reopening the case if more money is needed. The EPA wants to use CAD cells that would simply bury the PCBs in the harbor. Representatives from the Buzzards Bay Coalition and Hands Across the River spoke against the proposal.

Although the public comment period is over, the judge has not yet signed off on the settlement agreement. The letter asks for a reopener clause to be added to the agreement in case more money is needed. (*See the entire letter on our website at www.NeighbNews.com*)

- In other business, the board:
- Approved the transfer of \$5,000 for the ambulance supplies
 - Voted to submit an application for Fairhaven to be a "Solarize Massachusetts" community, to encourage small-scale solar power projects.
 - Dissolved the High School Building Committee, East Fairhaven Building Committee and Little Bay Conservation Committee
 - Made several appointments to the Cable Access Committee including Selectboard member Bob Espindola, Dr. Barbara Acksen, and Ronald Medina.
 - Approved the annual report.
 - Approved use of the town hall auditorium and a one-day beer and wine license for the New Bedford Symphony Youth Orchestra
 - Convened in executive session to discuss police personnel issue, personnel board issue, and a tax abatement dispute with the town of Mattapoisett.



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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Super Sub Sunday

Music students in the Fairhaven Public Schools will be taking orders for Super Subs this week. **Deadline for orders extended to Jan. 28.** Contact a Fairhaven music student today or call Doreen Nelsen, 508-994-1098.

The annual fundraiser supports music programs in all schools, at all levels, and all performing groups.

Volunteers, supervised by Steve and Sharon Dorian, Bill and Ellen Fields, will build fresh subs on Sunday, February 3, 2013 at Babbitt Hall in the First Congregational Church of Fairhaven. Ingredients are: sliced ham, bologna and salami, provolone cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, red and green peppers, all mounted on a delicious 8" sub. Donation: \$5.

Support your Fairhaven music programs and your favorite football team on the same day! Buy a Super Sub!

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.

Golden Agers

The Fairhaven Golden Agers Club will hold an open house on **Wed., 1/30 in the Oxford Terrace Community Room, 275 Main St., Fairhaven,** from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Accessible. All ages, 18+ are welcome to the Open House. Do come by to see how to spend a pleasant afternoon.

On Open House day, membership is not required to take part in club

activities, including: Bingo, 25 cents/card; 10 different games including dogs (\$1/ball) and a chance to win \$5 if you're a dog winner.

Raffle of household items (tickets 4 for \$1), food, refreshments, coffee, cake and door prizes (free).

Call Dot for more information, 508-991-5936.

Japanese classes

Japanese language lessons, beginner's level, sponsored by the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society

The 8-week course starts on January 29, at the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship House 11 Cherry Street, Fairhaven, Tuesdays, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$80 per course plus purchase of book (approx. \$7). For information or sign-up: call 508-995-1219 or e-mail: gerry@wmfriendshiphouse.org Classroom is accessible

Fish Council Seats

The Commonwealth of Mass. is seeking interested individuals for nomination to open seats on the New England Fishery Management Council. Candidates, by reason of their occupational or other experience, scientific expertise, or training, must be knowledgeable and experienced in ways related to fishery resources of New England. Qualified female and minority candidates are encouraged to apply.

Qualified individuals must contact and provide a resume to Shannon Davis (617-626-1621, shannon.davis@state.ma.us) **by Feb. 1, 2013.**

For further information on the Council and the Council process, please visit www.nefmc.org.

Boat Safety Course

Flotilla 65 of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary offers Boating and Sailing Safety and Seamanship Classes. Registration is online at <http://a0130605.uscgaux.info>. For those without internet access you may register from 6-7:00 PM Monday, January 28, and **classes begin on Monday, January 28, from 7:00 to 9:00PM at the Flotilla's 80 Middle Street, Fairhaven location.** The course fee of \$40, covering course books and charts, is collected at registration or the first class.

Whether you are considering

buying a first boat or are an experienced boater, you are encouraged to attend this in-depth course which includes: boating terminology, boat equipment, boat handling, boat trailering, rules of the road, navigation, medical/safety awareness, weather, engines, radios, and how to read a chart, buying a boat, tie a knot, and even calling in a mayday. You will have more fun because you will have the confidence that comes with knowledge.

Participants are split into two classes: one emphasizes sailing and the other power boating. For those considering sail, specialized topics will also include: how a boat sails, basic sailboat maneuvering, rigging and boat handling, and engines for sailboats.

Successful course completion can result in boat insurance discounts and meets the boating safety course requirement for U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary membership.

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is an all volunteer arm of the United States Coast Guard. The Auxiliary supports almost all Coast Guard missions, particularly Public Safety Education for recreational boating.

For additional information, please visit <http://a0130605.uscgaux.info/> or contact Flotilla Public Affairs Officer, Linda Meredith at the-merediths@comcast.net or at 508 542-1735.

Food Addicts Anon

Are you having a hard time controlling the way you eat? Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous meets **every Sunday at 6:30 pm, Atria Fairhaven,** 319 Alden Rd., Fairhaven. For information, contact: Paula G. 508-674-2128 / Carol X. 508-992-4656. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. <http://www.foodaddicts.org>, 781-932-6300.

Sponsors needed

The West Island 5 K is looking for sponsors for the second annual walk/race scheduled for April 28. Sponsors at all levels are needed. All proceeds benefit the Fairhaven High School Cross Country program. Last year's inaugural event raised \$12,800.

For information, contact Lyle Drew at WestIsland5K@yahoo.com or 571-765-0910. Visit www.westisland5k.org for more information about the race.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Youth Basketball

Boys & Girls Club of GNB Annual Basketball Challenge Tournament for boys & girls. Division I — 4th & 5th Grade, Division II — 6th, 7th & 8th Grade (March 2nd & March 9th). The \$125 per-team registration fee includes team jerseys and trophies for champions. No AAU teams. Looking for sponsors or teams. Call Robert Mendes at (508) 992-8011. Visit www.bgcnewbedford.org for more information on the Boys & Girls Club of Greater New Bedford

Women in Military

The Women's Military Memorial Committee will host the official unveiling of the final design for the new "Women in Military Service" monument. The new monument will be installed in the City of New Bedford to honor all women in military service from the Revolutionary War to the present.

The official unveiling will take place on **Saturday, January 26, at 2 p.m., at the Fort Taber~Fort Rodman Military Museum**, located at 100c South Rodney French Boulevard in New Bedford. The public is encouraged to attend and join in this exciting announcement. The event is **free of charge**. Light refreshments will be served.

The public is invited to join veterans, committee members, committee partners, and public officials for the official unveiling of the monument design, the announcement of the committee's fundraising goal for the project, the proposed timeline for construction and a viewing of the proposed monument location.

The Women's Military Memorial Committee would also like to invite the public to the first official fundraising event on **Sunday, January 27, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Century House, 107 South Main in Acushnet**. This Champagne Mimosa Breakfast Buffet fundraiser is graciously hosted by Linda Morad with half of the proceeds raised at the event going towards the construction of the new monument. **Tickets for the event are \$25 per person.**

While reservations are not required, it is preferred that tickets are reserved in advance to ensure availability and to plan appropriately.

To reserve tickets today, call Linda Morad at 508-995-8009.

For more information about the official unveiling of the new monument design, call Stephanie Poyant at 774-634-1460.

Catholic Schools Reg

REGISTRATION for 2013-2014 is ongoing and we welcome new students in our Preschools for 3 and 4 year olds, Kindergarten and Grades 1 - 6.

Holy Family-Holy Name School is holding a special early registration day for the coming school year on **Sunday, January 27th from 12 noon to 1:30pm**. The school is located on 91 Summer Street in New Bedford.

Registration will continue the entire week of **January 28th - February 1st from 9 AM - 2 PM**. Be sure to visit <http://www.hfhn.org/> for more information!

Call HFHN today (508-993-3547) and ask for Theresa Hirst to learn more about our school and to schedule a tour. Visit us today at www.hfhn.org and share the Good News of Catholic education with your family and friends!

Park & Field Apps

New Bedford Parks Recreation & Beaches has announced the release of the "2013 Field Permit Application" for the use of city parks and fields. Applications can be obtained through the administrative office at 181 Hillman St., Building # 3. The 2013 application has been updated and interested parties are encouraged to read through the application package to better understand the process required to obtain a field permit from the City of New Bedford.

Organizations or individuals interested in using field space at the various fields in the City of New Bedford must complete the field application and required materials by the following deadlines: Spring and Summer Activities by March 1st, 2013; Fall Activities, by July 26th, 2013

All applications should be returned to the Parks Recreation Beaches administrative offices Attention: Ross Moran, Assistant Director of Recreation.

In addition, the application is available online at the City of New Bedford website: [\[ma.gov\]\(http://ma.gov\) under City Offices on the Parks and Recreation page. Applications will not be accepted via email.](http://www.newbedford-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

Contact the Administrative Offices of Parks, Recreation and Beaches at (508) 961-3015.

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 Thursday to Saturday January 24-26, at 8 p.m. with Sunday matinee January 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.

Tickets are \$15, all performances. For more information, call 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.

RAPP Programs

The Southcoast™ Hospitals' Responsible Attitudes toward Pregnancy, Parenting & Prevention (RAPP) Program is hosting a series of after school activities through the end of February. Experienced teachers will also be available to help students with math, science, English and history homework.

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HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

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A pre-paid ticket is required and we are only selling 60 tickets (30 tickets per session). When: Sunday Feb 17th, 2013. The cost is \$20 per child and \$10 per adult. The first seating will be at 1:00p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and the second seating will be at 3:00p.m. to 4:30p.m. Location: Create Hands On, 375 Faunce Corner Rd (inside the VF Outlet), Dartmouth. Please call 508.991.0047 to reserve or for more information please go visit our website www.createhandson.com A portion of the proceeds will benefit New Bedford Child & Family Services.

Health Van

The Southcoast™ Health Van and Blood Donor Van will be at the following locations. Free mobile health services available by the Southcoast Health Van staff include Cancer screenings & education, Blood pressure screening, Cholesterol screening, Teen resource information, Glucose (diabetes) screenings, Nutritional information and education, Health education services., Medical physician referral, Blood drives.

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WESTPORT: Fri., Jan. 18, Lees Market, 796 Main Road, Blood Drive, Health Screenings & Vaccines, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

ACUSHNET: Sunday, January 20, St. Francis Xavier Church, 133 Main St., Blood Drive, 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

SWANSEA: Tues., Jan. 22, Big Lots, 207 Swansea Mall Dr., Health Screenings & Vaccines, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

NEW BEDFORD: Wed., Jan. 23, Presidential Heights, 159 Fillmore Street, Health Screenings & Vaccines, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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For your convenience, a membership form is available at http://www.mattapoisett.net/Pages/Mattapoisett_MA_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 have been providing support to the CoA since 1990!

Weight Loss Info

Southcoast™ Center for Weight Loss is offering free informational sessions on the risks and benefits of weight loss surgery, also known as bariatric surgery.

The free informational sessions will be held on:

Tuesday, January 22, at 6:30 p.m., Tobey Hospital, Medical Library on the first floor, 43 High St., Wareham

Wed., Jan. 23, at 7 p.m., Benjamin's Restaurant, 698 Bay Street, Taunton

Millions of Americans fall into the category of clinically severe obesity. Weight loss surgery has been endorsed by a consensus panel convened by the National Institutes of Health as the only effective means of inducing significant long-term

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This community-based program is designed to incorporate a thorough approach to weight loss surgery utilizing a team comprised of dietitians, psychologists, nurses and surgeons to provide a safe and comprehensive surgical weight loss program. For more information or to register for a free seminar call 508-273-4900. For more information on the SC for Weight Loss visit www.southcoast.org/weightloss/.

Free Movie

On **Tues., Jan. 29 at noon**, the Mattapoisett Friends of the Elderly hosts a free showing of "The Odd Life of Timothy Green" at the Council on Aging. The movie is an inspiring, magical story about a happily married couple who can't wait to start a family; but they can only dream about what their child would be like. When young Timothy shows up on their doorstep one stormy night, they learn that sometimes the unexpected can bring some of life's greatest gifts.

Pizza is available for \$2.00. Pizza requests must be paid by 3:00 PM on Mon., Jan. 28. RVSP the Mattapoisett Council on Aging at the Center School on Barstow St. or call 508-758-4110, even if you're not having pizza, so we know how many seats to set up.

Youth Cabaret

Voices in Time, a children's vocal troupe under the direction of Rochester's Sharon Jensen is pleased to present their "Heart of Rock & Roll Cabaret" which will spotlight music from the Rock & Roll era. In addition to highlighting all students with entertaining musical numbers, this season's cabaret will also spotlight some of the musically talented fathers and brothers of students as well. This live band, combined with the impressive student performances, is sure to get the audience rocking!

The Heart of Rock & Roll Cabaret will be held **Friday, February 1st at White's of Westport at 5:30. Tickets are \$26** and include a full-course turkey dinner which will be followed by the live cabaret show. For tickets or more information: Voicesintime@aol.com or (508) 642-7155.

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Recipe of the Week

Chicken & Broccoli

- 6 small boneless skinless chicken breasts
- 1 tbsp oil
- 2 cups water
- 1 lb fresh broccoli florets
- 1 6-oz. package chicken stove top stuffing
- 1 1/4 cups shredded cheddar cheese

Cook chicken in hot oil in a large skillet on medium high heat for 5 minutes on each side. Remove chicken from skillet. Add water and broccoli to skillet, bring to boil and cook for 3 minutes. Add stuffing, stir until moistened.

Return chicken to skillet, sprinkle with cheese.

Reduce heat to low, cover. Cook for five minutes or until cheese is melted. Serve hot.

by Nancy Coutinho

Peanut Butter Dippers

- 1/2 cup non-fat vanilla yogurt
- 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1/4 tsp cinnamon

Mix together in a small bowl. Use dip with celery sticks, banana chunks, apples or baby carrots.

By MJ Vassal

To share a recipe with your neighbors

Mail to 166 Dogwood St., Fairhaven, MA 02719; fax to 508-991-5580; email to neighbnews@comcast.net

Rogers School holds Geography Bee



The Rogers School in Fairhaven held its annual Geography Bee on January 9. Principal Wendy Williams posed questions to four fourth-graders and four fifth-graders.

Caleb St. Pierre won, with Donovan Murphy runner-up. Both are fourth graders.

Caleb will take a test to see if he will attend the state geography bee. Caleb has a love of road maps and Google Earth.

LEFT: Caleb St. Pierre, winner of the Rogers School Geography Bee. Photo courtesy of Jill Carroll.

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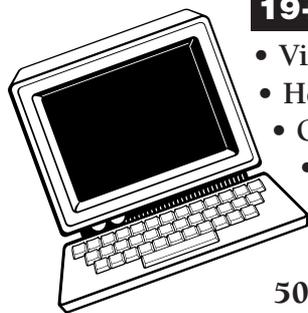
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DOR recommendations threaten FinCom independence

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

The political independence of the Fairhaven Finance Committee is under threat, said Chairperson John Roderiques on 1/17 during a discussion about recommendations in the DOR financial report released last month.

The DOR recommendations would significantly alter how FinCom conducts business by reducing the size of the committee and by changing how committee members are appointed.

Mr. Roderiques vowed he will "fight tooth and nail" at the prospect of FinCom members being appointed by the Selectboard or any other board members in town. Town Meeting will, however, have the final say in how FinCom members are appointed.

"I will go down fighting before I'll allow a board (to appoint FinCom members)," said Mr. Roderiques, saying that "cliques," "power purges," and "political swings" could affect FinCom appointments. He said he is not advocating for any specific method of appointment, but voiced his opinion that he is "not enamored" by the DOR's recommendation of the town moderator making the appointments, either.

According to Mr. Roderiques, the DOR report suggests that the present system of appointing FinCom members lends itself to enabling special interest groups.

"I don't buy into that," said Mr. Roderiques.

Presently, two FinCom members from each precinct are appointed by the precinct chairs, who are town meeting members. One at-large member is appointed by the moderator, BOS chairperson, and

FinCom chairperson.

The DOR report suggests reducing the size of FinCom from 13 to seven, and also states that Fairhaven's method of appointment and FinCom composition "falls outside common practice and does not lend itself to carrying out responsibilities effectively."

Mr. Roderiques said, "Just because we're the only ones doing it so we must be wrong" should not be the reason to change the system. "It should be a reason to look at what we

said the Board of Public Works.

Mr. Roderiques stated that he supports adopting a strong town administrator, commenting that Fairhaven is the only town of its size that has not yet adopted a town administrator position.

But, to be perfectly blunt, he said. "If you're not going to abolish the BPW then we shouldn't even be thinking about a strong town manager."

Adopting a strong town administrator with authority over day-to-day operations is important before Executive Secretary to the Selectboard Jeffrey Osuch retires in 2015 said Mr. Roderiques.

"Mr. Osuch developed the carrot and stick approach," said Mr. Roderiques, "... I think his carrot got eaten up a long time ago."

Also at the meeting, the committee approved a level-funded FinCom budget for FY2014, and the committee received a letter from the superintendent of Greater New Bedford Regional Voc-Tech High School inviting a representative from Fairhaven to attend a meeting on 3/8 to discuss the length of the borrowing term for the school's renovations.

In other matters, Committee Member Sid Martin stepped down from his voluntary position as FinCom recording secretary due to time constraints.

Mr. Roderiques sought a volunteer from the committee and, when none stepped forward to volunteer, he said, "We will not leave the next meeting until we have a recording secretary, Kim," singling out Committee Member Kim Hyland.

Mr. Roderiques gave his word that he will never pick on whoever accepts the recording secretary position. ●●●

**I will go down fighting before
I'll allow a board (to appoint
FinCom members)
[John Roderiques]**

do."

"My gut feeling is Town Meeting is not going to give up that representation from each district," said Mr. Roderiques. He reiterated that he holds no preference for any possible changes to the committee, however he stated, "A committee in excess of seven is far too big...ultimately it's up to Town Meeting to decide."

The committee also briefly discussed the DOR's recommendation for a strong town administrator and the elimination of the BPW.

The committee shared a good laugh when FinCom Member Dawn Devlin, a member of Windwise, mistakenly said in a Freudian slip that the Board of Health should be eliminated when she should have

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Dolphin visits for spell, then swims off

By Beth David
Editor

A dolphin that made a rare appearance in Jack's Cove off Goulart Memorial Drive in Fairhaven did not seem to be in distress, according to Richard Rego, a volunteer with the International Fund for Animal Welfare. The dolphin was spotted by a motorist who flagged down shellfish warden Timothy Cox at about 9:45 on Sunday morning, 1/20.

Mr. Rego said the it appeared to be an Atlantic White Sided Dolphin, which is common in our waters. He

took some video and sent it to the main headquarters in Yarmouthport. The dolphin was not swimming in tight circles, but was "utilizing a large area," he said and it also seemed to be moving well. Bu it was not normal for it to be so close to shore.

It appeared it was trying to go south, which is out to sea, but could not get out of the cove. It would have to go north and then east for a bit to get free of the local waters.

At about 12:15, it swam out with the tide, heading north and out of sight of spectators. A steady stream

of people clogged the road to get a glimpse and photos of the unusual visitor.

"I got a text from my brother and had to check it out," said Lianne Hodson, who was all bundled up against the cold.

"I'm glad to see he's swimming out to deeper water," she said after it disappeared beyond the point.

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Photos below courtesy of Stacy Martin.



Planning board discusses solar bylaw

By Meredith Winnett

Neighb News Correspondent

The Fairhaven Planning Board reviewed and discussed the solar panel bylaw at their January 22 meeting. The main topics of discussion included zoning, lot sizes, and types of lots that can be used by solar panels.

The board was visited by state Senator Mark Montigny who joked, "I have no intention to speak, just to listen." Senator Montigny said that he is "generally supportive" of solar power in Fairhaven.

Chairperson Wayne Hayward opened the conversation by stating "It is hard to draft a bylaw that will cover absolutely everything. Our goal is to complete this and get something passed by May."

Mr. Hayward found some issues with the wording of the bylaw, but chose to stick to larger principles during the exchange.

Board member Kaisa Cripps proposed limiting solar farms to industrial and commercial zones as they have done in Westborough and Shrewsbury. She also suggested prohibiting solar farms on wetlands, which board members found would severely restrict the amount of land that could be built on.

"Why should we act as the conservation commission?" asked Mr. Hayward.

"We don't want a developer coming in and clear cutting," said Director of Planning and Economic Development William Roth.

He called the board's attention to the proposition of a maximum lot size.

"I don't agree with a maximum lot size," said Mr. Roth. "But I think it should be discussed."

"I think [the lot size] should be decided by the size of the project," said board member Jeffrey Lucas.

Board member Rene Fleurent added, "Someone putting one on their roof is different from someone putting it in their back yard — we need to define the projects."

Currently, the draft says that municipal sites have a ten-acre maximum, and board members questioned where people would find ten acres to put a solar farm.

Mr. Hayward said "If you tell someone they need ten acres, they will find ten acres."

The current draft of the bylaw would allow for a one or two megawatt site. The board debated whether their bylaw should be measured in square footage or megawatts, because megawatts could change over time. Westport is looking at square foot coverage rather than megawatts.

The draft creates three categories: large scale, non large scale and on-site. Solar panels on buildings are not covered by the bylaw.

In another matter, Roberta and William Martin of Torrington Avenue appeared before the board to discuss a street discontinuance. Torrington Avenue is a "paper street," a street that appears on maps but is not an actual street.

Mr. Roth told the board that the town does not own the land, "so we cannot sell it."

The owners of the house discovered that a portion of their house is on Torrington Avenue after planning an addition.

The board discussed discontinuing the whole street, but they are taking it as a case-by-case basis.

"It is not ours to discontinue," said Mr. Lucas, as the owner of the private street is unknown.

"So basically we are giving away someone's property and we don't know who," responded Mr. Hayward.

Mrs. Martin explained to the board that she has talked to her neighbors and they do not want the land the Martins would be taking. The board told the Martins to file a Form A application with Mr. Roth by June 22. A Form A plan would basically take Torrington Avenue and permanently join it with the property on the deed. Also, the applicants will need an easement with NStar as there is a gas line on the property.

Mr. Roth expressed his dissatisfaction with the Washburn Avenue project saying he has spent too much time and grief on one lot. The latest complaint is that the developer is using improper materials on the road sub base, according to neighbors; a charge denied by the developer. Mr. Roth will be tasked with finding out the truth.

The hearing for a special permit for Carl Hoines of 313 Huttleston Avenue was rescheduled for February 22.

Town Meeting members need to take out papers

By Beth David

Editor

Fairhaven Town Clerk Eileen Lowney said she is "concerned" that town meeting members have not signed up to be on the ballot in the numbers she expected by now.

Incumbent TM members only have to return the stub from a letter she sent to all those up for re-election. She must receive the returned form by Feb. 4. If not, the members must take out nomination papers by Feb. 7, get the required 10 signatures from registered voters in his or her precinct and return the papers by Feb. 11.

Fairhaven has 429 town meeting members split up among the six precincts. Each year one third are up

for re-election for three-year terms.

Last year, due to redistricting, all TM members had to run again. But the one-third rule still holds. The terms were split up by the number of votes, with the highest third getting a full term, the second third getting a two-year term and the bottom third vote-getters getting one-year terms.

Ms. Lowney sent letters to all those in the last group instructing them to send back the stub.

As of press time she had received only 15 for precincts one and six; 13 for precinct five; seven for precinct four; six for precinct two; and one for precinct three.

Precincts one, two and six are allowed 72 TM members; three and five have 69 members; four has 75

members. One third are up for re-election.

For more information on becoming a town meeting member, call the town clerk's office at 508-979-4025 or stop by the office in town hall between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Meanwhile, there is little change in the rest of the election line-up. Selectboard will have a contested race with Board of Public Works member Geoffrey Haworth challenging incumbent Brian Bowock. School committee has three candidates for two seats with challenger Diane Hahn taking on incumbents Bernard Roderick and Stasia Powers.

So far, the rest of the seats are uncontested with several incumbents not yet taking out nomination papers.

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Session starts: Tuesday February 19; Time: 7:45-3:00pm; Cost 100.00 for members/\$125.00 for non-members

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Acushnet Election strikes a big ho-hum note so far

By Beth David
Editor

As of press time, Acushnet had no contested races for the April 1 election.

Selectboard member David Wojnar has taken out nomination papers for his three-year seat, but has not yet returned them.

In addition to Mr. Wojnar, the following individuals have taken out nomination papers, according to the clerk's office.

Kristen E. Leotti for Trustee of Free Public Library; Mark E. Laplante, Commissioner of Trust Funds; Charlene A. Fortin, Cemetery Board; Michael Desrosiers, Park Commissioner; Richard P. Forand, Planning Commissioner; Thomas Fortin, Board of Health; Michelle Deterra, School Committee; Liberio Soares, Assessor; Philp A. Mello, Board of Public Works.

All but one of the above candidate, BPW candidate Philip Mello, are incumbents. Current BPW member Steven Boucher has not taken out

papers for his seat.

Library Trustee Robert Bartolome's seat is also up for re-election this year, but he has not yet taken out nomination papers.

For the School Committee, Douglas Coray is also up for re-election, but has not pulled papers.

Only Charlene Fortin and Marc Laplante have returned papers, but signatures have not yet been certified.

The town election is scheduled for April 1 and may include a question for a debt exclusion. A special town meeting that is scheduled on February 11 will decide if voters want to pursue funding for a new library on Middle Street. If it passes on 2/11, a townwide vote will have to be held to exempt the town from Proposition 2 1/2 restrictions for the borrowing. That question will appear on the April 1 ballot.

Anyone interested in running for a position should contact the Town Clerk's office at 508-998-0215.

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Letters from our readers

Response DOR Report should not be rushed

A report delivered to the town in November 2012 by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue recommends some major changes to the town's financial management system. This review was a free service provided by the Department and requested by the Board of Selectmen following the May 2012 Town Meeting. The DOR recognizes that our current systems are conservative and in some ways unwieldy but they also note that the town has not suffered the pains of many others over this most recent recession. There are flaws in the system but it seems to be working.

Based on an initial read through of the report there is a lot to deal with; recommendations to change from an Executive Secretary to a Town Administrator with broader powers, dissolution of the Board of public works and several others.

It appears the Executive Secretary and some on the Board of Selectmen want decisions made in time for the May Town Meeting. I believe that as much time as needed should be taken to review the recommendations and townspeople should understand what is changing prior to any votes or special legislation. A number of the management issues in the document show where changes are needed but it should be clear to voters what the restrictions are to changing policy and what changes should be made. This will take more than a few months.

This report seems to recommend consolidating and centralizing the administration of Town government to the detriment of the residents. Some of the ideas make sense but others need an extensive review prior to implementation. One of the more controversial items is the creation of the position of Town Administrator (aka: manager). This person would assume the power for all town staff hiring and many other roles currently managed by the Board of Selectmen. This should be approached cautiously. Dartmouth is considering eliminating the Town Manager position that has been in place for a number of years.

The DOR recommends doing away with the Board of Public Works. The BPW was established by special

legislation in 1968 and the structure was last changed in 1992 when it went from seven members to five. It has certain duties including the hiring and supervision of the superintendent of public works and the highway superintendent. Under the DOR recommendation, this responsibility transfers to the Town Administrator if such position is created.

A further recommendation is to downsize the Finance Committee and influence the way in which members are selected. As the report notes, the current system is a bit cumbersome but it seems to work based on performance over the past ten years. Currently, there are two members from each precinct on the board with one at-large member. They are volunteers who are voted in by their precinct. The DOR report recommends taking away the power of the voters reducing the number of members and by having the Finance Committee members selected by the Town Moderator.

The document may be found on the Town website (<http://fairhaven-ma.gov>). The path to the report is Departments > Board of Selectmen. Scroll to "Selectmen's Office Links" and select DOR Financial Review. Alternatives are to request a copy in PDF format via e-mail from the Selectmen's Office at Town Hall or request that the office make a copy at \$0.20/page. The report is 36 pages long.

Concerns may be sent to the Selectmen's Office at Town Hall and a copy should be forwarded to the Department of Revenue office that generated the report. It is important that all town residents, especially those on Town Meeting, look at this report to evaluate whether it is something they believe is right.

Marsby Warters, Fairhaven

Fund-raiser for Neediest Family Fund passes \$2,500.

I would like to express my appreciation and gratitude to my neighbors, the residents of Dana Court. Eight years ago I started a fundraiser for "The Neediest Families Fund" by printing small paper Christmas stockings and selling them for \$1.00 each. People put their names or grandchildren's names and they are posted on the bulletin board.

The first year we raised \$120.00.

We were all so happy about that, as Dana Court has only 54 apartments. The next year we wanted to pass the amount of the previous year and we did; and continued to do so every year after. The big surprise was in 2011. We raised \$500.00.

How happy and proud everyone was to have set a record.

Every year, starting in October, the neighbors ask when the annual fundraiser will begin. It starts the day after Thanksgiving and the money is turned in the week before Christmas. This past year (2012) we raised \$714.00. Amazing to sell that many stockings in three weeks.

We ran out of space on the bulletin board, but had stockings all over the lobby windows. Quite a sight to see all those stockings!

These donations come from senior citizens on fixed incomes but, with the biggest hearts. In the eight years of this fundraiser we have made donations totaling \$2,806.00. I am so proud and grateful to be a part of such a caring community. They are always willing to give to any fundraisers that we have.

So... many thanks to friends and neighbors who donated. Your donations have put smiles on many faces.

Beverly Galipeau

Bike Path Should be Plowed

The Phoenix Bike Path in Fairhaven is a Multi Use Path (MUP) that allows the residents and children of the area a safe way to get around town. In the mornings the trail provides a place for bike commuters, walkers, runners and bike riders a way to get to work, school, exercise, go for a leisurely walk with their friends or their dogs. The Department of Public Works does a wonderful job maintaining the MUP. In the warmer months they cut the grass, keep the growth along the edges in check, clean up after storms or tree damage and basically keep the MUP safe for everyone to use.

It's common to see DPW trucks, tractors and even police cars using the MUP as a quick safe alternate route to get somewhere in town in a hurry, whether for an emergency or as a shortcut to get to a work site. We see children on their bikes year round using the MUP as a safe

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 alternative to riding on Route 6. Our seniors love to walk the path in the mornings, socializing while working to stay healthy and fit so they can enjoy longer lives with their spouses, children and grandchildren. It's also common to see families walking or bike riding spending quality time with each other away from their TVs and video games.

Then the snow comes. The path sits dormant waiting for the melt. It may be a few days or it may be weeks. Most cities and towns treat snow on the paths no differently than summer

storms. They send crews out to plow them as part of the regular maintenance to provide a safe transportation route. Fairhaven did that till a couple of years ago. Now after a snow, one sees the trucks, both big and small, traveling to and from assignments on Route 6 with their plows up. One of the smaller trucks could just as easily take the shortcut they often use, and plow the path as they go. That would keep the path open as the safe alternative to walking or biking Route 6 at no cost to the town. The grassy horse area of the path could be left alone for the

cross country skier and the many 4 wheel recreational vehicles that also use the path when the snows arrive.

The DPW crews do such a good job year round keeping Fairhaven a clean safe place to live. Life doesn't come to a standstill in the winter. The beautiful crisp days can be enjoyed by simply sending a pickup truck down the path to plow the snow, and would go a long way in providing an immense sense of general well being for the seniors, children, dog walkers, bikers and all the other good people of Fairhaven.

Thank you, John Sullivan, Fairhaven

Fairhaven 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.

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State helping to pay for new woodstoves

Press Release

The Patrick-Murray Administration's Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs announced the opening of the second round of the popular Commonwealth Woodstove Change-Out Program, which provides up to \$800,000 in rebates for the replacement of old, inefficient wood or coal-burning stoves for Massachusetts residents.

Residents who qualify for the program, which is administered by the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) and the Mass. Department of Energy Resources (DOER), will receive a voucher of either \$1,000 or \$2,000 to replace older non-EPA certified stove models with high-efficiency stoves that use less wood and release less air pollution.

A pilot version of the program opened on Dec. 27 and exhausted its \$100,000 initial round of funding after just 12 days.

"The success of the pilot program shows the enthusiasm with which Massachusetts responds to opportunities to adopt clean energy," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rick Sullivan. "With this second round of funding, we're hoping more people can take part and bring the clean energy revolution into their homes."

The second round of the program will be funded with \$800,000 provided by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), with \$300,000 available immediately and another \$500,000 to follow. The second round of funding was announced at a kick-off event held at Fireside Designs in West Springfield, one of the program's participating dealers.

"This program is another example of the Commonwealth's commitment to clean air and clean energy," said MassDEP Commissioner Kenneth Kimmell. "The program will deliver localized air quality improvements to areas and neighborhoods where high-emitting stoves are operating for heating purposes. Replacing these

units is particularly important in valley locations, which can experience elevated levels of fine particles due to temperature inversions."

To qualify, residents must already have an existing woodstove to trade in and must receive approval for a rebate before purchasing the new woodstove. Woodstoves purchased before a rebate is awarded are not eligible for the program.

"These newer stoves are more efficient, saving families money on wood costs each month and provide better air quality, protecting our environment and public health," said MassCEC CEO Alicia Barton McDevitt.

"We applaud the Patrick-Murray

Women, Infants and Children (WIC) or Social Security Disability, are eligible for a \$2,000 rebate, while other Massachusetts residents are eligible for a \$1,000 rebate.

Residents can participate in the program by filling out an online application or submitting a paper application. Once it is approved, MassCEC will issue a voucher, which can be redeemed at any participating woodstove dealer in Massachusetts for a discount on the retail price of the stove. MassCEC will then reimburse retailers for the value of the voucher.

Residents can apply for a voucher, and access more information on the program, by visiting www.masscec.com/woodstove or calling or by calling 617-315-9340.

The Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources develops and implements policies and programs aimed at ensuring the adequacy, security, diversity, and cost-effectiveness of the Commonwealth's energy supply within the context of creating a cleaner energy future.

MassDEP is responsible for ensuring clean air and water, safe management and recycling of solid and hazardous wastes, timely cleanup of hazardous waste sites and spills, and the preservation of wetlands and coastal resources.

Created by the Green Jobs Act of 2008, the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) is dedicated to accelerating the success of clean energy technologies, companies and projects in the Commonwealth—while creating high-quality jobs and long-term economic growth for the people of Massachusetts. Since its inception in 2009, MassCEC has helped clean energy companies grow, supported municipal clean energy projects and invested in residential and commercial renewable energy installations creating a robust marketplace for innovative clean technology companies and service providers.

Low-income residents, who provide proof of enrollment in the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), MassHealth, Women, Infants and Children (WIC) or Social Security Disability, are eligible for a \$2,000 rebate, while other Massachusetts residents are eligible for a \$1,000 rebate.

Administration for expanding this successful program," said Jeff Seyler, President and CEO of the American Lung Association of the Northeast. "Replacing older, high-polluting woodstoves with new efficient EPA-certified ones will result in significant reductions in air pollution and much less fuel being burned. This program will not only benefit the woodstove owners, but also their neighbors, especially those people living with asthma, COPD and other lung diseases."

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Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 5, 2013, at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall to consider the following petitions:

- Petitioner: Kathleen M. Gallant for Lydon Family Trust**, 48 Bellevue Street; Plat 24, Lot 45, Book 9945 and Page 170; Special Permit required for continued use of a non-conforming use.
- Petitioner: Kathleen Melanson**, 87 Green Street, Plat 8, Lot 56; Book 2692 and Page 150; Special Permit is required for a Home Occupation in the Building Trades.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman

FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at **6:30 P.M. on February 12, 2013**, in the Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven, MA.

The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and Public comment on the following application. The applicant, the *Fairhaven Planning Board*, is proposing to amend the Zoning Bylaw. The proposal is to replace the existing Chapter 198-29.5 Wind Energy Facilities, with a new Wind Energy Facilities Bylaw. The Public is encouraged to attend. In addition to oral testimony, written comments in advanced to the hearing are encouraged. Special Procedural Rules for the hearing are posted with the Agenda and available on the Town's Web Site.

A copy of the Draft Bylaw is on file for public review at the Planning Board Office, Town Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and available on the Town's Web Site: www.fairhaven-ma.gov. For more information or to schedule an appointment to review the application call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4082.

Wayne Hayward, Chairman of the Planning Board

Fairhaven Meetings

Bike Path Committee

Thurs., 1/24, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Board of Appeals

Tues., 2/5, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Thurs., 1/28, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

CDBG Hearing

Tues., 1/22, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 1/28, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs., 1/24, BPW/Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Thurs., 1/31, BPW/Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 2/12, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Building Study Com

Wed., 1/16, Oxford School, 6 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 2/13, FHS Media Ctr, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 2/4, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

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Acushnet Meetings

Board of Public Works

Mon., 1/28, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Wed., 2/13, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Planning Commission

Thurs., 1/17, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 1/28, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Special Town Meeting

Mon., 2/11, Ford MS, 7 p.m.

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Video company banned from Mass.

AG Press Release

The operators of a videography business called SureShot have been prohibited by a judge from accepting new business of any kind in Massachusetts, following allegations of failing to deliver prepaid wedding videos to dozens of newlyweds, Attorney General Martha Coakley announced on January 18.

After a hearing on Thursday in Suffolk Superior Court, Judge Judith Fabricant granted a preliminary injunction against former SureShot owner Jesse Clark, formerly of Fiskdale, along with his business SureShot Portraits, LLC and former employee Keith Morin, prohibiting them from engaging in videography or wedding-related services and from accepting consumer deposits for any kind of business in the future. The court also entered a preliminary injunction against Clark's wife, who has been cooperating with the Commonwealth.

"We allege that SureShot took advantage of dozens of newlyweds, and this injunction rightfully prohibits them from doing business in this state," AG Coakley said. "Our office will continue our efforts to recover the wedding videos and money lost by these couples."

The AG's Office has received 92 complaints from consumers who either gave deposits or paid the defendants in full for wedding videos that were never delivered. Last week, the AG's Office filed a lawsuit in Suffolk Superior Court seeking more than \$75,000 in restitution plus civil penalties and the full recovery of all existing event footage.

The AG's Office previously obtained a temporary restraining order in Suffolk Superior Court with similar relief to the preliminary injunction that freezes each of the defendants' assets and prevents them from destroying any records, including any footage.

Clark, now living in Charlton, operated the business from a storefront in Millbury. According to the complaint, customers allegedly paid between \$800 to \$2,000 each for their video package before their weddings, expecting to receive a short highlight video two days after their ceremony and an edited 90-minute DVD approximately two months after their wedding date.

The defendants allegedly had a long list of excuses to keep customers waiting for wedding videos that never came, including claims that wedding footage was destroyed during

Hurricane Irene, that a power surge delayed production, and that a back-ordered DVD case prevented delivery of the final product. Eventually, the defendants stopped responding to customer calls and emails without ever providing the prepaid wedding videos.

Some of SureShot's disappointed consumers posted reviews of their experience on business ratings websites. The complaint alleges the defendants responded to the negative customer reviews by changing the name of their business at least twice to Magnolia Films and InFocus Studios. In some cases, Clark allegedly threatened to hold overdue wedding videos hostage unless customers removed their online reviews.

The defendants also allegedly used their control of consumers' wedding footage to make additional demands, including requiring one customer to pay an additional \$100 for a copy of the raw footage from his wedding and then failing to deliver.

This matter is being handled by Assistant Attorney General Mychii Snape, of Attorney General Coakley's Consumer Protection Division, with the assistance of paralegal Yolanda Kruczkowski, and Civil Investigator William Mackay. •••

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Fri., January 25: Open Drop In.

Mon., Jan. 28: Resume writing and the Southcoast Health Van will provide free health screenings and education.

Tues., Jan. 29: Make your own Valentine's Day cards and help with math and science homework.

Wed., Jan. 30: Workout Wednesday and apple lady bugs.

Thurs., Jan. 31: Belgium Cultural Day with waffles and help with English and history homework.

After school programs take place from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at Southcoast RAPPP's drop-in center at 1208 Ashley Boulevard in New Bedford. Programs are offered to tweens and teens age 11 to 19 and are free of charge. Snacks will be provided to all participants. Youth can register for upcoming activities by stopping by the RAPPP drop-in center, however registration is not required.

For more information regarding after school programming, please contact Southcoast at 508-995-0306.

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vocal instruction by Sharon Jensen and community entertainment by Voices in Time. This year's students range in age from 7-18 and are from all over the SouthCoast. As part of their vocal education, students learn basic vocal techniques along with how to safely utilize their voices while learning or enhancing performance skills. Students of all vocal abilities are welcome and the traveling vocal troupe enriches the lives of many people and organizations throughout the community. Voices in Time can be seen performing throughout the community at various community, civic and non-profit events. For more information about Voices in Time, visit www.voicesintime.weebly.com or find Voices in Time on Facebook.

Mattapoissett Lib.

The following events are being held at the Mattapoissett Free Public, 7 Barstow St. Accessible.

Russian History Lecture Series

with Seth Mendell: The Saturday seminar series has begun, and everyone is still welcome to attend to hear Seth Mendell lecture on Russian history through the years of the Czars. The series will continue **each Saturday through Feb. 9th from 2 to 3:30 pm. On February 16th**, Rachel Deery will speak on her experiences at an expatriot in Russia in the 1990s. Sessions are taped for airing on ORCTV.

Teen Thursdays: The library is staying open from 5 to 8 pm on the second and fourth Thursday evenings of each month for TEENS ONLY. Library staff will be there with fun, homework help, and refreshments. Meet your friends to relax or to work on projects together. Music, food, and teens only. Teen Thursdays are brought to the community with federal funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

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